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Ethiopia February 2015 trip list by Tertius Gous. Total species recorded: 500

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| Ostriches | Family Struthionidae | |
| Somali Ostrich | <i>Struthio molybdophanes</i> | Seen both at Ali Dege and on Soda Plains |
| Guineafowl | Family Numididae | |
| Helmeted Guineafowl | <i>Numida meleagris</i> | Scattered sightings of this iconic African species |
| Vulturine Guineafowl | <i>Acryllium vulturinum</i> | Sightings in the Yabello area |
| Pheasants, Fowl & Allies | Family Phasianidae | |
| Moorland Francolin | <i>Scleroptila psilolaema</i> | Great views on the Sanetti Plateau (nominat race) |
| Crested Francolin | <i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i> | Seen in Yabello area |
| Scaly Francolin | <i>Pternistis squamatus</i> | Good views at Bishangari and heard at Wondo Genet |
| Harwood's Francolin | <i>Pternistis harwoodi</i> | Seen well at Jemma Valley |
| Chestnut-naped Francolin | <i>Pternistis castaneicollis</i> | Excellent sightings at Bale Mountains NP |
| Erckel's Francolin | <i>Pternistis erckelii</i> | Seen well at Jemma Valley |
| Yellow-necked Spurfowl | <i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i> | Seen in Awash NP and the south |
| Common Quail | <i>Coturnix coturnix</i> | Seen by some at Watted Crane wetland |
| Ducks, Geese & Swans | Family Anatidae | |
| White-backed Duck | <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka and Awassa |
| Spur-winged Goose | <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka, Beseka and Awassa |
| Blue-winged Goose | Cyanochen cyanoptera | 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> | Seen at Lake Awassa |
| African Black Duck | <i>Anas sparsa</i> | Pair seen on river near Goba |
| Yellow-billed Duck | <i>Anas undulata</i> | Common in highland wetlands (rueppelli subspecies) |
| <i>Northern Shoveler</i> | <i>Anas clypeata</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka |
| <i>Northern Pintail</i> | <i>Anas acuta</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka and Sanetti Plateau |
| Garganey | <i>Anas querquedula</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka |
| <i>Eurasian Teal</i> | <i>Anas crecca</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka |
| Hottentot Teal | <i>Anas hottentota</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka and Bilen Lodge |
| Southern Pochard | <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka |
| Grebes | Family Podicipedidae | |
| Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | Common in scattered localities (capensis subspecies) |
| Flamingos | Family Phoenicopteridae | |
| Greater Flamingo | <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka and Beseka |
| Lesser Flamingo | <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka |
| Storks | Family Ciconiidae | |
| Yellow-billed Stork | <i>Mycteria ibis</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka |
| Black Stork | <i>Ciconia nigra</i> | Seen once en route to Debre Birhan from Addis |
| Abdim's Stork | <i>Ciconia abdimii</i> | Seen on four days |
| Woolly-necked Stork | <i>Ciconia episcopus</i> | Seen once in Jemma Valley |
| <i>White Stork</i> | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | A few scattered sightings |
| Saddle-billed Stork | <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i> | Seen once at Lake Koka |
| Marabout 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> | Seen occasionally at lower altitudes |
| Wattled Ibis | Bostrychia carunculata | Fairly common in highlands |
| Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka and Awassa |
| African Spoonbill | <i>Patalea alba</i> | Seen at a few Rift Valley lakes |
| Hérons, Bitterns | Family Ardeidae | |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | Seen by some at Bilen Lodge |
| Striated Heron | <i>Butorides striata</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge and along Dawa River |
| Squacco Heron | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka, Bilen Lodge and Lake Awassa |
| Western Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | Common and widespread |
| Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | Seen at wetlands and rivers in small numbers |
| Black-headed Heron | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> | Seen a few times, often en route |
| Goliath Heron | <i>Ardea goliath</i> | Seen at Lake Awassa and Jemma Valley |
| Purple Heron | <i>Ardea purpurea</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge and Lake Awassa |
| Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> | Scattered sightings at lowland wetlands |
| Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | Fairly common in Rift Valley |
| Hamerkop | Family Scopidae | |
| Hamerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | Common and widespread |
| Pelicans | Family Pelecanidae | |
| Great White Pelican | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> | Seen at Lakes Langano and Awassa |
| Pink-backed Pelican | <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka, Beseka, Langano and Awassa |
| Cormorants, shags | Family Phalacrocoracidae | |

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| Reed Cormorant | <i>Microcarbo africanus</i> | Seen at Lakes Beseka, Langano and Awassa |
| White-breasted Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka, Langano and Awassa |
| Kites, Hawks & Eagles | Family Accipitridae | |
| Black-winged Kite | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> | A few on roadsides |
| Black Kite | <i>Milvus migrans</i> | A few in Addis |
| Yellow-billed Kite | <i>Milvus aegyptius</i> | Abundant |
| African Fish Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i> | Fairly common at Rift Valley lakes |
| Bearded Vulture | <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i> | Seen a few times in highlands |
| Egyptian Vulture | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i> | Seen a few times in both highlands and lowlands |
| Hooded Vulture | <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i> | Abundant in towns |
| White-backed Vulture | <i>Gyps africanus</i> | Fairly common in both highlands and lowlands |
| Rueppell's Vulture | <i>Gyps rueppellii</i> | Fairly common in both highlands and lowlands |
| Griffon Vulture | <i>Gyps fulvus</i> | Seen once by some at Bale Mountains NP |
| White-headed Vulture | <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i> | Seen once in highlands near Addis |
| Lappet-faced Vulture | <i>Torgos tracheliotos</i> | A few scattered sightings in both highlands and lowlands |
| Short-toed Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i> | Seen once at Melka Ghebdu |
| Black-chested Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i> | Seen near Addis and Negele |
| Bateleur | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> | Seen en route to Negele and near Yabello |
| Western Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | Seen a few times in both highlands and lowlands |
| Pallid Harrier | <i>Circus macrourus</i> | Seen once at Ali Dege Plains |
| Montagu's Harrier | <i>Circus pygargus</i> | Seen in Awash area |
| Dark Chanting Goshawk | <i>Melierax metabates</i> | Seen at Awash and Jemma Valley |
| Eastern Chanting Goshawk | <i>Melierax poliopterus</i> | Good sightings in the south |
| African Goshawk | <i>Accipiter tachiro</i> | The endemic unduliventer race was seen at Bishangari and Wondo Genet |
| Shikra | <i>Accipiter badius</i> | Seen at Awash and Yabello |
| Little Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter minullus</i> | One at Wondo Genet |
| Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter rufiventris</i> | Seen en route to Debre Birhan from Addis |
| Black Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i> | Seen at Ghion Hotel in Addis |
| Common [Steppe] Buzzard | <i>Buteo [buteo] vulpinus</i> | A few scattered sightings |
| Mountain Buzzard | <i>Buteo oreophilus</i> | Seen at Harenna Forest |
| Augur Buzzard | <i>Buteo augur</i> | Very common; both pale and black morphs seen |
| Tawny Eagle | <i>Aquila rapax</i> | Common in many colour forms |
| Steppe Eagle | <i>Aquila nipalensis</i> | Common especially in highlands |
| Verreaux's Eagle | <i>Aquila verreauxii</i> | Seen at Gemessa Gedel, Sanetti Plateau and Yabello area |
| Wahlberg's Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i> | Seen once in Rift Valley |
| Booted Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i> | Seen a few times in both highlands and lowlands |
| Ayres's Hawk-Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i> | Seen once in the Bale Mountains NP |
| Martial Eagle | <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i> | Seen at Awash and Yabello |
| Long-crested Eagle | <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i> | A few roadside sightings in both highlands and lowlands |
| Crowned Eagle | <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i> | Good views at Harenna Forest |
| Falcons | Family Falconidae | |
| Pygmy Falcon | <i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i> | Seen at Awash and Yabello |
| Lesser Kestrel | <i>Falco naumanni</i> | A few scattered sightings |
| Common Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | Many sightings in both highlands and lowlands |
| Fox Kestrel | <i>Falco alopecurus</i> | Seen in Jemma Valley |
| Grey Kestrel | <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i> | Seen en route to Yabello from Negele |
| Eurasian Hobby | <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | Seen in Jemma Valley |
| Lanner Falcon | <i>Falco biarmicus</i> | Seen a few times in both highlands and lowlands |
| Saker Falcon | <i>Falco cherrug</i> | Seen once at Sululta Plains |
| Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | Seen a few times in both highlands and lowlands |
| Bustards | Family Otididae | |
| Arabian Bustard | <i>Ardeotis arabs</i> | Seen well near Bilen Lodge and at Ali Dege Plains |
| 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, Liben Plains and Soda Plains near Yabello (canicollis subspecies) |
| Buff-crested Bustard | <i>Lophotis gindiana</i> | Seen at Awash and Yabello |
| Black-bellied Bustard | <i>Lissotis melanogaster</i> | Seen once near Weliso |
| Rails, Crakes & Coots | Family Rallidae | |
| Rouget's Rail | <i>Rougetius rougetii</i> | Great views in the Bale Mountains |
| Black Crake | <i>Amauornis flavirostra</i> | Seen well at Lake Awassa |
| Baillon's Crake | <i>Porzana pusilla</i> | Seen very well but once only at Lake Awassa |
| African Swampphen | <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i> | Seen well at Lake Awassa |
| Common Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge and Lake Awassa |
| Red-knobbed Coot | <i>Fulica cristata</i> | Scattered sightings at various wetlands |
| Cranes | Family Gruidae | |
| Black Crowned Crane | <i>Balearica pavonina</i> | Great views at Lake Cheleleka (ceciliae subspecies) |
| Wattled Crane | <i>Grus carunculatus</i> | Seen in the Rift Valley |
| Common Crane | <i>Grus grus</i> | Great views at Lake Cheleleka |
| Stone-curlews, Thick-knees | Family Burhinidae | |
| Senegal Thick-knee | <i>Burhinus senegalensis</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge and Gibe Gorge |
| Stilts, Avocets | Family Recurvirostridae | |
| Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | A few at Rift Valley lakes |
| Pied Avocet | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> | Seen only at Lake Cheleleka |
| Plovers | Family Charadriidae | |
| Spur-winged Lapwing | <i>Vanellus spinosus</i> | Common at lower altitude wetlands |
| Black-winged Lapwing | <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i> | Small numbers in grasslands near Addis, Liben Plain and Soda Plain |
| Crowned Lapwing | <i>Vanellus coronatus</i> | Best seen at Liben Plain and Soda Plain |
| African Wattled Lapwing | <i>Vanellus senegallus</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Spot-breasted Lapwing | <i>Vanellus melanocephalus</i> | Small group seen only near Dinsho |
| Little Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka and Koka |
| Three-banded Plover | <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i> | A few scattered sightings along rivers and lakes at lower altitude |
| Painted-snipes | Family Rostratulidae | |
| Greater Painted-snipe | <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge |
| Jacanas | Family Jacanidae | |

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| Lesser Jacana | <i>Microparra capensis</i> | Seen at Lake Awassa |
| African Jacana | <i>Actophilornis africanus</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge and Lake Awassa |
| Sandpipers, Snipes | Family Scolopacidae | |
| African Snipe | <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i> | Seen at Dinsho ponds and Sanetti Plateau |
| Common Snipe | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> | Seen at Lake Koka |
| Black-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa limosa</i> | Seen at Lake Cheleleka |
| Spotted Redshank | <i>Tringa erythropus</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka and Koka |
| Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | Small numbers in Rift Valley wetlands |
| Common Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | Small numbers at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands |
| Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | Seen at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands |
| Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | Small numbers at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands |
| Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Small numbers at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands |
| Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | Small numbers in Rift Valley wetlands |
| Temminck's Stint | <i>Calidris temminckii</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge and Lake Koka |
| Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka and Koka, and Bilen Lodge |
| Courasers, Pratincoles | Family Glareolidae | |
| Temminck's Courser | <i>Cursorius temminckii</i> | Seen on the Liben Plain |
| Three-banded Courser | <i>Rhinoptilus cinctus</i> | Seen well at Ali Dege and Soda Plains |
| Gulls, Terns & Skimmers | Family Laridae | |
| Grey-headed Gull | <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i> | Seen at Lakes Langano and Awassa |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i> | Seen at Lake Langano |
| Gull-billed Tern | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> | Seen at Lakes Cheleleka, Beseka, Langano and Awassa |
| Whiskered Tern | <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> | Seen only at Lake Awassa |
| White-winged Tern | <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> | Seen at Lakes Beseka and Awassa |
| Sandgrouse | Family Pteroclididae | |
| Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles exustus</i> | Good sightings in the Awash area |
| Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i> | Two at Bilen Lodge |
| Pigeons, Doves | Family Columbidae | |
| Feral Pigeon | <i>Columba livia</i> | Seen in several towns but ticked once |
| Speckled Pigeon | <i>Columba guinea</i> | Very common - seen on every day! |
| White-collared Pigeon | <i>Columba albitorques</i> | This endemic was common in the highlands |
| Lemon Dove | <i>Columba larvata</i> | Seen only at Bishangari |
| European Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> | Seen by some at Bilen Lodge |
| Dusky Turtle Dove | <i>Streptopelia lugens</i> | Very common in highlands |
| White-winged Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia reichenowi</i> | Seen Melka Ghuba near the Dawa River |
| Mourning Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decipiens</i> | Common in the Rift Valley |
| Red-eyed Dove | <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> | Common everywhere |
| Ring-necked Dove | <i>Streptopelia capicola</i> | Common at lower altitude |
| Vinaceous Dove | <i>Streptopelia vinacea</i> | Seen well at Gibe Gorge |
| Laughing Dove | <i>Stigmatopelia senegalensis</i> | Common everywhere |
| Emerald-spotted Wood Dove | <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i> | Seen at lower altitude |
| Blue-spotted Wood Dove | <i>Turtur afer</i> | Seen at Bishangari and Gibe Gorge |
| Tambourine Dove | <i>Turtur tympanistria</i> | Seen at Bishangari, Wondo Genet and Harenna Forest |
| Namaqua Dove | <i>Oena capensis</i> | Common at lower altitude, especially the Awash area |
| Bruce's Green Pigeon | <i>Treron waalia</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Negele and Jemma Valley |
| Parrots | Family Psittacidae | |
| Black-winged Lovebird | <i>Agapornis taranta</i> | Seen at Bishangari, Wondo Genet and Jemma Valley |
| Red-bellied Parrot | <i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i> | Seen well in the south |
| Yellow-fronted Parrot | <i>Poicephalus flavifrons</i> | Excellent views at Bishangari and Wondo Genet |
| Turacos | Family Musophagidae | |
| White-cheeked Turaco | <i>Tauraco leucotis</i> | The donaldsoni subspecies was seen well at Bishangari/Wondo Genet/Harenna Forest |
| Ruspoli's Turaco | <i>Tauraco ruspolii</i> | Seen well en route to Negele. A tour highlight! |
| Bare-faced Go-away-bird | <i>Corythaixoides personatus</i> | Seen well at Melka Ghebdu and Bishangari (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> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu |
| Cuckoos | Family Cuculidae | |
| Blue-headed Coucal | <i>Centropus monachus</i> | Seen at Wondo Genet and Lake Awassa (nominate subspecies) |
| White-browed Coucal | <i>Centropus superciliosus</i> | Seen only in the south |
| Klaas's Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> | Seen at Bishangari and heard a few times at other localities |
| Black Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus clamosus</i> | Heard at Gibe Gorge |
| Red-chested Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus solitarius</i> | Heard at Harenna Forest |
| Barn Owls | Family Tytonidae | |
| Western Barn Owl | <i>Tyto alba</i> | Heard by some at Awassa |
| Owls | Family Strigidae | |
| Northern White-faced Owl | <i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i> | Seen well at its day roost at Langano |
| 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 view at Awash |
| Verreaux's Eagle-Owl | <i>Bubo lacteus</i> | Seen at Bishangari |
| African Wood Owl | <i>Strix woodfordii</i> | Heard at Bishangari and seen well at Dinsho |
| Pearl-spotted Owlet | <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i> | Seen at Bishangari, Negele and Yabello |
| Abyssinian [Long-eared] Owl | <i>Asio abyssinicus</i> | Seen well at its day roost at Dinsho |
| Nightjars | Family Caprimulgidae | |
| Egyptian Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus aegyptius</i> | Several seen well roosting near Awash |
| Donaldson Smith's Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus donaldsoni</i> | Seen well outside Yabello |
| Slender-tailed Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus clarus</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge |
| Swifts | Family Apodidae | |
| Scarce Swift | <i>Schoutedenapus myoptilus</i> | Seen over the Harenna Forest |
| Alpine Swift | <i>Tachymarptis melba</i> | Seen in the Bale Mountains |
| Mottled Swift | <i>Tachymarptis aequatorialis</i> | Seen en route to Debre Birhan from Addis |
| Nyanza Swift | <i>Apus niansae</i> | Common overhead in the highlands |
| Little Swift | <i>Apus affinis</i> | Seen once in Jemma Valley |
| Mousebirds | Family Coliidae | |
| Speckled Mousebird | <i>Colius striatus</i> | Widespread and common |

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| Blue-naped Mousebird | <i>Urocolius macrourus</i> | Common in dry bush such as Awash |
| Trogons | Family Trogonidae | |
| Narina Trogon | <i>Apaloderma narina</i> | Seen at Bishangari and Hareenna Forest |
| Rollers | Family Coraciidae | |
| Purple [Rufous-crowned] Roller | <i>Coracias naevius</i> | A few seen at lower altitude |
| 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 |
| Broad-billed Roller | <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i> | Seen once at Bishangari |
| Kingfishers | Family Alcedinidae | |
| Grey-headed Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> | A few seen at lower altitude |
| Striped Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> | A few seen and heard at low altitude |
| Woodland Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i> | Seen at Bishangari and Awassa |
| African Pygmy Kingfisher | <i>Ispidina picta</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley |
| Malachite Kingfisher | <i>Corythornis cristata</i> | Common at Rift Valley rivers and lakes |
| Half-collared Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu |
| Giant Kingfisher | <i>Megaceryle maxima</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu and Gibe Gorge |
| Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | Common in the Rift Valley |
| Bee-eaters | Family Meropidae | |
| Little Bee-eater | <i>Merops pusillus</i> | Common in the more arid areas |
| Blue-breasted Bee-eater | <i>Merops variegatus</i> | Many sightings of the distinctive lafresnayii race |
| European Bee-eater | <i>Merops apiaster</i> | Heard a few times overhead |
| Northern Carmine Bee-eater | <i>Merops nubicus</i> | Great views at Bilen Lodge, Awash and Lake Awassa |
| Hoopoes | Family Upupidae | |
| Eurasian Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | Seen regularly throughout |
| Wood Hoopoes | Family Phoeniculidae | |
| Black-billed Wood Hoopoe | <i>Phoeniculus somaliensis</i> | Good sightings in south |
| Black Scimitarbill | <i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i> | A few seen at lower altitude |
| Abyssinian Scimitarbill | <i>Rhinopomastus minor</i> | Seen only at Awash |
| Hornbills | Family Bucerotidae | |
| Hemprich's Hornbill | <i>Tockus hemprichii</i> | Scattered sightings at lower altitude |
| African Grey Hornbill | <i>Tockus nasutus</i> | Seen often at lower altitude |
| Northern Red-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i> | Seen often at lower altitude |
| Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus flavirostris</i> | Seen often at lower altitude |
| 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 |
| African barbets | Family Lybiidae | |
| Red-fronted Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i> | Seen well a few times at lower altitude (affinis subspecies) |
| Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i> | Seen at Hareenna Forest (xanthostictus subspecies) |
| Red-fronted Barbet | <i>Tricholaema diademata</i> | Seen once at Lake Langano |
| Black-throated Barbet | <i>Tricholaema melanocephala</i> | A few sightings near Yabello |
| Banded Barbet | Lybius undatus | Seen at Bishangari, Hareenna and nesting at Awassa (leucogenys subspecies) |
| Black-billed Barbet | <i>Lybius guifsobalito</i> | Several good sightings in the lowlands |
| Double-toothed Barbet | <i>Lybius bidentatus</i> | Best views at Bishangari but also seen at Hareenna Forest and Gibe Gorge |
| Red-and-yellow Barbet | <i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i> | Seen well near Negele (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 in the Yabello area |
| Honeyguides | Family Indicatoridae | |
| Lesser Honeyguide | <i>Indicator minor</i> | Seen at Bishangari, Wondo Genet and Jemma Valley |
| Scaly-throated Honeyguide | <i>Indicator variegatus</i> | Heard at Bishangari |
| Greater Honeyguide | <i>Indicator indicator</i> | Seen well at Bishangari |
| Woodpeckers | Family Picidae | |
| Eurasian Wryneck | <i>Jynx torquilla</i> | Seen near Negele and at Gibe Gorge |
| Red-throated Wryneck | <i>Jynx ruficollis</i> | Seen well at Lake Langano (aequatorialis subspecies) |
| Nubian Woodpecker | <i>Campethera nubica</i> | Several good sightings |
| Abyssinian Woodpecker | Dendropicos abyssinicus | Seen well at Wondo Genet, Dinsho and Hareenna Forest |
| Cardinal Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i> | Seen on several occasions in the lowlands |
| Bearded Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos namaquus</i> | Seen once in the south |
| Eastern Grey Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos spodocephalus</i> | Seen well at Bishangari and Wondo Genet |
| Wattle-eyes, Batises | Family Platysteiridae | |
| Grey-headed Batis | <i>Batis orientalis</i> | Seen well at Bishangari |
| Western Black-headed Batis | <i>Batis erlangeri</i> | Seen near Negele and at Gibe Gorge |
| Pygmy Batis | <i>Batis perkeo</i> | Seen in the south |
| Brown-throated Wattle-eye | <i>Platysteira cyanea</i> | Seen at Bishangari and Wondo Genet |
| Helmetshrikes | Family Prionopidae | |
| White-crested Helmetshrike | <i>Prionops plumatus</i> | Seen in the south (race vinaceularis) |
| Bushshrikes | Family Malaconotidae | |
| Grey-headed Bushshrike | <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i> | Seen and heard near Negele and further south and Gibe Gorge |
| Orange-breasted Bushshrike | <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i> | Scattered sightings at lower altitude |
| Rosy-patched Bushshrike | <i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i> | Seen at Awash and near Yabello |
| 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>erythraeae</i>) |
| Pringle's Puffback | <i>Dryoscopus pringlii</i> | Seen well near Yabello |
| Slate-colored Boubou | <i>Laniarius funebris</i> | Seen well and heard at lower altitude |
| Red-naped Bushshrike | <i>Laniarius ruficeps</i> | Seen well en route to Yabello from Negele |
| Ethiopian Boubou | Laniarius aethiopicus | Seen and heard a few times at lower altitude |
| Brubru | <i>Nilais afer</i> | Several sightings in the lowlands |
| Cuckooshrikes | Family Campephagidae | |
| Black Cuckooshrike | <i>Campephaga flava</i> | Seen well en route to Yabello from Negele |
| Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike | <i>Campephaga phoenicea</i> | Seen well at Bishangari |
| Shrikes | Family Laniidae | |
| Northern White-crowned Shrike | <i>Eurocephalus ruppelli</i> | Regular in the lowlands |

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| <i>Red-tailed Shrike</i> | <i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i> | Seen a few times at Awash, Negele, Yabello and Jemma Valley |
| <i>Southern Grey Shrike</i> | <i>Lanius meridionalis</i> | Seen once at Awash |
| <i>Grey-backed Fiscal</i> | <i>Lanius excubitoroides</i> | Good views at Bishangari |
| <i>Taita Fiscal</i> | <i>Lanius dorsalis</i> | Seen on the Soda Plains |
| <i>Somali Fiscal</i> | <i>Lanius somalicus</i> | Common at Awash and the Soda Plains |
| <i>Northern Fiscal</i> | <i>Lanius humeralis</i> | Common roadside bird (race humeralis) |
| <i>Woodchat Shrike</i> | <i>Lanius senator</i> | Seen at Awash and near Negele |
| <i>Masked Shrike</i> | <i>Lanius nubicus</i> | |
| Orioles | Family Oriolidae | |
| Ethiopian Oriole | <i>Oriolus monacha</i> | Seen at Wondo Genet and Harenna Forest (race meneliki) |
| <i>Black-headed Oriole</i> | <i>Oriolus larvatus</i> | A few in the south (race roletti) |
| Drongos | Family Dicruridae | |
| <i>Fork-tailed Drongo</i> | <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i> | Common in dry bush country |
| Monarchs | Family Monarchidae | |
| <i>African Paradise Flycatcher</i> | <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> | Common in wooded areas (race ferreti) |
| Crows | Family Corvidae | |
| Stresemann's Bushcrow | <i>Zavattariornis stresemanni</i> | Fantastic views near Yabello |
| <i>Red-billed Chough</i> | <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i> | Seen at Bale Mountains NP |
| <i>Cape Crow</i> | <i>Corvus capensis</i> | Very common on highland plains |
| <i>Pied Crow</i> | <i>Corvus albus</i> | Very common along roadsides |
| <i>Somali Crow</i> | <i>Corvus edithae</i> | Most conspicuous on the Liben Plains |
| <i>Fan-tailed Raven</i> | <i>Corvus rhipidurus</i> | Common near cliffs, observed on most days |
| Thick-billed Raven | <i>Corvus crassirostris</i> | Some great views of this distinctive bird |
| Tits | Family Paridae | |
| <i>White-winged Black Tit</i> | <i>Parus leucomelas</i> | Seen by some at Bishangari |
| White-backed Black Tit | <i>Parus leuconotus</i> | Great views at Dinsho |
| <i>Acacia Tit</i> | <i>Parus thruppi</i> | Seen in the south |
| Penduline Tits | Family Remizidae | |
| <i>Mouse-colored Penduline Tit</i> | <i>Anthoscopus musculus</i> | Seen at Awash and near Negele |
| Larks | Family Alaudidae | |
| <i>Singing Bush Lark</i> | <i>Mirafra cantillans</i> | Seen at Awash |
| <i>Red-winged Lark</i> | <i>Mirafra hypermetra</i> | Seen well at Awash |
| Gillett's Lark | <i>Mirafra gilletti</i> | Good views at Awash |
| Sidamo Lark | <i>Heteromirafra sidamoensis</i> | Superb views on the Liben Plains |
| <i>Foxy Lark</i> | <i>Calendulauda alopex</i> | Seen near Negele and on the Soda Plains |
| Erlanger's Lark | <i>Calandrella erlangeri</i> | Seen on the highland plains near Addis |
| <i>Thekla Lark</i> | <i>Galerida theklae</i> | Quite common in the highland grasslands |
| <i>Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark</i> | <i>Eremopterix leucotis</i> | Seen at Awash and Gibe Gorge |
| <i>Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark</i> | <i>Eremopterix signatus</i> | Seen in the Bilen area |
| Bulbuls | Family Pycnonotidae | |
| <i>Common Bulbul</i> | <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> | Common during most of the trip |
| <i>Dodson's Bulbul</i> | <i>Pycnonotus dodsoni</i> | Common from Negele to Yabello |
| <i>Dark-capped Bulbul</i> | <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i> | Seen at Harenna Forest and Negele |
| <i>Northern Brownbul</i> | <i>Phyllastrephus strepitans</i> | Seen in the south |
| Swallows, martins | Family Hirundinidae | |
| <i>Black Saw-wing</i> | <i>Psalidoprocné pristopectera</i> | "Brown Saw-wing" (race antinorii) was common at Wondo Genet and Harenna |
| <i>Brown-throated [Plain] Martin</i> | <i>Riparia paludicola</i> | Common in a number of places; also known as Plain Martin |
| <i>Sand Martin</i> | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | Seen at Awash and Lake Awassa |
| <i>Banded Martin</i> | <i>Riparia cincta</i> | Seen at Lake Awassa |
| <i>Barn Swallow</i> | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | Common and widespread |
| <i>Ethiopian Swallow</i> | <i>Hirundo aethiopica</i> | Seen well on the Liben Plains |
| <i>Wire-tailed Swallow</i> | <i>Hirundo smithii</i> | Several sightings at low altitude |
| White-tailed Swallow | <i>Hirundo megaensis</i> | Superb views of this endemic on the Soda plains |
| <i>Crag Martin</i> | <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i> | Seen once in the Jemma Valley |
| <i>Rock Martin</i> | <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> | Several sightings in the highlands |
| <i>Common House Martin</i> | <i>Delichon urbicum</i> | Several scattered sightings |
| <i>Lesser Striped Swallow</i> | <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i> | Seen a few times |
| <i>Red-rumped Swallow</i> | <i>Cecropis daurica</i> | Regular sightings mostly in the highlands |
| Crombecs, African warblers | Family Macrosphenidae | |
| <i>Northern Crombec</i> | <i>Sylvietta brachyura</i> | A few good sightings at low altitude (leucopsis subspecies) |
| <i>Red-faced Crombec</i> | <i>Sylvietta whytii</i> | Several sightings in the south (race loringii) |
| <i>Somali Crombec</i> | <i>Sylvietta isabellina</i> | Seen near Yabello |
| Leaf warblers and allies | Family Phylloscopidae | |
| <i>Brown Woodland Warbler</i> | <i>Phylloscopus umbrovirens</i> | Seen well at Harenna Forest |
| <i>Willow Warbler</i> | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | Seen only a few times, including the south and at Gibe Gorge |
| <i>Common Chiffchaff</i> | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | Common and widespread |
| <i>Eastern Bonelli's Warbler</i> | <i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i> | One individual seen along streamside vegetation in highlands |
| Reed warblers and allies | Family Acrocephalidae | |
| <i>Lesser Swamp Warbler</i> | <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i> | Seen at Lake Awassa |
| <i>Sedge Warbler</i> | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> | Seen at Bilen Lodge and Lake Awassa |
| <i>Eurasian Reed Warbler</i> | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i> | Seen at Lake Awassa |
| <i>Marsh Warbler</i> | <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i> | Seen at Lake Awassa |
| <i>Eastern Olivaceous Warbler</i> | <i>Iduna pallida</i> | Three sightings in the lowlands |
| Grassbirds and allies | Family Locustellidae | |
| <i>Little Rush Warbler</i> | <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i> | Seen at Lake Awassa |
| <i>Cinnamon Bracken Warbler</i> | <i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i> | Seen in the Harenna Forest (nominat race) |
| Cisticolas and allies | Family Cisticolidae | |
| <i>Red-faced Cisticola</i> | <i>Cisticola erythrops</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| <i>Singing Cisticola</i> | <i>Cisticola cantans</i> | Seen at Jemma Valley |
| <i>Rattling Cisticola</i> | <i>Cisticola chiniana</i> | Seen at lower altitude |
| <i>Boran Cisticola</i> | <i>Cisticola bodessa</i> | Seen en route from Negele to Yabello |
| <i>Ashy Cisticola</i> | <i>Cisticola cinereolus</i> | Seen in Awash NP and on the Soda Plains |
| Ethiopian Cisticola | <i>Cisticola lugubris</i> | This split from Winding Cisticola seen well at Dinsho ponds |

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| Croaking Cisticola | <i>Cisticola natalensis</i> | Seen by some near Yabello |
| Tiny Cisticola | <i>Cisticola nana</i> | Seen well near Yabello |
| Foxy Cisticola | <i>Cisticola troglodytes</i> | Good looks at Gibe Gorge |
| 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 in the south |
| 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> | Seen at the lava fields near Awash |
| Grey-backed Camaroptera | <i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i> | Common and widespread |
| Grey Wren-Warbler | <i>Calamonastes simplex</i> | Seen at Awash and the south |
| Yellow-bellied Eremomela | <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i> | Seen at Awash and Yabello (race griseoflava) |
| Yellow-vented Eremomela | <i>Eremomela flavicrissalis</i> | Seen along Dawa River |
| Green-backed Eremomela | <i>Eremomela canescens</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Typical Babblers | Family Leiothrichidae | |
| Scaly Chatterer | <i>Turdoides aylmeri</i> | Seen near Yabello |
| Rufous Chatterer | <i>Turdoides rubiginosa</i> | Small numbers in low altitude thornbush |
| White-rumped Babbler | <i>Turdoides leucopygia</i> | Seen regularly in small numbers; Melka Ghebdu (limbata) and Rift Valley (lacuum) |
| Sylviid Babblers | Family Sylviidae | |
| Abyssinian Catbird | <i>Parophasma galinieri</i> | Seen well at Dinsho and Harenna Forest |
| African Hill Babbler | <i>Pseudoalcippe abyssinica</i> | Seen at Harenna Forest |
| <i>Eurasian Blackcap</i> | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | Seen mostly in forested areas |
| <i>Garden Warbler</i> | <i>Sylvia borin</i> | Seen at Lake Langano |
| <i>Lesser Whitethroat</i> | <i>Sylvia curruca</i> | Seen at Lake Langano and Gibe Gorge |
| <i>Common Whitethroat</i> | <i>Sylvia communis</i> | A few sightings in the south |
| <i>Menetries's Warbler</i> | <i>Sylvia mystacea</i> | Seen by some Lake Langano |
| Brown Parisoma | <i>Sylvia lugens</i> | Seen at the Ghion Hotel (n nominate) and the Bale Mountains (griseiventris race Bale Parisoma) |
| Banded Parisoma | <i>Sylvia boehmi</i> | Seen well in the Yabello area (race marsabit) |
| White-eyes | Family Zosteropidae | |
| Abyssinian White-eye | <i>Zosterops abyssinicus</i> | Quite common and widespread |
| Montane White-eye | <i>Zosterops polioastrus</i> | Regular at higher altitudes (n nominate subspecies) |
| Treecreepers | Family Certhiidae | |
| Spotted Creeper | <i>Salpomis spilonotus</i> | Great views at Awassa |
| Starlings | Family Sturnidae | |
| Wattled Starling | <i>Creatophora cinerea</i> | Seen at Awash and the south |
| Greater Blue-eared Starling | <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i> | Very common and widespread |
| 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> | Seen well in the south |
| White-crowned Starling | <i>Lamprotornis albicapillus</i> | Seen well in the south |
| Violet-backed Starling | <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> | Seen en route to Negele |
| Red-winged Starling | <i>Onychognathus morio</i> | Seen near Yabello |
| Slender-billed Starling | <i>Onychognathus tenuirostris</i> | Seen at Wondo Genet |
| Bristle-crowned Starling | <i>Onychognathus salvadorii</i> | Seen in Dubuluk |
| White-billed Starling | <i>Onychognathus albirostris</i> | Great views in the Jemma Valley |
| Magpie Starling | <i>Speculipastor bicolor</i> | Seen near Negele |
| Oxpeckers | Family Buphagidae | |
| Red-billed Oxpecker | <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i> | Regularly seen on domestic animals |
| Thrushes | Family Turdidae | |
| Abyssinian Ground Thrush | <i>Geokichla piaggiae</i> | Great views in gardens of Ghion Hotel |
| Groundscraper Thrush | <i>Psophocichla litsitsirupa</i> | Common in highlands (simensis race) |
| African Thrush | <i>Turdus pelios</i> | Regular at lower altitude |
| Bare-eyed Thrush | <i>Turdus tephronotus</i> | Seen en route to Yabello from Negele, and around Yabello |
| 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 | |
| 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 |
| Red-capped Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha natalensis</i> | Heard at Bishangari |
| Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Spotted Palm Thrush | <i>Cichladusa guttata</i> | Seen and heard around Negele and Yabello |
| White-browed Scrub Robin | <i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i> | Seen around Negele and Yabello |
| <i>Black Scrub Robin</i> | <i>Cercotrichas podobe</i> | Seen once at Melka Ghebdu |
| <i>Common Redstart</i> | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | Seen Lake Langano, Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley |
| <i>Whinchat</i> | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i> | Seen once near Negele by some |
| African Stonechat | <i>Saxicola torquatus</i> | Seen in the Bale Mountains NP and Jemma Valley |
| Red-breasted Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe bottae</i> | Seen at highlands near Addis |
| <i>Isabelline Wheatear</i> | <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i> | A few sightings in the lowlands |
| <i>Northern Wheatear</i> | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | Several sightings, mostly in the lowlands |
| <i>Pied Wheatear</i> | <i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i> | Several sightings both in highlands and lowlands |
| Abyssinian [Schalow's] Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe lugubris</i> | Seen en route to Debre Birhan from Addis, Melka Ghebdu and Jemma Valley |
| Blackstart | <i>Oenanthe melanura</i> | Seen at lava fields near Lake Beseka, Awash |
| Familiar Chat | <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i> | Excellent views at Gibe Gorge |
| Brown-tailed Rock Chat | <i>Oenanthe scotocerca</i> | Seen once along Dawa River |
| Sombre Rock Chat | <i>Oenanthe dubia</i> | Good views at lava fields near Awash |
| Moorland Chat | <i>Pinarochroa sordida</i> | Common in highland grasslands, especially Bale |
| Rueppell's Black Chat | <i>Myrmecocichla melaena</i> | Seen well at Jemma Valley |
| Mocking Cliff Chat | <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i> | Seen Lake Langano, Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley |
| White-winged Cliff Chat | <i>Monticola semirufus</i> | Seen en route to Debre Birhan from Addis and Jemma Valley |
| <i>Common Rock Thrush</i> | <i>Monticola saxatilis</i> | Seen at Negele, Yabello and Gibe Gorge |
| Little Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola rufocinereus</i> | Seen Lake Langano, and Gibe Gorge |
| <i>Blue Rock Thrush</i> | <i>Monticola solitarius</i> | Seen at Awash and Jemma Valley |
| Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher | <i>Dioptornis chocolatinus</i> | Common at the edge of highland forests and gardens; first seen at the Ghion Hotel |

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| Northern Black Flycatcher | <i>Melaenornis edolioides</i> | Common in the south |
| African Grey Flycatcher | <i>Bradornis microrhynchus</i> | Fairly common at low altitude |
| Gambaga Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa gambagae</i> | Seen well at Gibe Gorge |
| African Dusky Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa adusta</i> | Common at the edge of highland forests and gardens (race minima) |
| Grey Tit-Flycatcher | <i>Myioparus plumbeus</i> | One seen on the way to Negele |
| Sunbirds | Family Nectariniidae | |
| Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird | <i>Anthreptes 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 Awash area |
| Scarlet-chested Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i> | Seen a few times at lower altitudes |
| Hunter's Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i> | Good views in the south |
| Tacazze Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia tacazze</i> | Common in highland forests and gardens, esp Ghion Hotel in Addis |
| Beautiful Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i> | Good sightings in Rift Valley |
| Marico Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i> | Scattered sightings at lower altitudes (race osiris) |
| Shining Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris habessinicus</i> | Common in Awash area |
| Variable Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris venustus</i> | Common and widespread, seen on most days (fazoqlensis in Addis and albiventris in south) |
| Old World Sparrows | Family Passeridae | |
| White-browed Sparrow-Weaver | <i>Plocepasser mahali</i> | Common at lower altitudes |
| Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver | <i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu |
| Grey-capped Social Weaver | <i>Pseudonigrita araudi</i> | Good views near Yabello |
| Black-capped Social Weaver | <i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i> | Good views near Yabello |
| Shelley's Sparrow | <i>Passer shelleyi</i> | Seen on the Soda Plains |
| Swainson's Sparrow | <i>Passer swainsonii</i> | Common and widespread, seen on most days |
| Bush Petronia | <i>Gymnoris dentata</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley |
| Yellow-spotted Petronia | <i>Gymnoris pyrgita</i> | Quite common around Awash and in the south |
| Weavers, Widowbirds | Family Ploceidae | |
| Red-billed Buffalo Weaver | <i>Bubalornis niger</i> | Seen at lower altitudes (race intermedius) |
| White-headed Buffalo Weaver | <i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i> | Common at lower altitudes |
| Thick-billed Weaver | <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i> | Seen at Lake Awassa (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 at Bishangari and Awassa |
| Spectacled Weaver | <i>Ploceus ocularis</i> | Seen at Wondo Genet and Awassa |
| Rueppell's Weaver | <i>Ploceus galbula</i> | Seen in the Rift Valley |
| Lesser Masked Weaver | <i>Ploceus intermedius</i> | Seen at Yabello |
| Vitelline Masked Weaver | <i>Ploceus vitellinus</i> | Seen at lower altitudes (race uluensis) |
| Speke's Weaver | <i>Ploceus spekei</i> | Seen breeding in Yabello |
| Village Weaver | <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i> | Seen at Awassa, Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley (race abyssinicus) |
| Juba Weaver | <i>Ploceus dichrocephalus</i> | Great views of breeding male and female near Negele |
| Chestnut Weaver | <i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i> | Near Negele |
| Red-headed Weaver | <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i> | Seen on five days with great looks at males (race leuconotus) |
| Red-billed Quelea | <i>Quelea quelea</i> | Large flocks in Awash area |
| Black Bishop | <i>Euplectes gierowii</i> | Surprise single non-breeding bird at Melka Ghebdu |
| Black-winged Red Bishop | <i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley |
| Northern Red Bishop | <i>Euplectes franciscanus</i> | Seen at lower altitudes |
| Yellow Bishop | <i>Euplectes capensis</i> | Non-breeding birds seen in the highlands |
| Red-collared Widowbird | <i>Euplectes ardens</i> | Seen in Jemma Valley |
| Waxbills, Munias & Allies | Family Estrildidae | |
| Red-billed Pytilia | <i>Pytilia lineata</i> | Seen well at Jemma Valley |
| Green-winged Pytilia | <i>Pytilia melba</i> | Seen at Awash |
| Cut-throat Finch | <i>Amadina fasciata</i> | Often seen in lowlands |
| Abyssinian Crimsonwing | <i>Cryptospiza salvadorii</i> | Seen by some in Harenna Forest |
| Bar-breasted Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Red-billed Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i> | Common in lowlands |
| African Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i> | Seen at Gibe Gorge |
| Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu | <i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i> | Common and widespread |
| Purple Grenadier | <i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i> | Seen at Genale River valley and Yabello |
| Yellow-bellied Waxbill | <i>Coccothraustes quartinia</i> | Seen near Jemma Valley |
| Abyssinian Waxbill | <i>Estrilda ochrogaster</i> | Great views at Gibe Gorge |
| Crimson-rumped Waxbill | <i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu and Jemma Valley |
| Common Waxbill | <i>Estrilda astrild</i> | Seen a few times, including Awassa |
| Black-cheeked Waxbill | <i>Estrilda charmosyna</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu and Yabello area |
| African Silverbill | <i>Euodice cantans</i> | Seen several times |
| 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 | |
| Village Indigobird | <i>Vidua chalybeata</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley |
| Pin-tailed Whydah | <i>Vidua macroura</i> | Seen at Awassa and Gibe Gorge |
| Steel-blue Whydah | <i>Vidua hypocherina</i> | Seen once in south by some |
| Straw-tailed Whydah | <i>Vidua fischeri</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Awash and Gibe Gorge |
| Long-tailed Paradise Whydah | <i>Vidua paradisaea</i> | Seen once at Awash |
| Wagtails, Pipits | Family Motacillidae | |
| Western Yellow Wagtail | <i>Motacilla flava</i> | <i>Common and widespread; mostly flava, feldegg and thunbergi</i> |
| Grey Wagtail | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Wondo Genet and Jemma Valley |
| Mountain Wagtail | <i>Motacilla clara</i> | Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Wondo Genet and Jemma Valley |
| White Wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | A few sightings both in highlands and lowlands |
| African Pied Wagtail | <i>Motacilla aguimp</i> | Seen along Dawa and Gibe rivers |
| Abyssinian Longclaw | <i>Macronyx flavicollis</i> | Seen at Dinsho ponds and Sanetti Plateau |
| African Pipit | <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i> | Only seen a few times |
| Tawny Pipit | <i>Anthus campestris</i> | Seen once at Awash |
| Long-billed Pipit | <i>Anthus similis</i> | Seen on the rocky slopes at Jemma Valley |
| Plain-backed Pipit | <i>Anthus leucophrys</i> | Quite common on the Liben Plains |
| Red-throated Pipit | <i>Anthus cervinus</i> | Common in highland grasslands |
| Tree Pipit | <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | Seen on several occasions |

Finches

Yellow-crowned Canary
Ethiopian Siskin
African Citril
Yellow-rumped Seedeater
Reichenow's Seedeater
Yellow-throated Seedeater
Salvadori's Seedeater
Yellow-fronted Canary
Northern Grosbeak-Canary
White-bellied Canary
Brown-rumped Seedeater
Ankober Serin
Streaky Seedeater

Family Fringillidae

Serinus flavivertex
Serinus nigriceps
Crithagra citrinelloides
Crithagra xanthopygia
Crithagra reichenowi
Crithagra flavigula
Crithagra xantholaema
Crithagra mozambica
Crithagra donaldsoni
Crithagra dorsostriata
Crithagra tristriata
Crithagra ankoberensis
Crithagra striolata

Seen at forested highlands and Ghion Hotel
Common in highland grasslands
Regular sightings in moister areas
Seen in Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley
Several sightings in the lowlands
Seen well at Melka Ghebdu
Seen en route to Negele
Seen at Gibe Gorge
Seen near Yabello
Seen Lake Langanano
Common around Addis and elsewhere in the highlands
Good views near Ankober
Common in scrublands in the highlands

Buntings

Striolated Bunting
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting
Somali Bunting
Brown-rumped Bunting

Family Emberizidae

Emberiza striolata
Emberiza tahapisi
Emberiza poliopleura
Emberiza affinis

Seen by some near Lake Beseka
Seen in Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley
Seen in the south
Seen well at Gibe Gorge