

Bird List for Gabon Mammal Watching Tour August 2018

PART A – CONTEXT of the RECORDS

1. INTRODUCTION

This narrative, ie 'PART A', puts the birding in context – ie the birds recorded (by some of the tour participants) on a highly focused and successful Gabon mammal watching tour – and provides the framework for the actual bird list given in 'PART B'.

The bird sightings were essentially a by-catch of the mammal watching activities whereby targeted birding only occurred during periods of *relative* mammal watching downtime. At other times the birding was largely passive and opportunistic and did not disrupt the flow and objectives of the primary mammal watching programme.

As such, the number of bird species recorded (seen = 181 over 16 days (Sat 11 to Sun 26 Aug 2018)) was lower than would be expected on a more formal birding tour (300+). None of the sightings are unusual and would not be considered controversial.

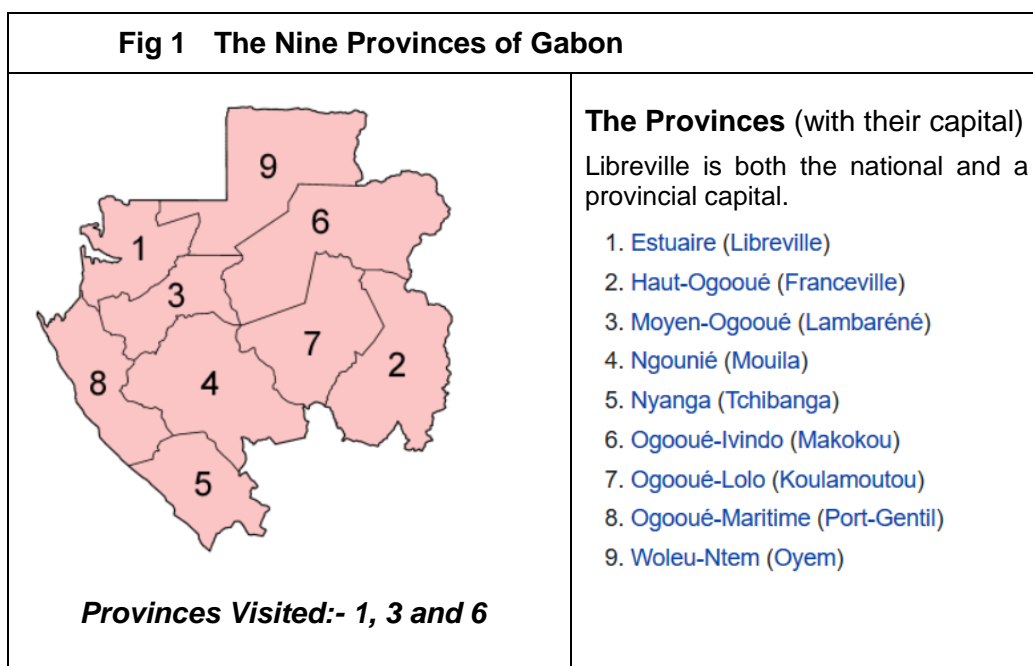
The core recording was undertaken by Sjeff Ollers (Eindhoven, Netherlands) and Kevin Bryan (Southampton, UK); with over 90% of the 'seen' species being recorded by both individuals.

Most of the birds were found by sight. In a few cases, sound recordings were used (eg for Rufous-sided Broadbill (*Smithornis rufolateralis*)). However, time was not usually available to do this.

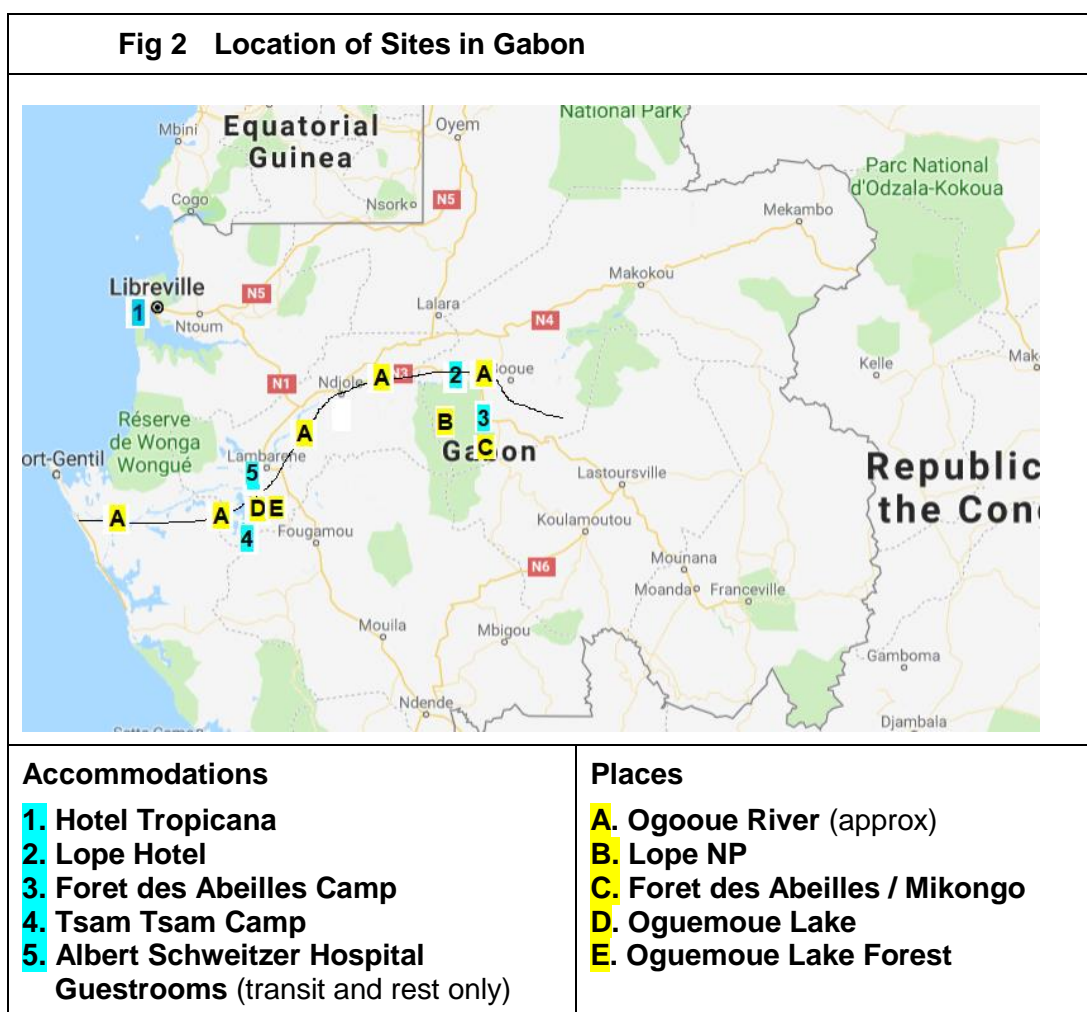
Very significantly, a few birds were first found by Pulsar heat-scopes whilst their operators were looking for mammals; in particular, Black Guineafowl (*Agelastes niger*).

2. SITES

2.1 Provinces and Areas Visited – this Tour



PROVINCE	SITE	DATES <i>(days - all in Aug 2018)</i>	NOTES
Estuaire	Libreville	11, 12, 13, 25 and 26	Mainly Hotel Tropicana area
	Pongara National Park	12	Day Trip
	Akanda National Park	26	½ Day Trip
Ogooué-Ivindo	Lope National Park (and area)	14, 15, 16, 17 and 21	Lope actually lies within provinces 3, 4, 6 & 7. Only the '6' part is relevant here.
	Foret des Abeilles / Mikongo (and area)	17, 18, 19, 20 and 21	
Moyen-Ogooué	Albert Schweitzer Hospital (and area)	22 and 25	Transit / rest only – no stays
	Ogooué (or Oguemoue)	22, 23, 24 and 25	Covers both Oguemoue Lake and Oguemoue Forest (including Tsam Tsam Camp and area)



The birding (and, obviously, the mammal watching) occurred in the following main areas:-

1. The 'greater' Libreville area – including parts of Pongara and Akanda National Parks
2. Lope National Park
3. The Forêt des Abeilles / Mikongo areas
4. The Oguemoue (Ogooué) Lake and Oguemoue Forest areas
5. The Albert Schweitzer Hospital area

Each of these areas has been well and frequently documented elsewhere and is not repeated here.

The areas covered a large range of habitats; including:-

- a. Primary and non-primary forest
- b. Natural and created savanna (both of which, in some locations, are 'actively' maintained to varying degrees, mostly by fire)
- c. Some cropland and grazing land (both extensive and, local, plot-sized)
- d. Farmbush
- e. Urban and rural scrub, parklands and gardens
- f. Rivers (some very substantial) and creeks
- g. Lakes (some very substantial) and ponds
- h. Coasts (sand / rock / mud & silt / mangrove)

2.2 Provinces and Areas Visited – 'standard' Birding Tours

For reference and context; a typical standard birding tour would, as well as sites such as Lope, also visit the following Gabon locations:-

Ivindo National Park

A large park that straddles Ogooué-Lolo province (Province 7 in Fig 1) and Ogooué-Ivindo province (Province 6 in Fig1).

This park has much larger stands of primary forest and supports more specialist species than the areas covered by the present tour (as per section 2.1 of this report.)

The Southeast Savanna

A mosaic of grasslands and more open forest E and SE of Franceville in the province of Haut-Ogooué (Province 2 in Fig 1).

These open areas are larger and more diverse/complex than those covered by the present tour.

In such areas; specialist species favouring more open habitats would be sought.

Loango National Park

This park is located on the Atlantic coast within Ogooué-Maritime province (Province 8 in Fig1).

An area rich in both mammals and birds. The birding highlight here being the unique and much sought-after African River Martin (*Pseudochelidon eurystomina*) which breeds here in the winter.

In addition to the above, most birding trips visit the country between Sep and Nov; which, amongst other things, also delivers northern migrants.

In view of this, a relatively 'passive' total of 181 birds seen is actually quite respectable; particularly as (by intention) there was no discernible impact on the mammal watching.

3. THE RECORDS

These are given within Part B.

3.1 Provision of the Records

These are provided as a simple list by species by province. There are no accompanying supporting notes for each species, no indication of abundance and no additional field or ecological observations.

The species are listed under family. The names, species designations and sequencing are based upon the Handbook of the Birds of the World (Birdlife International) taxonomy framework.

For readers requiring additional information; a more detailed report – with commentaries for each of the species seen – will be posted on Cloudbirders by Sjef Ollers.

See:- <https://www.cloudbirders.com/>

The list in Part B includes a *subjective* 'Top 15' birds. Such a list will always be informed by which birds any particular individual birder has already seen and which species (and taxa) of birds they 'like'. As previously noted, nothing exceptional was encountered; however, many good birds were seen.

3.2 General Observations on Birds Seen – Types and Numbers

How did what was actually seen 'match' with pre-tour expectations? Gabon is still relatively under-birded; so this may be of interest/use. In no particular order:-

1. Guinefowl just once
2. No spot-breasted or olive ibis (at least one of the two was expected)
3. Almost no owls seen and fewer heard than expected (despite much night-work)
4. No honeyguides
5. Almost no woodpeckers, tinkerbirds and barbets
6. Very low on raptors
7. The lack of cisticolas, prinias, apalises, weavers, etc. may be understandable as it was not always possible to stop for them
8. The almost complete absence of flocks (despite the group spending much time in the forests)

Building (in part) on point '7.' above; there were – overall – far less of the 'smaller' and 'more common' birds (at all sites) than were expected. This was so even when there were opportunities (albeit only a few) to bird at good sites and at good times.

Many of these birds – particularly those found in farmbush and other degraded/marginal habitats – have a broad distribution either elsewhere in W Africa or are fairly pan-African. As such, they will have been encountered by most birders already.

However, their broader absence may be of note. As with the decline in numbers of many birds seen in Europe; some observers are starting to notice this in parts of Africa and elsewhere.

In the case of Gabon; actual data is required to elevate this observation beyond the level of the anecdotal.

Anyone interested in African birding may wish to engage with (and ideally support the conservation work of) the African Bird Club; see:- <https://www.africanbirdclub.org/>. Their work has a positive impact on mammal conservation too.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS and THANKS

The Gabon mammal watching tour that also enabled and facilitated this birding was conceived and orchestrated by Jon Hall, of <http://www.mammalwatching.com/>, for which the authors of this report are very grateful.

Approx 50% of the species listed were also seen by at least one of the following individuals (each of whom also made significant bird observations):- Paul Carter (Thailand), Charles Hood (USA) and Ian Thompson (Canada). Paul Carter also provided some key photographs.

In addition; four individuals used Pulsar heat-scopes to find mammals, namely:- Paul Carter, Jon Hall, Venkat Sankar (USA) and Ian Thompson. They also found birds; by both night and day. The potential of this type of equipment – at all times of the day – for birding, ornithology and conservation should not be underestimated and is worthy of greater examination.

The authors would like to thank all members of the group for their general interest in many of the bird sightings.

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Sjeff Ollers (Eindhoven, Netherlands) and Kevin Bryan (Southampton, UK)

Trip Date - Aug 2018 & Compilation Date - Oct 2018

The names, species designations and sequencing below are based upon the Handbook of the Birds of the World and is taken from the on-line listings within Avibase. Sub-species are not given.

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 Subjective 'Top 15' birds

Species TOTALS

Seen 181

Heard Only 5

Encountered 186

Ref No#	Family and Species	Gabon Record				
		Entire Tour Record	Provincial Record	Estuaire	Moyen-Ogooué	Ogooué-Ivindo
		Seen	Heard Only			
1	GALLIFORMES: Numididae - Guineafowl					
2	Black Guineafowl <i>Agelastes niger</i>	1				x
3	GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae - Pheasants and allies					
4	Scaly Francolin <i>Pternistis squamatus</i>	1				x
5	Forest Francolin <i>Peliperdix lathamii</i>	1				x
6	ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae - Waterfowl					
7	Hartlaub's Duck <i>Pteronetta hartlaubii</i>	1			x	
8	PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae - Grebes					
9	Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1			x	
10	COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae - Pigeons and Doves					
11	Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i>	1		x		
12	Afep Pigeon <i>Columba uncinata</i>	1				x
13	Red-eyed Dove <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	1		x	x	x
14	Blue-spotted Wood-dove <i>Turtur afer</i>	1				x
15	Blue-headed Wood-dove <i>Turtur brehmeri</i>	1				x
16	African Green-pigeon <i>Treron calvus</i>	1		x	x	x
17	CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae - Nightjars					
18	Swamp Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus natalensis</i>	1				x
19	Freckled Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	1				x
20	Bates's Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus batesi</i>	1				x
21	CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Apodidae - Swifts					
22	Mottled Spinetail <i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>	1				x
23	Sabine's Spinetail <i>Rhaphidura sabini</i>	1				x
24	Cassin's Spinetail <i>Neafrapus cassini</i>	1				x
25	African Palm-swift <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1		x	x	x
26	Alpine Swift <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1		x		
27	Bates's Swift <i>Apus batesi</i>	1				x
28	Little Swift <i>Apus affinis</i>	1		x	x	x
29	Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i>	1			x	x
30	CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae - Cuckoos					
31	Gabon Coucal <i>Centropus anelli</i>	1				x
32	Senegal Coucal <i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	1				x
33	Diederik Cuckoo <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	1			x	
34	Black Cuckoo <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>	1				x
35	GRUIFORMES: Heliornithidae - Finfoots					
36	African Finfoot <i>Podica senegalensis</i>	1			x	x
37	GRUIFORMES: Rallidae - Rails and Coots					
38	Black Crane <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>	1				x
39	MUSOPHAGIFORMES: Musophagidae - Turacos					
40	Great Blue Turaco <i>Corythaeola cristata</i>	1			x	x
41	Green Turaco <i>Tauraco persa</i>	1				x
42	Ross's Turaco <i>Musophaga rossae</i>					
43	CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae - Storks					
44	African Woollyneck <i>Ciconia microscelis</i>	1		x		

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45	PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae - Ibises and Spoonbills						
46	Hadada Ibis <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1		x	x	x	
47	PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae - Herons						
48	Green-backed Heron <i>Butorides striata</i>	1		x	x	x	
49	Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1		x	x	x	
50	Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1		x			
51	Goliath Heron <i>Ardea goliath</i>	1		x			
52	Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1		x	x		
53	Great White Egret <i>Ardea alba</i>	1		x	x	x	
54	Yellow-billed Egret <i>Ardea brachyrhyncha</i>	1			x		
55	Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1		x	x		
56	Western Reef-egret <i>Egretta gularis</i>	1			x		
57	PELECANIFORMES: Scopidae - Hammerkop						
58	Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1		x	x	x	
59	PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae - Pelicans						
60	Pink-backed Pelican <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	1			x		
61	SULIFORMES: Sulidae - Gannets and Boobies						
62	Brown Booby <i>Sula leucogaster</i>	1		x			
63	SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae - Cormorants						
64	Long-tailed Cormorant <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	1		x	x		
65	SULIFORMES: Anhingidae - Darters						
66	African Darter <i>Anhinga rufa</i>	1			x		
67	CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae - Thick-knees						
68	Water Thick-knee <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	1		x	x	x	
69	CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae - Plovers						
70	White-fronted Plover <i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	1		x	x		
71	White-headed Lapwing <i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	1			x	x	
72	CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae - Jacanas						
73	African Jacana <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	1			x		
74	CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae - Sandpipiers						
75	Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1		x			
76	Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1		x	x	x	
77	Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1			x		
78	Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i>	1				x	
79	CHARADRIIFORMES: Turnicidae - Buttonquails						
80	Rock Pratincole <i>Glareola nuchalis</i>	1				x	
81	Grey Pratincole <i>Glareola cinerea</i>	1			x		
82	CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae - Gulls, Terns and Skimmers						
83	Little Tern <i>Sternula albifrons</i>	1		x	x		
84	Damara Tern <i>Sternula balaenarum</i>	1		x			
85	Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	1		x	x		
86	Sandwich Tern <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	1		x	x		
87	Royal Tern <i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	1		x	x		
88	STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae - Typical Owls						
89	African Wood-owl <i>Strix woodfordii</i>		1				h
90	Spotted Eagle-owl <i>Bubo africanus</i>		1				h
91	Pel's Fishing-owl <i>Scotopelia peli</i>	1			x		
92	Vermiculated Fishing-owl <i>Scotopelia bouvieri</i>	1			x		
93	ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae - Osprey						
94	Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1		x	x		
95	ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae - Hawks, Eagles and allies						
96	African Harrier-hawk <i>Polyboroides typus</i>	1		x	x	x	

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97	Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	1		x	x	x
98	Crowned Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	1				x
99	Ayres's Hawk-eagle	<i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i>	1				x
100	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	1			x	
101	Long-tailed Hawk	<i>Urotriorchis macrourus</i>	1				x
102	African Fish-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1		x	x	
103	Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>	1		x	x	
104	TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae - Trogons						
105	Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>		1			h
106	BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae - Hornbills						
107	Congo Pied Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros fasciatus</i>	1			x	x
108	Dwarf Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros camurus</i>	1			x	x
109	Eastern Long-tailed Hornbill	<i>Horizocerus cassini</i>	1				x
110	Western Little Hornbill	<i>Horizocerus hartlaubi</i>	1				x
111	Black-casqued Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna atrata</i>	1				x
112	White-thighed Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes albotibialis</i>	1				x
113	Eastern Piping Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes sharpii</i>	1			x	x
114	CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae - Bee-eaters						
115	White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	1				x
116	Rosy Bee-eater	<i>Merops malimbicus</i>	1		x	x	
117	Blue-breasted Bee-eater	<i>Merops variegatus</i>	1		x	x	x
118	Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>	1			x	x
119	CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae - Rollers						
120	Blue-throated Roller	<i>Eurystomus gularis</i>	1				x
121	CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae - Kingfishers						
122	African Pygmy-kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	1			x	x
123	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	1		x	x	x
124	Shining-blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo quadribrachys</i>	1			x	
125	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	1			x	
126	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1		x	x	x
127	Blue-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>	1			x	
128	Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	1			x	x
129	PICIFORMES: Lybiidae - African Barbets						
130	Grey-throated Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco bonapartei</i>	1				x
131	Bristle-nosed Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco peli</i>	1				x
132	Naked-faced Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco calvus</i>	1				x
133	Speckled Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i>	1				x
134	Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>		1			h
135	PICIFORMES: Picidae - Woodpeckers						
136	Buff-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nivosa</i>	1		x		x
137	Gabon Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicops gabonensis</i>	1				x
138	PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae - Parrots						
139	Grey Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	1		x	x	x
140	Red-fronted Parrot	<i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>	1			x	
141	PASSERIFORMES: Calyptomenidae - African and Green Broadbills						
142	Rufous-sided Broadbill	<i>Smithornis rufolateralis</i>	1				x
143	PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae - Orioles						
144	Western Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus brachyrynchus</i>	1				x
145	PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae - Vangas, Helmet-shrikes and allies						
146	Rufous-bellied Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops rufiventris</i>	1			x	
147	PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae - Batises and Wattle-eyes						
148	Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye	<i>Dyaphorophya ansorgei</i>	1				x

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149	Brown-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	1		x		x
150	PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae - Bush-shrikes						
151	Lowland Sooty Boubou	<i>Laniarius leucorhynchus</i>		1			h
152	PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae - Drongos						
153	Shining Drongo	<i>Dicrurus atripennis</i>	1			x	x
154	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1				x
155	Velvet-mantled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus modestus</i>	1				x
156	PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae - Monarch-flycatchers						
157	African Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	1			x	x
158	Rufous-vented Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufocinerea</i>	1			x	
159	PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae - Crows, Jays and allies						
160	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1		x	x	x
161	PASSERIFORMES: Nicatoridae - Nicators						
162	Western Nicator	<i>Nicator chloris</i>	1				x
163	PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae - Crombecs and allies						
164	Green Crombec	<i>Sylvietta virens</i>	1				x
165	PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae - Cisticolas and allies						
166	Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	1				x
167	Olive-green Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera chloronota</i>	1				x
168	Short-winged Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>	1				x
169	Pectoral-patch Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brunnescens</i>	1				x
170	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	1				x
171	PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae - Grassbirds and allies						
172	Fan-tailed Grassbird	<i>Schoenicola brevirostris</i>	1				x
173	PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae - Swallows and Martins						
174	Square-tailed Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne nitens</i>	1				x
175	Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	1		x	x	x
176	Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	1		x	x	x
177	White-bibbed Swallow	<i>Hirundo nigrita</i>	1		x	x	
178	Red-chested Swallow	<i>Hirundo lucida</i>	1				x
179	Banded Martin	<i>Neophedina cincta</i>	1		x		
180	PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae - Bulbuls						
181	Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Stelgidillas gracilirostris</i>	1				x
182	Golden Greenbul	<i>Calyptocichla serinus</i>	1			x	
183	Yellow-lored Bristlebill	<i>Bleda notatus</i>	1				x
184	Pale-throated Greenbul	<i>Atimastillas flavigula</i>	1				x
185	Swamp Palm Bulbul	<i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i>	1			x	x
186	Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Eurillas latirostris</i>	1				x
187	Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>	1				x
188	Grey Greenbul	<i>Eurillas gracilis</i>	1				x
189	Eastern Bearded Greenbul	<i>Criniger chloronotus</i>	1				x
190	Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus</i>	1		x		
191	White-bearded Greenbul	<i>Criniger ndussumensis</i>	1				x
192	White-throated Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus albigularis</i>	1				x
193	Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	1		x	x	x
194	PASSERIFORMES: Scotocercidae - Bush-warblers						
195	Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>	1				x
196	PASSERIFORMES: Buphagidae - Oxpeckers						
197	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	1		x		x
198	PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae - Starlings						
199	Splendid Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	1		x	x	x
200	PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae - Thrushes						

Bird List for Gabon Mammal Watching Tour August 2018

Key

- x Seen in Province
- h Heard in Province
- 1 Seen or Heard over Entire Tour

Note:- Individual numbers or estimates are not given

Subjective 'Top 15' birds

Species TOTALS

Seen	181
Heard Only	5
Encountered	186

Ref No#	Family and Species	Gabon Record					
		Entire Tour Record		Provincial Record			
		Seen	Heard Only	Estuaire	Moyen-Ogooué	Ogooué-Ivindo	
201	Rufous Flycatcher-thrush	<i>Stizorhina fraseri</i>	1			x	x
202	African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	1		x	x	x
203	PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae - Old World Flycatchers and Chats						
204	Cassin's Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa cassini</i>	1				x
205	White-browed Forest-flycatcher	<i>Fraseria cinerascens</i>	1				x
206	African Forest-flycatcher	<i>Fraseria ocreata</i>	1				x
207	Grey Tit-flycatcher	<i>Fraseria plumbea</i>	1				x
208	Brown-chested Alethe	<i>Chamaetylas poliocephala</i>	1				x
209	Orange-breasted Forest-robin	<i>Stiphromis erythrothorax</i>	1				x
210	PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae - Sunbirds						
211	Little Green Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes seimundi</i>	1				x
212	Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	1			x	x
213	Reichenbach's Sunbird	<i>Anabathmis reichenbachii</i>	1		x	x	x
214	Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>	1				x
215	Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i>	1			x	x
216	Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	1		x	x	x
217	Carmelite Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra fuliginosa</i>	1		x	x	
218	Green-throated Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra rubescens</i>	1				x
219	Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>	1			x	x
220	Johanna's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris johannae</i>	1			x	
221	Superb Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris superbus</i>	1				x
222	Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>	1			x	x
223	PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae - Weavers						
224	Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>	1				x
225	Slender-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus pelzelni</i>	1			x	
226	Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>	1				x
227	Orange Weaver	<i>Ploceus aurantius</i>	1			x	x
228	Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	1		x	x	x
229	Vieillot's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>	1		x	x	x
230	Compact Weaver	<i>Ploceus superciliosus</i>	1				x
231	Cassin's Malimbe	<i>Malimbus cassini</i>	1		x		x
232	Blue-billed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus nitens</i>	1				x
233	Red-bellied Malimbe	<i>Malimbus erythrogaster</i>	1				x
234	PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae - Waxbills						
235	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>	1			x	x
236	White-breasted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita fusconotus</i>	1				x
237	Chestnut-breasted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita bicolor</i>	1			x	
238	Grey-headed Nigrita	<i>Nigrita canicapillus</i>	1			x	
239	Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>	1		x	x	x
240	Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>	1			x	
241	PASSERIFORMES: Viduidae - Whydahs and Indigobirds						
242	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	1				x
243	PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae - Old World Sparrows						
244	Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	1		x	x	x
245	PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae - Pipits and Wagtails						
246	Long-legged Pipit	<i>Anthus pallidiventris</i>	1		x	x	x
247	Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	1				x
248	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	1		x		x