

KENYA
17 to 23 February 2011
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BACKGROUND

This trip gave me an opportunity to see birds in a region of Kenya that I had not visited on my previous three trips. Although I was only there for a relatively short time, I really enjoyed the birding and saw over 270 species.

Having been allowed to retire early at the end of December, I treated myself to the trip while my wife and son went skiing. A good result for all concerned! I arranged the visit through my friend Jonathan Baya [www.tracktours.weebly.com]. As this region is outside of Jonathan's normal patch, he, in turn, contacted Joshua from "Birdwatching East Africa". Together, they were excellent guides. I was totally spoilt as, at times, I had three guides with me!

This western area [Lake Baringo, Kakamega, Lake Naivasha] is brilliant for birds and I would recommend it to anyone who is interested in world birding. Given the limited time available, I concentrated on birds rather than animals. Obviously, the Masai Mara NP was well within range but I didn't have time to fit it in. One for later...

ITINERARY

17 FEB – Left Newcastle for Heathrow and took the BA flight to Nairobi, arriving around 9pm. Met Jonathan, who had driven the van from Watamu, and Joshua and then moved on to stay in a hotel on the outskirts of Nairobi, which was OK but I'm not recommending it!

18 FEB – There was an awful amount of traffic in Nairobi and we were held up for a long time before we got out of the built up areas. Gradually, we picked our way towards Nakuru, seeing a few birds along the way. We were heading for the Lake Baringo area and making good progress until smoke appeared from the back of the van! Great. A stop at the next garage took out a couple of hours. In the end, it was just poor quality petrol that was causing the problem so it could have been worse. We lost a fair amount of time though. I saw a few birds from the garage forecourt but it wasn't birding at its best.

Moving on, we made our way to Mogotio, [the Equator stop], where we got out of the van and had a look around the area. This was more like it!. Grey Backed Fiscal, Silverbird, Marico Sunbird and Upcher's Warbler were all lifers for me and seen within a couple of minutes.

We moved on for a mile and got out again to cover a small wetland area. There weren't too many new birds but plenty of passerines, including two more Upcher's Warblers, which I watched for several minutes. Strange looking warblers, constantly flicking tails and crashing through the brambles. Something like a very large Barred Warbler came to mind. A reminder of things back home included a few Northern Wheatears and a Common Sandpiper. More African by nature were Brubru [4], African Spoonbill, Sacred Ibis and Black Headed Heron.

We moved on towards Lake Baringo. Josh had arranged to meet our local guide, Francis, at a site where there were a few specialities. Within 20 minutes, I had Star Spotted and Slender Tailed Nightjars on my list, together with Heughlin's Courser [4] and Spotted Thick-knee [2]. Four Lichenstein's Sandgrouse weren't new but still very good to see, as was the Spotted [Greyish] Eagle Owl. Nice place.

We moved on to Lake Baringo Country Club, which is fairly expensive but I deserved it after 40 years in Local Government!

19 FEB – We were up early and we again met Francis, who quickly took us to an area near a cliff. Lifers came thick and fast. Bristle Crowned Starling [2], Jackson's Hornbill and Vitelline Masked Weaver were seen very quickly from the van. We then got out and walked around the area, adding a few distant Cliff Chat, Three Streaked Tchagra, Brown Tailed Rock Chat and Hunters Sunbird to my list. We then watched three Hemplich's Hornbills fly over us. Two landed for a minute or so before flying away. A few other birds flitted around the bushes, including Green Winged Pytilia, Northern Grey Tit, and a Purple Grenadier, which I missed. I still haven't seen one!

Back for breakfast with the birds. The staff at the hotel put out some rich pickings for them and there were birds everywhere. These included lifers in the shape of Arrow Marked Babblers, Little Weaver and White Billed Buffalo Weaver. Three species of Hornbill, numerous other Weavers and Starlings, plus the occasional Coucal, Lilac-Breasted Roller and others made it difficult to concentrate on what I was eating.

Finally, I was dragged away and we walked through the grounds. There were a few distant Carmine Bee-eaters on the trees in the Lake, with other Bee-eater species, which could have been Blue-Cheeked. Herons, Terns and Egrets were plentiful. In the Gardens, we saw Woodland Kingfisher, African Scops Owl and White Faced Scops Owl. A few Spotted Morning Thrush bobbed around on the grass, together with the ever-present, but beautiful, Superb Starlings.

We then booked out and started the long journey through Kerio Valley to Kakamega. We stopped a couple of times but more for a stretch of legs than anything else. It's a long trip. On arrival at Rondo Retreat, there were a few birds around but we quickly made our way to meet our local guide, Wilberforce. What a lovely man. He knows his birds too. Jonathan had trained as a guide with him many years before and it was their first meeting since - so that finished the day, birding wise!

A nice meal and off to my spacious room. Again, Rondo isn't particularly cheap but it's the place to stay if you're going to Kakamega. Prior to departure, I had been told that there was no alcohol allowed but I did see other people drinking wine at the table so the rules might have been relaxed a little.

20 FEB – I was up in good time for breakfast and had a brief look around the gardens. White Headed and Black Saw-wings were already in position and I had a glimpse of Black and White Casqued Hornbill. I would get much better views later on. We made our way a few miles up the track and arrived at Wilberforce's house. We continued to the Reserve office and then walked into the Forest. Tree Pipit and Willow Warbler!! Where am I? Oh, African Blue Flycatcher, I remember now.. And then new birds came along in good numbers, starting with Brown Chested Alethe, Joyful Greenbul, Yellow Spotted and Yellow Billed Barbets [among other Barbets], Equatorial Akalat. I could go on but I won't. I've listed them separately in the appendix to this report. What I will say is that I saw 5 Blue Headed Bee-eaters and that was THE moment of the trip for me. I've even got about a minute's worth of camcorder footage to prove I saw at least two of them!

While all this birdwatching was on-going, we did stop to admire Black and White Colobus, Red-tailed and Blue Monkeys. There was also a squirrel or two and many butterflies. It's a lovely place. We stopped for lunch and had a few hours out in the afternoon. It was less birdy but I added a few new birds and saw others well.

21 FEB – Another early start saw us head along the track in the opposite direction to the previous day. We stopped near a bridge where Wilberforce quickly got into his stride, pointing out a number of lifers for me in a couple of hours. There was all sorts, Greenbuls, Tinkerbirds, Bush-Shrikes, Starlings. We just stood in the same place and waited for them to come to us. A walk off the road and into an open area brought about a number of

different birds, including Chubb's Cisticola, Double Toothed Barbet, Vieillot's Black Weaver and Augur Buzzard.

In the afternoon, we walked along a trail at Rondo. I was still missing Great Blue Turaco and was just beginning to wonder whether I was going to dip out when two beauts flew in front of us and landed in the open for stonking views! As if that wasn't enough, Wilberforce then tracked down a White-Spotted Flufftail, which showed really well. I hadn't expected to see one of those. It was excellent overall and I was very grateful to Josh for arranging to have Wilberforce for the extra local knowledge. After a long chat [we had a few of those!] in the Rondo Garden, we said our farewells as the light faded. There was still time to see a few more Turacos around the big trees on the edge of the Garden.

22 FEB – Another long day beckoned as we made our way from Kakmega to Lake Naivasha. It took some time and we only made one stop for birds, overlooking a lake by the main road, which is well known for Lesser Jacana [but not when I'm there!]. A fleeting glimpse of Golden-Winged Sunbird was very frustrating but it was one! Lots of common waterbirds apart, there wasn't too much happening. A brief diversion here. I really did not like the road we were on around this time. It's the main road from Nairobi to the West. It was literally a long piece of tarmac, featuring four massive ruts from the weight of the lorries that have travelled along that piece of road over the years. It was more like a railway line. If you wanted to pass anything, you had to come out of your deep "rails" and then go back into them once you were ahead. Thankfully, this only lasted for about 20 miles and Josh said that the Government is planning to completely repair the road to the high standard nearer to Nairobi, which is excellent. Can't come soon enough...

We arrived in the Naivasha area in good time and went past the Lake Naivasha Country Club [yes, more expense] to Lake Oloiden. Here we saw thousands of Lesser Flamingo. There were also many common waders and hundreds of Yellow Wagtails. No lifers but a great place. We made our way back to the hotel, checked in and then it started to rain. That was the first rain we had experienced since arrival at the airport. It didn't last and we were able to make our way through the grounds and onto the walk-way towards the lake. We saw many different birds in a very short time. It's a good place to stop for birders. I then went for dinner and had an unusual experience when I arrived at the same time as 20 or so Chinese chaps. I thought I'd let them get theirs first. I was in no particular rush. I hadn't banked on them being a professional food demolition squad! Anything and everything went on the same plate and vanished. The waiters took pity on me and got the chef to renew some of the plates. I got in quickly...

23 FEB – We walked around the grounds again and saw even more than on the previous evening. Northern Anteater Chat [2] was a new bird for me. We walked into an adjacent field and saw Red Faced Crombec and Gabar Goshawk, along with many more Yellow Wagtails. Two Giant Kingfishers flew past and on the return walk, Hunter's Cisticola [2] showed well and brought yet another lifer my way.

I could have stayed longer but we had places to go and birds to see so we left mid morning for Kinangop Grassland. We were hoping for Sharpe's Longclaw but despite walking the area thoroughly, we didn't see one. However, I did add a few lifers with Black-winged Plover, African Snipe and Mountain Buzzard. We then moved on to Gatamaiyu Forest, which is only about an hour's drive from Nairobi. We had about three hours here and it was slow at times but good at other times. Lifers included White Starred Robin, White Tailed Crested Flycatcher, Black throated Apalis, White Browed Crombec, Black-fronted Bush -Shrike, Mountain Oriole and Grey Cuckoo Shrike. Again, it's a place I can recommend but I'd also recommend that you take Josh with you!

Having got back onto the main Nairobi road, it was plain sailing through to the airport and I arrived in good time to check in before the flight back to London. I arrived early on the following morning and after a couple of hours' wait, flew back to Newcastle. It had been an excellent trip. A number of people had said that it was a long way to go for just 6 nights. However, having seen over 270 species, including many lifers, I'd say it was well

worth it. Obviously, it would have been nice to have stayed on for a day or two at Kakamega to do it complete justice but there's always next time! One of my main regrets was that birds came at us so quickly at times that I just couldn't keep up! That's a nice problem to have. With three other people looking, in different directions, there was always a chance that I would miss quite a few. I thought I'd missed a dozen or so but as you will see from the Appendix, I seem to have missed a good few more than that! I think some of it is down to the fact that I couldn't record everything at the time of seeing the birds and I missed a few that way. Normally, I'm pretty good at remembering what I've seen but this was a case of volume overload!

Finally, I would like to thank Jonathan and Josh for their help and care. They made the trip very easy for me. Thanks also to Francis and Wilberforce. I think you need this extra local knowledge if you are going to get the best out of a trip. It helps them too, financially. I know Jonathan very well now and can recommend him unreservedly as an excellent guide along the coast and in the Tsavo area. The places we went to on this trip are well outside of his patch and he does not know all of the birds. I'm sure Josh and his colleagues at Birdwatching East Africa would be excellent if you were to book through them. Alternatively, Jonathan will be in regular contact with Josh about trips and he will be happy to act as middle man if you are looking to cover the coast as well as the Western part of the country.

SPECIES SEEN - 18 to 23 FEBRUARY 2011

G - Gatamaiyu Forest
KK - Kakamega Forest
LB - Lake Baringo
LN - Lake Naivasha
LO - Lake Oloiden
M - Mogotio [Equator stop]

LITTLE GREBE - Seen at three sites
GREAT WHITE PELICAN - Large number, very distant on a lake near LN
LONG TAILED CORMORANT - LB
GREAT CORMORANT - LN
AFRICAN DARTER - 2 at LB
GREAT WHITE EGRET - LB
CATTLE EGRET - seen occasionally
LITTLE EGRET - seen occasionally
STRIATED HERON - LB
SQUACCO HERON - LN
GREY HERON - LN
BLACK HEADED HERON - LN
HAMERKOP - LB
WHITE STORK - several in a field near Nakuru
MARABOU STORK - seen from van at a few sites
YELLOW-BILLED STORK - several at a pool near Nakuru; LN
SACRED IBIS - LN
HADADA IBIS - Seen at most sites
AFRICAN SPOONBILL - Seen from vehicle at a pool near Nakuru
LESSER FLAMINGO - at least 5,000 at LO
EGYPTIAN GOOSE - Seen at a few sites
RED-BILLED TEAL - LO
HOTTENTOT TEAL - LO
CAPE TEAL - LO
YELLOW-BILLED DUCK - Seen at a few sites

HEUGHLIN'S COURSER - 4 near LB
 SPOTTED THICK-KNEE - 2 near LB
 BLACK-WINGED PLOVER - Magumu, Kinangop
 AFRICAN JACANA - LB
 RED-KNOBBED COOT - Seen at a number of wetland sites
 WHITE-SPOTTED FLUFFTAIL - KK
 GREY-CROWNED CRANE - 2 in a field near Nakuru
 BLACK WINGED STILT - LO
 AFRICAN SNIPE - Magumu, Kinangop
 BLACKSMITH PLOVER - LN
 SPUR-WINGED PLOVER - LN
 RUFF - Several at LO
 COMMON SANDPIPER - M
 WOOD SANDPIPER - LO
 GREENSHANK - LO
 MARSH SANDPIPER - 3 at LO
 LITTLE STINT - Several LO
 BLACK-TAILED GODWIT - LO and LN
 GREY-HEADED GULL - 2 at LN
 GULL-BILLED TERN - LN
 LONG-CRESTED EAGLE - Seen twice from van
 TAWNY EAGLE - Seen at a couple of sites
 AUGUR BUZZARD - KK and from vehicle
 MOUNTAIN BUZZARD - Magumu
 COMMON BUZZARD - KK
 DARK CHANTING GOSHAWK - M
 GABAR GOSHAWK - LN
 AFRICAN HARRIER-HAWK - 2 near Nakuru
 BLACK KITE - Seen on a few occasions from vehicle and in Nakuru
 AFRICAN FISH EAGLE - 2 at LN
 BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE - One from vehicle
 LICHTENSTEIN'S SANDGROUSE - At least 4 near LB
 SPECKLED PIGEON - Seen a few times from vehicle
 AFRICAN GREEN PIGEON - KK and LN
 BLUE-SPOTTED WOOD DOVE - KK
 NAMAQUA DOVE - A few at LB
 RING-NECKED DOVE - Seen occasionally
 RED-EYED DOVE - Seen occasionally
 AFRICAN MOURNING DOVE - LB
 LAUGHING DOVE - several at LB
 GREAT BLUE TURACO - At least 4 at KK
 HARTLAUB'S TURACO - G
 WHITE-BELLIED GO-AWAY BIRD - Seen a couple of times
 KLAAS'S CUCKOO - LN
 WHITE-BROWED COUCAL - LB
 SLENDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR - near LB
 STAR-SPOTTED NIGHTJAR - near LB
 GREYISH EAGLE-OWL - near LB
 AFRICAN SCOPS OWL - LB
 WHITE-FACED SCOPS OWL - LB
 LITTLE SWIFT - several seen at a few sites

COMMON SWIFT - A few seen near Lake Elementara
 SPECKLED MOUSEBIRD - Seen at a few sites
 BLUE-NAPED MOUSEBIRD - LB
 PIED KINGFISHER - seen at a number of sites
 GREY-HEADED KINGFISHER - LN
 MALACHITE KINGFISHER - LB
 WOODLAND KINGFISHER - LB
 GIANT KINGFISHER - 2 at LN
 NORTHERN CARMINE BEE-EATER - 2 at LB
 BLUE-HEADED BEE-EATER - a few at KK
 CINNAMON-CHESTED BEE-EATER - Seen at KK, G and a few other sites
 WHITE-FRONTED BEE-EATER - Seen twice from van.
 WHITE-THROATED BEE-EATER - Again seen from the van only
 LILAC-BREASTED ROLLER - LB
 RUFIOUS-CROWNED ROLLER - near LB
 WHITE-HEADED WOOD-HOOPOE - KK and G
 JACKSON'S HORNBILL - LB
 RED-BILLED HORNBILL - seen occasionally
 VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL - LB
 AFRICAN GREY HORNBILL - LB
 HEMPRICH'S HORNBILL - 4 flying at LB
 CROWNED HORNBILL - G
 BLACK-AND-WHITE-CASQUED HORNBILL - Several at KK
 GREY-THROATED BARBET - Seen often at KK
 RED-THROATED BARBET - One bird in grounds of Lake Bogoria Spa
 SPOT-FLANKED BARBET - M
 BLACK-THROATED BARBET - LB
 HAIRY-BREASTED BARBET - 3 seen at KK
 DOUBLE-TOOTHED BARBET - 2 at KK
 YELLOW-SPOTTED BARBET - KK
 YELLOW-BILLED BARBET - KK
 D'ARNAUD'S BARBET - M
 RED-AND-YELLOW BARBET - LB
 YELLOW-RUMPED TINKERBIRD - a few at KK
 CARDINAL WOODPECKER - KK
 GREY WOODPECKER - Seen but site not recorded
 FINE-BANDED [TULLBERG'S] WOODPECKER - 2 at G
 BROWN-EARED WOODPECKER - KK
 BEARDED WOODPECKER - G
 YELLOW-CRESTED WOODPECKER - KK
 NUBIAN WOODPECKER - LB
 EASTERN HONEYBIRD - G
 LEAST HONEYGUIDE - KK
 YELLOW WAGTAIL - c.100 at LO. Also at LN
 GREY WAGTAIL - KK
 MOUNTAIN WAGTAIL - 2 at G
 AFRICAN PIED WAGTAIL - Seen regularly
 TREE PIPIT - KK
 GRASSLAND PIPIT - Seen at a few places
 RED-CAPPED LARK - Magumu
 ROCK MARTIN - 2 flying over garage en route to Nakuru

PLAIN MARTIN - 100s at LO
 WIRE TAILED SWALLOW - 2 at garage stop
 BARN SWALLOW - Seen occasionally
 RED-RUMPED SWALLOW - 1 at LB
 LESSER-STRIPED SWALLOW - seen occasionally;
 HOUSE MARTIN - Seen near Lake Elementara
 BLACK SAW-WING - Several at KK
 WHITE-HEADED SAW-WING - A few at KK
 HONEYGUIDE GREENBUL - KK
 SHELLEY'S GREENBUL - KK
 COMMON BULBUL - Seen regularly
 RED-TAILED BRISTLEBILL - KK
 JOYFUL GREENBUL - Several at KK
 ANSORGE'S GREENBUL - KK
 LITTLE GREY GREENBUL - KK
 YELLOW-WHISKERED GREENBUL - KK
 SLENDER-BILLED GREENBUL - KK
 CAMEROON SOMBRE GREENBUL - KK
 CABANIS'S GREENBUL - G
 RUPPELL'S LONG-TAILED STARLING - A few at M and LN
 HILDEBRANDT'S STARLING - LB
 SUPERB STARLING - Seen often
 BLUE-EARED STARLING - Seen from the vehicle
 WATTLED STARLING - LB
 BRISTLE-CROWNED STARLING - 2 at LB
 STUHLMANN'S STARLING - A few at KK
 BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE - LN
 WESTERN BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE - KK
 MONTANE ORIOLE - G
 CAPE ROOK - Seen occasionally from vehicle
 FAN-TAILED RAVEN - LB
 PIED CROW - Seen regularly
 BLACK CUCKOO-SHRIKE - female at M
 PURPLE-THROATED CUCKOO-SHRIKE - probable male at KK
 GREY CUCKOO-SHRIKE - G
 SQUARE-TAILED DRONGO - KK
 COMMON DRONGO - Seen occasionally
 BRUBRU - 4 at M
 THREE-STREAKED TCHAGRA - LB
 BOCAGE'S BUSH-SHRIKE - KK
 SLATE-COLOURED BOUBOU - M
 TROPICAL BOUBOU - Seen at a couple of sites, 2 at G
 LUDHER'S BUSH-SHRIKE - KK
 BLACK-FRONTED BUSH-SHRIKE - G
 COMMON FISCAL - only one seen from vehicle
 GREY-BACKED FISCAL - M
 MACKINNON'S FISCAL - KK
 NORTHERN WHITE-CROWNED SHRIKE - a few seen at different sites
 COMMON WATTLE-EYE - KK
 PYGMY BATIS - LB and KK
 CHIN-SPOT BATIS - KK

SILVERBIRD - M
 AFRICAN GREY FLYCATCHER - M
 AFRICAN DUSKY FLYCATCHER - G
 WHITE-EYED SLATY FLYCATCHER - G
 SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER - KK
 AFRICAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER - KK and LN
 NORTHERN BLACK FLYCATCHER - KK
 DUSKY CRESTED FLYCATCHER - a pair at KK
 AFRICAN BLUE FLYCATCHER - at least 5 at KK
 WHITE-TAILED CRESTED FLYCATCHER - G
 ARROW-MARKED BABBLER - several at LB and LN
 SCALY-BREADED ILLADOPSIS - one at KK
 BROWN-TAILED ROCK CHAT - one at LB
 BROWN-CHESTED ALETHE - 2 at KK
 NORTHERN ANTEATER CHAT - 2 at LN
 OLIVE THRUSH - G
 AFRICAN THRUSH - Seen at a few sites
 WHITE-BROWED SCRUB-ROBIN - LB
 CAPE ROBIN-CHAT - LN
 SNOWY-HEADED ROBIN-CHAT - KK
 SPOTTED MORNING THRUSH - LB
 WHITE-BROWED ROBIN-CHAT - LN
 CLIFF CHAT - LB
 COMMON STONECHAT - KK
 WHITE-STARRED ROBIN - G
 EQUATORIAL AKALAT - KK
 GREY-WINGED ROBIN - KK
 NORTHERN WHEATEAR - A few near M
 UGANDA WOODLAND WARBLER - KK
 WILLOW WARBLER - M and KK
 UPCHER'S WARBLER - M
 BLACKCAP - M and KK
 RATTLING CISTICOLA - M
 HUNTER'S CISTICOLA - LN
 CHUBB'S CISTICOLA - KK
 GREY APALIS - G
 BLACK-THROATED APALIS - G
 CHESTNUT-THROATED APALIS - G
 RED-FRONTED WARBLER - LB
 GREY WREN-WARBLER - LB
 BROWN PARISOMA - Probable at LN
 WHITE-CHINNED PRINIA - KK
 PALE PRINIA - LB
 BANDED PRINIA - KK ..but couldn't quite get the views I wanted
 YELLOW WHITE-EYE - LN
 MONTANE WHITE-EYE - G
 RED-FACED CROMBEC - LN
 NORTHERN CROMBEC - LB
 WHITE-BROWED CROMBEC - G
 GREY-BACKED CAMAROPTERA - KK
 OLIVE-GREEN CAMAROPTERA - KK

WHITE-BELLIED TIT - G
 NORTHERN GREY TIT - LB
 DUSKY TIT - KK
 BRONZE SUNBIRD – Garage stop
 GOLDEN-WINGED SUNBIRD - Glimpsed near Nakuru
 TACAZZE SUNBIRD - Near Nakuru
 NORTHERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD - KK
 BEAUTIFUL SUNBIRD - M
 COLLARED SUNBIRD - KK
 VARIABLE SUNBIRD - LN
 MARICO SUNBIRD - M
 GREEN-HEADED SUNBIRD - KK
 HUNTER’S SUNBIRD - LB
 AMETHYST SUNBIRD - LN
 GREEN- THROATED SUNBIRD - KK
 OLIVE SUNBIRD - Garage stop
 GREEN-HEADED SUNBIRD - KK
 EASTERN VIOLET-BACKED SUNBIRD - LB
 RUFOUS SPARROW - LN
 GREY-HEADED SPARROW - LB
 YELLOW-SPOTTED PETRONIA - LB
 WHITE-BROWED SPARROW-WEAVER - Seen in a few places
 WHITE-HEADED BUFFALO-WEAVER - LB
 WHITE-BILLED BUFFALO-WEAVER - LB
 PIN-TAILED WHYDAH - A couple of fly-overs
 DARK BACKED WEAVER - KK
 BROWN-CAPPED WEAVER - KK and G
 RED-HEADED WEAVER - LB
 RED-HEADED MALIMBE - KK..but high up in the canopy
 VIEILLOT’S BLACK WEAVER - KK
 BLACK-NECKED WEAVER - KK
 BLACK-BILLED WEAVER - KK
 LITTLE WEAVER - LB
 BLACK-HEADED WEAVER - LB
 SPEKE’S WEAVER - en route near unmanned toll booths
 VITELLINE MASKED WEAVER - LB
 NORTHERN MASKED WEAVER - LB
 SPECTACLED WEAVER - LN
 RED-CHEEKED CORDON-BLEU - Seen in a few places
 GREEN-WINGED PYTILIA - LB
 AFRICAN FIREFINCH - M
 RED-BILLED FIREFINCH - LN
 BLACK AND WHITE MANNIKIN - KK
 BRONZE MANNIKIN - KK
 GREY-HEADED NEGROFINCH - KK and G
 WHITE-BELLIED CANARY - LB
 STREAKY SEEDEATER - KK

THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY

Joshua sent me his list, which included a number of birds that I didn’t see, or failed to record, or both. These include :

Great Sparrowhawk, Whiskered Tern, Emerald Spotted Wood-Dove, Ross's Turaco, African Emerald Cuckoo, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Little Bee-eater, European Bee-eater, Silvery-Cheeked Hornbill [I remember missing that one at G], Lesser Honeyguide, Jameson's Wattle-Eye, African Shrike-Flycatcher [KK], Pink-Footed Puffback [I nearly saw it at KK], Buff Bellied Warbler, Black Collared Apalis [KK], Mountain Greenbul, Plain Greenbul, Cinnamon Bracken Warbler [missed a couple at KK], Black Faced Rufous Warbler [KK], Yellow bellied Hylia, Brown Woodland Warbler, Yellow Bellied Eremomela, African Hill Babbler [G], Red Winged Starling, Ruppell's Robin Chat, Southern Black Flycatcher, Olive Bellied Sunbird, Baglaffeht Weaver, Purple Grenadier

There's nearly 30 birds there, some of which are lifers. Better go back.....