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## Ethiopia March 2016 trip list by Ethan Kistler. Total species recorded: 540

<b>Ostriches</b>	<b>Family Struthionidae</b>	
Somali Ostrich	<i>Struthio molybdophanes</i>	Seen both at Ali Dege and Yabello
<b>Ducks, Geese &amp; Swans</b>	<b>Family Anatidae</b>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Seen at several rift valley lakes
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	Seen at Lakes Langano and Awassa
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa and near Negele
<b>Blue-winged Goose</b>	<b><i>Cyanochen cyanoptera</i></b>	<b>Common at highland wetlands</b>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	Common and widespread
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Pair seen on Sanetti Plateau
African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>	Common at Lake Awassa
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	Common in highland wetlands ( <i>rueppellii</i> subspecies)
<i>Northern Shoveler</i>	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	<i>Seen at Lakes Ziway, Langano, and elsewhere</i>
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	One seen near Negele
<i>Northern Pintail</i>	<i>Anas acuta</i>	<i>Seen on the Sanetti Plateau</i>
<i>Garganey</i>	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	<i>Seen at Lakes Ziway and Awassa</i>
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	<i>Pair seen well at Lake Awassa</i>
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	<i>Present on Bishoftu Lake</i>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	<i>Present on Bishoftu Lake</i>
<b>Guineafowl</b>	<b>Family Numididae</b>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Many sightings at lower altitudes in the Rift Valley
Vulturine Guineafowl	<i>Acryllium vulturinum</i>	Seen en route to Yabello
<b>Pheasants, Fowl &amp; Allies</b>	<b>Family Phasianidae</b>	
Moorland Francolin	<i>Scleroptila psilolaema</i>	Great views on the Sanetti Plateau and elsewhere
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	Several sightings mainly at Awash NP, Rift Valley and south
Scaly Francolin	<i>Pternistis squamatus</i>	Great views at Bishangari

Clapperton's Francolin	<i>Pternistis clappertoni</i>	Seen well at Langano
<b>Harwood's Francolin</b>	<b><i>Pternistis harwoodi</i></b>	<b>Seen well at Jemma Valley</b>
<b>Chestnut-naped Francolin</b>	<b><i>Pternistis castaneicollis</i></b>	<b>Many good sightings at Bale Mountains NP</b>
<b>Erckel's Francolin</b>	<b><i>Pternistis erckelii</i></b>	<b>Seen well at Jemma Valley</b>
Yellow-necked Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i>	Seen in Awash NP and the south

**Grebes** **Family Podicipedidae**

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Seen at eight locations throughout (capensis subspecies)
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	400 were present on Bishoftu Lake

**Flamingos** **Family Phoenicopteridae**

Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Seen at couple locations including 14,000 at Abidjatta-Shalla
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	6,000 were present at Abidjatta-Shalla

**Storks** **Family Ciconiidae**

Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Seen at Jemma River, Gibe Gorge, Lake Basaka and Lake Ziway
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	Small numbers at Lake Ziway and Negele
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Seen at Melka Ghebdu
Abdim's Stork	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>	Seen at Bishoftu Lake, Gibe Gorge, and near Negele
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	Seen well along the Jemma River
<i>White Stork</i>	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	<i>Small numbers were seen near Negele and Gibe Gorge</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	Two were at Lake Koka
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	Abundant in Rift Valley towns and lakes

**Ibises, Spoonbills** **Family Threskiornithidae**

African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Common and widespread
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	Fairly common at lower altitudes
<b>Wattled Ibis</b>	<b><i>Bostrychia carunculata</i></b>	<b>Common in highlands</b>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	<b>Seen well at Lake Langano</b>

**Hérons, Bitterns** **Family Ardeidae**

Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Seen at Gibe Gorge and Lake Awassa
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Seen at Awash NP
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Scattered sightings throughout
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Common and widespread
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Seen at many wetlands and rivers
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	Seen in open grasslands and rivers, often en route
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	One at Lake Ziway and Jemma Valley
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Fairly common throughout
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Scattered sightings at lowland wetlands
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Seen at a couple Rift Valley lakes
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Fairly common in the Rift Valley
Western Reef Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>	One was at Lake Basaka

**Hamerkop** **Family Scopidae**

Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Common and widespread
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<b>Pelicans</b>	<b>Family Pelecanidae</b>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Common on the Rift Valley lakes
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	Seen at Lakes Beseka and Awassa
<b>Cormorants, shags</b>	<b>Family Phalacrocoracidae</b>	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	Seen at most Rift Valley lakes and Gibe Gorge
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa and Langano
<b>Anhingas, darters</b>	<b>Family Anhingidae</b>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Seen only at Bishoftu Lake
<b>Secretarybird</b>	<b>Family Sagittariidae</b>	
Secretarybird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	Two seen at Awash
<b>Kites, Hawks &amp; Eagles</b>	<b>Family Accipitridae</b>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Good sightings at Jemma Valley and Yabello area
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Seen well on at least six days
Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	Seen a few times in highlands
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Seen well near Bilen
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	Abundant in towns
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	A few scattered sightings
Rüppell's Vulture	<i>Gyps rueppelli</i>	Fairly common in both highlands and lowlands
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	Seen en route between Yabello and Awassa
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	A couple we seen north of Addis
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	A few scattered sightings
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	Seen well in the south
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Seen at Awash, Soda Plains, and the south
Crowned Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	Great sightings in the Harenna Forest
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley, Wondo Genet, and the Liban area
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	Seen well in the Yabello area
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	Only seen once during the tour
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	One was seen en route north of Yabello
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i>	Very good sightings around the Harenna Forest
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Common throughout
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Seen in the highlands at Sululta Plain and Sanetti Plateau
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Pairs were near Negele and the Bale Mountains
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	Several sightings in the Negele area
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Seen well at Abidjatta-Shalla NP and a dark morph in the south
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	Seen at Awash NP and the Jemma Valley
Eastern Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>	Good sightings in the south
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	Seen at a few locations
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Seen at Awash NP
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	One seen briefly near Yabello
Ovambo Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>	Pair was seen at Wondo Genet
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	One seen very well at Wondo Genet
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	A couple sightings including at Lake Ziway

<i>Pallid Harrier</i>	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	<i>A few scattered sightings</i>
<i>Black Kite</i>	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	<i>One seen near Jemma Valley</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	Abundant in towns
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	Fairly common at Rift Valley lakes
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	<i>Good sighting at Sululta Plains</i>
[Steppe Buzzard]	<i>Buteo [buteo] vulpinus</i>	<i>One was seen at Bishoftu Lake</i>
Mountain Buzzard	<i>Buteo oreophilus</i>	Seen at Harenna Forest
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	Common and widespread; both pale and dark morphs seen
<b>Bustards</b>	<b>Family Otididae</b>	
Arabian Bustard	<i>Ardeotis arabs</i>	Seen well on Aledoghi Plain, Awash NP, and Bilen
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	Seen at Awash NP, Soda Plains, and near Negele
White-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>	Well seen at Awash NP
Buff-crested Bustard	<i>Lophotis gindiana</i>	Scattered sightings including at Awash NP and Yabello
<b>Rails, Crakes &amp; Coots</b>	<b>Family Rallidae</b>	
<b>Rouget's Rail</b>	<b><i>Rougetius rougetii</i></b>	<b>Great views in the Bale Mountains</b>
Black Crane	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	Seen well at Lake Awassa
African Swamphe	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	Several were at Lake Awassa
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	A few scattered sightings throughout
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	Common on most lakes including 400 on Lake Langan
<b>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</b>	<b>Family Burhinidae</b>	
Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	Seen well at a half dozen locations
<b>Stilts, Avocets</b>	<b>Family Recurvirostridae</b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Seen mostly at Rift Valley lakes
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	A couple were present at Abidjatta-Shalla NP
<b>Plovers</b>	<b>Family Charadriidae</b>	
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	Common at lower altitude wetlands
Black-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>	Ten were present at Aledoghi Plains
Black-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>	Small numbers on several plains including Liben and Suluta Plains
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Good sightings on several plains
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	Seen at Gibe Gorge
<b>Spot-breasted Lapwing</b>	<b><i>Vanellus melanocephalus</i></b>	<b>At least 55 were present on the Sululta Plain, more in the Bales</b>
<i>Common Ringed Plover</i>	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	<i>Small numbers at Lakes Basaka and Ziway and elsewhere</i>
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	Seen at Lakes Basaka and Ziway and another 150 at Abidjatta-Shalla
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	A few scattered sightings along rivers and lakes
<b>Egyptian Plover</b>	<b>Family Pluvianidae</b>	
Egyptian Plover	<i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i>	One was at Gibe Gorge
<b>Painted-snipes</b>	<b>Family Rostratulidae</b>	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	Excellent views a Lake Awassa
<b>Jacanas</b>	<b>Family Jacanidae</b>	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	Small numbers throughout, mainly at Lake Awassa
<b>Sandpipers, Snipes</b>	<b>Family Scolopacidae</b>	
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	A couple singles were seen in the north

<i>Black-tailed Godwit</i>	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Seen at Lakes Ziway and Langano as well as the Sululta Plains
<i>Marsh Sandpiper</i>	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Seen at a couple locations namely Lake Langano
<i>Common Greenshank</i>	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Small numbers at wetlands and lakes
<i>Green Sandpiper</i>	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Seen at a couple locations including Lake Ziway
<i>Wood Sandpiper</i>	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Fairly common at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands
<i>Common Sandpiper</i>	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Widespread, seen on the majority of days
<i>Little Stint</i>	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Scattered sightings throughout including 200 at Abidjatta-Shalla
<i>Temminck's Stint</i>	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Singles were at the Sululta Plains and the Bilen area
<i>Curllew Sandpiper</i>	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Around 50 were at Abidjatta-Shalla NP
<i>Dunlin</i>	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	One was present at Abidjatta-Shalla NP
<i>Ruff</i>	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Good numbers at Sululta Plains and Lakes Ziway and Langano

#### **Courser, Pratincoles**

#### **Family Glareolidae**

Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>	One was seen at Awash NP
Three-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus cinctus</i>	Five were seen very well near Negele
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Small numbers were present at Lake Ziway

#### **Gulls, Terns & Skimmers**

#### **Family Laridae**

<i>Black-headed Gull</i>	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Seen at Lake Langano
<i>Grey-headed Gull</i>	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa, Langano and Ziway
<i>Lesser Black-backed Gull</i>	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Seen at Lakes Langano and Ziway
<i>Gull-billed Tern</i>	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Seen at Lakes Basaka, Langano and Ziway
<i>Caspian Tern</i>	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	One was present at Lake Awassa
<i>White-winged Tern</i>	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Seen at Lakes Bishoftu Langano, Awassa and Ziway

#### **Sandgrouse**

#### **Family Pteroclididae**

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	Seen well at Aledoghi Plains and Awash NP
Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i>	Small numbers were present around Bilen and Awash NP

#### **Pigeons, Doves**

#### **Family Columbidae**

Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	A few seen in Addis
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Abundant and seen on most if not all days
<b>White-collared Pigeon</b>	<b><i>Columba albitorques</i></b>	<b>Common with often large flocks in the highlands</b>
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	Several were present at Bishangari
Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</i>	Seen at Wondo Genet and Bishangari
Dusky Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>	Common in the highlands
<b>White-winged Collared Dove</b>	<b><i>Streptopelia reichenowi</i></b>	<b>A couple were seen very well near the Dawa River</b>
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	Common in the Rift Valley
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Very common everywhere
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Common at lower altitude
Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	Very common everywhere
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	Scattered sightings throughout
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	Scattered sightings throughout
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	Brief sightings at Harena Forest and Wondo Genet
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Common at lower altitude

Bruce's Green Pigeon *Treron waalia* Seen at a number of locations, mainly in the north

**Turacos** **Family Musophagidae**

**White-cheeked Turaco** *Tauraco leucotis* **Seen well near Debre Libanos, Harenna Forest, Wondo Genet and Bishangari (donaldsoni subspecies)**

**Ruspoli's Turaco** *Tauraco ruspolii* **Several seen very well en route to Negele**

Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus* A couple were at Bishangari (near-endemic nominate subspecies)

White-bellied Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides leucogaster* Common in the south and Rift Valley

Eastern Plantain-eater *Crinifer zonurus* Seen at Melka Ghebdu and Gibe Gorge

**Cuckoos** **Family Cuculidae**

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus* Seen well at Lake Awassa

White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus* Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Bishangari and near Yabello

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* Several good sightings in the south

Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius* Several seen or heard throughout

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas* Many sightings throughout

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus* Seen or heard at Harenna Forest and Wondo Genet

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus* Only recorded at Yavello

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius* Seen or heard on eight days mainly in the south

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis* Seen well at Gibe Gorge

Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* A good number seen in the Yabella-Mega area

**Owls** **Family Strigidae**

African Scops Owl *Otus senegalensis* Heard near Yabello

Northern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis leucotis* Seen well at its day roost at Langano

Cape Eagle-Owl *Bubo capensis* Seen well at a stakeout location

Greyish Eagle-Owl *Bubo cinerascens* Great looks at Melka Ghebdu

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Bubo lacteus* Two birds seen at Langano Hotel

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii* Seen well right in Addis, later recorded at Bishangari

Pearl-spotted Owllet *Glaucidium perlatum* Seen at Awash and later heard in the south

Abyssinian Owl *Asio abyssinicus* Fantastic views of one at a roost site in the Bales

**Nightjars** **Family Caprimulgidae**

Sombre Nightjar *Caprimulgus fraenatus* Heard and seen near Yabello

Donaldson Smith's Nightjar *Caprimulgus donaldsoni* Incredible views near Yabello!

Montane Nightjar *Caprimulgus poliocephalus* Recorded in Addis and Debre Libanos

Plain Nightjar *Caprimulgus inornatus* Seen at Awash NP

Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma* Heard at Langano Hotel

Slender-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus clarus* Seen well near Bilen Lodge

**Swifts** **Family Apodidae**

Scarce Swift *Schoutedenapus myoptilus* Small numbers above the Harenna Forest

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus* Seen by some in the south

Alpine Swift *Tachymarpis melba* Small numbers mainly in the highlands

Mottled Swift *Tachymarpis aequatorialis* Seen at a couple locations including at dozen at Yabello

Common Swift *Apus apus* Singles at Langano and Yabello

Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae* Seen mostly in the highlands but also in the south

Little Swift *Apus affinis* A few scattered sightings

Horus Swift	<i>Apus horus</i>	Seen by some in the Rift Valley
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	Seen at several locations throughout
<b>Mousebirds</b>	<b>Family Coliidae</b>	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	Widespread and common; seen on most days
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>	Common in the Rift Valley and south
<b>Trogons</b>	<b>Family Trogonidae</b>	
Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	Seen well at Harena Forest, Wondo Genet, Bishangari

<b>Rollers</b>	<b>Family Coraciidae</b>	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	One seen well near Yabello
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>	Scattered sightings, mainly in the Rift Valley
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	Seen at a couple locations including Wondo Genet

<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Family Alcedinidae</b>	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	Seen at several locations throughout
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	Seen at a half dozen locations throughout
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	Seen at Awassa and Bishangari (nominate subspecies)
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley, Wondo Genet, and Gibe Gorge
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	Many sightings at Rift Valley rivers and lakes
Half-collared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>	Seen once at Jemma Valley
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley and Lake Ziway
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Common in the Rift Valley

<b>Bee-eaters</b>	<b>Family Meropidae</b>	
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Often seen at lower altitudes and arid areas
Blue-breasted Bee-eater	<i>Merops variegatus</i>	Many sightings of the distinctive lafresnayii subspecies
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>	Fifteen seen well near Bilen
Olive Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	A pair seen well at Awash
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Commonly heard migrating overheard
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa

<b>Hoopoes</b>	<b>Family Upupidae</b>	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Regular sightings throughout

<b>Wood Hoopoes</b>	<b>Family Phoeniculidae</b>	
Black-billed Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus somaliensis</i>	Seen well at many locations
Black Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i>	A couple were seen well in the Jemma Valley
Abyssinian Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus minor</i>	Seen well near Bilen and Yabello

<b>Ground Hornbills</b>	<b>Family Bucorvidae</b>	
Abyssinian Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>	Seen well near Jemma Valley, Yabello, and elsewhere

<b>Hornbills</b>	<b>Family Bucerotidae</b>	
Northern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	Seen often at lower altitude
Von der Decken's Hornbill	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>	Seen in the Rift Valley and south
Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus flavirostris</i>	Seen often at lower altitude
Hemprich's Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros hemprichii</i>	Many sightings around Jemma Valley and Debre Libanos
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	Seen often at lower altitude

Silvery-cheeked Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes brevis</i>	Several good sightings in forested areas
<b>African barbets</b>	<b>Family Lybiidae</b>	
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>	Seen well a few times at lower altitude in south (affinis subspecies)
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	Heard in the Harena Forest and Wondo Genet
Red-fronted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema diademata</i>	Good sightings at Awash NP and the south
Black-throated Barbet	<i>Tricholaema melanocephala</i>	Seen well at several locations namely Bilen and Yabello
<b>Banded Barbet</b>	<b><i>Lybius undatus</i></b>	<b>Many great sightings throughout (leucogenys subspecies)</b>
Black-billed Barbet	<i>Lybius guifsobalito</i>	Many good sightings in the lowlands
Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>	Seen well at Bishangari and Awassa
Red-and-yellow Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i>	Seen well near Negele (versicolor subspecies)
Yellow-breasted Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus margaritatus</i>	Good views at Melka Ghebdu and Awash NP
D'Arnaud's Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>	Good views near Yabello

**Honeyguides** **Family Indicatoridae**

Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	Seen or heard at several locations throughout
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>	Seen and heard around five at Bishangari
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>	Many seen or heard throughout

**Woodpeckers** **Family Picidae**

<i>Eurasian Wryneck</i>	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	One was at Lake Awassa
Red-throated Wryneck	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>	Four seen well at Lake Langano, another at Awassa
Nubian Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nubica</i>	Many good sightings at lower altitude
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>	Seen near Yabello and Gibe Gorge
<b>Abyssinian Woodpecker</b>	<b><i>Dendropicos abyssinicus</i></b>	<b>Seen very well near Debre Libanos</b>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	Seen on several occasions in the lowlands
Eastern Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos spodocephalus</i>	Sightings include near Lakes Langano and Awassa

**Falcons** **Family Falconidae**

Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	Seen at Abidjatta-Shalla and near Yabello
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Great numbers of these migrants including 100+ at Soda Plains
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Many sightings in both highlands and lowlands
Fox Kestrel	<i>Falco alopex</i>	Good sightings in the Jemma Valley
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	One seen in the Soda Plains
<i>Eurasian Hobby</i>	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Scattered sightings of this migrant throughout
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>	One was seen at Lake Awassa
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Seen a few times mostly in highlands
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Seen several times throughout

**African & New World Parrots** **Family Psittacidae**

<b>Yellow-fronted Parrot</b>	<b><i>Poicephalus flavifrons</i></b>	<b>Seen well at Wondo Genet and Bishangari</b>
Red-bellied Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>	Seen at Lake Langano, Yabello and elsewhere

**Old World Parrots** **Family Psittaculidae**

<b>Black-winged Lovebird</b>	<b><i>Agapornis taranta</i></b>	<b>Many sightings throughout</b>
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**Wattle-eyes, Batises** **Family Platysteiridae**

Grey-headed Batis	<i>Batis orientalis</i>	Several great views in the north
Western Black-headed Batis	<i>Batis erlangeri</i>	Seen well many times, mainly in the Rift Valley



Pygmy Batis	<i>Batis perkeo</i>	Many good sightings in the south
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	Good views at Awassa and Bishangari, heard at Harenna
<b>Helmetshrikes</b>	<b>Family Prionopidae</b>	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Both cristatus (Bishangari) and vinaceigularis (near Negele) subspecies seen
<b>Bushshrikes</b>	<b>Family Malaconotidae</b>	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	Seen well at Yabello and Awash
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	Several good sightings at lower altitude
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus cruentus</i>	Seen well at Awash and more in the south
Three-streaked Tchagra	<i>Tchagra jamesi</i>	A couple sightings in the south
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	The most common tchagra
Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	Many great views throughout
Pringle's Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus pringlii</i>	Several good sightings in the south
Slate-colored Boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>	Many good sightings in the Rift Valley and south
Red-naped Bushshrike	<i>Laniarius ruficeps</i>	Seen well near Yabello of at least five individuals
<b>Ethiopian Boubou</b>	<b><i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i></b>	<b>Many good sightings</b>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	Widespread and common
<b>Cuckooshrikes</b>	<b>Family Campephagidae</b>	
Grey Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>	Seen once at Bishangari
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>	Photographed and seen at Bishangari
Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>	Male and female seen well at Bishangari
<b>Shrikes</b>	<b>Family Laniidae</b>	
Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus ruppelli</i>	Common at Awash NP and the south
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Many sightings in the south
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	Daurian Shrike seen throughout
Red-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>	Turkestan Shrike seen at Liben Plain
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	Seen a couple times near Yabello
Grey-backed Fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>	Good views in the southern Rift Valley, especially Bishangari
Somali Fiscal	<i>Lanius somalicus</i>	Common at Aledeghi Plain, Awash NP and Soda Plain
Northern Fiscal	<i>Lanius humeralis</i>	Fairly common roadside bird mostly in the highlands (humeralis subspecies)
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	One seen very well near Bishangari
<b>Orioles</b>	<b>Family Oriolidae</b>	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	A few sightings in the south
<b>Ethiopian Oriole</b>	<b><i>Oriolus monacha</i></b>	<b>Several sightings throughout</b>
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	Seen well throughout (subspecies rolleti)
<b>Drongos</b>	<b>Family Dicruridae</b>	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Common at lower altitude in dry bush country
<b>Monarchs</b>	<b>Family Monarchidae</b>	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Fairly common in wooded areas (subspecies ferreti)
<b>Crows</b>	<b>Family Corvidae</b>	
<b>Stresemann's Bushcrow</b>	<b><i>Zavattariornis stresemanni</i></b>	<b>Fantastic views of nesting individuals around our accommodation near Yabello</b>
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrhcorax pyrrhcorax</i>	Seen around forty-five on the way to Dinsho
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	Very common on highland plains

Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Very common mostly around towns and villages
Somali Crow	<i>Corvus edithae</i>	Most conspicuous on the Liben Plain
Fan-tailed Raven	<i>Corvus rhipidurus</i>	Common near mountains and cliffs
<b>Thick-billed Raven</b>	<b><i>Corvus crassirostris</i></b>	<b>Good views near towns and villages in the highlands</b>
<b>Tits</b>	<b>Family Paridae</b>	
White-winged Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus leucomelas</i>	Great sightings at Lake Langano, Abidjatta-Shalla, and Negele
<b>White-backed Black Tit</b>	<b><i>Melaniparus leuconotus</i></b>	<b>Seen at least ten at Dinsho</b>
Acacia Tit	<i>Melaniparus thruppi</i>	Good views near Negele and Yabello
<b>Penduline Tits</b>	<b>Family Remizidae</b>	
Mouse-colored Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus musculus</i>	Seen at Awash and throughout the south
<b>Larks</b>	<b>Family Alaudidae</b>	
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	Dozen seen well in the Aledeghi Plains
Foxy Lark	<i>Calendulauda alopex</i>	Seen well at Awash and Yabello
Archer's Lark	<i>Heteromirafr archeri</i>	<b>Superb views on the Liben Plains</b>
<b>Gillett's Lark</b>	<b><i>Mirafr gilletti</i></b>	<b>Good views at Awash NP</b>
Short-tailed Lark	<i>Spizocorys fremantlii</i>	Around 70 were present on the Soda Plains
Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	Common on the highland grasslands
<b>Erlanger's Lark</b>	<b><i>Calandrella erlangeri</i></b>	<b>First seen at Sululta Plains, more later</b>
<b>Somali Short-toed Lark</b>	<b><i>Alaudala somalica</i></b>	<b>Common on the Soda and Liben Plains</b>
<b>Bulbuls</b>	<b>Family Pycnonotidae</b>	
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Common during most of the trip
<b>Somali Bulbul</b>	<b><i>Pycnonotus somaliensis</i></b>	<b>Seen well near Bilen</b>
Dodson's Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus dodsoni</i>	Common from Negele to Yabello
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	<b>Common at Goba and Harena Forest</b>
Northern Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus strepitans</i>	Good sightings in the south
<b>Swallows, martins</b>	<b>Family Hirundinidae</b>	
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	Many good sightings in the highlands forests and Rift Valley
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Common, especially around wetlands and waterbodies
<i>Sand Martin</i>	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	<i>A couple hundred at Lake Basaka, smaller numbers elsewhere</i>
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	A few scattered sightings in small numbers
<i>Barn Swallow</i>	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	<i>Common and widespread</i>
Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>	Seen a few times in the highlands
Ethiopian Swallow	<i>Hirundo aethiopica</i>	Scattered sightings near Bilen and Lake Basaka
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Several sightings along rivers at low altitude
<b>White-tailed Swallow</b>	<b><i>Hirundo megaensis</i></b>	<b>Great views throughout the Soda Plains and Yabello area</b>
<i>Eurasian Crag Martin</i>	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Several seen and photographed in the Sanetti Plateau
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	Many sightings in the highlands and at rocky areas at lower altitude
<i>Common House Martin</i>	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	<i>Scattered sightings all over</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	Common and widespread
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Regular sightings in the highlands and lowlands
<b>Crombecs, African warblers</b>	<b>Family Macrosphenidae</b>	
Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>	Good views at low altitude (leucopsis subspecies)

Red-faced Crombec	<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>	Common throughout (loringi subspecies)
Somali Crombec	<i>Sylvietta isabellina</i>	A couple seen well in the south
<b>Leaf warblers and allies</b>	<b>Family Phylloscopidae</b>	
Brown Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus umbrovirens</i>	Good views in the Bale Mountains
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Scattered sightings in both highlands and lowlands
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Common and widespread
<b>Reed warblers and allies</b>	<b>Family Acrocephalidae</b>	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	Fairly common at Lakes Awassa and Ziway
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Good sightings at Lake Awassa and Yabello area
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Seen at several locations mainly in the Rift Valley
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	One seen well at Lake Langano
African Yellow Warbler	<i>Iduna natalensis</i>	Seen by some at Lake Awassa
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	Seen by some near Negele
Upcher's Warbler	<i>Hippolais languida</i>	Seen near Negele
Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>	Seen by some near Negele
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Only seen by some in the north
<b>Grassbirds and allies</b>	<b>Family Locustellidae</b>	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	Seen en route from Yabello north
Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	<i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i>	Many heard and a few seen in the Bale Mountains
<b>Cisticolas and allies</b>	<b>Family Cisticolidae</b>	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythropus</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
Singing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley, Hareenna Forest, and Gibe Gorge
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	Many sightings at lower altitude in the south
Boran Cisticola	<i>Cisticola bodessa</i>	Good sightings near Yabello
<b>Ethiopian Cisticola</b>	<b><i>Cisticola lugubris</i></b>	Seen well at multiple locations
Tiny Cisticola	<i>Cisticola nana</i>	Seen well near Negele
Foxy Cisticola	<i>Cisticola troglodytes</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge
Pectoral-patch Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brunnescens</i>	Seen on the Sululta and Liben Plains
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Widespread and usually seen in rank vegetation near water
Pale Prinia	<i>Prinia somalica</i>	Seen in the south near Yabello
Buff-bellied Warbler	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>	Seen at several locations in the Rift Valley
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	Often seen in the south (subspecies flavocincta, sometimes split as Brown-tailed Apalis)
Red-fronted Warbler	<i>Urorhipis rufifrons</i>	Seen well near Awash
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>	Common and widespread
Grey Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes simplex</i>	Seen well at Awash and several times in the south
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	Seen on several occasions near Awash, Bilen and the south
Yellow-vented Eremomela	<i>Eremomela flavicrissalis</i>	Good sighting in the south
Green-backed Eremomela	<i>Eremomela canescens</i>	One was at Jemma Valley and two at Wondo Genet
<b>Typical Babblers</b>	<b>Family Leiotherichidae</b>	
Scaly Chatterer	<i>Turdoides aylmeri</i>	Good views near Yabello
Rufous Chatterer	<i>Turdoides rubiginosa</i>	Several sightings at low altitude thorn thickets
<b>White-rumped Babbler</b>	<b><i>Turdoides leucopygia</i></b>	<b>Several sightings of subspecies limbata (Melka Ghebdu), lacuum (Bishangari and Awassa) and omoensis (Gibe Gorge)</b>

<b>Sylviid Babblers</b>	<b>Family Sylviidae</b>	
<b>Abyssinian Catbird</b>	<b><i>Parophasma galinieri</i></b>	<b>Seen well at Dinsho, Hareenna Forst, and elsewhere</b>
African Hill Babbler	<i>Pseudoalcippe abyssinica</i>	Good views at Hareenna Forest and Wondo Genet
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Common migrant
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Seen well in the Hareenna Forest among other areas
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	Seen well in the Jemma Valley and Bilen area
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Some had one in the Rift Valley
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Many sightings of this migrant throughout
Brown Parisoma	<i>Sylvia lugens</i>	Good views at Ghion Hotel and Debre Libanos (nominate)
Banded Parisoma	<i>Sylvia boehmi</i>	Seen well in the Yabello region
<b>White-eyes</b>	<b>Family Zosteropidae</b>	
Abyssinian White-eye	<i>Zosterops abyssinicus</i>	Seen at low altitude with white-bellied nominate subspecies at Jemma Valley & yellow-bellied jubaensis subspecies in the S
Montane White-eye	<i>Zosterops poliogastrus</i>	Regular at higher altitudes (nominate subspecies)
<b>Treecreepers</b>	<b>Family Certhiidae</b>	
African Spotted Creeper	<i>Salpormis salvadori</i>	Great views at Awassa with nesting observed
<b>Starlings</b>	<b>Family Sturnidae</b>	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	Seen in the Rift Valley and on the Soda Plains
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Very common and widespread
Lesser Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>	A small number were seen near Gibe Gorge
Rüppell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i>	Regular sightings in the Rift Valley
Golden-breasted Starling	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>	Many fantastic sightings in the south
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>	Very common in the Rift Valley
Shelley's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis shelleyi</i>	Seen well in the south
White-crowned Starling	<i>Lamprotornis albicapillus</i>	Seen well in the south
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	A few sightings in the Rift Valley
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	Seen near Yabello, Gibe Gorge, and elsewhere
Slender-billed Starling	<i>Onychognathus tenuirostris</i>	Seen well at in the Bale Mountains
Bristle-crowned Starling	<i>Onychognathus salvadorii</i>	A few brief views in the south
<b>White-billed Starling</b>	<b><i>Onychognathus albirostris</i></b>	<b>Great views at Ethio-German Hotel and the Jemma Valley</b>
Sharpe's Starling	<i>Poeoptera sharpii</i>	Several seen in the Hareenna Forest
Magpie Starling	<i>Speculipastor bicolor</i>	Great views in Yabello region
<b>Oxpeckers</b>	<b>Family Buphagidae</b>	
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	Regularly seen on domestic animals
<b>Thrushes</b>	<b>Family Turdidae</b>	
Abyssinian Ground Thrush	<i>Geokichla piaggiae</i>	Excellent views at Dinsho and another in the Hareenna Forest
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>	Common in the highlands (subspecies simensis)
African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	A few sightings at lower altitude
Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus tephronotus</i>	Many sightings in the south
Abyssinian Thrush	<i>Turdus abyssinicus</i>	This split of Olive Thrush was common in highland forests and gardens
<b>Chats, Old World Flycatchers</b>	<b>Family Muscicapidae</b>	
Black Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas podobe</i>	Seen near Bilen Lodge
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	Subspecies leucoptera throughout

**Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher**

Northern Black Flycatcher

Pale Flycatcher

African Grey Flycatcher

*Spotted Flycatcher*

Gambaga Flycatcher

African Dusky Flycatcher

Rüppell's Robin-Chat

White-browed Robin-Chat

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat

Spotted Palm Thrush

Bluethroat

*Thrush Nightingale**Common Nightingale**White-throated Robin**Common Redstart***White-winged Cliff Chat***Common Rock Thrush*

Little Rock Thrush

*Whinchat*

African Stonechat

Moorland Chat

Mocking Cliff Chat

**Rüppell's Black Chat***Northern Wheatear*

Red-breasted Wheatear

*Isabelline Wheatear**Black-eared Wheatear**Pied Wheatear*

Blackstart

Familiar Chat

Brown-tailed Rock Chat

**Sombre Rock Chat**

Abyssinian Wheatear

***Melaenornis chocolatinus****Melaenornis edoloioides**Melaenornis pallidus**Melaenornis microrhynchus**Muscicapa striata**Muscicapa gambagae**Muscicapa adusta**Cossypha semirufa**Cossypha heuglini**Cossypha niveicapilla**Cichladusa guttata**Luscinia svecica**Luscinia luscinia**Luscinia megarhynchos**Irania gutturalis**Phoenicurus phoenicurus****Monticola semirufus****Monticola saxatilis**Monticola rufocinereus**Saxicola rubetra**Saxicola torquatus**Pinarochroa sordida**Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris**Mymecocichla melaena**Oenanthe oenanthe**Oenanthe bottae**Oenanthe isabellina**Oenanthe hispanica**Oenanthe pleschanka**Oenanthe melanura**Oenanthe familiaris**Oenanthe scotocerca****Oenanthe dubia****Oenanthe lugubris***Great views even right in central Addis**

Often seen at Jemma Valley and the south

One seen near Awash and Gibe Gorge

A few sightings at lower altitude

*Seen a couple times in the south*

At least four were at Gibe Gorge

Many sightings throughout

Common in highland forests and gardens

Seen at Yabello and Awassa

Seen at Gibe Gorge

Seen and heard around Negele and Yabello

Seen near Bilen Lodge

*One was seen near Bilen**Several seen in the south**Several good sightings throughout**Several scattered sightings at low altitude***Seen several times near Debre Libanos and the Lemi escarpment***Several scattered sightings at low altitude*

Seen a half dozen or more throughout

*Seen a few times in the Rift Valley*

Seen the Ethiopian subspecies a couple times

Very common in highland grasslands, especially Bale Mountains

Several scattered sightings in rocky areas

**Seen at Debre Libanos, Jemma Valley and Melka Ghebdu***Fairly common in both highlands and lowlands*

Often seen on highland grasslands

*Small numbers in both highlands and lowlands**One seen very well in the Jemma Valley**The most common wheatear throughout*

Seen near Bilen and Lake Basaka

Seen in the Jemma Valley and Melka Ghebdu

Seen several along the Dawa River

**Great views at lava fields along Lake Beseka**

Seen along the escarpment of the Jemma Valley

**Sunbirds**

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird

Collared Sunbird

Nile Valley Sunbird

Olive Sunbird

Scarlet-chested Sunbird

Hunter's Sunbird

Tacazze Sunbird

**Family Nectariniidae***Anthreptes orientalis**Hedydipna collaris**Hedydipna metallica**Cyanomitra olivacea**Chalcomitra senegalensis**Chalcomitra hunteri**Nectarinia tacazze*

Good sightings near Negele and Yabello

Seen by some at Awassa

Seen well near Bilen and the Awash area

Recorded at Wondo Genet and Harenna Forest

Many good sightings at lower altitude

Numerous sightings in the south

Common in highland forests and gardens, especially Ghion Hotel in Addis

Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>	Seen well throughout the Rift Valley
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	Several sightings in the Rift Valley and south. Two at Yabello might have been Purple -banded Sunbird but needs to be confirmed.
Black-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris nectarinioides</i>	Great views at the Genale River near Negele
Shining Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris habessinicus</i>	Good views at Melka Ghebdu Awash, Bilen, etc.
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	Common and widespread (subspecies fazoqlensis in Addis and albiventris in south)

**Old World Sparrows**      **Family Passeridae**

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	Very common at lower altitudes
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>	Several seen in the Jemma Valley
Grey-capped Social Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita amaudi</i>	Great views on the Soda Plains
Black-capped Social Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i>	Seen near Wachile and the Soda Plains
Shelley's Sparrow	<i>Passer shelleyi</i>	Seen well on the Liben Plain and Yabello area
Swainson's Sparrow	<i>Passer swainsonii</i>	Common and widespread, and seen on most days
Chestnut Sparrow	<i>Passer eminibey</i>	Large numbers on the Soda Plains
Bush Petronia	<i>Gymnoris dentata</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley, Bilen area, and Gibe Gorge
Yellow-spotted Petronia	<i>Gymnoris pyrgita</i>	First seen at Awash, seen daily in the south

**Weavers, Widowbirds**      **Family Ploceidae**

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Common in the south (subspecies intermedius)
White-headed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>	Common at lower altitudes
Speckle-fronted Weaver	<i>Sporopipes frontalis</i>	A couple seen in the Jemma Valley
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	One seen at Lake Awassa (subspecies melanota)
Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>	Fairly common and widespread. 3 subspecies seen: nominate at Addis, reichenowi at Harenna Forest and emini at Awassa
Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>	Seen at Lakes Ziway and Langano as well as Bishangari
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	Scattered sightings throughout
Rüppell's Weaver	<i>Ploceus galbula</i>	Fairly common in the Rift Valley with some in breeding plumage
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	A couple scattered incidental sightings
Vitelline Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>	Small numbers in the Yabello region
Speke's Weaver	<i>Ploceus spekei</i>	A small nesting colony was enjoyed near Yabello
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Seen at lower altitude with a few in breeding plumage (subspecies abyssinicus)
<b>Juba Weaver</b>	<b><i>Ploceus dichrocephalus</i></b>	<b>A group of nine seen in the south</b>
Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>	Seen well at Melka Ghebdu and again in the south
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	Good views at lower altitude with breeding noted (subspecies leuconotus)
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	Flocks seen at a number of locations
Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge
Northern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>	Seen at lower altitudes with all in non-breeding plumage
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	Seen well in the highlands
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and again in the south

**Waxbills, Munias & Allies**      **Family Estrilidae**

<b>Red-billed Pytilia</b>	<b><i>Pytilia lineata</i></b>	<b>Six were at Jemma Valley, another at Melka Ghebdu</b>
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	Seen at Awash NP
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge
Green Twinspot	<i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>	Seen well at Wondo Genet and Bishangari
Abyssinian Crimsonwing	<i>Cryptospiza salvadorii</i>	A pair was seen very well in the Harenna Forest

Bar-breasted Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i>	Five seen very well in Gibe Gorge
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Fairly common at lower altitude
African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	A pair was at Wondo Genet
Black-faced Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta larvata</i>	Some seen a male in Gibe Gorge
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Common and widespread (nominated subspecies)
Purple Grenadier	<i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i>	Seen near Wachile and the Yabello region
Yellow-bellied Waxbill	<i>Coccyzygia quartinia</i>	Several sightings, mainly in the Bale Mountains
<b>Abyssinian Waxbill</b>	<b><i>Estrilda ochrogaster</i></b>	<b>A pair seen well in the Gibe Gorge</b>
Crimson-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley, Melka Ghebdu, and Yabello
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Seen at several sites including Lake Awassa (subspecies peasei)
Black-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda chamosyna</i>	Seen near Bilen and Lake Langano
Orange-breasted Waxbill	<i>Amandava subflava</i>	Six were seen very well at Gibe Gorge
Quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>	At least 8 seen very well en route through the Rift Valley
African Silverbill	<i>Euodice cantans</i>	One seen well in the Jemma Valley
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	Seen well at a number of locations
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>	Seen at Wondo Genet
<b>Indigobirds, Whydahs</b>	<b>Family Viduidae</b>	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	Sightings of (white-billed ultramarina subspecies) in the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	Non-breeding bird seen in the Jemma Valley
Cuckoo-finch	<i>Anomalospiza imberbis</i>	We were surprised to find four at Lake Awassa
<b>Wagtails, Pipits</b>	<b>Family Motacillidae</b>	
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Common and widespread, including subspecies <i>flava</i> , <i>feldegg</i> , <i>lutea</i> , <i>thunbergi</i> and <i>intergrades</i>
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Seen at Debre Libanos and Jemma Valley
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley, Debre Libanos, and Wondo Genet
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Only one at Lake Ziway
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge
<b>Abyssinian Longclaw</b>	<b><i>Macronyx flavicollis</i></b>	<b>Seen well on the Sululta Plain</b>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	Small number was present on the Sululta Plains
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	A couple seen well at Awash
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	One was present near Debre Libanos
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	Fairly common on the Liben and Soda Plains
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Small numbers of migrants throughout
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Common in highland grasslands and Rift Valley
<b>Finches</b>	<b>Family Fringillidae</b>	
African Citril	<i>Crithagra citrinelloides</i>	Very common throughout
<b>Yellow-rumped Seedeater</b>	<b><i>Crithagra xanthopygia</i></b>	<b>Two were seen in Gibe Gorge</b>
Reichenow's Seedeater	<i>Crithagra reichenowi</i>	Seen at Lake Langano and throughout the south
<b>Yellow-throated Seedeater</b>	<b><i>Crithagra flavigula</i></b>	<b>Six seen well at Melka Ghebdu</b>
<b>Salvadori's Seedeater</b>	<b><i>Crithagra xantholaema</i></b>	<b>Male and female seen very well near Negele</b>
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	<b>Seen in the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge</b>
White-bellied Canary	<i>Crithagra dorsostrata</i>	Seen at Lake Langano, Yabello, and Soda Plains
<b>Ankober Serin</b>	<b><i>Crithagra ankoberensis</i></b>	<b>Good views in the mist near Ankober</b>

Brown-rumped Seedeater	<i>Crithagra tristriata</i>	Common at Addis and elsewhere in the highlands
Streaky Seedeater	<i>Crithagra striolata</i>	Fairly common in scrublands in the highlands
Yellow-crowned Canary	<i>Serinus flavivertex</i>	A couple incidental sightings
<b>Ethiopian Siskin</b>	<b><i>Serinus nigriceps</i></b>	<b>Common in highland grasslands</b>

### **Buntings**

### **Family Emberizidae**

<i>Ortolan Bunting</i>	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	<i>Around ten near Debre Libanos and a couple more later</i>
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	One seen in the Jemma Valley
Somali Bunting	<i>Emberiza poliopleura</i>	Seen at Awash NP and near Yabello