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d'Arnaud's Barbet (*Trachyphonus darnaudii*)

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Almost every November for the last thirty years has found me in Kenya, but it still amazes me how each safari has been different. In 2009 we found the country just starting to recover from a prolonged and devastating drought as the first rains fell. Unexpectedly, the rain continued over much of the country for the next six months or more, restoring much-needed moisture to the land and making for a bountiful breeding year for the birds and animals. Our November 2010 tour reaped the benefits of this lush time, successfully finding a broad array of birds and wildlife in every region that we visited.

“I’ve never seen the lake so high,” was said by your leader so often that it became a trip joke, but it was wonderful to see the renewal in the lakes after years of decline. With Lake Nakuru the highest in decades, its alkaline waters were diluted and “only” 100,000 or so flamingos were present. This “low” number was more than made up for by an abundance of other waterbirds in the extensive marshes now fringing the lake plus the many mammals packed into the tall grasslands around the lake including 18 white rhino and a solitary male black rhino marking territory. At Lake Baringo the shoreline was a mere 50 yards from our rooms rather than a half-mile away—and so were the hippos when they came up to graze at night! Here we also found Darters and Purple Herons with fledglings and a few chicks still in the nests. Both had almost disappeared in Kenya during the dry cycles of recent years so it was great to see that they had nested successfully. Last year much of Lake Naivasha was simply gone, dried up by drought and too much water taken out for irrigation. This year it was flooding into the fringing brush and the marsh plants were coming back in force. So were the birds, and we saw numerous waterfowl, Black Crakes, African Jacanas, terns, kingfishers, and many others on our morning boat trip, while over 150 species were seen by the group during the course of our day in this area.

The effects of a long rainy season were visible in other ways too. On our first day we found the grasslands of Nairobi National Park in good shape, and here we gained an introduction to a variety of special African birds, including Ostrich, a pair of Secretary-birds, five Hartlaub’s Bustards, a Spotted Thick-knee on eggs, and a gorgeous Rosy-breasted Longclaw in flight display.

The diversity of birds in the semiarid Samburu region is always surprising, but populations were clearly higher this year. Large flocks of Vulturine Guinea-fowl were seen daily, seed-eating birds were numerous, and birds of prey of all sizes and shapes were finding food in the region, including a Martial Eagle at a nest with a tiny chick, an Eastern Chanting-Goshawk mantling and feeding on a snake right next to the vehicle, and a stunning little Red-necked Falcon chasing the flocks of weavers. Plenty of forage was still available for the mammals too, and several times we found ourselves surrounded by sizable herds of elephants so close it seemed we could almost touch them. Many looks were had at the strange gerenuk (“giraffe-antelope”), and we never tired of the numerous dik-dik, tallying almost 100 in

one day. Our final morning here began with four delightfully tame greater kudu strolling around the lodge grounds, a skulking pair of gorgeous Gray-headed Bushshrikes, and a vigorously calling Black Cuckoo. As we worked our way out of the reserve, we lucked into a leopard that proceeded to leave its dense thicket and casually stroll past the safari vehicles as if it couldn't have cared less!

The Masai Mara region is always special—a land of immense vistas, varied habitats, and a full complement of mammals and birds. In sharp contrast to last year, the rains had not yet begun here and the region was still dry. The resident wildlife were all present and going about their business, including raising young, and on a magical first day here we found lions, two cheetahs, a sleepy black rhino, and rare Rufous-bellied Herons, Temminck's Coursers, and Long-toed Lapwings. It was only as we neared the Tanzania border, where there had been a bit of rain to green up the grasslands, that we began seeing wildebeest. In fact, as we topped a low hill, we realized that there were countless thousands of them filling the valleys below. We had caught up with the great migration, and to just sit quietly amidst this spectacle was an indescribable experience. The following days produced more great sightings, including beautiful Ross's Turacos and a Narina Trogon, but the ultimate Mara surprise came late one afternoon, when James, our very talented young Masai driver-guide, spotted a magnificent large leopard draped over the branches of a riverine tree. After giving us a long and satisfying look, she descended from her tree and strode away along the edge of the brush to begin her evening prowl.

Each region visited on this varied itinerary yielded highlights, but try to pick just one! Was it the huge Silvery-cheeked Hornbills in a fruiting tree on Mt. Kenya, or the well-hidden Greater Painted-Snipe at Nakuru? Maybe the Northern Carmine Bee-eaters or pair of Three-banded Coursers, or the sleepy Grayish Eagle-Owls found for us by the "bird boys" at Baringo? Eleven Great Blue Turacos in one flock? The stately crowned-cranes or huge Kori Bustards? Almost surely it wasn't the Red-throated Tits in Nairobi Park, or the Gambaga Flycatcher or Wailing Cisticola or vagrant Ortolan Bunting in Samburu—birds that got your leader so excited.

All, however, were part of our wonderful safari in Kenya. It was a pleasure sharing it with you. Much of our success was due to the incredible skills and patience of our driver-guides, Bernard Koinange for the main safari, and James Masek in the Masai Mara, and to them we extend a special "thank you."

ITINERARY:

November 1: at the Ole Sereni Hotel in Nairobi after the group arrived from various directions.

November 2: all day excursion to Nairobi National Park.

November 3: a travel day to Mountain Lodge on the slopes of Mt. Kenya at 7300 ft, with a morning stop at the Blue Posts Hotel in Thika, a picnic lunch at Thego Fishing Camp and late afternoon birding at the lodge.

November 4: early to mid-morning birding at Mountain Lodge before traveling around Mt. Kenya to a picnic lunch stop on the north side of the mountain and then descending to the semi-arid Samburu lowlands.

November 5: morning and afternoon game drives in Samburu National Reserve.

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November 7: a travel day from Samburu back to the west side of Mt. Kenya at the beautifully landscaped Naro Moru River Lodge; late afternoon excursion on the dry short-grass plains near Naro Moru.

November 8: morning birding at Naro Moru River Lodge, before driving across the plains to Thomson's Falls for a picnic lunch, and then down into the Great Rift Valley to Lake Nakuru National Park.

November 9: around Lake Nakuru NP until mid-afternoon and then north up the Rift Valley to the Lake Baringo Club.

November 10: a morning boat trip on Lake Baringo and then afternoon birding in the nearby bush country with the “Baringo bird boys”.

November 11: morning birding along the cliffs and lodge grounds at Lake Baringo and then an afternoon excursion to Lake Bogoria National Reserve.

November 12: a travel day from Lake Baringo to Rondo Retreat Center in Kakamega Forest, a spectacular and diverse route via the Tugen Hills, Kerio Valley and Eldoret.

November 13: Kakamega Forest, especially Rondo Retreat Center and the nearby Yala River area.

November 14: Kakamega Forest, especially Isecheno Forest Station and near Rondo Retreat.

November 15: a long travel day from Kakamega to Naivasha, with major birding stops at Kisumu on Lake Victoria and Kericho in the tea country of the Western Highlands.

November 16: a big day of birding in the Lake Naivasha area, including a morning boat trip and an afternoon excursion to Hell’s Gate National Park.

November 17: an early departure for Nairobi and a morning flight to Kichwa Tembo in the northwestern Masai Mara, with our first game drive here in the afternoon.

November 18: an all-day excursion in the western Masai Mara Reserve, south to the Tanzania border.

November 19: morning birding drive up the Ololoolo Escarpment and then an afternoon game drive on the plains near Kichwa Tembo.

November 20: morning game drive in the western Masai Mara Reserve; afternoon excursion up to a viewpoint on the escarpment. After dinner we all opted for the camp Night Drive.

November 21: a little bit of final birding around Kichwa Tembo Camp before flying back to Nairobi, with lunch at “The Carnivore” and day rooms at the Ole Sereni Hotel before evening departures for home.

BIRD LIST: This list order follows the taxonomy and sequence in Clements' *Birds of the World: A Check-list (Sixth Edition; 2007)* with current updates, as does our field checklist. Where the names or taxonomy are at variance from the field guides I have tried to include an explanatory note.

KEY:

CH = Central Highlands region (Nairobi area, Mountain Lodge, Naro Moru and points in-between).

S = Samburu region in the Samburu National Reserve.

RV = Rift Valley region (Lakes Nakuru, Baringo & Bogoria and nearby areas).

KV = Kerio Valley on our Nov 12 travel day; this distinctive deep valley lies at the base of the western escarpment of the Great Rift.

WK = Western Kenya region (Kakamega, Kisumu and Kericho areas).

LN = Lake Naivasha/Hell's Gate region of the Great Rift Valley.

MM = Masai Mara Extension, on the western side of this vast region, based at Kichwa Tembo.

* = recorded only on the Masai Mara Extension

hd = heard (if the species was heard only it is noted as such).

bolded = some of our special sightings, favorites and rarities.

Ostrich (*Struthio camelus*) - CH, S, RV, MM (the largest bird in the world. In Samburu we saw the “Somali” Ostrich (*S. (molybdophanes) camelus*), sometimes split as a separate species).

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) - LN

White-faced Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*) - RV, WK

Egyptian Goose (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM

African Black Duck (*Anas sparsa*) - CH (close look at a resting pair on a small river on Mt. Kenya).

Cape Teal (*Anas capensis*) - RV

Yellow-billed Duck (*Anas undulata*) - CH, RV, LN

Red-billed Duck (*Anas erythrorhyncha*) - CH, RV, LN

Hottentot Teal (*Anas hottentota*) - RV, LN

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*) - RV

Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*) - RV

Southern Pochard (*Netta erythrophthalma*) - RV, LN

Crested Francolin (*Francolinus sephaena*) - S, RV

Hildebrandt’s Francolin (*Francolinus hildebrandti*) - RV (hd), LN (a quiet trio sneaking through the lakeshore brush in the early morning).

Yellow-necked Francolin (Spurfowl) (*Francolinus leucoscepus*) - CH, S

* Red-necked Francolin (Spurfowl) (*Francolinus afer*) - MM

Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM

(Crested Guineafowl (*Guttera pucherani*) - WK (we found feathers in Kakamega Forest, but no birds).

Vulturine Guineafowl (*Acryllium vulturinum*) - S (large flocks of this brilliant but odd-looking specialty of the dry Somali sub-region).

Little Grebe (Dabchick) (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) - CH, RV, WK (hd), LN

Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*) - LN (two juveniles beside the boat hint that this declining species in Kenya may still breed here if conditions are good).

Eared (Black-necked) Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*) - RV (Lake Bogoria)

Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*) - RV (good numbers at Lakes Nakuru and Bogoria).

Lesser Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus minor*) - RV (the concentrations of this species on the Rift Valley lakes are one of the world’s great bird sights, even when “only” 100,000 or so are present).

Great White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*) - RV, LN

Pink-backed Pelican (*Pelecanus rufescens*) - CH

Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) - RV, LN (the resident African “White-breasted” race).

Long-tailed Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax africanus*) - CH, RV, LN

Darter (*Anhinga melanogaster*) - RV (declining in Kenya and not seen every trip, so it was great to see 60+, including chicks in the nests, at Baringo. This is the race *rufa*, sometimes split as “African” Darter).

Gray Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) - S, RV, WK, LN, MM

Black-headed Heron (*Ardea melanocephala*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM

Goliath Heron (*Ardea goliath*) - RV (seen only at Baringo, this immense bird is the largest of its family).

Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*) - RV, LN (including many fledglings and a few still in the nest).

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) - S, RV, WK, LN

Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret (*Mesophoyx intermedia*) - RV, LN

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*) - RV, WK, LN

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) - all regions

Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*) - RV, LN, MM

* **Rufous-bellied Heron** (*Ardeola rufiventris*) - MM (beautiful looks at several in the swamp near The Tanzania border; very rare and local in Kenya).

Striated (Green-backed) Heron (*Butorides striatus*) - CH, S, RV, MM
 Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) - RV, WK
 Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*) - all regions
Hadada Ibis (*Bostrychia hagedash*) - all regions (a noisy and conspicuous safari favorite and one of only two birds recorded every day of the trip).
 African Spoonbill (*Platalea alba*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM
Hammerkop (*Scopus umbretta*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM (a uniquely African bird placed in its own family, seen often and well, including the unusual – and immense – nest).
 Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*) - CH, RV, MM
 * Woolly-necked tork (*Ciconia episcopus*) - MM
 White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*) - KV, MM.
 * **Saddle-billed Stork** (*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*) - MM (three of these huge storks with the colorful bills in one day).
 Marabou Stork (*Leptoptilos crumeniferus*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM
 Yellow-billed Stork (*Mycteria ibis*) - RV, WK, LN, MM
 Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) - RV
 Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*) - CH, RV, MM
 Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*) - CH, S, WK (all birds looked at carefully were of the Afrotropical “Yellow-billed” race (*Milvus m. parasitus*), occasionally split as a separate species).
African Fish-Eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*) - RV, WK, LN, MM (a favorite at the lakes, conspicuous and with wild yelping calls).
Palm-nut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*) - S (spectacular pair daily at the lodge early in the morning).
 Hooded Vulture (*Necrosyrtes monachus*) - S, MM
 White-backed Vulture (*Gyps africanus*) - CH, S, MM
 Rueppell's Griffon (*Gyps rueppellii*) - S, LN, MM
Lappet-faced (Nubian) Vulture (*Torgos tracheliotus*) - S, MM (huge birds with fearsome bills).
 * Black-breasted Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus pectoralis*) - MM
 Brown Snake-Eagle (*Circaetus cinereus*) - S, WK, MM
Bataleur (*Terathopius ecaudatus*) - CH, S, RV, MM (a very distinctive and beautiful eagle).
 Eurasian (Western) Marsh-Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*) - CH, RV, LN
African Marsh-Harrier (*Circus ranivorus*) - WK (close look at one in flight at the big papyrus swamp en route to Kakamega; seriously-declining with the drainage of swamps and marshes for agriculture).
 Pallid Harrier (*Circus macrourus*) - CH, S, MM
 Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*) - CH
 African Harrier-Hawk (*Polyboroides typus*) - CH, MM
 Dark Chanting-Goshawk (*Melierax metabates*) - RV, MM
Eastern Chanting-Goshawk (*Melierax poliopterus*) - S (including spectacular looks at one mantling and then feeding upon a snake it had just caught).
 Gabar Goshawk (*Micronisius gabar*) - S
 African Goshawk (*Accipiter tachiro*) - LN
 Little Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter minullus*) - KV (very aggressive bird).
 * **Ovampo Sparrowhawk** (*Accipiter ovampensis*) - MM (scopes studies of a juvenile of this poorly-known accipiter).
 Common (Eurasian) Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*) - RV, WK, MM (the highly migratory "Steppe" Buzzard (*Buteo b. vulpinus*) was the race that we saw).
 Mountain Buzzard (*Buteo oreophilus*) - CH
 Augur Buzzard (*Buteo augur*) - CH, S, RV, WK, LN

* Lesser Spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*) - MM

Greater Spotted Eagle (*Aquila clanga*) - S (a classic juvenile perched by the road; very rare in Kenya).

Tawny Eagle (*Aquila rapax*) - S

Steppe Eagle (*Aquila nipalensis*) - CH, S, RV, MM

Verreaux's Eagle (*Aquila verreauxi*) - S

African Hawk-Eagle (*Aquila spilogaster*) - S, MM (including a beautiful adult in the Mara and then three (presumably a pair and a fledged juvenile) perched on the way to the Kichwa airstrip as we left).

Wahlberg's Eagle (*Hieraaetus wahlbergi*) - CH, S, KV, MM

Martial Eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) - S, RV, MM (a huge and powerful eagle seen closely and well).

Long-crested Eagle (*Lophaetus occipitalis*) - CH, WK, LN

Crowned Hawk-Eagle (*Stephanoaetus coronatus*) - CH, MM

Secretary-bird (*Sagittarius serpentarius*) - CH, S, MM (a uniquely African specialty of the grasslands).

Pygmy Falcon (*Polihierax semitorquatus*) - S, RV

Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*) - S, MM

Eurasian Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) - S, RV, MM

Greater Kestrel (*Falco rupicoloides*) - CH (close perched bird on the short-grass plains near Naro Moru).

* Gray Kestrel (*Falco ardosiaceus*) - MM

Red-necked Falcon (*Falco chicquera*) - S (great looks at a stunning adult in the late afternoon, the first ever seen on a VENT up-country Kenya tour).

Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) - WK (glimpsed).

Lanner Falcon (*Falco biarmicus*) - S, LN

White-spotted Flufftail (*Sarothrura pulchra*) - WK (heard only).

Black Crake (*Amaurornis flavirostra*) - CH, RV, LN, MM

Purple Swampfen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*) - RV, LN

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) - CH, RV, LN

Red-knobbed Coot (*Fulica cristata*) - CH, RV, LN

Kori Bustard (*Ardeotis kori*) - S, CH, LN (huge birds seen close at hand a number of times).

Buff-crested Bustard (*Eupodotis gindiana*) - S

Black-bellied Bustard (*Lissotis melanogaster*) - CH, MM

Hartlaub's Bustard (*Lissotis hartlaubii*) - CH (one of the less common members of its family).

Gray Crowned-Crane (*Balearica regulorum*) - CH, RV, WK, MM (pairs of these delightful birds were seen often and well).

Water Thick-knee (*Burhinus vermiculatus*) - S, MM

Senegal Thick-knee (*Burhinus senegalensis*) - RV (close-up studies at Baringo).

Spotted Thick-knee (*Burhinus capensis*) - CH, RV (including a pair with eggs in Nairobi NP).

* **Long-toed Lapwing** (*Vanellus crassirostris*) - MM (a pair with two half-grown young in the swamp on the Tanzania border).

Blacksmith Plover (*Vanellus armatus*) - CH, RV, LN, MM

Spur-winged Plover (*Vanellus spinosus*) - S, RV, WK, LN, MM

Black-headed Lapwing (*Vanellus tectus*) - RV

Black-winged Lapwing (*Vanellus melanopterus*) - CH, MM

Crowned Lapwing (*Vanellus coronatus*) - CH, RV, LN, MM

* **Wattled Lapwing** (*Vanellus senegallus*) - MM

Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*) - RV, LN

Kittlitz's Plover (*Charadrius pecuarius*) - RV, LN

Three-banded Plover (*Charadrius tricollaris*) - CH, MM

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM

Pied Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) - RV
African Jacana (*Actophilornis africanus*) - RV, WK, LN, MM
Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*) - all regions
Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*) - CH, RV, MM
Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) - RV, LN, MM
Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*) - RV, LN
Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM
Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*) - RV (a rare migrant away from the coast, but we saw one at Nakuru and two at Lake Bogoria).
Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*) - RV, LN
Little Stint (*Calidris minuta*) - RV, LN, MM
Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*) - RV, LN, MM
Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) - LN
* **Temminck's Courser** (*Cursorius cursor*) - MM (a specialty of the heavily-grazed grasslands).
Three-banded (Heuglin's) Courser (*Rhinoptilus cinctus*) - RV (a lovely pair of these secretive nocturnal birds shown to us by "the Baringo bird boys").
Greater Painted-Snipe (*Rostratula benghalensis*) - RV (one beautiful female in a roadside marsh at Lake Nakuru, close but very well concealed).
Gray-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*) - RV, LN
Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) - LN
Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) - RV, WK, LN
Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybridus*) - RV, LN
White-winged Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) - RV, LN
Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) - LN (a rare migrant inland; resting with Whiskered Terns).
Black-faced Sandgrouse (*Pterocles decoratus*) - S (nice looks at these cryptic desert-adapted birds).
Speckled Pigeon (*Columba guinea*) - all regions
Rameron (Olive) Pigeon (*Columba arquatrix*) - CH, MM
Dusky Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia lugens*) - CH
African Mourning Dove (*Streptopelia decipiens*) - S, RV
Red-eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*) - CH, RV, KV, WK, LN, MM
Ring-necked Dove (*Streptopelia capicola*) - CH, S, RV, KV, LN, MM
Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*) - S, RV, WK, LN
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove (*Turtur chalcospilos*) - S, RV, KV (hd), MM
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove (*Turtur afer*) - WK
Tambourine Dove (*Turtur tympanistria*) - WK, MM
Namaqua Dove (*Oena capensis*) - S, RV
African Green-Pigeon (*Treron calva*) - CH, WK, MM
Fischer's Lovebird (*Agapornis fischeri*) - CH, LN (introduced in Kenya; native only in Tanzania).
Yellow-collared Lovebird (*Agapornis personatus*) - LN (introduced and hybridized with the preceding).
Red-fronted Parrot (*Poicephalus gulielmi*) - CH
Meyer's (Brown) Parrot (*Poicephalus meyeri*) - MM
Red-bellied (Orange-bellied) Parrot (*Poicephalus rufiventris*) - S
Great Blue Turaco (*Corythaeola cristata*) - WK (the largest member of this uniquely African family; we watched a flock of 11 work their way through the trees at the Rondo Retreat).
* Schalow's Turaco (*Tauraco schalowi*) - MM (split from Livingstone's Turaco (*Tauraco livingstonii*)).
White-crested Turaco (*Tauraco leucolophus*) - KV (an especially beautiful turaco).
Hartlaub's Turaco (*Tauraco hartlaubi*) - CH

* **Ross's Turaco** (*Musophaga rossae*) - MM (another fabulous species in this great African family!).

* Bare-faced Go-away-bird (*Corythaixoides personatus*) - MM

White-bellied Go-away-bird (*Corythaixoides leucogaster*) - S, RV, KV

Pied (Black-and-white) Cuckoo (*Clamator jacobinus*) - S

Levaillant's Cuckoo (*Clamator levaillantii*) - WK

Red-chested Cuckoo (*Cuculus solitarius*) - LN

Black Cuckoo (*Cuculus clamosus*) - S (calling vigorously at Samburu Lodge).

Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) - S

Klaas' Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx klaas*) - CH, WK, LN, MM

African Emerald Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx cupreus*) - WK (heard only).

Dideric Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx caprius*) - LN

Blue-headed Coucal (*Centropus monarchus*) - WK

White-browed Coucal (*Centropus superciliosus*) - CH, RV, LN, MM

African Scops-Owl (*Otus senegalensis*) - RV

Northern White-faced Owl (*Ptilopsis leucotis*) - RV (a sleepy pair at their day roost).

Spotted Eagle-Owl (*Bubo africanus*) - RV (one found in the early morning at Lion Hill Lodge was being mobbed by all of the small birds in the vicinity).

Grayish Eagle-Owl (*Bubo cinerascens*) - RV (shown to us by the Baringo "bird boys"; a recent split from the Spotted Eagle-Owl (*Bubo africanus*)).

Pearl-spotted Owlet (*Glaucidium perlatum*) - S, KV

* Freckled Nightjar (*Caprimulgus tristigma*) - MM (glimpsed on night drive when a jackal flushed it).

Slender-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus clarus*) - RV (day-time study at close range).

* **Square-tailed Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus fossii*) - MM (close studies of several on our night drive).

Scarce Swift (*Schoutedenapus myoptilus*) - CH

African Palm-Swift (*Cypsiurus parvus*) - CH, S, WK

Alpine Swift (*Apus melba*) - CH

Mottled Swift (*Apus aequatorialis*) - S, LN

Common Swift (*Apus apus*) - S, MM

Nyanza Swift (*Apus niansae*) - RV, LN

African Swift (*Apus barbatus*) - CH

Little Swift (*Apus affinis*) - all regions

White-rumped Swift (*Apus caffer*) - CH

Speckled Mousebird (*Colius striatus*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM (an entertaining favorite that was seen almost daily).

White-headed Mousebird (*Colius leucocephalus*) - S (a Somali sub-region specialty).

Blue-naped Mousebird (*Urocolius macrourus*) - S, RV, KV

* **Narina Trogon** (*Apaloderma narina*) - MM (beautiful male in the escarpment forest).

Bar-tailed Trogon (*Apaloderma vittatum*) - WK

Malachite Kingfisher (*Alcedo cristata*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM (a favorite).

African Pygmy-Kingfisher (*Ispidina picta*) - CH, MM

Gray-headed Kingfisher (*Halcyon leucocephala*) - CH, S, RV, WK, MM

Woodland Kingfisher (*Halcyon senegalensis*) - RV, WK

Striped Kingfisher (*Halcyon chelicuti*) - CH

Giant Kingfisher (*Megaceryle maxima*) - LN (the largest kingfisher in Africa and generally scarce).

Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*) - RV, WK, LN

Blue-headed Bee-eater (*Merops muelleri*) - WK

White-fronted Bee-eater (*Merops bullockoides*) - LN

Little Bee-eater (*Merops pusillus*) - CH, S, RV, MM
 Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater (*Merops oreobates*) - CH, WK, MM
 Somali Bee-eater (*Merops revoilii*) - S
 White-throated Bee-eater (*Merops albicollis*) - WK
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater (*Merops persicus*) - S, RV, WK (seen well a surprising number of times).
 European Bee-eater (*Merops apiaster*) - CH, RV
Northern Carmine Bee-eater (*Merops nubicus*) - RV (scattered singles around Lake Baringo, the first of these colorful birds seen on this tour in many years).
 European Roller (*Coracias garrulus*) - CH, S
Lilac-breasted Roller (*Coracias caudatus*) - S, RV, KV, WK, LN, MM (a colorful safari favorite).
 Rufous-crowned Roller (*Coracias naevius*) - S, RV
Broad-billed Roller (*Eurystomus glaucurus*) - RV (great look at Lake Nakuru).
 Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) - S, RV, LN
Green Wood-Hoopoe (*Phoeniculus purpureus*) - S, RV, KV, MM (noisy and sociable birds, the most widespread of this uniquely African family).
 Common Scimitar-bill (*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*) - RV
 Abyssinian Scimitar-bill (*Rhinopomastus minor*) - S, RV
 Red-billed Hornbill (*Tockus erythrorhynchus*) - S, RV
 Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill (*Tockus flavirostris*) - S
 Jackson's Hornbill (*Tockus jacksoni*) - RV
 Von der Decken's Hornbill (*Tockus deckeni*) - S
 Crowned Hornbill (*Tockus alboterminatus*) - CH, MM
Hemprich's Hornbill (*Tockus hemprichii*) - RV (the scarcest of the small hornbills and an arid-zone specialty that nests in cliff crevices rather than trees).
 African Gray Hornbill (*Tockus nasutus*) - CH, RV, KV (hd), LN
 Silvery-cheeked Hornbill (*Ceratogymna brevis*) - CH
Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill (*Ceratogymna subcylindricus*) - WK, MM (big and noisy).
Southern Ground-Hornbill (*Bucorvus leadbeateri*) - RV, MM (strange birds of the wooded grasslands).
 Yellow-billed Barbet (*Trachyphonus purpuratus*) - WK
Red-and-yellow Barbet (*Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*) - RV, KV (a colorful savannah-dweller that often nests in termite mounds).
 D'Arnaud's Barbet (*Trachyphonus darnaudii*) - S, MM (in the Mara we saw the "Usambiro" race (*T. d. usambiro*), sometimes treated as a separate species, the Usambiro Barbet).
 Gray-throated Barbet (*Gymnobucco bonapartei*) - WK
 White-eared Barbet (*Stactolaema leucotis*) - CH
 Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus bilineatus*) - CH, WK, MM
 Red-fronted Tinkerbird (*Pogoniulus pusillus*) - CH, RV, LN (hd), MM
 Yellow-spotted Barbet (*Buccanodon duchaillui*) - WK
Hairy-breasted Barbet (*Tricholaema hirsuta*) - WK (a rainforest canopy rarity and real neck-breaker).
 Red-fronted Barbet (*Tricholaema diademata*) - RV
 Spot-flanked Barbet (*Tricholaema lacrymosa*) - CH, KV, MM
 Black-throated Barbet (*Tricholaema melanocephala*) - S, RV
 White-headed Barbet (*Lybius leucocephalus*) - CH, KV, LN, MM (3 distinctive races seen, *senex* in the Nairobi and Naivasha areas; *leucocephalus* in the Kerio Valley and *albicauda* in the Mara).
Double-toothed Barbet (*Lybius bidentatus*) - WK (a fig specialist, brilliant in color).
 Wahlberg's Honeyguide (*Prodotiscus regulus*) - CH
 Greater (Black-throated) Honeyguide (*Indicator indicator*) - RV, MM

Lesser Honeyguide (*Indicator minor*) - RV, MM
 Thick-billed Honeyguide (*Indicator conirostris*) - WK
 Least Honeyguide (*Indicator exilis*) - WK
 * **Rufous-necked Wryneck** (*Jynx ruficollis*) - MM (in the woodland on top of the escarpment; while the giraffe watched us we watched the wryneck).
 Nubian Woodpecker (*Campethera nubica*) - CH, S, RV
Tullberg's (Fine-banded) Woodpecker (*Campethera tullbergi*) - CH (scope views of this uncommon woodpecker on Mt. Kenya).
 Cardinal Woodpecker (*Dendropicos fuscescens*) - all regions
 Golden-crowned (Yellow-crested) Woodpecker (*Dendropicos xantholophus*) - WK
 Gray-headed Woodpecker (*Dendropicos spodocephalus*) - CH, LN (split from the Gray Woodpecker (*D. goertae*) by Clements but not by most authorities or the field guides).
African Broadbill (*Smithornis capensis*) - WK (a well-hidden male noisily displaying just above the rainforest understory).
 Brown-throated (Common) Wattle-eye (*Platysteira cyanea*) - WK, MM
 Jameson's Wattle-eye (*Platysteira jamesoni*) - WK
Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye (*Platysteira concreta*) - WK (stunning little bird of the understory).
 Chinspot Batis (*Batis molitor*) - CH, WK, LN (hd), MM
 Black-headed Batis (*Batis minor*) - KV
 Pygmy Batis (*Batis perkeo*) - S, RV
 Brubru (*Nilaus afer*) - CH, RV, KV
 Northern Puffback (*Dryoscopus gambensis*) - KV
 Black-backed Puffback (*Dryoscopus cubla*) - CH, MM
 Pink-footed Puffback (*Dryoscopus angolensis*) - WK
 * Black-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra senegala*) - MM
 Brown-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra australis*) - CH, WK, MM
 Luehder's Bush-Shrike (*Laniarius luehderi*) - WK
Tropical Boubou (*Laniarius aethiopicus*) - CH, RV, LN, MM (their clear bell-like duets were a favorite sound of the trip).
Black-headed Gonolek (*Laniarius erythrogaster*) - KV, WK (stunning in color!).
 Slate-colored Boubou (*Laniarius funebris*) - CH, S, RV (hd), KV (hd)
Rosy-patched Bushshrike (*Rhodophoneus cruentus*) - S (a dry-country specialty, subtle in color until the rosy splotches on the underparts are seen).
 Gray-green (Bocage's) Bushshrike (*Telophorus bocagei*) - WK
 Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (*Telophorus sulfureopectus*) - CH, KV
Gray-headed Bush-Shrike (*Malaconotus blanchoti*) - S (a fearsome predator for a songbird).
 Petit's Cuckoo-Shrike (*Campephaga petiti*) - WK
 Black Cuckoo-Shrike (*Campephaga flava*) - CH, WK, MM
 Purple-throated Cuckoo-Shrike (*Campephaga quiscalina*) - CH, WK
 Red-backed Shrike (*Lanius collurio*) - LN
 Rufous-tailed Shrike (*Lanius isabellinus*) - S, CH
 Gray-backed Fiscal (*Lanius excubitoroides*) - RV, WK, LN, MM
 Long-tailed Fiscal (*Lanius cabanisi*) - CH (common in Nairobi NP).
 Taita Fiscal (*Lanius dorsalis*) - S
 MacKinnon's Shrike (*Lanius mackinnoni*) - WK
 Common Fiscal (*Lanius collaris*) - CH, RV, KV, WK, LN, MM
 White-rumped Shrike (*Eurocephalus rueppellii*) - S, RV, KV

Eurasian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus*) - CH, RV
 Western Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus brachyrhynchus*) - WK
 African Black-headed Oriole (*Oriolus larvatus*) - CH, S (hd), RV, KV, LN, MM
Black-tailed (Montane) Oriole (*Oriolus percivali*) - CH (close study at Mountain Lodge).
 Square-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus ludwigii*) - WK
 Fork-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus adsimilis*) - CH, S, RV, KV, LN, MM
African Paradise-Flycatcher (*Tersiphone viridis*) -CH, RV, KV, WK, LN, MM (a group favorite).
 Cape Crow (*Corvus capensis*) - CH, WK, LN
 Pied Crow (*Corvus albus*) - CH, S, RV, WK, LN
 Fan-tailed Raven (*Corvus rhipidurus*) - S
 Rufous-naped Lark (*Mirafra africana*) - CH, LN, MM
 * Flappet Lark (*Mirafra rufocinnamomea*) - MM
 Foxy Lark (*Calendulauda alopex*) - S (now split from the Fawn-colored Lark (*C. africanoides*) of southern Africa).
 Pink-breasted Lark (*Calendulauda (Calendulauda poecilosterna)*) - S
 Fischer's Sparrow-Lark (*Eremopterix leucopareia*) - S
 Red-capped Lark (*Calandrella cinerea*) - CH
 Bank Swallow (Sand Martin) (*Riparia riparia*) - RV, LN
 Plain (African Sand) Martin (*Riparia paludicola*) - CH, LN, MM
Banded Martin (*Riparia cincta*) - CH, WK, MM (hundreds in the Nairobi NP grassland on our first day was the largest concentration of this uncommon bird that I have seen).
 Rock Martin (*Ptyonoprogne fuligula*) - CH, RV, KV, LN
 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) - all regions (an abundant migrant from Eurasia seen every day but one).
 Angola Swallow (*Hirundo angolensis*) - CH
 Wire-tailed Swallow (*Hirundo smithii*) - CH, WK, LN, MM
 Lesser Striped-Swallow (*Cecropis abyssinica*) - WK
 * Rufous-chested Swallow (*Cecropis semirufa*) - MM
 * Mosque Swallow (*Cecropis senegalensis*) - MM
 Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*) - CH, LN, MM
 Common House Martin (*Delichon urbica*) - CH, LN
 White-headed Sawwing (*Psalidoprocne albiceps*) - WK
 Black Sawwing (*Psalidoprocne holomelas*) - CH, WK, MM
 African Blue-Flycatcher (*Elminia longicauda*) - WK, MM
 Dusky Crested-Flycatcher (*Elminia nigromitrata*) - WK
 White-bellied Tit (*Melaniparus albiventris*) - CH, LN, MM
 Dusky Tit (*Melaniparus funereus*) - WK
Red-throated Tit (*Melaniparus fringillinus*) - CH (endemic to a small area of n. Tanzania and s. Kenya; we saw a family group in the huge mixed-flock at the Hippo Pools in Nairobi NP).
 Somali Tit (*Melaniparus thruppi*) - RV (split from Grey Tit (*Melaniparus afer*)).
 Mouse-colored Penduline-Tit (*Anthoscopus musculus*) - RV
Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*) - all regions (a friendly and abundant bird; one of only two species seen every day of the trip).
 Shelley's Greenbul (*Andropadus masukuensis*) - WK
 Little Greenbul (*Andropadus virens*) - WK (heard much more often than seen).
 Gray Greenbul (*Andropadus gracilis*) - WK
 Anson's Greenbul (*Andropadus ansoni*) - WK
 Plain (Cameroon Sombre) Greenbul (*Andropadus curvirostris*) - WK

Slender-billed Greenbul (*Andropadus gracilirostris*) - CH, WK, MM
 Yellow-whiskered Greenbul (*Andropadus latirostris*) - CH, WK
 Eastern Mountain-Greenbul (*Andropadus nigriceps*) - CH
Joyful Greenbul (*Chlorocichla laetissima*) - WK (colorful, conspicuous and readily identified, unlike its many relatives also present in the Kakamega forest).
 Cabanis' Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus cabanisi*) - WK
 Northern Brownbul (*Phyllastrephus strepitans*) - RV
 Toro Olive Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus hypochloris*) - WK
 Uganda Wood-Warbler (*Phylloscopus budongoensis*) - WK
 Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) - CH, RV, LN, MM
 Eastern Olivaceous Warbler (*Hippolais pallida*) - S, RV, KV
Olive-tree Warbler (*Hippolais olivetorum*) - S (an especially good study of this obscure and uncommon migrant from the Middle East).
 Greater Swamp-Warbler (*Acrocephalus rufescens*) - WK
 African Rush-Warbler (*Bradypterus baboecala*) - WK
 Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler (*Bradypterus cinnamomeus*) - CH (heard only)
 Black-collared Apalis (*Apalis pulchra*) - WK
Black-throated Apalis (*Apalis jacksoni*) - CH (a colorful warbler of the canopy of montane forest).
 Yellow-breasted Apalis (*Apalis flavida*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM
 Buff-throated Apalis (*Apalis rufogularis*) - WK
 Chestnut-throated Apalis (*Apalis prophyrolaema*) - CH
 Gray Apalis (*Apalis cinerea*) - CH, MM (hd)
 Green-backed (Gray-backed) Camaroptera (*Camaroptera brachyura*) - CH, RV, WK (hd), LN, MM
 Olive-green Camaroptera (*Camaroptera chloronota*) - WK
 Red-fronted Warbler (Red-faced Apalis) (*Urorhipis rufifrons*) - RV
 * Miombo Wren-Warbler (*Calamonastes undosus*) - MM
 Gray Wren-Warbler (*Calamonastes simplex*) - S, RV
 White-chinned Prinia (*Schistolais leucopogon*) - WK
 Red-faced Cisticola (*Cisticola erythrops*) - WK, MM
 Singing Cisticola (*Cisticola cantans*) - CH
 * Trilling Cisticola (*Cisticola woosnami*) - MM
 Chubb's Cisticola (*Cisticola chubbi*) - WK
 Hunter's Cisticola (*Cisticola hunteri*) - CH, LN
 Rattling Cisticola (*Cisticola chiniana*) - CH, S (hd), RV, LN, MM
 Ashy Cisticola (*Cisticola cinereolus*) - S
 Wailing Cisticola (*Cisticola lais*) - LN
 Winding Cisticola (*Cisticola galactotes*) - CH, LN
 Tinkling (Levaillant's) Cisticola (*Cisticola tinniens*) - WK
 Stout Cisticola (*Cisticola robustus*) - CH, MM
 Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*) - CH
 Pectoral-patch Cisticola (*Cisticola brunnescens*) - CH, RV (hd), MM
 Gray-capped Warbler (*Eminia lepida*) - CH, LN, MM (hd)
 Black-faced Rufous Warbler (*Bathmocercus rufus*) - WK
 Buff-bellied Warbler (*Phyllolais pulchella*) - CH, RV, KV
 Tawny-flanked Prinia (*Prinia subflava*) - CH, LN, MM
 Pale Prinia (*Prinia somalica*) - S
 Banded Prinia (*Prinia bairdii*) - WK

Yellow-vented Eremomela (*Eremomela flavicrissalis*) - S
 Yellow-bellied Eremomela (*Eremomela icteropygialis*) - CH
 * **Greencap Eremomela** (*Eremomela scotops*) - MM (a brightly-colored warbler for a change).
 Turner's Eremomela (*Eremomela turneri*) - WK
 Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*) - CH, WK, MM
 Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*) - KV, WK
 Greater Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*) - LN
 Banded Warbler (*Parisoma boehmi*) - S
 Moustached Grass-Warbler (*Melocichla mentalis*) - CH, MM
 Northern Crombec (*Sylvietta brachyura*) - RV
 Red-faced Crombec (*Sylvietta whytii*) - CH, RV, KV, LN
 Green Hylia (*Hylia prasina*) - WK (heard only)
 Southern Hylia (*Hylia australis*) - WK
Silverbird (*Empidonax hammondi*) - KV (a beautiful flycatcher seen only once).
 Pale Flycatcher (*Bradornis pallidus*) - CH, KV, LN
 African Gray Flycatcher (*Bradornis microrhynchus*) - S, RV, MM
White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis fischeri*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM (friendly and confiding).
 Northern Black-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis edolioides*) - WK, MM
 Southern Black-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis pammelaina*) - CH
 Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*) - CH, RV, WK
Gambaga Flycatcher (*Muscicapa gambagae*) - KV (we had an excellent study of this rare find, though it isn't much to look at).
 Swamp Flycatcher (*Muscicapa aquatica*) - WK
 African Dusky Flycatcher (*Muscicapa adusta*) - CH, WK, LN, MM
 * Ashy Flycatcher (*Muscicapa caerulescens*) - MM
 Gray Tit-Flycatcher (*Myioparus plumbeus*) - KV
 Equatorial Akalat (*Sheppardia aequatorialis*) - WK
 Thrush Nightingale (Sprosser) (*Luscinia luscinia*) - S
 Cape Robin-Chat (*Cossypha caffra*) - CH, RV, LN
 Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat (*Cossypha cyanocampter*) - WK
 Gray-winged Robin-Chat (*Cossypha polioptera*) - WK
 Rueppell's Robin-Chat (*Cossypha semirufa*) - CH
White-browed Robin-Chat (*Cossypha heuglini*) - CH (hd), RV, KV (hd), LN, MM (their loud and spirited duets in the early mornings made this a favorite voice – unless you wanted to sleep in).
 Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat (*Cossypha niveicapilla*) - WK
 Spotted Morning-Thrush (*Cichladusa guttata*) - CH, S, RV
 Red-backed (White-browed) Scrub-Robin (*Cercotrichas leucophrys*) - S, RV, MM
 Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) - CH, LN, MM
 Mourning Wheatear (*Oenanthe lugens*) - LN (we saw the distinctive and isolated “Schalow's” race at Hell's Gate, often split as a separate species, Schalow's Wheatear (*Oenanthe lugubris*)).
 Pied Wheatear (*Oenanthe pleschanka*) - S, MM
 Capped Wheatear (*Oenanthe pileata*) - CH
 Isabelline Wheatear (*Oenanthe isabellina*) - S, CH, RV, LN, MM
 Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*) - CH
 Stonechat (*Saxicola torquatus*) - CH, WK
 Brown-tailed Chat (*Cercomela scotocerca*) - RV
 Northern Anteater-Chat (*Myrmecocichla aethiops*) - CH, RV, LN

* Sooty Chat (*Myrmecocichla nigra*) - MM
Mocking Cliff-Chat (*Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*) - RV
Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush (*Monticola saxatilis*) - S
Little Rock Thrush (*Monticola rufocinerea*) - RV (an uncommon and local bird seen around the lodge at Lake Nakuru in the early morning).
Olive Thrush (*Turdus olivaceus*) - CH
African Thrush (*Turdus pelios*) - RV, WK, LN
Scaly-breasted Illadopsis (*Illadopsis albipectus*) - WK
Mountain Illadopsis (*Illadopsis pyrrhoptera*) - WK
Rufous Chatterer (*Turdoides rubiginosus*) - S, RV
Black-lored Babbler (*Turdoides sharpei*) - LN
Northern Pied-Babbler (*Turdoides hypoleuca*) - CH
Brown Babbler (*Turdoides plebejus*) - RV
Arrow-marked Babbler (*Turdoides jardineii*) - RV
African Yellow White-eye (*Zosterops senegalensis*) - KV, WK, MM
Broad-ringed (Montane) White-eye (*Zosterops poliogaster*) - CH
White-breasted (Abyssinian) White-eye (*Zosterops abyssinicus*) - CH, LN
Wattled Starling (*Creatophora cinerea*) - CH, RV, LN, MM
Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling (*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*) - CH, RV, MM
Rueppell's Glossy-Starling (*Lamprotornis purpuropterus*) - RV, KV, WK, MM
Golden-breasted Starling (*Lamprotornis regius*) - S (shy specialty of the semi-arid bush country).
Superb Starling (*Lamprotornis. superbus*) - all regions (truly "superb-oh").
Hildebrandt's Starling (*Lamprotornis hildebrandti*) - CH, MM
Violet-backed Starling (*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*) - CH, MM (a real "wow" bird when it lights up).
Fischer's Starling (*Spreo fishcheri*) - S
Red-winged Starling (*Onychognathus morio*) - CH, RV, KV, LN
Slender-billed Starling (*Onychognathus tenuirostris*) - CH
Bristle-crowned Starling (*Onychognathus salvadorii*) - RV
Stuhlmann's Starling (*Poeoptera stuhlmanni*) - WK
Magpie Starling (*Speculipastor bicolor*) - S
Red-billed Oxpecker (*Buphagus erythrorhynchus*) - CH, RV, LN, MM (on a variety of large mammals).
* **Yellow-billed Oxpecker** (*Buphagus africanus*) - MM (lots of them on the larger game in the Mara).
Kenya Violet-backed Sunbird (*Anthreptes orientalis*) - S, RV, KV
Green Sunbird (*Anthreptes rectirostris*) - WK
Collared Sunbird (*Hedydipna collaris*) - CH, WK, LN, MM
Green-headed Sunbird (*Cyanomitra verticalis*) - CH, WK
Western Olive-Sunbird (*Cyanomitra obscura*) - WK (split from the Eastern Olive-Sunbird (*C. olivacea*)).
Green-throated Sunbird (*Chalcomitra rubescens*) - WK
Amethyst Sunbird (*Chalcomitra amethystina*) - CH, RV, LN, MM
Scarlet-chested Sunbird (*Chalcomitra senegalensis*) - CH, RV, WK, LN
Hunter's Sunbird (*Chalcomitra hunteri*) - S, RV
Tacazze Sunbird (*Nectarinia tacazze*) - CH (a flashy big sunbird of high elevations).
Bronze Sunbird (*Nectarinia kilimensis*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM
Golden-winged Sunbird (*Drepanorhynchus reichenowi*) - CH (another specialty of the highlands).
Northern Double-collared Sunbird (*Cinnyris preussi*) - CH, WK
Eastern Double-collared Sunbird (*Cinnyris mediocris*) - CH
Beautiful Sunbird (*Cinnyris pulchellus*) - RV

Mariqua Sunbird (*Cinnyris mariquensis*) - KV, MM
 Red-chested Sunbird (*Cinnyris erythrocerus*) - WK
 Black-bellied Sunbird (*Cinnyris nectarinoides*) - S
 * Purple-banded Sunbird (*Cinnyris bifasciatus*) - MM
 Orange-tufted Sunbird (*Cinnyris bouvieri*) - WK
 Variable Sunbird (*Cinnyris venustus*) - CH, WK, LN, MM
 Copper Sunbird (*Cinnyris cupreus*) - WK
 African Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla aguimp*) - all regions
 Cape Wagtail (*Motacilla capensis*) - CH, WK
 Western Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*) - CH, RV, LN, MM
 Gray Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*) - CH, WK
Mountain Wagtail (*Motacilla clara*) - CH (an elegant bird of the mountain streams).
 Plain-backed Pipit (*Anthus leucophrys*) - CH, MM
 African (Grassland) Pipit (*Anthus cinnamomeus*) - CH, RV, MM
 * **Long-billed Pipit** (*Anthus. similis*) - MM (we had a definitive study, even if it was just a pipit).
 Tree Pipit (*Anthus trivialis*) - WK, LN
 Red-throated Pipit (*Anthus cervinus*) - MM
 Golden Pipit (*Tmetothylacus tenellus*) - S
Yellow-throated Longclaw (*Macronyx croceus*) - CH, MM (remarkably convergent in appearance with our meadowlarks, but they are not closely related).
Rosy-throated Longclaw (*Macronyx ameliae*) - CH, MM (beautiful skulker in the damp grasslands).
Ortolan Bunting (*Emberiza hortulana*) - S (a very rare migrant with fewer than 10 Kenya records; presumably “over-shot” it’s northern African wintering grounds).
 Cinnamon-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza tahapisi*) - MM
 Golden-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza flaviventris*) - RV, MM
 Somali Bunting (*Emberiza poliopleura*) - S
Oriole Finch (*Linurgus olivaceus*) - CH (nice pair of this wanderer as we left Mountain Lodge).
 Yellow-crowned Canary (*Serinus flavivertex*) - CH (not always split from the Cape Canary (*Serinus canicollis*) of southern Africa).
 African Citril (*Serinus citrinelloides*) - CH, LN, MM (the *kikuyuensis* race that we saw often around Nairobi and elsewhere in the central highlands).
 Papyrus Canary (*Serinus koliensis*) - WK
 Reichenow’s (Yellow-rumped) Seedeater (*Serinus reichenowi*) - CH, KV, LN (not always split from the Black-throated Canary (*Serinus atrogularis*)).
 Yellow-fronted Canary (*Serinus mozambicus*) - WK, MM
 White-bellied Canary (*Serinus dorsostratus*) - RV, MM
 Brimstone Canary (*Serinus sulphuratus*) - CH, WK, LN, MM
 Streaky Seedeater (*Serinus striolatus*) - CH, LN
 Thick-billed Seedeater (*Serinus burtoni*) - CH
 House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) - CH, RV, MM (introduced).
 Kenya Rufous Sparrow (*Passer rufocinctus*) - CH, RV, LN (now split from *Passer motitensis*).
 Gray-headed Sparrow (*Passer griseus*) - WK
 Parrot-billed Sparrow (*Passer gongonensis*) - S, RV (split from Gray-headed Sparrow (*Passer griseus*) by Clements, but not by all authors).
 Chestnut Sparrow (*Passer emnibey*) - S
 Yellow-spotted Petronia (*Petronia pyrgita*) - S, RV, KV, MM
 White-billed Buffalo-Weaver (*Bubalornis albirostris*) - RV

Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver (*Bubalornis niger*) - S

White-headed Buffalo-Weaver (*Dinemellia dinemelli*) - S, RV (a conspicuous dry region favorite).

Speckle-fronted Weaver (*Sporopipes frontalis*) - S, RV, MM

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver (*Plocepasser mahali*) - CH, S, RV, KV, LN

Donaldson-Smith's Sparrow-Weaver (*Plocepasser donaldsoni*) - S

Black-capped Social-Weaver (*Pseudonigrita cabanisi*) - S (an abundant Samburuland specialty, their nests a conspicuous feature of the landscape).

Red-headed Malimbe (*Malimbus rubricollis*) - WK

Red-headed Weaver (*Anaplectes rubriceps*) - S, CH, RV, KV, LN, MM (including males starting new nests, which begin as a simple ring of material).

Baglafaecht Weaver (*Ploceus baglafaecht*) - CH, RV, WK, LN, MM

Slender-billed Weaver (*Ploceus pelzelni*) - WK

Little Weaver (*Ploceus luteolus*) - RV, KV

Lesser Masked-Weaver (*Ploceus intermedius*) - S, RV, LN

Spectacled Weaver (*Ploceus ocularis*) - CH, WK, LN, MM

Black-necked Weaver (*Ploceus nigricollis*) - WK (glimpsed).

Black-billed Weaver (*Ploceus melanogaster*) - WK

African Golden-Weaver (*Ploceus subaureus*) - CH

Holub's Golden-Weaver (*Ploceus xanthops*) - CH, MM

Northern Masked-Weaver (*Ploceus taeniopterus*) - RV

Vitelline Masked-Weaver (*Ploceus vitellinus*) - S, RV (old nests were seen, but no sign of the birds).

Village (Black-headed) Weaver (*Ploceus cucullatus*) - RV, WK

Speke's Weaver (*Ploceus spekei*) - CH, RV, LN

Vieillot's Weaver (*Ploceus nigerrimus*) - WK

Black-headed (Yellow-backed) Weaver (*Ploceus melanocephalus*) - WK

Golden-backed Weaver (*Ploceus jacksoni*) - RV, WK

Chestnut Weaver (*Ploceus rubiginosus*) - RV

Forest (Dark-backed) Weaver (*Ploceus bicolor*) - WK

Brown-capped Weaver (*Ploceus insignis*) - CH, WK

Red-billed Quelea (*Quelea quelea*) - RV (distant flocks).

Red Bishop (*Euplectes orix*) - WK (one breeding-plumaged male in the rice fields).

* Yellow Bishop (*Euplectes capensis*) - MM

Fan-tailed Widowbird (*Euplectes axillaris*) - WK (many males in full plumage this year).

White-winged Widowbird (*Euplectes albonotatus*) - CH

Red-collared Widowbird (*Euplectes ardens*) - CH

Long-tailed Widowbird (*Euplectes progne*) - CH (spectacular in breeding plumage).

Jackson's Widowbird (*Euplectes jacksoni*) - CH

Grosbeak Weaver (*Amblyospiza albifrons*) - CH

White-breasted Negrofinch (*Nigrita fusconota*) - WK (singing from the rainforest canopy near the edge; rarely detected in Kenya).

Gray-headed Negrofinch (*Nigrita canicapilla*) - WK

Crimson-rumped Waxbill (*Estrilda rhodopyga*) - CH, RV

* Common Waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*) - MM

Black-crowned Waxbill (*Estrilda nonnula*) - WK

Red-rumped Waxbill (*Estrilda chamosyna*) - S, RV

Red-headed Bluebill (*Spermophaga ruficapilla*) - WK

Red-cheeked Cordonbleu (*Uraeginthus bengalus*) - CH, RV, KV (a colorful favorite of unusual color).

Purple Grenadier (*Granatina ianthinogaster*) - CH, S, MM
 Green-winged Pytilia (*Pytilia melba*) - RV
 Red-billed Firefinch (*Lagonosticta senegala*) - CH, S, RV, LN
 Cut-throat (*Amadina fasciata*) -S
African Quailfinch (*Ortygospiza fuscocrissa*) - CH (great looks at several beside a puddle in the road across the plains at Naro Moru).
 Bronze Mannikin (*Spermestes (Lonchura) cucullata*) - CH, WK
 Black-and-white Mannikin (*Spermestes (Lonchura) bicolor*) - CH (we saw the "Rufous-backed" race, sometimes split as a separate species (*S. nigriceps*)).
African Silverbill (*Euodice cantans*) - S, RV (arid-zone wanderers seen coming to water at Samburu Lodge and Lake Baringo).
 Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua macroura*) - WK

MAMMAL LIST: List and taxonomy follows "The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals"

Guereza Colobus (*Colobus guereza*) - CH, WK, LN
 Olive Baboon (*Papio anubis*) - S, RV, WK, LN, MM
 Vervet Monkey (*Cercopithecus (aethiops) pygerythrus*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM
 Gentle Monkey (*Cercopithecus (nictitans) mitis*) - "Blue" monkey west of the Rift at WK, MM; "Syke's" monkey east of the Rift in the CH).
 Red-tailed Monkey (*Cercopithecus (cephus) ascanius*) - WK, MM
 * Lesser Galago (*Galago senegalensis*) - MM (glimpsed in bits and pieces on the night drive).
 Epauletted Fruit-Bat (*Epomorphus wahlbergi*) - RV (hanging in a tree in Baringo Club parking lot).
 Yellow-winged Bat (*Lavia frons*) - RV
 insectivorous bats - CH, S, LN
 Cape/Scrub Hare (*Lepus capensis/saxatilis*) - CH, S, MM (external appearance is almost identical in these two species and we may have seen both. Cape is found in open grassland while Scrub requires some bushes or grassy openings amidst forest and woodland).
 Unstriped Ground-Squirrel (*Xerus rutilus*) - S
 Striped Ground-Squirrel (*Euxerus erythropus*) - RV (glimpsed)
 Ochre Bush Squirrel (*Paraxerus ochraceus*) - CH
 Gambian Sun Squirrel (*Heliosciurus gambianus*) - KV
 Red-legged Sun Squirrel (*Heliosciurus rufobrachium*) - WK
 African Giant Squirrel (*Protoxerus stangeri*) - WK
 Unstriped Grass Rat (*Arvicanthis sp?*) - LN
 Black-backed (Silver-backed) Jackal (*Canis mesomelas*) - CH, S, LN, MM
 Bat-eared Fox (*Otocyon megalotis*) - S
 Dwarf Mongoose (*Helogale parvula*) - S
 * Banded Mongoose (*Mungos mungo*) - MM
 Marsh Mongoose (*Atilax paludinosus*) - CH, LN, MM
 White-tailed Mongoose (*Ichneumia albicauda*) - CH, MM (strictly nocturnal).
 * Spotted Hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*) - MM
 Blotched (Large-spotted) Genet (*Genetta tigrina*) - CH, MM
Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) - S, MM
 Lion (*Panthera leo*) - RV, MM
 * **Cheetah** (*Acinonyx jubatus*) - MM
 Black-necked Rock Hyrax (*Procavia johnstoni*) - RV, LN

Southern Tree Hyrax (*Dendrohyrax arboreus*) - CH, MM (mostly heard -- wild calls at night).
African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) - S, MM
Common (Burchell's) Zebra (*Equus quagga*) - CH, RV, LN, MM
Grevy's Zebra (*Equus grevyi*) - S
Browse (Black) Rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) - RV, MM (we were lucky enough to see this seriously endangered animal at both Lake Nakuru and in the Masai Mara).
Grass (White) Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*) - RV (introduced to Lake Nakuru NP and doing well).
Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*) - RV, LN, MM
Common Warthog (*Phacochoerus aethiopicus*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM
Giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) - CH, LN, MM ("Masai"), S ("Reticulated"), RV ("Rothschild's").
African Buffalo (*Synceros caffer*) - CH, RV, LN, MM
Bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus*) - CH, MM
Greater Kudu (*Tragelaphus strepticerus*) - S, RV
Eland (*Taurotragus oryx*) - CH, RV, LN, MM
Suni (*Neotragus moschatus*) - CH
Steinbok (*Raphicerus campestris*) - CH, LN, MM
Klipspringer (*Oreotragus oreotragus*) - S
Kirk's Dikdik (*Madoqua kirki*) - S, MM
Gunther's Dikdik (*Madoqua guentheri*) - S, RV
Bohor Reedbuck (*Redunca redunca*) - CH, LN, MM
Waterbuck (*Kobus ellipsiprymnus*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM (both "Common" and "Defassa" types seen).
Red-fronted (Thomson's) Gazelle (*Gazella rufifrons*) - CH, LN, MM
Grant's Gazelle (*Gazella granti*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM
Gerenuk (*Litocranius walleri*) - S
Impala (*Aepyceros melampus*) - CH, S, RV, LN, MM
* Topi (*Damaliscus lunatus*) - MM
Kongoni (Hartebeest) (*Alcelaphus buselaphus*) - CH, LN, MM
Brindled Gnu (Wildebeest) (*Connochaetes taurinus*) - CH, MM
Beisa Oryx (*Oryx beisa*) - S

and a bit of other neat stuff:

Nile crocodile (*Crocodilus niloticus*) - CH, S, RV
Leopard Tortoise (*Testudo pardalis*) - S, RV
"big river turtles" - CH, MM
Nile (Water) Monitor (*Varanus niloticus*) - S, RV, MM
Agama (rock) lizards - CH, S, RV, MM (several color forms of these brightly-colored large lizards).
Jackson's chameleon (*Chamaeleo jacksoni*) - CH (we found two of these strange creatures with horns, at Mountain Lodge and Naro Moru River Lodge).
"skink" - RV (blue tail, lines on body).
House Gecko - S, RV
cobra sp? - RV (crossed the road and paused, flaring it's hood, en route to Baringo).
"small frogs" - RV (on the road back to Baringo after early evening rainshower).
"little green frog with red underneath" - WK (in the Kericho Arboretum).
and a lifetime of memories of the biological and **cultural richness of East Africa!**