

**TARGET BIRDING IN EASTERN GAMBIA**  
**JANUARY 2022 – Paul & Sheila Ashley**



**INTRODUCTION**

Having recently completed a 3 week trip to Ghana, this visit to The Gambia was focused on a short target list, mainly consisting of birds found in the eastern part of The Gambia and Senegal. The Gambia is well-known as a birding destination, especially for bird photography since the avifauna is not shy compared to many countries where hunting has made many species wary of human contact.

Many visitors confine their trip to the Western region near the beach but the more interesting species are arguably those found close to the border with Senegal at the eastern end of the country.

We had planned to visit Senegal for the day to see the famous SCISSOR-TAILED KITE roost at Kousmar and search for some targets, unlikely in The Gambia but uncertainty about COVID test requirements, when crossing by land, meant we didn't do this. Kousmar is easily visited in normal times from Morgan Kunda as it is only 90km on a good road and Karanta has done the trip many times.

For this trip, we engaged the services of **Karanta Camara**, President of The Gambia Bird Guides Association (GBA), with strong links to Morgan Kunda lodge, an excellent base from which to search for the specialities of the area.

Karanta was very sharp indeed with ears and eyes and knows exactly where to look for each species. He also is very well-informed about all the latest sightings due to his role at the GBA. He acted as driver and guide and was a very thoughtful and excellent driver. Karanta always had a Plan B and was flexible with the itinerary with everything focused on getting us as many of our targets as possible. Nice picnics and unending supply of cold water included.

As our search was very species-specific with a target list of just over 30 birds, we left many birds to save time and probably would have racked up a larger list if we had had a different focus.

## **LOGISTICS**

Before our trip up-river, we spent a few days at the excellent Footsteps Eco-lodge on the Western coast. From here we made day trips to Kartong, Marakissa/Penjem and Tujereng/Tanji/Brufut. Whilst the guide was good, he showed just how good Karanta is, often mentioning that “we had seen everything” before.

After the trip, we relaxed at Farakunku Lodge on the Western coast as we had very few birds left that we could see in The Gambia as Karanta had done such a good job. Both Footsteps and Farakunku lived up to their excellent reputations on Tripadvisor, booking.com etc

The 7 day trip with Karanta was booked directly with him and he planned the itinerary based on the target list. He can be contacted at

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We booked Footsteps, Morgan Kunda lodge and Farakunku Lodge ourselves online and Karanta took care of lodging elsewhere.

I will not use GPS markers for specific locations that Karanta took us to as I don't recommend travelling up river independently and Karanta changes these regularly based upon own sightings and off-season research. Finding the right boatman or local for access to certain sites would be virtually impossible without a local guide.

## **TRAVEL**

There are no direct scheduled flights to The Gambia. Most visitors are on package holidays staying at big hotels in certain coastal locations and taking advantage of constant sun, cheap food and beer and the safety of tourist areas. There is another side to The Gambia though which is far more interesting. Flight only bookings can be done online – we used The Gambia Experience to book charter flights from LGW to Banjul. Flight time around 6 hours. No time difference

No COVID tests required to enter, just a Passenger Locator Form and \$20 tourist tax to pay at the airport on arrival and departure. They will accept £20 or Euros 20 but those cost you more.

## **MONEY**

There is a banking network with ATMs in popular areas but we didn't try them. We paid online for accommodation and paid Karanta in £ cash on meeting him and he exchanged what he needed for the trip on the way into Gambian Dalasis.

Where needed, it is easy to change £ into Dalasi at Footsteps or Farakunku at a good rate of exchange.

## **WEATHER**

Dry – no rain at all. Temperatures considerably higher up river than on the coast although lack of wind accentuated the difference. Lunchtime temperatures around 35C+ on most days.

## **ITINERARY**

Day 1 – pick up from Footsteps and drive to Farasuto, picnic lunch and then on to Morgan Kunda lodge via Kampanti Raptor Bridge. Night Morgan Kunda

Day 2 – birding at various villages and wetlands close to Morgan Kunda. Lunch break and night at Morgan Kunda

Day 3 – as Day 2 at different locations (many of which are in the middle of nowhere!). Lunch/accommodation as above

Day 4 – as Day 2 at different locations. Lunch/accommodation as above

Day 5 – drive to ferry to Janjanbureh (Georgetown) stopping at well-known sites on the way including N’Jau and Kaur Wetland. Picnic lunch. Overnight Bao Bolong Camp, Janjanbureh

Day 6 – boat further up river to Kunkilling Forest Park. Picnic lunch. Drive to Tendaba for mangrove trip. Drive to Sita Joyeh Baobab Island for night.

Day 7 – birding local area, drive to Pirang Fish Ponds. Picnic lunch. Drive to Penjem and on to Farakunku Lodge

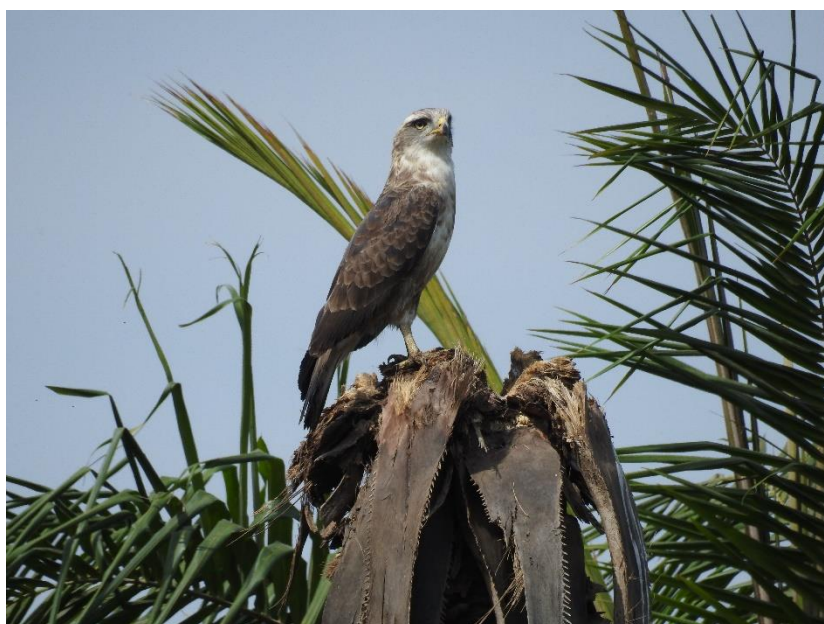
## DAILY ACCOUNT (target birds in Bold)

DAY 1 - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

First to **Farasuto Community Forest** in order to look for our first targets. First one of the local guides came with us to help find a roosting **AFRICAN WOOD OWL**, which gave decent views but not for photography with much overhanging foliage in front of it. Still a satisfactory upgrade on the silhouette view I got of one in Ghana when the guide failed to turn his torch on in time!



Next, sitting atop a palm a pale morph **WAHLBERG'S EAGLE** and soon after a close fly past by **RED-NECKED FALCON** and in a small flock that responded to Karanta's owlet impersonation, **NORTHERN CROMBEC**.



The search of the normal roosting site for **WHITE-BACKED NIGHT HERON** was empty and stayed on the target list. Karanta heard **GREY-HEADED BRISTLEBILL** nearby and duly whistled them in for excellent views of a pair in plain sight in the understory. This was a bird on my upgrade list after unsatisfactory views in Ghana. This was to become a feature with many species here showing themselves in much better light and for much longer.

Off in the car to another forest patch nearby for point-blank views of roosting **STANDARD-WINGED NIGHTJAR**. Not a target for this trip but always nice to see a nightjar.



Nearby, a pair of **GREYISH EAGLE-OWL** in plain sight at their roost. Again, not on the target list but my wife Sheila had never seen one and we couldn't have had better views.



Picnic lunch at a hide nearby where a GABAR GOSHAWK was ruling the roost while it had bathed and dried itself, keeping everything else away. Whilst the really good baguettes were being filled I kept my eye on the drinking bowls and bagged a **SPOTTED HONEYGUIDE**, one of our targets for this location.

Other nice birds here included BEARDED BARBET, GIANT KINGFISHER, BLUE-BELLIED ROLLER, BLACK CRAKE and SNOWY-CROWNED ROBIN-CHAT

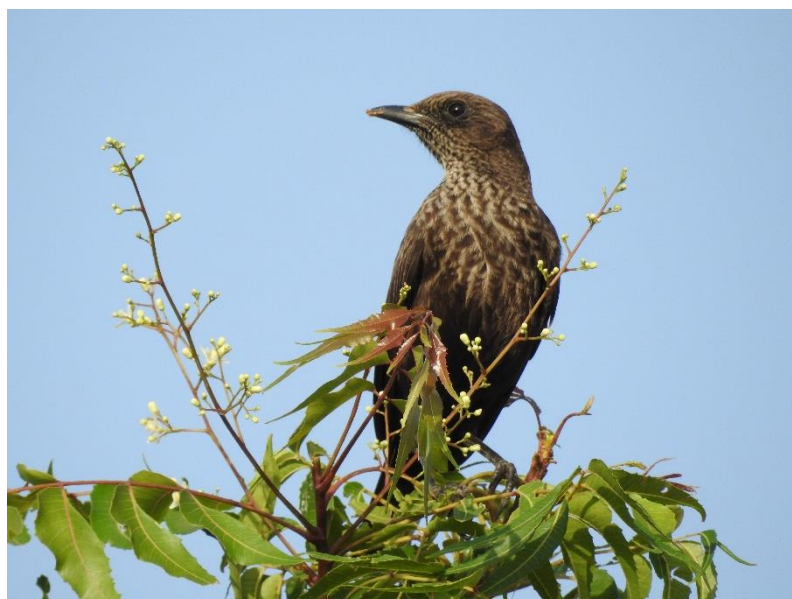
Next, we drove to **Kampanti Raptor Bridge** where a brief stop highlighted that the land here has been recently split into farming plots meaning the big raptors that the site is famous for are limiting themselves to the fresh water further from the road. No targets found here though. Frustratingly, Karanta spotted 2 **PIED-WINGED SWALLOW** flying past but I missed them and they didn't return.

Some nice birds though including BROWN SNAKE EAGLE, RUPPELS GRIFFON VULTURE, GREY-HEADED KINGFISHER and GREY-HEADED BUSHSHRIKE.

From here it was still a long drive to MORGAN KUNDA LODGE where the cold beer, sunset viewing platform and excellent dinner awaited.

DAY 2 – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Off in lovely early morning light in search of Sahel birds. First up, a scrubby field near the village of Jajari where Karanta first picked out **BLACK-HEADED LAPWING** motionless in the grass. They allowed a close approach from where **NORTHERN ANTEATER CHAT** was heard and then approached for some lovely photos.



A little further and we were walking through scrub and bush for an hour or so. A nest of one target was a good sign but no inhabitants in or around the nest. Close by, we heard then saw wing-clapping **FLAPPET LARK** followed by **CHESTNUT-CROWNED SPARROW-LARK** and a surprise **RUFOUS-TAILED SCRUB ROBIN**, which we only thought we could see in Senegal on this trip. It sang in front of us for some minutes, which was a nice bonus.



Just after, a small group of **MOSQUE SWALLOW** started soaring above us and the quality of the light meant we could pick out all the underside colours very clearly.

We checked a nearby waterhole and close by the first of a number of **SAHEL PARADISE-WHYDAH** in full breeding plumage. Back to the car, and near the nest was our final target of the morning, **SPECKLE-FRONTED WEAVER**.





On the way back to Morgan Kunda, we checked a group of starlings and hiding amongst the common **LONG-TAILED GLOSSY AND SPLENDID STARLING** was a single **BRONZE-TAILED STARLING**.

Other birds seen this morning included distant **GREAT WHITE** and **PINK-BACKED PELICAN** near the river, **CUT-THROAT**, **BRUCE'S GREEN PIGEON** and **YELLOW-FRONTED TINKERBIRD** and 3 **ABYSSINIAN GROUND HORNBILL**.

Back to the lodge for lunch as it gets extremely hot late morning/early afternoon and we were birding in largely unshaded scrub. Water feeders at the lodge attract lots of small birds and I kept my eye on them while Karanta listened out for anything out of the ordinary.

Just after lunch, I spotted a number of **AFRICAN SILVERBILL** at the water feeder, which took another target off the list.

After lunch, we headed to a small wetland and hid behind some trees to see what might show itself. An easy target here, as Karanta knew there was a resident colony of **WHITE-BILLED SPARROW-WEAVER**, which were present in large numbers.

On a large tree nearby, a **BEAUDOUIN'S SNAKE-EAGLE** was scanning for a late lunch and sure enough a fight with a snake nearby ensued and the eagle was off to find a nice picnic spot.



As the light faded, we headed back off to Morgan Kunda for another delicious selection of dishes served by the lovely ladies who were clearly expecting 10 people not 3 based on how much they prepared!

### DAY 3 – 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Next morning, same drill but some new locations. Karanta heard our first target calling and we crouched down and tried our best to conceal ourselves in the sparse cover. Some judicious use of playback and in walked an inquisitive, beautiful **FOUR-BANDED SANDGROUSE** for some great protracted views of it strutting and then calling out. Lovely.



Walking through the bush afterwards we flushed a number of them but we had other fish to fry by now and even an **AFRICAN HAWK-EAGLE** couldn't distract us for long.

Back towards one of the nearby villages, crop fields were scanned and we were out of the car quickly and soon had eyes on a group of around 20 **WHITE-RUMPED SEEDEATER**.

Morgan Kunda for a rest and lunch. We were doing very well with our target list and feeling good. Karanta enquired about the situation regarding a trip to Senegal and found out that it would be possible to go tomorrow without a

COVID test. Alternatively, another guide had tipped him off about a site just over an hour away where a boat trip had yielded a huge target **WHITE-CRESTED BITTERN**. We plumped for the bittern quest and Karanta made the arrangements.

In the afternoon, a quick roadside stop and 5 minutes later our first **SPOTTED THICK-KNEE**. Back in the car and off to search for another Sahel speciality that I thought was only going to be possible in Senegal. We had to work much harder for this one. We got a response to playback, sat down and hid and the bird moved closer. It sounded like it was just one bush away from open views but then nothing. It had probably spotted us.



TEMMINCK'S COURSER flew high above us but we were focused.

We tried a different direction and flushed the bird. Frustration. Karanta did a few quick calculations and we were off again. He picked the right area and suggested we spread out and walk slowly in a line. Sure enough the tactic worked and fortunately the flushed bird flew right in front of all of us. A lovely **SAVILE'S BUSTARD**.

Time on the way home for some more starling checking and this time, a pair of **LESSER BLUE-EARED STARLING** separated themselves from the throng.

Big dinner, beer and dreams of the bittern.

#### DAY 4 – 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Definitely a one-track mind for all of us today. We rose early and set off fuelled by a packed breakfast of large omelettes, baked beans, sausages, tomatoes and fresh bread. Some road diversions and roadworks threw us off course but eventually we reached a tiny village where our man had secured a fisherman and boat for our quest.

A nice river cruise with some lovely PIED, MALACHITE and BLUE-BREASTED KINGFISHER but Karanta and I knew we had to get deeper into the mangroves for a chance at the elusive bittern. Other fishermen we passed all said that it was hard to see but we had to go into the tributaries. We tried the next one but the young boatman was not confident and refused to go deeper. Karanta was very apologetic and said he wished we'd gone to Senegal. It was our choice and we knew it was a long shot.

We took a walk in nearby fields after another target, which we had heard but ignored on the way to the river. No sign by now but Karanta assured us that it wouldn't be a problem.

Lovely MONTAGU'S HARRIER were flying over the fields and a target **QUAILFINCH** pair flew over but it was time to get back.

In the afternoon, Sheila stayed back at Morgan Kunda. It was an exceptionally hot afternoon with no wind. We tried some more roadside sites flushing FOUR-BANDED SANDGROUSE, SAVILE'S BUSTARD and SMALL BUTTONQUAIL and seeing WHITE-SHOULDERED BLACK-TIT at close range. GREEN-WINGED PYTILIA also showed, which was not a species I was expecting to see here.

Back at the lodge, a noisy PEARL-SPOTTED OWLET showed us his dinner but no sign of any other owls.



DAY 5 – 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Off reasonably early for the drive along the north bank of the River Gambia towards Janjanbureh.

. First stop to scan some fields and there high in a tree unexpectedly was the target we passed up yesterday. A pair of **BLACK-CROWNED CRANE**. We got as close as the flooded rice fields would allow and then moved on. A couple of dark morph WAHLBERG'S EAGLE were soaring nearby.



A few stops along the way to see if EGYPTIAN PLOVER were still present. I have seen them before but who would not want to see them again? They are regular at N'Jau until early January and sure enough, they had moved on. Karanta knew where but too far for us on this trip. Some bonuses though en-route where we picked up a pair of **SUDAN GOLDEN SPARROW** and tempted an **AFRICAN REED WARBLER** out of some roadside reeds.

At N'Jau Karanta spotted a nervous pair of GREATER PAINTED-SNIPE but with patience we all got to see one well. A couple more SUDAN GOLDEN SPARROW here as well.

At Wassu we stopped to check the quarry for the colony of RED-THROATED BEE-EATER and had picnic lunch at Wassu Stone Circle, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

After the chaotic ferry to Janjanbureh, we reached Bao Bolong Camp where we stayed for the night while The Gambia progressed in the African Cup of Nations after beating Tunisia. The celebrations didn't keep us up!

DAY 6 – 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

Maybe the celebrations delayed the bread delivery somewhat and Karanta gave the chef a hard time about his timekeeping. We got away after wolfed omelettes and up river we went with an old fellow in a small boat. Nice birds on the way including BANDED SNAKE-EAGLE and VIOLET TURACO. We moored at Kunkilling Forest Park and it was not long before we had eyes on **ADAMAWA TURTLE-DOVE**. A bit of bushwhacking and we finally got one in full sun rather than hidden behind the foliage. Brilliant



With the key target in the bag, a quick stroll around produced a lovely pair of AFRICAN PARADISE-FLYCATCHER, ORIOLE WARBLER, a group of STONE PARTRIDGE and **FINE-SPOTTED WOODPECKER**, which strangely was still a target at this stage.

From here back on the boat and packed up for the next stage. The original plan was to stay the night at Tendaba Camp, but the Ministry of Tourism had booked in for 24 people for a workshop jolly so Plan B. Karanta told them we still wanted a quick boat trip with one target in mind and then we would head west for another remaining target.



On the way, we had 15 minutes to look in some burned fields for BRONZE-WINGED COURSER after a tip-off from another guide, but we didn't have enough time for a thorough search and another target had priority.



We jumped straight into a boat at Tendaba, Karanta gave instructions to the boatman and 20 minutes later, we had eyes on 2 different, co-operative **WHITE-BACKED NIGHT-HERON**. Fantastic. **BLUE-BREASTED KINGFISHER**, **GOLIATH HERON** and **WHITE-THROATED BEE-EATER** were the highlights on the way back to Tendaba.



Time for Karanta to pray (as it was a Friday) and for us to have a beer before we jumped into the car again and headed east. Quick stop on the road for a party of **WHITE HELMETSHRIKE** and then as light was fading, we arrived at Sita Joyeh Baobab Island Resort, where in no time we had a pair of canoodling **AFRICAN SCOPS OWL** in our torchlight beam.



## DAY 7 – 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY

Leisurely breakfast since we had almost nothing left on our target list before heading to Pirang Fish Ponds, where we quickly picked up **SLENDER-BILLED GULL** aplenty along with a few GREATER FLAMINGO and tons of waders, herons, spoonbill and pelican. We walked a lot of the pond margins to try and get better views of **QUAILFINCH** and even though I got a group of 3 at the end of our visit, they were still only in the air, not on the ground.

We tried an area not far from our final stop to look for WHITE-BREASTED CUCKOOSHRIKE that I wanted better looks at after only reasonable views in Ghana, but there was no sign of them at Karanta's usual spot.

So we decided to head to Farakunku Lodge to relax, unpack and unwind.

A great trip had come to an end and Karanta had done a great job at getting almost everything we wanted to see, with only a couple of difficult birds left on the up-river list in BRONZE-WINGED COURSER, RUFIOUS CISTICOLA and WHITE-CRESTED BITTERN which wasn't even on our list prior to the trip.

Following the trip with Karanta, I had already committed to some birding with a local guide from Farakunku Lodge, where we completed our holiday. Karanta kindly advised which locations I should visit and sure enough, with the help of Mass, I picked up **CAPUCHIN BABBLER**, **RUFIOUS CISTICOLA** and got good looks at **QUAILFINCH** on the ground, where previously I had only had lots of flight views.

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## Systematic Species List (downloaded from eBird)

- 1 White-faced Whistling-Duck
- 2 Spur-winged Goose
- 3 Helmeted Guineafowl
- 4 Stone Partridge
- 5 Double-spurred Francolin
- 6 Greater Flamingo
- 7 **Little Grebe**
- 8 **Rock Dove**
- 9 Speckled Pigeon
- 10 European Turtle Dove
- 11 Adamawa Turtle Dove
- 12 Mourning Collared Dove
- 13 Red-eyed Dove
- 14 Vinaceous Dove
- 15 Laughing Dove
- 16 Black-billed Wood-Dove
- 17 Blue-spotted Wood-Dove
- 18 Namaqua Dove
- 19 Bruce's Green-Pigeon
- 20 African Green-Pigeon
- 21 Four-banded Sandgrouse
- 22 Savile's Bustard
- 23 **Guinea Turaco**
- 24 Violet Turaco
- 25 Western Plantain-eater
- 26 Senegal Coucal
- 27 Blue Malkoha
- 28 Standard-winged Nightjar
- 29 **Long-tailed Nightjar**
- 30 Mottled Spinetail
- 31 Common Swift
- 32 Pallid Swift
- 33 Little Swift
- 34 African Palm-Swift
- 35 Common Moorhen
- 36 African Swamphen
- 37 Black Crake
- 38 Black Crowned-Crane
- 39 Senegal Thick-knee
- 40 Spotted Thick-knee
- 41 Black-winged Stilt
- 42 **Eurasian Oystercatcher**
- 43 Grey Plover
- 44 Spur-winged Lapwing
- 45 Black-headed Lapwing
- 46 Wattled Lapwing

- 47 **Common Ringed Plover**
- 48 Little Ringed Plover
- 49 Greater Painted-Snipe
- 50 African Jacana
- 51 Whimbrel
- 52 **Bar-tailed Godwit**
- 53 Black-tailed Godwit
- 54 Ruddy Turnstone
- 55 Ruff
- 56 Sanderling
- 57 Dunlin
- 58 **Common Snipe**
- 59 Common Sandpiper
- 60 Green Sandpiper
- 61 Common Greenshank
- 62 **Marsh Sandpiper**
- 63 **Wood Sandpiper**
- 64 Common Redshank
- 65 Small Buttonquail
- 66 Temminck's Courser
- 67 **Pomarine Skua**
- 68 Slender-billed Gull
- 69 **Grey-hooded Gull**
- 70 **Lesser Black-backed Gull**
- 71 Gull-billed Tern
- 72 Caspian Tern
- 73 **Common Tern**
- 74 **Sandwich Tern**
- 75 Lesser Crested Tern
- 76 **West African Crested Tern**
- 77 Yellow-billed Stork
- 78 African Darter
- 79 Long-tailed Cormorant
- 80 **Great Cormorant**
- 81 Great White Pelican
- 82 Pink-backed Pelican
- 83 Hamerkop
- 84 Grey Heron
- 85 Black-headed Heron
- 86 Goliath Heron
- 87 **Purple Heron**
- 88 Great White Egret
- 89 Intermediate Egret
- 90 Little Egret
- 91 Western Reef-Heron
- 92 Black Heron
- 93 Cattle Egret
- 94 Squacco Heron

- 95 Striated Heron
- 96 Black-crowned Night-Heron
- 97 White-backed Night-Heron
- 98 **African Sacred Ibis**
- 99 Hadada Ibis
- 100 **African Spoonbill**
- 101 **Osprey**
- 102 Black-winged Kite
- 103 African Harrier-Hawk
- 104 Palm-nut Vulture
- 105 Hooded Vulture
- 106 Ruppell's Griffon
- 107 Beaudouin's Snake-Eagle
- 108 Brown Snake-Eagle
- 109 Banded Snake-Eagle
- 110 **Long-crested Eagle**
- 111 Wahlberg's Eagle
- 112 Tawny Eagle
- 113 African Hawk-Eagle
- 114 Lizard Buzzard
- 115 Dark Chanting-Goshawk
- 116 Gabar Goshawk
- 117 Grasshopper Buzzard
- 118 Western Marsh Harrier
- 119 Montagu's Harrier
- 120 **Red-chested Goshawk**
- 121 Shikra
- 122 Black Kite
- 123 African Fish-Eagle
- 124 African Scops Owl
- 125 **Northern White-faced Owl**
- 126 Greyish Eagle Owl
- 127 **Verreaux's Eagle Owl**
- 128 Pearl-spotted Owlet
- 129 African Wood-Owl
- 130 Green Woodhoopoe
- 131 **Black Scimitarbill**
- 132 Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill
- 133 African Pied Hornbill
- 134 African Grey Hornbill
- 135 Western Red-billed Hornbill
- 136 Malachite Kingfisher
- 137 Grey-headed Kingfisher
- 138 Blue-breasted Kingfisher
- 139 Striped Kingfisher
- 140 Giant Kingfisher
- 141 Pied Kingfisher
- 142 Red-throated Bee-eater

- 143 Little Bee-eater
- 144 Swallow-tailed Bee-eater
- 145 White-throated Bee-eater
- 146 Blue-cheeked Bee-eater
- 147 European Bee-eater
- 148 Abyssinian Roller
- 149 Rufous-crowned Roller
- 150 Blue-bellied Roller
- 151 Broad-billed Roller
- 152 Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird
- 153 Vieillot's Barbet
- 154 Bearded Barbet
- 155 **Lesser Honeyguide**
- 156 Spotted Honeyguide
- 157 Greater Honeyguide
- 158 **Eurasian Wryneck**
- 159 African Grey Woodpecker
- 160 **Buff-spotted Woodpecker**
- 161 Fine-spotted Woodpecker
- 162 Grey Kestrel
- 163 Red-necked Falcon
- 164 Lanner Falcon
- 165 Ring-necked Parakeet
- 166 Senegal Parrot
- 167 **African Golden Oriole**
- 168 Brown-throated Wattle-eye
- 169 **Senegal Batis**
- 170 White Helmetshrike
- 171 Northern Puffback
- 172 Black-crowned Tchagra
- 173 Yellow-crowned Gonolek
- 174 Grey-headed Bushshrike
- 175 Glossy-backed Drongo
- 176 Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher
- 177 African Paradise-Flycatcher
- 178 Yellow-billed Shrike
- 179 Woodchat Shrike
- 180 Piapiac
- 181 Pied Crow
- 182 African Blue Flycatcher
- 183 White-shouldered Black-Tit
- 184 Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark
- 185 Flappet Lark
- 186 Crested Lark
- 187 Northern Crombec
- 188 **Green Hylia**
- 189 Senegal Eremomela
- 190 Green-backed Camaroptera

- 191 Tawny-flanked Prinia
- 192 Red-winged Prinia
- 193 Oriole Warbler
- 194 Singing Cisticola
- 195 Whistling Cisticola
- 196 **Rufous Cisticola**
- 197 Zitting Cisticola
- 198 Western Olivaceous Warbler
- 199 Melodious Warbler
- 200 **Sedge Warbler**
- 201 African Reed Warbler
- 202 Barn Swallow
- 203 Red-chested Swallow
- 204 Wire-tailed Swallow
- 205 Red-rumped Swallow
- 206 Rufous-chested Swallow
- 207 Mosque Swallow
- 208 Common House Martin
- 209 Grey-headed Bristlebill
- 210 Yellow-throated Greenbul
- 211 Little Greenbul
- 212 Common Bulbul
- 213 Western Bonelli's Warbler
- 214 Willow Warbler
- 215 **Common Chiffchaff**
- 216 **Garden Warbler**
- 217 Western Subalpine Warbler
- 218 Common Whitethroat
- 219 Northern Yellow White-eye
- 220 **Capuchin Babbler**
- 221 Brown Babbler
- 222 Blackcap Babbler
- 223 Yellow-billed Oxpecker
- 224 Long-tailed Glossy Starling
- 225 Splendid Starling
- 226 Lesser Blue-eared Starling
- 227 Greater Blue-eared Starling
- 228 Purple Starling
- 229 Bronze-tailed Starling
- 230 African Thrush
- 231 Northern Black-Flycatcher
- 232 Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin
- 233 Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat
- 234 White-crowned Robin-Chat
- 235 Common Redstart
- 236 Whinchat
- 237 Northern Anteater-Chat
- 238 White-fronted Black-Chat

- 239 Mouse-brown Sunbird
- 240 Pygmy Sunbird
- 241 Scarlet-chested Sunbird
- 242 Beautiful Sunbird
- 243 Splendid Sunbird
- 244 Variable Sunbird
- 245 White-billed Buffalo-Weaver
- 246 Speckle-fronted Weaver
- 247 Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver
- 248 Little Weaver
- 249 Black-necked Weaver
- 250 Village Weaver
- 251 Red-billed Quelea
- 252 Northern Red Bishop
- 253 **Black-winged Bishop**
- 254 Bronze Mannikin
- 255 African Silverbill
- 256 Lavender Waxbill
- 257 Orange-cheeked Waxbill
- 258 Black-rumped Waxbill
- 259 Quailfinch
- 260 Cut-throat
- 261 Red-cheeked Cordonbleu
- 262 **Western Bluebill**
- 263 Green-winged Pytilia
- 264 Red-billed Firefinch
- 265 Sahel Paradise-Whydah
- 266 Village Indigobird
- 267 Northern Grey-headed Sparrow
- 268 Sudan Golden Sparrow
- 269 Sahel Bush Sparrow
- 270 Western Yellow Wagtail
- 271 Pied Wagtail/White Wagtail
- 272 **Plain-backed Pipit**
- 273 White-rumped Seedeater
- 274 Yellow-fronted Canary

Additional birds seen with Mass and birding alone around Farakunku in bold