

Uganda: June 25- July 14 2025

While several top mammal watchers have written a report for Uganda, I did want to share my itinerary. Uganda would be very productive for both those looking for a family trip with memorable wildlife encounters to the hard core. I've been doing dedicated mammal watching trips since 2022. I am also increasingly interested in photography, so while my list is a personal record, Sam would have gladly found more species for me if I didn't need to stop for every photo op. Uganda has so much potential for mammal watching and Harrier Tours is top notch. Thank you to Sam and Moses, and also Harriet for the itinerary.

June 25- Late arrival to Entebbe airport. Sam and Moses were waiting for me on arrival and drove a short distance to Airport Guesthouse.

June 26- Morning boat to Mabamba Swamp. Had great views of Shoebills and other birds, with distant views of spotted-necked otter. Headed to Entebbe Botanical Gardens for primates and Red-legged Sun Squirrel. Drove to Rainforest Lodge. Had a productive night walk with Demidoff's Dwarf Galago, Thomas's Dwarf Galago, and Lord Derby's Anomalure.

June 27- Long drive to Pian Upe Wildlife Reserve, a very under visited park. Stayed in Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) Cottages.

June 28- Morning and afternoon drives in Pian Upe. Species included: African Cape Hare, Angolan Free-tailed Bat, Giraffe, Roan Antelope. One highlight was Uganda's endemic bird the Fox's Weaver. Stayed in UWA Cottages.

June 29- Drove to the Moroto Mountains, primarily a birding destination. In the afternoon we took a rainy walk, but saw our main target Ochre Bush Squirrel. Stayed at KaraTunga.

June 30- Long drive to Kidepo Valley NP. Stayed in Savannah Lodge.

July 1- Morning, afternoon, and night drives in Kidepo Valley NP. Species included: Stripped Ground Squirrel, White Tailed Mongoose, Ethiopian Rock Hyrax, Black Backed Jackal. Stayed in Savannah Lodge.

July 2- Long drive to Murchison's Falls NP. Stayed in Pakumba Safari Lodge.

July 3- Morning game drive, late morning boat, evening/night drive. Species included: Ground Pangolin, Bunyoro Rabbit, Yellow-Winged Bat, Sundevall's Roundleaf Bat, Noack's Roundleaf Bat, Lion, Hippopotamus. Stayed in Pakumba Safari Lodge.

July 4- Murchison's Falls NP morning drive. Long transfer to Kibale. The itinerary changed from what was originally planned due to vehicle issues; however, the Harrier Tours team took care of the logistics with little inconvenience to me. Stayed in Kibale Forest Lodge.

July 5- Primate walking near Kibale at Turaco Trails in the morning and Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary in the afternoon. Species including: Ashy Red Colobus, Black and white Guereza Colobus, Tantalus Monkey, L'Hoest's Monkey, Red-tailed Monkey, Ugandan Crested Mangaby. Stayed in Guereza Canopy Lodge.

July 6- Drive to Semuliki NP and walk. Species Included: Weyn's Duiker, Blue Monkey, DeBrazza's Monkey. Night walk cancelled due to rain. Stayed in Guereza Canopy Lodge.

July 7- Morning walk in Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary, followed by chimpanzee tracking in Kibale and a night walk. Species included: Chimpanzee, Boehm's Bush Squirrel, E. African Potto. Stayed in Guereza Canopy Lodge.

July 8- Drive to Queen Elizabeth NP. Afternoon boat and game drive. Species included: Banded Mongoose, Elephant, Hippo, Giant Forest Hog. Stayed in Bush Lodge.

July 9- Game drive in Ishasha section of Queen Elizabeth NP. Drive to Bwindi. Species included: Lion, Leopard, Spotted Hyena, Giant Forest Hog. Stayed in A Ride 4 A Woman Community Guesthouse.

July 10- Visited the Pangolin Research Center and saw 2 soon to be released White Bellied Tree Pangolins out on a walk. Bwindi Impenetrable NP morning walk where we saw fresh African Golden Cat tracks. Species included: Black fronted Duiker, Ruwenzori Horseshoe Bat, Carruther's Mountain Squirrel, Forest Giant Squirrel. Stayed in A Ride 4 A Woman Community Guesthouse.

July 11- Morning Gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable NP. Transfer to Mgahinga. Stayed in Mucha Lodge.

July 12- Golden Monkey tracking in Mgahinga NP. Stayed in Mucha Lodge.

July 13- Stopped at Echuya Forest Reserve for Silver Monkey and Ruwenzori Sun Squirrel. Drive to Lake Mburo NP. Saw Bush Hyrax and Scrub Hare in the evening. Stayed in Rwakobo Rock.

July 14- Lake Mburo NP morning game drive. Long drive back to Entebbe. Day room at Airport Guesthouse before midnight flight.

A few notes: Sam and Moses (guide and driver) were amazing and I cannot recommend them enough! All the lodging was very good and much nicer than my typical accommodations. The food was delicious and portions huge. I am a vegetarian, and regardless of your food preferences, you should not have a problem. The issue that I did have was the road conditions, as I had recently seriously injured my back. It was quite aggravated by the long bumpy drives and that slowed me down, so just a word of caution, but it can be managed.

Mammal Species (74):

African Bush Elephant
East African Potto
Thomas's Dwarf Galago
Demidoff's Dwarf Galago
Patas Monkey
Vervet Monkey
Tantalus Monkey
Red-tailed Monkey
L'Hoest's Monkey
Blue Monkey
De Brazza's Monkey
Uganda Crested Mangabey
Olive Baboon
Mantled Guereza Colobus

Ashy Red Colobus
Eastern Gorilla
Common Chimpanzee
Silver Monkey
Golden Monkey
Lord Derby's Anomalure
Striped Ground Squirrel
Carruther's Mountain Squirrel
Red-legged Sun Squirrel
Ruwenzori Sun Squirrel
Boehm's Bush Squirrel
Ochre Bush Squirrel
Forest Giant Squirrel
Grass Rat
Bunyoro Rabbit
African Cape Hare
Scrub (African Savanna) Hare
Ethipian Epauletted Fruit Bat
Franquet's Epauletted Fruit Bat
Hammer-headed Fruit Bat
Angolan free-tailed Bat
Mauritian Tomb Bat
Yellow-winged Bat
Ruwenzori Horseshoe Bat
Sundevall's Roundleaf Bat
Noack's Roundleaf Bat
Straw-colored Fruit Bat
Benito's Roundleaf Bat
Lion
Leopard
White-tailed Mongoose
Banded Mongoose
Common Dwarf Mongoose
Spotted Hyena
Black-backed Jackal
Spotted-Necked Otter
Boehm's Zebra
Common Warthog
Giant Forest Hog
Hippopotamus
Rothchild's Giraffe
Jackson's Hartebeest
Topi
Oribi
Cape Buffalo
Common Eland
Bushbuck
Black-fronted Duiker
Weyn's Duiker

Impala
Waterbuck
Kob
Roan Antelope
Bohor Reedbuck
N Bush Duiker
Ground Pangolin
White-bellied Tree Pangolin
Ethiopian Rock Hyrax
Bush Hyrax
S Tree Hyrax



Shoebill, Mabamba Swamp



Lord Derby's Anomalure, Rainforest Lodge



Vervet Monkey, Pian Upe



Black-backed Jackal, Kidepo Valley NP



Ground Pangolin, Murchisons Falls NP



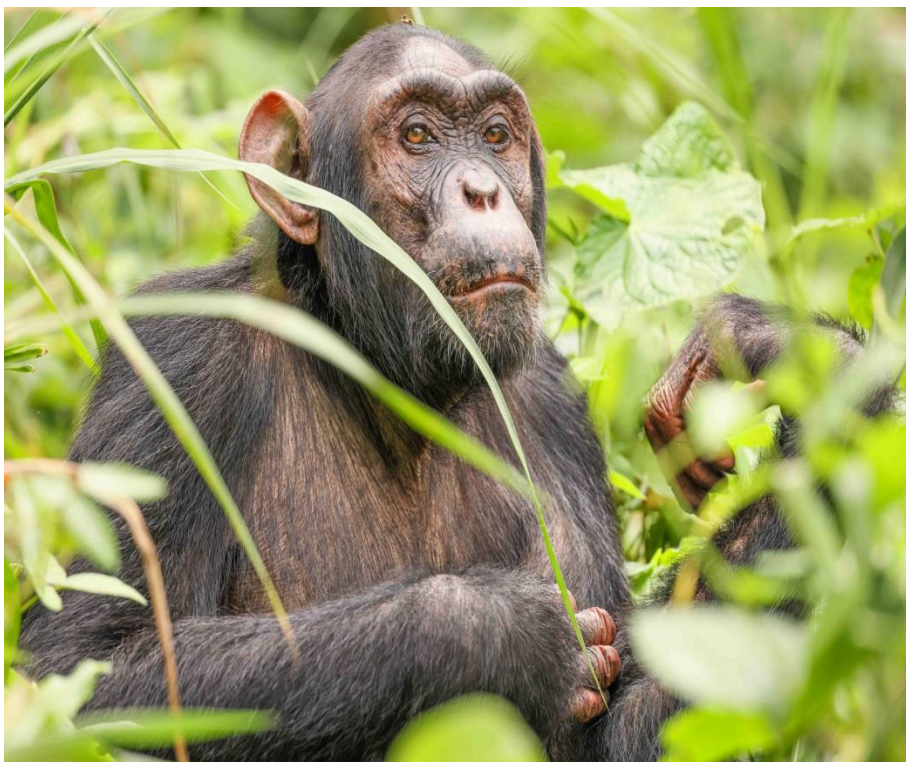
Uganda Crested Mangabey, Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary



Olive Baboon, Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary



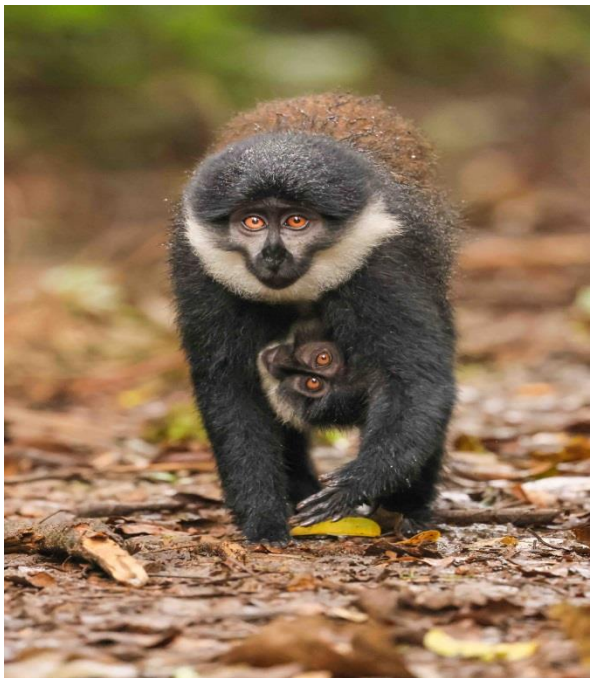
Benito's Roundleaf Bat, Kibale NP



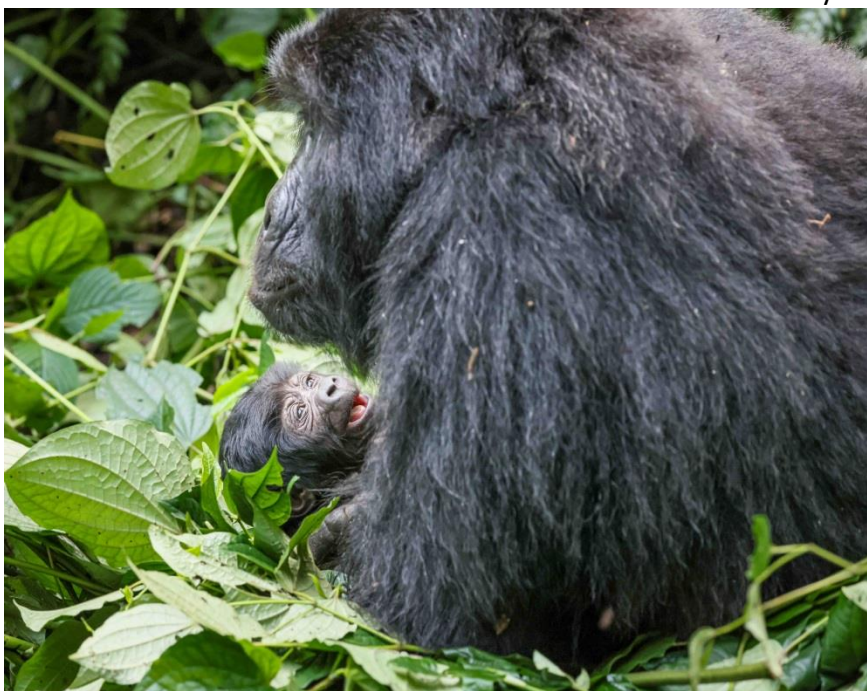
Chimpanzee, Kibale NP



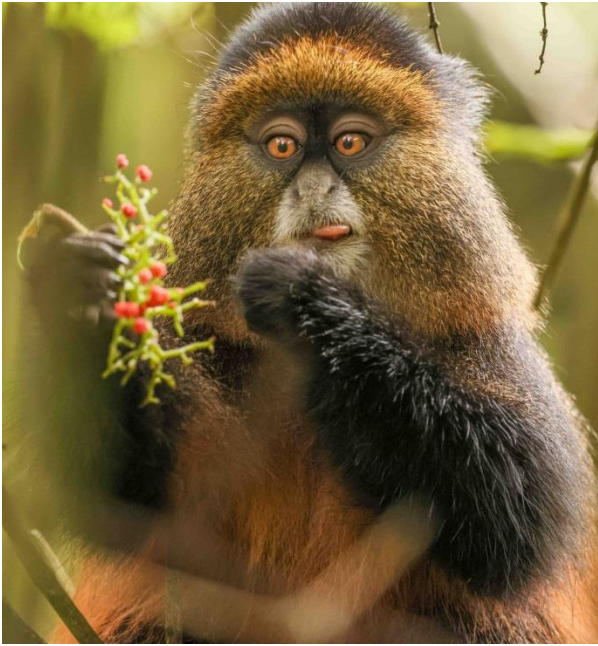
Lion cub, Queen Elizabeth NP



L'Hoeest's Monkey mom and baby, Bwindi Impenetrable NP



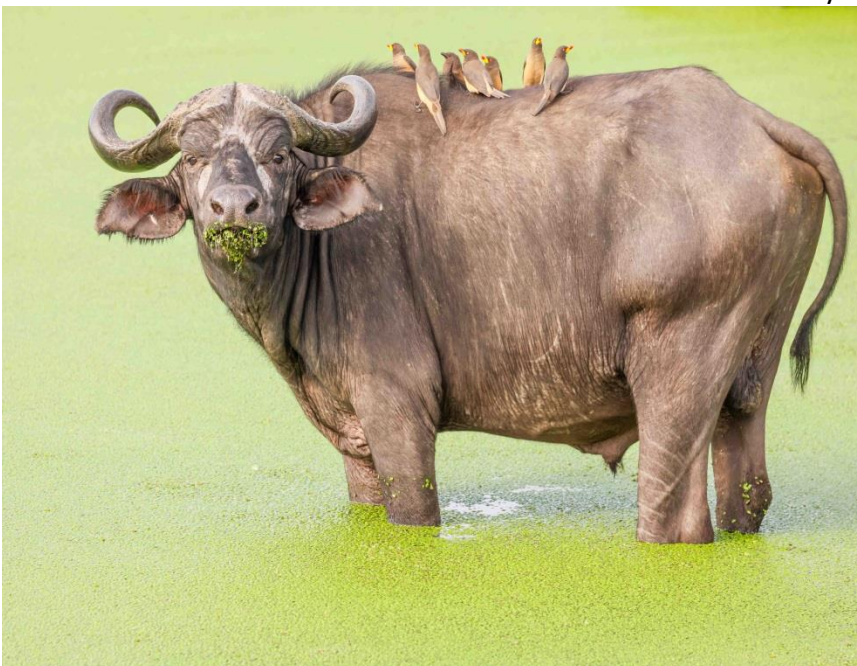
Gorilla mom and baby, Bwindi NP



Golden Monkey, Mgahinga NP



Bush Hyrax, Rwakobo Rock



Cape Buffalo, Lake Mburo NP