

SOMALILAND

30 JANUARY – 4 FEBRUARY 2024



Beira. Beira Hills. 31 January 2024. Photo: Goran Pettersson

ITINERARY

- 30 Jan** Arrive Somaliland at Waajale. Transport to Hargeisa. Night Hargeisa
- 31 Jan** Beira Hills and Hargeisa citydamp. Night Hargeisa
- 1 Feb** Nabij Laas Geel. Lunch in Berbera. Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain. Night Burco
- 2 Feb** Burco. Aarori and Tunya Plains. Night Odweyne
- 3 Feb** Aarori Plains. Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain. Pigeon Hills. Transport to Berbera. Night Berbera
- 4 Feb** Transport to Hargeisa. Fly out.

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BIRDS

- 1 **Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca*
2 En route Berbera – Hargeisa 4.2
- 2 **Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris somaliensis*
40 Hargeisa 4.2
- 3 **Crested Francolin** *Ortygornis sephaena spilogaster*
4 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 2 days in total
- 4 **Yellow-necked Spurfowl** *Pternistis leucoscepus infuscatus*
2 Tunya Plains 2.2 and 2 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 5 **Little Swift** *Apus affinis aerobates*
50 Hargeisa 31.1 and 150 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 6 **White-bellied Go-away-bird** *Crinifer leucogaster*
5 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 7 **Little Brown Bustard** *Heterotetrax humilis*
2 Beira Hills 31.1, 2 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2, 1 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 4 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 8 **Buff-crested Bustard** *Lophotis gindiana*
2 Beira Hills 31.1, 4 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 2 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 9 **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse** *Pterocles exustus ellioti*
15 Beira Hills 31.1, 7 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 500 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 10 **Speckled Pigeon** *Columba guinea guinea*
150 en route Wajaale – Hargeisa 30.1. Observed 6 days in total
- 11 **Somali Pigeon** *Columba oliviae* Endemic
1 Pigeon Hills 3.2
- 12 **Mourning Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decipiens decipiens*
2 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 2 days in total
- 13 **Red-eyed Dove** *Streptopelia semitorquata*
3 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 2 days in total
- 14 **Ring-necked Dove** *Streptopelia capicola somalica*
15 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 15 **Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*
1 Wajaale 30.1 and 15 Hargeisa 31.1. Observed 6 days in total
- 16 **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove** *Turtur chalcospilos* HO
2 heard Beira Hills 31.1 and 1 heard Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2
- 17 **Namaqua Dove** *Oena capensis capensis*
10 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 18 **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*
1 Berbera 3.2
- 19 **Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*
4 Berbera 3.2
- 20 **Spur-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus*
20 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1 and 1 En route Berbera – Hargeisa 4.2
- 21 **Crowned Lapwing** *Vanellus coronatus demissus*
15 Aroori Plains 2.2. Observed 2 days in total
- 22 **Eurasian Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*
1 Berbera 1.2
- 23 **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*
1 Berbera 1.2 and 1 Berbera 3.2

- 24 **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
1 Berbera 1.2
- 25 **Sanderling** *Calidris alba alba*
1 Berbera 3.2
- 26 **Double-banded Courser** *Rhinoptilus africanus raffertyi*
2 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 27 **Somali Courser** *Cursorius somalensis somalensis*
11 Aroori Plains 2.2
- 28 **Lesser Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bengalensis bengalensis*
4 Berbera 3.2
- 29 **Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii velox*
1 Berbera 3.2
- 30 **Sooty Gull** *Ichthyaetus hemprichii*
25 Berbera 1.2 and 1 Berbera 3.2
- 31 **White-eyed Gull** *Ichthyaetus leucophthalmus*
5 Berbera 1.2
- 32 **Caspian Gull** *Larus cachinnans*
5 Berbera 1.2 and 15 Berbera 3.2
- 33 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*
5 Berbera 1.2 and 5 Berbera 3.2
- 34 **Abdim's Stork** *Ciconia abdimii*
1 Hargeisa 31.1, 1 Hargeisa 1.2, 2 Berbera 1.2 and 2 Berbera 4.2
- 35 **African Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopicus*
200 Wajaale 30.1, 50 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1, 150 Berbera 1.2 and 100 Berbera 3.2.
Observed 5 days in total
- 36 **Western Reef Heron** *Egretta gularis schistacea*
1 Berbera 3.2
- 37 **Black-headed Heron** *Ardea melanocephala*
10 Wajaale 30.1
- 38 **Hamerkop** *Scopus umbretta umbretta*
1 Hargeisa 4.2
- 39 **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*
1 Berbera 3.2
- 40 **Hooded Vulture** *Necrosyrtes monachus*
3 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1 and 7 Hargeisa 4.2
- 41 **Short-toed Snake Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus gallicus*
1 Aroori Plains 2.2
- 42 **Steppe Eagle** *Aquila nipalensis orientalis*
50 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1
- 43 **Eastern Chanting Goshawk** *Melierax poliopterus*
2 Beira Hills 31.1 and 4 en route 2.2
- 44 **Pallid Harrier** *Circus macrourus*
2 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 45 **Yellow-billed Kite** *Milvus aegyptius aegyptius*
10 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1 and 3 Hargeisa 4.2
- 46 **Little Owl** *Athene noctua somaliensis*
1 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2

- 47 **Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*
1 Beira Hills 31.1, 2 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 2 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 48 **Abyssinian Scimitarbill** *Rhinopomastus minor minor*
1 heard Beira Hills 31.1, 2 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 1 Aroori Plains 2.2
- 49 **Northern Red-billed Hornbill** *Tockus erythrorhynchus*
1 Beira Hills 31.1 and 4 en route 2.2. Observed 4 days in total
- 50 **Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill** *Tockus flavirostris*
1 Berbera 1.2, 1 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 6 Aroori Plains 2.2. Observed 3 days in total
- 51 **Hemprich's Hornbill** *Lophoceros hemprichii*
2 Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2
- 52 **Lilac-breasted Roller** *Coracias caudatus lorti*
1 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 1 En route Berbera – Hargeisa 4.2
- 53 **Somali Bee-eater** *Merops revouillii*
2 Beira Hills 31.1, 1 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1, 1 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 4 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 54 **Red-and-yellow Barbet** *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus shelleyi*
2 Aroori Plains 2.2
- 55 **Red-fronted Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus pusillus uropygialis* HO
1 heard Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 1 heard Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2
- 56 **Pygmy Falcon** *Polihierax semitorquatus castanonotus*
2 Aroori Plains 2.2
- 57 **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus archeri*
1 Beira Hills 31.1 and 2 en route 2.2
- 58 **Lanner Falcon** *Falco biarmicus abyssinicus*
1 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 59 **Red-bellied Parrot** *Poicephalus rufiventris pallidus*
4 Beira Hills 31.1
- 60 **Grey-headed Batis** *Batis orientalis orientalis*
2 Beira Hills 31.1 and 2 heard Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 61 **Rosy-patched Bushshrike** *Telophorus cruentus hilgerti*
3 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 4 days in total
- 62 **Slate-colored Boubou** *Laniarius funebris*
2 Beira Hills 31.1
- 63 **Ethiopian Boubou** *Laniarius aethiopicus* HO
2 heard Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2
- 64 **Brubru** *Nilaus afer minor*
5 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 4 days in total
- 65 **Fork-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus adsimilis lugubris*
1 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 66 **Great Grey Shrike** *Lanius excubitor pallidirostris*
2 Beira Hills 31.1
- 67 **Somali Fiscal** *Lanius somalicus*
2 Beira Hills 31.1, 2 Berbera 1.2, 5 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2, abundant Aroori Plains 2.2 and common Aroori Plains 3.2. Observed 5 days in total
- 68 **Pied Crow** *Corvus albus*
1 Aroori Plains 2.2

- 69 **Somali Crow** *Corvus edithae*
25 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 70 **Fan-tailed Raven** *Corvus rhipidurus rhipidurus*
2 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 2 Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2
- 71 **Lesser Hoopoe-Lark** *Alaemon hamertoni alter* Endemic
3 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 72 **Desert Lark** *Ammomanes deserti akeleyi* Endemic
4 Beira Hills 31.1, 5 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 2 Tunya Plains 2.2
- 73 **Gillett's Lark** *Mirafra gilletti gilletti*
2 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 74 **Somali Lark** *Mirafra somalica somalica* Endemic
1 Tunya Plains 2.2
- 75 **Short-tailed Lark** *Spizocorys fremantlii fremantlii*
1 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 76 **Thekla's Lark** *Galerida theklae ellioti* Endemic
10 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 5 en route Berbera – Hargeisa 4.2. Observed 3 days in total
- 77 **Greater Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla brachydactyla*
2 en route 2.2
- 78 **Somali Short-toed Lark** *Alaudala somalica somalica*
2 Tunya Plains 2.2
- 79 **Somali Bulbul** *Pycnonotus somaliensis*
10 Beira Hills 31.1 and 2 Hargeisa 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 80 **Pale Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne obsoleta arabica*
5 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 81 **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica rustica*
2 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 2 days in total
- 82 **Ethiopian Swallow** *Hirundo aethiopica amadoni*
2 Beira Hills 31.1 and 20 Aroori Plains 2.2. Observed 4 days in total
- 83 **Common Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita* HO
1 heard Beira Hills 31.1
- 84 **Desert Cisticola** *Cisticola aridulus lavendulae*
5 Tunya Plains 2.2 and 1 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 85 **Pale Prinia** *Prinia somalica somalica* Endemic
1 Beira Hills 31.1
- 86 **Red-fronted Prinia** *Prinia rufifrons rufifrons*
3 Beira Hills 31.1, 3 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 3 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 87 **Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis flavida abyssinica*
2 Aroori Plains 2.2
- 88 **Grey Wren-Warbler** *Calamonastes simplex* HO
1 heard Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 1 heard en route 2.2
- 89 **Yellow-bellied Eremomela** *Eremomela icteropygialis griseoflava*
1 en route 2.2
- 90 **Abyssinian White-eye** *Zosterops abyssinicus abyssinicus*
3 Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2
- 91 **Wattled Starling** *Creatophora cinerea*
10 Beira Hills 31.1 and 20 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1. Observed 3 days in total

- 92 **Greater Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis chalybaeus cyaniventris*
5 Beira Hills 31.1, 10 Hargeisa 1.2 and 5 Aroori Plains 2.2. Observed 4 days in total
- 93 **Golden-breasted Starling** *Lamprotornis regius*
1 Beira Hills 31.1 and 10 Aroori Plains 2.2. Observed 3 days in total
- 94 **Superb Starling** *Lamprotornis superbus*
10 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 95 **White-crowned Starling** *Lamprotornis albicapillus albicapillus*
15 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 50 Aroori Plains 2.2. Observed 3 days in total
- 96 **Somali Starling** *Onychognathus blythii*
1 Beira Hills 31.1, 6 Berbera 1.2 and 2 Pigeon Hills 3.2
- 97 **Red-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*
2 Beira Hills 31.1, 2 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 4 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 98 **Black Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas podobe podobe*
1 Berbera 3.2
- 99 **African Grey Flycatcher** *Bradornis microrhynchus pumilus*
2 Beira Hills 31.1, 3 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 6 Aroori Plains 2.2. Observed 4 days in total
- 100 **Little Rock Thrush** *Monticola rufocinereus rufocinereus*
1 ♂ Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2
- 101 **Common Rock Thrush** *Monticola saxatilis*
1 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 2 en route 2.2
- 102 **Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius longirostris*
1 ♂ Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 1.2
- 103 **Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina*
10 Beira Hills 31.1, common en route 2.2 and abundant en route 3.2. Observed 5 days in total
- 104 **Desert Wheatear** *Oenanthe deserti deserti*
2 Aroori Plains 2.2
- 105 **Pied Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka*
2 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 4 days in total
- 106 **Somali Wheatear** *Oenanthe phillipsi*
5 Beira Hills 31.1, 1 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2, 2 en route 2.2 and 1 en route 3.2
- 107 **Blackstart** *Oenanthe melanura aussae*
1 Beira Hills 31.1, 3 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 1 en route 3.2
- 108 **Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird** *Anthreptes orientalis*
2 Beira Hills 31.1
- 109 **Marico Sunbird** *Cinnyris mariquensis osiris*
5 Beira Hills 31.1, 2 Burco 2.2 and 2 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 110 **Variable Sunbird** *Cinnyris venustus albiventris*
2 Beira Hills 31.1 and 1 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 111 **Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow** *Gymnoris pyrgita pyrgita*
1 Beira Hills 31.1 and 2 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 112 **Swainson's Sparrow** *Passer swainsonii*
10 Hargeisa 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 113 **Somali Sparrow** *Passer castanopterus castanopterus* Endemic
10 Burco 1.2 and 10 Burco 2.2. Observed 3 days in total

- 114 **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver** *Bubalornis niger intermedius*
10 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 10 Aroori Plains 2.2. Observed 3 days in total
- 115 **White-headed Buffalo Weaver** *Dinemellia dinemelli dinemelli*
2 Beira Hills 31.1. Observed 5 days in total
- 116 **Lesser Masked Weaver** *Ploceus intermedius intermedius*
1 Beira Hills 31.1 and 2 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 117 **Chestnut Weaver** *Ploceus rubiginosus rubiginosus*
15 En route Wajaale – Hargeisa 30.1
- 118 **Northern Red Bishop** *Euplectes franciscanus pusillus*
40 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 119 **African Silverbill** *Euodice cantans orientalis*
3 Burco 2.2
- 120 **Western Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*
3 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1
- 121 **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba alba*
2 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1 and 1 en route 3.2
- 122 **African Pipit** *Anthus cinnamomeus annae*
2 Tunya Plains 2.2
- 123 **Plain-backed Pipit** *Anthus leucophrys saphiroi*
2 en route 2.2 and 1 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 124 **Brown-rumped Seedeater** *Crithagra tristriata*
2 Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 1.2 and 1 Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2

MAMMALS

- 1 **Rock Hyrax** *Procavia capensis*
5 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2 and 10 Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 3.2
- 2 **Banded Mongoose** *Mungos mungo*
25 Burco 1.2
- 3 **African Golden Wolf** *Canis lupaster*
4 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1 and 2 Aroori Plains 2.2
- 4 **Bat-eared Fox** *Otocyon megalotis virgatus*
2 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 5 **Desert Warthog** *Phacochoerus aethiopicus delamerei*
10 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1, 2 Hargeisa 1.2 and 12 en route 3.2
- 6 **Beira** *Dorcatragus megalotis*
3 Beira Hills 31.1
- 7 **Speke's Gazelle** *Gazella spekei*
6 Pigeon Hills 1.2, 10 Tunya Plains 2.2, 38 Aroori Plains 2.2, 56 Aroori Plains 3.2, 7 Oodweyne 2.2 and 10 en route Berbera – Hargeisa 4.2
- 8 **Gerenuk** *Litocranius walleri walleri*
12 Beira Hills 31.1 and 12 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 9 **Salt's Dik-dik** *Madoqua saltiana phillipsi*
2 Beira Hills 31.1, 8 Aroori Plains 2.2 and 7 Aroori Plains 3.2
- 10 **Hamadryas Baboon** *Papio hamadryas*
40 Beira Hills 31.1, 15 Burco 1.2, 3 Aroori Plains 3.2 and 60 En route Berbera – Hargeisa 4.2

- 11 **Abyssinian Hare** *Lepus habessinicus*
1 Hargeisa citydamp 31.1
- 12 **Speke's Gundi** *Pectinator spekei*
1 Nabij Laas Geel 1.2
- 13 **Unstriped Ground Squirrel** *Xerus rutilus*
2 Beira Hills 31.1, 5 Aroori Plains 2.2, 3 Aroori Plains 3.2 and 1 en route Berbera –
Hargeisa 4.2

REPTILES

- 1 **Leopard Tortoise** *Stigmochelys pardalis babcocki*
1 Beira Hills 31.1 and 1 Dawga Sheekh, Sheikh Mountain 1.2