

Angola

2023 Trip Report



White-headed Robin-Chat © Rob Tizard

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SUMMARY

Angola continues to impress as one of Africa's top birding destinations, and this year we logged a record 577 species in just 18 days. We visited all key birding sites, in the process covering habitats from lowland tropical rainforest to desert and seeing all Angolan endemics. Top birds included specials such as White-headed Robin-Chat, White-bellied Barbet, Braun's Bushshrike, Gabela Helmetshrike, Pulitzer's Longbill, Bocage's Weaver, Bocage's Sunbird, Rockrunner, Ludwig's Bustard, Rüppell's Korhaan, Swierstra's Francolin, Orange River Francolin and Locust Finch.

Our journey took us first to the northern escarpment, with our very first stop producing Gabela Helmetshrike, White-fronted Wattle-eye and Golden-backed Bishop. Next on the cards was Braun's Bushshrike, Forest Swallow and Angolan White-throated Greenbul, alongside a host of more widespread Congo Basin forest species. In the Kalandula region we found White-headed Robin-Chat, Perrin's Bushshrike, Anchieta's Barbet, Anchieta's Sunbird and Thick-billed Cuckoo, before moving onto Muxima where Grey-striped Francolin and Monteiro's Bushshrike were seen. At Kumbira the key targets fell in quick succession; Pulitzer's Longbill, Gabela Akalat and Gabela Bushshrike, before we visited the Moco and the surrounding highlands for the better part of four days. Here, miombo woodlands

produced Black-necked Eremomela, Sousa's Shrike and Böhm's Flycatcher, grasslands and dambos held Locust Finch, Black-and-rufous Swallow, Bocage's Sunbird, Brazza's Martin and Bocage's Weaver, and montane forest turned up Angola Slaty Flycatcher. A productive morning was spent inland of Benguela, seeing Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Orange River Francolin, White-tailed Shrike and Rockrunner. At Lubango we found Swierstra's Francolin, Finsch's Francolin and White-bellied Barbet at Tundavala, before continuing on to Namibe and Benguela with Cinderella Waxbill, Rüppell's Korhaan, Ludwig's Bustard, Bare-cheeked Babbler and Benguela Long-billed Lark. Finally we returned via the coast to Luanda, padding our list with various waterbirds that included Chestnut-banded Plover and Damara Tern.

Swierstra's Francolin © Rob Tizard and *Bocage's Weaver* © Jonathan Newman



ITINERARY

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| 26 Aug: Arrive Luanda. | 4 Sep: Kumbira Forest. |
| 27 Aug: Luanda to Uíge via Caxito. | 5 Sep: Conda to Huambo. |
| 28 Aug: Northern escarpment forests. | 6 Sep: Mount Moco region. |
| 29 Aug: Uíge to Kalandula. | 7 Sep: Mount Moco. |
| 30 Aug: Kalandula area. | 8 Sep: Huambo to Benguela via Moco. |
| 31 Aug: Kalandula area. | 9 Sep: Benguela to Lubango. |
| 1 Sep: Kalandula to Muxima via Pedras Negras. | 10 Sep: Tundavala. |
| 2 Sep: Muxima. | 11 Sep: Lubango to Namibe. |
| 3 Sep: Muxima to Conda. | 12 Sep: Namibe to Lobito. |
| | 13 Sep: Lobito to Luanda. |

REPORT

We gathered in Luanda, Angola's colossal and chaotic capital city. Early the next morning we escaped the growing mass of traffic before it swallowed us, striking out on our 18-day loop across western Angola.

Our first stop was in some unassuming, dry forests near Caxito, surprisingly rich in endemics. A productive walk got proceedings off to a rapid start with specials such as Angola Batis, White-fronted Wattle-eye, Black-faced Canary, Bubbling Cisticola, Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush, Hartert's Camaroptera, Golden-backed Bishop and,

the cherry on top, Gabela Helmetshrike. Compact Weaver was a bit of a surprise. After a few hours we continued our way to Uíge, pausing en route for an uneventful picnic lunch, a police check point with Cassin's Grey Flycatcher, White-throated Blue Swallow and some brief views of Forest Swallow, and a birding stop near Quitexe. The latter site rewarded us with our first views of the striking endemic Braun's Bushshrike, and various other Congo Basin species in little over an hour. It had been a great first day!

Braun's Bushshrike © Rob Tizard



White-collared Oliveback © Jonathan Newman

During the following day-and-a-half we visited various sites along the northern escarpment of Uíge province, amassing an impressive list of species. Highlights included more views of Braun's Bushshrike, perched Forest Swallow, tracking down the difficult Angolan White-throated Greenbul, Brown-backed Scrub Robin, Western Black-headed Batis, and prolonged views of White-collared Oliveback. Ample backup was provided by more common and widespread birds such as Eastern Piping Hornbill, Congo Pied Hornbill, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Speckled Tinkerbird, Great Blue Turaco, Guinea Turaco, Forest Chestnut-winged Starling, Yellow-mantled Weaver, Yellow-browed

Camaroptera, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Buff-throated Apalis, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Banded Prinia, Velvet-mantled Drongo, Black-winged Oriole, Black Bee-eater, Purple-throated Cuckooshrike, Pink-footed Puffback, perched Afep Pigeon, Red-headed Malimbe, Crested Malimbe, Red-fronted Parrot, Narrow-tailed Starling, Bocage's Bushshrike, Green-backed Woodpecker, Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet, Olive-bellied Sunbird, Blue Yellowbill, Sooty Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Nicator, Rufous Flycatcher Thrush, Lowland Masked Apalis, Cassin's Honeybird, Willcocks's Honeyguide, Bristle-nosed Barbet and Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher.



Red-crested Turaco © Rob Tizard

From the northern-most point of the trip, near Uíge, we turned south-eastwards to the Kalandula Falls area with its broad-leaved woodlands and gallery forests. En route we paused at Lucala to admire Rock Pratincole.

At Kalandula the main birding area is 40 km to the north of the falls and town, around Kinjila Village. The gallery forests hold the star attraction, and this year White-headed Robin-Chat showed itself especially well, treating us to repeated views. The supporting cast included Western Black-backed Barbet, Eastern Black-backed Barbet, Brown-headed Apalis, Black-throated Wattle-eye, Petit's Cuckooshrike, Western Bronze-naped Pigeon, Red-crested Turaco, Gorgeous Bushshrike, Grey-winged Robin-

Chat, Cabanis's Greenbul, Bannerman's Sunbird, Bates's Sunbird, Landana Firefinch, Marsh Tchagra, Narina Trogon and African Broadbill.

We also spent a significant amount of time scouring the surrounding woodlands, which held a complimentary set of species. More memorable sightings included Sharp-tailed Starling, Miombo Wren-Warbler, Meyer's Parrot, Red-capped Crombec, Brubru, White-breasted Cuckooshrike, Bennett's Woodpecker, Pale-billed Hornbill, Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah in full plumage, Retz's Helmetshrike, Anchieta's Sunbird, Cabanis's Bunting and Thick-billed Cuckoo. Red-throated Cliff Swallow milled around the bridge over the Lucala River.

Moving on, we paused at the picturesque rocks at Pedras Negras, where a short stint of birding brought Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird, Pale-throated Barbet, Grey Waxbill, Angolan Sweet Waxbill and Common Square-tailed Drongo. As we neared our accommodation at Cabala at the end of the day, we paused around a wetland where we found Long-legged Pipit and Orange-breasted Waxbill.

Our successful stop near Caxito, several days previously, had taken the pressure off our day in the dry forests of the Muxima area and left just a couple of targets. Fortunately, it didn't take long to find a pair of Grey-striped Francolin feeding in the track, which allowed prolonged observation before melting into the dense undergrowth. And we were rewarded with good views of Monteiro's Bushshrike. Many of the key birds were the same as around Caxito—

Gabela Helmetshrike, Purple-banded Sunbird, Angola Batis and Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush—but we also saw Forest Scrub Robin and Scaly-throated Honeyguide. In the afternoon we found Long-billed Crombec near our lodge, and at a nearby wetland, African Mourning Dove and African Pygmy Goose and Fulvous Whistling Duck. After dark Square-tailed Nightjar showed well.

Leaving Muxima we made our way to the coast through Quiçama National Park, pausing along the way in some dry knob-thorn forest (where we saw our first Carp's Tit and Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill). On reaching the coast we turned southwards, passing various coastal wetlands where our first African Royal Terns were seen and we found two Greater Crested Terns, rare in Angola. But it wasn't long before we were headed inland again, this time climbing the endemic-rich central escarpment.

Eastern Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye © Jonathan Newman





Monteiro's Bushshrike © Jonathan Newman

The central escarpment (focussed on Kumbira) is arguably the highest priority for conservation in Angola, but is also one of the most rapidly disappearing areas of habitat due to slash-and-burn cultivation. Some of the rarer endemics cling to the last uncleared patches of suitable habitat. We wasted no time in commencing our birding at Kumbira, where on our first afternoon we found a trio of Endangered endemics

in the form of Pulitzer's Longbill, Gabela Akalat and Gabela Bushshrike. Our full day at Kumbira started well with more views of Pale-throated Barbet and Gabela Bushshrike, again. And forest walks during the rest of the day brought Falkenstein's Greenbul, Eastern Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye, Dusky Tit, Bates's Paradise Flycatcher, Many-coloured Bushshrike (rare here) and brief views of Gabon Coucal.

Aside from the escarpment, the unique biodiversity of Angola can be found in the adjacent highlands, and it was to this region that we next turned our efforts. The highland reach their pinnacle at Mount Moco, the core of a region that holds a diverse array of habitats. Most of the area is blanketed in miombo woodland, now unfortunately mostly quite degraded due to clearing for agriculture and charcoal production. Significant areas of montane grassland can also be found, numerous rivers and associated dambo grasslands criss-cross the area, and very small patches of montane forest exist in the gullies on Mount Moco itself. We divided our time fairly evenly between these habitats, each with its own specials.

We spent the better part of a day in and around two of the forest patches on the mountain, with birds seen including Huambo Cisticola, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird, Angola Slaty Flycatcher, Western Green Tinkerbird, Grey Apalis, Black-chinned Weaver, Olive Woodpecker, Bronzy Sunbird, Red-throated Wryneck, Dusky Twinspot, African Hill Babbler and Bocage's Akalat. Swierstra's Francolin crowed from the dense undergrowth but remained well hidden. Margaret's Batis put in just the briefest of appearances.

In the surrounding grasslands and rocky slopes we found the local race of Mountain Wheatear (*nigricauda*), Striped Pipit, Yellow-

Pulitzer's Longbill © Jonathan Newman





Bocage's Akalat © Rob Tizard

crowned Canary, and, best of all, Finsch's Francolin.

The rest of our time was spent in the mosaic of habitats across the greater region. Grassland and shrubland species included Oustalet's Sunbird and Angola Lark. In damper areas of dambo grassland (dry at this time of the year) we found several Fülleborn's Longclaw, good numbers of Locust Finch that were seen well on the ground, and the sought-after Black-and-rufous Swallow. Areas of rank growth, mostly around rivers, held Broad-tailed Warbler, Brown Firefinch, Chirping Cisticola, Stout Cisticola, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Hartlaub's Babbler, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Hartlaub's Marsh

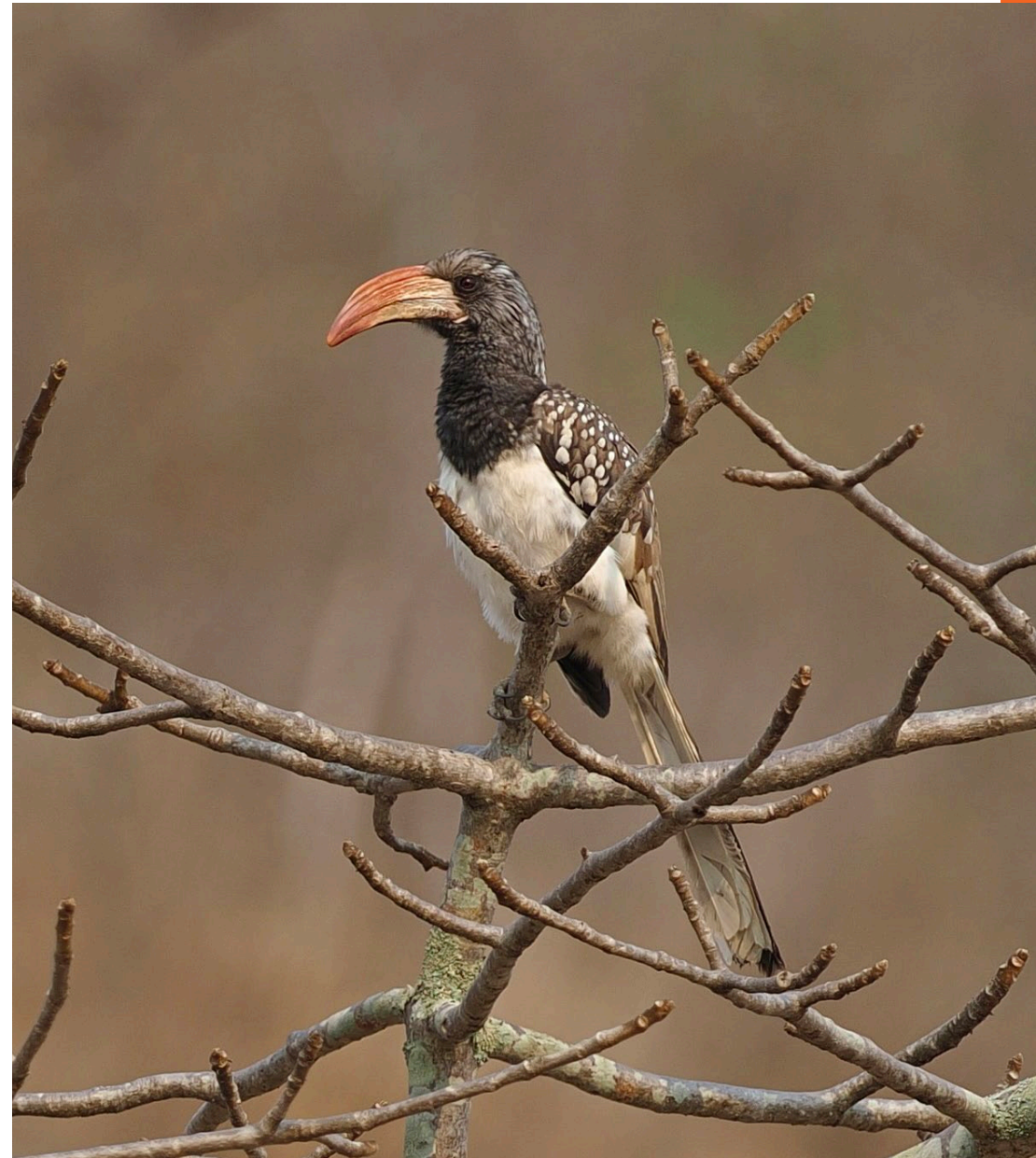
Widowbird, Blue-breasted Bee-eater and Bocage's Weaver in full breeding plumage. A pair of Brazza's Martin gave excellent views near their nest, and this year Bocage's Sunbird played along nicely and we saw two lovely males very well.

The miombo woodlands also turned up some good birds, with well-chosen stops producing Salvadori's Eremomela, Sousa's Shrike, Western Miombo Sunbird, Miombo Scrub Robin, Wood Pipit, Black-necked Eremomela, African Spotted Creeper, Böhm's Flycatcher, Pearl-breasted Swallow, Rufous-bellied Tit, Miombo Tit, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Green-capped Eremomela, Grey Penduline Tit and Miombo Wren-Warbler.

Next, we moved on to the Benguela area. Most of our time was spent in an area of arid habitats 30-40 km inland of Benguela. Here Hartlaub's Spurfowl was persuaded to sit up on a rock for good views, and the scarce Orange River Francolin approached us within 20 m. White-tailed Shrike was quite conspicuous and we enjoyed good views of

Rüppell's Parrot, Pirit Batis, Carp's Tit, Chat Flycatcher, Black-chested Prinia, Southern White-crowned Shrike, Barred Wren-Warbler, Cape Penduline Tit, Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler and Yellow-bellied Eremomela. More open areas held good numbers of Stark's Lark, Lark-like Bunting, Kalahari Scrub Robin and Caspian Plover.

Monteiro's Hornbill © Jonathan Newman





Angola Cave Chat © Jonathan Newman

Next on our agenda came Lubango, where we spent a day along the spectacular southern escarpment at Tundavala. Here, montane grasslands and remnant patches of Afromontane forest produced some of the best birding of the trip in impressive surrounds. Swierstra's Francolin was seen well, after a little effort, with a smart male sitting out on a rock. Rocky areas were home to Angola Cave Chat, Short-toed Rock Thrush, and other goodies included Buffy

Pipit, Rufous-cheeked Nightjar, Bradfield's Swift, the very rare White-bellied Barbet, African Black Duck, Freckled Nightjar, White-fronted Bee-eater, Rufous-naped Lark, Wing-snapping Cisticola and Tinkling Cisticola.

From Lubango we returned back north to Luanda, first via the coastal deserts of Namibe and then various coastal wetlands further north.

Our first stop turned up the localised Cinderella Waxbill in little time, and in the same general area we found Benguela Long-tailed Starling, Monteiro's Hornbill, Damara Red-billed Hornbill, Bare-cheeked Babbler, White-tailed Shrike, Rosy-faced Lovebird and Bennett's Woodpecker.

Closer to the coast the habitat became sparser and drier, and we encountered Karoo Chat, Benguela Long-billed Lark, Ashy Tit, Double-banded Sandgrouse, Red-crested Korhaan Crimson-breasted Shrike and Dusky Sunbird. And out on the barren plains we located a trio of Rüppell's Korhaan, Double-

banded Courser, Tractrac Chat, Bokmakierie and five Ludwig's Bustards.

The various coastal wetlands allowed us to do some list padding, with more interesting species including Chestnut-banded Plover at the salt works at Benguela, Cape Teal, Lesser Flamingo, Greater Flamingo, African Swamphen and Great White Pelican at Lobito, Blacksmith Lapwing and Slender-billed Weaver at the Keve River, Mangrove Brown Sunbird and Damara Tern at the Kwanza River mouth, and White-fronted Plover and Terek Sandpiper at Mussulo Bay.

Rüppell's Korhaan © Rob Tizard



BIRDS RECORDED

Phasianidae

Coqui Francolin *Campocolinus coqui*—Heard only (*coqui*)

Finsch's Francolin *Scleroptila finschi*—Seen well on the deck at Tundavala, and flushed at Moco

Orange River Francolin *Scleroptila gutturalis*—Incredible views in the Benguela area (*jugularis*)

Hartlaub's Spurfowl *Pternistis hartlaubi*—Good views in the Benguela area (*hartlaubi*)

Swierstra's Francolin *Pternistis swierstrai*—Good views for all at Tundavala. Also flushed by Jonathan at Moco.

Grey-striped Francolin *Pternistis griseostriatus*—Seen well at Muxima

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer*—Seen both on the plateau (*cranchii*), and along the coastal plain at Muxima (*afer*)

Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei*—A female was flushed in the Huambo highlands (*delegorguei*)

Blue Quail *Excalfactoria adansonii*—Flushed at Kalandula and in the Huambo highlands

Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*—Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*—Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis [m.] melanotos*—Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*—Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa*—Seen at Tundavala (*leucostigma*)

Cape Teal *Anas capensis*—Seen at Lobito and Porto Amboim

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha*—Seen at Tundavala

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma*—Three at Tundavala

Caprimulgidae

Rufous-cheeked Nightjar *Caprimulgus rufigena*—Seen well at Tundavala (*rufigena*)

Fiery-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus [p.] pectoralis*—Seen at Tundavala (*fervidus*)

Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma*—Good views at Tundavala (*lentiginosus*)

Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii*—Seen well near the Kwanza River (*welwitschii*)

Pennant-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus vexillarius*—Great views at Kalandula

Apodidae

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri*—Some good views along the coastal plain (*benguellensis*)

Böhm's Spinetail *Neafrapus boehmi*—Some good views along the coastal plain (*boehmi*)

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus [p.] parvus*—Seen regularly (*hyphaenes*)

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*—Seen at Tundavala (*africanus*)

Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis*—Seen a few times (*aequatorialis*)

Bradfield's Swift *Apus bradfieldi*—Seen at Tundavala (*bradfieldi*)

Little Swift *Apus affinis*—Seen regularly (*theresae*)

Horus Swift *Apus horus*—Seen by Peter in the Huambo highlands (*horus*)

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*—Seen a few times

Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata*—Seen on the northern scarp

Guinea Turaco *Tauraco persa*—Seen on the northern scarp (*zenkeri*)

Schalow's Turaco *Tauraco schalowi*—Good views at Tundavala, brief views at Moco

Red-crested Turaco *Tauraco erythrolophus*—Seen at Kalandula and Kumbira

Ross's Turaco *Musophaga rossae*—Seen at Kalandula and Moco

Grey Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides concolor*—Seen along the coastal plain (*pallidiceps*)

Otididae

Ludwig's Bustard *Neotis ludwigii*—Five seen well in the south-west

Rüppell's Korhaan *Eupodotis rueppelii*—Excellent views in the coastal deserts (*rueppelii*)

Red-crested Korhaan *Lophotis ruficrista*—Two good sightings near Benguela

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster*—Seen at Moco by some of the group, and once along the coastal plain (*melanogaster*)

Cuculidae

Gabon Coucal *Centropus anelli*—Brief views at Kumbira for Jonathan, where we all saw the bushes shake

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*—Seen on the coastal plain (*senegalensis*)

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus*—Seen at Kalandula (*fischeri*)

Coppery-tailed Coucal *Centropus cupreicaudus*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*cupreicaudus*)

White-browed Coucal *Centropus [s.] superciliosus*—Seen several times (*loandae*)

Blue Yellowbill *Ceuthmochares [a.] aereus*—Seen a few times in forest (*aereus*)

Thick-billed Cuckoo *Pachycoccyx audeberti*—Good views at Kalandula (*validus*)

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*—Seen and heard on several dates

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*—Seen on the northern scarp

Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx olivinus*—Heard only

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus*—Seen well at Kalandula (*gabonensis*)

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*—Seen at Kalandula

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis*—Seen at Kalandula

Pteroclididae

Namaqua Sandgrouse *Pterocles namaqua*—Seen in the south-west

Double-banded Sandgrouse *Pterocles bicinctus*—Great views in the south-west (*ansorgei*)

Columbidae

Rock Dove or Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*—Feral Pigeons were common in the towns and villages

Afep Pigeon *Columba unicolor*—Good views on the northern scarp

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*—Seen at Tundavala

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba iriditorques*—Good views at Kalandula

African Mourning Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*—Seen on the Kwanza River floodplain (*ambigua*)

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*—Common

Ring-necked Dove / Cape Turtle Dove *Streptopelia capicola*—Common; *damarensis* in the south-west and *tropica* elsewhere

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*—Seen several times (*senegalensis*)

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*—Common in the drier areas

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*—Common in the moister areas

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*—Seen a few times in forest

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*—Seen a few times (*capensis*)

African Green Pigeon *Treron [c.] calvus*—Seen on several dates (*calvus*)

Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura pulchra*—Seen well at Kalandula (*centralis*)

Rallidae

Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra*—Seen

African Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio [porphyrio] madagascariensis*—Seen at Lobito

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*—Seen at the Keve River by some of the group

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*—Seen at Lobito (*meridionalis*)

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*—Seen at Lobito

Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus [r.] ruficollis*—Seen at Tundavala (*capensis*)

Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*—Seen along the coast several times

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*—Seen at Lobito

Turnicidae

Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus*—A couple of flushed sightings (*lepurana*)

Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus*—Seen at Lobito (*vermiculatus*)

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*—Heard near the Kwanza River

Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus [h.] himantopus*—Seen a few times

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*—Seen at Lobito

Charadriidae

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus*—Seen on the Keve floodplain

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris*—Heard by some of the group on the Kwanza floodplain

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*—Heard near Benguela (*xerophilus*)

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*lateralis*)

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*—Seen along the coast (*squatarola*)

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*—Seen along the coast (*tundrae*)

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*—Seen along the coast

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius [t.] tricollaris*—Seen a few times

White-fronted Plover *Charadrius marginatus*—Seen at Mussulo (*mechowi*)

Chestnut-banded Plover *Charadrius pallidus*—One at Benguela (*pallidus*)

Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus*—Seen well in the Benguela region

Jacanidae

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*—Several sightings

Scolopacidae

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius [p.] phaeopus*—Seen along the coast (*phaeopus*)

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*—Seen at Mussulo (*orientalis*)

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*—Seen along the coast (*lapponica*)

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*—Seen along the coast (*interpres*)

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*—Seen along the coast

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*—Seen along the coast

Sanderling *Calidris alba*—Seen along the coast

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*—Seen along the coast

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*—One spotted by Rob at Mussulo was the second record for Angola

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*—Seen a few times

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*—Seen along the coast

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*—Seen several times

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*—Seen along the coast

Glareolidae

Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus*—Excellent views in the coastal deserts

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*—Seen on the Keve and Kwanza floodplains (*riparia*)

Rock Pratincole *Glareola nuchalis*—Good views on the Lucala River (*nuchalis*)

Laridae

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*—Seen along the coast (*vetula*)

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*—Seen along the coast

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*—Two near Porto Amboim

African Royal Tern *Thalasseus [maximus] albidorsalis*—Seen along the coast in good numbers (*albidorsalis*)

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—Seen along the coast

Damara Tern *Sternula balaenarum*—Seen at the Kwanza River

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*—Seen along the coast

Ciconiidae

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*—Seen in coastal wetlands (*lamelligerus*)

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*—Seen at Tundavala

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*—Seen at the Kwanza River by some of the group

Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus*—Seen several times, including along the coast (*africanus*)

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax [carbo] lucidus*—Seen along the coast

Cape Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capensis*—Seen along the southern coast

Anhingidae

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*—Several sightings (*rufa*)

Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*—Most conspicuous at Lobito

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*—Seen at Lobito

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*—Several seen along the coast

Ardeidae

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus [m.] minutus*—Heard only (*payesii*)

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—One seen (*nycticorax*)

Striated Heron *Butorides [s.] striata*—Seen a couple of times (*atricapilla*)

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*—Seen a few times

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus [i.] ibis*—Seen often

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*—Seen quite often (*cinerea*)

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*—Seen a few times

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*—Seen a few times (*purpurea*)

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Seen in coastal wetlands (*melanorhynchos*)

Yellow-billed Egret *Ardea [intermedia] brachyrhyncha*—Seen in coastal wetlands

Little Egret *Egretta [g.] garzetta*—Seen in coastal wetlands (*garzetta*)

Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*—Seen (*umbretta*)

Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*—Seen at Lobito

Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*—Seen regularly (*caeruleus*)

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*—Seen quite often (*typus*)

Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis*—The most commonly-seen raptor

European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*—One seen on the central escarpment

African Cuckoo-Hawk *Aviceda cuculoides*—Seen at Muxima and in the Huambo highlands (*verreauxii*)

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*—One at Muxima

Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*—Seen once

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*—Seen a few times

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*—Seen a couple of times

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*—A few sightings

Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*—Two sightings

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*—Seen a few times (*meridionalis*)

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*—One melanistic bird seen near Moco (*gabar*)

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*mechowi*)

African Goshawk *Accipiter [t.] tachiro*—Good views at Muxima (*sparsimfasciatus*)

Shikra *Accipiter badius*—Seen just once (*polyzonoides*)

Ovambo Sparrowhawk *Accipiter ovampensis*—Great views in the Huambo highlands

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus*—Seen once

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus [migrans] aegyptius*—Seen in the Kalandula area (*parasitus*)

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*—Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

Red-necked Buzzard *Buteo auguralis*—A few good sightings

Augur Buzzard *Buteo [a.] augur*—Seen from Moco southwards

Tytonidae

Western Barn Owl *Tyto [a.] alba*—Heard only

Strigidae

African Scops Owl *Otus [s.] senegalensis*—Seen well at Kalandula (*senegalensis*)

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*—A few good sightings during the day (*licua*)

African Barred Owlet *Glaucidium [c.] capense*—Heard only (*ngamiense*)

Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*—Seen on the northern scarp (*nigricollis*)

Red-backed Mousebird *Colius castanotus*—Seen quite often

Red-faced Mousebird *Urocolius indicus*—Seen along the coastal plain (*lacteifrons*)

Trogonidae

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*—Seen at Kalandula (*narina*)

Upupidae

African Hoopoe *Upupa [epops] africana*—Seen a few times

Phoeniculidae

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*—Seen at Muxima (*angolensis*)

Black Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*—Seen at Kalandula and in the Huambo highlands (*anchietae*)

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*—Seen a couple of times in the south (*cyanomelas*)

Bucerotidae

Damara Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus [erythrorhynchus] damarensis*—Seen well in the south

Monteiro's Hornbill *Tockus monteiri*—Seen well in the south

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus leucomelas*—The endemic subspecies was seen several times along the coastal plain (*elegans*)

Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus*—Seen several times (*alboterminatus*)

Congo Pied Hornbill *Lophoceros [f.] fasciatus*—Seen on the northern scarp (*fasciatus*)

Pale-billed Hornbill *Lophoceros pallidirostris*—Seen well at Kalandula (*pallidirostris*)

Eastern Piping Hornbill *Bycanistes [fistulator] sharpii*—Seen on the northern scarp (*sharpii*)

Trumpeter Hornbill *Bycanistes bucinator*—Seen at Kumbira

Coraciidae

Purple Roller *Coracias naevius*—A few seen along the coastal plain (*mosambicus*)

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus*—Seen several times (*caudatus*)

Blue-throated Roller *Eurystomus gularis*—Seen on the northern scarp

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*—Seen on the northern scarp and in the Kalandula area (*suahelicus*)

Alcedinidae

Chocolate-backed Kingfisher *Halcyon badia*—Heard on the northern scarp

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*pallidiventris*)

Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris*—Heard only (*prentissgrayi*)

Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*—Seen a few times (*chelicuti*)

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica*—Heard at Kalandula (*malimbica*)

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*—Seen a few times (probably *fuscopilleus* and *cyanoleuca*)

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*—Seen a few times (*ferrugina*)

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis [c.] cristatus*—Seen twice

Shining-blue Kingfisher *Alcedo quadribrachys*—Glimpses at Kalandula (*guentheri*)

Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*—Two good sightings

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*—Several sightings (*rudis*)

Meropidae

Black Bee-eater *Merops gularis*—Seen on the northern scarp (*australis*)

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus*—Seen near Benguela (*hirundineus*)

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*—Seen regularly (*meridionalis*)

Blue-breasted Bee-eater *Merops [v.] variegatus*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*variegatus*)

White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides*—Seen at Tundavala and Kalandula

Olive Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus*—Good views on the coastal plain (*alternans*)

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*—Seen in the north

Lybiidae

Bristle-nosed Barbet *Gymnobucco peli*—Seen on the northern escarpment

(Common) Naked-faced Barbet *Gymnobucco [c.] calvus*—Seen in the northern escarpment forests (*congicus*)

Angola Naked-faced Barbet *Gymnobucco [calvus] vernayi*—Seen at Pedras Negras and Kumbira

Anchieta's Barbet *Stactolaema anchietae*—Seen at Kalandula (*rex*)

Speckled Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus scolopaceus*—Seen on the northern scarp (*flavisquamatus*)

Western Green Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus coryphaea*—An excellent sighting of the endemic subspecies at Moco (*angolensis*)

Red-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus atroflavus*—Seen on the northern scarp

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus [b.] bilineatus*—Seen in the northern forests (*leucolaimus*)

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*—Seen a couple of times (*extoni*)

Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta*—Seen on the northern scarp (*angolensis*)

Miombo Pied Barbet *Tricholaema frontata*—Peter saw one at Kalandula

Acacia Pied Barbet *Tricholaema leucomelas*—Seen along the coastal plain (*centralis*)

White-bellied Barbet *Lybius [leucocephalus] leucogaster*—Excellent views at Tundavala

Black-collared Barbet *Lybius torquatus*—Seen at Kalandula (*congicus*)

Western Black-backed Barbet *Lybius [m.] minor*—Seen well at Kalandula, Pedras Negras and Moco

Eastern Black-backed Barbet *Lybius [minor] macclounii*—Good views at Kalandula

Eastern Yellow-billed Barbet *Trachyphonus [p.] purpuratus*—Good views on the northern scarp

Indicatoridae

Cassin's Honeybird *Prodotiscus insignis*—Seen on the northern scarp (*insignis*)

Green-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus zambesiae*—Seen in the Huambo highlands

Brown-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus regulus*—Good views at Kalandula (*regulus*)

Willcocks's Honeyguide *Indicator willcocksii*—Seen on the northern scarp

Least Honeyguide *Indicator exilis*—Heard on the northern scarp

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator [m.] minor*—Seen twice

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*—Seen at Muxima

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*—Heard a few times

Picidae

Red-throated Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis*—Seen at Moco (*ruficollis*)

Bennett's Woodpecker *Campethera [b.] bennettii*—Seen at Leba (*capricorni*) and Kalandula (*bennetti*)

Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni*—Seen a few times, including at Leba (*anderssoni*) and Kalandula (*abingoni*)

Green-backed Woodpecker *Campethera [cailliautii] permista*—Seen on the northern scarp (*permista*)

Buff-spotted Woodpecker *Pardipicus nivosus*—Heard at Kalandula (*nivosa*)

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus*—Seen a couple of times

Yellow-crested Woodpecker *Chloropicus xantholophus*—Heard on the northern scarp

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicus fuscescens*—Seen regularly

Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicus griseocephalus*—Seen at Kalandula and Moco (*ruwenzori*)

Falconidae

Rock Kestrel *Falco [tinnunculus] rupicolus*—Seen at Moco and Tundavala

Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides*—One seen in Namibe (*rupicoloides*)

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*—Just one for Michael

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*—Some good sightings

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*—Seen several times (*biarmicus*)

Psittacidae

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi*—Seen on the northern scarp (*gulielmi*)

Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri*—Seen at Kalandula (*reichenowi*)

Rüppell's Parrot *Poicephalus rueppellii*—Good views in the Benguela and Leba areas

Psittaculidae

Rosy-faced Lovebird *Agapornis roseicollis*—Good views near Leba (*catumbella*)

Calyptomenidae

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis*—Seen at Kalandula (*albigularis*)

Platysteiridae

Margaret's Batis *Batis margaritae*—Brief views at Moco for Jonathan and Rob (*margaritae*)

Chin-spot Batis *Batis molitor*—Seen a few times (*pintoii*)

Pririt Batis *Batis pririt*—Good views in the arid south (*affinis*)

Western Black-headed Batis *Batis erlangeri*—Seen on the northern scarp

Angola Batis *Batis minulla*—Several good sightings

White-tailed Shrike *Lanioturdus torquatus*—Good looks in the Benguela and Leba areas

Chestnut Wattle-eye *Platysteira [c.] castanea*—Seen at Kumbira

Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata*—Seen several times (*mentalis*)

White-fronted Wattle-eye *Platysteira albifrons*—Good views at Caxito

Eastern Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye *Platysteira [concreta] ansorgei*—Good views at Kumbira (*ansorgei*)

Malaconotidae

Monteiro's Bushshrike *Malaconotus monteiri*—Good views at Muxima

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti*—Heard a couple of times in miombo (*interpositus*)

Many-coloured Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus multicolor*—Seen at Kumbira (*batesi*)

Bocage's Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus bocagei*—Seen on the northern scarp (*bocagei*)

Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus*—Seen a few times (*similis*)

Gorgeous Bushshrike *Telophorus viridis*—Nice looks at Kalandula (*viridis*)

Bokmakierie *Telophorus zeylonus*—Seen in the south-west

Marsh Tchagra *Bocagia minuta*—Nice views at Kalandula (*anchietae*)

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*—Seen a few times (*ansorgei*)

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus*—Heard

Pink-footed Puffback *Dryoscopus angolensis*—Seen twice in the scarp forests (*angolensis*)

Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla*—Seen regularly

Braun's Bushshrike *Laniarius [luehderi] brauni*—Good looks near Quitexe

Gabela Bushshrike *Laniarius [luehderi] amboimensis*—Good views at Kumbira

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius [aethiopicus] major*—Seen on the plateau (*major*)

Swamp Boubou *Laniarius bicolor*—Seen a few times on the coastal plain (*guttatus*)

Crimson-breasted Shrike *Laniarius atrococcineus*—Seen in the south-west

Brubru *Nilaus afer*—Good views at Kalandula (*affinis*) and on the coastal plain (*brubru*)

Vangidae

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus*—Seen several times (*poliocephalus*)

Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii*—Seen in the Kalandula region (*nigricans*)

Gabela Helmetshrike *Prionops gabela*—Great views at Caxito and Muxima

African Shrike-flycatcher *Megabyas flammulatus*—Seen well on the northern scarp (*aequatorialis*)

Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher *Bias musicus*—Seen on the northern scarp (*musicus*)

Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike *Cebblepyris pectoralis*—Seen at Kalandula

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*—Seen by Peter at Kalandula

Petit's Cuckooshrike *Campephaga petiti*—Seen at Kalandula

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike *Campephaga quiscalina*—Seen on the northern scarp (*quiscalina*)

Laniidae

Southern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus anguitimens*—Seen a few times on the coastal plain (*anguitimens*)

Sousa's Shrike *Lanius souzae*—Great views in the Moco region (*souzae*)

Northern Fiscal *Lanius [collaris] humeralis*—Seen regularly on the plateau (*capelli*)

Southern Fiscal *Lanius [c.] collaris*—Seen in the south-west (*aridicolus*)

Oriolidae

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*—Seen several times (*angolensis*)

Black-winged Oriole *Oriolus nigripennis*—Seen on the northern scarp

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*notatus*)

Dicruridae

Common Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus [l.] ludwigii*—Seen at Pedras Negras

Sharpe's Drongo *Dicrurus [ludwigii] sharpei*—Seen at Kalandula (*saturnus*)

Southern Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus [a.] adsimilis*—Seen regularly (*apivorus*)

Velvet-mantled Drongo *Dicrurus [m.] modestus*—Seen along the northern escarpment (*coracinus*)

Monarchidae

Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus nitens*—Seen at Kumbira (*nitens*)

Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone [viridis] rufocinerea*—Seen at Uige

Bates's Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone batesi*—Seen at Kumbira (*bannermani*)

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone [v.] viridis*—Seen regularly (*plumbeiceps*)

Corvidae

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*—Common

Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda*—Seen along the central and northern scarp (*teresita*)

White-tailed Blue Flycatcher *Elminia albicauda*—Seen at Pedras Negras, Moco and Tundavala

Paridae

White-winged Black Tit *Melaniparus leucomelas*—Seen in the north (*insignis*)

Carp's Tit *Melaniparus carpi*—Seen in Kissama and in the south-west

Dusky Tit *Melaniparus funereus*—Seen at Kumbira (*gabela*)

Rufous-bellied Tit *Melaniparus [r.] rufiventris*—Great views in the Huambo highlands (*rufiventris*)

Miombo Tit *Melaniparus griseiventris*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands

Ashy Tit *Melaniparus cinerascens*—Seen in the south-west (*benguelae*)

Remizidae

Grey Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus [c.] caroli*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands (*ansorgei*)

Cape Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus minutus*—Seen in the south-west

Nicatoridae

Yellow-throated Nicator *Nicator vireo*—Seen well on the northern scarp; heard at Kumbira

Alaudidae

Spike-heeled Lark *Chersomanes [a.] albofasciata*—Seen in the south-west (*obscurata*)

Benguela Long-billed Lark *Certhilauda [subcoronata] benguelensis*—Good views in Namibe (*benguelensis*)

Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix verticalis*—Seen in fair numbers in the south-west (*damarensis*)

Sabota Lark *Calendulauda sabota*—Seen in the south-west (*ansorgei*)

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafraga [a.] africana*—Seen at Tundavala (*occidentalis*)

Flappet Lark *Mirafraga rufocinnamomea*—Heard only (*fischeri*)

Angola Lark *Mirafraga angolensis*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands (*angolensis*)

Stark's Lark *Spizocorys starki*—Good numbers in the coastal deserts

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*saturnator*)

Pycnonotidae

African Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus nigricans*—Seen in the arid south-west (*nigricans*)

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus [barbatus] tricolor*—Common (*tricolor*)

Slender-billed Greenbul *Stelgidilla gracilirostris*—Seen on the northern scarp (*gracilirostris*)

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens*—Heard only (*virens*)

Plain Greenbul *Eurillas curvirostris*—Heard on the northern scarp (*curvirostris*)

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris*—Seen at Kumbira (*latirostris*)

Honeyguide Greenbul *Baeopogon indicator*—Seen at Kalandula (*indicator*)

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris*—Several good views (*occidentalis*)

Falkenstein's Greenbul *Chlorocichla falkensteini*—Seen at Kumbira and along the northern escarpment

Simple Greenbul *Chlorocichla simplex*—Heard only

Pale-throated Leaflove *Atimastillas [flavicollis] flavigula*—Seen a few times (*flavigula*)

Swamp Palm Bulbul *Thescelocichla leucopleura*—Seen on the northern scarp

Pale-olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus fulviventris*—Seen well at Caxito, heard elsewhere

Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus [c.] cabanisi*—Seen at Kalandula (*cabinisi*)

Angola White-throated Greenbul *Phyllastrephus [albigularis] viridiceps*—Seen by everyone on the northern scarp

Red-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda syndactylus*—Heard only (*woosnami*)

Black-collared Bulbul *Neolestes torquatus*—Seen on the northern scarp and in the Huambo highlands

Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*—Several sightings (*reichenowi*)

Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga*—Several good views, especially in the Moco region (*griseopyga*)

Brazza's Martin *Phedina brazzae*—Excellent views in the Huambo highlands

Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*—Seen on the Kwanza floodplain and in the Huambo highlands (*xerica*)

Angola Swallow *Hirundo angolensis*—Seen regularly in small numbers

White-throated Swallow *Hirundo albigularis*—Seen in the Huambo highlands

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*—Seen along the coastal plain (*smithii*)

White-throated Blue Swallow *Hirundo nigrita*—Good views en route to Uige

Black-and-rufous Swallow *Hirundo nigrorufa*—Some good looks in the Huambo highlands

Pearl-breasted Swallow *Hirundo dimidiata*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*marwitzi*)

Large Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne [f.] fuligula*—Seen at Tundavala (*anderssoni*)

Red-throated Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne [fuligula] rufigula*—Seen at Pedras Negras (*rufigula*)

Greater Striped Swallow *Cecropis cucullata*—Seen at Moco

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*—Common (*unitatis*)

Red-breasted Swallow *Cecropis semirufa*—Seen by Peter at Lubango (*semirufa*)

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*—Seen at Moco (*monteiri*)

Red-throated Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon rufigula*—Many seen on the plateau

Forest Swallow *Petrochelidon fuliginosa*—Excellent views near Uige

Macrosphenidae

Moustached Grass Warbler *Melocichla mentalis*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*mentalis*)

Rockrunner *Achaetops pycnopygius*—Good views near Benguela (*spadix*)

Yellow Longbill *Macrosphenus flavicans*—Heard on the northern scarp (*flavicans*)

Pulitzer's Longbill *Macrosphenus pulitzeri*—An excellent sighting at Kumbira

Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens*—Seen near Muxima (*ansorgei*) and in the south-west (*flecki*)

Red-capped Crombec *Sylvietta ruficapilla*—Nice looks at Kalandula and in the Huambo highlands (*ruficapilla*)

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens*—Common along the escarpment (*tando*)

Hyliidae

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina*—Heard along the scarp (*prasina*)

Acrocephalidae

Greater Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus rufescens*—Seen at Kalandula and in the Huambo highlands

African Yellow Warbler *Iduna natalensis*—Seen a couple of times (*major*)

Locustellidae

Broad-tailed Warbler *Catriscus brevirostris*—Nice looks in the Huambo highlands (*alexinae*)

Evergreen Forest Warbler *Bradypterus lopezi*—Seen by some at Moco (*boultoni*)

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus [b.] baboecala*—Seen at Kalandula (*benguellensis*)

Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops*—Seen a few times (*lepe*)

Whistling Cisticola *Cisticola lateralis*—Seen at Kalandula (*modestus*)

Bubbling Cisticola *Cisticola bulliens*—Seen along the coastal plain and escarpment (*septentrionalis* and *bulliens*)

Huambo Cisticola *Cisticola [aberrans] bailunduensis*—Seen at Moco and in the Huambo highlands

Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana*—Seen below Leba (*smithersi*)

Tinkling Cisticola *Cisticola rufilatus*—Seen well at Tundavala (*ansorgei*)

Wailing Cisticola *Cisticola [l.] lais*—Common at Tundavala and Moco (*namba*)

Chirping Cisticola *Cisticola pipiens*—Seen at Kalandula and in the Huambo highlands (*pipiens*)

Stout Cisticola *Cisticola robustus*—Good views in the Huambo highlands (*angolensis*)

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*huambo*)

Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*—Seen a few times (*loanda*)

Neddicky *Cisticola fulvicapilla*—Seen at Kalandula (*dispar*)

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*—Seen in the Huambo Highlands (*terrestris*)

Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus*—Seen near Porto Amboim (*lobito*)

Wing-snapping Cisticola *Cisticola ayresii*—Seen at Moco and Tundavala (*ayresii*)

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*—Widespread

Black-chested Prinia *Prinia flavicans*—Seen in the arid south-west (*ansorgei*)

Banded Prinia *Prinia [b.] bairdii*—Seen on the northern scarp (*heinrichi*)

White-chinned Prinia *Schistolais leucopogon*—Seen at Kalandula (*leucopogon*)

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis [f.] flavida*—Seen a couple of times along the coastal plain (*flavida*)

Lowland Masked Apalis *Apalis binotata*—Seen near Quitexe

Buff-throated Apalis *Apalis [r.] rufogularis*—Seen along the central (*brauni*) and northern escarpment (*angolensis*)

Grey Apalis *Apalis [c.] cinerea*—Seen at Moco (*grandis*)

Brown-headed Apalis *Apalis [cinerea] alticola*—Seen at Kalandula (*alticola*)

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera [brachyura] brevicaudata*—Seen several times in the south (*sharpei*)

Hartert's Camaroptera *Camaroptera [brachyura] harterti*—Seen on the northern and central scarp

Yellow-browed Camaroptera *Camaroptera superciliaris*—Seen well on the northern scarp

Miombo Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes [u.] undosus*—Several sightings in miombo woodland (*huilae*)

Barred Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes fasciolatus*—Seen near Benguela (*pallidior*)

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela [i.] icteropygialis*—Seen in the arid south-west (*puellula*)

Salvadori's Eremomela *Eremomela [icteropygialis] salvadorii*—Seen in the Huambo highlands

Green-capped Eremomela *Eremomela scotops*—Seen several times in miombo (*pulchra*)

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps*—Good looks on the northern scarp

Black-necked Eremomela *Eremomela atricollis*—Good views of this smart species in the Huambo highlands

Pellorneidae

Brown Illadopsis *Illadopsis fulvescens*—Seen at Kumbira and Kalandula (*dilutior*)

Leiothrichidae

Bare-cheeked Babbler *Turdoides gymnogenys*—Good views near Leba (*gymnogenys*)

Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii*—Heard at Kalandula (*hyposticta*)

Hartlaub's Babbler *Turdoides hartlaubii*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*hartlaubii*)

Sylviidae

African Hill Babbler *Pseudoalcippe [a.] abyssinica*—Seen at Moco (*ansorgei*)

Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler *Sylvia subcoerulea*—Seen near Benguela (*ansorgei*)

Zosteropidae

Southern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops [senegalensis] anderssoni*—Seen on the northern scarp (*heinrichi*) and at Moco (*kwanzae*)

Hyliotidae

Yellow-bellied Hyliota *Hyliota flavigaster*—Several sightings in Miombo (*barbozae*)

Southern Hyliota *Hyliota [a.] australis*—Seen at Kumbira

Certhiidae

African Spotted Creeper *Salpornis salvadori*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*salvadori*)

Sturnidae

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*—Seen on the Keve floodplain

Cape Starling *Lamprotornis nitens*—Common along the coastal plain (*nitens*)

Splendid Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus*—Seen in the north (*splendidus*)

Benguela Long-tailed Starling *Lamprotornis [mevesii] benguelensis*—Seen near Leba (*benguelensis*)

Sharp-tailed Starling *Lamprotornis acuticaudus*—Seen well at Kalandula (*acuticaudus*)

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*—Many seen (*verreauxi*)

Forest Chestnut-winged Starling *Onychognathus fulgidus*—Seen on the northern escarpment (*intermedius*)

Pale-winged Starling *Onychognathus naboroupp*—Seen in the arid south-west

Narrow-tailed Starling *Poeoptera lugubris*—Seen on the northern scarp

Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*—A few seen in the south-west (*langi*)

Turdidae

White-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus poensis*—Heard on the northern scarp

Rufous Flycatcher-Thrush *Stizorhina [f.] fraseri*—Seen on the northern scarp (*rubicunda*)

Common Groundscraper Thrush *Turdus [l.] litsitsirupa*—Seen in the south (*paucigu*)

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*—Seen several times (*bocagei*)

Kurrichane Thrush *Turdus libonyana*—Heard only (*verreauxii*)

Muscicapidae

Forest Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucosticta*—Good views at Muxima (*reichenowi*)

Miombo Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas barbata*—Nice views in the Huambo highlands

Kalahari Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas paena*—Seen in the arid south-west (*benguellensis*)

Brown-backed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas hartlaubi*—Seen along the northern scarp

White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*—Seen a few times

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus*—Seen a couple of times

Angola Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis brunneus*—Seen at Moco (*bailunduensis*)

Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina*—Several sightings (*pammelaina*)

Pale Flycatcher *Melaenornis pallidus*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*murinus*)

Chat Flycatcher *Melaenornis infuscatus*—Common in the arid south-west (*benguellensis*)

Ashy Flycatcher *Muscicapa caerulescens*—Seen along the escarpment (*impavida*)

Cassin's Flycatcher *Muscicapa cassini*—Seen en route to Uige

African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*—Seen in the Huambo highlands

Dusky-blue Flycatcher *Muscicapa comitata*—Seen in the Quitexe area (*comitata*)

Sooty Flycatcher *Muscicapa infuscata*—Seen on the northern scarp (*infuscata*)

Böhm's Flycatcher *Muscicapa boehmi*—Good views in the Huambo highlands, at the nest

Angola Cave Chat *Xenocopsychus ansorgei*—Superb views at Tundavala, and also seen at Moco

Grey-winged Robin-Chat *Sheppardia polioptera*—Seen well at Kalandula (*polioptera*)

White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*—Heard often and seen occasionally (*subrufescens*)

White-headed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heinrichi*—Good views at Kalandula

Bocage's Akalat *Sheppardia [b.] bocagei*—Seen well at Moco (*bocagei*)

Gabela Akalat *Sheppardia gabela*—Good views at Kumbira

Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush *Cichladusa ruficauda*—Several good sightings

Short-toed Rock Thrush *Monticola brevipes*—Nice looks at Tundavala (*brevipes*)

Miombo Rock Thrush *Monticola angolensis*—Nice views at Moco (*angolensis*)

African Stonechat *Saxicola [t.] torquatus*—Regular in the highlands (*stonei*)

Karoo Chat *Emarginata schlegelii*—Quite common in the south-west (*benguellensis*)

Tractrac Chat *Emarginata tractrac*—Seen in the south-west (*hoeschi*)

Sooty Chat *Myrmecocichla nigra*—Several seen on the plateau

Mountain Wheatear *Myrmecocichla monticola*—Seen in the south-west (*albipileata*) and at Moco (*nigricauda*)

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata*—Seen at Moco by Hans (*neseri*)

Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris*—Seen a few times (*angolensis*)

Nectariniidae

Anchieta's Sunbird *Anthreptes anchietae*—Seen well at Kalandula

Mangrove Brown Sunbird *Anthreptes gabonicus*—Seen briefly at the Kwanza River

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemareii*—Seen a few times in miombo (*angolensis*)

Little Green Sunbird *Anthreptes seimundi*—Seen at Kumbira (*minor*)

Grey-chinned Green Sunbird *Anthreptes [rectirostris] tephrolaemus*—Seen on the northern scarp (*tephrolaemus*)

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*—Seen along the escarpment (*somereni*)

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*—Seen along the escarpment (*cianocephala*)

Bannerman's Sunbird *Cyanomitra bannermani*—Seen well at Kalandula

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird *Cyanomitra cyanolaema*—Seen on the northern scarp (*octaviae*)

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*—Common in forest (*cephaelis*)

Carmelite Sunbird *Chalcomitra fuliginosa*—Seen en route to Uige (*fuliginosa*)

Green-throated Sunbird *Chalcomitra rubescens*—Seen on the northern scarp (*rubescens*)

Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina*—Seen in miombo (*deminuta*)

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*—Several seen (*saturatior*)

Bocage's Sunbird *Nectarinia bocagii*—Fantastic views in the Huambo highlands

Bronzy Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis*—Seen at Moco (*gadawi*)

Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius*—Seen along the escarpment (*orphogaster*)

Western Miombo Sunbird *Cinnyris [manoensis] gertrudis*—Good views in the Huambo highlands (*pintoii*)

Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris [l.] ludovicensis*—Seen well at Pedras Negras, Moco and Tundavala (*ludovicensis*)

Purple-banded Sunbird *Cinnyris bifasciatus*—Seen along the coastal plain (*bifasciatus*)

Johanna's Sunbird *Cinnyris johannae*—Seen on the northern scarp

Superb Sunbird *Cinnyris superbus*—Several seen along the escarpment (*superbus*)

Oustalet's Sunbird *Cinnyris oustaleti*—Nice looks in the Huambo highlands (*oustaleti*)

White-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris talatala*—Seen in the south-west (*talatala*)

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*—Seen a couple of times (*falkensteini*)

Dusky Sunbird *Cinnyris fuscus*—Seen in the coastal deserts (*inclusus*)

Bates's Sunbird *Cinnyris batesi*—Seen at Kalandula

Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus*—Seen a few times (*chalceus*)

Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*—In many towns and villages

Great Sparrow *Passer motitensis*—Seen by Peter and Sue in the south-west (*benguellensis*)

Cape Sparrow *Passer melanurus*—Seen in the south-west (*damarensis*)

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer [g.] griseus*—Seen in the north (*ugandae*)

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer diffusus*—Seen from Muxima southwards (*diffusus*)

Yellow-throated Petronia *Gymnoris superciliaris*—Seen in miombo (*rufitergum*)

Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger*—Seen along the coastal plain (*niger*)

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*—Seen in the south-west (*ansorgei*)

Scaly-feathered Finch *Sporopipes squamifrons*—Seen near Benguela (*squamifrons*)

Thick-billed Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*—Seen on the northern scarp (*tandae*)

Black-chinned Weaver *Ploceus nigrimentus*—Good views at Moco

Slender-billed Weaver *Ploceus pelzelni*—Seen on the Keve floodplain (*monacha*)

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*—Seen a few times (*crocatius*)

Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus [n.] nigricollis*—Several sightings (*nigricollis*)

Bocage's Weaver *Ploceus temporalis*—Great views in the Huambo highlands

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*—Quite common

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*—Seen in Kissama (*beattyi*)

Southern Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus*—Seen in the south (*velatus*)

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*—Fairly common (*collaris*); also at Leba (*nigriceps*)

Vieillot's Black Weaver *Ploceus [n.] nigerrimus*—Seen in the northern areas (*nigerrimus*)

Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus*—Seen in the south (*trothae*)

Yellow-mantled Weaver *Ploceus tricolor*—Seen on the northern scarp (*interscapularis*)

Compact Weaver *Ploceus superciliosus*—Seen near Caxito

Dark-backed Weaver *Ploceus bicolor*—Seen in the scarp forests (*amaurocephalus*)

Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*—Seen well in the scarp forests (*praedi*)

Crested Malimbe *Malimbus malimbicus*—Seen well in the northern scarp (*malimbicus*)

Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythrops*—Seen at Kalandula

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*—Seen a few times (*lathamii*)

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*—Seen several times (*hordeaceus*)

Golden-backed Bishop *Euplectes aureus*—Non-breeding birds seen well at Caxito

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*—Quite common in the highlands (*angolensis*)

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*—A few seen in the highlands (*bocagei*)

Yellow-mantled Widowbird *Euplectes macroura*—Seen in the north (*macroura*)

Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird *Euplectes hartlaubi*—Several non-breeding males seen well in the Huambo highlands (*hartlaubi*)

White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus*—A couple of sightings (*asymmetrurus*)

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes [a.] ardens*—Seen at Moco

Estrilididae

White-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita fusconotus*—Common on the northern scarp (*fusconotus*)

Pale-fronted Nigrita *Nigrita luteifrons*—Seen briefly on the northern scarp (*luteifrons*)

Grey-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus*—Seen along the escarpment (*angolensis*)

White-collared Oliveback *Nesocharis ansorgei*—Seen well on the northern scarp

Orange-winged Pytilia *Pytilia afra*—Good views at Kalandula

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*—Seen along the coastal plain (*melba*)

Red-headed Finch *Amadina erythrocephala*—Seen in the south-west

Red-headed Bluebill *Spermophaga ruficapilla*—Heard only (*ruficapilla*)

Brown Twinspot *Clytospiza monteiri*—Seen on the northern scarp

Dusky Twinspot *Euschistospiza cinereovinacea*—Good looks at Moco (*cinereovinacea*)

Brown Firefinch *Lagonosticta nitidula*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*—Seen in the south-west

Landana Firefinch *Lagonosticta [rubricata] landanae*—Several good sightings

Jameson's Firefinch *Lagonosticta rhodopareia*—Seen at Pedras Negras and Tundavala (*ansorgei*)

Blue Waxbill *Uraeginthus angolensis*—Common (*angolensis*)

Violet-eared Waxbill *Uraeginthus granatinus*—Seen in the south-west (*siccatus*)

Angola Swee Waxbill *Coccyzygia [melanotis] bocagei*—Nice looks at Moco and Pedras Negras

Grey Waxbill *Estrilda perreini*—Seen at Pedras Negras (*perreini*)

Cinderella Waxbill *Estrilda thomensis*—Good views at the foot of the southern escarpment

Fawn-breasted Waxbill *Estrilda [p.] paludicola*—Several sightings on the plateau (*benguellensis*)

Orange-cheeked Waxbill *Estrilda melpoda*—Seen along the scarp (*melpoda*)

Common Waxbill *Estrilda [a.] astrild*—Several sightings (subspecies not identified)

Orange-breasted Waxbill *Amandava subflava*—Seen several times (*niethammeri*)

African Quailfinch *Ortygospiza [atricollis] fuscocrissa*—Seen well in the Huambo highlands (*muelleri*)

Locust Finch *Paludipasser locustella*—Superb views of the ground in the Huambo highlands (*uelensis*)

Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata*—Seen several times (*scutata*)

Black-and-white Mannikin or Red-backed Mannikin *Lonchura bicolor*—Seen along the escarpment (*woltersi*)

Viduidae

Dusky Indigobird *Vidua funerea*—Seen at Moco (*nigerrima*)

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*—Only non-breeding birds seen

Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua obtusa*—One male in full breeding plumage was at Kalandula

Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*—Seen in the Huambo highlands

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*—Seen a few times

Fülleborn's Longclaw *Macronyx fuelleborni*—Good views in the Huambo highlands (*ascensi*)

Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae*—Brief views in the Huambo highlands

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*—Seen a few times (subspecies not determined)

Nicholson's Pipit *Anthus [similis] nicholsoni*—Heard on top of Moco (*moco*)

Wood Pipit *Anthus nyassae*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*schoutedeni*)

Buffy Pipit *Anthus vaalensis*—Seen at Tundavala (*neumanni*)

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*—Seen in the Huambo highlands (*bohndorfii*)

Long-legged Pipit *Anthus pallidiventris*—Seen on the Kwanza floodplain

Striped Pipit *Anthus lineiventris*—Great views at Moco

Fringillidae

Black-faced Canary *Crithagra capistrata*—Good sightings on several occasions (*hildegardae*)

Black-throated Canary *Crithagra atrogularis*—Seen in the south (*semideserti*)

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*—Several sightings (*tando*)

Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata*—Seen a few times (*sharpii*)

White-throated Canary *Crithagra albogularis*—Seen in the south-west (*crocopygia*)

Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex*—Seen at Tundavala and Moco (*huillensis*)

Emberizidae

Lark-like Bunting *Emberiza impetuani*—Good numbers in the coastal deserts (*eremica*)

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza [t.] tahapisi*—Seen a few times (*nivenorum*)

Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*—Seen a few times in the south (*princeps*)

Cabanis's Bunting *Emberiza cabanisi*—Seen at Kalandula (*orientalis*)

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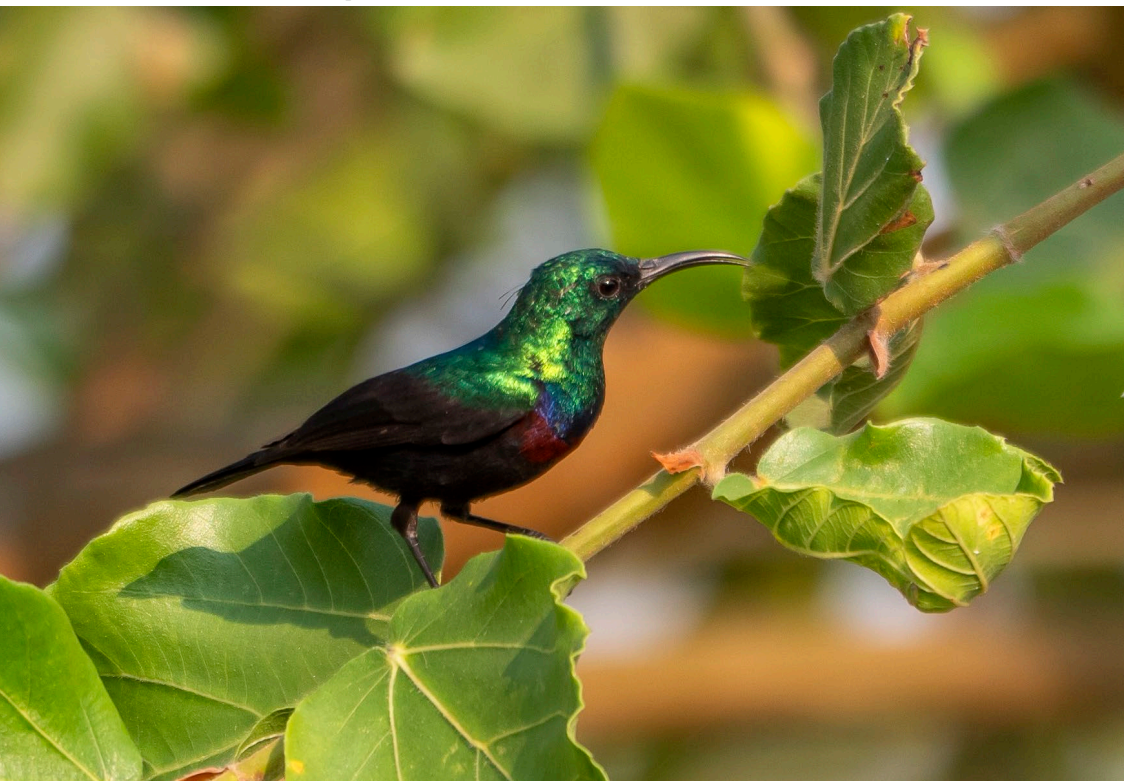




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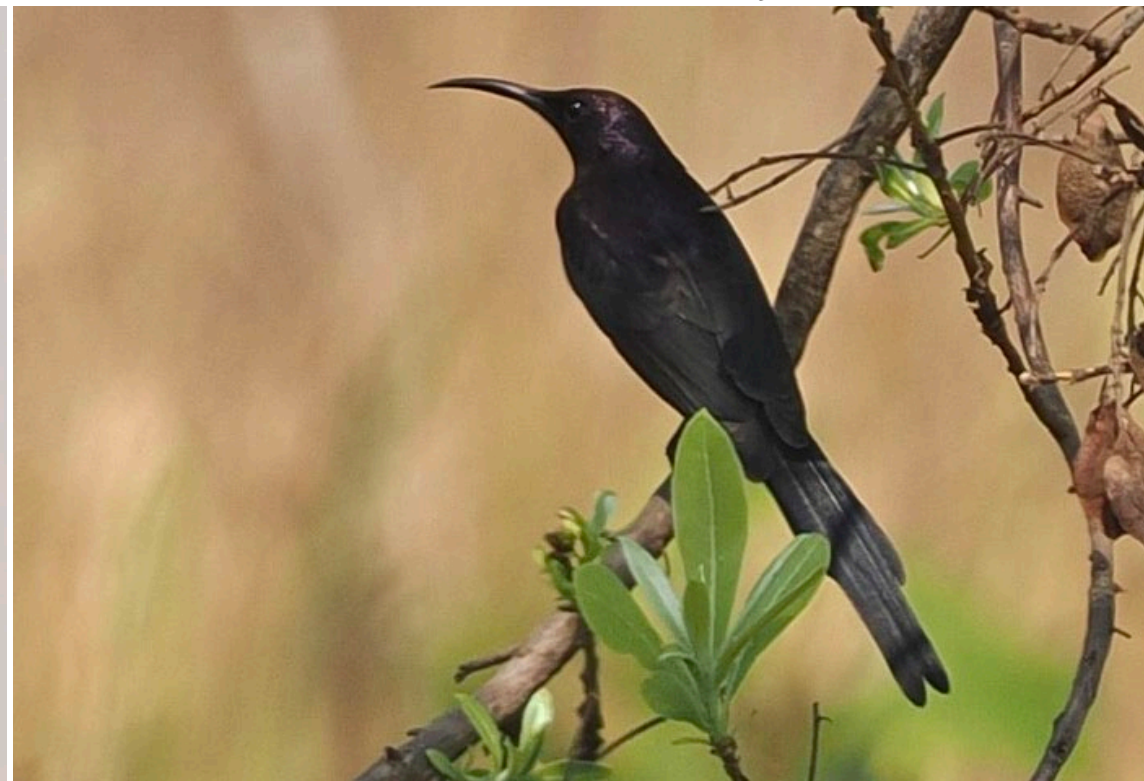




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