Malawi

2018 Tour Report

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SUMMARY

Malawi is among Africa’s best kept secrets; despite being safe and possessing a good tourism infrastructure and impressive diversity of birds, including numerous specials, it receives few visiting birders. Spectacular mountain scenery and healthy large mammal populations at Nyika and Liwonde add to the appeal. Our two week trip covered the key sites from Nyika in the north to Mt Mulanje in the south, with a focus on montane forest and miombo birding. Top birds as voted for were White-winged Apalis, White-winged Babbling Starling, Thyolo Alethe, Shelley’s Sunbird, Souza’s Shrike, Pel’s Fishing Owl and Pennant-winged Nightjar.

Luwawa, our first overnight stop, produced Ruwenzori Nightjar, African Broadbill, Chapin’s Apalis, Southern Mountain (Black-browed) Greenbul and Red-chested Flufftail. Continuing to Nyika we paused at Vwaza Marsh where Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Weaver and Racket-tailed Roller were seen well. Nyika’s forests were home to Olive-flanked Robin-Chat, Sharpe’s Akalat, Sharpe’s Greenbul, Black-fronted Bushshrike and Fülleborn’s Boubou, whereas grassland, scrubland and forest edge habitats produced Scarlet-tufted Malachite Sunbird, (Kikuyu) Red-winged Francolin, Black-lobed Cisticola, Whyte’s Double-collared Sunbird, Churring Cisticola and Montane Marsh Widowbird. Returning south we found White-winged Babbling Starling and Thick-billed Cuckoo at Vwaza Marsh and East Coast Akalat at Mukwadzi Forest. At the Zomba Plateau we found Olive-headed Greenbul, Thyolo Alethe, Yellow-throated Apalis and White-winged Apalis before detouring to the Shire River Valley for breeding Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Lemon-breasted Canary and Collared Palm Thrush. Mount Mulanje produced more Thyolo Alettes, plus Red-faced Crimsonwing and Green Twinspot. At Liwonde we were treated to Pel’s Fishing Owl, Lilian’s Lovebird, African Barred Owlet, Livingstone’s Flycatcher, White-backed Night Heron, Speckle-throated Woodpecker and Meller’s Mongoose. Returning to Lilongwe we found Vincent’s Bunting in the Dedza area, before spending our final days at Dzalanyama, where highlights were Shelley’s Sunbird, Anchieta’s Sunbird, Souza’s Shrike, Pennant-winged Nightjar, Sterling’s Woodpecker and Böhm’s Flycatcher.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

DATES
18-31 October 2018

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PARTICIPANTS
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ITINERARY
18 Oct: Lilongwe to Luwawa.
19 Oct: Luwawa to Nyika via Vwaza Marsh.
22 Oct: Nyika to Nkhotakhota via Vwaza Marsh and Mukwadzi Forest.
23 Oct: To Zomba.
26 Oct: Mount Mulanje to Liwonde.
28 Oct: Liwonde to Lilongwe via Dedza.
29 Oct: Lilongwe to Dzalanyama.
30 Oct: Dzalanyama Forest Reserve.
31 Oct: Dzalanyama to Lilongwe airport.
The drive north was uneventful and by lunch time we were on the southern edge of Vwaza Marsh National Park, and ready to strike out into the surrounding miombo woodlands. It was cloudy and windy, which meant that things were cooler than usual but hearing the soft calls of our main target was certainly made harder by conditions. We scoured the woodlands for several hours, enjoying good views of Racquet-tailed Roller, Miombo Blue-eared Starling, Stierling’s Wren-Warbler, Rufous-bellied Tit, (Northern) Red-headed Weaver, White-breasted Cuckooshrike, Grey Penduline Tit, Arnott’s Chat and Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Weaver, but there was no sign of White-winged Babbling Starling, so we moved on with plans to return later. As we climbed up to the Nyika Plateau the wind force picked up and by the time we arrived at our homely lodgings at Chelinda Camp it was blowing properly.

The impressive and diverse montane grasslands, scrublands and forests of Nyika form Malawi’s premier birding destination. We had two full days to explore this wonderful area, although unfortunately it remained very windy throughout our visit, making some of the birding rather challenging. Our main focus was the forests on the western escarpment, and our first port of call was Chowo Forest. Here Olive-flanked Robin-Chat was very vocal and it didn’t take long before we enjoyed repeated views of one bird circling around us. White-chested Alethe called nearby but remained stubbornly out of view, but Sharpe’s Greenbul, Brown-headed Apalis and Dusky Turtle Dove were more obliging and showed well for all. Our second morning involved visiting the Zambian side of the trans-frontier park to successfully search for Sharpe’s Akalat at Manyanjere Forest. Here we also saw Forest Thick-billed Cuckoo, Thick-billed Cuckoo

With everyone landing shortly after midday at Lilongwe’s international airport we immediately started our journey northwards to Nyika. We broke our journey to our first overnight stop, Luwawa Forest Lodge in the South Viphya Mountains, with a couple of stops, the first of which was at Kasungu Dam where very low water levels meant there was no habitat for Lesser Jacana. Good numbers of waterfowl were present, mostly Red-billed Teal and Yellow-billed Duck, and a few other more widespread waterbirds, but we didn’t stay long. We also paused for a short stop in the beautiful miombo woodland of Chimaliro Forest Reserve, where Miombo Double-collared (Western Miombo) Sunbird, Retz’s Helmetshrike, Miombo Scrub Robin and Grey-headed Kingfisher were seen, before rolling in to Luwawa just after sunset. Here we enjoyed a scrumptious dinner before a short night walk that produced Ruwenzori Nightjar, African Wood Owl and Miombo Genet, the latter almost catching the former!
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The rest of our time was spent traversing the extensive grasslands, where a couple of lovely male Montane Marsh Widowbirds in full breeding dress were the highlight. We also enjoyed point-blank views of (Kikuyu) Red-winged Francolin, and other goodies included a male Pallid Harrier, Blue Swallow, Ayres’s Cisticola/Wing-snapping Cisticola, very dark African Pipit and Temminck’s Courser, but generally these exposed habitats were much quieter than normal and we didn’t even hear a Rufous-naped Lark. In scrubby areas with Proteas we had some lovely views of Yellow-billed Hornbill, Jameson’s Firefinch, Thick-billed Cuckoo, Grey-headed Bushshrike and Brown-backed Honeybird in our allotted time, but African Barred Owlet frustrated with brief glimpses, always landing out of sight.

Continuing south we paused for lunch surrounded by some rocky hillsides with Mocking Cliff Chat, with the final stop of the day at Mkuwadzi Forest, where we were treated to some superb views of East Coast Akalat and managed to lure Green Malkoha/Green Yellowbill from its tangles. Black Sparrowhawk was seen here too. From there it was a longish drive to our overnight accommodation on Lake Malawi, where the wind was now blowing a gale and even moving between our rooms and the restaurant was unpleasant due to beach sand being blown into our eyes.

The next morning we awoke frustrated to see that the wind was still unchanged, although fortunately as we moved south the wind dropped, bringing to an end the four windiest days I have ever experienced on the African continent! We paused at Chia Lagoon where large numbers of waterbirds were present, including White-faced Whistling Duck, Hottentot Teal, African Openbill, Gull-billed Tern, Grey-headed Gull, Knob-billed Duck and an assortment of waders.

Arriving at Zomba we turned our attention first to the upper part of town to search for the striking little White-winged Apalis. White-eared Barbet, Dark-backed Weaver and Blue-spotted Wood Dove were spotted as we searched the few remaining tall trees in the area for the apalis, but it was only when we moved on to a third site that we quickly struck gold and managed to lure one of these attractive little warblers down to eye level for exceptional views. Moving up to the plateau we had some time to explore some of the remaining forest patches, and quickly found Yellow-throated Apalis, Olive-headed Greenbul, Olive Bushshrike and a surprise Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk, before rolling into our homely guest house for the night. The next morning a pre-breakfast outing to another part of the plateau revealed good views of Black-headed Apalis, Livingstone’s Turaco, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Evergreen Forest Warbler and a terrific time with a pair of Thyolo Alethe, one of Malawi’s most special birds, now rather rare on the Zomba plateau.

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Our time at Nyika passed quickly and it wasn’t long before we were descending to the surrounding lowlands again to return to Vwaza Marsh. To our disappointment the wind had still not dropped, but despite this we fairly quickly located a pair of White-winged Babbbling Starlings and enjoyed some reasonably good views of these unusual Sturnids. We also found Pale-billed Hornbill, Jameson’s Firefinch, Thick-billed Cuckoo, Grey-headed Bushshrike and Brown-backed Honeybird in our allotted time, but African Barred Owlet frustrated with brief glimpses, always landing out of sight.

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From here we made our way to Mount Mulanje, ready for the ascent up Ruo Gorge early the next morning. The surrounds were spectacular with a gushing mountain stream flanked by mature forest, set in a steep gorge surrounded by high cliffs. **Green Twinspot** fed in the track as we climbed, and later we found a couple of **Red-faced Crimsonwing** too. **Yellow-streaked Greenbul** was conspicuous and other forest birds included **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler**, **Cape/Malawi Batis**, **Silvery-cheeked Hornbill**, **Yellow-throated Apalis**, **Mountain Wagtail**, **Square-tailed Drongo** and **Red-capped Robin-Chat**. More **Thyolo Alethes** showed well and just before turning around we found **Orange Ground Thrush**, although there was no sign or sound of the desperately-desired Bronze-winged Coursier. Mammals were conspicuous at Liwonde, with good numbers of **Savanna Elephant**, **Africa Buffalo**, Sable, **Greater Kudu**, **Bushbuck** and Impala. After dark we found **Water/Marsh Mongoose**, **White-tailed Mongoose** and, my personal favourite, the scarce **Meller’s Mongoose**.

It was now time to complete our loop back to Lilongwe, seeing **Red-necked Falcon** en route and spending half a day in the Dedza area where we eventually tracked down a pair of **Vincent’s Bunting** feeding on a rocky slope. Also seen in the Dedza area were **Augur Buzzard**, **Miombo Double-collared (Eastern Double-collared) Sunbird**, **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Mottled Swift**, **Lazy Cisticola**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Miombo Tit** and **Striped Pipit**, before we moved onto Lilongwe for the night.

The final section of the trip found us visiting the spectacular Dzalanyama Forest Reserve, one of the top miombo birding sites worldwide, with rocky hills and dambos offering additional elements to the birding. We started off in the early morning in a little-visited section of the reserve, our first stop producing some great views of several **Grey-headed/Brown-necked Parrots**. After this we visited an area recommended for **Shelley’s Sunbird**, and were very pleased to have excellent views of an
excited male alongside Anchieta’s Sunbird and Western Violet-backed Sunbird. En route to the main section of the reserve we paused to watch Pearl-breasted Swallow, and after lunch a hot walk produced good views of Stierling’s Woodpecker, Souza’s Shrike and Black-eared Seedatee. During the rest of our visit we split our time between birding in dambo/gallery forest and miombo, with the long list of birds seen including Coqui Francolin, Red-necked Spurfowl, Red-capped Crombec, Southern Hyliota, Spotted Creeper, Green-backed/Little Spotted Woodpecker, more Souza’s Shrikes, non-breeding-plumaged Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah, Wood Pipit, Grey-olive Greenbul, Western Banded Snake Eagle, Reichard’s Seedateer, Cabanis’s Bunting, Whitetailed Blue Flycatcher, a surprise African Grass Owl, Miombo Rock Thrush, Schalow’s Turaco, spectacular displaying Pennant-winged Nightjar, Miombo Scrub Robin, Red-throated Twinspot, Orange-winged Pytilia and Böhm’s Flycatcher feeding young. A considerable amount of effort was expended in the search for Lesser Seedcracker which I eventually found, but regretfully only John had brief views before it vanished. Our final drive back to the airport turned up a couple of female Fischer’s Sparrow-Larks in the agricultural fields as the last new bird of the trip, bringing our tally for the trip comfortably over 400 species. Not bad for a country not recognised for the birding hotspot that it is!
Bertram’s Weaver

Thyolo Alethe

Black-throated Wattle-eye

Black-lored Cisticola

Souza’s Shrike

Böhm’s Bee-eater

Collared Palm Thrush
**ANNOTATED SPECIES LIST**

**Anatidae Ducks, Geese & Swans**
- White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* - Seen at Chia Lagoon
- Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis* - Numerous at Liwonde; also at Chia Lagoon
- Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos* - Several at Liwonde and Chia Lagoon
- Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiac* - Seen at Liwonde
- African Black Duck *Anas sparsa* - Seen at Luwawa and Nyika (leucocephala)
- Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata* - Seen at Kasungu Dam (undulata)
- Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha* - Seen at Kasungu Dam and Chia Lagoon
- Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota* - Seen at Chia Lagoon
- Numididae Guineafowl
- Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* - Seen several times (mitratus)

**Phasianidae Pheasants, Fowl & Allies**
- Coqui Francolin *Peleperdix coqui* - Great views at Dzalanyama (coqui)
- Red-winged Francolin *Scleroptila levaillantii* - Superb views at Nyika (crawshayi, Red-winged Francolin)
- Kikuyu Red-breasted Francolin *Hildebrandt's Francolin Pternistis hildebrandti* - Seen at Chia Lagoon
- Red-necked Francolin *Scleroptila levaillantii* - Seen by Julian at Nyika (aficana)
- Podicipedidae Grebes
- Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* - Seen at Kasungu Dam (capensis)
- Ciconiidae Storks
- Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* - Seen at Liwonde
- African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* - Seen at Liwonde and Chia Lagoon (lamelligerus)
- Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorynchus senegalensis* - Two at Liwonde
- Threskiornithidae Ibises, Spoonbills
- African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* - Seen at Luwawa
- Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* - Seen at Liwonde (brevirostris)
- Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* - Seen at Liwonde and Chia Lagoon
- Ardeidae Herons, Bitterns
- White-backed Night Heron *Gorsachius leucophaeus* - Incredible views at Liwonde
- Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* - Common at Liwonde (nycticorax)
- Striated Heron *Butorides striata* - Seen at Liwonde (atricapilla)
- Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* - Seen at Liwonde and Chia Lagoon
- Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* - Several sightings (cemerea)
- Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* - Seen several times (cemerea)
- Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* - Seen regularly
- Great Egret *Ardea alba* - Several sightings (melanocephala)
- Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca* - Seen at Liwonde and Chia Lagoon
- Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* - Seen at Liwonde (garzetta)
- Scopidae Hammerkop
- Hammerkop *Scopus umbretta* - Seen several times (umbretta)
- Phalacrocoracidae Cormorants, shags
- Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africans* - Seen a few times (africans)
- White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus* - Numerous at Liwonde
- Anhingidae Anhingas, darters
- African Darter *Anhinga rufa* - Good numbers at Liwonde (rufa)
- Pandionidae Ospreys
- Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* - Seen at Liwonde (haliaetus)
- Accipitridae Kites, Hawks & Eagles
- Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* - Just one seen (caeruleus)
- African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus* - Seen at Liwonde (typus)
- Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis* - Seen at Liwonde
- African Cuckoo-Hawk *Avesca cuculoides* - Good views at Liwonde (verreauxii)
- Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis* - Seen at Dedza
- Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* - Seen at Dedza
- Western Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens* - Seen at Dzalanyama
- Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* - Seen at Liwonde
- Crowned Eagle *Stepehanoaetus coronatus* - Seen at Nyika and Liwonde
- Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis* - Seen at Zomba
- Wahlberg’s Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi* - Seen three times
- Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax* - Seen near Zomba (rapax)
- Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus* - Seen a few times (meridionalis)
- Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar* - One at Liwonde
- African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro* - Seen at Zomba (sparsifasciatus)
- Shikra *Accipiter badius* - Seen en route to Dzalanyama (polyzonoides)
- Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk *Accipiter rufiventris* - One seen at Zomba was a surprise (rufiventris)
- Black Sparrowhawk *Accipiter melanoleucus* - Seen a few times (melanoleucus)
- African Marsh Harrier *Circus anilorus* - Seen at Nyika
- Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus* - One lovely male at Nyika
- Montagu’s Harrier *Circus pygargus* - A juvenile seen near Wwaza Marsh
- Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius* - Seen a few times (parasitus)
- African Fish Eagle *Haliaetus vocifer* - Seen at Liwonde
- [Steppe Buzzard] *Buteo [buteo] vulpinus* - Fairly common (vulpinus)
- Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur* - Seen at Dedza
- Sartorhuridae Flufftails
- Red-chested Flufftail *Sartorhura rufa* - Fantastic views at Luwawa of a male and female (rufa)
- Rallidae Rails, Crakes & Coots
- African Rail *Rallus caeruleus* - Seen at Luwawa
- Black Crane *Maurornis flavirostra* - Recorded at Luwawa
- Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata* - Seen at Nyika
- Burhinidae Stone-curlews, Thick-knees
- Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus* - Seen at Liwonde (vermiculatus)
Spotted Thick-knee Burhinus capensis - Heard at Nyika (capensis)
Recurvirostridae Stilts, Avocets
Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus - Seen at Chia Lagoon
Charadriidae Plovers
Spur-winged Lapwing Vanellus spinosus - Several at Liwonde
Crowned Lapwing Vanellus coronatus - Seen at Lilongwe (coronatus)
African Wattled Lapwing Vanellus senegallus - Seen at Chia Lagoon
Common Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula - Seen at Chia Lagoon
Three-banded Plover Charadrius tricollaris - Seen at Liwonde (tricollaris)
Jacanidae Jacanas
African Jacana Actophilornis africanus - Seen at Liwonde
Scolopacidae Sandpipers, Snipes
Common Greenshank Tringa nebularia - Seen at Liwonde
Green Sandpiper Tringa ochropus - Seen at Nyika and Liwonde
Wood Sandpiper Tringa glareola - Seen at Liwonde
Common Sandpiper Actitis hypoleucos - Seen a few times
Little Stint Calidris minuta - Seen at Chia Lagoon
Ruff Philomachus pugnax - Seen at Chia Lagoon
Glareolidae Coursers, Pratincoles
Temminck's Courser Cursorius temminckii - Seen at Nyika
Laridae Gulls, Terns & Skimmers
African Skimmer Rynchops flavirostris - Three seen distantly at Liwonde
Grey-headed Gull Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus - Seen at Chia Lagoon and Liwonde (pooiocephalus)
Gull-billed Tern Gelochelidon nilotica - Seen at Chia Lagoon (nilotica)
Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybridus - One seen at Liwonde (delalandii)

Columbidae Pigeons, Doves
Rock Dove Columba livia - Feral Pigeon was common
African Olive Pigeon Columba arquatrix - Seen at Nyika
Dusky Turtle Dove Streptopelia turtur - Seen at Nyika
Mourning Collared Dove Streptopelia decaocto - Seen at Liwonde (ambigua)
Red-eyed Dove Streptopelia semitorquata - Common
Ring-necked Dove Streptopelia capicola - Common (tropica)
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove Turtur chalcospilos - Seen several times
Blue-spotted Wood Dove Turtur afer - Seen at Zomba
Tambourine Dove Turtur tympanistria - Good views at Zomba and Dedza
Namaqua Dove Oena capensis - Seen twice (capensis)
African Green Pigeon Treron calvus - Seen at Liwonde (delalandii Grey-breasted Green Pigeon) and Vwaza Marsh (salvadorii)

Musophagidae Turacos
Livingstone's Turaco Tauraco livingstonii - Seen at Zomba and Mt Mulanje (livingstonii)
Schalow's Turaco Tauraco schalowii - Seen at Dzalanyama; heard elsewhere
Purple-crested Turaco Tauraco porphyreolophus - Seen at Liwonde (chlorochlamys)
Grey Go-away-bird Corythaixoides consolcr - Seen at Liwonde (concolor)

Cuculidae Cuckoos
Burchell's Coucal Centropus burchelli - Seen at Zomba (fascipygialis)
Green Malkoha Ceuthmocharis australis - Seen at Mukwadzi and Liwonde
Thick-billed Cuckoo Pachycoctys audeberti - Great views at Vwaza Marsh
Klaas's Cuckoo Chrysococcix klaas - Heard several times
African Emerald Cuckoo Chrysococcyx capreus - Heard at Mt Mulanje
Red-chested Cuckoo Cuculus solitarius - Seen at Dzalanyama; heard elsewhere
African Cuckoo Cuculus gularis - Seen at Vwaza Marsh

Tytonidae Barn Owls
African Grass Owl Tyto capensis - One seen hunting in the evening at Dzalanyama

Strigidae Owls
African Scops Owl Otus senegalensis - Seen at Liwonde (senegalensis)
Spotted Eagle-Owl Bubo africanus - Seen at Nyika and Liwonde (africanus)
Pel's Fishing Owl Scotopelia peli - Cracking views at Liwonde
African Wood Owl Strix woodfordii - Good views at Luwawa and Dzalanyama (woodfordii)

Pearl-spotted Owlet Glaucidium perlatum - Seen near Liwonde (licus)
African Barred Owlet Glaucidium capense - Excellent views at Liwonde after a chase (nganiembe)

Caprimulgidae Nightjars
European Nightjar Caprimulgus europaeus - Good views at Liwonde
Fiery-necked Nightjar Caprimulgus pectoralis - Great views at Liwonde and Dzalanyama (fervidus)
Ruwenzori Nightjar Caprimulgus ruwenzorii - Good views at Luwawa and Nyika (quintifer)
Usambara Nightjar

Freckled Nightjar Caprimulgus tristigma - Heard at Dzalanyama
Square-tailed Nightjar Caprimulgus fossii - Excellent views at Liwonde and Lilongwe (welwitschii)
Pennant-winged Nightjar Caprimulgus vexillarius - Brilliant views at Dzalanyama

Apodidae Swifts
African Palm Swift Cypsiurus parvus - Common (myochrous)
Mottled Swift Tachymarptis aequatorialis - Seen at Dedza (aequatorialis)
Little Swift Apus affinis - Seen several times (aerobates)
White-rumped Swift Apus caffer - Seen a few times

Coliidae Mousebirds
Speckled Mousebird Colius striatus - Seen often (berlepschi in the north, integrals in the south)
Red-faced Mousebird Urocolius indicus - Seen along the Shire River (mosambicus)

Trogonidae Trogons
Narina Trogon Apaloderma narina - Heard at Zomba
Bar-tailed Trogon Apaloderma vittatum - Fantastic views at Nyika and heard elsewhere

Coraciidae Rollers
Racket-tailed Roller Coracias spatulatus - Good views at Vwaza Marsh (weigalli)
Lilac-breasted Roller Coracias caudatus - Seen regularly (caudatus)

Broad-billed Roller Eurystomus glaucurus - Seen a few times (suahelicus)

Alcedinidae Kingfishers
Grey-headed Kingfisher Halcyon leucocephala - Seen a few times (pallidiventris)
Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris* - Seen at Liwonde (orientalis)
Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti* - Seen at Liwonde (chelicuti)
African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta* - Seen at Zomba (natalensis)
Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus* - Seen at Liwonde (cristatus)
Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima* - Seen at Liwonde
Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* - Seen several times (rudis)

**Meropidae Bee-eaters**

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus* - Seen at Liwonde and Dzalanyama (furcatus)
Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus* - Seen regularly (meridionalis)
White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides* - Seen along the Shire River
Böm's Bee-eater *Merops boehmi* - Seen along the Shire River
European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* - Seen a few times
Southern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicoides* - Seen breeding along the Shire River

**Upupidae Hoopoes**

African Hoopoe *Upupa africana* - Seen a few times

**Phoeniculidae Wood Hoopoes**

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus* - Seen a few times (marwitzi)
Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas* - Seen at Liwonde (schalowi)

**Bucorvidae Ground Hornbills**

Southern Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri* - Seen at Liwonde and near Zomba

**Bucerotidae Hornbills**

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator* - Seen at Vwaza Marsh
Picidae Woodpeckers

Bennett's Woodpecker *Campephaga bennettii* - Heard at Vwaza Marsh (bennettii)
Speckle-throated Woodpecker *Campephaga scriptoricauda* - Seen twice at Liwonde
Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campephaga abingoni* - Heard at Liwonde (sahulica)
Green-backed Woodpecker *Campephaga cailliautii* - Seen at Dzalanyama (loveridgei Little Spotted Woodpecker)
Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscocens* - Seen regularly (hartlaubii)
Sterling's Woodpecker *Dendropicos stirlingi* - A good sighting at Dzalanyama
Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicos griseocephalus* - Seen at Nyika (ruwenzori)

**Falconidae Falcons**

Rock Kestrel *Falco rupicolus* - Seen near Dedza
Dickinson's Kestrel *Falco dickinsoni* - Seen at Liwonde
Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera* - Seen between Liwonde and Dedza (ruficolis)
Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* - Seen a few times (biarmicus)

**Psittacidae African & New World Parrots**

Brown-necked Parrot *Poicephalus fuscicolis* - Great views at Dzalanyama (sahulica Grey-headed Parrot)
Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri* - Seen at Vwaza Marsh (matschieri)
Brown-headed Parrot *Poicephalus cryptaxanthus* - Seen at Liwonde (tanganyika)

**Psittaculidae Old World Parrots**

Lilian’s Lovebird *Agapornis lilianae* - Seen in good numbers at Liwonde
Eurylaimidae Broadbills

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis* - Good views at Luwawa (albigularis)

**Platysteiridae Wattle-eyes, Batises**

Cape Batis *Batis capensis* - Seen at Nyika (sola) and Zomba (dimorpho) (Malawi Batis)
Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor* - Seen regularly (palliditergum)
Pale Batis *Batis soror* - Seen near Liwonde
Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata* - Seen at Liwonde (peltata)

**Prionopidae Helmetshrikes**

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus* - Seen regularly (policophalus)
Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii* - Seen several times (tricolor)

**Malaconotidae Bushshrikes**

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti* - Seen at Vwaza Marsh (hypopyrrhus)
Black-fronted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus nigrifrons* - Good views at Nyika (nigrifrons; one yellow and one olive) and Mt Mulanje (sandgroundi)
Olive Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus olivaceus* - Seen at Zomba (bertrandi)

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulphureiceps* - Seen briefly at Liwonde (similis)
Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis* - Recorded several times (minor)
Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus* - Seen a few times (senegalus)
Black-backed Pufback *Dryoscopus cubla* - Seen regularly (hamatus)
Fülleborn’s Boubou *Laniarius fuellborni* - Good views at Nyika (fuellborni)
Tropical Boubou *Laniarius major* - Seen a couple of times (mosambicus)
Brubru *Nilaus oler* - Seen at Nyika and Dzalanyama (nigritemporalis)
Campephagidae Cuckoooshrikes

White-breasted Cuckoooshrike *Coracina pectoralis* - Seen a few times

Black Cuckoooshrike *Campepha gavia* - Seen a few times

Laniidae Shrikes

Souza's Shrike *Lanius souzae* - Three good sightings at Dzalanyama (*tauticus*)

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis* - Seen regularly (*capelli*)

Oriolidae Orioles

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus* - A few sightings (*notatus*)

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus* - Seen a few times (*angolensis*)

Dicuridae Drongos

Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis* - Seen regularly

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus caudatus* - Seen at Dzalanyama

Monarchidae Monarchs

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis* - Seen a few times (*plumbeiceps*)

Corvidae Crows

Pied Crow *Corvus albus* - Common

White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis* - Seen at Nyika

Stenostiridae Fairy Flycatchers

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda* - Seen at Dzalanyama

White-tailed Crested Flycatcher *Elminia albonotata* - Seen at Nyika (*albonotata*)

Paridae Tits

Southern Black Tit *Melaniparus niger* - Seen at Vwaza Marsh and Lwonde (*ravidus*)

Rufous-bellied Tit *Melaniparus rufiventris* - Seen well at Vwaza Marsh (*masukuensis*)

Miombo Tit *Melaniparus griseiventris* - Seen near Dedza

Remizidae Penduline Tits

Grey Penduline Tit *Arthropus caroli* - Seen at Vwaza Marsh (*robertsi*)

Nicatoridae Nicator

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis* - Heard at Mukwadzi

Alaudidae Larks

Fischer's Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucopareia* - Two females seen after leaving Dzalanyama

Pycnonotidae Bulbuls

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus sinensis* - Common (*layardi*)

Black-browed Greenbul *Arizelochilus fusiceps* - Seen at Luwawa and Nyika

Olive-headed Greenbul *Arizelochilus olivaceiceps* - Good views at Zomba

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens* - Seen a few times (*zombensis*)

Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus* - Seen at Lwonde (*hypoxanthus*)

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris* - Seen at Lwonde (*occidentalis*)

Terrestrial Brownbul *Phyllostiphus terrestris* - Seen at Vwaza Marsh (*intermedius*)

Grey-green Greenbul *Phyllostiphus cerviniventris* - Seen at Dzalanyama

Placid Greenbul *Phyllostiphus placidus* - Seen at Luwawa and Zomba

Yellow-striped Greenbul *Phyllostiphus flavostriatus* - Seen at Mt Mulanje (*vincenti*)

Sharpe's Greenbul *Phyllostiphus alfredi* - Good views at Nyika

Hirundinidae Swallows, martins

White-headed Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne albiceps* - Seen at Nyika

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera* - Seen regularly (*orientalis* Eastern Saw-wing)

Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga* - Seen at Nyika (*griseopyga*)

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* - Seen at Lwonde

Banded Martin *Riparia cincta* - Seen at Nyika (*suahelica*)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* - Seen regularly

Angolan Swallow *Hirundo angolensis* - Seen at Nyika

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* - Seen regularly (*smithii*)

Blue Swallow *Hirundo atrocaerulea* - Great views at Nyika

Pearl-breasted Swallow *Hirundo dimidiata* - Seen at Dzalanyama (*marwitzii*)

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* - Seen at Dedza (*fusciventris*)

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum* - Seen at Dedza

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* - Seen a few times (*unitatis*)

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis* - Seen at Lwonde

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* - Seen at Luwawa (*tharinia*)

Steeping Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* - Seen at Lwonde

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* - Seen at Luwawa and Dedza (*unitatis*)

Macrohynidae Crombees, African warblers

Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii* - Heard near Lwonde (*whytii*)

Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens* - Seen along the Shire River (*pallida*)

Red-capped Crombec *Sylvietta ruficapilla* - Seen at Nyika and Dzalanyama (*chubbi*)

Erythrocercidae Yellow Flycatchers

Livingstone's Flycatcher *Erythrocercus livingstonii* - Excellent sightings at Lwonde

Phylloscopidae Leaf warblers and allies

Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus rubecula* - Seen at Mt Mulanje (*johnstoni*)

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* - Seen a few times

acrocephalidae Reed warblers and allies

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* - Seen at Luwawa

African Yellow Warbler *Iduna natalensis* - Seen at Luwawa

Mountain Yellow Warbler *Iduna similis* - Good views at Nyika

Locustellidae Grassbirds and allies

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecola* - Heard at Luwawa

Cinnamon Bracken Warbler *Bradypterus cinnaeomus* - Heard at Nyika

Evergreen Forest Warbler *Bradypterus lopezi* - Good views at Zomba

Fan-tailed Grassbird *Schoenicola brevirostris* - Good views at Luwawa

Cisticolidae Cisticolas and allies

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops* - Heard only

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans* - Seen at Nyika

Trilling Cisticola *Cisticola woosmani* - Seen at Nyika

Black-lored Cisticola *Cisticola nigriloris* – Seen well at Nyika

Lazy Cisticola *Cisticola aberrans* - Seen at Dedza

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* - Seen a few times

Churring Cisticola *Cisticola njome* - Seen at Nyika

Wailing Cisticola *Cisticola lais* - Seen at Nyika

Rufous-winged Cisticola *Cisticola galactotes* - Seen at the Shire River
Yellow-throated Apalis *Apalis thoracica* - Seen at Nyika and Dzalanyama

Bar-throated Apalis *Apalis flavicularis* - Seen at Zomba and Mt Mulanje

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flAvida* - Seen a few times

White-winged Apalis *Apalis chariessa* - Cracking views at Zomba

Black-headed Apalis *Apalis melanocephala* - Seen at Zomba

Chapin’s Apalis *Apalis chapini* - Seen at Luwawa

Brown-headed Apalis *Apalis alticola* - Seen at Nyika

Green-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brachyura* - Heard only

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brevicaudata* - Seen at the Shire River

Sterling’s Wren-Varbler *Calamonomastes stierlingi* - Seen at Rwaza Marsh

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteruspygialis* - Seen at Dedza

Green-capped Eremomela *Eremomela scotops* - Seen regularly

Burnt-necked Eremomela *Eremomela usticotis* - Seen at the Shire River

Leiothrichidae Typical Babblers

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii* - Seen a few times

Sylviidae Sylviid Babblers

African Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe abyssinica* - Heard at Nyika

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin* - Heard at Nyika and Luwawa

Brown Parsona *Sylvia luguens* - Good views at Nyika

Zosteropidae White-eyes

African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis* - Seen regularly (*anderssoni* and stierlingi Southern Yellow White-eye)

Hyliidae Hyliotas

Yellow-bellied Hyliota *Hyliota flavigaster* - Seen well at Nyika and Dzalanyama

Southern Hyliota *Hyliota australis* - Seen at Dzalanyama

Cerithiidae Treecreepers

African Spotted Creeper *Certhia spinulella* - Seen well at Nyika

Southern and Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus albicollis* - Seen regularly

Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssicus* - Seen at Nyika

Musicaidae Chats, Old World Flycatchers

Bearded Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata* - Good views in the Shire Valley

Miombo Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas barbata* - Seen regularly

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys* - Seen a couple of times

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioporus plumbeus* - Seen at Mt Mulanje and Dzalanyama

White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis fischeri* - Seen at Nyika

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina* - Seen a few times

Spotted Flycatcher *Musciapa striata* - Seen at Rwaza Marsh

Ashy Flycatcher *Musciapa caerulescens* - Seen at Luwonda

African Dusky Flycatcher *Musciapa adusta* - Seen a few times

Böhm’s Flycatcher *Musciapa boehmi* - Great views of a pair feeding recently-fledged young at Dzalanyama

White-cheested Alethe *Pseudeulalethe fuelleborni* - Only glimpses at Nyika

Thyolo Alethe *Pseudeulalethe choloensis* - Incredible views at Zomba and Mt Mulanje

Olive-flanked Ground Robin *Cossypha anomala* - Seen well at Nyika

Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorynchus* - Seen at Luwonde

Turdidae Thrushes

Orange Ground Thrush *Geokichla gurneyi* - Seen briefly at Mt Mulanje

Groundscraper Thrush *Turdus litisitisirupa* - Heard at Dzalanyama

Kurrichane Thrush *Turdus libonyana* - Seen often

Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssicus* - Seen at Nyika

Nectariniidae Sunbirds

Anchieta’s Sunbird *Anthreptes anchietae* - Two sightings at Dzalanyama

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei* - Seen at Dzalanyama

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris* - Seen a few times

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea* - Seen a few times

Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina* - Seen a few times

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis* - Seen a few times

Bronzy Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis* - Seen at Luwawa

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White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* - Seen a few times

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White-starred Robin *Pogonochilchella stellata* - Seen at Luwawa and Mt Mulanje

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Malachite Sunbird Nectarinia famosa - One nice male at Nyika
Scarlet-tufted Sunbird Nectarinia johnstoni - Good views of a male at Nyika
Miombo Double-collared Sunbird Cynnyris manoilae - Seen at Chimbaliro (pinto Western Miombo Sunbird), and Dedza and Dzalanyama (manoilae Eastern Miombo Sunbird)
Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird Cynnyris ludovici - Seen well at Nyika (whytei Whyte's/ Montane Double-collared Sunbird)
Forest Double-collared Sunbird Cynnyris fucelleborni - Seen at Nyika and Luwawa
Shelley’s Sunbird Cynnyris shelleyi - Great views of a male at Dzalanyama
Purple-banded Sunbird Cynnyris bifasciatus - Heard in the Shire Valley
White-bellied Sunbird Cynnyris talatala - Seen at Liwonde
Variable Sunbird Cynnyris venustus - Seen a few times
Passeridae Old World Sparrows
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver Plocepasser mahali - Seen at Liwonde
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Weaver Plocepasser rufoscapulatus - Seen well at Vwaza Marsh
House Sparrow Passer domesticus - Common
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow Passer griseus - Seen near Vwaza Marsh
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow Passer diffusus - Common at Liwonde
Yellow-throated Petronia Gymnoris superciliaris - Seen regularly
Ploceidae Weavers, Widowbirds
Thick-billed Weaver Amblyospiza albilora - Seen at Zomba (unicolor)
Baglafecht Weaver Ploceus baglafecht - Seen at Nyika (nyiaka)
Bertram’s Weaver Ploceus bertrandi - A pair seen at Nyika; heard at Zomba
Spectacled Weaver Ploceus ocularis - Seen regularly (suahelicus)
Eastern Golden Weaver Ploceus sabaureus - Brief views at Chia Lagoon
Holub’s Golden Weaver Ploceus xanthops - Several sightings
Southern Brown-throated Weaver Ploceus xanthopterus - Seen along the Shire River
Lesser Masked Weaver Ploceus intermedius - Seen at Liwonde (cabanisii)
Southern Masked Weaver Ploceus velatus - Seen along the Shire River (velatus)
Village Weaver Ploceus cucullatus - Seen a few times (paroptus Spotted-backed Weaver)
Dark-backed Weaver Ploceus bicolor - Seen at Zomba (stictifrons)
Red-headed Weaver Anaplectes rubriceps - Seen a few times (leaconotos Northern Red-headed Weaver)
Black-winged Red Bishop Euplectes hordeaceus - Seen a couple of times (hordeaceus)
Southern Red Bishop Euplectes orix - Seen along the Shire River (nigrifrons Central Red Bishop)
Yellow Bishop Euplectes capensis - Seen regularly (crassirostris)
Montane Widowbird Euplectes psammacromius - Great views at Nyika of males in full breeding plumage
Red-collared Widowbird Euplectes ardens - Seen at Dzalanyama (ardens)
Estrildidae Waxbills, Munias & Allies
Orange-winged Pytilia Pytilia africana - About 10 seen at Dzalanyama
Green-winged Pytilia Pytilia melba - Seen a few times
Green Twinspot Machingoa nittidula - Good views at Mt Mulanje (nittidula)
Red-faced Cromiswing Cryptospiza reichenovii - Seen quite well at Mt Mulanje (australis)
Lesser Seedcracker Pyrenetes minor - Michael and John had brief views of a female at Dzalanyama
Red-throated Twinspot Hypargos niveoguttatus - Superb views at Dzalanyama and Luwawa (macropilotes)
Red-billed Firefinch Lagonosticta senegala - Seen at Liwonde (rendalli)
African Firefinch Lagonosticta rubricata - Seen several times (haenatacephala)
Jameson’s Firefinch Lagonosticta rodeli - Seen several times (jamesoni)
Blue Waxbill Uraeginthus angolensis - Seen regularly (niasensis)
Yellow-bellied Waxbill Coccopygia quartinia - Seen a few times (cavendishia)
Orange-breasted Waxbill Amandava subflava - Brief views at Luwawa (clarkei)
Common Waxbill Estrilda astrild - Seen a few times (scutata)
Red-backed Mannikin Lonchura cucullata - Seen regularly (scutata)
Red-backed Mannikin Lonchura nigriceps - Several good sightings
Viduidae Indigobirds, Whydahs
Village Indigobird Vidua chalybeata - One along the Shire River (amauropteryx)
Pin-tailed Whydah Vidua macroura - Seen along the Shire River
Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah Vidua obtusa - Non-breeding plumaged birds at Dzalanyama
Motacillidae Wagtails, Pipits
Mountain Wagtail Motacilla clara - Seen at Zomba and Mt Mulanje (torrreutum)
African Pied Wagtail Motacilla aguimp - Seen regularly (vidua)
Yellow-throated Longclaw Macronyx croceus - Seen at Liwonde and Dzalanyama
African Pipit Anthus cinnamomeus - Seen a few times, including dark birds on Nyika (lichenya)
Long-billed Pipit Anthus similis - Seen on Nyika (winterbottomi)
Wood Pipit Anthus nyasaee - One seen at Dzalanyama (nyasaee)
Striped Pipit Anthus lineiventris - Seen at Dedza
Fringillidae Finches
Southern Citril Crithagra hyposticta - Seen several times (hyposticta)
Lemon-breasted Canary Crithagra citriniceps - Seen several along the Shire River
Yellow-fronted Canary Crithagra mozambica - Seen regularly (mozambica)
Brimstone Canary Crithagra sulphurata - Seen a few times (sharpit)
Reichard’s Seedeeater Crithagra reichardi - Seen at Dzalanyama (reichardi)
Black-eared Seedeeater Crithagra menelli - Good views at Vwaza Marsh and Dzalanyama
Yellow-browed Seedeeater Crithagra whytii - Seen at Liwonde and Dedza
Yellow-crowned Canary Serinus flavivertex - Seen at Nyika (sassin)
Emberizidae Buntings
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting Emberiza tahapisi - Seen near Vwaza Marsh (tahapisi)
Vincent’s Bunting Emberiza vincenti - Reasonably good views near Dedza
Golden-breasted Bunting Emberiza flaviventris - Seen a couple of times (kalaharica)
Cabanis’s Bunting Emberiza cabanisi - Seen at Nyika and Dzalanyama (orientalis)