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With so many highlights it is difficult to know where to start! The tour started in the south and after a brief morning visit to Shai Hills, where White-crowned Cliff-chat and Rock Martin got the tour off to a flying start, an hour at the Sukomona lagoon yielded stacks of wintering shorebirds, herons and our first Pied Kingfishers. From there we headed west of Accra and spent 3 days around Kakum and 2 at Ankasa offering some truly outstanding Upper Guinea forest birding.

Kakum national park covers a huge area and we explored just a fragment of this lush forest. From our elevated position on the canopy walkway we enjoyed White-crested, Brown-cheeked, Black-casqued and Yellow-casqued Hornbills (just 4 of the 11 species of hornbill we saw which later included Abyssinian Ground, Red-billed Dwarf and Black Dwarf). During our few days in the Kakum area we also recorded some fantastic birds such as Black parrowhawk, Congo Serpent Eagle, Cassin's Hawk-Eagle, White-spotted Flufftail (for some of the group), African Finfoot, Rock Pratincole, Tambourine and Blue-headed Wood Doves, fly-over Grey Parrots, Yellow-billed Turaco, Blue-throated Roller, Black and Rosy Bee-eaters (the latter seemingly never landing!), Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, Rufous-sided Broadbill, Fraser's Eagle Owl, Cassin's, Black and Sabine's Spinetails, African Emerald Cuckoo, 5 species of Barbet including Yellow-spotted and Yellow-billed, Red-rumped Tinkerbird, Gabon Woodpecker, White-throated Blue and Preuss's Cliff Swallows, Forest Robin, Kemp's Longbill, Sharpe's Apalis, Chestnut-capped and Black and White Flycatchers and Preuss's Weaver.

This year's tour was our first to head even further west than last year and explore the evergreen (ever wet) forest at Ankasa. Just 30km from the Ivory Coast border the dense forest here, with small overgrown ponds was beautiful. Some of the species seen were of course similar to Kakum but then there was a whole bunch more! The more memorable of which included Crested Guinea fowl, Black Crake, another Finfoot and an all too brief second attempt at the Flufftail, Great Blue Turaco, Olive long-tailed Cuckoo, Shining Blue and White-bellied Kingfishers (2 of 10 species seen and we also heard Striped Kingfisher in the north), Fire-bellied Woodpecker, Square-tailed Saw-wing, at least a dozen species of Greenbul/bulbul were seen between here and Kakum with Yellow-bearded one of the best, Red-tailed and Green-tailed Bristlebills, White-tailed Alethe, White-tailed Ant-thrush, Pale-breasted Illadopsis, Buff-throated and Fraser's Sunbirds (2 of 17 species of Sunbird seen in total!), Western Black-headed Oriole, Shining Drongo, Blue-billed and Crested Malimbés and the list could go on and on!

As a brief interlude from the forest birding (which was cut short by heavy rain) we managed a short seawatch from our hotel one evening and saw both Arctic and Pomarine Skuas and best of all a Humpback Whale! The fact that this was our back up hotel as the original choice had decided to give our rooms to someone else! Thankfully our ground agents were (as ever) always on the ball, and their attention to detail with sorting hotels, meals and loading the luggage is an absolute joy to work with (and after having a weeks holiday between the 1st and 2nd trip I really appreciate how much effort is involved organising dinner for 2 people let alone a group!)

The undisputed winner of Bird of the trip and for many people *the* reason for visiting Ghana is the Yellow-headed Picathartes. It isn't the easiest bird to see with its stronghold shared between a handful of West African countries (many of which not really on the birding circuit). Ghana offers the best chance to see this bird and despite losing an hours birding in the morning, after the bus got stuck in the mud, we arrived at the village in good time and collected our village guide. After an hours uphill walk in very hot and humid conditions, to sit still and quiet on a piece of rock for nearly 3 hours certainly builds the anticipation...but the birds do better than that, they just seem to surpass all expectations! The first bird flashed through briefly, building the suspense but then at

least a couple of birds bounded into view, silently bouncing from limb to limb before disappearing in to their cave, pure magic!

After the exertions of the forest and the Picathartes walk we had a day of rest as we undertook the 10 hour bus ride north. Arriving in Mole we dropped our bags in the rooms and headed to the terrace, where cold beers were waiting and so were the birds. In just an hour we saw Hadada Ibis, Spur-winged Goose, Grey-headed Kingfishers, Spur-winged Lapwings, more herons and egrets, Stone Partridge and some mammals in the form of Warthog, Kob, Waterbuck and Bushbuck. Two full days in Mole (in the intense heat) rewarded us with such quality birds as Saddle-billed Stork, White-headed Vulture, Bateleur, Martial, Tawny and Wahlberg's Eagles, Western banded Snake-Eagle, African Cuckoo Hawk, Lizard, Red-necked and Grasshopper Buzzards, Greater Painted Snipe, Red-headed Lovebird, Violet Turaco, Greyish Eagle Owl, African Pygmy and Blue-breasted Kingfishers, Red-throated Bee-eaters, Abyssinian, Rufous-crowned and Blue-bellied Rollers, White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike, Spotted Creeper (seen by a few), White Helmet Shrike, Yellow-crowned Gonolek, Togo Paradise Whydah, Wilson's Indigobird and Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting. With it being so hot in the north, the swimming pool was used by several people while others sat in the shade of the terrace, and eventually we all had great views of African Elephant. The Olive Baboons and Green Vervet Monkeys weren't to be outdone and a bottle of tomato ketchup and a piece of toast (ironically the only slice that had been buttered) were snatched during meal times!

From the heat of the north we headed south again, 10 hours south to be exact, and a few hours spare in our hotel in Kumasi gave us chance to recharge our batteries and get an early night before the next few days of forest birding. Our first port of call was Bobiri where additions to our already exciting list included Afep Pigeon, Cassin's Honeybird, Black Dwarf Hornbill, Little Green Woodpecker, Sabine's Puffback, Purple-throated Cuckoo Shrike and Dusky Tit.

Our final stop was the Atewa hill range and we spent an afternoon birding the farmland of the foothills and the next morning we took 4x4's up the hill. During these two visits we noted African Hobby, Black Cuckoo, Blue-headed Coucal, Narina's Trogon, Blue-headed Bee-eater, Shrike Flycatcher, Bioko Batis, Blackcap Illadopsis, Tit Hylia, Compact Weaver, Western Bluebill and White-breasted Negrofinch.

Before long it was time to head to a nearby motel to use their showers (in the loosest sense of the word) and rooms to repack before heading to the airport. The road from Koforidua to Accra is, to say the least, undergoing some change and few will forget the chaos of 6 lanes of track all driving different directions at the same time!

In the two weeks we witnessed a real cross section of West African and Ghanaian life. There were chances to try the local food (if Grasscutter Rat whets the appetite?!) but our hotels served generous buffets, the roads in many places are good (although not everywhere), once out of the airport we received next to no hassle and the friendliness of everyone we met was a real delight. That said this trip would be nowhere near as smooth in the running if it weren't for the behind the scenes action of the ground crew.

BIRD LIST – First tour:

Column A = Number of tours on which this species has been recorded.

Column B = Number of days this species was seen on the last tour.

Column C = Maximum daily count for this species on the last tour.

H= Heard only.

| A | | B | C | |
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| 3 | Long-tailed Cormorant | 2 | 30 | Phalacrocorax africanus |
| 3 | Grey Heron | 7 | 10 | Ardea cinerea |

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|---|----------------------------|----|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 3 | Black-headed Heron | 4 | 4 | Ardea melanocephala | |
| 3 | Purple Heron | 3 | 2 | Ardea purpurea | |
| 3 | Great Egret | 1 | 1 | Ardea alba | |
| 3 | Black Heron | 1 | 20 | Egretta ardesiaca | |
| 3 | Intermediate Egret | 1 | 2 | Egretta intermedia | |
| 3 | Little Egret | 4 | 20 | Egretta garzetta | |
| 3 | Western Reef-Heron | 2 | 2 | Egretta gularis | |
| 3 | Squacco Heron | 3 | 1 | Ardeola ralloides | |
| 3 | Cattle Egret | 13 | 100 | Bubulcus ibis | |
| 3 | Green-backed Heron | 5 | 2 | Butorides striata | |
| 2 | Black-crowned Night-Heron | 4 | 5 | Nycticorax nycticorax | |
| 3 | Hamerkop | 4 | 6 | Scopus umbretta | |
| 3 | Woolly-necked Stork | 4 | 4 | Ciconia episcopus | |
| 3 | Saddle-billed Stork | 3 | 1 | Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis | |
| 3 | Hadada Ibis | 4 | 25 | Bostrychia hagedash | |
| 2 | Glossy Ibis | | | Plegadis falcinellus | |
| 2 | African Spoonbill | | | Platalea alba | |
| 3 | White-faced Whistling-Duck | 4 | 300 | Dendrocygna viduata | |
| 2 | Spur-winged Goose | 3 | 1 | Plectropterus gambensis | |
| 1 | Osprey | | | Pandion haliaetus | |
| 3 | African Cuckoo-Hawk | 1 | 2 | Aviceda cuculoides | |
| 3 | Black-shouldered Kite | 5 | 3 | Elanus caeruleus | |
| 3 | Yellow-billed Black Kite | 13 | 300 | Milvus migrans parasitus | |
| 3 | Palm-nut Vulture | 3 | 3 | Gypohierax angolensis | |
| 3 | Hooded Vulture | 13 | 350 | Necrosyrtes monachus | |
| 3 | White-backed Vulture | 2 | 4 | Gyps africanus | |
| 3 | White-headed Vulture | 1 | 2 | Trionoceph occipitalis | |
| 3 | Western Banded Snake-Eagle | 1 | 1 | Circaetus cinerascens | |
| 3 | Bateleur | 4 | 10 | Terathopius ecaudatus | |
| 3 | Congo Serpent-Eagle | 2 | 1 | Dryotriorchis spectabilis | |
| 3 | Western Marsh-Harrier | 3 | 1 | Circus aeruginosus | |
| 3 | European Honey Buzzard | 4 | 2 | Pernis apivorus | |
| 3 | African Harrier-Hawk | 9 | 10 | Polyboroides typus | |
| 3 | Lizard Buzzard | 3 | 5 | Kaupifalco monogrammicus | |
| 3 | Dark Chanting-Goshawk | 1 | 1 | Melierax metabates | |
| 3 | Gabar Goshawk | 1 | 2 | Micronisus gabar | |
| 3 | Shikra | 6 | 5 | Accipiter badius | |
| 2 | African Goshawk | | | Accipiter tachiro | |
| 3 | Red-thighed Sparrowhawk | 1 | 2 | Accipiter erythropus | |
| 3 | Black Sparrowhawk | 2 | 1 | Accipiter melanoleucus | |
| 1 | Long-tailed Hawk | | | Urotriorchis macrourus | |
| 3 | Grasshopper Buzzard | 2 | 6 | Butastur rufipennis | |
| 3 | Red-necked Buzzard | 3 | 3 | Buteo auguralis | |
| 3 | Tawny Eagle | 2 | 4 | Aquila rapax | |
| 3 | Wahlberg's Eagle | 1 | 1 | Aquila wahlbergi | |
| 1 | Ayres' Hawk-Eagle | | | Hieraaetus ayresii | |
| 1 | Cassin's Hawk-Eagle | 1 | 1 | Spizaetus africanus | |
| 2 | Martial Eagle | 1 | 2 | Polemaetus bellicosus | |
| 3 | Grey Kestrel | 6 | 2 | Falco ardosiaceus | |
| 1 | Red-necked Falcon | | | Falco chicquera | |
| 3 | Common Kestrel | 4 | 2 | Falco tinnunculus | |
| 2 | African Hobby | 1 | 1 | Falco cuvierii | |
| 3 | Lanner Falcon | 5 | 3 | Falco biarmicus | |
| 3 | Double-spurred Francolin | 6 | 12 | Francolinus bicalcaratus | |
| 1 | Ahanta Francolin | 1 | 1 | H | Francolinus ahantensis |
| 1 | Forest Francolin | 1 | 1 | H | Francolinus lathamii |
| 3 | Stone Partridge | 3 | 6 | Ptilopachus petrosus | |

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| 3 | Helmeted Guineafowl | 4 | 50 | | Numida meleagris |
| 1 | Crested Guineafowl | 1 | 3 | | Guttera pucherani |
| 3 | White-spotted Flufftail | 2 | 1 | | Sarothrura pulchra |
| 3 | Black Crake | 1 | 2 | | Amaurornis flavirostra |
| 1 | Common Moorhen | | | | Gallinula chloropus |
| 3 | African Finfoot | 2 | 1 | | Podica senegalensis |
| 3 | African Jacana | 7 | 10 | | Actophilornis africanus |
| 1 | Black-bellied Bustard | | | | Eupodoptis melanogastor |
| 3 | Black-winged Stilt | 1 | 50 | | Himantopus himantopus |
| 3 | Senegal Thick-knee | 5 | 10 | | Burhinus senegalensis |
| 3 | Collared Pratincole | 1 | 20 | | Glareola pratincola |
| 2 | Rock Pratincole | 1 | 5 | | Glareola nucharis |
| 3 | Spur-winged Lapwing | 3 | 6 | | Vanellus spinosus |
| 3 | African Wattled Lapwing | 4 | 20 | | Vanellus senegallus |
| 2 | Greater Painted-snipe | 1 | 3 | | Rostratula benghalensis |
| 3 | Grey Plover | 1 | 20 | | Pluvialis squatarola |
| 3 | Common Ringed Plover | 1 | 50 | | Charadrius hiaticula |
| 2 | Kittlitz's Plover | | | | Charadrius pecuarius |
| 2 | Black-tailed Godwit | 1 | 1 | | Limosa limosa |
| 3 | Eurasian Whimbrel | 3 | 4 | | Numenius phaeopus |
| 3 | Common Sandpiper | 8 | 5 | | Actitis hypoleucos |
| 2 | Spotted Redshank | | | | Tringa erythropus |
| 3 | Common Greenshank | 2 | 4 | | Tringa nebularia |
| 3 | Marsh Sandpiper | 1 | 5 | | Tringa stagnatilis |
| 1 | Green Sandpiper | | | | Tringa ochropus |
| 3 | Wood Sandpiper | 2 | 6 | | Tringa glareola |
| 3 | Common Redshank | 1 | 1 | | Tringa totanus |
| 2 | Ruddy Turnstone | 1 | 10 | | Arenaria interpres |
| 3 | Sanderling | 1 | 30 | | Calidris alba |
| 3 | Little Stint | 1 | 30 | | Calidris minuta |
| 3 | Curlew Sandpiper | 1 | 10 | | Calidris ferruginea |
| 3 | Ruff | 1 | 6 | | Philomachus pugnax |
| 3 | Arctic Skua | 1 | 4 | | Stercorarius parasiticus |
| 1 | Pomarine Skua | 1 | 17 | | Stercorarius pomarinus |
| 2 | Black Tern | | | | Chlidonias niger |
| 2 | Whiskered Tern | | | | Chlidonias hybrida |
| 3 | Common Tern | 1 | 2 | | Sterna hirundo |
| 2 | Royal Tern | 4 | 20 | | Thalasseus maximus |
| 3 | Sandwich Tern | 3 | 5 | | Thalasseus sandvicensis |
| 1 | Caspian Tern | 1 | 2 | | Sterna caspia |
| 3 | Four-banded Sandgrouse | 1 | 2 | | Pterocles quadricinctus |
| 3 | Rock/Feral Pigeon | 11 | 10 | | Columba livia |
| 3 | Afep Pigeon | 1 | 2 | | Columba unicincta |
| 2 | Western Bronze-naped Pigeon | 1 | 1 | | Columba iriditorques |
| 3 | Red-eyed Dove | 13 | 30 | | Streptopelia semitorquata |
| 3 | Vinaceous Dove | 5 | 50 | | Streptopelia vinacea |
| 3 | Laughing Dove | 10 | 20 | | Streptopelia senegalensis |
| 3 | Black-billed Wood-Dove | 1 | 2 | | Turtur abyssinicus |
| 3 | Blue-spotted Wood-Dove | 2 | 2 | | Turtur afer |
| 3 | Tambourine Dove | 5 | 3 | | Turtur tympanistria |
| 3 | Blue-headed Wood-Dove | 5 | 2 | | Turtur brehmeri |
| 2 | Namaqua Dove | 1 | 3 | | Oena capensis |
| 2 | Bruce's Green-Pigeon | | | | Treron waalia |
| 3 | African Green-Pigeon | 9 | 10 | | Treron calvus |
| 3 | Rose-ringed Parakeet | 4 | 6 | | Psittacula krameri |
| 1 | Black-collared Lovebird | 1 | 1 | H | Agapornis swindernianus |
| 1 | Red-headed Lovebird | 1 | 2 | | Agapornis pullarius |

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| 3 | Grey Parrot | 1 | 7 | | <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> |
| 3 | Red-fronted Parrot | 3 | 4 | | <i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i> |
| 3 | Senegal Parrot | 4 | 15 | | <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i> |
| 1 | Great Blue Turaco | 1 | 2 | | <i>Corythaeola cristata</i> |
| 1 | Green Turaco | | | | <i>Tauraco persa</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-billed Turaco | 6 | 5 | | <i>Tauraco macrorhynchus</i> |
| 3 | Violet Turaco | 5 | 3 | | <i>Musophaga violacea</i> |
| 3 | Western Grey Plantain-eater | 12 | 10 | | <i>Crinifer piscator</i> |
| 3 | Levaillant's Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | | <i>Clamator levaillantii</i> |
| 1 | Great spotted Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Clamator glandarius</i> |
| 3 | Black Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cuculus clamosus</i> |
| 1 | African Cuckoo | 0 | 0 | | <i>Cuculus gularis</i> |
| 3 | Klaas's Cuckoo | 3 | 2 | | <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> |
| 3 | Dideric Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | | <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i> |
| 3 | African Emerald Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | | <i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i> |
| 2 | Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cercococcyx olivinus</i> |
| 1 | Yellow-throated Cuckoo | | | | <i>Chrysococcyx flavigularis</i> |
| 3 | Yellowbill | 4 | 2 | | <i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i> |
| 3 | Black-throated Coucal | 2 | 1 | | <i>Centropus leucogaster</i> |
| 1 | Blue-headed Coucal | 1 | 1 | | <i>Centropus monachus</i> |
| 3 | Senegal Coucal | 7 | 2 | | <i>Centropus senegalensis</i> |
| 2 | Black Coucal | | | | <i>Centropus grillii</i> |
| 3 | Greyish Eagle-Owl | 2 | 2 | | <i>Bubo cinerascens</i> |
| 3 | Fraser's Eagle Owl | 1 | 1 | | <i>Bubo poensis</i> |
| 1 | Pel's Fishing-Owl | | | | <i>Scotopelia peli</i> |
| 2 | African Scops Owl | | | | <i>Otus senegalensis</i> |
| 1 | Northern White-faced Scops Owl | 2 | 1 | | <i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i> |
| 3 | Pearl-spotted Owlet | 3 | 3 | | <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i> |
| 1 | Plain Nightjar | | | | <i>Caprimulgus inornatus</i> |
| 3 | Long-tailed Nightjar | 2 | 1 | | <i>Caprimulgus climacurus</i> |
| 3 | Brown Nightjar | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Veles binotatus</i> |
| 1 | Standard-winged Nightjar | | | | <i>Macrodipteryx longipennis</i> |
| 1 | Mottled Spinetail | | | | <i>Telacanthura ussheri</i> |
| 3 | Sabine's Spinetail | 1 | 2 | | <i>Rhaphidura sabini</i> |
| 3 | Cassin's Spinetail | 2 | 6 | | <i>Neafrapus cassini</i> |
| 3 | Black Spinetail | 2 | 2 | | <i>Telacanthura melanopygia</i> |
| 3 | African Palm-Swift | 10 | 10 | | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> |
| 3 | Common Swift | 10 | 50 | | <i>Apus apus</i> |
| 3 | Little Swift | 12 | 200 | | <i>Apus affinis</i> |
| 1 | White-rumped Swift | 1 | 8 | | <i>Apus caffer</i> |
| 3 | Narina's Trogon | 1 | 1 | | <i>Apaloderma narina</i> |
| 3 | Malachite Kingfisher | 3 | 2 | | <i>Alcedo cristata</i> |
| 1 | White-bellied Kingfisher | 1 | 1 | | <i>Alcedo leucogaster</i> |
| 2 | Shining Blue Kingfisher | 1 | 1 | | <i>Alcedo quadibrachys</i> |
| 3 | Chocolate-backed Kingfisher | 1 | 2 | | <i>Halcyon badia</i> |
| 3 | Grey-headed Kingfisher | 4 | 2 | | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> |
| 3 | Woodland Kingfisher | 9 | 25 | | <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i> |
| 3 | Blue-breasted Kingfisher | 3 | 3 | | <i>Halcyon malimbica</i> |
| 3 | Striped Kingfisher | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> |
| 2 | African Pygmy Kingfisher | 1 | 1 | | <i>Ceyx pictus</i> |
| 3 | Giant Kingfisher | 3 | 2 | | <i>Megaceryle maximus</i> |
| 3 | Pied Kingfisher | 5 | 6 | | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> |
| 3 | Black Bee-eater | 2 | 2 | | <i>Merops gularis</i> |
| 3 | Blue-headed Bee-eater | 1 | 3 | | <i>Merops muelleri</i> |
| 3 | Red-throated Bee-eater | 2 | 200 | | <i>Merops bulocki</i> |
| 2 | Little Bee-eater | 1 | 1 | | <i>Merops pusillus</i> |

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| 3 | White-throated Bee-eater | 8 | 100 | Merops albicollis |
| 2 | Rosy Bee-eater | 2 | 2 | Merops malimbicus |
| 1 | European Bee-eater | 2 | 20 | Merops apiaster |
| 3 | Abyssinian Roller | 4 | 6 | Coracias abyssinicus |
| 3 | Rufous-crowned Roller | 3 | 2 | Coracias noevius |
| 3 | Blue-bellied Roller | 4 | 5 | Coracias cyanogaster |
| 3 | Broad-billed Roller | 1 | 1 | Eurystomus glaucurus |
| 2 | Blue-throated Roller | 2 | 1 | Eurystomus gularis |
| 3 | Green Wood hoopoe | 5 | 20 | Phoeniculus purpureus |
| 2 | Forest Wood hoopoe | 1 | 1 | Phoeniculus castaneiceps |
| 2 | White-headed Wood-hoopoe | 1 | 6 | Phoeniculus bollei |
| 1 | Black Wood-hoopoe | 1 | 2 | Rhinopomastus aterrimus |
| 3 | White-crested Hornbill | 5 | 2 | Tockus albocristatus |
| 2 | Black Dwarf Hornbill | 1 | 2 | Tockus hartlaubi |
| 2 | Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill | 1 | 1 | Tockus camurus |
| 3 | Red-billed Hornbill | 3 | 6 | Tockus erythrorhynchus |
| 3 | African Pied Hornbill | 10 | 70 | Tockus fasciatus |
| 3 | African Grey Hornbill | 5 | 20 | Tockus nasutus |
| 3 | Piping Hornbill | 3 | 3 | Ceratogymna fistulator |
| 3 | Brown-cheeked Hornbill | 1 | 2 | Ceratogymna cylindrica |
| 3 | Black-casqued Hornbill | 1 | 2 | Ceratogymna atrata |
| 2 | Yellow-casqued Hornbill | 1 | 1 | Ceratogymna elata |
| 2 | Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill | 2 | 4 | Bucorvus abyssinicus |
| 3 | Yellow-billed Barbet | 1 | 1 | Trachyphonus purpuratus |
| 3 | Bristle-nosed Barbet | 2 | 50 | Gymnobucco peli |
| 3 | Naked-faced Barbet | 3 | 50 | Gymnobucco calvus |
| 3 | Yellow-spotted Barbet | 3 | 1 | Buccanodon duchailloi |
| 3 | Speckled Tinkerbird | 4 | 2 | Pogoniulus scolopaceus |
| 3 | Red-rumped Tinkerbird | 1 | 1 | Pogoniulus atroflavus |
| 2 | Yellow-throated Tinkerbird | 3 | 3 | Pogoniulus subsulphureus |
| 2 | Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird | | | Pogoniulus bilineatus |
| 3 | Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird | 1 | 3 | Pogoniulus chrysoconus |
| 3 | Hairy-breasted Barbet | 3 | 3 | Tricholaema hirsuta |
| 3 | Vieillot's Barbet | 2 | 1 | Lybius vieilloti |
| 2 | Double-toothed Barbet | | | Lybius bidentatus |
| 3 | Bearded Barbet | 3 | 3 | Lybius dubius |
| 1 | Least Honeyguide | | | Indicator exilis |
| 3 | Greater Honeyguide | 2 | 2 | Indicator indicator |
| 1 | Yellow-footed Honeyguide | | | Melignomon eisentrauti |
| 3 | Cassin's Honeybird | 2 | 2 | Prodotiscus insignis |
| 2 | Buff-spotted Woodpecker | | | Campethera nivosa |
| 3 | Gabon Woodpecker | 1 | 1 | Dendropicos gabonensis |
| 3 | Fire-bellied Woodpecker | 2 | 2 | Dendropicos pyrrhogaster |
| 3 | Grey Woodpecker | 2 | 2 | Dendropicos goertae |
| 1 | Brown-backed Woodpecker | 1 | 1 | Dendropicos obsoletus |
| 2 | Little Green Woodpecker | 1 | 2 | Campethera maculosa |
| 1 | African Piculet | | | Sasia africana |
| 3 | Rufous-sided Broadbill | 1 | 1 | Smithornis rufolateralis |
| 1 | Sun Lark | 1 | 2 | Galerida modesta |
| 2 | Fanti Saw-wing | 3 | 2 | Psalidoprocne obscura |
| 1 | Square-tailed Saw-wing | 1 | 5 | Psalidoprocne nitens |
| 3 | Barn Swallow | 12 | 30 | Hirundo rustica |
| 3 | Wire-tailed Swallow | 3 | 5 | Hirundo smithii |
| 3 | Ethiopian Swallow | 3 | 10 | Hirundo aethiopica |
| 1 | Mosque Swallow | 1 | 2 | Hirundo senegalensis |
| 1 | House Martin | | | Delichon urbicum |

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| 3 | White-throated Blue Swallow | 1 | 2 | | <i>Hirundo nigrita</i> |
| 2 | Rock Martin | 1 | 2 | | <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> |
| 3 | Lesser Striped-Swallow | 3 | 10 | | <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i> |
| 3 | Preuss'Ss Cliff Swallow | 3 | 300 | | <i>Petrochelidon preussi</i> |
| 2 | Tree Pipit | | | | <i>Anthus trivialis</i> |
| 1 | Plain-backed Pipit | | | | <i>Anthus leucophrys</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-throated Longclaw | 1 | 1 | | <i>Macronyx croceus</i> |
| 3 | African Pied Wagtail | 8 | 4 | | <i>Motacilla aguimp</i> |
| 3 | Yellow Wagtail | 1 | 2 | | <i>Motacilla flava</i> |
| 2 | White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike | 1 | 2 | | <i>Coracina pectoralis</i> |
| 3 | Blue Cuckoo-shrike | 2 | 3 | | <i>Coracina azurea</i> |
| 3 | Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike | 3 | 2 | | <i>Campephaga phoenicea</i> |
| 3 | Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike | 2 | 1 | | <i>Campephaga quisqualis</i> |
| 3 | Common Bulbul | 13 | 20 | | <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> |
| 3 | Little Greenbul | 4 | 4 | | <i>Andropadus virens</i> |
| 3 | Little Grey Greenbul | 1 | 2 | | <i>Andropadus gracilis</i> |
| 1 | Ansorge's Greenbul | 1 | 1 | | <i>Andropadus ansorgei</i> |
| 3 | Slender-billed Greenbul | 2 | 10 | | <i>Andropadus gracilirostris</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-whiskered Greenbul | 1 | 2 | | <i>Andropadus latirostris</i> |
| 2 | Golden Greenbul | | | | <i>Calyptocichla serina</i> |
| 3 | Honeyguide Greenbul | 1 | 1 | | <i>Baeopogon indicator</i> |
| 3 | Spotted Greenbul | 2 | 8 | | <i>Ixonotus guttatus</i> |
| 3 | White-throated Greenbul | 1 | 2 | | <i>Phyllastrephus albigularis</i> |
| 2 | Western Bearded Greenbul | 1 | 1 | | <i>Criniger barbatus</i> |
| 1 | Yellow-bearded Greenbul | 2 | 3 | | <i>Criniger olivaceus</i> |
| 2 | Red-tailed Greenbul | 2 | 1 | | <i>Criniger calurus</i> |
| 3 | Cameroon Sombre Greenbul | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Andropadus curvirostris</i> |
| 3 | Icterine Greenbul | 3 | 2 | | <i>Phyllastrephus icterinus</i> |
| 2 | Grey-headed Bristlebill | 2 | 1 | H | <i>Bleda canicapillus</i> |
| 3 | Red-tailed Bristlebill | 2 | 2 | | <i>Bleda syndactylus</i> |
| 2 | Green-tailed Bristlebill | 1 | 1 | | <i>Bleda eximius</i> |
| 3 | Simple Leaflove | 4 | 2 | | <i>Chlorocichla simplex</i> |
| 1 | Yellow-throated Leaflove | 1 | 6 | | <i>Chlorocichla flavicollis</i> |
| 3 | Swamp Palm Bulbul | 4 | 4 | | <i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i> |
| 3 | Western Nicator | 2 | 2 | | <i>Nicator chloris</i> |
| 2 | Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush | 1 | 2 | | <i>Neocossyphus finschii</i> |
| 2 | African Thrush | 3 | 2 | | <i>Turdus pelios</i> |
| 3 | White-tailed Alethe | 1 | 3 | | <i>Alethe diademata</i> |
| 1 | White-tailed Ant Thrush | 1 | 1 | | <i>Neocossyphus poensis</i> |
| 3 | Forest Robin | 2 | 2 | | <i>Stiphornis erythrothorax</i> |
| 1 | Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat | | | | <i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i> |
| 2 | White-crowned Robin-Chat | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cossypha albicapilla</i> |
| 3 | White-crowned Cliff-Chat | 1 | 2 | | <i>Thamnolaea coronata</i> |
| 1 | Familiar Chat | 1 | 2 | | <i>Cercomela familiaris</i> |
| 1 | African Moustached Warbler | | | | <i>Melocichla mentalis</i> |
| 3 | Willow Warbler | 3 | 2 | | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> |
| 1 | Wood Warbler | | | | <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i> |
| 3 | Green Hylia | 3 | 2 | | <i>Hylia prasina</i> |
| 3 | Senegal Eremomela | 3 | 10 | | <i>Eremomela pusilla</i> |
| 2 | Rufous-crowned Eremomela | | | | <i>Eremomela badiceps</i> |
| 3 | Green Crombec | 1 | 2 | | <i>Sylvietta virens</i> |
| 3 | Northern Crombec | 1 | 2 | | <i>Sylvietta brachyura</i> |
| 1 | Lemon-bellied Crombec | 1 | 1 | | <i>Sylvietta denti</i> |
| 3 | Oriole Warbler | 3 | 2 | | <i>Hypergerus atriceps</i> |
| 3 | Violet-backed Hyliota | 1 | 2 | | <i>Hyliota violacea</i> |

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| 3 | Grey Longbill | 2 | 2 | | Macrosphenus concolor |
| 2 | Kemp's Longbill | 2 | 1 | H | Macrosphenus kempii |
| 3 | Grey-backed Camaroptera | 8 | 6 | | Camaroptera brachyura |
| 2 | Olive Green Camaroptera | 2 | 1 | | Camaroptera chloropus |
| 3 | Yellow-browed Camaroptera | 2 | 3 | | Camaroptera superciliaris |
| 3 | Tawny-flanked Prinia | 2 | 2 | | Prinia subflava |
| 2 | Red-winged Warbler | | | | Heliolais erythropterus |
| 2 | Yellow-breasted Apalis | 2 | 2 | | Apalis flavida |
| 2 | Black-capped Apalis | 1 | 2 | | Apalis nigriceps |
| 3 | Sharpe's Apalis | 2 | 2 | | Apalis sharpii |
| 3 | Red-faced Cisticola | 3 | 3 | | Cisticola erythroptus |
| 2 | Singing Cisticola | 1 | 2 | | Cisticola cantans |
| 3 | Whistling Cisticola | 1 | 2 | | Cisticola lateralis |
| 3 | Croaking Cisticola | 1 | 2 | | Cisticola natalensis |
| 3 | Short-winged Cisticola | 1 | 2 | | Cisticola brachypterus |
| 1 | Whinchat | | | | Saxicola rubetra |
| 2 | Zitting Cisticola | | | | Cisticola juncidis |
| 1 | Pale Flycatcher | | | | Bradornis pallidus |
| 3 | Northern Black Flycatcher | 5 | 6 | | Melaenornis edoloides |
| 3 | Fraser's Forest Flycatcher | 1 | 2 | | Fraseria ocreata |
| 3 | Spotted Flycatcher | 5 | 5 | | Muscicapa striata |
| 3 | Lead-coloured Flycatcher | 2 | 2 | | Myioparus plumbeus |
| 1 | Grey-throated Flycatcher | | | | Myioparus griseigularis |
| 3 | Ussher's Flycatcher | 1 | 6 | | Muscicapa ussheri |
| 3 | Dusky Blue Flycatcher | 2 | 3 | | Muscicapa comitata |
| 2 | Ashy Flycatcher | | | | Muscicapa caerulescens |
| 1 | Little Grey Flycatcher | 2 | 1 | | Muscicapa epulata |
| 3 | Pied Flycatcher | 4 | 5 | | Ficedula hypoleuca |
| 3 | Chestnut-capped Flycatcher | 3 | 2 | | Erythrocercus mccallii |
| 3 | African Blue Flycatcher | 1 | 1 | | Elminia longicauda |
| 3 | Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher | 2 | 1 | | Trochocercus nitens |
| 3 | Black-headed Paradise Flycatcher | 5 | 2 | | Terpsiphone rufiventer |
| 3 | African Paradise Flycatcher | 2 | 1 | | Terpsiphone viridis |
| 2 | Black-and-white Flycatcher | 3 | 1 | | Bias musicus |
| 1 | Shrike Flycatcher | 2 | 3 | | Megabyas flammulatus |
| 3 | Senegal Batis | 1 | 1 | | Batis senegalensis |
| 2 | Bioko Batis | 1 | 2 | | Batis poensis |
| 3 | Common Wattle-eye | 4 | 6 | | Platysteira cyanea |
| 3 | Chestnut Wattle-eye | 2 | 1 | | Platysteira castanea |
| 3 | Yellow-headed Picathartes | 1 | 4 | | Picathartes gymnocephalus |
| 1 | Brown Illadopsis | | | | Illadopsis fulvescens |
| 1 | Blackcap Illadopsis | 1 | 1 | | Illadopsis cleaveri |
| 1 | Pale-breasted Illadopsis | 2 | 3 | | Illadopsis rufipennis |
| 2 | Brown Babbler | 3 | 6 | | Turdoides plebejus |
| 3 | Blackcap Babbler | 2 | 6 | | Turdoides reinwardtii |
| 3 | White-shouldered Black Tit | 3 | 2 | | Melaniparus guineensis |
| 1 | Dusky Tit | 1 | 1 | | Parus funereus |
| 1 | Spotted Creeper | 1 | 1 | | Salpornis spilonotus |
| 1 | Western Violet-backed Sunbird | 1 | 6 | | Anthreptes longuemarei |
| 3 | Little Green Sunbird | 2 | 1 | | Anthreptes seimundi |
| 3 | Collared Sunbird | 5 | 3 | | Hedydipna collaris |
| 3 | Pygmy Sunbird | 2 | 5 | | Hedydipna platura |
| 3 | Blue-throated Brown Sunbird | 3 | 2 | | Cyanomitra cyanolaema |
| 3 | Olive Sunbird | 7 | 5 | | Cyanomitra olivacea |
| 3 | Buff-throated Sunbird | 3 | 4 | | Chalcomitra adelberti |
| 3 | Scarlet-chested Sunbird | 4 | 5 | | Chalcomitra senegalensis |
| 3 | Olive-bellied Sunbird | 3 | 3 | | Cinnyris chloropygius |

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| 3 | Tiny Sunbird | 2 | 3 | | Cinnyris minullus |
| 3 | Beautiful Sunbird | 2 | 6 | | Cinnyris pulchellus |
| 3 | Splendid Sunbird | 7 | 2 | | Cinnyris coccinigastrus |
| 3 | Green Sunbird | 1 | 1 | | Anthreptes rectirostris |
| 3 | Superb Sunbird | 1 | 2 | | Cinnyris superbus |
| 3 | Johanna'a Sunbird | 2 | 1 | | Cinnyris johannae |
| 3 | Fraser's Sunbird | 5 | 20 | | Deleornis fraseri |
| 3 | Copper Sunbird | 3 | 3 | | Cinnyris cupreus |
| 3 | Yellow White-eye | 3 | 4 | | Zosterops senegalensis |
| 3 | Tit Hylia | 4 | 2 | | Pholidornis rushiae |
| 3 | Common Fiscal | 5 | 10 | | Lanius collaris |
| 3 | Yellow-billed Shrike | 2 | 2 | | Corvinella corvina |
| 2 | White Helmet-shrike | 2 | 25 | | Prionops plumatus |
| 3 | Red-billed Helmet-shrike | 2 | 5 | | Prionops caniceps |
| 3 | Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike | 2 | 3 | | Telophorus sulfureopectus |
| 1 | Grey-headed Bush-shrike | 1 | 1 | H | Malaconotus blanchoti |
| 1 | Many-coloured Bush-shrike | 1 | 1 | H | Malaconotus multicolor |
| 3 | Northern Puffback | 5 | 3 | | Dryoscopus gambensis |
| 3 | Sabine's Puffback | 2 | 2 | | Dryoscopus sabinii |
| 3 | Yellow-crowned Gonolek | 4 | 2 | | Laniarius barbarus |
| 3 | Brubru | 1 | 1 | | Nilaus afer |
| 1 | Marsh Tchagra | | | | Tchagra minutus |
| 3 | Black-crowned Tchagra | 3 | 6 | | Tchagra senegalus |
| 3 | African Golden Oriole | 3 | 1 | | Oriolus auratus |
| 3 | Western Black-headed Oriole | 6 | 2 | | Oriolus brachyrhynchus |
| 3 | Black-winged Oriole | 4 | 4 | | Oriolus nigripennis |
| 3 | Shining Drongo | 2 | 2 | | Dicrurus atripennis |
| 3 | Fork-tailed Drongo | 5 | 10 | | Dicrurus adsimilis |
| 3 | Velvet-mantled Drongo | 4 | 12 | | Dicrurus modestus |
| 3 | Piapiac | 1 | 10 | | Ptilostomus afer |
| 3 | Pied Crow | 12 | 300 | | Corvus albus |
| 3 | Splendid Glossy Starling | 7 | 20 | | Lamprotornis splendidus |
| 1 | Narrow-tailed Starling | | | | Poeoptra lugubris |
| 3 | Purple Glossy Starling | 2 | 2 | | Lamprotornis purpureus |
| 3 | Long-tailed Glossy Starling | 4 | 10 | | Lamprotornis caudatus |
| 3 | Copper-tailed Glossy Starling | 1 | 8 | | Lamprotornis cupreocauda |
| 1 | Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling | | | | Lamprotornis chloropterus |
| 3 | Violet-backed Starling | 1 | 30 | | Cinnyricinclus leucogaster |
| 3 | Forest Chestnut-winged Starling | 1 | 2 | | Onychognathus fulgidus |
| 3 | Grey-headed Sparrow | 13 | 10 | | Passer griseus |
| 3 | Bush Petronia | 2 | 40 | | Petronia dentata |
| 3 | Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver | 3 | 6 | | Plocepasser superciliosus |
| 3 | Red-vented Malimbe | 2 | 6 | | Malimbus scutatus |
| 3 | Blue-billed Malimbe | 2 | 4 | | Malimbus nitens |
| 2 | Crested Malimbe | 3 | 1 | | Malimbus malimbicus |
| 3 | Red-headed Malimbe | 3 | 6 | | Malimbus rubricollis |
| 2 | Red-headed Weaver | 1 | 1 | | Anaplectes rubriceps |
| 1 | Compact Weaver | 1 | 5 | | Pachyphantus superciliosus |
| 3 | Little Weaver | 3 | 10 | | Ploceus luteolus |
| 3 | Black-necked Weaver | 3 | 6 | | Ploceus nigricollis |
| 3 | Orange Weaver | 3 | 30 | | Ploceus aurantius |
| 3 | Village Weaver | 7 | 10 | | Ploceus cucullatus |
| 3 | Yellow-mantled Weaver | 4 | 10 | | Ploceus tricolor |
| 2 | Maxwell's Black Weaver | 1 | 1 | | Ploceus albinucha |
| 3 | Vieillot's Black Weaver | 2 | 20 | | Ploceus nigerimus |

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| 3 | Preuss's Weaver | 1 | 1 | <i>Ploceus preussi</i> |
| 2 | Grosbeak Weaver | | | <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i> |
| 2 | Red-headed Quelea | 1 | 10 | <i>Quelea erythropis</i> |
| 3 | Northern Red Bishop | 2 | 4 | <i>Euplectes franciscanus</i> |
| 3 | Black-winged Bishop | 3 | 20 | <i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-mantled Widowbird | 2 | 2 | <i>Euplectes macroura</i> |
| 3 | Grey-headed Negrofinch | 2 | 2 | <i>Nigrita canicapillus</i> |
| 3 | Chestnut-breasted Negrofinch | 2 | 6 | <i>Nigrita bicolor</i> |
| 3 | White-breasted Negrofinch | 2 | 2 | <i>Nigrita fusconotus</i> |
| 3 | Orange-cheeked Waxbill | 4 | 10 | <i>Estrilda melpoda</i> |
| 1 | Black-rumped Waxbill | 2 | 5 | <i>Estrilda troglodytes</i> |
| 2 | Lavender Waxbill | 2 | 2 | <i>Estrilda caerulescens</i> |
| 2 | Western Bluebill | 2 | 2 | <i>Spermophaga haematina</i> |
| 3 | Red-cheeked Cordonbleu | 3 | 5 | <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i> |
| 1 | Red-billed Firefinch | 2 | 2 | <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> |
| 3 | Bar-breasted Firefinch | 5 | 10 | <i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i> |
| 2 | Black-bellied Firefinch | 1 | 1 | <i>Lagonosticta rara</i> |
| 3 | Bronze Mannikin | 7 | 10 | <i>Spermestes cucullatus</i> |
| 3 | Black-and-white Mannikin | 3 | 10 | <i>Spermestes bicolor</i> |
| 3 | Pin-tailed Whydah | 4 | 10 | <i>Vidua macroura</i> |
| 1 | Exclamatory Paradise Whydah | | | <i>Vidua interjecta</i> |
| 2 | Togo Paradise Whydah | 1 | 2 | <i>Vidua togoensis</i> |
| 1 | Village Indigobird | | | <i>Vidua chalybeata</i> |
| 3 | Wilson's Indigobird | 2 | 2 | <i>Vidua wilsoni</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-fronted Canary | 4 | 50 | <i>Serinus mozambicus</i> |
| 3 | Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting | 1 | 4 | <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i> |

Second tour detailed below:

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'We started the second tour to Ghana with an early morning visit to Shai Hills and White-crowned Cliff-chat, White-shouldered Black Tit, Rock Martin and Double-toothed Barbet were all seen well, providing an ideal introduction to birding in Ghana. On our drive towards Kakum we stopped briefly at Sukomona lagoon enjoying Collared Pratincoles, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Black Heron and Marsh Sandpipers among many others. Another short stop at Winneba plains produced a Black-bellied Bustard, a pair of African Hobby and a Red-necked Buzzard.

Kakum and its canopy walkway is always a highlight and over the course of two visits to the canopy and birding locally we were rewarded with some really special birds including at least 6 Black Bee-eaters, a flock of 26 Rosy Bee-eaters (only the 2nd time Robert has ever seen them perched as so often they just fly through at distance. The size of his smile was matched only by those of the group!), a Red-thighed Sparrowhawk perching long enough to be scoped, African Cuckoo Hawk, African Finfoot (on the 3rd attempt), Great Blue and Yellow-billed Turacos, White-crested, Brown-cheeked, both Black and Yellow-casqued, Black Dwarf, Red-billed Dwarf and Piping Hornbills, Black Cuckoo, Sabine's, Cassin's and Black Spinetails, the much sought after Yellow-footed Honeyguide, White-throated Blue and Preuss's Swallows, Golden and White-throated Greenbuls, Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike, Lemon-bellied Crombec, Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Kemp's Longbill, Sharpe's Apalis, Red-billed Helmet Shrike, Black and White Flycatcher and Red-vented Malimbe.

Our first tour in 2009 had enjoyed some superb birding at Ankasa and we once again made the long, hot walk toward the forest ponds. This time the birding was more frustrating although we had another brief African Finfoot, Great Blue Turaco and more additions to the list in the form of Blue-headed Wood Dove, Chocolate-backed and Blue-breasted Kingfishers, Rufous-sided Broadbill, Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush, Forest Robin, the localised Yellow-bearded Greenbul, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Square-tailed Saw-wing, White-tailed Alethe, with some of the group also seeing Ahanta Francolin, White-spotted Flufftail and a day roosting African Wood Owl. On our first evening at Ankasa we stayed out until after dark seeing not only African Wood Owl in flight but also an Akun Eagle Owl, and hearing Brown Nightjar (a species apparently only recorded from Kakum), Nkulengu Rail and African Civet Cat. Back at our hotel we were treated to feeding Long-tailed Nightjars after dinner and again after our early breakfast.

The Picathartes walk went well, and the birds (at least 2) arrived on time and showed to all. On the walk back down the heavens opened and we all received a thorough soaking, which couldn't dampen the spirits of those who had seen one of the most special birds in Africa! Soaked and tired we arrived back at our bus before transferring a few hours to our hotel, it had been a long day but if seeing Picathartes was easy then maybe they wouldn't be so special?

The drive to Mole seemed to go on forever but we actually shaved a half hour of the journey time and by the early evening we had seen Saddle-billed and Woolly-necked Storks, Hadada Ibis and mammals in the form of Kob, Water Buck and Bush Buck.

We spent two full days birding around Mole and they were quite simply exceptional with records of such sought after species as Rufous-rumped Lark and Forbe's Plover being of huge interest locally (presumably a result of the Harmattan wind or weather conditions elsewhere in Africa, either way these events may have just been a one off?) The drier conditions than two weeks previously also produced African Hawk-Eagles, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-lark, Sun Lark, White-fronted Black Chat, 2 flight views of White-bellied Bustards, Four-banded Sandgrouse, an out of habitat Narina's Trogon and what may prove to be the first Black-headed Yellow Wagtail for Ghana (a potential split for the future). Of the more regular Mole species we also did well and were spoilt for choice between Bateleur, Tawny, Martial, Booted and Wahlberg's Eagles, Lizard and Grasshopper Buzzards, Greyish Eagle Owl, Abyssinian Ground Hornbill, Red-throated Bee-eater, Abyssinian, Rufous-crowned, Broad-billed and Blue-bellied Rollers, Black Wood-Hoopoe, White-breasted and Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike, both Snowy and White-crowned Robin-Chats,

Western Violet-backed and Green-headed Sunbirds, Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike, Square-tailed Drongo and Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting.

Returning via a long drive to Kumasi we had a few hours before dinner to relax before the next mornings early start to Bobiri. Once the mist lifted our list continued to grow with the likes of Afep and Western Bronze-naped Pigeons, another 2 Narina's Trogons, Forest Wood-Hoopoe and Blue Cuckoo-shrike before moving on to the foothills of the Atewa hill range. Over one afternoon and the following morning we connected with Blue-headed Coucal, at least 3 Blue-headed Bee-eaters, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Cassin's Honeybird, a very brief Forest Scrub-Robin and the cute Tit-Hylia.

A superb end to another superb trip to one of Africa's most exciting countries. It seems that new sites are being discovered all the time and birding in Ghana goes from strength to strength. Of course it is still West Africa, things don't always run smoothly from power to water and traffic to food but our ground agents ensure that we are superbly looked after. Birding with Robert was once again a revelation and his sharpness in the field is rightly legendary. Alongside Robert we were helped by our regular local guides and driver, all a huge help in picking out birds, carrying spare water, helping with luggage and always good natured. I'm looking forward to 2010 already!

– James Lidster.

BIRD LIST – Second Tour:

Column A = Number of tours on which this species has been recorded.

Column B = Number of days this species was seen on the last tour.

Column C = Maximum daily count for this species on the last tour.

H= Heard only.

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| 4 | Long-tailed Cormorant | 3 | 30 | | <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i> |
| 1 | Little Grebe | 1 | 4 | | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> |
| 4 | Grey Heron | 4 | 10 | | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> |
| 4 | Black-headed Heron | 2 | 3 | | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> |
| 4 | Purple Heron | 4 | 1 | | <i>Ardea purpurea</i> |
| 4 | Great Egret | 3 | 10 | | <i>Ardea alba</i> |
| 4 | Black Heron | 1 | 15 | | <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i> |
| 4 | Intermediate Egret | 1 | 2 | | <i>Egretta intermedia</i> |
| 4 | Little Egret | 5 | 50 | | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> |
| 4 | Western Reef-Heron | 1 | 10 | | <i>Egretta gularis</i> |
| 4 | Squacco Heron | 4 | 3 | | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> |
| 4 | Cattle Egret | 13 | 100 | | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> |
| 4 | Green-backed Heron | 2 | 1 | | <i>Butorides striata</i> |
| 3 | Black-crowned Night-Heron | 3 | 6 | | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> |
| 4 | Hamerkop | 2 | 10 | | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> |
| 4 | Woolly-necked Stork | 2 | 4 | | <i>Ciconia episcopus</i> |
| 4 | Saddle-billed Stork | 4 | 1 | | <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i> |
| 4 | Hadada Ibis | 4 | 10 | | <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i> |
| 2 | Glossy Ibis | | | | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> |
| 2 | African Spoonbill | | | | <i>Platalea alba</i> |
| 4 | White-faced Whistling-Duck | 7 | 200 | | <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i> |
| 2 | Spur-winged Goose | | | | <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> |
| 1 | Osprey | | | | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> |
| 4 | African Cuckoo-Hawk | 1 | 1 | | <i>Aviceda cuculoides</i> |
| 4 | Black-shouldered Kite | 1 | 3 | | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-billed Black Kite | 13 | 100 | | <i>Milvus migrans parasitus</i> |
| 4 | Palm-nut Vulture | 4 | 3 | | <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i> |
| 4 | Hooded Vulture | 13 | 30 | | <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i> |
| 4 | White-backed Vulture | 2 | 5 | | <i>Gyps africanus</i> |
| 3 | White-headed Vulture | | | | <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i> |
| 3 | Western Banded Snake-Eagle | | | | <i>Circaetus cinerascens</i> |
| 4 | Bateleur | 3 | 4 | | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> |
| 4 | Congo Serpent-Eagle | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Dryotriorchis spectabilis</i> |
| 4 | Western Marsh-Harrier | 2 | 2 | | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> |
| 4 | European Honey Buzzard | 3 | 1 | | <i>Pernis apivorus</i> |
| 4 | African Harrier-Hawk | 7 | 4 | | <i>Polyboroides typus</i> |
| 4 | Lizard Buzzard | 4 | 10 | | <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i> |
| 3 | Dark Chanting-Goshawk | | | | <i>Melierax metabates</i> |
| 4 | Gabar Goshawk | 1 | 1 | | <i>Micronisus gabar</i> |
| 4 | Shikra | 4 | 6 | | <i>Accipiter badius</i> |
| 3 | African Goshawk | 1 | 1 | | <i>Accipiter tachiro</i> |
| 4 | Red-thighed Sparrowhawk | 2 | 1 | | <i>Accipiter erythropus</i> |
| 3 | Black Sparrowhawk | | | | <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i> |
| 1 | Long-tailed Hawk | | | | <i>Urotriorchis macrourus</i> |
| 4 | Grasshopper Buzzard | 4 | 10 | | <i>Butastur rufipennis</i> |
| 4 | Red-necked Buzzard | 7 | 2 | | <i>Buteo auguralis</i> |
| 4 | Tawny Eagle | 1 | 2 | | <i>Aquila rapax</i> |

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| 4 | Wahlberg's Eagle | 1 | 1 | | <i>Aquila wahlbergi</i> |
| 1 | Ayres' Hawk-Eagle | | | | <i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i> |
| 1 | Cassin's Hawk-Eagle | | | | <i>Spizaetus africanus</i> |
| 1 | African Hawk-Eagle | 2 | 2 | | <i>Hieraaetus spilogaster</i> |
| 3 | Martial Eagle | 2 | 1 | | <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i> |
| 4 | Grey Kestrel | 5 | 3 | | <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i> |
| 1 | Red-necked Falcon | | | | <i>Falco chicquera</i> |
| 4 | Common Kestrel | 1 | 1 | | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> |
| 3 | African Hobby | 3 | 2 | | <i>Falco cuvierii</i> |
| 4 | Lanner Falcon | 5 | 2 | | <i>Falco biarmicus</i> |
| 4 | Double-spurred Francolin | 4 | 2 | | <i>Francolinus bicalcaratus</i> |
| 2 | Ahanta Francolin | 1 | 1 | | <i>Francolinus ahantensis</i> |
| 1 | Latham's Forest Francolin | | | | <i>Francolinus lathamii</i> |
| 4 | Stone Partridge | 4 | 7 | | <i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i> |
| 4 | Helmeted Guineafowl | 2 | 30 | | <i>Numida meleagris</i> |
| 1 | Crested Guineafowl | | | | <i>Guttera pucherani</i> |
| 4 | White-spotted Flufftail | 1 | 1 | | <i>Sarothrura pulchra</i> |
| 4 | Black Crake | 2 | 2 | | <i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i> |
| 1 | Nkulengu Rail | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Himantornis haematopus</i> |
| 1 | Common Moorhen | | | | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> |
| 4 | African Finfoot | 2 | 1 | | <i>Podica senegalensis</i> |
| 4 | African Jacana | 6 | 10 | | <i>Actophilornis africanus</i> |
| 2 | Black-bellied Bustard | 1 | 1 | | <i>Eupodoptis melanogastor</i> |
| 1 | White-bellied Bustard | 2 | 1 | | <i>Eupodoptis senegalensis</i> |
| 4 | Black-winged Stilt | 1 | 10 | | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> |
| 4 | Senegal Thick-knee | 3 | 5 | | <i>Burhinus senegalensis</i> |
| 4 | Collared Pratincole | 1 | 200 | | <i>Glareola pratincola</i> |
| 2 | Rock Pratincole | | | | <i>Glareola nucharis</i> |
| 4 | Spur-winged Lapwing | 2 | 6 | | <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> |
| 4 | African Wattled Lapwing | 3 | 10 | | <i>Vanellus senegallus</i> |
| 2 | Greater Painted-snipe | | | | <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> |
| 4 | Grey Plover | 1 | 5 | | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> |
| 4 | Common Ringed Plover | 1 | 10 | | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> |
| 2 | Kittlitz's Plover | | | | <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i> |
| 1 | Forbe's Plover | 2 | 3 | | <i>Charadrius forbesi</i> |
| 2 | Black-tailed Godwit | 0 | 0 | | <i>Limosa limosa</i> |
| 4 | Eurasian Whimbrel | 1 | 2 | | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> |
| 4 | Common Sandpiper | 5 | 7 | | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> |
| 3 | Spotted Redshank | 1 | 20 | | <i>Tringa erythropus</i> |
| 4 | Common Greenshank | 1 | 40 | | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> |
| 4 | Marsh Sandpiper | 1 | 5 | | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> |
| 1 | Green Sandpiper | | | | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> |
| 4 | Wood Sandpiper | 1 | 2 | | <i>Tringa glareola</i> |
| 4 | Common Redshank | 1 | 2 | | <i>Tringa totanus</i> |
| 3 | Ruddy Turnstone | 1 | 3 | | <i>Arenaria interpres</i> |
| 4 | Sanderling | 1 | 2 | | <i>Calidris alba</i> |
| 4 | Little Stint | 1 | 2 | | <i>Calidris minuta</i> |
| 4 | Curlew Sandpiper | 1 | 10 | | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> |
| 4 | Ruff | 1 | 3 | | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> |
| 3 | Arctic Skua | | | | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> |
| 1 | Pomarine Skua | | | | <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i> |
| 2 | Black Tern | | | | <i>Chlidonias niger</i> |
| 2 | Whiskered Tern | | | | <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> |
| 4 | Common Tern | 1 | 60 | | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> |

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| 2 | Royal Tern | | | <i>Thalasseus maximus</i> |
| 3 | Sandwich Tern | | | <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i> |
| 1 | Caspian Tern | | | <i>Sterna caspia</i> |
| 4 | Four-banded Sandgrouse | 2 | 4 | <i>Pterocles quadricinctus</i> |
| 4 | Afep Pigeon | 1 | 1 | <i>Columba unicincta</i> |
| 1 | Speckled Pigeon | 1 | 3 | <i>Columba guinea</i> |
| 3 | Western Bronze-naped Pigeon | 1 | 1 | <i>Columba iriditorques</i> |
| 4 | Red-eyed Dove | 13 | 6 | <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> |
| 4 | Vinaceous Dove | 5 | 50 | <i>Streptopelia vinacea</i> |
| 4 | Laughing Dove | 13 | 10 | <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i> |
| 4 | Black-billed Wood-Dove | 2 | 6 | <i>Turtur abyssinicus</i> |
| 4 | Blue-spotted Wood-Dove | 2 | 2 | <i>Turtur afer</i> |
| 4 | Tambourine Dove | 4 | 2 | <i>Turtur tympanistria</i> |
| 4 | Blue-headed Wood-Dove | 2 | 1 | <i>Turtur brehmeri</i> |
| 2 | Namaqua Dove | | | <i>Oena capensis</i> |
| 3 | Bruce's Green-Pigeon | 2 | 10 | <i>Treron waalia</i> |
| 4 | African Green-Pigeon | 11 | 20 | <i>Treron calvus</i> |
| 4 | Rose-ringed Parakeet | 3 | 20 | <i>Psittacula krameri</i> |
| 1 | Black-collared Lovebird | | | <i>Agapornis swindernianus</i> |
| 2 | Red-headed Lovebird | 1 | 1 | <i>Agapornis pullarius</i> |
| 4 | Grey Parrot | 1 | 2 | <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> |
| 4 | Red-fronted Parrot | 4 | 5 | <i>Poicephalus gularis</i> |
| 4 | Senegal Parrot | 4 | 15 | <i>Poicephalus senegalus</i> |
| 2 | Great Blue Turaco | 2 | 1 | <i>Corythaeola cristata</i> |
| 1 | Green Turaco | | | <i>Tauraco persa</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-billed Turaco | 3 | 4 | <i>Tauraco macrorhynchus</i> |
| 4 | Violet Turaco | 3 | 3 | <i>Musophaga violacea</i> |
| 4 | Western Grey Plantain-eater | 6 | 6 | <i>Crinifer piscator</i> |
| 4 | Levaillant's Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | <i>Clamator levaillantii</i> |
| 1 | Great spotted Cuckoo | | | <i>Clamator glandarius</i> |
| 4 | Black Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | <i>Cuculus clamosus</i> |
| 1 | African Cuckoo | | | <i>Cuculus gularis</i> |
| 4 | Klaas's Cuckoo | 2 | 1 | <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> |
| 4 | Dideric Cuckoo | 2 | 2 | <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i> |
| 3 | African Emerald Cuckoo | 0 | 0 | <i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i> |
| 3 | Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo | 1 | 1 | <i>Cercococcyx olivinus</i> |
| 1 | Yellow-throated Cuckoo | | | <i>Chrysococcyx flavigularis</i> |
| 2 | Thick-billed Cuckoo | | | <i>Pachycoccyx audeberti</i> |
| 4 | Yellowbill | 2 | 2 | <i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i> |
| 4 | Black-throated Coucal | 1 | 1 | <i>Centropus leucogaster</i> |
| 2 | Blue-headed Coucal | 1 | 1 | <i>Centropus monachus</i> |
| 4 | Senegal Coucal | 10 | 2 | <i>Centropus senegalensis</i> |
| 2 | Black Coucal | | | <i>Centropus grillii</i> |
| 4 | Greyish Eagle-Owl | 2 | 1 | <i>Bubo cinerascens</i> |
| 3 | Fraser's Eagle Owl | | | <i>Bubo poensis</i> |
| 1 | Akun Eagle Owl | 1 | 1 | <i>Bubo leucostictus</i> |
| 1 | African Wood Owl | 2 | 1 | <i>Strix woodfordii</i> |
| 2 | African Scops Owl | | | <i>Otus senegalensis</i> |
| 1 | Northern White-faced Scops Owl | | | <i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i> |
| 4 | Pearl-spotted Owlet | 1 | 1 | <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i> |
| 1 | Plain Nightjar | | | <i>Caprimulgus inornatus</i> |
| 4 | Long-tailed Nightjar | 4 | 7 | <i>Caprimulgus climacurus</i> |
| 4 | Brown Nightjar | 2 | 1 | <i>Veles binotatus</i> |
| 1 | Standard-winged Nightjar | | | <i>Macrodipteryx longipennis</i> |

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| 1 | Mottled Spinetail | | | <i>Telacanthura ussheri</i> |
| 4 | Sabine's Spinetail | 3 | 2 | <i>Rhaphidura sabini</i> |
| 4 | Cassin's Spinetail | 5 | 4 | <i>Neafrapus cassini</i> |
| 4 | Black Spinetail | 1 | 1 | <i>Telacanthura melanopygia</i> |
| 4 | African Palm-Swift | 10 | 15 | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> |
| 4 | Common Swift | 7 | 2 | <i>Apus apus</i> |
| 1 | Pallid Swift | 1 | 5 | <i>Apus pallidus</i> |
| 4 | Little Swift | 11 | 20 | <i>Apus affinis</i> |
| 1 | White-rumped Swift | | | <i>Apus caffer</i> |
| 4 | Narina's Trogon | 2 | 2 | <i>Apaloderma narina</i> |
| 4 | Malachite Kingfisher | 3 | 1 | <i>Alcedo cristata</i> |
| 1 | White-bellied Kingfisher | | | <i>Alcedo leucogaster</i> |
| 3 | Shining Blue Kingfisher | 1 | 1 | <i>Alcedo quadibrachys</i> |
| 4 | Chocolate-backed Kingfisher | 2 | 1 | <i>Halcyon badia</i> |
| 4 | Grey-headed Kingfisher | 1 | 5 | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> |
| 4 | Woodland Kingfisher | 9 | 6 | <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i> |
| 4 | Blue-breasted Kingfisher | 3 | 2 | <i>Halcyon malimbica</i> |
| 3 | Striped Kingfisher | | | <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> |
| 3 | African Pygmy Kingfisher | 4 | 1 | <i>Ceyx pictus</i> |
| 4 | Giant Kingfisher | 5 | 3 | <i>Megaceryle maximus</i> |
| 4 | Pied Kingfisher | 4 | 6 | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> |
| 4 | Black Bee-eater | 2 | 6 | <i>Merops gularis</i> |
| 4 | Blue-headed Bee-eater | 1 | 3 | <i>Merops muelleri</i> |
| 4 | Red-throated Bee-eater | 2 | 100 | <i>Merops bullocki</i> |
| 2 | Little Bee-eater | | | <i>Merops pusillus</i> |
| 4 | White-throated Bee-eater | 9 | 50 | <i>Merops albicollis</i> |
| 3 | Rosy Bee-eater | 1 | 26 | <i>Merops malimbicus</i> |
| 1 | European Bee-eater | | | <i>Merops apiaster</i> |
| 4 | Abyssinian Roller | 3 | 10 | <i>Coracias abyssinicus</i> |
| 4 | Rufous-crowned Roller | 1 | 1 | <i>Coracias noevius</i> |
| 4 | Blue-bellied Roller | 2 | 5 | <i>Coracias cyanogaster</i> |
| 4 | Broad-billed Roller | 2 | 6 | <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i> |
| 3 | Blue-throated Roller | 3 | 5 | <i>Eurystomus gularis</i> |
| 4 | Green Wood hoopoe | 2 | 5 | <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i> |
| 3 | Forest Wood hoopoe | 1 | 2 | <i>Phoeniculus castaneiceps</i> |
| 2 | White-headed Wood-hoopoe | | | <i>Phoeniculus bollei</i> |
| 2 | Black Wood-hoopoe | 1 | 4 | <i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i> |
| 4 | White-crested Hornbill | 2 | 2 | <i>Tockus albocristatus</i> |
| 3 | Black Dwarf Hornbill | 2 | 2 | <i>Tockus hartlaubi</i> |
| 3 | Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill | 1 | 1 | <i>Tockus camurus</i> |
| 4 | Red-billed Hornbill | 2 | 2 | <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> |
| 4 | African Pied Hornbill | 11 | 10 | <i>Tockus fasciatus</i> |
| 4 | African Grey Hornbill | 5 | 30 | <i>Tockus nasutus</i> |
| 4 | Piping Hornbill | 3 | 3 | <i>Ceratogymna fistulator</i> |
| 4 | Brown-cheeked Hornbill | 1 | 2 | <i>Ceratogymna cylindrica</i> |
| 4 | Black-casqued Hornbill | 1 | 3 | <i>Ceratogymna atrata</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-casqued Hornbill | 1 | 2 | <i>Ceratogymna elata</i> |
| 3 | Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill | 1 | 3 | <i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-billed Barbet | | | <i>Trachyphonus purpuratus</i> |
| 4 | Bristle-nosed Barbet | 4 | 3 | <i>Gymnobucco peli</i> |
| 4 | Naked-faced Barbet | 4 | 2 | <i>Gymnobucco calvus</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-spotted Barbet | 1 | 1 | <i>Buccanodon duchaillui</i> |
| 4 | Speckled Tinkerbird | 3 | 2 | <i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i> |
| 4 | Red-rumped Tinkerbird | 1 | 2 | <i>Pogoniulus atroflavus</i> |

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| 3 | Yellow-throated Tinkerbird | 2 | 2 | | <i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i> |
| 2 | Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird | | | | <i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird | 1 | 2 | | <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i> |
| 4 | Hairy-breasted Barbet | 1 | 1 | | <i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i> |
| 4 | Vieillot's Barbet | 2 | 5 | | <i>Lybius vieilloti</i> |
| 3 | Double-toothed Barbet | 1 | 2 | | <i>Lybius bidentatus</i> |
| 4 | Bearded Barbet | 2 | 3 | | <i>Lybius dubius</i> |
| 1 | Least Honeyguide | | | | <i>Indicator exilis</i> |
| 4 | Greater Honeyguide | 1 | 1 | | <i>Indicator indicator</i> |
| 2 | Yellow-footed Honeyguide | 1 | 1 | | <i>Melignomon eisentrauti</i> |
| 4 | Cassin's Honeybird | 2 | 1 | | <i>Prodotiscus insignis</i> |
| 2 | Buff-spotted Woodpecker | | | | <i>Campethera nivosa</i> |
| 4 | Gabon Woodpecker | 2 | 1 | | <i>Dendropicus gabonensis</i> |
| 4 | Fire-bellied Woodpecker | 1 | 4 | | <i>Dendropicus pyrrhogaster</i> |
| 4 | Grey Woodpecker | 1 | 1 | | <i>Dendropicus goertae</i> |
| 1 | Brown-backed Woodpecker | | | | <i>Dendropicus obsoletus</i> |
| 1 | Cardinal Woodpecker | 1 | 2 | | <i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i> |
| 3 | Little Green Woodpecker | 1 | 2 | | <i>Campethera maculosa</i> |
| 2 | African Piculet | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Sasia africana</i> |
| 4 | Rufous-sided Broadbill | 1 | 1 | | <i>Smithornis rufolateralis</i> |
| 2 | Sun Lark | 2 | 5 | | <i>Galerida modesta</i> |
| 1 | Rufous-rumped Lark | 1 | 3 | | <i>Pinarocorys erythropygia</i> |
| 1 | Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark | 2 | 6 | | <i>Eremopterix leucotis</i> |
| 2 | Fanti Saw-wing | | | | <i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i> |
| 2 | Square-tailed Saw-wing | 1 | 6 | | <i>Psalidoprocne nitens</i> |
| 4 | Barn Swallow | 12 | 100 | | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> |
| 4 | Wire-tailed Swallow | 1 | 3 | | <i>Hirundo smithii</i> |
| 4 | Ethiopian Swallow | 2 | 4 | | <i>Hirundo aethiopica</i> |
| 1 | Mosque Swallow | | | | <i>Hirundo senegalensis</i> |
| 2 | House Martin | 1 | 10 | | <i>Delichon urbicum</i> |
| 4 | White-throated Blue Swallow | 1 | 1 | | <i>Hirundo nigrita</i> |
| 3 | Rock Martin | 1 | 2 | | <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> |
| 4 | Lesser Striped-Swallow | 4 | 10 | | <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i> |
| 4 | Preuss'Ss Cliff Swallow | 2 | 6 | | <i>Petrochelidon preussi</i> |
| 3 | Tree Pipit | 1 | 1 | | <i>Anthus trivialis</i> |
| 1 | Plain-backed Pipit | | | | <i>Anthus leucophrys</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-throated Longclaw | 1 | 2 | | <i>Macronyx croceus</i> |
| 4 | African Pied Wagtail | 6 | 6 | | <i>Motacilla aguimp</i> |
| 4 | Yellow Wagtail | 1 | 1 | | <i>Motacilla flava</i> |
| 1 | 'Black-headed" Yellow Wagtail | 1 | 1 | | <i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i> |
| 3 | White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike | 2 | 1 | | <i>Coracina pectoralis</i> |
| 4 | Blue Cuckoo-shrike | 2 | 3 | | <i>Coracina azurea</i> |
| 4 | Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike | 2 | 2 | | <i>Campephaga phoenicea</i> |
| 4 | Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike | 1 | 2 | | <i>Campephaga quisqualina</i> |
| 4 | Common Bulbul | 13 | 50 | | <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> |
| 4 | Little Greenbul | 1 | 2 | | <i>Andropadus virens</i> |
| 4 | Little Grey Greenbul | 1 | 2 | | <i>Andropadus gracilis</i> |
| 1 | Ansorge's Greenbul | 0 | 0 | | <i>Andropadus ansorgei</i> |
| 4 | Slender-billed Greenbul | 4 | 2 | | <i>Andropadus gracilirostris</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-whiskered Greenbul | 2 | 1 | | <i>Andropadus latirostris</i> |
| 3 | Golden Greenbul | 1 | 1 | | <i>Calyptocichla serina</i> |
| 4 | Honeyguide Greenbul | 1 | 1 | | <i>Baeopogon indicator</i> |
| 4 | Spotted Greenbul | 1 | 1 | | <i>Ixonotus guttatus</i> |
| 4 | White-throated Greenbul | 1 | 1 | | <i>Phyllastrephus albigularis</i> |

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| 3 | Western Bearded Greenbul | 1 | 2 | | <i>Criniger barbatus</i> |
| 2 | Yellow-bearded Greenbul | 1 | 2 | | <i>Criniger olivaceus</i> |
| 3 | Red-tailed Greenbul | 2 | 2 | | <i>Criniger calurus</i> |
| 4 | Cameroon Sombre Greenbul | 3 | 2 | | <i>Andropadus curvirostris</i> |
| 4 | Icterine Greenbul | 4 | 1 | | <i>Phyllastrephus icterinus</i> |
| 2 | Grey-headed Bristlebill | | | | <i>Bleda canicapillus</i> |
| 4 | Red-tailed Bristlebill | 2 | 1 | | <i>Bleda syndactylus</i> |
| 2 | Green-tailed Bristlebill | | | | <i>Bleda eximius</i> |
| 4 | Simple Leaflove | 3 | 2 | | <i>Chlorocichla simplex</i> |
| 1 | Yellow-throated Leaflove | | | | <i>Chlorocichla flavicollis</i> |
| 4 | Swamp Palm Bulbul | 3 | 2 | | <i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i> |
| 4 | Western Nicator | 2 | 1 | H | <i>Nicator chloris</i> |
| 3 | Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush | 1 | 1 | | <i>Neocossyphus finschii</i> |
| 3 | African Thrush | 3 | 2 | | <i>Turdus pelios</i> |
| 4 | White-tailed Alethe | 1 | 1 | | <i>Alethe diademata</i> |
| 1 | White-tailed Ant Thrush | | | | <i>Neocossyphus poensis</i> |
| 4 | Forest Robin | 1 | 1 | | <i>Stiphrornis erythrothorax</i> |
| 2 | Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat | 2 | 1 | | <i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i> |
| 3 | White-crowned Robin-Chat | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cossypha albicapilla</i> |
| 1 | Forest Scrub Robin | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cercotrichas leucosticta</i> |
| 4 | White-crowned Cliff-Chat | 1 | 1 | | <i>Thamnolaea coronata</i> |
| 1 | Familiar Chat | | | | <i>Cercomela familiaris</i> |
| 1 | White-fronted Black Chat | 1 | 2 | | <i>Myrmecocichla albifrons</i> |
| 2 | African Moustached Warbler | 1 | 1 | | <i>Melocichla mentalis</i> |
| 4 | Willow Warbler | 2 | 2 | | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> |
| 1 | Wood Warbler | | | | <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i> |
| 4 | Green Hylia | 3 | 3 | | <i>Hylia prasina</i> |
| 4 | Senegal Eremomela | 2 | 6 | | <i>Eremomela pusilla</i> |
| 3 | Rufous-crowned Eremomela | 1 | 4 | | <i>Eremomela badiceps</i> |
| 4 | Green Crombec | 2 | 2 | | <i>Sylvietta virens</i> |
| 3 | Northern Crombec | | | | <i>Sylvietta brachyura</i> |
| 2 | Lemon-bellied Crombec | 1 | 1 | | <i>Sylvietta denti</i> |
| 4 | Oriole Warbler | 1 | 2 | | <i>Hypergerus atriceps</i> |
| 3 | Violet-backed Hyliota | | | | <i>Hyliota violacea</i> |
| 4 | Grey Longbill | 2 | 2 | | <i>Macrosphenus concolor</i> |
| 3 | Kemp's Longbill | 1 | 2 | | <i>Macrosphenus kempii</i> |
| 4 | Grey-backed Camaroptera | 3 | 2 | | <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i> |
| 3 | Olive Green Camaroptera | 1 | 1 | | <i>Camaroptera chloropus</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-browed Camaroptera | 3 | 2 | | <i>Camaroptera superciliaris</i> |
| 4 | Tawny-flanked Prinia | 3 | 2 | | <i>Prinia subflava</i> |
| 3 | Red-winged Warbler | 1 | 1 | | <i>Heliolais erythropterus</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-breasted Apalis | 1 | 2 | | <i>Apalis flavida</i> |
| 3 | Black-capped Apalis | 2 | 2 | | <i>Apalis nigriceps</i> |
| 4 | Sharpe's Apalis | 1 | 2 | | <i>Apalis sharpii</i> |
| 4 | Red-faced Cisticola | 1 | 2 | | <i>Cisticola erythropus</i> |
| 3 | Singing Cisticola | 1 | 3 | | <i>Cisticola cantans</i> |
| 4 | Whistling Cisticola | 3 | 1 | | <i>Cisticola lateralis</i> |
| 3 | Croaking Cisticola | | | | <i>Cisticola natalensis</i> |
| 4 | Short-winged Cisticola | 1 | 2 | | <i>Cisticola brachypterus</i> |
| 2 | Whinchat | 2 | 2 | | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i> |
| 2 | Pale Flycatcher | 1 | 3 | | <i>Bradornis pallidus</i> |
| 4 | Northern Black Flycatcher | 3 | 10 | | <i>Melaenornis edoloides</i> |
| 4 | Fraser's Forest Flycatcher | 5 | 2 | | <i>Fraseria ocreata</i> |
| 4 | Spotted Flycatcher | 3 | 5 | | <i>Muscicapa striata</i> |

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| 4 | Lead-coloured Flycatcher | 2 | 1 | | <i>Myioparus plumbeus</i> |
| 1 | Grey-throated Flycatcher | | | | <i>Myioparus griseigularis</i> |
| 4 | Ussher's Flycatcher | 3 | 2 | | <i>Muscicapa ussheri</i> |
| 4 | Dusky Blue Flycatcher | 1 | 1 | | <i>Muscicapa comitata</i> |
| 3 | Ashy Flycatcher | 1 | 1 | | <i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i> |
| 2 | Little Grey Flycatcher | 2 | 2 | | <i>Muscicapa epulata</i> |
| 4 | Pied Flycatcher | 3 | 2 | | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i> |
| 4 | Chestnut-capped Flycatcher | 2 | 2 | | <i>Erythrocercus mccallii</i> |
| 4 | African Blue Flycatcher | 2 | 3 | | <i>Elminia longicauda</i> |
| 3 | Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher | | | | <i>Trochocercus nitens</i> |
| 4 | Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher | 7 | 3 | | <i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i> |
| 4 | African Paradise Flycatcher | 2 | 4 | | <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> |
| 3 | Black-and-white Flycatcher | 1 | 2 | | <i>Bias musicus</i> |
| 1 | Shrike Flycatcher | 0 | 0 | | <i>Megabyas flammulatus</i> |
| 4 | Senegal Batis | 2 | 1 | | <i>Batis senegalensis</i> |
| 2 | Bioko Batis | 0 | 0 | | <i>Batis poensis</i> |
| 4 | Common Wattle-eye | 1 | 2 | | <i>Platysteira cyanea</i> |
| 4 | Chestnut Wattle-eye | 2 | 2 | | <i>Platysteira castanea</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-headed Picathartes | 1 | 2 | | <i>Picathartes gymnocephalus</i> |
| 1 | Brown Illadopsis | | | | <i>Illadopsis fulvescens</i> |
| 2 | Blackcap Illadopsis | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Illadopsis cleaveri</i> |
| 2 | Pale-breasted Illadopsis | 2 | 2 | | <i>Illadopsis rufipennis</i> |
| 3 | Brown Babbler | 1 | 2 | | <i>Turdoides plebejus</i> |
| 4 | Blackcap Babbler | 1 | 3 | | <i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i> |
| 4 | White-shouldered Black Tit | 1 | 6 | | <i>Melaniparus guineensis</i> |
| 1 | Dusky Tit | | | | <i>Parus funereus</i> |
| 2 | Spotted Creeper | 1 | 1 | | <i>Salpornis spilonotus</i> |
| 2 | Western Violet-backed Sunbird | 2 | 2 | | <i>Anthreptes longuemarei</i> |
| 4 | Little Green Sunbird | 1 | 2 | | <i>Anthreptes seimundi</i> |
| 4 | Collared Sunbird | 8 | 6 | | <i>Hedydipna collaris</i> |
| 4 | Pygmy Sunbird | 2 | 2 | | <i>Hedydipna platyura</i> |
| 4 | Blue-throated Brown Sunbird | 3 | 2 | | <i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i> |
| 4 | Olive Sunbird | 6 | 6 | | <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i> |
| 4 | Buff-throated Sunbird | 3 | 2 | | <i>Chalcomitra adelberti</i> |
| 4 | Scarlet-chested Sunbird | 3 | 4 | | <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i> |
| 4 | Olive-bellied Sunbird | 3 | 2 | | <i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i> |
| 4 | Tiny Sunbird | 2 | 2 | | <i>Cinnyris minullus</i> |
| 4 | Beautiful Sunbird | 1 | 2 | | <i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i> |
| 4 | Splendid Sunbird | 2 | 5 | | <i>Cinnyris coccinigastrus</i> |
| 4 | Green Sunbird | 2 | 1 | | <i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i> |
| 4 | Superb Sunbird | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cinnyris superbus</i> |
| 4 | Johanna'a Sunbird | 2 | 3 | | <i>Cinnyris johannae</i> |
| 4 | Fraser's Sunbird | 3 | 2 | | <i>Deleornis fraseri</i> |
| 4 | Copper Sunbird | 2 | 6 | | <i>Cinnyris cupreus</i> |
| 1 | Green-headed Sunbird | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i> |
| 1 | Mouse Brown Sunbird | 1 | 2 | | <i>Anthreptes gabonicus</i> |
| 4 | Yellow White-eye | 2 | 4 | | <i>Zosterops senegalensis</i> |
| 4 | Tit Hylia | 3 | 2 | | <i>Pholidornis rushiae</i> |
| 4 | Common Fiscal | 9 | 6 | | <i>Lanius collaris</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-billed Shrike | 1 | 2 | | <i>Corvinella corvina</i> |
| 2 | White Helmet-shrike | | | | <i>Prionops plumatus</i> |
| 4 | Red-billed Helmet-shrike | 1 | 4 | | <i>Prionops caniceps</i> |
| 4 | Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike | 2 | 3 | | <i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i> |
| 1 | Grey-headed Bush-shrike | | | | <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i> |

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| 1 | Many-coloured Bush-shrike | | | <i>Malaconotus multicolor</i> |
| 4 | Northern Puffback | 3 | 5 | <i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i> |
| 4 | Sabine's Puffback | 1 | 1 | <i>Dryoscopus sabini</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-crowned Gonolek | 2 | 6 | <i>Laniarius barbarus</i> |
| 4 | Brubru | 1 | 1 | <i>Nilaus afer</i> |
| 1 | Marsh Tchagra | | | <i>Tchagra minutus</i> |
| 4 | Black-crowned Tchagra | 2 | 2 | <i>Tchagra senegalus</i> |
| 4 | African Golden Oriole | 3 | 5 | <i>Oriolus auratus</i> |
| 4 | Western Black-headed Oriole | 4 | 2 | <i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i> |
| 4 | Black-winged Oriole | 3 | 2 | <i>Oriolus nigripennis</i> |
| 4 | Shining Drongo | 2 | 3 | <i>Dicrurus atripennis</i> |
| 4 | Fork-tailed Drongo | 2 | 10 | <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i> |
| 4 | Velvet-mantled Drongo | 6 | 6 | <i>Dicrurus modestus</i> |
| 1 | Square-tailed Drongo | 1 | 4 | <i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i> |
| 4 | Piapiac | 1 | 1 | <i>Ptilostomus afer</i> |
| 4 | Pied Crow | 12 | 100 | <i>Corvus albus</i> |
| 4 | Splendid Glossy Starling | 8 | 5 | <i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i> |
| 2 | Narrow-tailed Starling | 1 | 8 | <i>Poeoptra lugubris</i> |
| 4 | Purple Glossy Starling | 2 | 6 | <i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i> |
| 4 | Long-tailed Glossy Starling | 3 | 5 | <i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i> |
| 3 | Copper-tailed Glossy Starling | | | <i>Lamprotornis cupreocauda</i> |
| 2 | Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling | 2 | 10 | <i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i> |
| 4 | Violet-backed Starling | 3 | 30 | <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> |
| 4 | Forest Chestnut-winged Starling | 1 | 2 | <i>Onychognathus fulgidus</i> |
| 4 | Grey-headed Sparrow | 10 | 10 | <i>Passer griseus</i> |
| 4 | Bush Petronia | 3 | 100 | <i>Petronia dentata</i> |
| 4 | Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver | 1 | 10 | <i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i> |
| 4 | Red-vented Malimbe | 4 | 1 | <i>Malimbus scutatus</i> |
| 4 | Blue-billed Malimbe | 2 | 2 | <i>Malimbus nitens</i> |
| 3 | Crested Malimbe | 2 | 1 | <i>Malimbus malimbicus</i> |
| 4 | Red-headed Malimbe | 3 | 2 | <i>Malimbus rubricollis</i> |
| 2 | Red-headed Weaver | | | <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i> |
| 2 | Compact Weaver | 1 | 1 | <i>Pachyphantes superciliosus</i> |
| 4 | Little Weaver | 2 | 5 | <i>Ploceus luteolus</i> |
| 4 | Black-necked Weaver | 4 | 6 | <i>Ploceus nigricollis</i> |
| 4 | Orange Weaver | 2 | 10 | <i>Ploceus aurantius</i> |
| 4 | Village Weaver | 8 | 100 | <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-mantled Weaver | 3 | 3 | <i>Ploceus tricolor</i> |
| 3 | Maxwell's Black Weaver | 3 | 10 | <i>Ploceus albinucha</i> |
| 4 | Vieillot's Black Weaver | 5 | 25 | <i>Ploceus niggerimus</i> |
| 4 | Preuss's Weaver | 1 | 2 | <i>Ploceus preussi</i> |
| 2 | Grosbeak Weaver | | | <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i> |
| 2 | Red-headed Quelea | | | <i>Quelea erythrops</i> |
| 3 | Northern Red Bishop | | | <i>Euplectes franciscanus</i> |
| 3 | Black-winged Bishop | | | <i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i> |
| 3 | Yellow-mantled Widowbird | | | <i>Euplectes macroura</i> |
| 4 | Grey-headed Negrofinch | 4 | 2 | <i>Nigrita canicapillus</i> |
| 4 | Chestnut-breasted Negrofinch | 1 | 2 | <i>Nigrita bicolor</i> |
| 3 | White-breasted Negrofinch | | | <i>Nigrita fusconotus</i> |
| 4 | Orange-cheeked Waxbill | 5 | 4 | <i>Estrilda melpoda</i> |
| 1 | Black-rumped Waxbill | | | <i>Estrilda troglodytes</i> |
| 3 | Lavender Waxbill | 1 | 2 | <i>Estrilda caerulescens</i> |
| 2 | Western Bluebill | | | <i>Spermophaga haematina</i> |
| 2 | Red-cheeked Cordonbleu | 1 | 10 | <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i> |

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| 2 | Red-billed Firefinch | 1 | 2 | <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> |
| 4 | Bar-breasted Firefinch | 1 | 5 | <i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i> |
| 2 | Black-bellied Firefinch | | | <i>Lagonosticta rara</i> |
| 4 | Bronze Mannikin | 13 | 20 | <i>Spermestes cucullatus</i> |
| 4 | Black-and-white Mannikin | 3 | 10 | <i>Spermestes bicolor</i> |
| 4 | Pin-tailed Whydah | 6 | 100 | <i>Vidua macroura</i> |
| 1 | Exclamatory Paradise Whydah | | | <i>Vidua interjecta</i> |
| 2 | Togo Paradise Whydah | | | <i>Vidua togoensis</i> |
| 1 | Village Indigobird | | | <i>Vidua chalybeata</i> |
| 4 | Wilson's Indigobird | 1 | 4 | <i>Vidua wilsoni</i> |
| 4 | Yellow-fronted Canary | 1 | 2 | <i>Serinus mozambicus</i> |
| 4 | Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting | 1 | 1 | <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i> |