

Malawi Trip Report 2011



Stanley Bustard (Denham's) in Nyika National Park

Malawi Trip Report, 30 October - 12 November 2011

A birdwatching tour perfectly arranged by Birding Africa (<http://www.birdingafrica.com>).

Participants: Joakim, Elisabeth, Adrian (15) and Nova (10) Djerf from Östhammar, Sweden.

Areas visited: Dzalanyama, Viphya Plateau, Nyika NP, Lake Malawi, Zomba and Liwonde NP.

Total number of bird species recorded: 317

Total number of mammal species recorded: 23

Top 10 birds (our experience):

1. Pennant-winged Nightjar
2. Stanley Bustard (Denham's)
3. Cholo Alethe
4. Bar-tailed Trogon
5. White-winged Apalis
6. Anchieta's Sunbird
7. Livingstone's Flycatcher
8. Thick-billed Cuckoo
9. Boehm's Bee-eater
10. White-starred Robin

Important literature and sound recordings:

- ✓ Southern African Birdfinder (Callan Cohen, Claire Spottiswoode, Jonathan Rossouw)
- ✓ The Birds of Malawi (Francoise Dowsett-Lemaire, Robert J. Dowsett)
- ✓ Birds of Africa south of the Sahara (Ian Sinclair, Peter Ryan)
- ✓ Bradt Guide: Malawi (Philip Briggs)
- ✓ The Kingdon pocket guide to African Mammals (Jonathan Kingdon)
- ✓ Sounds of Zambian Wildlife (Robert Stjernstedt)

General about the trip:

This was, with two exceptions (Zomba and Liwonde), a self catering trip. Self catering in Malawi means you bring your own food to the accommodation but get it prepared by the always present local cook and (often) his one or two assistants. This worked perfectly well in every place we stayed. All meals were thoroughly prepared and tasted very good. None of us had any stomach problems at all in the whole trip and we ate everything we was served. We do recommend this arrangement when travelling in Malawi.

The weather was very good, sunny and warm, all days except the only day we had allocated for leisure and relaxing at the beach of Lake Malawi. Well, life is like that.

2011-10-29 -- 30 Travel

This trip started Saturday October 29 when we departed Arlanda airport, Stockholm at 21:00. After intermediate landings in Rome and Addis Ababa we arrived Lilongwe International airport at 12:20 October 30.

*Birds noted at Addis Ababa airport 08:30 - 09:30: **Yellow-billed Kite, Pied Crow, Rock Martin, Speckled Dove, White-collared Pigeon and Dusky Turtle Dove.***

2011-10-30 12:20 - 17:30 Lilongwe and drive to Dzalanyama

We were met at the airport by Land and Lake Safaris representative and our driver/guide for the whole stay **Ben Mwapeyah**. Ben had already stocked up provisions for the first three days so we could immediately start the drive to Dzalanyama Forest Reserve. Unfortunately the wheel nuts were not drawn enough on one wheel on our vehicle so we had to stop and tighten. This maneuver resulted in not less than three broken wheel studs... We could not risk go out for a 14-days trip with the wheels not properly attached so Ben had to call his company and ask them to bring a temporary vehicle for us while they fixed ours. Fortunately this could be arranged decently fast (being a Sunday) and in the late afternoon we were on our way to Dzalanyama (about 2 h drive). We reached the Dzalanyama Forest Lodge just before sunset, allowing about half an hour birding around the lodge before sunset.

*Birds in Lilongwe and en route to Dzalanyama: **Black-headed Heron, Black-shouldered Kite, Pied Crow, Yellow-billed Kite, Barn Swallow, Common House Martin, Steppe Buzzard, Crowned Lapwing, African Black/Common Swift, Fischer's Sparrowlark** (Ben found us a small flock of 5-6 birds quite close to Lilongwe), **Green-winged Pytilia, Blue Waxbill and Yellow-fronted Canary.***



2011-10-31 07:30 -- 2011-11-02 07:00 Dzalanyama Forest Reserve

We spent two full days in the Dzalanyama Forest Reserve. We did morning and afternoon bird walks. In between we relaxed in the lodge area and the kids could play in the refreshingly cold stream (with a pair of **Mountain Wagtails**) just below. We were very well taken care of by Ben and the Lodge's local staff of three people (we were the only guests). No electricity, but we did well with propane lights, stove and refrigerator. **Fiery-necked Nightjar** displayed outside the lodge just after sunset.



Very important when birding in Dzalanyama is to find bird parties. These foraging flocks often includes many of the special species of the miombo woodland (like Barbets, Honeybirds, Tits, Flycatchers

etc.). We didn't find many bird parties, maybe we were just unlucky or we were too late in the season?

A very important bird of Dzalanyama is the Boulder Chat. We put in quite a lot of effort trying for this species but we didn't succeed. A lot of "agricultural burning" was going on, especially on and around the small hills where the Boulder Chats are supposed to be. I think this must have been one reason the birds were not there. The newly burnt areas were almost bird free.

However we found many of the Dzalanyama specials and other nice species (about 90) anyway: **Dark Chanting-Goshawk, Ovampo Sparrowhawk, Brown-necked Parrot (Grey-headed), Schalow's Turaco, Thick-billed Cuckoo, African Cuckoo, African Pygmy-Kingfisher, Pale-billed Hornbill, Stierling's Woodpecker, African Broadbill, Striped Pipit, Miombo Tit, Rufous-bellied Tit, Spotted Creeper, Miombo Rock-Thrush, Red-winged Prinia, Yellow-bellied Hyliota, White-tailed Blue-Flycatcher,**



Miombo Rock-Thrush

Western Violet-backed Sunbird, Anchieta's Sunbird, Miombo Sunbird (Miombo Double-collared), Olive-headed Weaver and Cabanis's Bunting.

Mammals: **Grey Duiker** (1).

2011-11-02 07:00 - 17:30 Drive Dzalanyama to Viphya Plateau

A longish drive with short breaks for eating and a little birding at a small lake just south of Kasungu village and also at a nice miombo forest near Kahingina Forest Reserve. We also did some birdwatching when closing in to Luwawa Forest Lodge, the place to stay in south Viphya.



Lesser Jacana

Best birds were **Lesser Jacana** (4) in "Kasungu lake" (which also held a lot of other water birds) and **Miombo Scrub-Robin** and **Lesser Blue-eared Glossy-Starling** (Miombo Blue-eared) in the miombo forest.

Entering the Viphya area we stopped and watched a flock of about 50 Gray-rumped Swallows. Many of the swallows were immature with no elongated outer tail

feathers - a bit confusing at first. We also noted **Yellow-bellied Waxbill, Trilling Cisticola** and **Southern Citril** before sunset.

2011-11-03 05:45 - 09:00 Luwawa Forest Lodge

The garden and immediate surroundings of Luwawa Forest Lodge is a birders paradise! Unfortunately we had to move on all too quickly and we also got part of our short stay spoilt by some short but irritating rain showers. Nevertheless we managed to see or hear a little more than 50 nice species



this morning: **African Marsh Harrier, Red-chested Flufftail, Olive Woodpecker, White-headed Sawwing, Red-rumped Swallow, Eastern Mountain-Greenbul** (Southern Mountain), **Evergreen-forest Warbler, Fan-tailed Grassbird, African Yellow Warbler, Singing Cisticola, Wailing Cisticola, Bronze Sunbird, Variable Sunbird, Eastern Double-collared Sunbird** (Forest Double-collared), **Holub's Golden-Weaver, Bertram's Weaver** and both **African and Jameson's Firefinch**.

Mammals: **Yellow Baboon and Vervet Monkey**.

2011-11-03 09:00 - 15:30 Drive Viphya Plateau to Nyika NP

Bird wise a rather uneventful drive past the capital of the northern region Mzuzu (the third largest town in Malawi and the fastest growing) and the small town of Rumphu ("always very hot in Rumphu" according to Ben).

2011-11-03 15:30 - - 2011-11-06 07:20 Nyika NP

The famous Nyika is Malawi's largest national park. We entered at Thazima Gate and drove the remaining 110 km to Chelinda in about 2,5 hours (which actually is quite fast). In certain stretches the road is crossing into Zambia and we could work on our Zambia bird list (**Barn Swallow** and **Common Waxbill**)! We noted about 80 bird species in our 2,5 days stay in Nyika NP.

In Chelinda we stayed in a very nice chalet managed by Dominique, a very nice elderly man who had worked here for many years. Dominique got the fire burning when we arrived, it felt a bit strange at first being in the middle of Africa, but it actually gets quite chilly in the evenings and nighttime at this altitude (2 300 m).



Tanganyikan Mountain Squirrel

The following days we had very nice meals prepared by Dominique and very nice game and bird

drives managed by

Ben. Ben had very good knowledge about Nyika, he had worked here for several years, he told us.



Roan Antelopes and Yellow-billed Oxpecker



"Normal" African Pipit in Nyika



Dark (although young) African Pipit in Nyika

One of Nyika's most famous birding localities is Chowo Forest (in Zambia). We visited twice. Another almost as good forest is Zovo-Chipolo which we visited once. We also drove "Chelinda Valley circular route" and birded around the Chelinda dams.

About 20 km from Thazima gate is a small Acacia forest where we stopped

both when we entered and exited the NP. This site is supposed to be particularly good for Brown Parisoma, a species we didn't see but saw others like **Fuelleborn's Boubou** and **Mountain Yellow Warbler**.

The most memorable moment in Nyika NP was probably the bold displaying male **Stanley Bustard** (Denham's) accompanied by his female. We will also remember the large herds of **Roan Antelopes**, the **Montane Nightjars** displaying every night, the **Bar-tailed Trogons** in Chowo Forest and the fast flying **Blue Swallows** near Chelinda.

More nice Nyika bird species were: **Crowned Hawk-Eagle**, **Red-winged Francolin**, **Temminck's Courser**, **Dusky Turtle-Dove**, **Scarce Swift**, **Moustached Tinkerbird**, **African Hill Babbler**, **Olive-flanked Robin-Chat**, **White-starred Robin**, **Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler**, **Black-lored Cisticola**, **Churring Cisticola**, **Wing-snapping Cisticola**, **Bar-throated Apalis** (*youngi* race), **Chapin's Apalis**, **Brown-headed Apalis**, **White-tailed Crested Flycatcher** (White-tailed Elminia), **Cape Batis** (Malawi), **Slender-billed Starling**, **Waller's Starling**, **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**, **Montane Double-collared Sunbird** (Ludwig's Double-collared), **Baglafaecht Weaver** and **Buff-shouldered Widowbird** (Montane).



Bar-tailed Trogon in Chowo Forest

Mammals: **Yellow Baboon**, **Vervet Monkey**, **Scrub Hare**, **Tanganyikan Mountain Squirrel**, **Side-striped Jackal**, **Crawshay's Zebra**, **Common Warthog**, **Bushbuck**, **Eland**, **Grey Duiker**, **Red Duiker**, **Southern Reedbuck** and **Roan Antelope**.



Angola Swallow

2011-11-06 07:20 - 15:30 Drive Nyika to Lake Malawi

On the way out from the NP we stopped at the Zambian Rest House (in Nyika) for watching the **Angola Swallows** - we saw four of them!

2011-11-06 15:30 - 16:30 Nkhata Bay

We stopped at a special place close to the enormous rubber plantation just south of Nkhata Bay. The **East Coast Akalat** was our target species here. We could hear two birds singing at the site and finally got a brief visual of one of

them, but the views could have been better. After about one hour following the singing birds in the rough terrain, we gave up and headed back to our vehicle and continued to Chinteche and Makuzi Beach Lodge, our final destination for the day.

2011-11-07 06:00 -- 2011-11-08 09:00 Makuzi Beach Lodge

We spent one whole day plus a few morning hours at the extremely nice Makuzi Beach Lodge situated on the shore of Lake Malawi. The "basic 4-bedroom bungalow" was actually an enormous "owner's house" in two stories with a magnificent view over the lake! The house had terraces on both floors with comfortable hammocks and lots of other facilities. We could easily have spent much more time here doing all kinds of water activities like kayaking, doing boat trips, snorkeling and



fishing. The Makuzi Beach Lodge is just 200 m away and have a fantastic restaurant.

Unfortunately the weather was not perfect for beach activities, it was dark skies, windy and some quite heavy

showers. The kids enjoyed the Malawi Lake anyway and I think they spent more time in the water than on land this day.



Gray-olive Greenbul

In the evening we drove to a football pitch nearby and had splendid views of "the top-bird of the trip", the **Pennant-winged Nightjar!** Having seen this remarkable species only on pictures and finally have the opportunity to see (and hear) it in real life was really special. One bird was displaying extremely nicely in the spotlight from our car! The **Square-tailed Nightjar** was also present, but was outmatched

by its more charismatic cousin.

Other birds of interest in the vicinity were: **Gray-olive Greenbul, Red-faced Cisticola, Black-throated Wattle-eye** and **Purple-banded Sunbird.**

2011-11-08 09:00 - 18:30 Drive Lake Malawi to Zomba

A very long drive this day. We followed the lake shore, passed the Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve, continued southwards and finally crossed the Rift over to the eastern side and when we finally reached Zomba Forest Lodge it was pitch-black.

We saw quite a lot of birds en route this distance, mentionable species are: **African Fish-Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Little Swift, Bronze Mannikin** and **Cabanis's Greenbul** (Placid).

We were served a delicious dinner and were very well taken care of by the owner Ronald and his excellent staff at Zomba Forest Lodge!

*2011-11-09 05:30 -- 2011-11-10 09:30
Zomba area*

Birdwatching started in the early morning around the lodge (accompanied by Ronald's Great Dane/Lab mix Patch). We could have spent the whole day following the nice paths winding up and down the plateau, but we had some important species to go for in several other sites. We dropped off wife and kids at "Maggie's stable" for a nice mountain ride while Ben and I went in search of some Zomba specials. We did quite well, I think, in just a few hours we had nice views of several sought after species like **Orange Ground-Thrush, Cholo Alethe, Bar-throated Apalis**



Bar-throated Apalis (Yellow-throated)

(Yellow-throated) and **Black-headed Apalis**.

We then picked up the horse people and continued to Zomba town for lunch and **White-winged Apalis**. The most beautiful African warbler actually breeds in a birdwatcher's garden (Mr. John Wilson). He was very generous and showed us not only the Apalis's nest (with chicks) but also took us for a bird walk in the surroundings where he showed us **Crowned Hornbill, White-eared Barbet, Eastern Nicator, Green-backed Twinspot** and many more nice species.



Ben

The story of the White-winged Apalis in John's garden unfortunately didn't end well, we later were informed. The parent birds abandoned the nest. One reason for this could have been the Lesser Bushbaby that had taken up residence in an owl-box very close to the Apalis's nest.

The next morning we enjoyed breakfast in the garden while watching the morning behavior of the local **Black-and-white Mannikins, African Yellow White-eyes** and many more species washing up and drinking from the many birdbaths.

More Zomba species: **Blue-spotted Wood-Dove,**



Black-and-white Mannikin

Livingstones's Turaco, African Pygmy-Kingfisher, Square-tailed Drongo, Little Greenbul, Stripe-cheeked Greenbul (Olive-headed), White-starred Robin, Evergreen-forest Warbler, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Cape Batis

(Malawi), **Eastern Olive Sunbird, Collared Sunbird,**

Forest Weaver and Peters's Twinspot.

2011-11-10 09:30 - 12:00 Drive Zomba to Liwonde NP

A comparatively short drive. We approached Liwonde from the western side of the Shire river. We parked our car, brought all our stuff and were soon picked up by a boat which shuttled us to the Mvuu Camp on the other side of the river.

2011-11-10 12:00 -- 2011-11-12 08:00 Liwonde NP

We noted some 144 bird species in Liwonde NP. The park was very well managed and comfortable. Bird walks, bird drives, boat rides and night drives - all included with drivers and local guides! We also had Ben who, as always, was very helpful and sharp-sighted. Add to this a very nice accommodation and some really good meals in the restaurant, we summarized the whole stay as a very pleasant one!

In the Mvuu Camp area both **Collared Palm-Thrush** and **Boehm's Bee-eater** were very common - you can't miss!



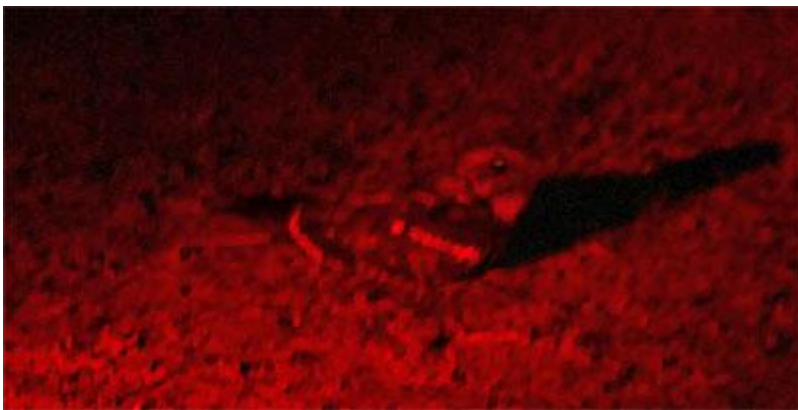
Boehm's Bee-eater

The swimming pool was very much appreciated by the kids for obvious reasons but also by the parents who could watch a party of **Livingstone's Flycatchers** (among others) in the surrounding trees!

The first afternoon we started off with a very nice bird drive in a 4WD safari vehicle. We saw lots of Impalas with fawns and Common Warthogs with piglets. Among the many bird species the **Woodland Kingfisher**, **Brown-headed Parrot** and **Lilian's Lovebird** were new to us. After a sundowner overlooking the



Hippo- and Crocodile-filled Shire River,



Square-tailed Nightjar

we had a night drive back to base with at least five **Square-tailed Nightjars** but not much else nocturnal.

The next day started with an early bird walk including a pair of **African Wood-Owl** and much more.

After a quick breakfast it was time for our first boat ride for the day on Shire River. Then lunch followed by a short break and then boat ride number 2. We finished the long day with yet a night drive. Puh!

Long lasting impressions from the boat rides were the plethora of water birds like **Black Crake** (>200) and **African Jacana** (>500). Also thousands of **Long-tailed** (Reed) and **Great** (White-breasted) **Cormorants**. More very common species along the river were **Squacco Heron**, **Water Thick-knee** and **Sacred Ibis**.



African Wood-Owl

Of course the many hundreds of Hippos and Crocodiles were also admired. One male Hippo was obviously not happy with our presence; he charged towards our boat with his jaws wide open and



the boat driver had to shout loudly and hit the engine making noise to assure the agitated animal to abort the attack (just half a meter from our boat). When we thought we were safe, we could see a large creature moving very fast in the water in our direction. It was the Hippo again, now running on the bottom of the river. So fast he was! We very quickly moved our boat in another direction and got away safe also this time. This event was a pretty good reminder that nature is wild and that the Hippopotamus can be a very dangerous animal!



African Skimmers



Other special species of the boat rides were **White-backed Night-Heron, Palm-nut Vulture, African Skimmer** and many, many more. We also saw about 20 African Elephants and 10 Nile Monitors.

The last morning we had a bird walk in another part of the park. This day the guides showed us the compulsory star bird of the establishment, the **Pel's Fishing-Owl**. We saw two adult birds, most probably a pair. Also an

African Barred Owlet and an obliging **Eastern Nicator** were nice finds.

We thanked our local guides (Henry and Danger) and took farewell of this amazing park.

More Liwonde bird species: **African Darter, Goliath-, Purple-, Gray-, Black-, Squacco-, Striated-, Black-crowned Night- and Black-headed Heron, Intermediate-, Great-, Little- and Cattle Egret, African Spoonbill, Glossy- and Hadada Ibis, Saddle-billed- and Yellow-billed Stork, African Openbill,**

White-faced Whistling- and **Comb Duck, Osprey, African Fish-Eagle, Brown Snake-Eagle, African Harrier-Hawk, Red-necked Falcon, Dickinson's Kestrel, Long-toed lapwing, Spur-winged Plover, Brown-necked Parrot (Grey-headed), Giant-, Pied-, Malachite-, Brown-hooded- and Striped Kingfisher, Broad-billed Roller, Southern Red-billed-, African Gray- and Trumpeter Hornbill,**



Sleepy Pel's Fishing-Owl

Cardinal- and Bearded Woodpecker, Southern Black-Tit, Sombre- and Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Little Rush-Warbler, Greencap Eremomela, Brubru, Sulphur-breasted (Orange-breasted)- and Gray-headed Bushshrike, Meves's Glossy-Starling, Amethyst-, Scarlet-chested-, Variable- and White-breasted Sunbird, Southern Gray-headed Sparrow, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver and Orange-winged Pytilia.

Mammals: **Yellow Baboon, Greater Bushbaby** (Thick-tailed Galago), **Smith's Bush Squirrel** (Mopane Squirrel), **Bushbuck, Greater Kudu** and **Waterbuck.**

2011-11-12 08:00 -13:15 Drive Liwonde NP to Lilongwe airport

The road to Lilongwe crosses into Mozambique territory in a few places (the same thing as with Zambia in Nyika) so we could now add **Barn Swallow, Common Bulbul** (Dark-capped) and **Rattling Cisticola** to our Mozambique list!

At the Lilongwe airport we said goodbye to Ben who had done a terrific job moving us around in Malawi, cooking food, spotting birds and helping us in every possible way! **Thank you very much, Ben!**

The journey home was not completely trouble free, but I won't bore you with all details about the shortcomings of Ethiopian Airlines at (mainly) Lilongwe airport. We were very lucky getting on the plane at all. Two intermediate landings later we touched down Stockholm, Arlanda - back on Swedish soil again after a fantastic trip!

Afterword

During the whole trip it was extensive fuel shortage in the country (fuel crisis better describes the situation). Tobacco production in Malawi is one of the nation's largest sources of income. The harvest last season apparently failed bad which meant that not enough foreign currency flowed into the country. Without foreign currency Malawi simply can't buy petrol and diesel from other countries. The not official market had limited supplies of diesel and petrol for sale for more than double the normal price, but the choice to buy this is actually very simple when the alternative is to wait in an endless queue along with disgruntled citizens for several days.

This of course had some impact on our trip. Firstly there were less traffic than normal, which was kind of a good thing. But we also had to spend time chasing diesel whenever we got the chance, which was a bit disturbing and also quite worrying. What will happen if we don't find the vital fluid? However we always did and with good margins.

More pictures will soon be available in our website: <http://www.djerf.st>

Joakim Djerf 2012-04-05

Species list (birds):

Site abbreviations:

AAA	Addis Ababa Airport (Ethiopia)
Lil	Lilongwe
Lil-Dz	Lilongwe to Dzalanyama
Dz	Dzalanyama Forest Reserve
Dz-VP	Dzalanyama to Viphya Plateau
KL	"Kasungu Lake" - a lake just south of Kasungu
KFR	Kahingina Forest Reserve
VP	Viphya Plateau
LFL	Luwawa Forest Lodge
Ny	Nyika National Park
CF	Chowo Forest (Nyika, Zambian side)
ZRH	Zambian Rest House (Nyika, Zambian side)
Ny-LM	Nyika National park to Lake Malawi
Nk	Nkhata Bay
MBL	Makuzi Beach Lodge (Chintheche, Lake Malawi)
LM-Zo	Lake Malawi to Zomba
Zo	Zomba area
Zo-Li	Zomba to Liwonde National park
Liw	Liwonde National park
Liw-Lil	Liwonde National park to Lilongwe

Species name in **bold** = new to us.

Bird order according to "Birds of Africa south of the Sahara", 2:nd edition 2010, Sinclair & Ryan.

Names of species and races according to **Clements Checklist 6.6**.

The taxonomic information supplied is my simple attempt to summarize the available information in different literature and it shall not be taking too seriously - I'm not a scientist, nor did I note all the subtle differences (maybe) separating many of the (proposed) races/subspecies. But in some species, like the Bar-throated Apalis for example, the differences are very obvious (especially between the races *whitei*, *youngi* and *flavigularis*). Most taxonomic information is from "The Birds of Malawi" (BoM) by Dowsett-Lemaire and Dowsett who seem to be meticulous!

Common name	Scientific name	Site(s)	Race, alternative common name & comments
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1 KL 2/11, 2 Ny 4-6/11	Race <i>capensis</i> . Ny: Chelinda Dam 1 and 3 - one in each.
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	~50 MBL 7/11, common Liw 10-12/11	Race <i>lucidus</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species White-breasted Cormorant.
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	singles Liw 11/11	Race <i>rufa</i>
Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	2 KL 2/11, common Liw 11/11	Race <i>africanus</i> . A.k.a. Reed Cormorant.
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	5 Liw 10/11, several Liw 11/11	Race <i>umbretta</i>
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	1 Liw 10/11, several Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>purpurea</i>
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	3 KL 2/11, noted Liw 10-12/11	Race <i>cinerea</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	1 Lil-Dz 30/10, 2 KL 2/11, noted LFL 3/11, ~10 LM-Zo 8/11, noted Zo-Li 10/11, noted Liw 10-12/11	Monotypic
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>	several Liw 11/11	Race <i>brachyrhyncha</i> . A.k.a. Yellow-billed Egret.
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1 KL 2/11, noted LFL 3/11, noted Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>melanorhyncha</i> . A.k.a. Great White Egret.
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1 KL 2/11, 1 MBL 8/11, noted Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>garzetta</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	~20 MBL 7/11, ~20 LM-Zo 8/11, noted Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>ibis</i>
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	12 MBL 7/11, several Liw 11/11	Monotypic. Liw: nice to see the umbrella-feeding!
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	noted Liw 10/11, ~75 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	2 MBL 7/11, ~10 Liw 11/11	Race <i>atricapilla</i> . A.k.a. Green-backed Heron.
White-backed Night-Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>	3 Liw 11/11	Monotypic. Liw: 2 ad. + 1 imm. seen very well!
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>nycticorax</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	1 Liw 10/11	Monotypic
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	~100 Liw 11/11	Race <i>aethiopicus</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	~10 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>brevirostris</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	2 Liw 11/11	Monotypic. A.k.a. Saddlebill.
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	~30 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>lamelligerus</i>
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	~10 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Monotypic

Common name	Scientific name	Site(s)	Race, alternative common name & comments
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	~20 KL 2/11, ~100 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Monotypic
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>	~5 KL 2/11	Race <i>leuconotus</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	~20 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	~10 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>gambensis</i>
Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	6 Liw 11/11	Race <i>melanotos</i>
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	~30 KL 2/11, 2 Ny 4-6/11	Race <i>undulata</i> . Ny: Chelinda Dam 1.
Red-billed Duck	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	~10 KL 2/11, 2 Liw 11/11	Monotypic. A.k.a. Red-billed Teal.
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	2 Lil-Dz 30/10	Race <i>caeruleus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	5 AAA 30/10, 2 Lil 30/10, several Dz-VP, several Ny 4-6/11, 3 LM-Zo 8/11	Race <i>parasitus</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Yellow-billed Kite. AAA: Ethiopia.
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>haliaetus</i>
African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	2 MBL 7/11, 5 LM-Zo 8/11, ~10 Liw 10/11, ~12 Liw 11/11, ~5 Liw 12/11	Monotypic
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	1 Liw 10/11	Monotypic
Eurasian Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1 Ny 5/11	Race <i>aeruginosus</i> . Adult male.
African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	6 LFL 3/11	Monotypic
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	1 Ny 4/11	Monotypic. Adult male.
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>typus</i> . A.k.a. Gymnogene.
Dark Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Race <i>mechowi</i> . Subadult male.
Black Goshawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	1 Zo 9/11	Race <i>melanoleucus</i> . A.k.a. Great Sparrowhawk.
Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>	1 Ny 4/11	Race <i>rufiventris</i> . A.k.a. Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk.
Ovampo Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Monotypic
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1 MBL 7/11	Race <i>polyzonoides</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1 Lil-Dz 30/10, ~6 Dz 1/11, several Ny 4-6/11, ~4 Liw-Lil 12/11	Race <i>vulpinus</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Western Steppe Buzzard.
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	1 Dz 1/11, several Ny 4-6/11	Monotypic
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	2 Dz 31/10	Monotypic
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Monotypic
Crowned Hawk-Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	1 Ny 4/11	Monotypic. A.k.a. African Crowned Eagle. Ny: Zovo-Chipolo

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			Forest.
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	4 Liw 10/11, 1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>ruficollis</i>
Dickinson's Kestrel	<i>Falco dickinsoni</i>	2 Liw 11/11	Monotypic. One pair breeding in a palm tree.
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	3 Ny 5/11	Race <i>biarmicus</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1 LM-Zo 8/11	Race <i>minor</i>
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	2 Liw 10/11, 4 Liw 12/11	Race <i>mitratus</i>
Red-winged Francolin	<i>Francolinus levaillantii</i>	~20 Ny 4/11, ~10 Ny 5/11	Race <i>levaillantii</i>
Hildebrandt's Francolin	<i>Francolinus hildebrandti</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Monotypic
Red-necked Francolin	<i>Francolinus afer</i>	1 MBL 8/11	Race probably <i>cranchii</i> . A.k.a Red-necked Spurfowl.
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	1 Ny 4/11, 3 Ny 5/11	Monotypic
Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>	1 LFL 3/11	Race <i>rufa</i> . LFL: heard calling from the marshy area.
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	2 Liw 10/11, ~200 Liw 11/11, noted Liw 12/11	Monotypic
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	~200 KL 2/11, 2 Ny 4/11, 3 Ny 5/11	Monotypic
Stanley Bustard	<i>Neotis denhami</i>	7 Ny 4/11	Race <i>jacksoni</i> . A.k.a. Denham's Bustard. Displaying male!
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	1 KL 2/11, ~500 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>	4 KL 2/11	Monotypic
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	~20 Liw 10/11, ~20 Liw 11/11, noted Liw 12/11	Race <i>vermiculatus</i> . A.k.a. Water Dikkop.
Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>	1 Ny 5/11	Monotypic
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	~10 Liw 11/11	Race <i>leucopterus</i>
Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	~5 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	~5 Liw 10/11, ~50 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	~20 Liw 11/11	Race <i>lateralis</i> . A.k.a. Senegal Wattled Plover. We also saw pullus.
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	2 Lil-Dz 30/10	Race <i>coronatus</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1 KL 2/11, 2 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1 KL 2/11, noted Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1 MBL 7/11, ~5 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Gray-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	~5 MBL 7/11, hundreds Liw 10-12/11	Race <i>poiocephalus</i> . A massive movement of terns and gulls

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			took place downriver in the afternoons and in the opposite direction in the mornings. Homogeneous flocks (typical 20-50) of G-h Gulls, G-b Terns and W-w Terns. I also identified Whiskered Tern but I'm not sure of the proportions.
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	18 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	hundreds Liw 10-12/11	Race <i>nilotica</i> . See G-h Gull above.
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>delalandii</i> . See G-h Gull above.
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	hundreds Liw 10-12/11	Monotypic. See G-h Gull above.
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	noted around villages and towns	(Feral Pigeon)
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	5 AAA 30/10	Race <i>guinea</i> . AAA: Ethiopia.
White-collared Pigeon	<i>Columba albitorques</i>	2 AAA 30/10	Monotypic. AAA: Ethiopia.
Rameron Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	common Ny 4-6/11	Monotypic. A.k.a. African Olive pigeon.
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	common Dz, noted MBL 7/11, common Liw 10-12/11	Monotypic
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	common Dz, common Liw 10-12/11	Race <i>tropica</i> . A.k.a. Cape Turtle-Dove.
Dusky Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>	1 AAA 30/10, 4 Ny 3/11, 5 Ny 5/11, 1 Ny 6/11	Monotypic. A.k.a. Pink-breasted Turtle Dove. AAA: Ethiopia.
African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	1 Dz 1/11, 1 VP 2/11, 3 Ny 3/11, 1 Ny 6/11, 2 MBL 7/11, 1 Zo 9/11	Races <i>salvadorii</i> (north like Ny) and <i>orientalis</i> (central and south like Dz and Zo)
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	several Dz, noted Zo 9/11, several Liw 11/11	Monotypic. "common in dry woodland and thickets".
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	noted Dz, 1 Ny-LM 6/11, noted Zo 9/11, 5 Zo 10/11	Monotypic. "widespread in moister woodland and riparian growth".
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	1 LFL 3/11, noted Zo 9/11, 3 Zo 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	1 Dz-VP 2/11	Race <i>capensis</i>
Brown-necked Parrot	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	7 Dz 2/11, 7 Liw 11/11	Race <i>suaahelicus</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Grey-headed Parrot .
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>	4 Liw 10/11	Race <i>tanganyikae</i>
Lilian's Lovebird	<i>Agapornis lilianae</i>	~50 Liw 10/11, ~50 Liw 11/11, ~50 Liw 12/11	Monotypic. A.k.a. Nyasa Lovebird.

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Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>	~10 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11	Race <i>chlorochlamys</i>
Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>	several Dz, several Ny 3-6/11, 10 CF 4/11	Monotypic. CF: Zambia.
Livingstone's Turaco	<i>Tauraco livingstonii</i>	~10 Zo 9/11, ~5 Zo 10/11	Race <i>livingstonii</i>
Gray Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	~5 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11	Race <i>molybdophanes</i>
Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	2 Liw 12/11	Monotypic
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Monotypic
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	2 Zo 9/11, 1 Zo 10/11	Race <i>cupreus</i>
Thick-billed Cuckoo	<i>Pachycoccyx audeberti</i>	2 Dz 1/11	Race <i>validus</i> . Dz: A pair seen very well!
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	several Dz, noted LFL 3/11, noted Zo 9/11, 1 Zo 10/11, noted Liw 10/11	Monotypic
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Monotypic. Dz: One calling bird also seen very well!
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	1 Ny 6/11, 1 MBL 8/11, noted Zo 9/11, 1 Zo 10/11, ~5 Liw 10/11, ~5 Liw 11/11, 2 Liw 12/11	Races <i>laandae</i> (north like Ny) and <i>burchellii</i> (central and south like Zo and Liw). The <i>burchellii</i> race sometimes treated as a separate species Burchell's Coucal.
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	2 Liw 11/11	Race <i>woodfordii</i> . Liw: One pair on day roost!
Pel's Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>	2 Liw 12/11	Monotypic. Liw: One pair on day roost!
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	2 Ny 4/11	Race <i>africanus</i> . Ny: Chelinda.
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>	1 Liw 12/11	Race <i>capense</i> . Ny: One bird on day roost!
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Race <i>fervidus</i> . Dz: Displaying outside lodge just after sunset.
Montane Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus ruwenzorii</i>	3 Ny 3/11, 2 Ny 4/11	Race <i>guttifer</i> . A.k.a. Ruwenzori Nightjar or Mountain Nightjar. Ny: Seen and heard very well!
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>	3 MBL 7/11, ~5 Liw 10/11, 3 Liw 11/11	Race <i>welwitschii</i> . A.k.a. Mozambique Nightjar or Gaboon Nightjar.
Pennant-winged Nightjar	<i>Macrodipteryx vexillarius</i>	2 MBL 7/11	Monotypic. MBL: Very nice views in the spotlights from our car on a football pitch nearby - one of the highlights of the trip!
Scarce Swift	<i>Schoutedenapus myoptilus</i>	1 Ny 4/11	Race <i>myoptilus</i>
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1 Dz-VP 2/11, ~30 MBL 7/11, ~5 Zo 10/11, ~20 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>myochrous</i>

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Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	~30 LM-Zo 8/11, 2 Liw 11/11	Race <i>aerobates</i> . LM-Zo: Small groups seen near high bridges.
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	~30 MBL 7/11, ~10 LM-Zo 8/11	Monotypic
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	noted Lil-Dz 30/10, noted Dz-VP 2/11, ~10 MBL 7/11, ~500 LM-Zo 8/11	Race <i>apus</i> . Obviously Common and African Black Swifts are easily confused if not studied in detail.
African Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>roehli</i> . A.k.a. African Black Swift.
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	~5 Dz 31/10, ~20 LFL 3/11, ~30 Ny 4/11, 1 Ny 6/11, 3 Zo 9/11, ~5 Liw-Lil 12/11	Races <i>berlepschi</i> (north like Ny) and <i>affinis</i> (central and south like Dz, Zo, Liw). Also race <i>simulans</i> occurs in the extreme south of the country.
Bar-tailed Trogon	<i>Apaloderma vittatum</i>	2 CF 4/11	Race <i>vittatum</i> . CF: Zambia.
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1 Liw 10/11	Race <i>africana</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species African Hoopoe.
Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	~5 KFR 2/11, 3 Liw 12/11	Race <i>marwitzi</i>
Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	1 LM-Zo 8/11, 1 Liw 10/11, 2 Liw 11/11	Race <i>schalowi</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>	2 Liw 11/11	Race <i>maximus</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1 KL 2/11, 4 MBL 7/11, ~3 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11	Race <i>rudis</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	1 Liw 10/11, ~5 Liw 11/11	Race <i>cristatus</i>
African Pygmy-Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	2 Dz 31/10, 2 Dz 1/11, 1 Zo 9/11	Race <i>natalensis</i> . Dz: Two near the lodge. Zo: One seen on a short walk "down" from Zomba Forest Lodge.
Gray-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Race <i>pallidiventris</i>
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	2 Liw 10/11	Race <i>cyanoleuca</i>
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	2 Liw 10/11, ~5 Liw 11/11, 2 Liw 12/11	Race <i>orientalis</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	1 Liw 10/11	Race <i>chelicuti</i>
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	1 Dz 1/11, 3 Liw 10/11, 1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>suahelicus</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	2 Dz-VP 2/11, ~10 LM-Zo 8/11, ~10 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11, noted Liw 12/11, ~5 Liw-Lil 12/11	Race <i>caudatus</i>
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	2 Dz 31/10, 2 Dz 1/11, ~5 Liw 10/11	Race <i>meridionalis</i>
Boehm's Bee-eater	<i>Merops boehmi</i>	~20 Liw 10/11, ~50 Liw 11/11, ~20 Liw 12/11	Monotypic
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	~30 Dz 1/11, ~20 Ny 3/11, ~5 Liw 11/11	Monotypic

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Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	3 Liw 10/11	Monotypic
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>	1 Zo 9/11	Monotypic. Zo: In John Wilson's garden.
African Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	1 Liw 10/11	Race <i>epirhinus</i>
Pale-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus pallidirostris</i>	7 Dz 1/11	Race <i>neumanni</i> . Dz: 2+5 birds.
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>	~4 Dz 1/11, 2 Liw 10/11, 1 Liw 11/11, 3 Liw 12/11	Monotypic
White-eared Barbet	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>	4 Zo 9/11	Race <i>leucotis</i> . Zo: In John Wilson's garden.
Moustached Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus leucomystax</i>	3 CF 4/11, 1 CF 6/11	Monotypic. CF: Zambia
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	noted Zo 9/11	Race <i>extoni</i> . Also noted this common species elsewhere.
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	1 Zo 9/11, 1 Zo 10/11	Race <i>bilineatus</i> . A.k.a. Golden-rumped Tinkerbird. Zo: In John Wilson's garden.
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>	1 Dz 31/10, 2 Dz 1/11, 1 Zo 9/11, 1 Zo 10/11	Monotypic
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	1 LFL 3/11	Race <i>teitensis</i>
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>	1 LFL 3/11	Race <i>ruwenzori</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	1 Zo 9/11, 2 Zo 10/11, ~5 Liw 10/11, ~5 Liw 11/11	Race <i>hartlaubi</i>
Stierling's Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos stierlingi</i>	2 Dz 1/11	Monotypic
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>namaquus</i>
African Broadbill	<i>Smithornis capensis</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Race <i>albigularis</i>
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>	2 Ny 4/11, ~20 Ny 5/11	Race <i>nyikae</i>
Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucopareia</i>	5 Lil-Dz 30/10	Monotypic. A group of 5-6 birds quite close to Lilongwe.
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	~5 MBL 7/11	Race probably <i>riparia</i> . A.k.a. Sand Martin.
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	3 AAA 30/10	Race <i>pusilla</i> . AAA: Ethiopia.
White-headed Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne albiceps</i>	1 LFL 3/11, ~6 Ny 4/11	Race <i>albiceps</i>
Black Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	several Dz, ~5 LFL 3/11, 1 Zo 9/11	Race <i>orientalis</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Eastern Sawwing .
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Lil 30/10, Dz-VP 2/11, ~250 LFL 3/11, common Ny 3-6/11, ~1000 MBL 7/11, common Liw-Lil 12/11	Race probably <i>rustica</i> . Very common almost everywhere. Also seen in Zambia (3/11) and Mozambique (12/11).
Angola Swallow	<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>	4 ZRH 6/11	Monotypic. ZRH: Zambia.

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Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	~5 Liw 10/11, ~20 Liw 11/11	Race <i>smithii</i>
Blue Swallow	<i>Hirundo atrocaerulea</i>	1 Ny 4/11, ~25 Ny 5/11	Monotypic
Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	2 LFL 3/11, ~5 MBL 7/11	Race <i>unitatis</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	2 LFL 3/11, ~5 Ny 4/11, singles MBL 7/11	Race <i>emini</i>
Gray-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>	several Dz, ~50 VP 2/11, ~5 LFL 3/11	Race <i>griseopyga</i>
Common House-Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	A few Lil 30/10	Race probably <i>urbicum</i>
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	1 LFL 3/11, 1 Ny 3/11, 2 Ny 5/11, 2 MBL 7/11, ~15 Zo 9/11, ~10 Liw 10/11, ~20 Liw 11/11	Race <i>vidua</i>
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	2 Dz, 4 Zo 9/11	Race <i>torrentium</i> . Dz: One pair in stream just below the lodge.
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	2 LFL 3/11	Monotypic
Striped Pipit	<i>Anthus lineiventris</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Race <i>stygium</i> . Dz: One seen very well on the top of a "Boulder Chat Kopje" (but unfortunately no Chats...).
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	~30 Ny 4/11, ~100 Ny 5/11	Race <i>lichenya</i> . Ny: We checked a lot of "normal" African Pipits (white belly, white outer tail feathers etc.) before we finally found two very dark birds (see pics above). Judging from the shape and color of the gape, the bird on the pic is a very young one. Are the young <i>lichenya</i> birds normally this dark? N.B. the dark Nyika Pipits are under taxonomic debate - compare Jackson's Pipit (<i>Anthus latistriatus</i>).
White-breasted Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina pectoralis</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Monotypic
Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>	4 Zo 9/11, 2 Zo 10/11	Race <i>tephrogaster</i>
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Dz, KFR, VP, Liw	Race <i>fugax</i> . Very common almost everywhere.
African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>	several Dz, 2 KFR 2/11	Race <i>notatus</i>
African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	common Dz, noted KFR 2/11, noted Liw 10/11	Race <i>angolensis</i>
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	10 AAA 30/10, noted Lil 30/10, 10 Ny 5/11, noted Liw 11/11	Monotypic. AAA: Ethiopia.
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	common Ny 3-6/11	Monotypic. Also seen elsewhere but have no notes.

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Miombo Tit	<i>Melaniparus griseiventris</i>	2 Dz 1/11	Monotypic. A.k.a. Miombo Grey Tit.
Rufous-bellied Tit	<i>Melaniparus rufiventris</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Race <i>masukuensis</i>
Southern Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	4 Liw 10/11, 2 Liw 12/11	Race <i>ravidus</i>
Spotted Creeper	<i>Salpornis spilonotus</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Race <i>salvadori</i>
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	5 Dz 31/10	Race <i>kirkii</i>
African Hill Babbler	<i>Pseudoalcippe abyssinica</i>	2 CF 4/11	Race <i>stictigula</i> . CF: Zambia
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Dz, KFR, VP, Ny, MBL, Zo, Liw	Race <i>layardi</i> . Central African birds are often treated as a separate species Dark-capped Bulbul. Very common almost everywhere. Also seen in Mozambique (12/11).
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>	2 CF 4/11, noted Ny 4/11	Race <i>alfredi</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Sharpe's Greenbul or Malawi Greenbul. CF: Zambia, Ny: Zovo-Chipolo Forest.
Cabanis's Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi</i>	1 LM-Zo 8/11	Race <i>placidus</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Placid Greenbul .
Gray-olive Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus cerviniventris</i>	7 MBL 7/11	Monotypic
Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>	2 Zo 9/11	Race <i>zombensis</i>
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	1 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>hypoxanthus</i>
Stripe-cheeked Greenbul	<i>Arizelocichla milanjensis</i>	2 Zo 9/11	Race <i>olivaceiceps</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Olive-headed Greenbul .
Eastern Mountain-Greenbul	<i>Arizelocichla nigriceps</i>	1 LFL 3/11, noted Ny 3-6/11	Race <i>fusciceps</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Southern Mountain Greenbul (a.k.a. Northern Mountain Greenbul!).
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	2 Liw 12/11	Race <i>occidentalis</i>
Eastern Nicator	<i>Nicator gularis</i>	1 Zo 9/11, 1 Liw 12/11	Monotypic. Zo: In John Wilson's garden.
Miombo Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola angolensis</i>	common Dz, 1 KFR 2/11	Race <i>hylophila</i>
Orange Ground-Thrush	<i>Zoothera gurneyi</i>	1 Zo 9/11	Race <i>disruptans</i> . Zo: Trout farm.
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyanus</i>	common Dz, 1 LFL 3/11, 1 Ny 3/11, 2 Zo 9/11, 2 Zo 10/11	Race <i>tropicalis</i>
Cholo Alethe	<i>Pseudalethe choloensis</i>	1 Zo 9/11	Race <i>choloensis</i> . A.k.a. Thyolo Alethe. Zo: Trout farm.
East Coast Akalat	<i>Sheppardia gunningi</i>	2 Nk 6/11	Race <i>bensoi</i> . Nk: Rubber plantation.

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White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	1 Dz, 1 MBL 7/11, ~5 Zo 9/11, 3 Zo 10/11	Race <i>intermedia</i> . A.k.a. Heuglin's Robin. This species is a morning terrorist also in Malawi!
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	several Ny 3-6/11, 2 Zo 9/11, 1 Liw 10/11	Race <i>iolaema</i>
Olive-flanked Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha anomala</i>	2 CF 4/11, 2 Ny 4/11	Race <i>macclounii</i> . CF: Zambia, Ny: Zovo-Chipolo Forest.
White-starred Robin	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>	1 CF 4/11, 1 Ny 4/11, 3 Zo 9/11	Race <i>orientalis</i> . CF: Zambia, Ny: Zovo-Chipolo Forest.
Collared Palm-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>	~10 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11, ~10 Liw 12/11	Monotypic
Miombo Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas barbata</i>	1 KFR 2/11	Monotypic
Bearded Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>	1 Liw 10/11	Race <i>quadrivirgata</i>
Red-backed Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Race <i>zambesiana</i> . A.k.a. White-browed Scrub Robin.
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	4 LFL 3/11, common Ny 3-6/11, 5 Zo 9/11	Race <i>stonei</i> . This race belongs to the torquatus group which sometimes is treated as a separate species African Stonechat.
Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Race <i>modesta</i>
Evergreen-forest Warbler	<i>Bradypterus lopezi</i>	2 LFL 3/11, ~20 Zo 9-10/11	Race <i>granti</i>
Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i>	2 Ny 4/11, 1 Ny 5/11	Race <i>nyassae</i>
Little Rush-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>tongensis</i>
Fan-tailed Grassbird	<i>Schoenicola brevirostris</i>	1 LFL 3/11	Race <i>alexinae</i>
African Yellow Warbler	<i>Chloropeta natalensis</i>	1 LFL 3/11	Race <i>natalensis</i> . A.k.a. Dark-capped Yellow Warbler.
Mountain Yellow Warbler	<i>Chloropeta similis</i>	1 Ny 6/11	Monotypic
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	several Dz, noted Liw 10-12/11	Race probably <i>yakutensis</i>
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	1 Zo 9/11	Race probably <i>borin</i>
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	2 MBL 7/11, 2 MBL 8/11	Race <i>nyasa</i>
Singing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>	1 LFL 3/11	Race <i>muenzneri</i>
Trilling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola woosnami</i>	3 VP 2/11	Race <i>lufira</i>
Black-lored Cisticola	<i>Cisticola nigriloris</i>	several Ny 3-6/11	Monotypic . Very distinct song, like a broken bicycle!
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	noted LM-Zo 8/11, common Liw 10-12/11, noted Liw-Lil 12/11	Race <i>emendatus</i> . Also seen in Mozambique (12/11).
Churring Cisticola	<i>Cisticola njombe</i>	common Ny 3-6/11	Race <i>mariae</i>
Wailing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lais</i>	1 LFL 3/11	Race <i>semifasciatus</i>

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Wing-snapping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>	~30 Ny 5/11	Race <i>ayresii</i>
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>	1 Dz 31/10, 1 LFL 3/11, several Ny 3-6/11, 1 Zo 9/11	Races <i>whitei</i> (Dz), <i>youngi</i> (LFL, Ny) and <i>flavicularis</i> (Zo). The last is often treated as a separate species Yellow-throated Apalis - endemic to S Malawi.
White-winged Apalis	<i>Apalis chariessa</i>	2 Zo 9/11, 1 Zo 10/11	Race <i>macphersoni</i> . Zo: In John Wilson's garden (nest with chicks) and one more site nearby.
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	2 Zo 9/11, 2 Zo 10/11	Race <i>neglecta</i>
Chapin's Apalis	<i>Apalis chapini</i>	2 CF 4/11	Race <i>straussae</i> . CF: Zambia.
Black-headed Apalis	<i>Apalis melanocephala</i>	2 Zo 9/11	Race <i>adjacens</i>
Brown-headed Apalis	<i>Apalis alticola</i>	2 Ny 6/11	Race <i>alticola</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	common Dz, Zo, Liw	Race <i>mutatrix</i> . Very common almost everywhere.
Red-winged Prinia	<i>Prinia erythroptera</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Race <i>rhodoptera</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	1 Dz 1/11	Race <i>polioxantha</i>
Greencap Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>	2 Liw 11/11	Race <i>scotops</i>
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	1 Dz 1/11, 1 KFR 2/11, 1 Nk 6/11, 1 Zo 9/11, 1 Liw 10/11	Race <i>sharpei</i> (grey-backed). Also <i>fugglescouchmani</i> and <i>bororensis</i> (both green-backed) occur in Malawi and there is much intergradation between these three according to BoM.
Yellow-bellied Hyliota	<i>Hyliota flavigaster</i>	1 Dz 31/10	Race <i>barbozae</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidis</i>	1 Dz 31/10, 2 LFL 3/11, 5 Zo 9/11	Races <i>griseus</i> (north and central like Dz and LFL) and <i>divisus</i> (S Malawi like Zo). A.k.a. Pallid Flycatcher.
Southern Black-Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	noted Dz, Ny, KFR	Race <i>ater</i>
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	3 Zo 9/11, 2 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11	Race probably <i>striata</i>
Dusky-brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	1 Dz 31/10, 1 Dz 1/11	Race <i>subadusta</i> . A.k.a. African Dusky Flycatcher.
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	common Dz, 1 MBL 7/11	Race <i>plumbeiceps</i> . A.k.a. Grey-headed Paradise Flycatcher.
White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher	<i>Elminia albonotata</i>	1 Ny 3/11, 1 CF 4/11	Race <i>albonotata</i> . A.k.a. White-tailed Elminia. CF: Zambia.
White-tailed Blue-Flycatcher	<i>Elminia albicauda</i>	~5 Dz 31/10, 2 Ny 6/11	Monotypic
Livingstone's Flycatcher	<i>Erythrocerus livingstonei</i>	~7 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11	Race <i>francisi</i>
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	1 LFL 3/11, 2 Ny 4/11, 2 Zo 9/11, 1 Zo 10/11	Races <i>sola</i> (north like LFL and Ny) and <i>dimorpha</i> (central and south like Zo). These races are sometimes treated as a

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			separate species Malawi Batis .
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	~5 Dz Dz 1/11, noted Liw 11/11, 1 Liw 12/11	Race <i>palliditergum</i>
Black-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira peltata</i>	2 MBL 7/11, 1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>peltata</i>
Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	6 Ny 4/11, 2 Ny 5/11	Race <i>capelli</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	common Dz, 1 LFL 3/11, 10 Zo 9/11, 4 Zo 10/11, noted Liw 11/11, 2 Liw 12/11	Race <i>hamatus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	1 Liw 12/11	Race <i>nigritemporalis</i>
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>	common Dz, 2 Ny 6/11, 1 MBL 8/11, 10 Zo 9/11, 1 Liw 10/11, noted Liw 11/11	Race <i>mossambicus</i>
Fuelleborn's Boubou	<i>Laniarius fuelleborni</i>	1 Ny 6/11	Race <i>fuelleborni</i>
Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>	2 Liw 11/11, 3 Liw 12/11	Race <i>similis</i> . A.k.a. Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike.
Gray-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	2 Zo 9/11, 1 Liw 11/11, 2 Liw 12/11	Race <i>hypopyrrhus</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	common Dz, noted VP	Race <i>armenus</i>
Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	~20 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11, ~10 Liw 12/11	Race <i>scyobius</i>
Lesser Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>	4 KFR 2/11	Race <i>elisabeth</i> . This race is sometimes treated as a separate species Miombo Blue-eared Starling .
Meves's Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>	~50 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11, ~10 Liw 12/11	Race <i>mevesii</i>
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	~10 Dz 1/11, ~5 LFL 3/11, noted Ny 3/11, ~5 Ny 6/11, ~4 Liw 10/11, ~5 Liw 11/11	Race <i>verreauxi</i>
Slender-billed Starling	<i>Onychognathus tenuirostris</i>	2 Ny 4/11	Race <i>theresae</i>
Waller's Starling	<i>Onychognathus walleri</i>	2 CF 4/11	Race <i>walleri</i> . CF: Zambia.
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	2 Ny 4/11	Race <i>africanus</i> . Near Chelinda, on the back of Roan Antelopes.
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	2 Liw 10/11, 3 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Bronze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>	2 LFL 3/11, 1 Ny 4/11, ~15 Ny 6/11	Race <i>arturi</i> . Ny: 15 in one tree with red flowers.
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>	1 Dz 1/11, 2 KFR 2/11, 1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>kirkii</i>

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Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	2 Liw 10/11, 2 Liw 11/11	Race <i>gutturalis</i>
Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	~10 Zo 9/11, 4 Zo 10/11	Race <i>alfredi</i>
Western Violet-backed Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes longuemareii</i>	3 Dz 1/11	Race <i>angolensis</i>
Anchieta's Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes anchietae</i>	2 Dz 31/10	Monotypic
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	1 Zo 9/11	Race <i>zambesiana</i> . Probably overlooked elsewhere.
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	3 Dz 31/10, 3 LFL 3/11, ~10 Zo 9/11, ~10 Zo 10/11, noted Liw 11/11, 2 Liw 12/11	Race <i>falkensteini</i>
White-breasted Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	2 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>	4 MBL 7/11	Race <i>microrhynchus</i>
Montane Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris ludovicensis</i>	2 Ny 4/11	Race <i>whytei</i> . A.k.a. Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird
Miombo Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris manoensis</i>	several Dz	Race <i>manoensis</i> . A.k.a. Miombo Double-collared Sunbird.
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mediocris</i>	4 LFL 3/11, 1 Ny 4/11, 2 Ny 5/11, ~10 Zo 9/11, ~5 Zo 10/11	Races <i>fuelleborni</i> (north like Viphya Plateau and Nyika) and <i>bensoni</i> (south like Zomba). These races are sometimes treated as a separate species Forest Double-collared Sunbird .
African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	common Ny 4-6/11, ~20 Zo 9/11, ~10 Zo 10/11, ~5 Liw 10/11	Races <i>stierlingi</i> (green-backed at higher altitude like Nyika and Zomba) and <i>anderssoni</i> (yellow-backed at lower altitude like Liwonde NP).
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	noted Dz-VP 2/11, noted Ny-LM 6/11	Race <i>indicus</i>
Southern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	~10 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11	Race <i>stygiceps</i>
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Petronia supercilii</i>	common Dz	Race <i>flavigula</i>
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	~50 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11, noted Liw 12/11	Race <i>pectoralis</i>
Holub's Golden-Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>	~6 LFL 3/11	Monotypic
African Golden-Weaver	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>	~20 MBL 7/11	Race <i>aureoflavus</i> . A.k.a. Yellow Weaver.
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>	common Liw 10-12/11,	Race <i>xanthopterus</i>

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Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	noted Dz, 5 Zo 9/11, 4 Zo 10/11	Race <i>suaelicus</i>
Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	~20 MBL 7/11, ~10 Liw 10/11	Race <i>cabanisii</i>
Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>	4 Ny 5/11	Race <i>nyikae</i> . Ny: Chelinda.
Bertram's Weaver	<i>Ploceus bertrandi</i>	2 LFL 3/11	Monotypic
Forest Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>	1 Zo 9/11	Race <i>stictifrons</i> . A.k.a. Dark-backed Weaver.
Olive-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus olivaceiceps</i>	2 Dz 31/10, 1 Dz 1/11	Monotypic
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	2 Dz 1/11, ~10 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw 11/11	Race <i>rubriceps</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	4 Liw 10/11, 3 Liw 11/11	Race <i>lathami</i>
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>	noted Ny 3/11, ~10 Ny 6/11	Race <i>ardens</i>
Buff-shouldered Widowbird	<i>Euplectes psammocromius</i>	~50 Ny 4/11, ~100 Ny 5/11	Monotypic. A.k.a. Montane Widowbird.
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	1 Lil-Dz 30/10, 1 Liw 10/11, 1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>melba</i>
Orange-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia afra</i>	2 Liw 11/11	Monotypic
Peters's Twinspot	<i>Hypargos niveoguttatus</i>	~10 Zo 9/11, ~5 Zo 10/11	Race <i>niveoguttatus</i> . A.k.a. Red-throated Twinspot.
Green-backed Twinspot	<i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>	1 Zo 9/11	Race <i>nitidula</i> . A.k.a. Green Twinspot. Zo: In John Wilson's garden.
African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	1 Dz 1/11, noted LFL 3/11, ~10 Zo 9/11, ~5 Zo 10/11	Race <i>haematocephala</i>
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>	2 LFL 3/11	Race <i>jamesoni</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>	2 LM-Zo 8/11	Race <i>scutatus</i>
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>	~10 LFL 3/11, ~50 Zo 9/11, ~20 Zo 10/11	Race <i>nigriceps</i> . A.k.a. Red-backed Mannikin or Brown-backed Mannikin.
Blue-breasted Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	10 Lil 30/10, noted Lil-Dz 30/10, 4 LFL 3/11, ~10 LM-Zo 8/11, noted Zo 10/11, ~30 Liw 10/11, ~50 Liw 11/11, ~20 Liw 12/11	Race <i>niassensis</i> . A.k.a. Blue Waxbill.
Yellow-bellied Waxbill	<i>Coccyzygia quartinia</i>	1 VP 2/11, ~10 LFL 3/11, 3 Ny 4/11, 2 Zo 10/11	Race <i>kilimensis</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	noted Dz-VP 2/11, ~75 LFL 3/11, common Ny 4-6/11, noted LM-Zo 8/11, noted Zo 10/11, ~10 Liw 10/11, ~10 Liw	Race <i>cavendishi</i> . Also seen in Zambia (3/11).

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		11/11, ~10 Liw 12/11	
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	Noted Lil-Dz 30/10, 1 Dz 31/10, 2 Dz 1/11, 1 MBL 7/11, ~10 Liw 10/11, ~20 Liw 11/11, ~30 Liw 12/11	Race <i>mozambicus</i>
Brimstone Canary	<i>Serinus sulphuratus</i>	3 Ny 4/11, 1 Ny 6/11	Race <i>sharpii</i>
Yellow-crowned Canary	<i>Serinus flavivertex</i>	2 LFL 3/11, ~20 Ny 5/11, 1 Liw 10/11	Race <i>sassii</i>
Southern Citril	<i>Serinus hypostictus</i>	1 VP 2/11, ~10 LFL 3/11, noted Ny 3/11, ~5 Zo 9/11, ~5 Zo 10/11, ~10 Liw 10/11	Race <i>hypostictus</i>
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	1 Liw 11/11	Race <i>tahapisi</i>
Cabanis's Bunting	<i>Emberiza cabanisi</i>	2 Dz 31/10, 3 Dz 1/11	Race <i>orientalis</i>
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	3 VP 2/11, ~5 LFL 3/11	Race <i>kalaharica</i>

Species list (mammals and reptiles):

(Our notes on animals and reptiles are not complete. Some common species were seen in more sites but not always noted.)

Species	Site(s)	Comment
Yellow Baboon	noted LFL 3/11, several Ny 3-6/11, common Liw	
Vervet Monkey	noted LFL 3/11, noted Ny 3/11, 6/11	
Samango Monkey (Gentle Monkey)	~5 Zo 9/11	John Wilson's garden
Greater Bushbaby (Thick-tailed Galago)	1 Liw	Heard
Lesser Bushbaby (South African Galago)	1 Zo 9/11	John Wilson's garden
Scrub Hare	~10 Ny 3-6/11	
Tanganyikan Mountain Squirrel	~3 CF 4/11	CF: Zambia
Mutable Sun Squirrel	3 Zo 9/11	
Smith's Bush Squirrel (Mopane Squirrel)	common Liw 10-12/11	
Side-striped Jackal	1 Ny 3/11	
African Elephant	~20 Liw 10-12/11	
Crawshay's Zebra	small flocks Ny 3-6/11	
Hippopotamus	common Liw 10-12/11	
Common Warthog	several Ny 3-6/11, common Liw 10-12/11	many with piglets
Bushbuck	several Ny 3-6/11, noted Liw 10-12/11	
Greater Kudu	noted Liw 10/11	
Eland	noted Ny 3-6/11	
Grey Duiker (Bush/Common Duiker)	1 Dz 1/11, several Ny 3-6/11	
Red Duiker (Natal Duiker)	1 Ny 4/11	
Southern Reedbuck	common Ny 3-6/11	
Waterbuck	several Liw 10-12/11	
Impala	common Liw 10-12/11	many with fawns
Roan Antelope	common Ny 3-6/11	
Nile Crocodile	common Liw 10-12/11	
Nile Monitor	~10 Liw 10-12/11	
Other Lizzards sp.		