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Ostriches	Family Struthionidae	
Somali Ostrich	<i>Struthio molybdophanes</i>	Seen both at Ali Dege and Soda Plains
Ducks, Geese & Swans	Family Anatidae	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassomis leucotis</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefe, Awassa and Ziway
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiomis melanotos</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa, Ziway and Gibe Gorge
Blue-winged Goose	<i>Cyanochen cyanoptera</i>	Common at highland wetlands
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	Common and widespread
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Pair seen on Sanetti Plateau
African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettion auritus</i>	Common at Lake Awassa
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	A male seen at small lake on Suluta Plains
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	Common in highland wetlands (rueppellii subspecies)
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefe, Awassa and Ziway
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Many present at Lake Chefe
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefe and Awassa
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Seen at Lake Chefe and Dinsho ponds
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefe, Awassa and Ziway
Guineafowl	Family Numididae	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Many sightings at lower altitudes in the Rift Valley
Vulturine Guineafowl	<i>Acryllium vulturinum</i>	Sightings in the Yabello area
Pheasants, Fowl & Allies	Family Phasianidae	
Coqui Francolin	<i>Peliperdix coqui</i>	Good views on the Soda Plain
Moorland Francolin	<i>Scleroptila psilolaema</i>	Great views on the Sanetti Plateau
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 and near Weliso
Harwood's Francolin	<i>Pternistis harwoodi</i>	Seen well at Jemma Valley
Chestnut-naped Francolin	<i>Pternistis castaneicollis</i>	Many good sightings at Bale Mountains NP
Erckel's Francolin	<i>Pternistis erckelli</i>	Seen well at Jemma Valley
Yellow-necked Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis leucoscapus</i>	Seen in Awash NP and the south
Grebes	Family Podicipedidae	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Seen at Lakes Beseka, Awassa and Ziway (capensis subspecies)
Flamingos	Family Phoenicopteridae	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	About 50 seen at Lake Chefe
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	About 10 seen at Lake Chefe
Storks	Family Ciconiidae	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Seen at Jemma River, Awash NP, Bishangari and Lake Ziway
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Seen in Jemma and Melka Ghebdu Valleys
Abdim's Stork	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>	Seen near Weliso and in the Gibe Gorge
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	Seen well along the Jemma River
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Four seen on the Liben Plain
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	Seen at Lake Beseka
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
Wattled Ibis	<i>Bostrychia carunculata</i>	Common in highlands
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa and Ziway
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	A few scattered sightings at Rift Valley lakes
Heron, Bitterns	Family Ardeidae	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Seen at Bilen Lodge and Lake Awassa
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Seen at several low altitude lakes and rivers
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Common at Lake Awassa
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 sighting at Bishangari

Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Fairly common with nesting at Lake Awassa
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Scattered sightings at lowland wetlands
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Seen on the Sululta Plain and at Lake Awassa
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa and Ziway
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Fairly common in the Rift Valley
Hamerkop	Family Scopidae	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Common and widespread
Pelicans	Family Pelecanidae	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Common at Lake Ziway
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	Seen at Lakes Beseka, Koka, Awassa and Langanjo
Cormorants, shags	Family Phalacrocoracidae	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	Seen at Lakes Beseka, Awassa and Ziway
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa and Ziway
Anhingas, darters	Family Anhingidae	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Seen only at Lake Beseka
Kites, Hawks & Eagles	Family Accipitridae	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Scattered sightings along the road
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Seen at Ghion in Addis, Jemma Valley, Hareenna Forest and Awassa
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>Necrosytes monachus</i>	Abundant in towns
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	Seen near Adama and in the Gibe Gorge
Rüppell's Vulture	<i>Gyps rueppelli</i>	Fairly common in both highlands and lowlands
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigoniceps occipitalis</i>	Seen on the Sululta and Soda Plains
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	A few scattered sightings in both highlands and lowlands
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circus circus</i>	One seen in the Gibe Gorge
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circus cinereus</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and at Gibe Gorge
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Seen in the south in the Soda Plain area
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	Seen near Ankober
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophastus occipitalis</i>	A few roadside sightings in lowlands and highlands, also Hareenna Forest
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i>	Seen at Ghion in Addis and near Lake Chefe
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	Seen over Addis, near Lake Chefe and at Ali Dege Plain
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Hieraetus ayresii</i>	Several great sightings, notably Awash NP and at Awassa (melanistic bird)
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Common and seen on every day of the tour
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Seen in the highlands at Sululta Plain and Sanetti Plateau
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley, Awash NP and Sanetti Plateau
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and along the Dawa River
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Seen once along the Dawa River
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 Goba and over the Hareenna Forest (unduliventer subspecies)
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Seen at Liben Plain, near Yabello and at Gibe Gorge
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	One seen at Bishangari
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Seen at Ethio-German Hotel and Sanetti Plateau
Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>	Seen near Ankober and at Dinsho
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	Seen en route from Yabello to Awassa
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Seen a few times in both highlands and lowlands
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	A few scattered sightings
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	A few scattered sightings
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	A few seen at Ghion in Addis
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	Abundant in towns
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	Fairly common at Rift Valley lakes
[Steppe Buzzard]	<i>Buteo [buteo] vulpinus</i>	A few scattered sightings
Mountain Buzzard	<i>Buteo oreophilus</i>	Seen at Hareenna Forest
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	Common and widespread; both pale and dark morphs seen
Bustards	Family Otididae	
Arabian Bustard	<i>Ardeotis arabs</i>	Seen well on Ali Dege Plain and in Awash NP
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	One seen on the Liben Plains
White-bellied Bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>	Seen on Ali Dege Plain, Awash NP and on Soda Plain
Buff-crested Bustard	<i>Lophotis gindiana</i>	Seen at Awash NP, Ali Dege Plain and the south near Yabello
Hartlaub's Bustard	<i>Lissotis hartlaubii</i>	One seen by some near the Liben Plain
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
Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>	One brief sighting at Lake Awassa
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	Seen at Dinsho ponds, Lakes Awassa and Ziway
Cranes	Family Gruidae	
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	Huge flock of over 500 seen near Debre Birhan
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees	Family Burhinidae	
Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	Many seen along the Gibe River
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	Heard only at Bishangari
Stilts, Avocets	Family Recurvirostridae	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Seen mostly at Rift Valley lakes
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Many present at Lake Chefe
Plovers	Family Charadriidae	

Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	Common at lower altitude wetlands
Black-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus tectus</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and on the Ali Dege Plain
Black-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>	Small numbers on highland grasslands and Liben Plain
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Good sightings at the Liben and Soda Plains
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegalus</i>	Seen at Gibe Gorge
Spot-breasted Lapwing	<i>Vanellus melanoccephalus</i>	Groups of up to 40 seen on the plains near Debre Birhan and near Dinsho
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	One seen at Lake Ziway
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	A few scattered sightings along rivers and lakes
Painted-snipes	Family Rostratulidae	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	Pair seen well at Lake Awassa
Jacanas	Family Jacanidae	
Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>	Seen well at Lake Awassa
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa and Ziway
Sandpipers, Snipes	Family Scolopaciidae	
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	Seen on the Sanetti Plateau and Lake Awassa
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Seen at Lake Ziway
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefo, Awassa and Ziway
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Seen once in wetland on Sululta Plain
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefo, Awassa and Ziway
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Small numbers at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Fairly common at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Fairly common at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Fairly common at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Large flock at Lake Chefo and a few at Lake Ziway
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa and Ziway
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Fairly common at wetlands in both highlands and lowlands
Couriers, Pratincoles	Family Glareolidae	
Somali Courser	<i>Cursorius somalensis</i>	Four birds seen on the Soda Plain
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	Family Laridae	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa and Ziway
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Seen at Lakes Awassa, Langano and Ziway
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Seen at Lakes Langano and Ziway
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelocheildon nilotica</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefo, Langano and Awassa
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefo, Langano, Awassa and Ziway
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Seen at Lakes Chefo, Langano, Awassa and Ziway
Sandgrouse	Family Pteroclididae	
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	Seen well at Bilen Lodge, Ali Dege Plain and Awash NP
Black-faced Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>	Four seen flying over the Dawa River
Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i>	Good sightings at Bilen Lodge 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 every day of the tour
White-collared Pigeon	<i>Columba albitorques</i>	Common with often large flocks in the highlands
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	One seen in the Hareenna Forest
Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</i>	Seen in the Hareenna Forest and at Bishangari
Dusky Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>	Common in the 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>	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>	Seen at Awash NP and near Negele
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	Common at Gibe Gorge but also seen at Bishangari
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	Seen in the Hareenna Forest
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Common at lower altitude
Bruce's Green Pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>	Seen at Melka Ghebdu, near Negele and Bishangari
Turacos	Family Musophagidae	
White-cheeked Turaco	<i>Turaco leucotis</i>	Seen well near Goba, Hareenna Forest and at Bishangari (donaldsoni subspecies)
Ruspoli's Turaco	<i>Turaco ruspolii</i>	Seen well en route to Negele
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 in the south and Rift Valley
Eastern Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer zonurus</i>	Seen at Awash NP and near Weliso
Cuckoos	Family Cuculidae	
Blue-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>	Seen well at Lake Awassa
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Bishangari and near Yabello
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	Seen near Yabello (male) and at Bishangari (male and female)
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	A few heard at Hareenna Forest
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	Heard at Hareenna Forest
Owls	Family Strigidae	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	Heard near Yabello
Northern White-faced Owl	<i>Philopsis leucotis</i>	Seen well at its day roost at Langano
Cape Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo capensis</i>	Heard at the Ethio-German Hotel
Greyish Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo cinerascens</i>	Heard at the Awash NP
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>	Two birds seen at Langano Hotel
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	Seen well at its day roost at Dinsho

Pearl-spotted Owllet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	Seen at Awash NP and near Negele
Nightjars	Family Caprimulgidae	
Sombre Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fraenatus</i>	Heard near Yabello
Nubian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rubicus</i>	Birds seen well at Bishangari may have been this species but still checking
Donaldson Smith's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus donaldsoni</i>	Seen well at Borana Lodge near Yabello
Plain Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus inornatus</i>	Seen at Awash NP
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	Heard at Langan Hotel
Slender-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus clarus</i>	Seen well at Bilen Lodge, Awash NP, Langan Hotel and Bishangari
Swifts	Family Apodidae	
Scarce Swift	<i>Schoutedenapus myoptilus</i>	Seen above the Hareenna Forest on the Sanetti Plateau
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Seen near Goba and en route to Negele
Mottled Swift	<i>Tachymarptis aequatorialis</i>	Seen near Debre Birhan
Nyanza Swift	<i>Apus niansae</i>	Seen mostly in the highlands but also in the south
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Sightings near Debre Birhan, Awash NP, Lake Beseke and Gibe Gorge
Horus Swift	<i>Apus horus</i>	A few seen near Debre Birhan in mixed swift and swallow flock
Mousebirds	Family Coliidae	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	Widespread and common
Blue-naped Mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>	Common in the Rift Valley and south
Trogons	Family Trogonidae	
Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	Seen well at Bishangari
Rollers	Family Coraciidae	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	Scattered sightings at lower altitudes
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	Seen at lower altitudes; the lorti subspecies, sometimes called Lilac-throated Roller
Abysinian Roller	<i>Coracias abyssinicus</i>	Scattered sightings in the Rift Valley
Kingfishers	Family Alcedinidae	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley, Lake Koka and Gibe Gorge
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon cheliculi</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley and Langan
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	Seen at Awassa and Bishangari (nominat subspecies)
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley and Awassa
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 once at Melka Ghebbu
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Common in the Rift Valley
Bee-eaters	Family Meropidae	
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
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Heard and seen overhead at Hareenna Forest
Northern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>	Seen well at Lake Awassa and Bishangari
Hoopoes	Family Upupidae	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Regular sightings throughout
Wood Hoopoes	Family Phoeniculidae	
Black-billed Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus somaliensis</i>	Seen well at Langan
Black Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus aterimus</i>	Seen well at Langan
Abysinian Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus minor</i>	Seen once at Awash NP
Ground Hornbills	Family Bucorvidae	
Abysinian Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>	Several encounters in both highlands and lowlands
Hornbills	Family Bucerotidae	
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
Hempich's Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros hempichii</i>	Scattered sightings at lower altitudes
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, eg Bishangari
African barbets	Family Lybiidae	
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 Hareenna Forest
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 Langan
Banded Barbet	<i>Lybius undatus</i>	Seen at Awassa and nesting at Bishangari (leucogenys subspecies)
Black-billed Barbet	<i>Lybius guifsobalito</i>	Many good sightings in the lowlands
Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>	Seen near Negele and at 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 Bilen Lodge and Awash NP
D'Arnaud's Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darraudii</i>	Good views near Yabello
Honeyguides	Family Indicatoridae	
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	Seen well at Bishangari
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>	Seen along the Dawa River and at Bishangari
Woodpeckers	Family Picidae	
Red-throated Wryneck	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>	Good views at Langan of four birds
Nubian Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nubica</i>	Several good sightings at lower altitude
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>	Seen well at Langan and Yabello
Abysinian Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos abyssinicus</i>	Seen well near Goba and in the Hareenna Forest
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	Seen on several occasions in the lowlands
Eastern Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos spodocephalus</i>	Sightings at Langan, Awassa and Bishangari
Falcons	Family Falconidae	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polyhierax semitorquatus</i>	Seen at Awash NP and near Yabello

Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Seen at Lake Chefe and near the Liben Plain
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 and Gibe Gorge
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>	Two birds seen at Bishangari
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Seen a few times mostly in highlands
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Seen in Addis, near Goba and near Negele
African & New World Parrots	Family Psittacidae	
Yellow-fronted Parrot	<i>Poicephalus flavifrons</i>	Great sightings at Bishangari
Red-bellied Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>	Seen Langano, near Negele and near Yabello
Old World Parrots	Family Psittaculidae	
Black-winged Lovebird	<i>Agapornis taranta</i>	Many sightings including Ghion, Langano, Harena, Awash and Ziway
Wattle-eyes, Batises	Family Platysteiridae	
Grey-headed Batis	<i>Batis orientalis</i>	Good views at Bilen Lodge and Awash NP
Western Black-headed Batis	<i>Batis erlangeri</i>	Seen at Langano Hotel, Awassa, Bishangari and Gibe Gorge
Pygmy Batis	<i>Batis perkeo</i>	Seen in the south
Brown-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	Good views at Awassa and Bishangari
Helmetshrikes	Family Prionopidae	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Both cristatus (Bishangari) and vinaceigularis (near Negele) subspecies seen
Bushshrikes	Family Malaconotidae	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	Seen well near Yabello
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	Several good sightings at lower altitude
Rosy-patched Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus cruentus</i>	Seen at Ali Dege Plain, Awash NP, Soda Plain and Borana Lodge
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	Good views at Bishangari
Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	Best views at Bishangari and Gibe Gorge
Pringle's Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus pringii</i>	Great views along Dawa River
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 in south near Yabello
Ethiopian Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>	Many good sightings
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	Several sightings in the lowlands
Cuckooshrikes	Family Campephagidae	
Grey Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>	Seen once at Bishangari
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>	Good views at Bishangari
Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>	Female seen well at Bishangari
Shrikes	Family Laniidae	
Northern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus ruppelli</i>	Common at Awash NP and the south
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	One seen at Bishangari
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	Daurian Shrike seen at Melka Ghebdu, Liben Plain and Gibe Gorge
Red-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>	Turkestan Shrike seen at Liben Plain
Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	Seen once near Awash NP
Grey-backed Fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>	Good views in the southern Rift Valley, especially Bishangari
Talta Fiscal	<i>Lanius dorsalis</i>	One sighting on the Soda Plain
Somali Fiscal	<i>Lanius somalicus</i>	Common at Ali Dege Plain, Awash NP and Soda Plain
Northern Fiscal	<i>Lanius humeralis</i>	Fairly common roadside bird mostly in the highlands (humeralis subspecies)
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	One sighting at Lake Chefe
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	Seen once at Gibe Gorge
Orioles	Family Orioliidae	
Ethiopian Oriole	<i>Oriolus monacha</i>	Seen in Harena Forest and at Bishangari (subspecies meneliki)
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	Seen well at Borana Lodge near Yabello (subspecies rolletti)
Drongos	Family Dicruridae	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Common at lower altitude in dry bush country
Monarchs	Family Monarchidae	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Fairly common in wooded areas (subspecies ferreti)
Crows	Family Corvidae	
Stresemann's Bushcrow	<i>Zavattariornis stresemanni</i>	Fantastic views on the Soda Plains and near Yabello
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Seen on the way near Dinsho and on the Sanetti Plateau
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 thipidurus</i>	Common near mountains and cliffs
Thick-billed Raven	<i>Corvus crassirostris</i>	Good views near towns and villages in the highlands
Tits	Family Paridae	
White-winged Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus leucomelas</i>	Great sightings at Bishangari
White-backed Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus leuconotus</i>	Seen well at Ghion in Addis and at Dinsho
Acacia Tit	<i>Melaniparus thruppi</i>	Good views near Negele and Yabello
Penduline Tits	Family Remizidae	
Mouse-colored Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus musculus</i>	Seen at Ali Dege Plain, Awash NP, near Negele and at Bishangari
Larks	Family Alaudidae	
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	Seen well around Lake Chefe
Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix signatus</i>	Large flocks at Bilen Lodge
Foxy Lark	<i>Calendulauda atopex</i>	Seen well on the Soda Plains
Archer's Lark	<i>Heteromirafra archeri</i>	Superb views of one bird (missing right eye!) on Liben Plains
Red-winged Lark	<i>Mirafra hypemetra</i>	Only heard at Awash NP
Singing Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra cantillans</i>	Seen at Awash NP
Gillett's Lark	<i>Mirafra gilletti</i>	Good views at Awash NP
Short-tailed Lark	<i>Spizocorys fremantilli</i>	A flock of about 30 was a nice surprise on the Soda Plains (megaensis subspecies)
Thekia Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	Common on the highland grasslands

Erlanger's Lark	<i>Calandrella erlangeri</i>	Seen well in the highlands near Debre Birhan
Somali Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala somalica</i>	Many seen on the Liben Plains
Bulbuls	Family Pycnonotidae	
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Common during most of the trip
Somali Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus somaliensis</i>	Seen well at Bilen Lodge
Dodson's Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus dodsoni</i>	Common from Negele to Yabello
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	Common at Goba and Harenna Forest
Northern Brownbul	<i>Phyllostrephus strepitans</i>	Good sightings along the Genale and Dawa Rivers
Swallows, martins	Family Hirundinidae	
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	Several sightings of "Brown Saw-wing" (subspecies antinorii) at Harenna Forest, Awassa and Bishangari
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Common, especially around wetlands and waterbodies
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Seen at Bilen Lodge, Lake Beseka and Lake Awassa
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common and widespread
Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>	Seen well on the highlands en route to Dinsho
Ethiopian Swallow	<i>Hirundo aesthiopica</i>	Scattered sightings with best views near Negele
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Several sightings along rivers at low altitude
White-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo megaensis</i>	Great views at Soda Plains and Yabello area
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Good views on the highlands at Ethio-German Hotel and near Debre Birhan
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	Many sightings in the highlands and at rocky areas at lower altitude
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Scattered sightings all over
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	Seen well in the Yabello area
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Regular sightings in the highlands but also seen at Melka Ghebdu and Bilen Lodge
Crombecs, African warblers	Family Macrosphenidae	
Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>	Good views at low altitude (leucopsis subspecies)
Red-faced Crombec	<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>	Several sightings in the south (loringi subspecies)
Leaf warblers and allies	Family Phylloscopidae	
Brown Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus umbrovirens</i>	Good views near Goba and at Harenna Forest
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Scattered sightings in both highlands and lowlands
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Common and widespread
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>	Seen once near Debre Birhan
Reed warblers and allies	Family Acrocephalidae	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	Fairly common at Lake Awassa
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Good sightings at Lake Awassa
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Common at Lake Awassa
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	A few seen at Lake Awassa
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	Seen near Yabello
Upcher's Warbler	<i>Hippolais languida</i>	Seen once near Wachile
Grassbirds and allies	Family Locustellidae	
River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	Surprise sighting in thickets along Dawa River
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	One seen at Lake Awassa
Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	<i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i>	Seen well near Goba and in the Harenna Forest (nominat subspecies)
Cisticolas and allies	Family Cisticolidae	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	Seen at Lake Awassa
Singing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>	Seen along Jemma Valley escarpment and in Harenna Forest
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	A few sightings at lower altitude in the south
Boran Cisticola	<i>Cisticola bodessa</i>	Good sighting near Negele
Ethiopian Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lugubris</i>	Seen well at Dinsho ponds
Tiny Cisticola	<i>Cisticola nana</i>	Several seen near Negele in company of Boran Cisticolas
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>Phylolais pulchella</i>	Several sightings at Langano Hotel and Bishangari
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 at the lava fields near Awash and near Yabello
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>	Common and widespread
Grey Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes simplex</i>	Seen at Bilen Lodge and Awash NP
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	Seen well at Alid Dege Plains, Awash NP, near Negele and at Soda Plains (subspecies griseoflava)
Yellow-vented Eremomela	<i>Eremomela flavicristalis</i>	Good sightings at Dawa River and near Wachile
Typical Babblers	Family Leiothrichidae	
Scaly Chatterer	<i>Turdoides aymeri</i>	Good views near Yabello
Rufous Chatterer	<i>Turdoides rubiginosa</i>	Several sightings at low altitude thorn thickets
White-rumped Babbler	<i>Turdoides leucopygia</i>	Several sightings of subspecies limbata (Melka Ghebdu), lacuum (Bishangari and Awassa) and omoensis (Gibe Gorge)
Sylviid Babblers	Family Sylviidae	
Abyssinian Catbird	<i>Parophasma galleri</i>	Seen well at Dinsho and near Goba
African Hill Babbler	<i>Pseudoalcippe abyssinica</i>	Good views at Harenna Forest
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley, Harenna Forest, Awassa and Bishangari
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Several sightings with best views at Bilen Lodge
Menetries's Warbler	<i>Sylvia mystacea</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and at Bilen Lodge
Brown Parisoma	<i>Sylvia lugens</i>	Good views at Ghion Hotel (nominat) and the Bale Mountains (griseiventris subspecies Bale Parisoma)
Banded Parisoma	<i>Sylvia boehmi</i>	Seen near Wachile and at Borana Lodge near Yabello
White-eyes	Family Zosteropidae	
Abyssinian White-eye	<i>Zosterops abyssinicus</i>	Seen at low altitude with white-bellied nominat subspecies present at Jemma Valley and yellow-bellied jubaensis subspecies in the south
Montane White-eye	<i>Zosterops poliogaster</i>	Regular at higher altitudes (nominat subspecies)
Treecreepers	Family Certhiidae	
African Spotted Creeper	<i>Salpomis salvadori</i>	Great views at Awassa with nesting observed

Starlings	Family Sturnidae	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	Seen in the Rift Valley and on the Soda Plains
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprolornis chalybaeus</i>	Very common and widespread
Rüppell's Starling	<i>Lamprolornis purpuroptera</i>	Regular sightings in the Rift Valley
Golden-breasted Starling	<i>Lamprolornis regius</i>	Seen on the Ali Dege Plains and near Negele
Superb Starling	<i>Lamprolornis superbus</i>	Very common in the Rift Valley
Shelley's Starling	<i>Lamprolornis shelleyi</i>	Seen well in the south
White-crowned Starling	<i>Lamprolornis albicapillus</i>	Seen well in the south
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Seen at Langano, Bishangari and Gibe Gorge
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	Seen near Yabello and at Gibe Gorge
Slender-billed Starling	<i>Onychognathus tenuirostris</i>	Seen well at Ankober and Harena Forest
Bristle-crowned Starling	<i>Onychognathus salvadorii</i>	A pair seen in Dubuluk
White-billed Starling	<i>Onychognathus albirostris</i>	Great views at Ethio-German Hotel and the Jemma Valley
Sharpe's Starling	<i>Poepoera sharpii</i>	A flock seen in the Harena Forest
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>	Good views at Dinsho and near Goba
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsirupa</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>	Seen along the Dawa River and at Borana Lodge
Abyssinian Thrush	<i>Turdus abyssinicus</i>	This split of Olive Thrush was common in highland forests and gardens
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Family Muscicapidae	
Black Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas podobe</i>	Seen at Bilen Lodge and near the Ali Dege Plains
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	Subspecies leucoptera Seen at Awash NP, near Negele and Yabello
Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis chocolatinus</i>	Great views at Ghion Hotel but also seen in Addis and at Dinsho
Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edoloides</i>	Often seen in the south
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>	Seen well at Gibe Gorge
African Grey Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis microrhynchus</i>	A few sightings at lower altitude
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Seen once at Gibe Gorge
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	Seen well at Ghion Hotel, Dinsho, near Goba, Awassa and Bishangari (subspecies minima)
Rüppell's Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha semirufa</i>	Common in highland forests and gardens
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	Seen at Langano Hotel and Awassa
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>	Seen well at Bishangari
Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>	Seen at Gibe Gorge
Spotted Palm Thrush	<i>Cichladasa guttata</i>	Seen and heard around Negele and Yabello
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Seen well at Awassa
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Seen well at Awassa
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Several scattered sightings at low altitude
White-winged Cliff Chat	<i>Monticola semirufus</i>	Seen well at the Ethio-German Hotel with nesting
Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	Several scattered sightings at low altitude
Little Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rufocinereus</i>	Seen at Ethio-German Hotel, near Ankober, Langano Hotel and Gibe Gorge
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Seen at Ethio-German Hotel, Jemma Valley, near Ankober and at Lake Beseka
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Seen near Debre Birhan and at Gibe Gorge
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	Seen en route to Dinsho
Moorland Chat	<i>Pinarochroa sordida</i>	Very common in highland grasslands, especially Bale Mountains
Mocking Cliff Chat	<i>Thamnolelea cinnamomeiventris</i>	Several scattered sightings in rocky areas
Rüppell's Black Chat	<i>Mymecocichla melaena</i>	Seen at Ethio-German Hotel, Jemma Valley and near Debre Birhan
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Fairly common in both highlands and lowlands
Red-breasted Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe bottae</i>	Often seen on highland grasslands
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Common in both highlands and lowlands
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	One seen at Melka Ghebdu
Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	The most common wheatear and seen almost every day
Blackstart	<i>Oenanthe melanura</i>	One seen at Bilen Lodge
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	One seen at Gibe Gorge
Brown-tailed Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe scotocerca</i>	One seen along the Dawa River
Sombre Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe dubia</i>	Great views of three birds at lava fields along Lake Beseka
Abyssinian Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugubris</i>	Seen along the escarpment of the Jemma Valley and Ankober
Sunbirds	Family Nectariniidae	
Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	<i>Antheptes orientalis</i>	Good sightings at Awash NP and the south
Nile Valley Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna metallica</i>	Seen well at Bilen Lodge and the Awash area
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	Heard in the Harena Forest but seen at Bishangari
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	Many good sightings at lower altitude
Hunter's Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i>	Seen well near Wachile
Tacazze Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia tacazze</i>	Common in highland forests and gardens, especially Ghion Hotel in Addis
Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>	Seen well in Adama, Awassa and Bishangari
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	Seen at Melka Ghebdu, Awash NP and Langano (subspecies osiris)
Black-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris nectarinoides</i>	Great views at the Genale River near Negele
Shining Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris habessinicus</i>	Good views at Melka Ghebdu and the Awash area
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	Common and widespread, and seen on most days (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>	Brief sighting at Melka Ghebdu
Grey-capped Social Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita arnaudi</i>	Good views near Yabello
Black-capped Social Weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i>	Seen near Wachile in the south

Shelley's Sparrow	<i>Passer shelleyi</i>	Seen well on the Soda Plains
Swainson's Sparrow	<i>Passer swainsonii</i>	Common and widespread, and seen on most days
Chestnut Sparrow	<i>Passer eminibey</i>	Two seen on the Soda Plains by some
Bush Petronia	<i>Gymnoris dentata</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley, Melka Ghebbu, Bishangari and Gibe Gorge
Yellow-spotted Petronia	<i>Gymnoris pyrgita</i>	Seen near Negele and Yabello
Weavers, Widowbirds	Family Ploceidae	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Seen on the Soda Plains (subspecies intermedius)
White-headed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Dinemella dinemelli</i>	Common at lower altitudes
Speckle-fronted Weaver	<i>Sporopipes frontalis</i>	One seen in the Jemma Valley
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albilfrons</i>	One seen at Lake Awassa (subspecies melanota)
Baglafaecht Weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>	Fairly common and widespread. Three distinctive subspecies seen: nominate at Addis, reichenowi at Harenna Forest and emini at Awassa
Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>	Seen at Awash NP, Langano and Lake Awassa
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	Good sightings at Awassa and Bishangari
Rüppell's Weaver	<i>Ploceus galbula</i>	Fairly common in the Rift Valley with some in breeding plumage
Vittelline Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus vittellinus</i>	Seen at lower altitudes with some in breeding plumage (subspecies uluensis)
Speke's Weaver	<i>Ploceus spekei</i>	Seen on the Soda Plains with male in breeding plumage
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Seen at lower altitude with a few in breeding plumage (subspecies abyssinicus)
Juba Weaver	<i>Ploceus dichrocephalus</i>	Great views of breeding male and female near Negele
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 in the Jemma Valley, Melka Ghebbu and Rift Valley
Black-winged Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley only in non-breeding plumage
Northern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>	Seen at lower altitudes with all in non-breeding plumage
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	Non-breeding birds seen in the highlands
Waxbills, Munias & Allies	Family Estrildidae	
Red-billed Pytilia	<i>Pytilia lineata</i>	Several birds seen well in the Jemma Valley
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	Seen at Awash NP
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and at Melka Ghebbu
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegalae</i>	Fairly common at lower altitude
African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	Male and female seen at the Jemma Valley escarpment
Black-faced Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta larvata</i>	Male heard but only female seen in the Jemma Valley
Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Common and widespread (nominate subspecies)
Purple Grenadier	<i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i>	Seen near Wachile and at Borana Lodge near Yabello
Yellow-bellied Waxbill	<i>Coccothraustes quartinia</i>	Good sightings near Ankober, at Dinsho and in the Harenna Forest
Abyssinian Waxbill	<i>Estrilda ochrogaster</i>	A flock seen well in the Gibe Gorge
Crimson-rumped Waxbill	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and at Melka Ghebbu
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Seen well at Lake Awassa (subspecies peasei)
Black-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda chamosyna</i>	Seen near Wachile and at Borana Lodge near Yabello
African Silverbill	<i>Euodice cantans</i>	Seen at Ghion Hotel, Jemma Valley and Adama
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	Seen at Melka Ghebbu, Harenna Forest and Awassa
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>	Seen at Bishangari
Indigobirds, Whydahs	Family Viduidae	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	Sightings of breeding males (white-billed ultramarina subspecies) in the Jemma Valley, Melka Ghebbu and Gibe Gorge
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	Non-breeding birds seen in the Jemma Valley and at Awassa
Wagtails, Pipits	Family Motacillidae	
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Common and widespread, mostly subspecies flava, feldegg and thunbergi
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Seen at Ghion Hotel, Sululta Plain, Ethio-German Hotel, Jemma Valley and Melka Ghebbu
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	Seen at Jemma Valley, Melka Ghebbu and near Goba
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Seen on Sululta Plain, Jemma Valley, Melka Ghebbu and Lake Ziway
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla agurmp</i>	Seen along the Awash and Gibe Rivers
Abyssinian Longclaw	<i>Macronyx flavicollis</i>	Seen well on the Sululta Plain
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	Sightings near Debre Birhan and at Lake Ziway
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	Several sightings in rocky areas, including Jemma Valley
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	Fairly common on the Liben and Soda Plains
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Seen at Gibe Gorge
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Common in highland grasslands
Finches	Family Fringillidae	
African Citril	<i>Crithagra citrinelloides</i>	Sightings at Ghion Hotel, Jemma Valley, Lake Awassa and Bishangari
Yellow-rumped Seedeater	<i>Crithagra xanthopygia</i>	Seen in Gibe Gorge
Reichenow's Seedeater	<i>Crithagra reichenowi</i>	Seen near Negele and Yabello
Yellow-throated Seedeater	<i>Crithagra flavigula</i>	Many seen at Melka Ghebbu
Salvadori's Seedeater	<i>Crithagra xantholaema</i>	Seen well near Negele
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and Gibe Gorge
White-bellied Canary	<i>Crithagra dorsostriata</i>	Seen at Awash NP and Langano Hotel
Ankober Serin	<i>Crithagra ankoberensis</i>	Good views in the mist near Ankober
Northern Grosbeak-Canary	<i>Crithagra donaldsoni</i>	Seen near Yabello
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>	Seen at Dinsho and Harenna Forest
Ethiopian Siskin	<i>Serinus nigriceps</i>	Common in highland grasslands
Buntings	Family Emberizidae	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapsi</i>	Seen in the Jemma Valley and at Lake Chefe
Somali Bunting	<i>Emberiza polioptera</i>	Seen at Awash NP, the Dawa River valley and near Yabello