

Bird List for Gabon Mammal Watching Tour August 2019

(Taxonomy follows the Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World)

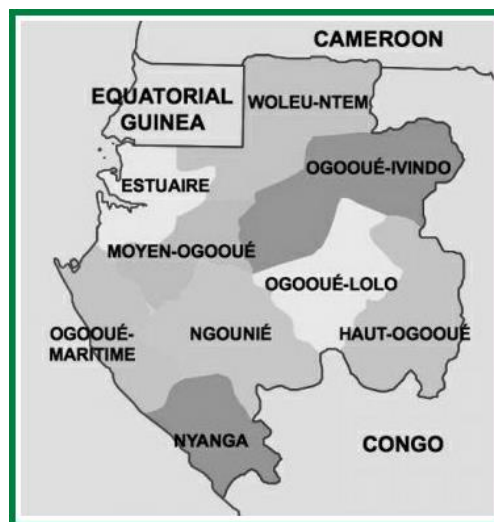
147 species seen and three heard only

This tour of Gabon, led by Fiona Reid, was focused primarily on the pursuit of mammals, but group members, also with an interest in birds (Debs Bradley, Laura Busby and Keith Millar) were able to record 150 species. While not a particularly high total for Gabon, no sound recordings were used and our total did include a number of sought-after species. Highlights included three hawk eagles (Crowned, Ayer's and Cassin's); a close encounter with a Long-tailed Hawk; four species of owl, each seen exceptionally well; six species of hornbill, Bates's Nightjar, several African Finfoot, Forbes's Plover, Grey Pratincole, Spot-breasted Ibis, Black and Rosy Bee-eaters, a good tally of kingfishers and the uncommon Olivaceous Flycatcher. Hearing Dja River Scrub Warbler, while tracking Western Lowland Gorilla was admittedly tantalizing, but a clear case of mammalian prioritisation!

As mentioned in the main report, a key management goal in Lope National Park is to protect regionally-rare savannah ecosystems within the continuous rainforest block through the use of fire. We found these savannah areas virtually devoid of birds. More broadly, in echoing the observations of Kevin Bryan and Sjeff Oilers, members of Jon Hall's mammal watching tour group in August 2018, we too noted a (worrying) lack of those species (particularly smaller birds) with more catholic habitat preferences and pan-African distributions. Evidence is still circumstantial as to whether these populations are being negatively impacted and how, but, the absence of a number of species *that one would reasonably expect to see during a visit to the right habitat* was evident. Moreover, in terms of forest species, we spent many hours in favourable habitat, but only once encountered a mixed feeding flock. We saw (or heard) practically no woodpeckers, flycatchers, barbets or honeyguides.

Provincial Key (sites visited):

1. Estuaire (Libreville, Akanda NP)
2. Ogooué- Ivindo (Lope NP, Mikongo)
3. Moyen-Ogooué (Lambaréné, Tsam Tsam)



Common Name	Scientific Name	Province
Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, Waterfowl)		
Hartlaub's Duck	<i>Pteronetta hartlaubii</i>	3
Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)		
Scaly Francolin	<i>Pternistis squamatus</i>	2
Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)		
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	3
Afep Pigeon	<i>Columba unicincta</i>	3
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	1,2,3
Blue-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	1,2,3
Blue-headed Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur brehmeri</i>	2
African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	2,3
Musophagidae (Turacos)		
Great Blue Turaco	<i>Corythaeola cristata</i>	2,3

Yellow-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco macrorhynchus</i>	2,3
Cuculidae (Cuckoos)		
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	3
Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	1,3
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	3 (H)
Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)		
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	2
Bates's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus batesi</i>	2
Apodidae (Swifts)		
Sabine's Spinetail	<i>Rhaphidura sabini</i>	3
Cassin's Spinetail	<i>Neafrapus cassini</i>	2
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	1,2,3
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1,2,3
Bates's Swift	<i>Apus batesi</i>	2
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1,2,3
Heliornithidae (Finfoots)		
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>	2,3
Burhinidae (Thick-knees)		
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	2
Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)		
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>	2
White-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	2,3
Forbes's Plover	<i>Charadrius forbesi</i>	2
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	1
Jacanidae (Jacanas)		
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	3
Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)		
Whimbrel	<i>Numerius phaeopus</i>	1,3
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1,2,3
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	3
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	3
Glareolidae (Pratincoles and Coursers)		
Grey Pratincole	<i>Glareola cinerea</i>	3
Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)		
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	3
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	3
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	1
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	2,3
Ciconiidae (Storks)		
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	2,3
Anhingidae (Anhingas)		
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	3
Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)		
Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	3
Pelecanidae (Pelicans)		
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	1,3
Scopidae (Hamerkop)		
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1,2
Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	2
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	3
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	3
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	3
Western Reef-Heron	<i>Egretta gularis</i>	1
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1,3
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1,3
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1
Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)		
Spot-breasted Ibis	<i>Bostrychia rara</i>	3
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1,2,3
Pandionidae (Osprey)		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1,3
Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)		

African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	2,3
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	1,2,3
Bat Hawk	<i>Macheiramphus alcinus</i>	2
Crowned Hawk-Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	2 (H), 3
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	2,3
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i>	2
Cassin's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila africana</i>	3
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	3
Long-tailed Hawk	<i>Urotriorchis macrourus</i>	2 (H), 3
African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	3
Strigidae (Owls)		
Fraser's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo poensis</i>	2
Pel's Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>	3
Vermiculated Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia bouvieri</i>	1,3
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	2
Trogonidae (Trogons)		
Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	2
Bucerotidae (Hornbills)		
Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros camurus</i>	2
African Pied Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros fasciatus</i>	1,2,3
White-crested Hornbill	<i>Horizocerus albocristatus</i>	2
Black-casqued Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna atrata</i>	2,3
White-thighed Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes albotibialis</i>	2
Piping Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes fistulator</i>	1,2,3
Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)		
Shining-blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo quadibrachys</i>	1,3
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	3
Chocolate-backed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon badia</i>	2
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	1,2
Blue-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>	1,2
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	2,3
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	2,3
Meropidae (Bee-eaters)		
Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>	2
Blue-breasted Bee-eater	<i>Merops variegatus</i>	1,2,3
White-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops albicollis</i>	2
Rosy Bee-eater	<i>Merops malimbicus</i>	1,3
Coraciidae (Rollers)		
Blue-throated Roller	<i>Eurystomus gularis</i>	3
Lybiidae (African Barbets)		
Naked-faced Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco calvus</i>	2
Yellow-throated Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i>	1,2
Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>	3
Indicatoridae (Honeyguides)		
Lyre-tailed Honeyguide	<i>Melichneutes robustus</i>	2 (H)
Picidae (Woodpeckers)		
Brown-eared Woodpecker	<i>Campethera caroli</i>	2
Psittaculidae (Old World Parrots)		
Red-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis pullarius</i>	1
Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)		
Grey Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	2,3
Red-fronted Parrot	<i>Poicephalus gularis</i>	2,3
Platysteiridae (Wattle-eyes and Batises)		
Chestnut Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira castanea</i>	2
Vangidae (Vangas, Helmetshrikes, and Allies)		
Black and White Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Bias musicus</i>	2
Rufous-bellied Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops rufiventris</i>	2
Dicruridae (Drongos)		
Sharpe's Drongo	<i>Dicrurus sharpei</i>	2
Shining Drongo	<i>Dicrurus atripennis</i>	2
Velvet-mantled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus modestus</i>	2
Monarchidae (Monarch Flycatchers)		
Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i>	2
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	3

Corvidae (Crows, Jays)		
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	2,3
Nicatoridae (Nicators)		
Western Nicator	<i>Nicator chloris</i>	3
Cisticolidae (Cisticolas and Allies)		
Yellow-browed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera supercilialis</i>	2
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	2
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>	2
Siffling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>	3
Pectoral-patch Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brunnescens</i>	2
Locustellidae (Grassbirds and allies)		
Dja River Swamp Warbler	<i>Bradypterus grandis</i>	2 (H)
Hirundinidae (Swallows)		
White-throated Blue Swallow	<i>Hirundo nigrita</i>	3
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	1,2,3
Rufous-chested Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	2
Square-tailed Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne nitens</i>	2
Pycnonotidae (Bulbuls)		
Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Stelgidillas gracilirostris</i>	2
Yellow-throated Greenbul	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis</i>	2
Swamp Greenbul	<i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i>	3
Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>	2
Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	1,2,3
Buphagidae (Oxpeckers)		
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	2
Sturnidae (Starlings)		
Splendid Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	1,2
Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)		
African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	2
Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)		
Cassin's Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa cassini</i>	2
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria plumbea</i>	2
Olivaceous Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria olivascens</i>	2
Nectariniidae (Sunbirds and Spiderhunters)		
Reichenbach's Sunbird	<i>Anabathmis reichenbachii</i>	2,3
Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>	1
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i>	2
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	2
Carmelite Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra fuliginosa</i>	1
Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>	1
Johanna's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris johannae</i>	2
Superb Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris superbus</i>	3
Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>	2
Ploceidae (Weavers and Allies)		
Black-throated Malimbe	<i>Malimbus cassini</i>	2
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>	2
Vieillot's Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>	1
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	1,2,3
Compact Weaver	<i>Pachyphantes superciliosus</i>	2
Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>	2
Orange-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>	1,2
Black-bellied Seedcracker	<i>Pyrenestes ostrinus</i>	2
Black-chinned quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis gabonensis</i>	2
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>	1
Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>	1,2
Viduidae (Indigobirds)		
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	2
Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)		
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	1
Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)		
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	3
Long-legged Pipit	<i>Anthus pallidiventris</i>	1,2,3
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	2