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One of the four White-crested Tiger Herons seen on our Senegal tour in 2026 © Frank Lambert

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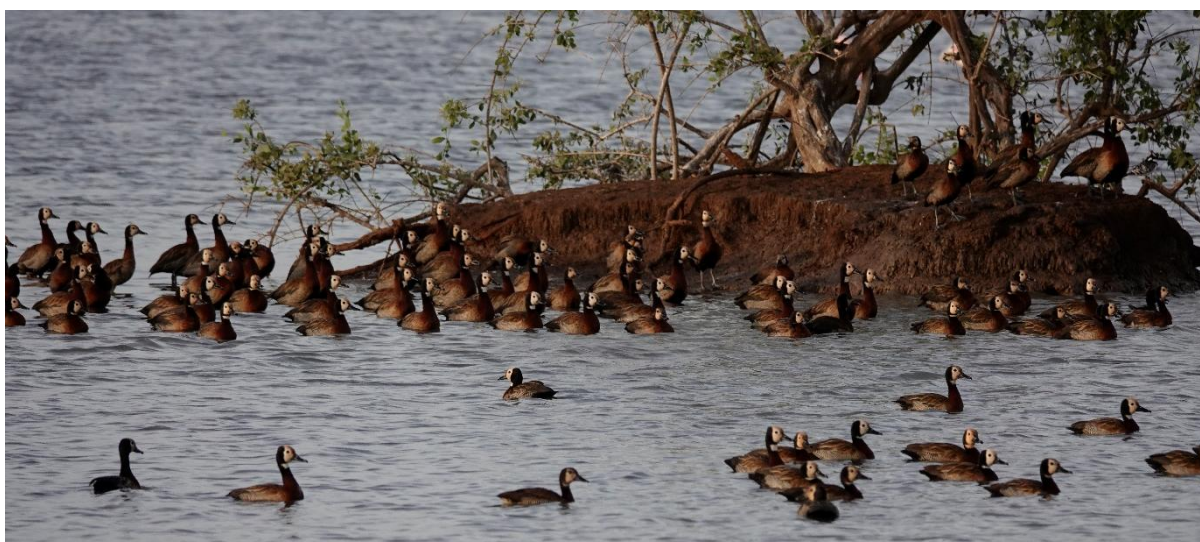
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White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*

At least 5,000 around Djoudj Bird Sanctuary, a small flock seen on our first day near Podor and a few in the wetlands of Trois Marigots.



White-faced Whistling Ducks at Djoudj © Frank Lambert

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*

Hundreds on the main lake at Djoudj and small numbers in the wetlands of Trois Marigots.

African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*

A loose group of at least 12 at Djoudj was the only sighting.



African Pygmy Geese at Djoudj © Frank Lambert

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus aegyptiaca*

One in the wetlands near Djoudj.

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen gambensis*

Two at Djoudj were the only ones seen.

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*

One in flight over wetlands near Podor on our last day there.

Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris*

Three spotted amongst the thousands of ducks on the main lake at Djoudj.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*

Very large numbers at Djoudj.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

Many at Djoudj, but probably fewer than Northern Shoveler.

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*

Seen a few times in the vicinity of the Gambia River at Wassadou.

Double-spurred Spurfowl *Pternistis bicalcaratus*

Occasionally encountered during the second half of the tour.

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*

Seen only in Djoudj National Park, with perhaps as many as a thousand individuals observed.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

Only seen at Djoudj and near Richard Toll, with probably about 500 seen in total.



Large groups of Lesser Flamingos were seen at Djoudj © Frank Lambert

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

At least six at two sites in the north.

Western Grey Plantain-eater *Crinifer piscator*

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

White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis s. senegalensis*

Three seen in flight on two occasions whilst looking for Quail-plover near Kaolack.

Savile's Bustard *Lophotis savilei*

A male seen extremely well in a narrow strip of *Acacia* dominated habitat near Trois Marigots, and a female seen there too.

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*

Seen in small numbers throughout the trip, but mostly in the south.



Senegal Coucals were seen at many sites in the south, and in a variety of situations © Frank Lambert

[**Diederik Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx caprius*]

One seen very briefly by Frank and Carlos near Wassadou.

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus*

At least 60 observed in dry open areas near Richard Toll, and about 20 at Djoudj.

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*

Widespread and very common.

European Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*

At least six at Wassadou, mixing with the following species whilst drinking from the river.

Adamawa Turtle Dove *Streptopelia hypopyrrha*

Only at Wassadou, with at least two individuals recorded.

Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea*

Occasionally seen and heard throughout the tour.



We had great views of Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse using our vehicle as a hide © Frank Lambert

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*

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

Mourning Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*

Ubiquitous and common, and seen nearly every day.



Mourning Doves were seen throughout the tour © Frank Lambert

African Collared Dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea*

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

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*

Regular but commoner in the south.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*

Very common and widespread in Senegal.

Black-billed Wood Dove *Turtur abyssinicus*

Regularly seen during the second half of the tour.



Black-billed Wood Doves were heard regularly and seen occasionally near Wassadou © Frank Lambert

Bruce's Green Pigeon *Treron waalia*

Seen daily in the vicinity of Toubakouta, with up to five in a day.

Black Crowned Crane *Balearica pavonina*

Seen only in Djoudj, where groups totalling at least 40 individuals were observed.

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis*

Only at Wassadou, with 2-3 individuals seen during our boat trips on the river.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Found in Djoudj and in the wetlands of Trois Marigots.

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*

One at Djoudj and at least ten in the wetlands of Trois Marigots.

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*

Small numbers in the freshwater wetlands of Djoudj and at least 25 at Trois Marigots.

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra*

At least eight in freshwater wetlands around Trois Marigots and a few near Tambakouta.

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis*

Encountered less frequently than usual, with the maximum of five together at Tres Marigots.

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*

Only found near Richard Toll, where about six birds were present.

Egyptian Plover *Pluvianus aegyptius*

At least four on the Gambia River at Wassadou.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Three in wetlands just outside Djoudj.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Relatively widespread in small numbers in wetlands, often seen whilst traveling.

Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

Two on the Senegal River near St Louis and four in the Saloum Estuary



Small numbers of Eurasian Oystercatchers winter on the mudflats of larger rivers in Senegal © Frank Lambert

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Small numbers near St Louis and in the Saloum Delta.

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

Good numbers at various wetlands visited during the trip, including at Djoudj and river deltas.

Little Ringed Plover *Thinornis dubius*

Small numbers at Djoudj and wetlands near St Louis.

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*

Commonly seen throughout the trip in or near wetlands.

Black-headed Lapwing *Vanellus tectus*

Seen regularly in the north, with up to 60 on one day.

White-crowned Lapwing *Vanellus albiceps*

At least six on the Gambia River at Wassadou.

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*

Two on an island in the Gambia River at Wassadou.



Only immature African Wattled Lapwings were seen on the 2026 tour, on the Gambia River © Frank Lambert

Kittlitz's Plover *Anarhynchus pecuarius*

This species seemed to be much commoner this year than on previous tours. Twenty near Podor, at least 150 at Djoudj National Park, a few at Trois Marigots and around 40 on mudflats near St Louis.

Kentish Plover *Anarhynchus alexandrinus*

One observed at Djoudj and about eight on mudflats near St Louis. Probably good numbers in the Saloum Delta too, but they were too far to identify for certain.

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

At least 40 at Djoudj, and another 20 or more near Keur Mama Lamine.

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Not uncommon in coastal wetlands, mud flats and estuaries.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

One seen in the Saloum Delta.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

At least 50 on mudflats near St Louis.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

Only seen at Djoudj, where over 100 were observed just outside the reserve.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Three individuals of this winter visitor were seen during the tour.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Regularly found in wetland areas during the tour.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Occasionally seen in wetland habitats, with a maximum of three in a flooded area near Podor.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

At least six near St Louis, and two at Djoudj.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

At least 50 in wetlands near Podor, and good numbers at Djoudj and near St Louis.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

Observed at four sites, with at least 80 on mudflats in the Saloum Delta.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Small numbers at most wetlands visited, with a maximum of about 20 near St Louis.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*

Small numbers in Djoudj.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

Three near St Louis and some probables in the distance at Djoudj.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Four on mudflats around St Louis.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

Small numbers observed at Djoudj and on mudflats around St Louis.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

At least fifty in flooded agricultural fields near Podor, and probably 100 or more at Djoudj and around St Louis, and smaller numbers in the Saloum Delta.



Wintering Little Stints were much more commonly seen on this tour when compared to previous years © Frank Lambert

Quail-plover *Oryzelos meiffrenii*

One or two seen east of Kaolack, mostly in flight, but occasionally on the ground moving between cover.

Bronze-winged Courser *Rhinoptilus chalcopterus*

Two pairs seen very well near Kaolack in a recently burnt area of dispersed small bushes and trees with areas of sparse grasses mixed with open ground.

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii*

A pair in dry, bushy plains in the vicinity of Richard Toll, and another two found on a roadside stop on the way south to Kaolack.

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

First seen near Podor, and later found in Djoudj and Trois Marigots where more than 50 were seen.



One of the many Collared Pratincoles in an open dry muddy area at Trois Marigots © Frank Lambert

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

About 20 on the estuary near St Louis.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

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

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

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

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Around twenty seen in wetlands in the north and west.

Slender-billed Gull *Chroicocephalus genei*

At least 150 in the estuary near St Louis.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

A few seen on our journey to Podor and near St Louis.

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*

A few on our journey to Podor and good numbers near St Louis



Grey-headed Gulls have a very distinctive wing pattern © Frank Lambert

Audouin's Gull *Ichthyaetus audouinii*

An immature seen resting with other gulls on a mud bank in the Senegal River near St Louis.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*

Small numbers in wetlands near the coast near St Louis and one on the river at Kaolack.

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*

Two at Djoudj.

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

Several seen in flight at Djoudj.

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*

Common in the vicinity of Djoudj, and a few seen on the way to the airport on our last day.

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus*

Very common, being observed in wetland areas throughout the trip.

Common Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus*

Common in wetland areas visited in the west and north.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

Commonly seen throughout the trip with a maximum daily count of 80.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*

Only seen on the river at Waddadou.

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*

One seen at Trois Marigots.

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

Good numbers in Djoudj and about 80 near St Louis.

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

About twenty at Djoudj and a few at Trois Marigots.

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*

Seen regularly on five days of the tour.



A Hamerkop near Podor © Frank Lambert

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

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

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*

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

White-crested Tiger Heron *Tigriornis leucolopha*

A total of four were seen very well at the edge of Red Mangroves in the Saloum Delta.

Little Bittern *Botaurus minutus payesii*

A male of the African subspecies was seen briefly in flight at Trois Marigots.

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca*

One at Djoudj and a few in freshwater wetlands at Trois Marigots.

Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularis*

Commonly seen along coasts and in estuaries, as well as inland along tidal parts of larger rivers.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Regularly observed in wetlands during the first half of the trip, but nowhere common.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Seen and heard at various wetlands in the north.

Little Heron *Butorides atricapilla*

Observed near Podor and in Djoudj.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

Widespread in freshwater wetlands, but almost all were in the north and east.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

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

Yellow-billed Egret *Ardea brachyrhyncha*

Observed on only two dates on the tour.



Yellow-billed Egret in wetlands near Keur Mama Lamine © Frank Lambert

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Ubiquitous in wetter areas, especially where livestock was grazing.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Widespread. Seen mostly in freshwater wetlands in the north, with only one in the Saloum Delta.

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*

Only found at one location, near Keur Mama Lamine, where two were present.

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

At least two on both boat trips we made in the Saloum Delta.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Fairly common in freshwater wetland areas in the north, where seen in small numbers.



Great Cormorant with two Reed Cormorants in the Saloum Delta © Frank Lambert

Standard-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus longipennis*

One roosting in a hedgerow near Richard Toll.

Golden Nightjar *Caprimulgus eximius*

Amazing views during the day of a pair roosting together, not far from Podor.



A Standard-winged Nightjar roosting in a hedgerow near Richard Toll © Frank Lambert

Long-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus climacurus*

Two roosting near Richard Toll and one heard at the Ranch de Bango.

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri*

Observed only in the south, where several were seen in flight.

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*

Seen regularly in small numbers.

Horus Swift *Apus horus*

At least 15 near Podor, where the birds were breeding in the mud cliffs of the El Dour River.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Most common near Podor, where hundreds were seen over our hotel at dawn, but occasionally found elsewhere.

Pallid Swift *Apus horus*

One near Tambakouta.

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*

Widespread with several heard and a few seen.



Pearl-spotted Owlets were seen several times during the daytime © Frank Lambert

Northern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis leucotis*

One seen roosting on Kousmar Island in the Senegal River.

Greyish Eagle-Owl *Bubo cinerascens*

One heard and then seen poorly near our hotel in Toubakouta, just before dawn.

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Ketupa lactea*

One seen on our first day, at our lunch stop, was subsequently seen again, while another was found near Tambakouta.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

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

Scissor-tailed Kite *Chelictinia riocourii*

Thousands at the kite roost on Kousmar Island near Kaolack but not seen elsewhere.

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

One immature seen well east of Kaolack.

African Harrier-hawk *Polyboroides typus*

Two observed along the east-west highway in the south.

Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis*

A few seen in the south.

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*

The most widespread vulture encountered in small numbers on three dates. In addition to the small number of vultures specifically identified when we stopped, at least 120 others were seen.

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*

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



Three species of Gyps vulture resting after feeding in the north of Senegal © Frank Lambert

Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*

A few between Thies and Richard Toll, and between St Louis and Kaolack, on inland roads.

Ruppell's Vulture *Gyps rueppelli*

A few seen between Thies and Richard Toll, and between St Louis and Kaolack, on inland roads.

Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens*

Individuals recorded on two dates at Wassadou.

Beaudouin's Snake Eagle *Circaetus beaudouini*

One seen briefly in flight on the edge of Keur Mama Lamine village.

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*

Singles seen on three dates in the south.

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraetus wahlbergi*

Two seen during the tour.



A Wahlberg's Eagle, showing the distinctive short crest and overall brown colouration © Frank Lambert

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*

One seen perched in a tall tree within agricultural land near Podor.

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*

One seen during the tour, in the Podor area.

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*

One on the banks of the Gambia River at Wassadou.

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

A couple in the Wassadou area and another near Toubakouta.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

Between five and seven seen at Djoujd, including males, females and a dark morph.

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Small numbers seen, mostly near wetlands, throughout the trip.



A female Western Marsh Harrier at Djoudj Bird Sanctuary © Frank Lambert

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

A common species, especially near towns, and seen regularly during the tour. All individuals seen well were the yellow-billed race *aegyptius*.

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*

Found on three days during the tour, with two on each date.



An African Fish Eagle in the Djoudj Bird Sanctuary © Frank Lambert

Grasshopper Buzzard *Butastur rufipennis*

One seen near Toubakouta.

Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*

Occasionally observed in areas visited in the north and east.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Relatively common in the drier areas of the north, and one seen on Sipo Island.

Black Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*

One seen near Podor, and another on our last day near Toubakouta.

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*

Seen on three dates with about twenty in one group near Tambakouta.

African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus*

Seen daily during the second half of the trip.

Western Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus kemp*

Widespread and seen daily.



Western Red-billed Hornbills were commonly seen during the tour © Frank Lambert

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*

Four seen in the Wassadou area but not encountered elsewhere.

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius*

Two on our journey to Podor, and another near Toubakouta.

Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinicus*

Widespread, with small numbers seen daily.

Red-throated Bee-eater *Merops bulocki*

Apart from one near Podor, only seen in trees along the river at Wassadou.

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*

Seen on four dates during the tour, with up to ten per day.

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*

Two seen briefly on Sipo Island, although not everyone was fortunate enough to see them.

Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus*

About 200 over the river at Wassadou, with a few more which gave good views further to the east.

African Green Bee-eater *Merops viridissimus*

Only observed in the Podor area and near Richard Toll.



African Green Bee-eaters were seen regularly in the north © Frank Lambert

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*

Widespread and seen at a few sites during the trip, with about 30 in one area near Podor.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

A few in the Toubakouta area. Seemed rarer than in previous years.

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus*

Individuals on three days.

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*

At least three on the Gambia River at Wassadou.



A male Giant Kingfisher at Wassadou © Frank Lambert

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

Widespread and observed in most major wetland areas.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica*

The commonest kingfisher at Wassadou where up to five were noted in a day. Also in the mangroves of the Saloum Delta.

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*

Single birds on two occasions.

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*

Up to four on the river at Wassadou.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*

One observed at Wassadou.

Vieillot's Barbet *Lybius vieilloti*

Small numbers in the north.

Bearded Barbet *Lybius dubius*

Sightings confined to the area near Toubakouta, where up to seven were seen together.

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*

One in a wetland near Toubakouta.

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*

Two in the vicinity of Toubakouta.

Fine-spotted Woodpecker *Campethera punctuligera*

Seen on four dates during the tour, mostly in the Toubakouta area.

African Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos goertae*

The most widespread woodpecker, seen regularly during the tour, with up to four together.



African Grey Woodpecker was seen at several sites © Liz Ackroyd

Little Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos elachus*

Seen twice in the north, with a pair in an area between Richard Toll and Podor.

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

One perched with kites at the kite roost on Kousmar Island, with over a hundred more flying over the island as we left at dusk.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

We saw at least 250 in Djoudj Bird Sanctuary, apparently following a large swarm of Migratory Locusts. Only noted on a couple of other occasions during the tour.



Red-necked Falcon was observed twice during the tour © Frank Lambert

Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera*

One near St Louis, with another on our journey after leaving Kaolack.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus pelegrinoides*

A pair hunting in the Saloum Delta was the only observation.

Senegal Parrot *Poicephalus senegalus*

Widespread in southern areas visited, especially around Toubakouta.

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*

Widespread, with occasional sightings of small groups.

Brubru *Nilaus afer*

Two seen on our first day in the north.



Brubru was observed in tall Acacia trees in the north © Frank Lambert

Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*

Pairs observed on two occasions near Toubakouta.

Yellow-crowned Gonolek *Laniarius barbarus*

Widespread, and encountered on half the days, although heard more often than seen

Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea*

A male near our chalets at Campement de Wassadou.

Senegal Batis *Batis senegalensis*

Seen only at Ranch de Bango, where a pair was seen.



One of a group of White-crested Helmetshrikes near Wassadou © Frank Lambert

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus plumatus*

Seen only at Wassadou, where four were seen.

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus*

Seen on two days near Toubakouta, involving a total of five birds.

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*

Five in one day near Podor, but otherwise only recorded occasionally, with all in the south.

Yellow-billed Shrike *Corvinella corvina*

Observed on three days in the south, with up to ten in one day.

Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

Only recorded on three days during the trip – seemingly rarer this year than in the previous two years.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*

Up to five a day in the north.

Piapiac *Ptilostomus afer*

First seen midway through the tour, then later in the Toubakouta area.



African Golden Orioles were relatively common near Toubakouta © Frank Lambert

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*

Widespread, seen almost daily in small numbers.

Sennar Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus punctifrons*

One observed between Richard Toll and Podor on our first full day.

Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis*

Our only observation was a male near Podor.

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis*

A total of six on three different dates.



Crested Larks were common in the north © Frank Lambert

Singing Bush Lark *Mirafra javanica*

Only seen on route from St Louis to Kaolack.

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

Widespread and recorded regularly throughout the trip.

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*

Two near Toubakouta.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*

Only seen once, on route from St Louis to Kaolack.

Senegal Eremomela *Eremomela pusilla*

Widespread and seen on three dates.

Bleating Camaroptera *Camaroptera brachyura*

Seen occasionally during the second half of the tour.

Cricket Warbler *Spiloptila clamans*

At least eight were observed near Podor.

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*

Widespread and seen occasionally.

River Prinia *Prinia fluviatilis*

This cryptic, localised endemic was found only at Trois Marigots near St Louis.

Oriole Warbler *Hypergerus atriceps*

Heard at Wassadou, but sadly not seen.



Zitting Cisticola was only seen at one location © Frank Lambert

Winding Cisticola *Cisticola marginatus*

A few in the wetlands of Trois Marigots.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis uropygialis*

One seen very briefly at Trois Marinots, with another at Keur Mama Lamine.

Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus*

A few briefly in the area where we searched for Quail-plover, east of Kaolack.

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*

Found a couple of times in the south.

Western Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna opaca*

Only seen near Podor, with three birds observed.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

A few observed in the wetlands of Trois Marigots.

Common Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

One at Trois Marigots.

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*

Heard at Djoudj but only seen well in the reedbeds of Trois Marigots.



Greater Swamp Warblers were seen surprisingly well at Trois Marigots © Frank Lambert

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Huge numbers swarming over the Djoudj Bird Sanctuary, in the hundreds of thousands.

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*

Small numbers near our hotel jetty in the Saloum Delta.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Small numbers observed throughout the trip.

Red-chested Swallow *Hirundo lucida*

A few over the Gambia River, and a dozen or so near our hotel in Toubakouta.



A Red-chested Swallow in the Saloum Delta © Frank Lambert

Western House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

Small numbers observed in the south over wetlands we visited.

African Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis melanocrissus*

Small numbers seen hunting over marshland near Keur Mama Lamine.

Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli*

Regularly observed in the north and west, with up to twenty in one day.

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

Found on four dates with a maximum of three in a day.

Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus*

Widespread and common.

Western Orphean Warbler *Curruca hortensis*

Two individuals seen in the vicinity of Podor.

Common Whitethroat *Curruca communis*

Two individuals observed during this year's tour.

Western Subalpine Warbler *Curruca iberiae*

The most commonly encountered *Curruca*, but seen only in the dry north and near St Louis.

Northern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis*

Only found near Toubakouta, where feeding in flowering bombax trees.

Fulvous Babbler *Argya fulva*

Four near Podor.

Brown Babbler *Turdoides plebejus*

Small numbers were recorded during the second part of the tour.

Blackcap Babbler *Turdoides reinwardtii*

A group along the river at Wassadou.

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*

Only observed twice, once in the north, and once near Toubakouta.



Yellow-billed Oxpeckers on a domestic pig near Toubakouta © Frank Lambert

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyrinclus leucogaster*

One seen near Toubakouta.

Long-tailed Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis caudatus*

Widespread and seen daily.

Lesser Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chloropterus*

Only seen during the second part of the tour, most notably in the Toubakouta area.

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

Widespread and common between Dakar and Podor, but also on the route to Toubakouta.

Purple Starling *Lamprotornis purpureus*

Good numbers at Wassadou and near Toubakouta.

Bronze-tailed Starling *Lamprotornis chalcurus*

Three in the Wassadou area.

Chestnut-bellied Starling *Lamprotornis pulcher*

Widespread and common in the north and west.

Black Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas podobe*

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

Swamp Flycatcher *Muscicapa aquatica*

One observed along the edge of the Gambia River at Wassadou.

White-crowned Robin-chat *Cossypha albicapillus*

Two near the edge of the river at Wassadou and 1-2 in wetlands near Toubakouta.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

One male and a female observed during the tour.

African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus moptanus*

Three seen well in the vicinity of Djoudj, and one near Richard Toll.

Anteater Chat *Myrmecocichla aethiops*

Seen on three dates, with eight of the nine birds being recorded between Podor and Richard Toll.



An Anteater Chat near Richard Toll © Frank Lambert

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

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

Atlas (Seebom's) Wheatear *Oenanthe seebohmi*

A male seen well near Podor.

Mangrove Sunbird *Anthreptes gabonicus*

Three seen well in the mangroves of the Saloum Delta.

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei*

A male at Sipo Island.

Pygmy Sunbird *Hedydipna platura*

Found once in the north, and occasionally during the second half of the tour.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*

Widespread, with occasional sightings throughout the tour.



Scarlet-chested Sunbird was seen occasionally during the tour © Frank Lambert

Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus*

Widespread and common.

Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*

About 15 east of Kaolack.



White-billed Buffalo Weavers were regularly encountered during the tour © Frank Lambert

White-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis albirostris*

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

Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*

A few near Podor and a couple elsewhere.

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*

Fairly commonly in the area near Toubakouta.

Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*

Seen throughout the tour in small numbers except near Toubakouta.

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*

Seen on a few dates, with about 60 observed in the Podor area.

Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*

About 30 at one location near Podor.

Sahel Paradise Whydah *Vidua orientalis*

One male north of Kaolack, and two males with full tails between Kaolack and Tambacounda.

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*

Widespread and seen occasionally.

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullata*

A flock of around ten near Toubakouta.

African Silverbill *Euodice cantans*

A group of 30 near Podor and others near Trois Marigots.

Lavender Waxbill *Glaucostrelda caerulea*

Small numbers seen daily near Toubakouta.



Black-rumped Waxbill was encountered twice in the south during the tour © Frank Lambert

Black-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda troglodytes*

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

Orange-breasted (Zebra) Waxbill *Amandava subflava*

Small flocks seen in Djoudj.

Quailfinch (Black-faced) *Ortygospiza atricollis atricollis*

Six near Keur Mama Lamine, including a pair feeding close by on the ground.

Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata*

At least ten at a roadside stop between Kaolack and Tambacounda.

Red-cheeked Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*

Widespread and seen in small numbers.

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*

Widespread and seen most days in small numbers.

Sahel Bush Sparrow *Gymnoris dentata*

Observed only near Wassadou.

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*

Widespread and commonly seen.

Sudan Golden Sparrow *Passer luteus*

Abundant in the north where large flocks were encountered daily, but also locally in the south.



Sudan Golden Sparrows were seen often during the tour © Frank Lambert

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Seen regularly throughout the trip near human habitation.

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.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Seen daily in the far north of Senegal, including one British Pied Wagtail *M. a. yarrellii* at Djoudj.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

One seen in the far north of Senegal.

White-rumped Seedeater *Crithagra leucopygia*

Small numbers on three dates.

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*

Seen in small numbers near Toubakouta.



A powerful Verreaux's Eagle Owl with eyes on our group! © Frank Lambert

MAMMALS

Four-toed Hedgehog *Atrlerix albiventris*

One at Kaolack in our hotel grounds.

Marsh Mongoose *Atilax paludinosus*

One seen briefly in mangroves of the Saloum Delta.

African Golden Wolf *Canis anthus*

At least six in Djoudj, as well as two near St Louis.

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus*

Small numbers at Djoudj and a couple at the wetlands near St Louis.



Common Warthog in the swamps of Djoudj Bird Sanctuary © Frank Lambert

Red-flanked Duiker *Cephalophus rufilatus*

One at Wassadou on one of our boat rides.

Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat *Epomophorus gambianus*

About a dozen roosting at our hotel in Toubakouta.

Green Monkey *Chlorocebus sabaesus*

Small numbers in the southern areas visited.

Common Patas Monkey *Erythrocebus patas*

Widespread, seen at various locations throughout the trip.

Guinea Baboon *Papio papio*

Two at Wassadou.



Green Monkey was seen in small numbers at Wassadou © Frank Lambert

Upper Guinea Red Colobus *Procolobus badius*

A group of ten feeding near the Gambia River at Wassadou.

African Savanna Hare *Lepus microtis*

One near Ranch de Bango.

Gambian Sun Squirrel *Heliosciurus gambianus*

One seen well in the Saloum Delta.

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

Occasionally seen in the drier northern parts of Senegal.



Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bats were roosting during the day at our hotel in Tambacouta © Frank Lambert

OTHER ANIMALS OF INTEREST

Nile Crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus*

A large individual was seen in a small lake at Keur Mama Lamine.

West African Nile Monitor Lizard *Varanus stellatus*

One observed near Podor.

Rainbow Agama *Agama agama*

This species was seen well at several locations.



One of the Rainbow Agamas seen outside our hotel in Kaolack © Frank Lambert



Butterflies seen included an unidentified Tip (*Colotis* sp.) and Pioneer White *Belenois aurota* (right) © Frank Lambert