

Wise Birding Holidays

Bird and mammal watching tours



GHANA: Plover to Picathartes Tour

Saturday 10th - Monday 26th November 2018

7 Wise Birding Clients

Leaders: Chris Townend & Robert Ntakor with great support from Isaac Ntakor

HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP

Yellow-headed Picathartes: A key bird of the tour with prolonged views of at least 5 birds watched coming in to roost near the village of Bonkro.

Egyptian Plover: Fabulous views of 10 birds on the banks of the White Volta River.

Brown Nightjar: Incredibly close views of a bird flying around us and then watched in the scope as it sang from a bare tree branch in the Bobiri Forest.

Red-fronted Antpecker: Always a tricky species to find and we were very pleased to get such close views of a male on a couple of occasions in Ankasa Forest.

Congo Serpent Eagle: After being taunted by its call for some time, we eventually enjoyed good perched views of the bird from the Kakum canopy walkway.

Blue-moustached Bee-Eater: Two of these stunning birds were the reward after climbing to the top of the Atewa Forest ridge.

Yellow-footed Honeyguide: A rarely encountered species, seen very well in the scope thanks to Robert's sharp eyes and ears!

Green Twinspot: Another rarely seen species in Ghana, so a single bird seen at Atewa was a real treat.



Brown Nightjar and Yellow-headed Picathartes were just two of the highlights

Tour Summary

Ghana is a very friendly and safe country with relatively good roads, reasonable accommodation and some fabulous birding. This tour focused on the the Upper Guinea Forest Specialities as well as visiting the north of the country for Savannah species and Egyptian Plover. We enjoyed some great sightings of both birds and mammals. Our group recorded 414 birds, of which 19 were Upper Guinea Forest Endemics. Of the 414 species recorded, 14 were heard only.

We also recorded 24 species of mammal and an impressive list of reptiles & butterflies too! The following details are a brief summary of just some of the daily highlights.

Sat 10th Nov: ARRIVAL ACCRA

All flights arrived into Accra's newly developed Kotoka airport during the early evening. We then travelled the short distance to our coastal hotel for the night.

Sun 11th Nov: SAKUMONO LAKE - ATEWA LOWLANDS

A relaxing morning started with a look off the sea from our beach hotel followed by a visit to the Sakumono Lagoon, a RAMSAR site which is sadly drying out more and more every visit. The final couple of hours of the day were spent birding the Atewa lowlands and "farmbush" habitat.

Highlights for the day included Royal Tern offshore, a Black Heron at Sakumono Lagoon and the first sighting for a couple of years at this site. Plus Collared Pratincole, Marsh Sandpiper, Spur-winged Lapwing and Black-winged Kite.

At Atewa, a stunning African Emerald Cuckoo, Red-rumped Tinkerbirds and great scope views of a Red-legged Sparrowhawk ended the day in style.

Monday 12th Nov: ATEWA LOWLANDS TO RIDGE TOP

A long but very enjoyable day with a good selection of forest species including a number of Upper Guinea Forest Endemics (UGFE). Memorable species included the stunning Black Bee-Eater and the range restricted Blue-Moustached Bee-Eater. Plus great views of of a Green Twinspot; a species rarely recorded on most birding trips to Ghana. Other key species were a superb male Rufous-sided Broadbill by the side of the trail, Narina's Trogon, West African Batis, Black-capped Apalis, Johanna's Sunbird, Forest Penduline Tit, Kemp's Longbill, Grey Longbill and the very impressive Western Long-tailed Hornbill.

Tuesday 13th Nov: ATEWA - BOBIRI FOREST RESERVE

We spent the morning birding the lower slope of Atewa Forest. Heather decided to take a break from the forest and spend some time with Isaac on the forest edge. We then travelled north-west to the wonderfully diverse Bobiri Forest.

Star birds of the day were the highly sought after Yellow-throated Cuckoo for Heather, Orange-breasted Forest Robin (Ghana Forest Robin), a very showy Western Nicator, a gang of Red-billed Helmet-shrikes, Little Black Hornbill and eight Grey Parrots perched in the scope just before dusk. Other key species included White-throated Greenbul, Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher, Little Grey Greenbul, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, Fire-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-mantled Weaver and Copper-tailed Starling.

WEDNESDAY 14th Nov: OPRO FOREST - JOURNEY TO MOLE NP

Mostly a travel day with a long drive to Mole NP but breaking our journey at the Opro Forest in the transition zone. Here the highlight was a pair of Western Bluebills that posed in the open on a track. A lunch stop at Kintampo and a short break near Damongo where Wire-tailed Swallow and Black-headed Heron were new for the tour.

Other highlights included Viellot's Barbet, Broad-billed Roller, Blue-bellied Roller, African Hobby, Little Weaver, Orange-cheeked Waxbill and Dark Chanting Goshawk.

THURSDAY 15th Nov: MOLE NP - SAMOLE LOOP - BRUGBANI - HARABA POOL

A full day exploring Mole NP in the much drier heat of this typical savannah habitat. A good selection of new birds today with a selection of stand out species such as the stunning Red-throated Bee-Eater, a Beadouin's Snake Eagle with a snake, the range restricted Forbes's Plover, no less than six Greyish Eagle Owls and a superb Standard-winged Nightjar. Plenty of mammals were also seen with Patas Monkey and the very attractive Bushbuck. Other bird highlights included Oriole Warbler, Lavender Waxbill, Hamerkop and Spotted Thick-knee.

FRIDAY 16th Nov: MOLE NP - MOLE RIVER - BRUGBANI

Another full day exploring the park, plus a visit just outside the park boundary to the Mole River. Highlights of the day were many and included impressive species such as Violet Turaco, African Blue Flycatcher, Giant Kingfisher, White-headed Vulture and both Long-tailed and Standard-winged Nightjars! During the afternoon, sadly we narrowly missed seeing Elephants but the birds were still great. We saw Long-tailed Glossy Starling at the nest, Palm Nut Vulture, Stone Partridge, Double-spurred Francolin, Exclamatory Paradise Whydah and a tree full of Scarlet-chested and Pygmy Sunbirds!

SATURDAY 17th Nov: MOLE AIRSTRIP - TAMALE - TONGO HILLS

Mostly a travel day but a morning visit to the Mole airstrip allowed good views of our third White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike of the tour, but this time posing in the scope. Sadly, there was no sight nor sound of the hoped for White-throated Francolin. A lunch stop in Tamale tempted us with "New" Red-Red(!) on the menu plus great views of roosting Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bats. The two key birds for the day were seen in the evening whilst birding the very scenic Tongo Hills. Here we enjoyed views of two Lazy (Rock-loving) Cisticolas and a Fox Kestrel. We also enjoyed great views of Northern Red Bishops and Chestnut-backed Sparrowlarks.

SUNDAY 18th Nov: TONO DAM - SAPELINA VILLAGE - WHITE VOLTA RIVER

Today we travelled to the Upper East Region for some of the country's northern specialties close to the Burkina Faso border near the town of Bolgatanga, or "Bolga" as it is known. The clear highlight of the day was watching up to 10 stunning Egyptian Plovers in perfect light as they fed on the sand bars of the White Volta River. Other key birds were Chestnut-bellied Starling, Lesser Blue-eared Starling, White-billed Buffalo Weaver, Black-headed Lapwing and a small group of Northern Carmine Bee-Eaters that flew overhead. Other highlights included Melodious and Isabelline Warblers, exceptionally close views of a pair of Pygmy Sunbirds, Heuglin's Masked Weaver, Red-billed Quelea, Black-rumped Waxbill and Zebra Waxbill.

MONDAY 19th Nov: BOLGATANGA - KUMASI

Another long travel day with a number of short birding stops en route. Highlights today were less due to travelling, but the day still produced a few new birds for the tour. A stop along the White Volta River revealed our first Yellow-billed Egret of the trip and once again Robert's incredible eyesight gave us great views of four White-crested Helmet-shrikes resting in the shade from the fierce midday sun.

Other highlights included Green-backed Heron, Purple Heron, Spur-winged Lapwing, Malachite Kingfisher, Woodland Kingfisher, Grasshopper Buzzard and a dark morph Gabar Goshawk.

TUESDAY 20th Nov: BOBIRI FOREST

A truly memorable day with extreme quality species in the wonderful Bobiri Forest. We enjoyed two birding sessions here with visits in the morning and the late afternoon/evening. We took a rest at our nearby hotel in between these two visits. Clear highlights of the morning were no less than five Black Dwarf Hornbills (a male with a juvenile and a pair with a juvenile) followed by a Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill just 30 minutes later! An African Piculet revealed itself a number of times as it flew back and forth across the track and the very rare Yellow-footed Honeyguide then posed in the scope allowing its yellow feet and pale bill to be seen. The final bird of the morning session was a superb Red-chested Owlet, again allowing great scope views.

We returned in the late afternoon and things seemed a little quiet, until we were spoiled with great views of more perched African Grey Parrots. As dusk approached the true highlight appeared in the form of a Brown Nightjar flying around our heads in torchlight. This forest canopy specialist then landed on a branch just above us and allowed fantastic scope views as it sang from its perch. Just as it seemed things were slowing down, a Fraser's Eagle Owl then showed sat high in a tree above the forest before it glided silently away. Quite simply a brilliant day and one that will remain in the memory for a very long time! It was great to share these great birds with the group and a huge thanks to the forest birding master and friend, Robert Ntakor and of course Isaac.

WEDS 21st Nov: BOBIRI FOREST - NYAMEBE - BONKRO - HANS COTTAGE

After a slightly later start, we returned for a final visit to the Bobiri Forest. New species here included Sharpe's Apalis and a low flying Black Sparrowhawk. African Piculets played a game of hide and seek, as no less than three birds chased each other around a forest clearing! Other highlights included our first decent views of Black-headed Oriole, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Speckled Tinkerbird, Yellowbill, Grey Longbill and two Red-legged Sparrowhawks perched on a dead tree.

Whilst we had lunch at the Nyamebe Forest, a calling Yellow-throated Cuckoo would certainly have been a highlight if we had the time needed to find it. However, the star bird of the tour was calling us and we could not be late! We arrived at Bonkro village, the honeypot site for visiting birders to see the mythical Yellow-headed Picathartes! Here we were escorted into the forest and after a walk of around 45 minutes we sat in silence and waited. We were finally entertained by no less than five birds as they bounced around the forest floor and vine tangles, giving superb views!

THURSDAY 22nd Nov: BEKAMPA TRACK (ABRAFO) - TAKORADI - ANKASA

An excellent morning's birding in the Abrafo section of the Kakum Forest along the Bekampa Track before we returned to Hans Cottage to collect our luggage and head west to the Ankasa Forest. We stopped for lunch at Takoradi and then continued west with stops at the Ankobra, Amanzule and Ebi River systems. Certainly one of the most spectacular birding highlights was watching a minimum of 70 Rosy Bee-Eaters as they hawked for insects and perched in one flock right above our heads! Also in this area was a single Black Spinetail that gave a close flyby and an incredibly obliging Olive Green Camaroptera out in the open! Other highlights in this area included Whistling Cisticola, Violet-backed Starling, Green Crombec and the fluorescent Black-winged Bishop.

The afternoon birding was equally impressive as we saw numerous new species for the tour. Highlights included two African Pygmy-Geese on a roadside pool, African Darter, Western Piping Hornbill, a male African Firefinch and two White-bibbed Swallows as they hawked over the Ebi wetland and perched on wooden posts.

FRIDAY 23rd Nov: ANKASA WILDLIFE RESERVE

Today was a very long but worthwhile day as we spent 14 hours in the fabulous Ankasa Forest from around 06.15hrs until 20.30hrs. Ankasa Wildlife Reserve also includes the smaller Nini-Suhien National Park and together they make up an area of over 500 Km² of what is probably the best forest habitat in the country.

We took vehicles into the park to get us to the power-line area and to explore the forest pools where we spent the vast majority of the day, with lunch and time to rest at the campsite. After sunset we slowly spotlighted back along the main trail.

Highlights started well with with Western Bronze-naped Pigeon and an all too brief female Black-casqued Hornbill in flight. A family of African Finfoots was certainly memorable, as were great views of Ghana's toughest Kingfisher, the White-bellied Kingfisher. Both the Upper Guinea Forest Endemic specials, Western Bearded and Yellow-bearded Greenbuls were seen well, Orange-breasted Forest Robin of the Western form, the beautiful Blue-headed Wood-Dove and the impressive sight and sound of a Great Blue Turaco. Night birding was equally impressive with incredibly close views of both African Wood Owl and the scarce Akun Eagle Owl. The grand finale was a mammal, as we enjoyed fabulous views of two Common Potoos!

Other highlights during the day included Brown-eared Woodpecker, Square-tailed Saw-wing, only our second Black Bee-Eater of the tour and an all too quick flight view of a Green-tailed Bristlebill!

SATURDAY 24th Nov: ANKASA WR - BRENU BEACH ROAD - HANS COTTAGE

A final morning birding along the river trail in Ankasa before we re-traced our route back towards the Kakum Forest. En route we stopped again at the Ebi and Ankobra River systems before spending the final couple of hours birding the Brenu Beach Road.

The undoubted highlight today was a sighting of the rare Red-fronted Antpecker which performed exceptionally, giving eye-level views in the forest. A Chocolate-backed Kingfisher was also a contender for bird of the day as it gave excellent views perched in the forest. The Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo was certainly the most frustrating bird of the day and those who persisted had a view in the end! Buff-spotted Woodpecker and Cassin's Flycatcher were also good birds, as was the spectacle of hundreds of Black-bellied Seedcrackers as they left their roost from our hotel garden during breakfast.

Along the Brenu Beach Road new birds included, Shining Blue Kingfisher, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Yellow-mantled Widowbird, Green Turaco and Common Barn Owl.

SUNDAY 25th Nov: KAKUM NATIONAL PARK

Today we spent the whole day in the Kakum Forest with two long sessions on the canopy walkway. The walkway is suspended around 40 metres above the forest floor with a number of viewing platforms that allow for great birding opportunities.

We were spoiled with the quality of birds today which included a "raptor fest" in the morning. A Congo Serpent Eagle posed on a branch visible from the walkway, two Cassin's Hawk Eagles soared in the sky with a European Honey Buzzard and a Black Sparrowhawk gave a very close fly-by! We had great views of a Western Long-tailed Hornbill at the nest, White-headed Woodhoopoe and Forest Woodhoopoe in quick succession, a couple of Red-fronted Parrots, a Blue Cuckooshrike, a superb display flight from a Sabine's Puffback, a couple of Violet-backed Hyliotas fed in the canopy along with Lemon-bellied Crombec and Rufous-crowned Eremomelas. More highlights were Chestnut-winged Starlings, Maxwell's Black Weavers and the easily missed Preuss's Weaver or the more descriptive name, Golden-backed Weaver, as it systematically fed along the main branches of the impressive trees.

A Tit-Hylia building a nest near the visitor entrance was also a key highlight for the day. Finally, we cannot forget the mammals we saw, as we enjoyed great views from the walkway of both Lowe's Monkey and Lesser Spot-nosed Monkey.

MONDAY 26th Nov: KAKUM NATIONAL PARK - WINNEBA PLAINS

Today we returned early to the canopy walkway and after a while, some of the group ventured down below to *terra firma* with Robert to explore the forest trails and search for forest skulkers! The rest of the group remained on the walkway to take in the last sights and sounds of Kakum Forest.

Two of the first birds seen this morning were certainly very special species as a Brown-cheeked Hornbill gave great scope views and was soon followed by a very co-operative White-tailed Ant-Thrush! The Ant-Thrush, surprisingly, was calling from high in the canopy and allowed some great eye-level views, rather than the more typical skulking view of a bird feeding on the forest floor. Another special sighting from the walkway was the Olive Colobus, a species rarely encountered in Kakum and a real privilege to see it. Other bird highlights from the canopy included Western Little Hornbill, good views of Golden Greenbul, Spotted Greenbul, Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Tiny Sunbird and a couple of Western Yellow-billed Barbets that played hide and seek in the trees. Down on the forest trails with Robert a good selection of more tricky species were seen well including both Brown Illadopsis and Black-capped Illadopsis, White-tailed Alethe, Grey-headed Bristlebill, Red-tailed Bristlebill, and best of all some pretty good views of a Green-tailed Bristlebill.

Our final birding stop was at the Winneba Plains where, considering the time of day and the short visit, we did very well. New birds for the tour included Striped Kingfisher, Double-toothed Barbet, Flappet Lark, Short-winged Cisticola, Green-headed Sunbird, and Splendid Sunbird. We then continued to our hotel on the coast where we had plenty of time for a shower and to re-pack before our final meal together and the night flight back to the UK.



This Western Little Hornbill was seen well at Bobiri Forest



Rosy Bee-Eater views were fantastic this year with a group of 70+ birds at the Abrafo section of Kakum Forest





The gorgeous Red-throated Bee-Eater (above) and a male Pygmy Sunbird (below) were seen in the north of the country





Grasshopper Buzzard (above) and Fox Kestrel (below)





One of the key birds of the tour were these wonderful Egyptian Plovers that we watched on the banks of the White Volta River in the far north of the country





The White Volta River, home to the Egyptian Plover





Forbes's Plovers (above) were seen well during our time in Mole NP and Blue-bellied Rollers (below) were seen whilst travelling north





**Greyish Eagle Owls were common in Mole NP (above)
and African Wood Owl showed well in the Ankasa Forest (below)**





The Yellow-headed Picathartes is the “must see” bird of Ghana and we were treated to great views of at least 5 birds near the village of Bonkro





**Blue Moustached Bee-Eater (above) was the reward for walking to the Atewa ridge
Sadly due to trapping, we saw only 8 Grey Parrots (below) on the whole tour!**





The White Volta River (above) and Kakum canopy walkway (below)





Male Red-fronted Antpecker (above) taken by tour participant Andy Livermore was a special bird to see in Ankasa Forest and Blue Cuckoo-shrike (below) showed well in Kakum Forest



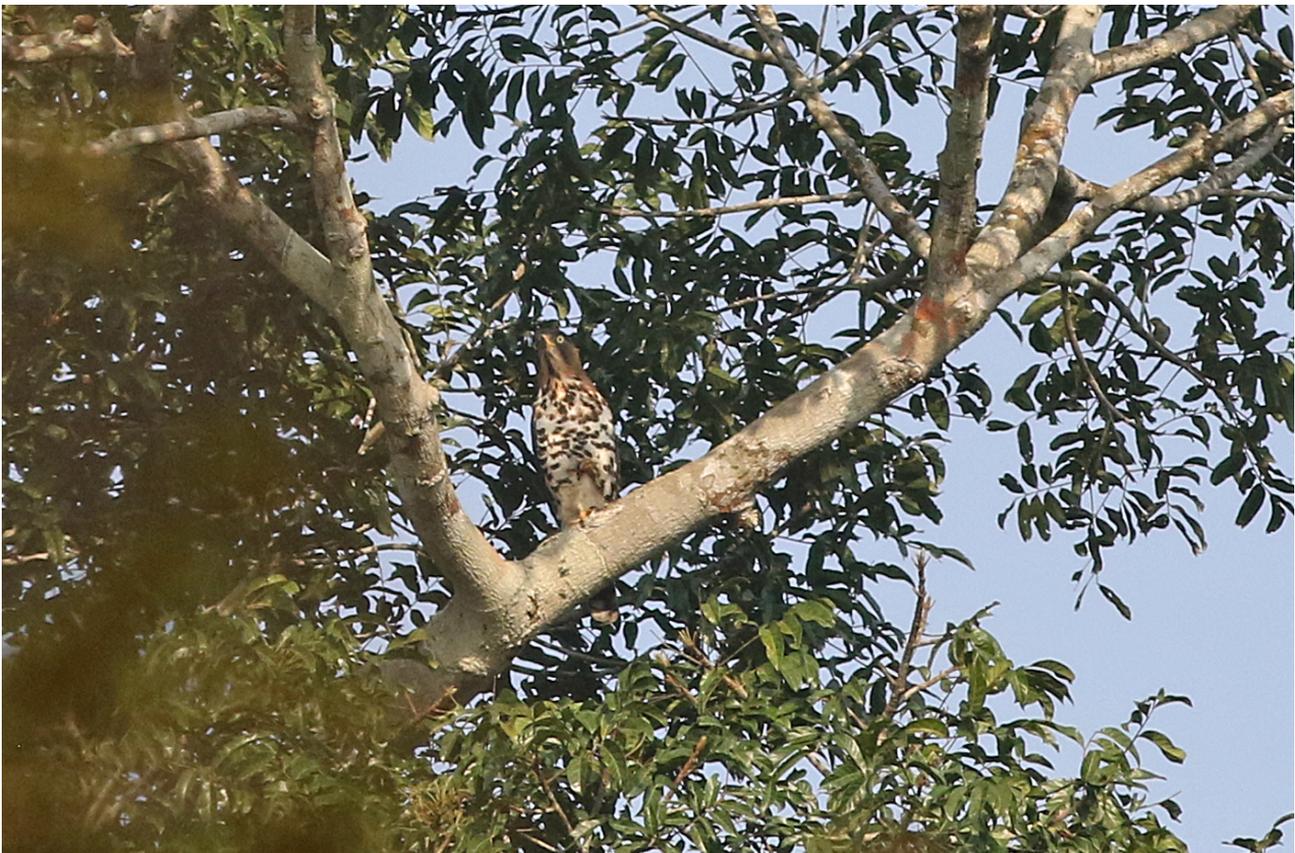


Brown Nightjar is never easy to see in Ghana and this bird performed superbly at dusk in the Bobiri Forest





Black Sparrowhawk (above) gave a close flyby in Kakum Forest and a Congo Serpent Eagle (below) showed well from the canopy walkway





Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat (above) and Variegated Grasshopper (below)





The Hamerkop (above) and Pearl-spotted Owlet (below) were seen well in the north of the country





Non-breeding Northern Red-headed Weaver (above) and Orange Weaver (below)





The Tit-Hylia is one of Africa's smallest birds and we enjoyed great views of of a bird nest building at Kakum NP





Western Reef-Egret (above) and juvenile Little Egrets (below)





**Ghana is an important wintering area for European Honey Buzzards
The Tongo Hills is a good place to see Lazy Cisticola and Fox Kestrel**





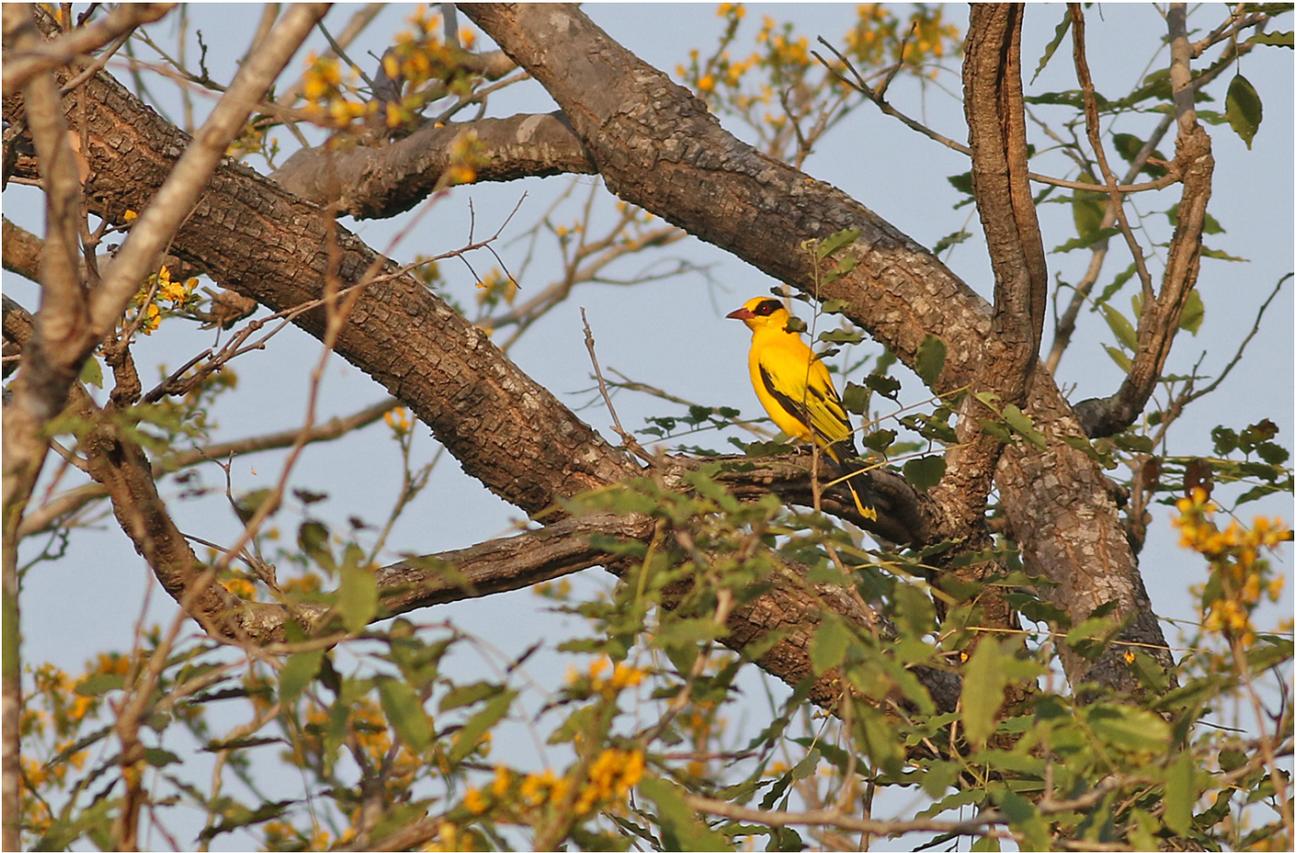
**Common Potto (above) was seen at night in the Ankasa and Kakum Forests
and Patas Monkey (below) was easy to find in Mole NP**





The Piapiac (above) belongs to the Corvid family and is easy to see
Standard-winged Nightjar showed well at night in Mole NP





African Golden Oriole (above) was seen well in Mole NP and Orange-breasted Forest Robin (below) of the Western form *erythrothorax* in Ankasa Forest





The group in the Tongo Hills (above) and Robert Ntakor at Tono Dam (below)



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Egyptian Plover

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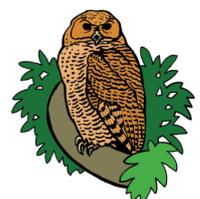
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GHANA: Birds, Mammals & Reptiles Checklist: 10th - 26th Nov 2018

This bird checklist follows the nomenclature and classification from HBW and BirdLife International Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World and the associated online resource, HBW Alive
Species in Red were heard only and species in BOLD are Upper Guinea Forest Endemics

#	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	#	NOTES
1	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1	Recorded in small groups on at least six days whilst in the north of the country.
2	Stone Partridge	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>	2	Heard on at least two days whilst in Mole NP and seen well on the 16th.
3	Double-spurred Francolin	<i>Pternistis bicalcaratus</i>	3	Surprisingly only recorded on one day whilst in Mole, but seen well.
4	White-throated Francolin	<i>Peliperdix albogularis</i>	4	Despite hearing a bird calling nearby on two separate days in Mole NP, the bird refused to show!
5	Forest Francolin	<i>Peliperdix lathamii</i>	5	This species was heard calling at night in Bobiri Forest on two separate visits.
6	White-faced Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	6	The commonest duck of the region recorded on at least five days where suitable wetland was present. A high count of 450+ at Tono Dam on the 18th.
7	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	7	Small numbers recorded on three days whilst in Mole NP.
8	African Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>	8	Our only sighting was of a pair of birds that showed very well on a small roadside pool before whilst travelling to Ankasa on the 22nd.
9	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	9	Recorded in places close to habitation.
10	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	10	This common but still impressive Pigeon was seen very well during our time in the north of the country and was recorded on four days.
11	Western Bronze-naped Pigeon	<i>Columba iriditorques</i>	11	A single bird was seen well in Ankasa Reserve on the 23rd as it sat in a tree by the power line clearing allowing good scope views.
12	Mourning Collared-dove (African Mourning Dove)	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	12	Confined to the far north and seen very well on at least two days. At the White Volta River whilst watching Egyptian Plovers and also at the Tono Dam.
13	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	13	Seen and heard daily with their distinctive "I am a Red-eyed Dove" calls.
14	Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>	14	Recorded on five days mostly in the north but also at the Winneba Plains.
15	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	15	Recorded on all but two days and like the Red-eyed Dove, a distinctive sound of Africa.
16	Black-billed Wood-dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>	16	Seen very well on numerous occasions and at times allowing comparison with the more forest associated Blue-spotted Wood-dove. Recorded on five days at least.
17	Blue-spotted Wood-dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	17	More associated with forest and forest edge compared to the above species and recorded on at least seven days.
18	Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistris</i>	18	This pretty dove was seen very well on numerous occasions, particularly in the forests of Bobiri and Kakum. Recorded on eight days.
19	Blue-headed Wood-dove	<i>Turtur brehmeri</i>	19	Heard more than seen and recorded on five days but seen well at Ankasa and Kakum Forests.
20	Bruce's Green-pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>	20	This very colourful Pigeon was seen very well at Mole NP and the Tono Dam on three days with a high count of 12 birds on the 16th.
21	African Green-pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	21	A very common but nonetheless beautiful species recorded on 11 days.
22	Four-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles quadricinctus</i>	22	Recorded on two days whilst at Mole NP and on both occasions involved birds flying at dusk. Counts of 6 and 10 birds.
23	Long-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus climacurus</i>	23	Great views of birds in Mole NP and also the Brenu Beach road at dusk.
24	Standard-winged Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus longipennis</i>	24	This highly sought after species was seen very well by torchlight in Mole NP with a single bird on the 15th and 3 birds on the 16th including a male.
25	Brown Nightjar	<i>Veles binotatus</i>	25	Incredibly close views of a bird singing perched on a low branch just after dusk in Bobiri Forest on the 20th.
26	Mottled Spinetail	<i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>	26	A single bird flew over Sakumono Lagoon on our first day.
27	Black Spinetail	<i>Telacanthura melanopygia</i>	27	The scarcest of all the Spinetails in Ghana. A single bird was seen well along the Bekampa track in Abrafo Forest whilst watching Rosy Bee-Eaters on the 22nd.
28	Sabine's Spinetail	<i>Rhaphidura sabini</i>	28	A number of opportunities to see this species, typically above forest clearings, with birds recorded on three days at Ankasa and Kakum.
29	Cassin's Spinetail	<i>Neafrapus cassini</i>	29	Recorded in Ankasa on at least one day.
30	African Palm-swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	30	Recorded daily.
31	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	31	At least one bird was seen over the wetland at Mole NP by some of the group on the afternoon of the 16th.
32	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	32	Recorded daily.
33	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	33	The odd bird seen well in good light with Common Swifts on two days in the northern region.
34	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	34	Recorded on five days at least, mostly around the forests of Kakum.
35	Black-throated Coucal	<i>Centropus leucogaster</i>	35	This tricky Coucal was often heard at dusk and recorded on six days.
36	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	36	A common Coucal often seen on the forest edge and whilst travelling. Both the light and dark <i>epomidis</i> form were seen.
37	Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>	37	Good views of a bird whilst leaving the Atewa farm bush on the evening of 12th.
38	Chattering Yellowbill	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>	38	Some good views of this distinctive species on seven days, often hiding in the vine tangles.
39	Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>	39	Nice scope views on a number of occasions with birds recorded on three days.
40	Yellow-throated Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx flavicularis</i>	40	This rare and impressive cuckoo was seen very well by Heather and Isaac at Atewa whilst the rest of the group were inside the forest! Another bird was heard calling at Nyamebe Forest but refused to reveal itself.
41	Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	41	Recorded on four days with a number of good sightings.

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42	African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	42	Heard more often than seen, this stunning cuckoo was recorded on nine days with excellent scope views at Atewa in particular.
43	Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	43	Recorded on two days with birds at Atewa and Opro Forests.
44	Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cercococcyx olivinus</i>	44	This middle to canopy skulker was heard on two days at Bobiri and Ankasa but finally showed itself at Ankasa on the 24th.
45	Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>	45	Surprisingly only heard with birds at Atewa and Bobiri Forests.
46	African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>	46	Two adults and a chick gave good scope views in Ankasa but patience was the key to success!
47	White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>	47	Birds were heard at Atewa on the 12th and Ankasa on the 23rd but neither were in accessible areas.
48	Nkulengu Rail	<i>Himantornis haematopus</i>	48	A bird was heard calling at dusk in Ankasa on the 23rd but despite local rangers trying to locate the birds, we had to make do with hearing its distinctive rhythmic call.
49	Black Crane	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>	49	A single bird was seen by some of the group on the edge of a small wetland at Hans Cottage.
50	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	50	A single bird was seen well at Sakumono Lagoon on our first day.
51	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	51	Recorded only at Sakumono Lagoon and at a roadside pool en route to Ankasa.
52	Great Blue Turaco	<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>	52	A single bird in flight at the power line clearing in Ankasa was our only sighting of the tour.
53	Western Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	53	A common but still impressive species often seen whilst travelling and recorded on 12 days.
54	Green Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa</i>	54	Single birds showed well along the Brenu Beach Road on the 24th and the Winneba Plains on the 26th.
55	Yellow-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco macrorhynchus</i>	55	The forest equivalent of the above species was recorded on six days with good sightings in Ankasa and Kakum Forests.
56	Violet Turaco	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>	56	Recorded on four days whilst in Mole NP.
57	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	57	A "Black" Stork was seen distantly in flight by some of the group whilst in Mole and was thought to be Black Stork though the possibility of Abdim's wasn't totally ruled out.
58	African Woollyneck	<i>Ciconia microscelis</i>	58	Two birds were seen on two days in Mole NP.
59	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	59	Small numbers recorded in Mole NP on three days.
60	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	60	A single bird was seen whilst travelling between Atewa and Bobiri on the 13th.
61	Dwarf Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sturmii</i>	61	David was lucky to find a bird at Hans Cottage on the 25th and a notable sighting.
62	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	62	At least 2 birds recorded at Hans Cottage on two different days.
63	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	63	Some great views of this smart heron recorded on five days with most sightings in the north.
64	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	64	Recorded on five days with birds at Sakumono Lagoon, Mole and Bolga.
65	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	65	Recorded daily.
66	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	66	Recorded in small numbers on five days.
67	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	67	Some nice views of this distinctive heron recorded on four days whilst in the north.
68	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	68	1-2 birds recorded on five days from Sakumono Lagoon to the White Volta River.
69	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	69	Recorded only at Sakumono Lagoon.
70	Yellow-billed Egret	<i>Ardea brachyrhyncha</i>	70	A single bird on the White Volta River on the 19th and again at the Brenu Beach Road on the 24th.
71	Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	71	Great to see this species back at Sakumono Lagoon again after an absence for a couple of years. A single bird gave close views on our first day.
72	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	72	Small numbers recorded on six days.
73	Western Reef-egret	<i>Egretta gularis</i>	73	Up to 2 birds seen at the Ankobra and Ebi Rivers on the 22nd and 24th whilst travelling to and from Ankasa. All were dark morph birds.
74	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	74	Some great views of this highly distinctive heron recorded on five days around Mole NP and the north.
75	Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	75	Recorded on five days with the best views at Hans Cottage.
76	African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	76	Great views on the Ebi River on the 22nd and 24th including both male and female birds.
77	Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	77	Heard at Sakumono Lagoon on our first day and seen well on the 18th at the Tono Dam with up to 40+ birds seen.
78	Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	78	Single birds seen well during night drives in Mole NP on the 15th and 16th.
79	Egyptian Plover	<i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i>	79	A wonderful afternoon spent watching 10 birds at very close range on the banks of the White Volta River near the village of Sapelina on the 18th.
80	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	80	Counts of just 1-2 birds recorded on two days Sakumono Lagoon and near the White Volta River.
81	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	81	Recorded on just two days.
82	Forbes's Plover	<i>Charadrius forbesi</i>	82	Great views of this localised wader in Mole NP at Brugbani on the 15th and the 16th with counts of 6 and 3 birds respectively.
83	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	83	Recorded on four days with the highest count of 10+ birds at Sakumono Lagoon.
84	Black-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>	84	Two birds showed well at the Tono Dam on the morning of the 18th.

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85	White-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	85	Two birds flew down the White Volta River at the Egyptian Plover site but were seen only by Chris.
86	Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	86	Recorded on six days.
87	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	87	Recorded on nine days at any suitable wetland sites.
88	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	88	Recorded on the 19th only where 5 birds were at a wetland by the White Volta whilst travelling from Bolsa to Kumasi.
89	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	89	Small numbers recorded on five days at any suitable wetland area.
90	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	90	Recorded on four days with a high count of 17+ birds on the 18th at Tono Dam.
91	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	91	Recorded on just three days and seemingly lower numbers this year.
92	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	92	Single birds were seen very well at Sakumono Lagoon and on the White Volta River both associating with small Greenshank flocks.
93	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	93	A single bird at Sakumono Lagoon on our first day showed very well.
94	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	94	Seen on our first morning from our coastal hotel with at least 2 birds fishing offshore.
95	Common Barn-owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	95	A single bird at dusk along the Brenu Beach Road was the only sighting.
96	Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	96	Some great views whilst in Mole NP with 2 birds on the 15th and a single on the 17th.
97	Red-chested Owlet	<i>Glaucidium tephronotum</i>	97	Often tricky to see, so a daytime encounter at Bobiri Forest on the 20th was an excellent sighting. Also eard again at night here on the 21st.
98	African Scops-owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	98	Heard only whilst in Mole NP on two evenings.
99	African Wood-owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	99	Fabulous views at close range in torchlight in Ankasa Forest on the evening of the 23rd when 2 birds were seen.
100	Greyish Eagle-owl	<i>Bubo cinerascens</i>	100	Some prolonged close views of at least 5 different birds in Mole on the 15th as birds sat on the track in our vehicle's headlights. Four birds were also seen the next evening.
101	Fraser's Eagle-owl	<i>Bubo poensis</i>	101	A single bird was seen perched in torchlight in Bobiri Forest on the 20th.
102	Akun Eagle-owl	<i>Bubo leucostictus</i>	102	After narrowly missing out with a calling bird at Bobiri on the night of the 20th we were later rewarded with exceptionally close eye-level views of a bird in Ankasa Forest during a spotlighting session on the 23rd.
103	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	103	A single bird in Mole NP on the 15th and then 6 birds at various river stops travelling to Ankasa.
104	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	104	This beautiful raptor was recorded on three days with birds seen at Sakumono Lagoon in the south and as far as Bolga in the north.
105	European Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	105	Ghana is an important wintering site for this species. Singles were seen at Sakumono Lagoon and the Ebi River and at least 3 birds at Kakum.
106	African Harrier-hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	106	A very distinctive raptor fairly common throughout with birds recorded on eight days.
107	Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	107	Recorded on three days with birds at Mole NP and Kakum, the latter site held both an immature and an adult bird.
108	Congo Serpent-eagle	<i>Dryotriorchis spectabilis</i>	108	A calling bird audible from the famous canopy walkway finally revealed itself and allowed good scope views on the morning of the 25th.
109	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	109	This stunning raptor was seen on only two days whilst exploring Mole NP with just counts of 2+ birds.
110	Beaudouin's Snake-eagle	<i>Circaetus beaudouini</i>	110	Single birds seen on two consecutive days in Mole NP including a bird carrying a snake!
111	Brown Snake-eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	111	A single bird in Mole NP on the 16th was the only sighting.
112	White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	112	A total of 5 birds on the 16th in Mole involved some birds scoped from the hotel that were feeding on the ground.
113	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	113	Historically a very common species and numbers have drastically declined. Recorded on seven days with a max. count of just 10 birds on the 16th in Mole NP.
114	White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	114	Recorded on four days with small numbers seen during the 15th - 19th whilst in the north of the country.
115	Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	115	A single bird on the 17th in Mole NP.
116	Cassin's Hawk-eagle	<i>Aquila africana</i>	116	At least 2 birds showed very well with a Honey Buzzard from the canopy walkway in Kakum on the morning of the 25th.
117	Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	117	A single bird flew over the Mole River on the morning of the morning of the 16th.
118	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	118	Good opportunities to see this raptor with 1-2 birds seen well whilst exploring Mole NP and recorded on three days.
119	Dark Chanting-goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	119	Surprisingly few sightings with birds only recorded on the 14th and 17th whilst in the north of the country.
120	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	120	A single bird on the 18th at the Tono Dam followed by 2 dark morph birds on the 19th at a roadside stop travelling from Bolga to Kumasi.
121	Western Marsh-harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	121	A good selection of sightings recorded on six days.
122	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	122	A relatively common raptor recorded on seven days.
123	Red-legged Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter erythropus</i>	123	Numerous excellent sightings of this secretive forest <i>Accipiter</i> with birds recorded on an impressive six days at Atewa, Bobiri and Ankasa Forests.
124	Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	124	A number of good views of this infrequent but highly distinctive species recorded on three days with the best sighting from the canopy walkway in Kakum NP.
125	African Fish-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	125	Our only sighting was of a single bird flying high in Mole NP on the 15th.
126	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	126	HBW lump the yellow-billed form with <i>Milvus migrans</i> . Recorded daily with the resident Yellow-billed form being the most common. However, the migrant <i>Milvus migrans</i> was recorded in the north on three days.
127	Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>	127	This very smart raptor with its striking chestnut wing markings in flight was recorded on four days whilst in the north of the country.

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128	Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>	128	Sightings were fairly scarce this year with birds recorded on three days.
129	Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	129	A bird was seen well albeit high up in the canopy at Atewa on our first full day and another was heard at Bobiri Forest.
130	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	130	A relatively common hornbill recorded on nine days.
131	West African Pied Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros semifasciatus</i>	131	The commonest hornbill recorded on 11 days.
132	(Red-billed) Dwarf Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros camurus</i>	132	This very tricky forest hornbill was seen very well and typically with a small bird flock at Bobiri Forest on the 20th.
133	Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	133	Recorded only in the north with birds seen on two days and heard on another two days.
134	Western Long-tailed (White-crested) Hornbill	<i>Horizocerus albocristatus</i>	134	This often secretive hornbill was seen very well at Atewa and Kakum including a bird visiting its nest whilst in Kakum NP.
135	Western Little (Black Dwarf) Hornbill	<i>Horizocerus hartlaubi</i>	135	Some great views on multiple occasions of this often very hard species to find. We recorded birds on three days whilst in Atewa, Bobiri and Kakum including a family group in Bobiri with at least 4 birds.
136	Black-casqued Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna atrata</i>	136	A female was seen in flight in the power line clearing at Ankasa on the morning of the 23rd.
137	Brown-cheeked Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes cylindricus</i>	137	A single bird posed in the scope for us from the canopy walkway at Kakum on our last morning.
138	Western Piping Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes fistulator</i>	138	Counts of 5 birds on the 22nd and 4 birds on the 24th were our only sightings.
139	Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	139	A single bird was seen whilst travelling through the outskirts of Accra on our first day.
140	White-headed Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus bollei</i>	140	First heard at Bobiri Forest on the 20th and then seen well from the Kakum canopy walkways on the 25th.
141	Forest (Wood-Hoopoe) Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus castaneiceps</i>	141	Seen very well from the Kakum canopy walkway on the morning of the 25th shortly after having seen the above species!
142	Black Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i>	142	Recorded in Mole NP on two days with counts of 3 and 2 birds respectively.
143	Red-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops bulocki</i>	143	This strikingly beautiful Bee-Eater was enjoyed on four days whilst in Mole NP.
144	White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>	144	The most commonly encountered Bee-Eater species recorded on 10 days.
145	Rosy Bee-eater	<i>Merops malimbicus</i>	145	This very localised and highly sought after Bee-Eater gave exceptional views near the Bekampa Track in the Abrafo Forest where we watched 70+ birds in a tree at very close range.
146	Northern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>	146	Nine birds were seen flying over the White Volta River whilst watching Egyptian Plovers!
147	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	147	A single bird in Mole NP on the 16th was our only sighting.
148	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	148	Small numbers were seen on four days with some of the best views at Sakumono Lagoon on our first day.
149	Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>	149	Surprisingly small numbers this year with singles at Atewa on the 12th and Ankasa on the 23rd.
150	Blue-moustached Bee-eater	<i>Merops mentalis</i>	150	Two birds performed very well at the top of our trek to the Atewa Ridge on the 12th. A species confined to very few sites in Ghana.
151	Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	151	1-2 birds seen in the north on two days.
152	Abyssinian Roller	<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>	152	Small numbers recorded on four days whilst in the north.
153	Blue-bellied Roller	<i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>	153	This stunning Roller was recorded on three days with average counts of 1-2 birds.
154	Blue-throated Roller	<i>Eurystomus gularis</i>	154	This forest equivalent of the Broad-billed Roller was recorded in Atewa, Bobiri and Kakum over three days.
155	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	155	Seen well at the Opro Forest and Mole NP.
156	African Pygmy-kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	156	Single birds seen well on at least three days.
157	White-bellied Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis leucogaster</i>	157	The trickiest of the Kingfishers. It was seen very well at Ankasa on the 23rd and heard the following day.
158	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	158	Sightings of 1-2 birds on three days at suitable roadside pools.
159	Shining-blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo quadibrachys</i>	159	A single bird was seen at pools along the Brenu Beach Road on the evening of the 24th.
160	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	160	Singles were seen on the Mole River in Mole NP and also at Hans Cottage.
161	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	161	The commonest Kingfisher recorded on at least seven days at various pools and wetland areas.
162	Chocolate-backed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon badia</i>	162	Heard calling in Atewa and Bobiri but it wasn't until Ankasa Forest that we had great views of an adult bird perched in the forest.
163	Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	163	Good views whilst at Mole NP on at least two days.
164	Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	164	A single calling bird showed very well at the Winneba Plains on our last day.
165	Blue-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>	165	This very distinctive species was seen well on at least four days whilst in Mole and Ankasa.
166	Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	166	The commonest <i>Halcyon</i> Kingfisher recorded on at least four days often whilst travelling and seemingly down in number compared to previous years.
167	Yellow-spotted Barbet	<i>Buccanodon duchaillui</i>	167	A distinctive call from the forests and recorded on five days with very good views at both Atewa and Ankasa Forest.
168	Naked-faced Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco calvus</i>	168	Recorded on five days whilst in Ankasa and Kakum Forests.
169	Speckled Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i>	169	A commonly encountered Tinkerbird in the forest and forest edge recorded on six days.
170	Red-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus atrolavus</i>	170	Heard far more than seen and recorded on five days with good sightings at Ankasa and Kakum.

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171	Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i>	171	Heard far more than seen and recorded on seven days but only seen at Kakum on the 25th.
172	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	172	This Savannah Tinkerbird was recorded on four days whilst in the north and seen very well in the Tongo Hills whilst looking for Lazy (Rock-Loving) Cisticola.
173	Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>	173	This UGFE was seen well in Atewa on two days and heard in Bobiri Forest on another two days.
174	Vieillot's Barbet	<i>Lybius vieilloti</i>	174	This beautiful Barbet was recorded on four days with our best views at Opro Forest on the 14th.
175	Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Pogonornis bidentatus</i>	175	Two birds at the Winneba Plains on our last day were the only birds seen.
176	Bearded Barbet	<i>Pogonornis dubius</i>	176	Great views of this striking Barbet during four days in Mole NP and Tono Dam.
177	Western Yellow-billed Barbet	<i>Trachylaemus goffinii</i>	177	Heard at Ankasa and Kakum where it was finally seen on the last morning where 2 birds were seen from the canopy walkway.
178	Yellow-footed Honeyguide	<i>Melignomon eisentrauti</i>	178	This difficult and rarely seen Honeyguide showed well at Bobiri Forest thanks to Robert's sharp ears. Another bird was also heard the following day whilst walking to the Picathartes site near Bonkro village.
179	Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	179	A single bird at Atewa on the 12th was our only sighting.
180	Spotted Honeyguide	<i>Indicator maculatus</i>	180	Heard only at Ankasa and seen by Robert at Kakum on the 25th.
181	Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>	181	Single birds gave good views at Mole and the Tono Dam.
182	African Piculet	<i>Verreauxia africana</i>	182	Recorded at Bobiri Forest on two consecutive days with a bird briefly on the 20th and then amazingly 3 birds on the 21st which with patience allowed everyone to get a sighting of this tiny bird!
183	Fine-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera punctuligera</i>	183	A single bird in Mole NP on the 15th was our only sighting.
184	Buff-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nivosa</i>	184	A single bird at Atewa on the 13th and then another on the 24th in Ankasa.
185	Brown-eared Woodpecker	<i>Campethera caroli</i>	185	A single bird in Ankasa Forest on the 23rd was the only sighting.
186	Melancholy Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicops lugubris</i>	186	Treated as conspecific with Gabon Woodpecker by some authorities. Good views over four days with sightings at Atewa and Bobiri Forests.
187	Fire-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicops pyrrhogaster</i>	187	The largest of the woodpeckers was recorded on five days with the best sightings at Atewa and Abrafo Forest.
188	Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicops goertae</i>	188	Recorded on four days with at least 3 birds at the Opro Forest and then further sightings during three days in Mole NP and Tono Dam.
189	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	189	1-2 birds recorded on five days mostly whilst travelling and of the <i>rufescens</i> dark form.
190	Fox Kestrel	<i>Falco alopex</i>	190	Excellent views on three days with birds seen at the Tongo Hills and nesting at our hotel in Bolgatanga!
191	Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	191	Commonly encountered during the first few days of the tour with birds recorded on six days in total.
192	African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>	192	Two birds gave fabulous views at the Opro Forest on the 14th.
193	Grey Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	193	This species has massively declined in Ghana due to hunting and trapping so it was great to see a small group of 8 birds perched in Bobiri Forest on the evening of the 13th and 7 birds on the evening of the 20th.
194	Red-fronted Parrot	<i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>	194	Recorded on three days with sightings of 2 birds on our last two days whilst in Kakum Forest.
195	Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	195	Small numbers recorded at Sakumono Lagoon and Mole NP.
196	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	196	Recorded on three days whilst in Mole NP with counts up to 11 birds.
197	Rufous-sided Broadbill	<i>Smithornis rufolateralis</i>	197	A male posed very well beside the trail during our walk up to the Atewa Ridge. Birds were also heard on two days in Kakum Forest.
198	Western Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrynchus</i>	198	1-2 birds recorded on three days with sightings at Atewa, Bobiri and Ankasa and allowing the small white panel in the wing to be seen and to rule out the similar species below.
199	Black-winged Oriole	<i>Oriolus nigripennis</i>	199	Recorded on four days whilst at Atewa, Bobiri and Kakum.
200	African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>	200	Some great views of this unmistakable Oriole with birds at Sakumono Lagoon on our first day and then four days whilst at Mole NP and Tono Dam.
201	White-breasted Cuckooshrike	<i>Cebilepyris pectoralis</i>	201	Good views were enjoyed in Mole NP with single birds on three separate days.
202	Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>	202	Singles in Mole NP on three days with males and a female seen well.
203	Purple-throated Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga quiscalina</i>	203	A stunning male was seen well at Atewa on the first two days.
204	Blue Cuckooshrike	<i>Cyanograucalus azureus</i>	204	Heard singing at Bobiri on three days and then finally seen very well from the Kakum canopy walkway.
205	White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	205	A great spot from Robert with 9 birds at a random stop whilst travelling from Bolga to Kumasi on the 19th.
206	Red-billed Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops caniceps</i>	206	A number of opportunities to see this impressive and typically noisy gregarious Helmetshrike with sightings of up to 6 birds on three days whilst at Bobiri and Ankasa.
207	African Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Megabyas flammulatus</i>	207	A female at Atewa was our only sighting.
208	Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Bias musicus</i>	208	A male around the forest edge at Atewa was our only sighting of this stunning flycatcher.
209	Senegal Batis	<i>Batis senegalensis</i>	209	A single male whilst in Mole NP was our only sighting.
210	West African Batis	<i>Batis occulta</i>	210	A male seen well at the top of the Atewa Ridge on the 12th.
211	West African Wattle-eye	<i>Dyaphorophya hormophora</i>	211	Recorded at Atewa, Bobiri and Kakum Forests with both the black and white male and the distinctive chestnut female seen well.
212	Red-cheeked Wattle-eye	<i>Dyaphorophya blissetti</i>	212	This notorious fast moving bullet was sadly only heard at Atewa on 2 days and despite calling close by was never seen.
213	Brown-throated (Common) Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	213	Seen very well in Mole NP on two days.

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214	Grey-headed Bush-shrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	214	This very large but quite shy Bush-shrike was heard on two occasions at Mole and the Tono Dam but showed very well in Mole NP.
215	Sabine's Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus sabinii</i>	215	This forest equivalent of the Northern Puffback was seen well at Atewa and Kakum where we saw its amazing display flight from the canopy walkway.
216	Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	216	Recorded on at least five days in dry savannah and forest edge habitats.
217	Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	217	A single bird was seen well along the Brenu Beach Road on the evening of the 24th.
218	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	218	Seen well in Mole NP and heard singing on numerous occasions.
219	Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	219	The old fashioned telephone-like call was heard whilst in Mole NP.
220	Orange-breasted (Sulphur-breasted) Bush-shrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	220	This stunning Bush-shrike was seen very well whilst on Mole NP on two days and also at the Winneba Plains by some of the group.
221	Yellow-crowned Gonolek	<i>Laniarius barbarus</i>	221	This very vocal and stunningly plumaged species was recorded on six days with our best views at Sakumono Lagoon and in Mole NP.
222	Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>	222	A single bird was seen along the Mole River on the 16th.
223	Shining Drongo	<i>Dicrurus atripennis</i>	223	Seen well at Atewa associating with a flock and later heard in Ankasa Forest.
224	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	224	A relatively common species though only recorded on three days during the tour.
225	Velvet-mantled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus modestus</i>	225	The forest equivalent of the above species with many opportunities to see this bird as we recorded it in the forests on six days.
226	Western (Blue-headed) Crested-flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus nitens</i>	226	Seen well in Atewa on our last morning after having only heard it at this site the previous day.
227	African Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	227	Recorded on nine days including the distinctive white morph.
228	Red-bellied Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>	228	This common but nonetheless stunning flycatcher was recorded on nine days in the forest and forest edge.
229	Yellow-billed Shrike	<i>Corvinella corvina</i>	229	A gregarious shrike recorded on four days with great views at Sakumono Lagoon in particular.
230	Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	230	Commonly encountered whilst travelling and recorded on 10 days.
231	Piapiac	<i>Ptilostomus afer</i>	231	This distinctive and slightly understated species was recorded on four days with a high count of 12 birds whilst watching Egyptian Plovers.
232	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	232	A very common species recorded almost daily with sightings on 14 days.
233	White-necked Rockfowl (YH Picathartes)	<i>Picathartes gymnocephalus</i>	233	The bird of the trip and as always a great experience as we enjoyed views of at least 5 birds as they bounced around the forest and perched on vine tangles seeming quite curious of our presence.
234	Violet-backed Hyliota	<i>Hyliota violacea</i>	234	Two birds fed above us in the canopy as we were on one of the canopy walkway platforms in Kakum Forest on our penultimate day.
235	African Blue-flycatcher	<i>Elminia longicauda</i>	235	This unmistakable flycatcher was seen well beside the Mole River as it searched for insects and fanned its tail in typical feeding behaviour.
236	Pale-eyed (White-shouldered) Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus guineensis</i>	236	A number of sightings of this striking and large tit whilst in Mole NP on three days.
237	Forest Penduline-tit	<i>Anthoscopus flavifrons</i>	237	Two birds at the Atewa Ridge as they fed in the canopy shortly after having seen Blue-moustached Bee-Eaters!
238	Chestnut-backed Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	238	Recorded on three days with small groups around the Tongo Hills and Tono Dam and a single bird at the Winneba Plains on our last day.
239	Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>	239	Seen well in Mole NP whilst searching for Forbes' Plover on the 15th.
240	Sun Lark	<i>Galerida modesta</i>	240	Our only sighting was of a single bird at the Winneba Plains on our last day.
241	Western Nicator	<i>Nicator chloris</i>	241	Seen very well at Atewa on the 13th and again at Opro Forest the following day. Also heard at Bobiri Forest.
242	Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>	242	Seen well in the northern savannah areas on two days.
243	Green Crombec	<i>Sylvietta virens</i>	243	Heard on numerous occasions and then seen very well at Abrafo before seeing a huge flock of Rosy Bee-Eaters!
244	Lemon-bellied Crombec	<i>Sylvietta denti</i>	244	Heard at Bobiri Forest and then finally seen well at Kakum on the 25th.
245	Kemp's Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus kempii</i>	245	A singing bird responded very quickly at Atewa perching very close on our first morning at the site but you had to be quick! A second unresponsive bird was also heard at this site.
246	Grey Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus concolor</i>	246	Everyone enjoyed good views of this distinctive species as it moved through the tangles at Atewa on two days. Birds were also heard singing at Bobiri, Ankasa and Kakum Forests.
247	Senegal Eremomela	<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>	247	This fairly striking warbler showed well in the north on at least three days,
248	Rufous-crowned Eremomela	<i>Eremomela badiceps</i>	248	First seen well at Atewa and then again from the Kakum canopy walkway.
249	Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	249	Seen well on two days whilst in Mole NP.
250	Black-capped Apalis	<i>Apalis nigriceps</i>	250	Seen only on the Atewa Ridge as a couple of birds sang their rattling song from the canopy.
251	Sharpe's Apalis	<i>Apalis sharpii</i>	251	A familiar repetitive call of the forest canopy recorded on seven days with the best views at Atewa and Bobiri Forest.
252	Bleating (Grey-backed) Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	252	An obliging species with familiar bleating call recorded on six days during the first half of the trip.
253	Yellow-browed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera supercilialis</i>	253	A stunning bird with birds heard more than seen but everyone enjoyed great views at Atewa, complete with inflated blue air sacs!
254	Olive-green Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera chloronota</i>	254	This notorious skulker was heard only at Atewa but then a bird showed incredibly well for a good minute just in front of us whilst distracted by Rosy Bee-Eaters at Abrafo.
255	Oriole Warbler	<i>Hypergerus atriceps</i>	255	Some great views of at least 2 birds whilst in Mole NP on two days.
256	Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythropus</i>	256	One of the more obvious Cisticolas complete with red face seen at Atewa by some and then everyone in Mole NP.

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257	Singing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>	257	Recorded on four days with great views of a singing bird at Tono Dam and another at the Winneba Plains.
258	Whistling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>	258	A singing bird along the Bekampa track at Abrafo.
259	Lazy (Rock-loving) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>	259	Two birds showed very well at the traditional site in the Tongo Hills as they perched on rocks!
260	Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola marginatus</i>	260	Recorded on three days but only seen well at Sakumono Lagoon on our first day as a bird sang from the damp vegetation.
261	Short-winged Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>	261	A single bird seen feeding on and very low to the ground which is typical behaviour at the Winneba Plains on our last day.
262	Rufous Cisticola	<i>Cisticola rufus</i>	262	A single bird posed in the telescope in Mole NP during a stop en route to the Mole River.
263	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	263	Recorded on two days but only seen on our first day at Sakumono Lagoon.
264	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	264	A very common species throughout the trip with birds recorded on 12 days.
265	Red-winged Prinia	<i>Prinia erythroptera</i>	265	Good views whilst in Mole NP and also on the Winneba Plains.
266	Isabelline (Western Olivaceous) Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>	266	A single bird showed well at Tono Dam.
267	Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	267	A single bird showed well at Tono Dam
268	Square-tailed Saw-wing	<i>Psaldiprocne nitens</i>	268	Seen at Atewa and then a small group of at least 6 birds on one day in Ankasa.
269	Fanti Saw-wing	<i>Psaldiprocne obscura</i>	269	Andy saw a bird in Bobiri Forest on the 20th.
270	Northern House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	270	Small groups on four consecutive days between the 13th and 17th with a count of 50+ birds in the north at Mole on the 14th
271	Preuss's (Cliff) Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon preussi</i>	271	First seen at Atewa and then a roosting flock along the Brenu Beach Road.
272	Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	272	A fairly common species though less common this year with sightings on four days.
273	Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	273	A single bird was seen by some of the group on our first day.
274	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	274	This attractive swallow was recorded on seven days.
275	White-bibbed (White-throated Blue) Swallow	<i>Hirundo nigrita</i>	275	A bonus to find this species en route to Ankasa at the Amanzule wetland area with great views perched on posts.
276	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	276	Small numbers recorded on seven days.
277	Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>	277	A bird at Mole NP on the 15th was our only sighting.
278	Ethiopian Swallow	<i>Hirundo aethiopica</i>	278	A common species often perched on wires and seen from the outskirts of Accra to the edge of Ankasa on at least six days.
279	Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Stelgidillas gracirostris</i>	279	Some good views of this mostly canopy feeding greenbul recorded on six days from Atewa to Ankasa .
280	Golden Greenbul	<i>Calyptocichla serinus</i>	280	An unmistakable greenbul with good views on three days at Atewa, Ankasa and Kakum Forests.
281	Red-tailed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda syndactylus</i>	281	Seen briefly whilst in Atewa but then some of the group who chose to focus on the forest trails in Kakum rather than the canopy walkway, enjoyed good views with Robert on our last morning.
282	Green-tailed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda eximius</i>	282	This notorious skulker was heard singing on our walk to the Picathartes and then seen in flight in Ankasa and finally seen well by those who visited the forest trails in Kakum on the last morning.
283	Grey-headed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda canicapillus</i>	283	Heard on a number of occasions in the forests and seen briefly in the Opro Forest and then again in Kakum for those who explored the forest trails in Kakum on the last morning.
284	Yellow-throated (Leaflove) Greenbul	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis</i>	284	The only sighting was of a bird along the Mole River on the 16th.
285	Spotted Greenbul	<i>Ixonotus guttatus</i>	285	Small flocks in the canopy at Kakum from the walkway during our last two days.
286	Swamp Palm Bulbul	<i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i>	286	These typically noisy greenbuls were recorded on four days with excellent views at Atewa.
287	Honeyguide Greenbul	<i>Baeopogon indicator</i>	287	Heard at Atewa and seen poorly at Bobiri and then finally seen well at Kakum Forest.
288	Simple (Leaflove) Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla simplex</i>	288	A bird showed very well at Atewa on our first visit to the site.
289	Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Eurillas latirostris</i>	289	As is typical for this master skulker of the vine tangles, we heard the species in all good forest habitat on numerous days. However, our only sightings were at Bobiri and Kakum Forests.
290	Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>	290	A very common species greenbul of forest edge recorded on eight days with some good views on a number of occasions.
291	Grey Greenbul	<i>Eurillas gracilis</i>	291	One of the brighter greenbuls and quite yellow below if seen in good light. Our only sighting was at Atewa.
292	Plain (Cameroon Sombre) Greenbul	<i>Eurillas curvirostris</i>	292	Heard only at Bobiri and Kakum Forests.
293	Western Bearded Greenbul	<i>Criniger barbatus</i>	293	Heard first at Atewa and then seen very well at Ankasa where the diagnostic spiky pale yellow beard could be seen.
294	Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus</i>	294	Recorded on five days but seen at Atewa including the puffy white throat which is a much better feature considering it lacks a red-tail!
295	Yellow-bearded Greenbul	<i>Criniger olivaceus</i>	295	Excellent views of this distinctive greenbul in Ankasa shortly before seeing Western Bearded Greenbul.
296	Icterine Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus icterinus</i>	296	Often with a flock this relatively easy to see greenbul was seen well at Atewa and Ankasa.
297	White-throated Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus albigularis</i>	297	Heard and seen well with perseverance at Atewa and also heard and glimpsed moving back and forth at Bobiri Forest.
298	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	298	Recorded daily.
299	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	299	Singles at Atewa and Kakum only.

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300	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	300	A single bird at Sakumono Lagoon and then small numbers daily whilst in Mole NP and Tono Dam.
301	Chestnut-capped Flycatcher	<i>Erythrocerus mccallii</i>	301	Numerous opportunities to see this attractive flycatcher rarely on its own at Atewa, Bobiri and Kakum Forests.
302	Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>	302	A very familiar sound of the forest with its distinctive two note call and rattling recorded on nine days and seen very well.
303	Tit-hylia	<i>Pholidornis russiae</i>	303	Great views of this tiny bird with sightings at Atewa and then a bird visiting and building a nest at Kakum Forest.
304	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	304	Mike saw a bird in Mole NP on the 15th.
305	African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	305	Recorded on four days with sightings at Atewa and In Mole NP.
306	Brown Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis fulvescens</i>	306	Some of the group had good views of this skulker with Robert on the trails in a Kakum Forest on the last morning.
307	Pale-breasted Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis rufipennis</i>	307	First heard at Atewa and then seen pretty well in Ankasa on the 24th.
308	Black-capped Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis cleaveri</i>	308	Heard in Ankasa on two days and then seen by those who chose to explore the forest trails in Kakum with Robert on the last morning.
309	Rufous-winged Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis rufescens</i>	309	Heard only at Atewa.
310	Blackcap Babbler	<i>Turdoides reinwardtii</i>	310	Heard only in Mole NP.
311	(Forest) Chestnut-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus fulgidus</i>	311	Recorded on three days with sightings at Atewa and the best views at a Kakum from the canopy walkway.
312	Long-tailed Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>	312	This very impressive starling was seen well on five consecutive days whilst in the north including a bird visiting a nest in Mole NP.
313	Splendid (Glossy) Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	313	A common but impressive starling recorded on seven days.
314	Chestnut-bellied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis pulcher</i>	314	A number of birds gave excellent views at Tono Dam and the Egyptian Plover site.
315	Lesser Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>	315	Excellent views on the banks of the White Volta River near Sapelina with Chestnut-bellied Starling.
316	Purple (Glossy) Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>	316	Great views at Sakumono Lagoon and the White Volta River near Sapelina.
317	Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	317	Some great views of this striking starling at Abrafo along the Bekampa track and elsewhere in Kakum.
318	Copper-tailed (Glossy) Starling	<i>Hylopsar cupreocauda</i>	318	Recorded on five days with 1-2 birds recorded at Atewa, Bobiri and Ankasa Forests.
319	White-tailed Ant-thrush	<i>Neocossyphus poensis</i>	319	Recorded briefly in Ankasa but the best sighting was from the canopy walkway in Kakum on the morning of the 26th as a bird showed very well and calling high above the ground from its usual forest floor habits.
320	Finsch's Flycatcher-thrush	<i>Stizorhina finschi</i>	320	Recorded on six days but only seen at Bobiri where a bird gave good views.
321	African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	321	Singles recorded on four days from Sakumono in the south to Mole NP in the north.
322	White-tailed Alethe	<i>Alethe diademata</i>	322	Heard in Ankasa and then seen well by those who explored the Kakum Forest trails on the last morning.
323	Little Grey Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa epulata</i>	323	Two birds at Atewa and a single at Bobiri all allowed good views.
324	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	324	Single birds at Atewa, Mole and Winneba Plains.
325	Cassin's Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa cassini</i>	325	Seen very well on the river by the entrance gate at Ankasa NP on the 24th.
326	Ussher's Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis ussheri</i>	326	First seen at Bobiri Forest on the 21st and then seen very well from the canopy walkway at Kakum Forest on the 25th.
327	Dusky-blue Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis comitatus</i>	327	Seen very well at Atewa on the 12th.
328	Pale Flycatcher	<i>Agricola pallidus</i>	328	A single bird was seen very well on the 22nd whilst exploring the Abrafo Forest by the Bekampa Track.
329	African (Fraser's) Forest-flycatcher	<i>Fraseria ocreata</i>	329	This large and noisy Flycatcher was seen well on at least four days with sightings at Atewa, Ankasa and Kakum Forests.
330	Grey Tit-flycatcher (Lead-coloured)	<i>Fraseria plumbea</i>	330	Heard singing in Mole NP and then seen along the Bekampa Track, Abrafo on the 22nd.
331	Grey-throated Tit-flycatcher	<i>Fraseria griseigularis</i>	331	Recorded on a total of four days; at the beginning of the tour in Atewa and at the end in Kakum NP.
332	Northern Black-flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>	332	This large, almost Drongo-like flycatcher was seen on three days whilst in Mole NP
333	Snowy-crowned Robin-chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>	333	Heard singing in Mole NP on the 15th and the Winneba Plains on the final day.
334	White-crowned Robin-chat	<i>Cossypha albicapillus</i>	334	This species was recorded on two days in Mole NP with the best sighting beside the Mole River on the 16th.
335	Orange-breasted Forest-robin	<i>Stiphornis erythrothorax</i>	335	Great views of this forest songster seen in two different locations and therefore potentially two subspecies under certain taxonomy. The bird seen well at Atewa on the 13th was presumed to be "Ghana" Forest Robin of the subspecies <i>inexpectatus</i> whereas the bird seen well at Ankasa Forest was the "Western" Forest Robin of the subsp. <i>erythrothorax</i> .
336	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	336	Small numbers heard and seen well in Mole Np on two days.
337	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	337	The only sighting was of 2 birds on the 15th whilst in Mole NP.
338	Mocking Cliff-chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>	338	A single bird was seen in the Tongo Hills whilst looking for Lazy (Rock-loving) Cisticola.
339	Fraser's Sunbird	<i>Deleornis fraseri</i>	339	Some good opportunities to see this quite odd-looking straight-billed Sunbird with sightings in Kakum, Bobiri and Ankasa Forests.
340	Mouse-brown Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes gabonicus</i>	340	Heard only on the 22nd by the Ankobra River and finally seen very well on the 24th by the Ankobra River as we returned from Ankasa Forest.
341	Western Violet-backed Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes longuemarei</i>	341	A pair of these very striking and infrequent Sunbirds were seen well whilst exploring Mole NP on the 15th.
342	Little Green Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes seimundi</i>	342	Singles of this plain Sunbird but with fairly distinct eye crescents were seen on three days whilst birding the Opro, Bobiri and Kakum Forests.

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343	(Green) Yellow-chinned Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i>	343	Sadly only heard whilst in Ankasa Forest on the 23rd.
344	Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	344	The most commonly encountered Sunbird recorded on at least nine days.
345	Pygmy Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna platura</i>	345	This attractive Sunbird is confined to the north of the country and we had good views between the 15th - 18th in Mole NP and Tono Dam.
346	Reichenbach's Sunbird	<i>Anabathmis reichenbachii</i>	346	This speciality of the western coastal strip was seen very well at the Ebi River on the 22nd en route to Ankasa Forest.
347	Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>	347	Two birds showed well on our last day at the Winneba Plains.
348	Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i>	348	This species was recorded on three days whilst birding the Atewa, Bobiri and Kakum Forests. Often high in the canopy and the blue throat can be surprisingly unobvious unless the light is good.
349	Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	349	A commonly encountered fairly large plain Sunbird often heard around the forest and encountered on at least six days.
350	Buff-throated Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra adelberti</i>	350	A stunning Sunbird and probably the most impressive. We had some great views of both the stunning males and females on the first three days at Atewa and Bobiri Forests.
351	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	351	A very striking and large Sunbird recorded on five days, all in the north except for sightings on the first day on the coast near Sakumono Lagoon.
352	Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>	352	A commonly heard and seen species around the forest and forest edge. Birds recorded on at least three days whilst at Atewa and Bobiri Forests.
353	Tiny Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris minullus</i>	353	Very similar to the above species with a shorter bill and sometimes vermiculation visible in the red breast band. Seen well in Kakum Forest on the last two days.
354	Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>	354	Some great views of this unmistakable male Sunbird with sightings in the north at Mole NP and the Bolga region over three days.
355	Splendid Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris coccinigastrus</i>	355	Our only sighting was at the Winneba Plains on our last day where we enjoyed great views of a pair.
356	Johanna's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris johannae</i>	356	This similar, but miniature version of the Superb Sunbird was seen well in Atewa on the 12th and then again in Ankasa on the 23rd.
357	Superb Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris superbus</i>	357	A large very long-billed and colourful Sunbird seen on at least five days from Atewa to Kakum Forests
358	Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	358	The only sighting was of an immature male at Tono Dam on the 18th.
359	Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>	359	Often appearing black in colour, this common Sunbird was recorded on three days in suitable habitat away from the forest.
360	White-billed Buffalo-weaver	<i>Bubalornis albirostris</i>	360	We enjoyed good views of this distinctive species as well as its distinctive communal stick nests whilst watching Egyptian Plovers by the White Volta River.
361	Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-weaver	<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>	361	Recorded in Mole NP on two days.
362	Thick-billed (Grosbeak) Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	362	First recorded in Mole NP on the 15th and then 3 birds were seen well in Bobiri Forest on the 20th.
363	Red-headed Quelea	<i>Quelea erythrops</i>	363	Small numbers recorded on four days whilst in the north of the country.
364	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	364	At least one bird seen well at Tono Dam on the 18th.
365	Black-winged (Red) Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>	365	First seen around the farmbrush of Atewa Forest but the best views were along the Bekampa Track in the Abrafo Forest.
366	Northern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>	366	Two males were enjoyed in the Tongo Hills whilst watching Lazy (Rock-loving) Cisticolas!
367	Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>	367	A few birds in non-breeding plumage were seen well along the Brenu Beach Road on the 24th.
368	Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>	368	A bird was seen well at a roadside pool near the entrance to Mole NP on the 14th.
369	Olive-naped Weaver	<i>Ploceus brachypterus</i>	369	Previously a subsp. of Black-necked Weaver (<i>nigricollis</i>). Olive-naped has a pale eye and lacks the black neck. It was seen well on at least three days whilst at Atewa, in the north and the Winneba Plains.
370	Orange Weaver	<i>Ploceus aurantius</i>	370	Great views of this water associated species. Recorded on three days whilst staying at Hans Cottage.
371	Heuglin's Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus heuglini</i>	371	A male was seen well near Tono Dam on the 18th.
372	Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	372	The commonest Weaver recorded on 13 days.
373	Chestnut-and-black Weaver	<i>Ploceus castaneofuscus</i>	373	A highly distinctive and striking Weaver recorded on seven days.
374	Yellow-mantled Weaver	<i>Ploceus tricolor</i>	374	This attractive forest weaver was seen very well in Atewa, Bobiri and Kakum Forests.
375	Maxwell's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus albinucha</i>	375	This miniature Jackdaw of the Weaver world was seen very well with 5 birds at Kakum Forest on the 25th.
376	Preuss's (Golden-backed) Weaver	<i>Ploceus preussi</i>	376	A single bird was seen very well from the canopy walkway in Kakum Forest on the morning of the 25th.
377	Red-vented Malimbe	<i>Malimbus scutatus</i>	377	Recorded on five days in the Atewa, Bobiri, Ankasa and Kakum Forests.
378	Blue-billed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus nitens</i>	378	First seen in Atewa and then better views were enjoyed near Ankasa and Kakum Forests. Recorded on four days.
379	Red-headed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus rubricollis</i>	379	This largest of the Malimbés was seen well on two days at Atewa and Kakum Forests.
380	Crested Malimbe	<i>Malimbus malimbicus</i>	380	Recorded only at Atewa on the 12th.
381	Northern Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes leuconotos</i>	381	This very striking Weaver with the male's bright red head and black mask and striking red primaries was seen well in Mole on two days.
382	Black-bellied Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rara</i>	382	Recorded in two days whilst in Mole NP.
383	Bar-breasted Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i>	383	Recorded on two days on the edge of the Ankasa Forest.
384	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	384	Recorded daily whilst in the north between the 15th and the 19th.
385	African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	385	Recorded around the Atewa farmbrush on two days.

#	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	#	NOTES
10	Red-legged Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>	10	Seen in Kakum Forest on one day only.
11	African Giant Squirrel	<i>Protoxerus stangeri</i>	11	Seen in both Ankasa and Kakum Forests on the 24th and 25th.
12	Slender-tailed Squirrel	<i>Protoxerus aubinnii</i>	12	Seen at Bobiri Forest on the 20th only.
13	Fire-footed Rope Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus pyrropus</i>	13	Heard in Atewa on two days.
14	Kintampo Rope Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus substriatus</i>	14	Seen in Mole NP on the 16th.
15	Green Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus poensis</i>	15	Seen on two days whilst in Bobiri and Ankasa Forests.
16	Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	16	Recorded at night in Mole on the evening of the 15th.
17	Four-toed Hedgehog	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	17	A very sad sight of animal that was possibly poisoned but still alive near the Tono Dam on the 18th.
18	Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus gambianus</i>	18	Some great views of animals roosting in trees at our lunch stop in Tamale on the 17th.
19	Straw-coloured Fruit Bat	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>	19	Seen early morning of the 23rd near Ankasa.
20	Hammer-headed Fruit Bat	<i>Hypsignathus monstrosus</i>	20	Seen at night in Ankasa Forest on the 23rd.
21	Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguinea</i>	21	A single animal in Mole NP on the 16th.
22	Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	22	Recorded daily in Mole NP.
23	Central Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus phaleratus</i>	23	Recorded daily in Mole NP.
24	Buffon's (Western) Kob	<i>Kobus kob</i>	24	Recorded on three days in Mole NP.
1	West African Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus suchus</i>	1	Seen at Hans Cottage.
2	African Dwarf Crocodile	<i>Osteolaemus tetraspis</i>	2	Seen at a small pool in Ankasa Forest on the 23rd.
3	Savannah Monitor	<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	3	As the name suggests, a species found mostly in drier savannah areas. Recorded in Mole NP on the 16th.
4	Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	4	Commonly distributed throughout Ghana, close to water bodies. Recorded on two days in Ankasa Forest.
5	Rock Agama	<i>Agama agama</i>	5	Recorded on five days.
6	Royal Python	<i>Python regius</i>	6	This impressive snake was seen beside the Mole River on the 16th.
7	Mamba sp	<i>Dendroaspis polylepis</i>	7	A snake thought to be a Black Mamba gave very close views in the roof of a walkway near the entrance to Ankasa Forest. However, this species is thought not to occur in Ghana. Jameson's Mamba (<i>Dendroaspis jamesoni</i>) is more likely but the colouration seemed wrong.

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