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| ORDER STRUTHIONIFORMES | | |
| Ostriches | Family Struthionidae | |
| Somali Ostrich | <i>Struthio molybdophanes</i> | Three seen on the Soda Plains |
| ORDER GALLIFORMES | | |
| Guineafowl | Family Numididae | |
| Helmeted Guineafowl | <i>Numida meleagris</i> | Scattered sightings of this iconic African species |
| Vulturine Guineafowl | <i>Acryllium vulturinum</i> | Superb sightings in the Yabello area |
| Pheasants, Fowl & Allies | Family Phasianidae | |
| Coqui Francolin | <i>Peliperdix coqui</i> | Good views on the Soda Plains |
| Moorland Francolin | <i>Scleroptila psilolaema</i> | Great views on the Sanetti Plateau (nominate race) |
| Crested Francolin | <i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i> | Seen Awash and Yabello areas |
| Scaly Francolin | <i>Pternistis squamatus</i> | Good views at Bishangari and Wondo Genet |
| Clapperton's Francolin | <i>Pternistis clappertoni</i> | Good views at Gibe Gorge (nigrosquamatus subspecies) |
| Harwood's Francolin | <i>Pternistis harwoodi</i> | Seen by everyone at the Jemma Valley |
| Chestnut-naped Francolin | <i>Pternistis castaneicollis</i> | Excellent sightings at Bale Mountains NP |
| Erckel's Francolin | <i>Pternistis erckelii</i> | Good views at Jemma Valley and near Ankober |
| Yellow-necked Spurfowl | <i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i> | Seen in the Awash area and the far south |
| ORDER ANSERIFORMES | | |
| Ducks, Geese & Swans | Family Anatidae | |
| White-faced Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i> | Seen at rift valley lakes |
| Fulvous Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> | Seen at Lake Ziway |
| White-backed Duck | <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i> | Excellent views at Awassa |
| Spur-winged Goose | <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> | First seen at Ziway |
| Knob-billed Duck | <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i> | Seen at Ziway |

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| Blue-winged Goose | <i>Cyanochen cyanoptera</i> | Fantastic views in highland wetlands |
| Egyptian Goose | <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i> | Common and widespread |
| Ruddy Shelduck | <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> | Seen on the Sanetti Plateau |
| African Pygmy Goose | <i>Nettapus auritus</i> | First seen at Ziway and later at Awassa |
| Yellow-billed Duck | <i>Anas undulata</i> | Common in highland wetlands (rueppelli subspecies) |
| Garganey | <i>Anas querquedula</i> | Most numerous at Awassa |
| Hottentot Teal | <i>Anas hottentota</i> | Common in the Rift Valley lakes |
| Southern Pochard | <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i> | One male at Ziway |
| ORDER PODICIPEDIFORMES | | |
| Grebes | Family Podicipedidae | |
| Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | Common in scattered localities (capensis subspecies) |
| Greater Flamingo | <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> | Seen in the Rift Valley |
| Lesser Flamingo | <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> | Seen in good numbers |
| ORDER CICONIIFORMES | | |
| Storks | Family Ciconiidae | |
| Yellow-billed Stork | <i>Mycteria ibis</i> | Scattered sightings in the Rift Valley |
| Abdim's Stork | <i>Ciconia abdimii</i> | Seen in impressive numbers |
| Woolly-necked Stork | <i>Ciconia episcopus</i> | Seen near Agere Maryam |
| White Stork | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | Just a few seen |
| Saddle-billed Stork | <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i> | Seen on the Ali Dege plains |
| Marabou Stork | <i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i> | Abundant in the Rift Valley towns! |
| ORDER PELECANIFORMES | | |
| Ibises, Spoonbills | Family Threskiornithidae | |
| African Sacred Ibis | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> | Common and widespread |
| Hadada Ibis | <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i> | Seen at lower altitudes |
| Wattled Ibis | <i>Bostrychia carunculata</i> | This highland endemic is still common |
| Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | Seen at Ziway |
| African Spoonbill | <i>Platalea alba</i> | Most numerous at Ziway |
| Herons, Bitterns | Family Ardeidae | |
| Striated Heron | <i>Butorides striata</i> | Seen a few times |
| Squacco Heron | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | Seen a couple of times |
| Western Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | Common and widespread |
| Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | Seen in small numbers |
| Black-headed Heron | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> | Seen a few times |
| Goliath Heron | <i>Ardea goliath</i> | Seen at Ziway |
| Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> | Scattered sightings at lowland wetlands (melanorhynchos subspecies) |
| Black Heron | <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i> | One at Awassa |
| Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | Common in the Rift Valley |
| Hamerkop | Family Scopidae | |
| Hamerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | Common and widespread |
| Pelicans | Family Pelecanidae | |
| Great White Pelican | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> | Fantastic views at Ziway |
| Pink-backed Pelican | <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i> | Just a couple seen |

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| | ORDER SULIFORMES | |
| Cormorants, shags | Family Phalacrocoracidae | |
| Reed Cormorant | <i>Microcarbo africanus</i> | Common in the Rift Valley |
| White-breasted Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i> | Common in the Rift Valley |
| Anhingas, darters | Family Anhingidae | |
| African Darter | <i>Anhinga rufa</i> | Seen at Ziway |
| | ORDER ACCIPITRIFORMES | |
| Secretarybird | Family Sagittariidae | |
| Secretarybird | <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> | Seen well on the Soda Plains |
| Kites, Hawks & Eagles | Family Accipitridae | |
| European Honey Buzzard | <i>Pernis apivorus</i> | One near Agere Maryam |
| Black-winged Kite | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> | A few on roadsides |
| Yellow-billed Kite | <i>Milvus aegyptius</i> | Abundant! |
| African Fish Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i> | Quite common in Rift Valley lakes and seen well |
| Bearded Vulture | <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i> | Our best sighting was near Debre Birhan |
| Egyptian Vulture | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i> | First seen in the Jemma Valley |
| Hooded Vulture | <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i> | Abundant in towns |
| White-backed Vulture | <i>Gyps africanus</i> | Common |
| Rueppell's Vulture | <i>Gyps rueppellii</i> | Common especially near cliffs |
| Lappet-faced Vulture | <i>Torgos tracheliotos</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Black-chested Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i> | A couple of good sightings |
| Western Banded Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus cinerascens</i> | Good views at Bishangari |
| Bateleur | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> | Seen at Awash and in the far south |
| Western Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | Seen just once |
| Montagu's Harrier | <i>Circus pygargus</i> | Some good sightings in the Awash area |
| African Harrier-Hawk | <i>Polyboroides typus</i> | Our best view was on leaving Awassa where we saw an adult raiding weaver nests |
| Dark Chanting Goshawk | <i>Melierax metabates</i> | Common in the Jemma Valley and at Awash |
| Eastern Chanting Goshawk | <i>Melierax poliopterus</i> | Good sightings in the south |
| Gabar Goshawk | <i>Micronisus gabar</i> | Just a couple seen |
| African Goshawk | <i>Accipiter tachiro</i> | The endemic unduliventer race was seen at Wondo Genet |
| Shikra | <i>Accipiter badius</i> | Just one seen |
| Little Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter minullus</i> | Flight views at Bishangari |
| Black Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i> | One in Harenna Forest |
| Augur Buzzard | <i>Buteo augur</i> | Very common; pale and black morphs seen |
| Tawny Eagle | <i>Aquila rapax</i> | Very common in many colour forms |
| Steppe Eagle | <i>Aquila nipalensis</i> | Just one seen on the first day of the trip |
| Wahlberg's Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i> | Seen just once |
| Long-crested Eagle | <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i> | A few roadside in the Rift Valley |
| Crowned Eagle | <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i> | A brief sighting at Wondo Genet |
| | ORDER FALCONIFORMES | |
| Falcons | Family Falconidae | |
| Pygmy Falcon | <i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i> | Nice views at Bilen, Negelle and Yavello (castanotus subspecies) |
| Lesser Kestrel | <i>Falco naumanni</i> | Seen in good numbers |

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| Common Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | Good views in the Jemma Valley |
| Fox Kestrel | <i>Falco alopex</i> | Superb views in the Jemma Valley |
| Grey Kestrel | <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i> | Good views in the far south |
| Amur Falcon | <i>Falco amurensis</i> | A male and several females seen near Negelle (a rare passage migrant) |
| Eleonora's Falcon | <i>Falco eleonora</i> | Superb views of two pale phase birds hunting termites near Negelle and a dark-phase bird seen the next day |
| Sooty Falcon | <i>Falco concolor</i> | Two - and adult and juvenile - seen at the Dawa River (another rare passage migrant) |
| Eurasian Hobby | <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | Many seen during the trip |
| Lanner Falcon | <i>Falco biarmicus</i> | Very memorable views in the Jemma Valley |
| Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | Just one seen |

ORDER OTIDIFORMES

Bustards

Family Otididae

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| Arabian Bustard | <i>Ardeotis arabs</i> | One en route to Bilen and one on the Ilala Sala plains, both seen superbly |
| Kori Bustard | <i>Ardeotis kori</i> | Superb views at Awash and on the Liben Plains (struthiunculus subspecies) |
| White-bellied Bustard | <i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i> | Seen at Awash and great views at Yavello (canicollis subspecies) |
| Buff-crested Bustard | <i>Lophotis gindiana</i> | Seen a few times |
| Hartlaub's Bustard | <i>Lissotis hartlaubii</i> | Two lovely males seen at Awash |

ORDER GRUIFORMES

Rails, Crakes & Coots

Family Rallidae

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| Rouget's Rail | <i>Rougetius rougetii</i> | Superb views in the Bale Mountains |
| Black Crake | <i>Amauornis flavirostra</i> | Easy to see at Awassa |
| African Swamphe | <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i> | Nice looks at Awassa |
| Allen's Gallinule | <i>Porphyrio alleni</i> | Two seen well at Awassa |
| Common Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | Easy to see at Awassa and Ziway |
| Red-knobbed Coot | <i>Fulica cristata</i> | Scattered in wetlands |

Cranes

Family Gruidae

ORDER CHARADRIIFORMES

Stone-curlews, Thick-kn

Family Burhinidae

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| Senegal Thick-knee | <i>Burhinus senegalensis</i> | Several good sightings |
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Stilts, Avocets

Family Recurvirostridae

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| Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | A few in the Rift Valley |
| Pied Avocet | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> | Seen at Koka |

Plovers

Family Charadriidae

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| Spur-winged Lapwing | <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> | Common at lower altitude wetlands |
| Black-headed Lapwing | <i>Vanellus tectus</i> | Heard near Bilen lodge |
| Black-winged Lapwing | <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i> | Small numbers in grasslands near Addis and Negelle |
| Crowned Lapwing | <i>Vanellus coronatus</i> | A few good sightings |
| African Wattled Lapwing | <i>Vanellus senegallus</i> | Heard at Gibe Gorge |
| Spot-breasted Lapwing | <i>Vanellus melanocephalus</i> | Great looks on the Solulta Plains and Sanetti Plateau |
| Common Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | A few at wetlands |
| Little Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | Just one sighting |
| Three-banded Plover | <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i> | Scattered sightings of this smart plover near fresh water ponds |

Egyptian Plover

Family Pluvianidae

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| Egyptian Plover | <i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i> | Great looks at one at Gibe Gorge |
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| Jacanas | Family Jacanidae | |
| Lesser Jacana | <i>Microparra capensis</i> | Seen well at Ziway |
| African Jacana | <i>Actophilornis africanus</i> | Common at Awassa and Ziway |
| Sandpipers, Snipes | Family Scolopacidae | |
| African Snipe | <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i> | Seen in the Bale Mountains |
| Black-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa limosa</i> | Seen at Ziway |
| Spotted Redshank | <i>Tringa erythropus</i> | Seen at Cheleleka |
| Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | Small numbers at wetlands in the Rift Valley, some almost in full breeding plumage |
| Common Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | Small numbers at wetlands throughout |
| Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | A couple of sightings |
| Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | Small numbers at wetlands |
| Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Small numbers at wetlands |
| Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | Small numbers at wetlands in the Rift Valley |
| Temminck's Stint | <i>Calidris temminckii</i> | First seen at Cheleleka |
| Curlew Sandpiper | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | One breeding-plumage bird at Ziway |
| Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | Small numbers at wetlands throughout |
| Courasers, Pratincoles | Family Glareolidae | |
| Somali Courser | <i>Cursorius somalensis</i> | Fantastic views at the Soda Plains |
| Three-banded Courser | <i>Rhinoptilus cinctus</i> | Fantastic day-time views at Bishangari |
| Gulls, Terns & Skimmers | Family Laridae | |
| Grey-headed Gull | <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i> | Seen at Ziway, Awassa and Langanjo |
| Gull-billed Tern | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> | Seen at Koka |
| Whiskered Tern | <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> | Seen at Ziway |
| White-winged Tern | <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> | Small numbers at wetlands in the Rift Valley |
| | ORDER PTEROCLIFORMES | |
| Sandgrouse | Family Pteroclididae | |
| Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles exustus</i> | Some good sightings in the Awash area |
| Black-faced Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles decoratus</i> | Nice looks at the Dawa River where birds were drinking |
| Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i> | Two at Bilen Lodge |
| | ORDER COLUMBIFORMES | |
| Pigeons, Doves | Family Columbidae | |
| Feral Pigeon | <i>Columba livia</i> | Tick |
| Speckled Pigeon | <i>Columba guinea</i> | Very common |
| White-collared Pigeon | <i>Columba albitorques</i> | This endemic was quite common in the highlands |
| African Olive Pigeon | <i>Columba arquatrix</i> | Seen at Harenna forest |
| Lemon Dove | <i>Columba larvata</i> | Seen at Bishangari and Wondo Genet (bronzina subspecies) |
| European Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> | Good numbers near Bilen Lodge |
| Dusky Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia lugens</i> | Very common, even in Addis! |
| African Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia risoria</i> | Flight views at Bilen |
| White-winged Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia reichenowi</i> | Excellent views near the Dawa River |
| Mourning Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decipiens</i> | Common in the Rift Valley |
| Red-eyed Dove | <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> | Very common in moister areas |
| Ring-necked Dove | <i>Streptopelia capicola</i> | Common in the Awash and Yabello areas |

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| Vinaceous Dove | <i>Streptopelia vinacea</i> | Seen in the Jemmu Valley and at Gibe |
| Laughing Dove | <i>Stigmatopelia senegalensis</i> | Very common |
| Emerald-spotted Wood Dove | <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i> | Seen in the more arid areas |
| Blue-spotted Wood Dove | <i>Turtur afer</i> | Our best views were at Bishangari |
| Tambourine Dove | <i>Turtur tympanistria</i> | Seen at Bishangari |
| Namaqua Dove | <i>Oena capensis</i> | Especially common around Awash |
| Bruce's Green Pigeon | <i>Treron waalia</i> | Several good sightings |
| ORDER PSITTACIFORMES | | |
| Parrots | Family Psittacidae | |
| Black-winged Lovebird | <i>Agapornis taranta</i> | Several good sightings, our first at the Jemmu Valley |
| Red-bellied Parrot | <i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i> | Seen well in the south |
| Yellow-fronted Parrot | <i>Poicephalus flavifrons</i> | Excellent views at Bishangari |
| ORDER MUSOPHAGIFORMES | | |
| Turacos | Family Musophagidae | |
| White-cheeked Turaco | <i>Tauraco leucotis</i> | The donaldsoni subspecies was seen well at Bishangari/Wondo Genet/Harena |
| Ruspoli's Turaco | <i>Tauraco ruspolii</i> | One of the highlight of the tour! A quartet seen well en route to Negelle |
| Bare-faced Go-away-bird | <i>Corythaixoides personatus</i> | Seen near Melka Ghebdu (near-endemic nominate subspecies) |
| White-bellied Go-away-bird | <i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i> | Common around Awash and in the south |
| Eastern Plantain-eater | <i>Crinifer zonurus</i> | Brief views at Gibe |
| ORDER CUCULIFORMES | | |
| Cuckoos | Family Cuculidae | |
| Blue-headed Coucal | <i>Centropus monachus</i> | Seen at Wondo Genet (nominate subspecies) |
| White-browed Coucal | <i>Centropus superciliosus</i> | Several sightings (nominate subspecies) |
| <i>Great Spotted Cuckoo</i> | <i>Clamator glandarius</i> | <i>Good views near Yavello</i> |
| Jacobin Cuckoo | <i>Clamator jacobinus</i> | Seen in the south |
| Klaas's Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> | A couple of sightings |
| African Emerald Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i> | Scope views at Harena |
| Black Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus clamosus</i> | Excellent views near Negelle (stragely it was a mixed pair: one nominate and one intermediate 'jacksoni') |
| Red-chested Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus solitarius</i> | Good views at Bishangari |
| African Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus gularis</i> | Seen well at Yavello |
| ORDER STRIGIFORMES | | |
| Barn Owls | Family Tytonidae | |
| Owls | Family Strigidae | |
| African Scops Owl | <i>Otus senegalensis</i> | Excellent views at Yavello |
| Cape Eagle-Owl | <i>Bubo capensis</i> | Seen on its day roost en route to Bale |
| Greyish Eagle-Owl | <i>Bubo cinerascens</i> | Day-time views at Langanano |
| Pearl-spotted Owlet | <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i> | Heard near Yavello |
| Abyssinian [Long-eared] C | <i>Asio abyssinicus</i> | Good looks en route to Dinsho |
| ORDER CAPRIMULGIFORMES | | |
| Nightjars | Family Caprimulgidae | |
| Sombre Nightjar (ex Dusk) | <i>Caprimulgus fraenatus</i> | Great looks near Yavello |
| Donaldson Smith's Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus donaldsoni</i> | Day time views at the Dawa River (grey-brown morph) |
| Montane Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus poliocephalus</i> | Good looks in the Bale Mountains |

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| Slender-tailed Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus clarus</i> | Superb views at Bilen and day-time views at Langano |
| ORDER APODIFORMES | | |
| Swifts | | |
| Family Apodidae | | |
| Scarce Swift | <i>Schoutedenapus myoptilus</i> | A surprise sighting of vocal birds at Bishangari |
| African Palm Swift | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> | Seen in the Awash area |
| Alpine Swift | <i>Tachymarptis melba</i> | Seen a few times |
| Mottled Swift | <i>Tachymarptis aequatorialis</i> | Good views near Sheshemene |
| Nyanza Swift | <i>Apus niansae</i> | Our most memorable sighting was as we descended into the Jemma Valley |
| Little Swift | <i>Apus affinis</i> | Seen near Agere Maryam |
| White-rumped Swift | <i>Apus caffer</i> | A couple of sightings |
| ORDER COLIIFORMES | | |
| Mousebirds | | |
| Family Coliidae | | |
| Speckled Mousebird | <i>Colius striatus</i> | Widespread and common |
| Blue-naped Mousebird | <i>Urocolius macrourus</i> | Common in dry bush such as Awash |
| ORDER TROGONIFORMES | | |
| Trogons | | |
| Family Trogonidae | | |
| Narina Trogon | <i>Apaloderma narina</i> | Great views at Bishangari |
| ORDER CORACIIFORMES | | |
| Rollers | | |
| Family Coraciidae | | |
| Purple [Rufous-crowned] | <i>Coracias naevius</i> | A few seen, most in the far south |
| Lilac-breasted Roller | <i>Coracias caudatus</i> | Seen at lower altitudes; the lorti subspecies, sometimes called Lilac-throated Roller |
| Abyssinian Roller | <i>Coracias abyssinicus</i> | Common at Awash |
| Kingfishers | | |
| Family Alcedinidae | | |
| Grey-headed Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> | A few sightings at lower altitudes |
| Striped Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> | Regular sightings |
| Woodland Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i> | Just a couple of sightings |
| African Pygmy Kingfisher | <i>Ispidina picta</i> | Best views were at Gibe Gorge |
| Malachite Kingfisher | <i>Corythornis cristata</i> | Common at Rift Valley lakes and seen well! |
| Half-collared Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i> | Great views at Melka Ghebdu |
| Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | Common in the Rift Valley |
| Bee-eaters | | |
| Family Meropidae | | |
| Little Bee-eater | <i>Merops pusillus</i> | Quite common in the more arid areas |
| Blue-breasted Bee-eater | <i>Merops variegatus</i> | Many super sightings of the distinctive lafresnayii race |
| White-throated Bee-eater | <i>Merops albicollis</i> | Good number in the Awash area |
| Blue-cheeked Bee-eater | <i>Merops persicus</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge |
| Olive Bee-eater | <i>Merops superciliosus</i> | Seen well at Beseka Lava flow |
| European Bee-eater | <i>Merops apiaster</i> | Good numbers on passage |
| Northern Carmine Bee-eater | <i>Merops nubicus</i> | Distant views for some at Bilen |
| ORDER BUCEROTIFORMES | | |
| Hoopoes | | |
| Family Upupidae | | |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | Seen regularly |
| Wood Hoopoes | | |
| Family Phoeniculidae | | |
| Black-billed Wood Hoopoe | <i>Phoeniculus somaliensis</i> | Some good sightings |

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| Black Scimitarbill | <i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i> | Seen near Bishangari |
| Abyssinian Scimitarbill | <i>Rhinopomastus minor</i> | Several good sightings in the lowlands |
| Hornbills | Family Bucerotidae | |
| Hemprich's Hornbill | <i>Tockus hemprichii</i> | Great looks at the Jemma River |
| African Grey Hornbill | <i>Tockus nasutus</i> | Seen a few times |
| Northern Red-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> | Common around Awash and in the south |
| Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus flavirostris</i> | Less common than the previous species |
| Von der Decken's Hornbill | <i>Tockus deckeni</i> | Seen in the south |
| Silvery-cheeked Hornbill | <i>Bycanistes brevis</i> | Conspicuous at Bishangari and Wondo Genet |
| Ground Hornbills | Family Bucorvidae | |
| Abyssinian Ground Hornbill | <i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i> | Several good encounters |
| | ORDER PICIFORMES | |
| African barbets | Family Lybiidae | |
| Red-fronted Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i> | Seen well a couple of times (affinis subspecies) |
| Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i> | Heard at Wondo Genet and Harenna (xanthostictus subspecies) |
| Red-fronted Barbet | <i>Tricholaema diademata</i> | Good looks in the south |
| Black-throated Barbet | <i>Tricholaema melanocephala</i> | Several sightings in the lowlands |
| Banded Barbet | <i>Lybius undatus</i> | Seen at Bishangari, Harenna and Awassa (leucogenys subspecies) |
| Black-billed Barbet | <i>Lybius guifsobalito</i> | Excellent views in the Jemma Valley |
| Double-toothed Barbet | <i>Lybius bidentatus</i> | Several good sightings |
| Red-and-yellow Barbet | <i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i> | Seen well near Negelle (versicolor race) |
| Yellow-breasted Barbet | <i>Trachyphonus margaritatus</i> | Good views at Melka Ghebdu and in the Awash area |
| D'Arnaud's Barbet | <i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i> | Good views at Yavello |
| Honeyguides | Family Indicatoridae | |
| Lesser Honeyguide | <i>Indicator minor</i> | A couple of sightings |
| Scaly-throated Honeyguide | <i>Indicator variegatus</i> | Brief views at Wondo Genet |
| Greater Honeyguide | <i>Indicator indicator</i> | Heard near Negelle |
| Woodpeckers | Family Picidae | |
| Red-throated Wryneck | <i>Jynx ruficollis</i> | Good looks en route to Negelle and at Awassa (aequatorialis subspecies) |
| Nubian Woodpecker | <i>Campethera nubica</i> | Several good sightings |
| Abyssinian Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos abyssinicus</i> | Good looks at one at Wondo Genet and Harenna |
| Cardinal Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i> | Seen on several occasions in the lowlands |
| Bearded Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos namaquus</i> | Seen at Awash |
| Eastern Grey Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos spodocephalus</i> | Several good sightings |
| | ORDER PASSERIFORMES | |
| Wattle-eyes, Batises | Family Platysteiridae | |
| Grey-headed Batis | <i>Batis orientalis</i> | Seen well in the Awash area |
| Western Black-headed Batis | <i>Batis erlangeri</i> | First seen at Cheleleka |
| Pygmy Batis | <i>Batis perkeo</i> | Seen near the Dawa River |
| Brown-throated Wattle-eye | <i>Platysteira cyanea</i> | First seen at Bishangari |
| Helmetshrikes | Family Prionopidae | |
| White-crested Helmetshrike | <i>Prionops plumatus</i> | Seen in the Jemma Valley (race vinaceigularis) |
| Bushshrikes | Family Malaconotidae | |

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| Grey-headed Bushshrike | <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i> | Heard only |
| Orange-breasted Bushshrike | <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i> | Good views near Yavello |
| Rosy-patched Bushshrike | <i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i> | Great looks at Awash and in the south |
| Three-streaked Tchagra | <i>Tchagra jamesi</i> | Super views near Negelle |
| Black-crowned Tchagra | <i>Tchagra senegalus</i> | Several sightings in the lowlands |
| Northern Puffback | <i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i> | Fairly common and widespread (distinctive, near-endemic subspecies <i>erythrae</i>) |
| Pringle's Puffback | <i>Dryoscopus pringlii</i> | Seen well en route to Yavello and near Yavello |
| Slate-colored Boubou | <i>Laniarius funebris</i> | Common at lower altitudes |
| Red-naped Bushshrike | <i>Laniarius ruficeps</i> | Seen well at the Dawa River and near Yavello |
| Ethiopian Boubou | <i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i> | Several good views |
| Brubru | <i>Nilaus afer</i> | Several sightings in the lowlands |
| Cuckooshrikes | Family Campephagidae | |
| Grey Cuckooshrike | <i>Coracina caesia</i> | Brief views at Wondo Genet |
| Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike | <i>Campephaga phoenicea</i> | Wonderful views of about 8 birds including red- and yellow-shouldered males |
| Shrikes | Family Laniidae | |
| Northern White-crowned Shrike | <i>Eurocephalus ruppelli</i> | Regular in the lowlands |
| Red-backed Shrike | <i>Lanius collurio</i> | Very common in the south, presumably on passage |
| Red-tailed Shrike | <i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i> | Just one smart male near the Dawa River |
| Lesser Grey Shrike | <i>Lanius minor</i> | Very common in the south, presumably on passage |
| Grey-backed Fiscal | <i>Lanius excubitoroides</i> | Good views at Bishangari |
| Taita Fiscal | <i>Lanius dorsalis</i> | Seen on the Soda Plains |
| Somali Fiscal | <i>Lanius somalicus</i> | Common at Awash and the Soda Plains |
| Northern Fiscal | <i>Lanius humeralis</i> | Common roadside bird (race humeralis) |
| Orioles | Family Oriolidae | |
| Eurasian Golden Oriole | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i> | A few sightings in the south |
| Ethiopian Oriole | <i>Oriolus monacha</i> | Seen very well at Wondo Genet and other forests (race meneliki) |
| Black-headed Oriole | <i>Oriolus larvatus</i> | A few in the south (race rolletti) |
| Drongos | Family Dicruridae | |
| Fork-tailed Drongo | <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i> | Common in dry bush country |
| Monarchs | Family Monarchidae | |
| African Paradise Flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> | Common in wooded areas (race ferreti) |
| Crows | Family Corvidae | |
| Stresemann's Bushcrow | <i>Zavattariornis stresemanni</i> | Fantastic views at Yavello |
| Red-billed Chough | <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i> | One pair on the Sanetti plateau |
| Cape Crow | <i>Corvus capensis</i> | Very common on highland plains |
| Pied Crow | <i>Corvus albus</i> | Very common along roadsides |
| Somali Crow | <i>Corvus edithae</i> | Most conspicuous on the Liben Plains |
| Fan-tailed Raven | <i>Corvus rhipidurus</i> | Common near cliffs |
| Thick-billed Raven | <i>Corvus crassirostris</i> | Some great views of this distinctive bird |
| Tits | Family Paridae | |
| White-backed Black Tit | <i>Parus leuconotus</i> | Great views in the Bale Mountains |
| Acacia Tit | <i>Parus thruppi</i> | Several seen in the south |
| Penduline Tits | Family Remizidae | |

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| Mouse-colored Penduline | <i>Anthoscopus musculus</i> | First seen at Bilen Lodge |
| Larks | Family Alaudidae | |
| Singing Bush Lark | <i>Mirafra cantillans</i> | Common at Awash |
| Red-winged Lark | <i>Mirafra hypermetra</i> | Seen well at Awash |
| Gillett's Lark | <i>Mirafra gilletti</i> | Good views in the Awash area |
| Sidamo Lark | <i>Heteromirafra sidamoensis</i> | Superb views on the Liben Plains! |
| Foxy Lark | <i>Calendulauda alopecurus</i> | Two sightings in the south |
| Erlanger's Lark | <i>Calandrella erlangeri</i> | Seen on the highland plains near Debre Birhan |
| Somali Short-toed Lark | <i>Calandrella somalica</i> | Seen on the Liben Plains (megaensis subspecies) |
| Short-tailed Lark | <i>Pseudalaemon fremantlii</i> | Fantastic views on the Soda Plains (megaensis subspecies) |
| Thekla Lark | <i>Galerida theklae</i> | Quite common in the highland grasslands |
| Chestnut-backed Sparrow | <i>Eremopterix leucotis</i> | Common in Awash NP |
| Chestnut-headed Sparrow | <i>Eremopterix signatus</i> | Nice views en route to Bilen |
| Bulbuls | Family Pycnonotidae | |
| Common Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> | Seen around Addis, Jemmu, Awash and the Rift Valley |
| Somali Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus somaliensis</i> | Seen at Bilen |
| Dodson's Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus dodsoni</i> | Common from Negelle to Yabello |
| Dark-capped Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i> | Seen at Hareenna forest |
| Northern Brownbul | <i>Phyllastrephus strepitans</i> | Seen in the south |
| Swallows, martins | Family Hirundinidae | |
| Black Saw-wing | <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i> | "Brown Saw-wing" (race antinorii) was common at Wondo Genet and Hareenna |
| Brown-throated [Plain] Martin | <i>Riparia paludicola</i> | Common in a number of places; also known as Plain Martin |
| <i>Sand Martin</i> | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | Big flocks in the Rift Valley |
| <i>Barn Swallow</i> | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | Common and widespread |
| Red-chested Swallow | <i>Hirundo lucida</i> | Great views of a perched bird at Bilen |
| Ethiopian Swallow | <i>Hirundo aethiopica</i> | Seen well on the Liben Plains |
| Wire-tailed Swallow | <i>Hirundo smithii</i> | Several sightings at low altitude |
| White-tailed Swallow | <i>Hirundo megaensis</i> | Superb views of this quick-flying endemic on the Soda Plains and nearby |
| Rock Martin | <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> | Several sightings in the western highlands |
| <i>Common House Martin</i> | <i>Delichon urbicum</i> | Seen once |
| Lesser Striped Swallow | <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i> | Seen a few times |
| Red-rumped Swallow | <i>Cecropis daurica</i> | Regular in the western highlands (resident melanocrissus) |
| Crombecs, African warblers | Family Macrosphenidae | |
| Moustached Grass Warbler | <i>Melocichla mentalis</i> | Good views at Gibe Gorge |
| Northern Crombec | <i>Sylvietta brachyura</i> | A few good sightings (leucopsis subspecies) |
| Red-faced Crombec | <i>Sylvietta whytii</i> | Several sightings in the south (race loringi) |
| Somali Crombec | <i>Sylvietta isabellina</i> | One seen en route to Yavello |
| Leaf warblers and allies | Family Phylloscopidae | |
| Brown Woodland Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus umbrovirens</i> | Good views at Wondo Genet |
| <i>Willow Warbler</i> | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | Seen only in the Rift Valley |
| <i>Common Chiffchaff</i> | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | Just one seen |
| Reed warblers and allies | Family Acrocephalidae | |
| <i>Basra Reed Warbler</i> | <i>Acrocephalus griseldis</i> | Good views at Awassa |

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| Lesser Swamp Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i> | Seen well at Awassa |
| Sedge Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> | Seen well at Awassa and Ziway |
| Eurasian Reed Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i> | Seen at Awassa |
| Dark-capped Yellow Warbler | <i>Iduna natalensis</i> | Seen at Cheleleka (race massaica) |
| Eastern Olivaceous Warbler | <i>Iduna pallida</i> | Just two sightings |
| Icterine Warbler | <i>Hippolais icterina</i> | One sighting |
| Grassbirds and allies | Family Locustellidae | |
| Little Rush Warbler | <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i> | Seen at Awassa |
| Bamboo Warbler | <i>Bradypterus alfredi</i> | The surprise of the trip, seen at Wondo Genet |
| Cinnamon Bracken Warbler | <i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i> | Good views in the Bale Mountains (nominat race) |
| Cisticolas and allies | Family Cisticolidae | |
| Red-faced Cisticola | <i>Cisticola erythrops</i> | Good views at Awassa |
| Singing Cisticola | <i>Cisticola cantans</i> | Seen at Debre Libanos |
| Rattling Cisticola | <i>Cisticola chiniana</i> | Seen in the south |
| Boran Cisticola | <i>Cisticola bodessa</i> | Superb views en route to Negelle |
| Ashy Cisticola | <i>Cisticola cinereolus</i> | Seen well in Awash NP |
| Ethiopian Cisticola | <i>Cisticola lugubris</i> | This split from Winding Cisticola seen well on a few occasions |
| Stout Cisticola | <i>Cisticola robustus</i> | Seen at Debre Libanos |
| Tiny Cisticola | <i>Cisticola nana</i> | Seen near Yavello |
| Short-winged Cisticola | <i>Cisticola brachypterus</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Foxy Cisticola | <i>Cisticola troglodytes</i> | Good looks at the Jemma Valley |
| Zitting Cisticola | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> | Seen at Awash |
| Desert Cisticola | <i>Cisticola aridulus</i> | Seen on the Soda Plains |
| Pectoral-patch Cisticola | <i>Cisticola brunnescens</i> | Seen on the Liben Plains |
| Tawny-flanked Prinia | <i>Prinia subflava</i> | Widespread in small numbers |
| Pale Prinia | <i>Prinia somalica</i> | Seen near the Dawa River |
| Buff-bellied Warbler | <i>Phyllolais pulchella</i> | Several sightings in the Rift Valley |
| Yellow-breasted Apalis | <i>Apalis flavida</i> | Common in the south (race flavocincta, sometimes split as Brown-tailed Apalis) |
| Red-fronted Warbler | <i>Urorhipis rufifrons</i> | Great views near Bilen and near Yavello |
| Grey-backed Camaroptera | <i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i> | Common and widespread |
| Grey Wren-Warbler | <i>Calamonastes simplex</i> | Good looks at Awash and in the south |
| Yellow-bellied Eremomela | <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i> | First seen near Negelle (race griseoflava) |
| Yellow-vented Eremomela | <i>Eremomela flavicrissalis</i> | Seen at the Dawa River |
| Typical Babblers | Family Leiothrichidae | |
| Scaly Chatterer | <i>Turdoides aylmeri</i> | Seen near Yavello |
| Rufous Chatterer | <i>Turdoides rubiginosa</i> | Small numbers in low altitude thornbush |
| White-rumped Babbler | <i>Turdoides leucopygia</i> | Seen regularly in small numbers; Jemma Valley (limbata), Awassa (lacuum), far south (omoensis) |
| Sylviid Babblers | Family Sylviidae | |
| Abyssinian Catbird | <i>Parophasma galinieri</i> | Great views in the Bale Mountains |
| African Hill Babbler | <i>Pseudoalcippe abyssinica</i> | Seen at Harena forest |
| Eurasian Blackcap | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | Quite common |
| Garden Warbler | <i>Sylvia borin</i> | A couple seen |
| Common Whitethroat | <i>Sylvia communis</i> | A few seen |

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| Brown Parisoma | <i>Sylvia lugens</i> | Seen at the Ghion Hotel (nominate) and the Bale Mountains (griseiventris race Bale Parisoma) |
| Banded Parisoma | <i>Sylvia boehmi</i> | Seen well in the Yavello area (race marsabit) |
| White-eyes | Family Zosteropidae | |
| Abyssinian White-eye | <i>Zosterops abyssinicus</i> | The white-bellied nominate race was seen well in the Jemma Valley and the yellow-bellied jubaensis race in the south |
| Montane White-eye | <i>Zosterops poliogastrus</i> | Regular at higher altitudes (nominate subspecies) |
| Treecreepers | Family Certhiidae | |
| Spotted Creeper | <i>Salpornis pilonotus</i> | Great views at Awassa (race erlangeri) |
| Starlings | Family Sturnidae | |
| Wattled Starling | <i>Creatophora cinerea</i> | Seen on the Soda Plains |
| Greater Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i> | Very common throughout |
| Rueppell's Starling | <i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i> | Regular in the Rift Valley |
| Golden-breasted Starling | <i>Lamprotornis regius</i> | Seen in the south |
| Superb Starling | <i>Lamprotornis superbus</i> | Common in the Rift Valley |
| Shelley's Starling | <i>Lamprotornis shelleyi</i> | Fantastic views around the south |
| White-crowned Starling | <i>Lamprotornis albigapillus</i> | Our best views were on the Liben Plains |
| Violet-backed Starling | <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> | A couple of sightings |
| Red-winged Starling | <i>Onychognathus morio</i> | Several scattered sightings |
| Slender-billed Starling | <i>Onychognathus tenuirostris</i> | First seen at Wondo Genet |
| Bristle-crowned Starling | <i>Onychognathus salvadorii</i> | Good looks in Awash town |
| White-billed Starling | <i>Onychognathus albirostris</i> | Great views in the Jemma Valley |
| Sharpe's Starling | <i>Poeoptera sharpii</i> | Seen at Wondo Genet |
| Magpie Starling | <i>Speculipastor bicolor</i> | Seen near Negelle and Yavello |
| Oxpeckers | Family Buphagidae | |
| Red-billed Oxpecker | <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i> | Quite common on domestic animals |
| Thrushes | Family Turdidae | |
| Abyssinian Ground Thrush | <i>Geokichla piaggiae</i> | Great views at Dinsho (nominate race) |
| Groundscraper Thrush | <i>Psophocichla litsitsirupa</i> | The endemic simensis race was common in the highlands |
| African Thrush | <i>Turdus pelios</i> | Regular at lower altitude |
| Bare-eyed Thrush | <i>Turdus tephronotus</i> | Good looks at the Dawa River |
| Abyssinian [Mountain] Thrush | <i>Turdus abyssinicus</i> | This split of Olive Thrush was common in highland forests and gardens |
| Chats, Old World Flycatchers | Family Muscicapidae | |
| Thrush Nightingale | <i>Luscinia luscinia</i> | Seen near the Dawa River |
| Rueppell's Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha semirufa</i> | Common in highland forests and gardens |
| White-browed Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha heuglini</i> | Seen at Awassa |
| Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Spotted Palm Thrush | <i>Cichladusa guttata</i> | Seen well near Yavello |
| White-browed Scrub Robin | <i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i> | Several scattered sightings |
| Whinchat | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i> | Good numbers in the south, on passage |
| Siberian Stonechat | <i>Saxicola maurus</i> | Just one poor sighting |
| Red-breasted Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe bottae</i> | Good views en route to Debre Libanos |
| Isabelline Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i> | Seen at Awash |
| Northern Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | A couple of sightings |
| Pied Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i> | One at Awash |

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| Abyssinian [Schalow's] W | <i>Oenanthe lugubris</i> | Common on rocky slopes in the Jemma Valley |
| Blackstart | <i>Oenanthe melanura</i> | A pair on lava fields near Awash |
| Familiar Chat | <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i> | Seen a few times |
| Brown-tailed Rock Chat | <i>Oenanthe scotocerca</i> | Seen near Yavello |
| Sombre Rock Chat | <i>Oenanthe dubia</i> | Excellent views at the lava flow near Awash |
| Moorland Chat | <i>Pinarochroa sordida</i> | Common in highland grasslands, especially Bale |
| Rueppell's Black Chat | <i>Myrmecocichla melaena</i> | Small groups at Debre Libanos and the Jemma Valley |
| Mocking Cliff Chat | <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i> | Several scattered sightings |
| White-winged Cliff Chat | <i>Monticola semirufus</i> | Seen well at the Portuguese Bridge |
| Common Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola saxatilis</i> | Scattered sightings in the Jemma Valley and elsewhere |
| Little Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola rufocinereus</i> | Seen at Debre Libanos |
| Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher | <i>Dioptornis chocolatinus</i> | Common at the edge of highland forest and gardens; first seen at the Ghion Hotel |
| Northern Black Flycatcher | <i>Melaenornis edolioides</i> | Common the south |
| Pale Flycatcher | <i>Bradornis pallidus</i> | A couple at Gibe Gorge |
| African Grey Flycatcher | <i>Bradornis microrhynchus</i> | Common at low altitude |
| Spotted Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa striata</i> | Seen in the south, on passage |
| Gambaga Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa gambagae</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| African Dusky Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa adusta</i> | Common at the edge of highland forest and gardens (race minima) |

Sunbirds **Family Nectariniidae**

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| Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird | <i>Antheptes orientalis</i> | Seen in the south |
| Collared Sunbird | <i>Hedydipna collaris</i> | Seen in the south |
| Nile Valley Sunbird | <i>Hedydipna metallica</i> | Good sightings in the Awash area |
| Olive Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i> | Seen at Wondo Genet |
| Scarlet-chested Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i> | Seen a few times |
| Hunter's Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i> | Good views near Yavello |
| Tacazze Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia tacazze</i> | Common in highland forests and gardens, esp in Addis |
| Beautiful Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i> | Some great sightings, mainly in the Rift Valley |
| Marico Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i> | Good looks in the south (race osiris) |
| Black-bellied Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris nectarinioides</i> | A male in the Dawa area (race erlangeri) |
| Shining Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris habessinicus</i> | Common at Bilen Lodge |
| Variable Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris venustus</i> | Good views at Jemma (race fazoqlensis) and in the far south (albiventris) |
| Copper Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris cupreus</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |

Old World Sparrows **Family Passeridae**

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| White-browed Sparrow-W | <i>Plocepasser mahali</i> | Common at lower altitudes |
| Chestnut-crowned Sparrow | <i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i> | Seen at the Jemma Valley and Melka Ghebdu |
| Grey-capped Social Weaver | <i>Pseudonigrita araudi</i> | Good sightings in the far south |
| Black-capped Social Weaver | <i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i> | Good views in the Yabello area |
| Shelley's Sparrow | <i>Passer shelleyi</i> | Seen on the Liben and Soda Plains |
| Swainson's Sparrow | <i>Passer swainsonii</i> | Common and widespread |
| Chestnut Sparrow | <i>Passer eminiibey</i> | Seen well in the Yavello area |
| Bush Petronia | <i>Gymnoris dentata</i> | Seen in the Jemma Valley and at Gibe Gorge |
| Yellow-spotted Petronia | <i>Gymnoris pyrgita</i> | Quite common around Awash and in the south |

Weavers, Widowbirds **Family Ploceidae**

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| Red-billed Buffalo Weaver | <i>Bubalornis niger</i> | Seen at lower altitudes (race intermedius) |
| White-headed Buffalo We: | <i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i> | Common at lower altitudes |
| Speckle-fronted Weaver | <i>Sporopipes frontalis</i> | Seen well in the Jemma Valley |
| Thick-billed Weaver | <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i> | One seen (race melanota) |
| Baglafaecht Weaver | <i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i> | Three distinctive races seen: nominate at Addis, reichnowi at Harenna and emini at Awassa |
| Little Weaver | <i>Ploceus luteolus</i> | Seen in breeding plumage at Bishangari |
| Spectacled Weaver | <i>Ploceus ocularis</i> | First seen at Wondo Genet |
| Rueppell's Weaver | <i>Ploceus galbula</i> | Seen in breeding plumage in the Rift Valley |
| Lesser Masked Weaver | <i>Ploceus intermedius</i> | Seen in breeding plumage at Awash and in the south (nominate subspecies) |
| Vitelline Masked Weaver | <i>Ploceus vitellinus</i> | Seen at lower altitudes with some in breeding plumage (race uluensis) |
| Speke's Weaver | <i>Ploceus spekei</i> | Seen breeding in Yavello |
| Village Weaver | <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i> | Regular in the Rift Valley (race abyssinicus) |
| Juba Weaver | <i>Ploceus dichrocephalus</i> | Excellent views of a males and female at the Dawa River |
| Chestnut Weaver | <i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i> | Seen in non-breeding plumage at Awash |
| Red-headed Weaver | <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i> | Nice looks at Bishangari (race leuconotus) |
| Red-billed Quelea | <i>Quelea quelea</i> | Largish flocks were seen in the Awash area |
| Black-winged Red Bishop | <i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i> | Seen at the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge |
| Northern Red Bishop | <i>Euplectes franciscanus</i> | Seen in breeding plumage at Melka Ghebdu |
| Yellow Bishop | <i>Euplectes capensis</i> | A few non-breeding birds seen in the highlands |
| Fan-tailed Widowbird | <i>Euplectes axillaris</i> | Non-breeding birds seen at Solulta |
| Yellow-mantled Widowbird | <i>Euplectes macroura</i> | A non-breeding male at Gibe Gorge |
| Red-collared Widowbird | <i>Euplectes ardens</i> | Seen in the Jemma Valley |

Waxbills, Munias & Allie: Family Estrildidae

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| Red-billed Pytilia | <i>Pytilia lineata</i> | Great views in the Jemma Valley! |
| Cut-throat Finch | <i>Amadina fasciata</i> | Quite common at lower altitudes |
| Green Twinspot | <i>Mandingoa nitidula</i> | Seen well at Wondo Genet |
| Abyssinian Crimsonwing | <i>Cryptospiza salvadorii</i> | Seen in Harenna Forest |
| Bar-breasted Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i> | Good numbers seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Red-billed Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> | Quite common |
| African Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i> | Two seen at Wondo Genet |
| Black-faced Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta larvata</i> | Brief views at Gibe Gorge (nominate race) |
| Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu | <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i> | Common and widespread |
| Purple Grenadier | <i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i> | Several good sightings near Yavello |
| Yellow-bellied Waxbill | <i>Coccyzygia quartinia</i> | Good looks at Harenna Forest |
| Abyssinian Waxbill | <i>Estrilda ochrogaster</i> | Fantastic views at Gibe Gorge |
| Crimson-rumped Waxbill | <i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i> | Several good looks |
| Common Waxbill | <i>Estrilda astrild</i> | Seen a couple of times |
| Black-cheeked Waxbill | <i>Estrilda chamosyna</i> | Seen well near Yavello |
| African Silverbill | <i>Euodice cantans</i> | Just a couple of sightings in the Jemma Valley and Awash area |
| Bronze Mannikin | <i>Lonchura cucullata</i> | Seen several times |
| Black-and-white Mannikin | <i>Lonchura bicolor</i> | Seen at Wondo Genet |

Indigobirds, Whydahs Family Viduidae

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| Village Indigobird | <i>Vidua chalybeata</i> | Seen in the Jemma Valley (white-billed ultramarina race) |
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| Barka Indigobird | <i>Vidua larvaticola</i> | Non-breeding birds at Gibe Gorge mimicking Black-faced Firefinch |
| Pin-tailed Whydah | <i>Vidua macroura</i> | A few seen |
| Straw-tailed Whydah | <i>Vidua fischeri</i> | One male in breeding plumage at Awash |
| Wagtails, Pipits | Family Motacillidae | |
| <i>Western Yellow Wagtail</i> | <i>Motacilla flava</i> | Abundant: commonest was flava, but other races were feldegg and thunbergi |
| Mountain Wagtail | <i>Motacilla clara</i> | Several good views |
| African Pied Wagtail | <i>Motacilla aguimp</i> | Seen along the Dawa and Gibe Rivers |
| Abyssinian Longclaw | <i>Macronyx flavicollis</i> | Great views on the Solulta Plains |
| African Pipit | <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i> | Just a few sightings |
| Tawny Pipit | <i>Anthus campestris</i> | One in the south |
| Long-billed Pipit | <i>Anthus similis</i> | Seen on the rocky slopes at the Jemma Valley |
| Plain-backed Pipit | <i>Anthus leucophrys</i> | Quite common on the Liben Plains |
| <i>Red-throated Pipit</i> | <i>Anthus cervinus</i> | Very common in highland grasslands and near water elsewhere |
| <i>Tree Pipit</i> | <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | Seen on several occasions |
| Finches | Family Fringillidae | |
| Yellow-crowned Canary | <i>Serinus flavivertex</i> | Seen on the edge of Harenna Forest |
| Ethiopian Siskin | <i>Serinus nigriceps</i> | This smart endemic was common in highland grasslands especially Bale |
| African Citril | <i>Crithagra citrinelloides</i> | Regular sightings in moister areas |
| Southern Citril | <i>Crithagra hyposticta</i> | Seen at Cheleleka |
| Yellow-rumped Seedeater | <i>Crithagra xanthopygia</i> | Seen well at Gibe Gorge |
| Reichenow's Seedeater | <i>Crithagra reichenowi</i> | Several sightings in the lowlands |
| Yellow-throated Seedeater | <i>Crithagra flavigula</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu |
| Salvadori's Seedeater | <i>Crithagra xantholaema</i> | Great views near Negelle |
| Yellow-fronted Canary | <i>Crithagra mozambica</i> | Seen at the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge |
| Northern Grosbeak-Canary | <i>Crithagra donaldsoni</i> | Seen near Soda and Yavello |
| White-bellied Canary | <i>Crithagra dorsostriata</i> | Seen in the south |
| Brown-rumped Seedeater | <i>Crithagra tristriata</i> | Common around Addis and elsewhere in the highlands |
| Ankober Serin | <i>Crithagra ankoberensis</i> | Close views in the mist |
| Streaky Seedeater | <i>Crithagra striolata</i> | Common in scrublands in the highlands |
| Buntings | Family Emberizidae | |
| <i>Ortolan Bunting</i> | <i>Emberiza hortulana</i> | One near Ankober |
| Socotra Bunting | <i>Emberiza socotrana</i> | Seen in the Jemma Valley |
| Golden-breasted Bunting | <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i> | First seen at Awash and again in the south |