



RWANDA 2025

4 aug – 21 aug

Introduction

We (3 young Dutch birders from the Netherlands) hadn't ever been outside of Europe. This was our first time birding outside our continent. We chose Rwanda as our destination, because of the safeness, stability and it's relatively small size (So it was not too overwhelming). It turned out to be the most exciting 2 weeks of birding in our lives. We visited 4 sites: the urban wetland in Kigali, the mountain rainforest of Nyungwe, the papyrus swamps near Gashora and the safari park Akagera. All 4 types of habitats are very different. We managed to see 296 birds, 36 mammals and 10 reptiles & amphibians. I hope this report will help you and hope you enjoy reading it! Kind regards, Bas Klep

Itinerary

4-8	Flight Brussels – Cairo - Kigali
5-8	Arrival Kigali, Nyundangu Urban Wetland Kigali
6-8	Travel day Kigali – Nyungwe NP
7-8	Nyungwe NP
8-8	Nyungwe NP
9-8	Nyungwe NP
10-8	Nyungwe NP
11-8	Travel day Nyungwe NP – Lakeside Fishfarm
12-8	Gashora Swamp
13-8	Gashora Swamp
14-8	Travel day Lakeside Fishfarm – Akagera NP, short afternoon birding Akagera
15-8	Akagera NP
16-8	Akagera NP
17-8	Akagera NP
18-8	Mourning birding Akagera, in the afternoon drive to the airport
19-8	Flight: Kigali – Cairo - Paris
20-8	Train: Paris - Amsterdam



Practicalities

Car: We hired a car from August 11th – August 18th. We rented a Toyota Rav4 at Kigali Car Rentals for 40 USD/day. It was a really good company. The second day we drove the car broke down, the temperature gauge went from maximum to 0 and there was a lot of steam coming out of the car. Since Rwanda is a very densely populated country it didn't take long for a group of around 8 Rwandans to notice us, they were really helpful and among them was one man who knew a lot about cars. He saw the pipe of the coolant was not attached to the coolant box, which caused the coolant to leak empty. After 1,5 hours the problem was fixed and in the meantime we had called the rental company which arrived with the new car about 3 hours after calling.

Weather: June, July and August are the driest months of the year in Rwanda, there is also a short dry period in December and January. The temperatures are the same yearround, 28 degrees C as a maximum and 16 as a minimum. It is cooler in the higher rainforests.

Resources: We used the trip report from Rob Gordijn (June – July 2023) found on Cloudbirders, this report was really helpful in our preparation. We used the 'Helm Field Guide – Birds of East Africa' which was a great book. We also used "The Dragonflies and Damselfies of Eastern Africa" from K. D. B. Dijkstra and V. Clausnitzer. At last we borrowed the "Field Guide to East African Reptiles". The last two were great books, but because we didn't focus on these groups of species, we didn't see a lot of those species, thus those books remained mostly unused.

Poverty: there is a lot of poverty in Rwanda, so you will definitely be confronted with begging children saying " I'm hungry". Our guide advised us to not give money or food to these children, because then you will reward them for not going to school.

People/Culture: Rwandans are really friendly, we found out that the best way to greet them is to wave and smile instead of saying "hello".

ATMS: ATM's were available in most large cities.

Flights: We flew with Egypt Airways, this was fine but especially the journey back was way to long, we don't recommend that. In total the flights + train tickets cost around 900 euros p.p.

Thoughts on our Itinerary and species: I think this itinerary worked really good. If you want to go Gorilla Trekking you have to go to Vulcano NP, but we skipped this because it was too expensive (1500 USD pp). The gashora swamp visit could have been a bit shorter as it wasn't the best time for swamp warblers. We also missed quite a few barbets and common herons and storks, which wasn't expected. The best species of birds we saw were: Red Collared Mountain Babbler, Kungwe Apalis, Lagden's Bush-shrike, White Collared Oliveback, Papyrus Canary and Brown Chested Lapwing, to name a few. We saw nearly all of our targeted Albertine Rift endemics, thanks to our guide.

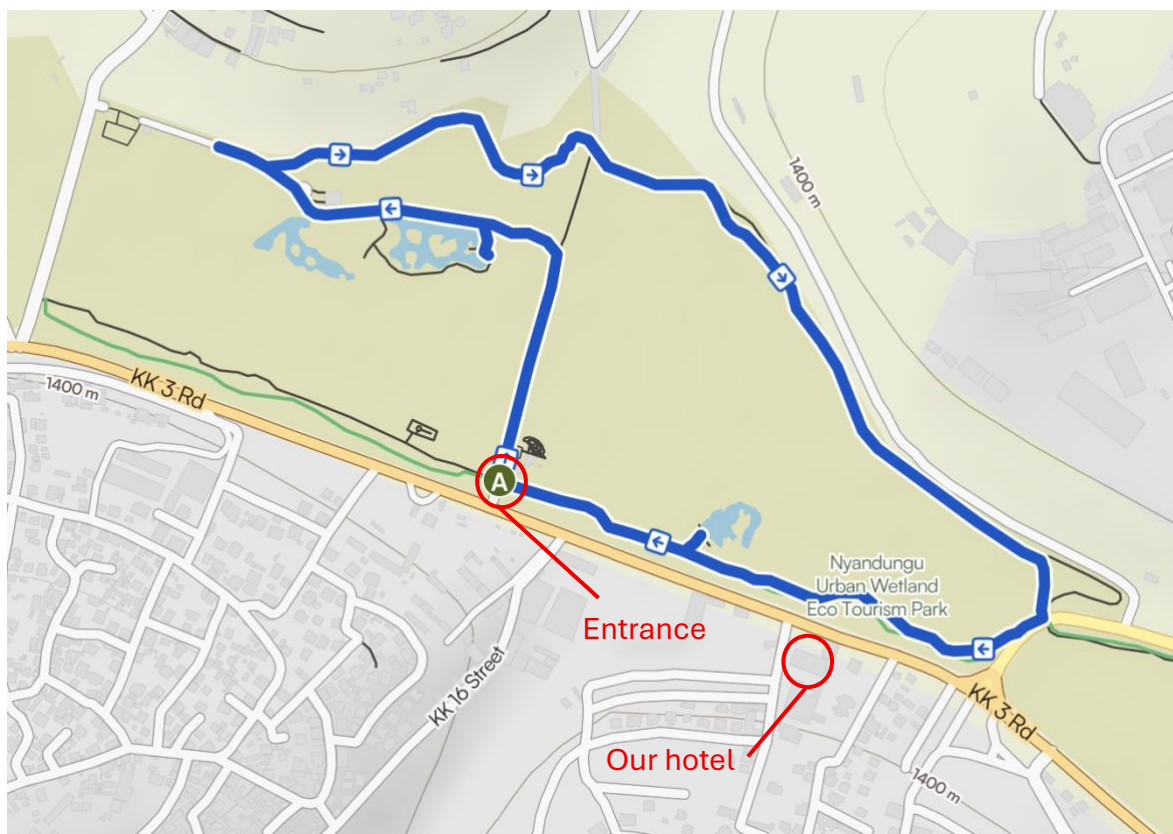
Reading Guide: Below I will explain in detail the sites we visit and the species we saw. **Birds are in Green, Mammals in red, and Reptiles and Amfibians in blue.**

Visited sites

Nyundangu Urban Wetland Kigali

We arrived in Kigali at around 4:30 in the morning, we had a delay of around 1-1,5 hour. Beforehand we had arranged a pick up with the hotel we were staying at (Phoenix apartments). That guy had been waiting for a lot of time in the middle of the night to pick us up. The hotel was nice, clean and located especially well if you want to go to the Urban Wetland. We had a short sleep at our hotel ate breakfast at 7:30 and left to go birding in the Nyundangu Urban Wetland.

At the entrance we were overwhelmed by the bird activity. In the first minutes we had a very short look at the biggest target species, **white-collared oliveback** (-1.95478, 30.14535), which we encountered again at the following place (-1.95617, 30.15139) with better views. This wetland is the most reliable spot to see this species. We also saw a **Mwanza Frog** and stumbled upon a **Side-striped Jackal**, which ran over the path for a few seconds. We birded untill 13:30, when the bird activity was very little compared to the morning, as well as our energy from the long journey and we did rest a bit around the hotel. Afterwards when I was checking the photos I had a pleasant surprise, which was a **Brubru**, which I hadn't noticed in the field.



This is the route we walked. The wetland is open from 6AM to 6PM. We bought our tickets online via the TiCQet App. We brought with us plastic water bottles, but these are prohibited in the park, so we had to leave them at the entrance. At the entrance you have to go through security, showing your ticket. They will check your bags for weapons and/or plastic.



Black-headed Heron



Green-headed Sunbird



Klaas's Cuckoo



Side-Striped Jackal



Long-crested Eagle



Mwanza Frog



Jaunty Dropwing



White-browed Scrub-robin



White-collared Oliveback



Brubru

Nyungwe NP

The next day we headed to the rainforest of Nyungwe NP. Nyungwe NP is the best place for Albertine Rift Endemics. We arranged this part of the trip with our guide, Claver Ntoyinkima. This was definitely the best part of the trip, Claver worked really hard to show us the bird species of the rainforest. We paid 1250 USD pp, which was all-inclusive (guiding, accomodation, meals, chimpanzee trekking, night walk, transport, driver etc.) and it was worth every single dollar! I will not share all the details of this part of the trip, you should contact Claver for that, I will only share a few. The second, third and fourth day Claver brought Richard with him. Richard was a young student who also would like to become a bird guide in the future, his presence was nice and helpful. We spend 4 full days in Nyungwe NP, as well as 2 days of transfer at the start and end of period.



Nyungwe's most sought after bird, the Red-collared Mountain Babbler



Black-billed Turaco



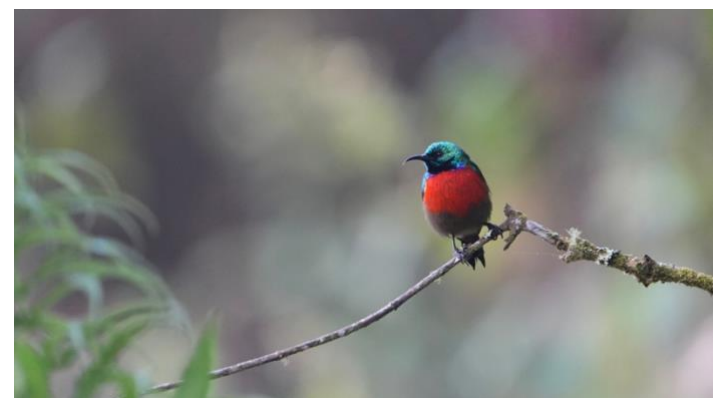
Elliot's Woodpecker



Hoest's Monkey



Neumann's Warbler, very shy bird



Rwenzori Double Collared Sunbird

On the second day we did a night walk starting from the Uwinka Visitor Centre. The tour was led by a guide from the park and we saw 2 **East African Pottos**, 2 **Thomas Dwarf Galagos**, many **spectacled lesser Galagos** and a **Lord Derby's Anomalure** in I think 2 hours time! We greatly recommend doing this during your stay!



East African Potto



Spectacled Lesser Galago

We initially planned to go Chimpanzee trekking on the last day in Cyamudongo, which is a lower lying forest southeast of the greater forest, but we decided to skip that part, since we had seen chimpanzees two times (moderately good) already, and we would rather see the **Stripe-breasted Tit** and **Dusky Crimsonwing** (both Albertine Rift endemics which we had not seen). We succeeded for both species. We also had an excellent sighting of **chimpanzee** the last day to our big surprise, even though we skipped the trekking.

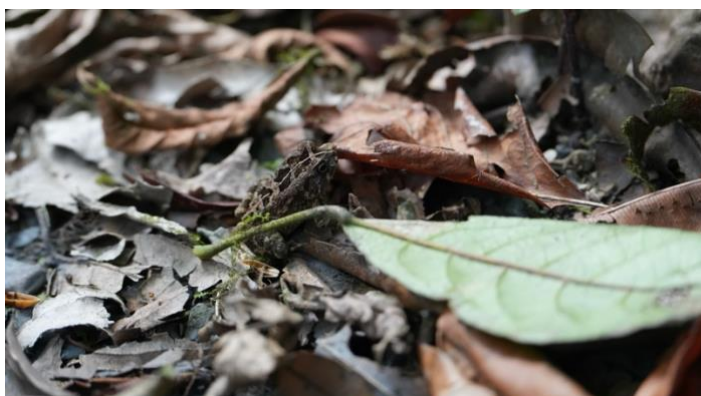


Our last sighting of Chimpanzee



Rwenzori Turaco

We didn't search for any reptiles or amphibians. We only encountered one, which was **Sclerophrys berghei**.



Sclerophrys berghei



Grauer's Swamp Warbler



Great Blue Turaco



Rwenzori Sun Squirrel



Common Mother-of-Pearl



Bar-tailed Trogon



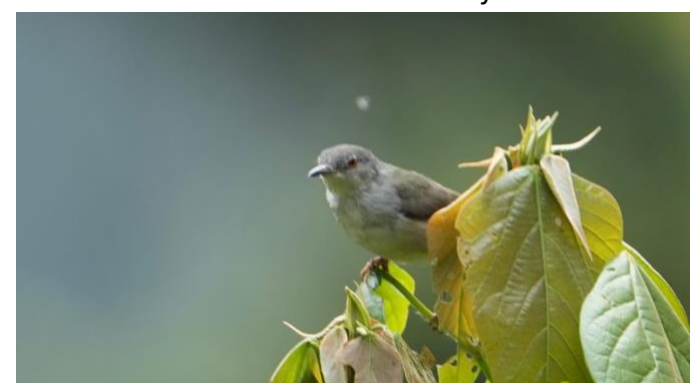
Handsome Francolin



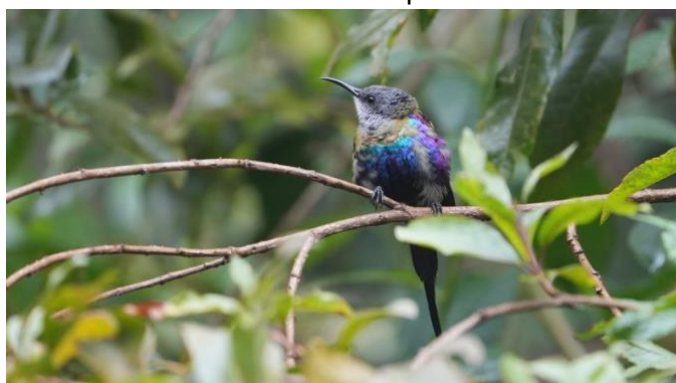
Neave's Banded Judy



Black-and-White Casqued Hornbill



Kungwe Apalis



Purple-breasted Sunbird



Angola Colobus

Gashora Swamp

We stayed at the Lakeside Fishfarm, where we were the only guests. When we arrived on August 11th, it was raining very heavily. There was a kind of restaurant/place to eat on the property. On our way from the accomodation to the restaurant we encountered **Guttural Toads** every night, and heard many reed frogs, but we couldn't get an eye on them.



Guttural Toad



African Pygmy Kingfisher

The next morning we got up at 6:00, and did a short birding walk on the Lakeside Fishfarm. The most notable birds we saw were **Helmeted Guineafowl** (I don't know how wild these were) **White-rumped Swift**, **African Pygmy Kingfisher**, **Violet-backed Starling**, **Purple-banded Sunbird**. After breakfast we went to Gashora papyrus swamp. There were a lot of Rwandans working, travelling, going to school etc. Almost the first bird we saw was one of the main target species of this part, the **Papyrus Canary** (-2.20706, 30.26194), on the north side of the road), This was only encounter we had with the species, so it definitely is not an easy one. We also saw **Blue-headed Coucal** and **African Swamphen** and **Long-toed Lapwing** were very numerous here. We also saw **brown-throated weaver** and **Carruthers's cisticola** (another papyrus specialist). We had a fly-by of a **Blue-Billed Teal**. The last notable observation was the sound of a **Papyrus Gonolek**, which was probably our biggest target, but we couldn't get an eye on him unfortunately.



Papyrus Canary



Blue-billed Teal



Northern Brown-Throated Weaver



Carruthers's Cisticola

We decided to have lunch in Nyamata, and then checked the Kamatana Dam, which according to eBird on this coordinates (-2.129355, 30.106208) and a very good place for other species like White-backed Duck, Lesser Moorhen, Lesser Jacana and Allen's Gallinule. But the Kamatana Dam wasn't there and later we read in the comments of the checklist 'eBird put the hotspot in the wrong province', so we still don't know where the Kamatana Dam is, at least not at the abovementioned coordinates. However, we did have a nice fly-by of **Speckled Pigeon** and saw our first **Wahlberg's Eagle**. We also shot some nice photo's of **Grey Crowned Crane** and **Long Toed Lapwing**. After this, we saw a lake on Google Maps at these coordinates (-2.226313, 30.066952), but this wasn't very special and it didn't help that it was late in the afternoon. We went back and then the car thing happened ...



Long-toed Lapwing



Grey-Crowned Crane

The next day we started birding at the Lakeside Fishfarm again, we saw our first **Black-faced Go-away-bird** and the only **Gabar Goshawk** flew over. After breakfast (served 7:00) we went back to the Gashora Swamp, where we birded for 3 hours. This was again really nice, it was sunnier than the day before. Our biggest target was to see **Papyrus Gonolek** (-2.20388, 30.26074), pretty quickly we saw 3 of them! Other notable birds we saw (and missed the first day) were a **Pink-backed Pelican** flying over, **African Marsh Harrier**, **Mourning Collared Dove**, **Spur-winged Lapwing** and a juvenile **Ayres Hawk Eagle**, which, according to eBird, is the rarest bird we saw in Rwanda. We also saw 2 great mammals here, **Common Hippopotamus** and a **Spotted-necked Otter**!



Two Papyrus Gonoleks



Pink-backed Pelican



Blue Spot Pansy in the Gashora Swamp



African Swamphen



Mourning Collared Dove



Red Basker

In the afternoon we went back to the Lakeside Fishfarm, rested a bit and birded on the property again, which produced many butterflies but also 2 good bird species, which were **Blue-naped Mousebird** and **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**.



Spotted-necked Otter



Ayres Hawk Eagle and African Marsh Harrier



Yellow Fronted-Tinkerbird



Blue-naped Mousebird

Akagera NP

We rented a tent at muyumbu campsite in the park. The tent was big but we had to bring our own sleeping bag and mat. The tent was big enough for us 3. The campsite was very basic. There was a water pump and a cesspit. There are 4 campsites in Akagera NP. Two in the southern part, and two more to the north. You are only able to rent tents in the southern part. Muyumbu campsite is the closest campsite to the visitor centre, where we had a good breakfast and dinner each day. We advise to eat dinner there and to not use the take-away since the quality was worse. The food at the visitor centre was great. The first day we arrived at around 12:30, did a registration at the visitor centre and went birding/mammalwatching in the southern section of the park. We saw our first **lions**, two times on the first afternoon! The first one was a resting one a few meters from the road, but I am sure we had moved past it if a safari vehicle wasn't standing still there (it was really high in the grass) and the second time there were at least 3 lionesses hunting. We also encountered many **Waterbuck**, which are the most numerous antelopes in the park. Other mammals we saw were **Maasai Giraffe**, **Plains Zebra** and **African Buffalo**. We also encountered a **Tree Skink** on a dead branch at the side of the road. The best birds we saw were **Brown Snake Eagle**, **African Penduline Tit**, **Bateleur**, **Siffling Cisticola** and **White winged Widowbird**.



Brown-Chested Snake Eagle



African Penduline Tit



Lilac-breasted Roller



Tree Skink

The second day we woke up around 5:45, because you are allowed to drive yourself in the park from 6:00 to 18:00, on our way from the campsite to the visitor centre we saw our first **Black Crowned Tchagra**, **Tropical Boubou** and **Meyer's Parrot**. We also saw a female **Oribi**, which was a common species of antelope in the park. During our breakfast we saw a **Northern Red-headed Weaver**. After breakfast we went back north to the campsite and drove further north through the higher places of the park. I think this was

the most surprising and quiet area of the Park. It started with a roadblock of **Plains Zebra**, while we were waiting we saw a family of **Common Dwarf Mongoose**, a common species in the park (saw them 3 times). We also had a very nice sighting of **African Grey Hornbill**. We head a **Coqui Francolin** in a group of **Red-necked Francolin** on the road. And saw a really beautiful group of **Temminck's Courser** (-1.75178, 30.72069). We encountered **Tabora Cisticola**, **Trilling Cisticola**, **Brown-Backed Honeybird**, **Rufous-Naped Lark**, **Cinnamon Chested Bunting**, **Flappet Lark**, **Moustached Grass Warbler** and **Striped Kingfisher**. We also saw the only **Bohor Reedbuck** (-1.81121, 30.71364) of the trip, a mum with a baby. And we saw a pair of **lions**, a male and a female, which was the last and best lion sighting. We also saw an **Olive baboon** and more **Maasai Giraffe**. We saw a **Variable Skink** on a stone on the side of the road. After this we moved east and went south on the most eastern road. Which was of much better quality and also a lot busier. It started great with a **Broad-billed Roller** and a **Blue-spotted Wood-dove**. Very close to the lake we encountered many **Hippo's**, **Nile Crocodiles**, **African Darters**, **Striated Heron** and **Egyptian Goose**. A bit futher from the lakes we saw **Water Thick-knee**, **Impala** and **Vervet Monkey**. On a open place we encountered **Grey-rumped Swallow** foraging. When we moved east again we moved through more wooded land, we saw **Green Woodhoopoe**, **Black-backed Puffback** and **Common Warthog**.



Moustached Grass Warbler



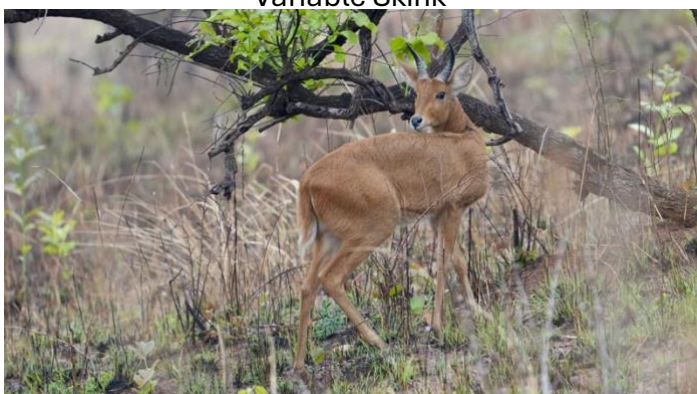
Lion



Variable Skink



Temminck's Courser



Bohor Reedbuck



African Grey Hornbill



Vervet Monkey



African Darter



Common Warthog



Nile Crocodile

The next day we woke up, had breakfast and heard where the **White Rhinoceros** were, and we went to see them. We then moved towards Ruzizi Tented Lodge and we spent the day looking for birds and other animals on the 3 southern “peninsulas”, the one where Shakani Campsite is located, Kageyo and Nyampiki peninsula. On the last 2 we didn’t manage to drive the whole cycle. We also birded on the main road. We had a short roadblock of a group of **Olive Baboons**, saw our first **Pin-tailed Whydah** and **Eastern Plantain Eater** on the Shakani Campsite, we saw a **three-banded plover** next to the main road. On the Kageyo peninsula we saw **Southern Black Flycatcher, Green-capped Eremomela, Lizard Buzzard, Red-faced Crombec** and **Grey Kestrel**. We then drove past the **Grey-rumped Swallow** spot (-1.74073, 30.74350). On the main road we saw a very cooperative **Slate-coloured Boubou** and on the Nyampiki peninsula we saw **Cardinal woodpecker** and **Red-billed Quelea**. We went back earlier because we had planned a night drive. About 100 meters before we entered the Muyumbu campsite we saw a **Tanzanian Pond Turtle** on the road! And we saw a bat flying, which was probably a **Daubenton’s Free-tailed Bat**, both were great species of the day. On the nightdrive we did not have much luck, we only saw **African Savannah Hare**.



Olive Baboon



Eastern Plantain Eater



Lizard Buzzard



African Hoopoe



Slate-coloured Boubou



Grey Kestrel



Tanzanian Pond Turtle



Daubenton's Free-tailed Bat

The last and third full day in Akagera started with a search for Leopard. We got this place from a guide who stayed with another group on the campsite as well for one night. We unfortunately didn't see a Leopard. We did manage to see a **Black-bellied Bustard** and a pair of **Singing Cisticola**. We then drove out of the park to refuel and had breakfast later. We started birding again at 10. We drove back to Ruzizi tented Lodge and drove north from there. We went to the northern part of the Nyampiki Peninsula (Yesterday we birded the southern part). We saw our first **Hildebrandt's Francolin** and the first **Helmeted Guineafowl** in the park. We also saw a **Pygmy Kingfisher** and a **Crowned Hornbill** from the main road. On the peninsula we saw many **Common Hippopotamuses**, **Impala's** and **African Buffalo**. We saw **Red-capped Robin-chat** and **Black-crowned Tchagra** in the bushes. We accidentally took a wrong turn, but this turned out very lucky. We stumbled upon a place full of lapwings! We saw **Senegal Lapwing**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, **Kittlitz's Plover** and **Brown Chested Lapwing**! Which, after red-faced barbet was my biggest target. We also encountered our only **Wattled Starling** of the trip around the Hippo's. We moved to Shakani Campsite to take a shower (since there was no shower on our campsite). On our way there we saw a **Southern Bushbuck**.



Helmeted Guineafowl



Hildebrandt's Spurfowl



Crowned Hornbill



African Buffalo with Yellow Billed Oxpeckers



Impala



Red-headed Scrub-robin



Common Hippopotamus



Senegal Lapwing



Brown-chested Lapwing



Southern Bushbuck

The last day of our trip was sad, because we had to leave the country and it rained a lot. It almost rained for the entire day. Our plan was to exit the park through the northern gate, because this part we hadn't discovered yet and we heard that the Kilala Plains was a very good place for Elephants and Hyena's, we also hoped to see Marabou Stork and some vultures. So with those missing targets in mind we drove north, the first part really quickly as we had already been there. Our flight was only the next day at 3:30 at night, so we didn't have to hurry. We managed to see 3 bird-lifers, which were **Crested Francolin**, **Red-billed Oxpecker** (surprisingly difficult, Yellow-billed Oxpecker was way more common) and **Crowned Lapwing** (the last species of lapwing). Around 10:30 we saw a Safari Vehicle looking somewhere, which were **African Savanna Elephants!** We had a very good sighting of a herd and the biggest one walked past our car on less then a meter distance. Unfortunately the rain intensified and we were warned by another safari vehicle that he and others were leaving the park and he advised us to do the same, which we did, we left the park around 12:15. Just behind the gate we saw many **Collared Pratincoles**.



Greater Blue-eared Starling



Bateleur



Crested Francolin



Red Billed Oxpecker



African Savanna Elephant



Crowned Lapwing

Species lists

In the species lists I have included the common English name, Latin name, and where we encountered the species (KGL = Nyundangu urban wetland in Kigali, NYU = Nyungwe NP, GAS = Gashora swamp and surroundings including the Lakeside Fishfarm, AKA = Akagera NP). Since I only count the species with pictures, I have marked the species **grey** if I couldn't get a picture of it, which means I only heard it, saw it very briefly, or didn't see or hear it at all, but one or two of my travel companions saw/heard it. Species which weren't a liver to me where are marked in **blue**.

Overview:

	Photographed	Not photographed	Total
Birds	286 (274 livers)	10	296
Mammals	33	3	36
Reptiles and amphibians	10	0	10
Butterflies	31	0	31
Dragonflies	7	0	7
Moths	1	0	1
Beetles	2	0	2
Bees	2	0	2
Other insects	1	0	1
<i>Total</i>			385

Birds

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>				X
2	Hildebrandt's Francolin	<i>Pternistis hildebrandti</i>				X
3	Red-Necked Francolin	<i>Pternistis afer</i>				X
4	Handsome Francolin	<i>Pternistis nobilis</i>		X		
5	Crested Francolin	<i>Ortygornis sephaena</i>				X
6	Coqui Francolin	<i>Campocolinus coqui</i>				X
7	White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>			X	
8	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>				X
9	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	X			X
10	Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>			X	
11	Blue-billed Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>			X	
12	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	X			
13	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	X		X	
14	Rameron Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>		X		
15	Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>			X	
16	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	X		X	
17	Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>			X	
18	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>			X	

19	Emerald-spotted Wood-dove	Turtur calcospilos			X	X
20	Blue-spotted Wood-dove	Turtur afer				X
21	Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria		X		
22	African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus		X	X	X
23	Rwenzori/Montane Nightyar	Caprimulgus ruwenzorii		X		
24	Scarce Swift	Schoutedenapus myoptilus		X		
25	African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	X		X	
26	White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer			X	X
27	Little Swift	Apus affinis			X	
28	Blue-headed Coucal	Centropus monachus			X	
29	White Browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus			X	X
30	Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaaas	X			X
31	African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus		X		
32	Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo	Cercococcyx montanus		X		
33	Black Crake	Zapornia flavirostra	X		X	
34	African Swamphen	Porphyrio madagascariensis			X	
35	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	X		X	
36	Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster				X
37	Grey-crowned Crane	Balearica regulorum	X		X	
38	Great Blue Turaco	Corythaeola cristata		X		
39	Eastern Plantain Eater	Crinifer zonurus				X
40	Black-faced Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides leopoldi			X	X
41	Rwenzori Turaco	Gallirex johnstoni		X		
42	Black-billed Turaco	Tauraco schuetti		X		
43	Ross' Turaco	Musophaga rossae		X		X
44	Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	X		X	
45	African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus			X	
46	African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	X		X	
47	Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	X		X	
48	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus			X	
49	Striated Heron	Butoides striata			X	X
50	Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides			X	
51	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis			X	
52	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	Road Nyungwe - Kigali			
53	Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	X		X	
54	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea			X	X
55	Yellow-billed Egret	Ardea brachyrhyncha	Road Nyungwe - Kigali			
56	Litte Egret	Egretta garzetta	Road Nyungwe - Kigali			
57	Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	X		X	
58	Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens			X	
59	Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus	X		X	
60	White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus			X	
61	African Darter	Anhinga rufa				X

62	Water Thick-Knee	Burhinus vermiculatus				X
63	Kittlitz's Plover	Anarhynchus pecuarius				X
64	Three-banded Plover	Thinornis tricoloris				X
65	Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris			X	X
66	Spur-winged Lapwing	Vanellus spinosus			X	X
67	Senegal Lapwing	Vanellus lugubris				X
68	Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus				X
69	Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus			X	X
70	Brown-chested Lapwing	Vanellus superciliosus				X
71	African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus			X	X
72	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos		X		
73	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		X		
74	Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii				X
75	Common Pratincole	Glareola pratincola				X
76	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus			X	X
77	African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus	X	X		
78	Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis	X			X
79	Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus				X
80	Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi			X	X
81	Crowned Eagle	Stephanoaetus coronatus		X		
82	Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus				X
83	Cassin's Hawk Eagle	Aquila africana		X		
84	Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus				X
85	Ayres's Hawk Eagle	Hieraaetus ayresii			X	
86	Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	X	X	X	X
87	Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar			X	
88	African Marsh Harrier	Circus ranivorus			X	
89	African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer			X	X
90	Yellow Billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	X		X	X
91	Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	X	X		X
92	Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	X	X	X	X
93	Blue-naped Mousebird	Urocolius macrourus			X	X
94	Bar-tailed Trogon	Apaloderma vittatum		X		
95	African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus				X
96	Crowned Hornbill	Lophoceros alboterminatus				X
97	Black-and-white Casqued Hornbill	Bycanistes subcylindricus		X		
98	African Hoopoe	Upupa africana				X
99	Green Woodhoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus				X
100	White-headed Woodhoopoe	Phoeniculus bollei		X		
101	Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas				X
102	Cinnamon Chested Bee-eater	Merops oreobates		X		X
103	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		X		
104	Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus				X
105	Lilac-breasted Bee-eater	Coracias caudatus				X

106	Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus				X
107	African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta			X	X
108	Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus	X		X	
109	Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	X		X	X
110	Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti				X
111	Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis			X	X
112	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus		X		X
113	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus			X	
114	Spot-flanked Barbet	Tricholaema lacrymosa	X			X
115	Brown-backed Honeybird	Prodotiscus regulus				X
116	Fine-banded Woodpecker	Campethera taeniolaema		X		
117	Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens		X		X
118	Elliot's Woodpecker	Dendropicus elliotii		X		
119	Olive Woodpecker	Dendropicos griseocephalus		X		
120	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	X			
121	Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus				X
122	Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri				X
123	African Black Headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus			X	X
124	Mountain Oriole	Oriolus percivali		X		
125	Grey Cuckooshrike	Ceblepyris caesius		X		
126	Black Cuckooshrike	Campephaga flava	X	X		
127	Rwenzori Batis	Batis Diops		X		
128	Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor		X		
129	Brown-throated Wattle-eye	Platysteira cyanea		X		
130	Northern Puffback	Dryoscopus gambensis		X		
131	Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla				X
132	Lagden's Bush-shrike	Malaconotus lagdeni		X		
133	Brubru	Nilaus afer	X			
134	Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus				X
135	Many-coloured Bush-shrike	Chlorophoneus multicolor		X		
136	Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus				X
137	Willard's Sooty Boubou	Laniarius wilardi		X		
138	Albertine (Sooty) Boubou	Laniarius holomelas		X		
139	Slate-coloured Boubou	Laniarius funebris				X
140	Lühder's Bush-shrike	Laniarius luehderi		X		
141	Tropical Boubou	Laniarius major				X
142	Black-headed Gonolek	Laniarius erythrogaster	X		X	X
143	Papyrus Gonolek	Laniarius mufumbiri			X	
144	Doherty's Bush-shrike	Telophorus dohertyi				X
145	Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis			X	X
146	African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	X	X		X
147	Mackinnon's Shrike	Lanius mackinnoni		X		

148	Grey-backed Fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>	X		X	X
149	Northern Fiscal	<i>Lanius humeralis</i>		X		X
150	White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>		X		
151	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	X		X	
152	White-bellied Crested Flycatcher	<i>Elminia albiventris</i>		X		
153	White-tailed Blue Flycatcher	<i>Elminia albicauda</i>		X		
154	Stripe-breasted Tit	<i>Melaniparus fasciiventer</i>		X		
155	Dusky Tit	<i>Melaniparus funereus</i>		X		
156	African Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>				X
157	Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Corypha africana</i>				X
158	Flappet Lark	<i>Amirafra rufocinnamomea</i>				X
159	Red-faced Crombec	<i>Sylvietta whyttii</i>				X
160	White-browed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta leucophrys</i>		X		
161	Moustached Grass Warbler	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>				X
162	Grauer's Warbler	<i>Graueria vittata</i>		X		
163	Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>		X		
164	Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	X		X	X
165	Rwenzori Apalis	<i>Oreolais ruwenzorii</i>		X		
166	Black-faced Apalis	<i>Apalis personata</i>		X		
167	Black-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis jacksoni</i>		X		
168	Chestnut-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis porphyrolaema</i>		X		
169	Kungwe Apalis	<i>Apalis argentea</i>		X		
170	Grey Apalis	<i>Apalis cinerea</i>		X		
171	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera camaroptera</i>		X		
172	Singing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>				X
173	Trilling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola woosnami</i>				X
174	Chubb's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chubbi</i>		X		
175	Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>				X
176	Siffling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>				X
177	Carruthers's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola carruthersi</i>			X	
178	Tabora Cisticola	<i>Cisticola angusticauda</i>				X
179	Tawny-flanked Cisticola	<i>Prinia subflava</i>			X	X
180	Black-faced Prinia	<i>Prinia melanops</i>		X		
181	Black-faced Rufous Warbler	<i>Bathmocercus rufus</i>		X		
182	Mountain Yellow Warbler	<i>Iduna similis</i>		X		
183	Grauer's Swamp Warbler	<i>Bradypterus graueri</i>		X		
184	Cinnamon Bracken-warbler	<i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i>		X		
185	Grey rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>				X
186	White-headed Sawwing	<i>Psaldiprocne albiceps</i>		X		
187	Black Sawwing	<i>Psaldiprocne pristoptera</i>		X		
188	Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>				X

189	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		X		X
190	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	X		X	
191	Angola Swallow	<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>		X	X	X
192	Slender Billed Greenbul	<i>Stelgidillas gracilirostris</i>		X		
193	Kikuyu Mountain Greenbul	<i>Arizelocichla kikuyuensis</i>		X		
194	Kakamega Greenbul	<i>Arizelocichla kakamegae</i>		X		
195	Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Eurillas latirostris</i>		X		
196	Cabanis Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi</i>		X		
197	Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>		X		
198	Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Picnonotus tricolor</i>	X	X	X	X
199	Red-faced woodland-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus laetus</i>		X		
200	Neumann's Warbler	<i>Hemitesia neumanni</i>		X		
201	Rwenzori Hill Babbler	<i>Sylvia atriceps</i>		X		
202	Green White-eye	<i>Zosterops stuhlmanni</i>		X		
203	Red-collared Mountain Babbler	<i>Turdoides rufocinctus</i>		X		
204	Black-lored Babbler	<i>Turdoides sharpei</i>	X			
205	Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>			X	X
206	Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>				X
207	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>				X
208	Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophera cinerea</i>				X
209	Waller's Starling	<i>Onychognathus walleri</i>		X		
210	Sharpe's Starling	<i>Pholia sharpii</i>		X		
211	Stuhlmann's Starling	<i>Poeoptera stuhlmanni</i>		X		
212	Rüppell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i>			X	X
213	Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>				X
214	Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>			X	X
215	White-tailed Ant-thrush	<i>Neucosyphus poensis</i>		X		
216	Abyssinian Thrush	<i>Turdus abyssinicus</i>		X		
217	African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>			X	
218	White-browed Scrub-robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	X			
219	African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>		X		
220	Pale Flycatcher	<i>Agricola pallidus</i>				X
221	Swamp Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa aquatica</i>	X		X	
222	Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria caerulescens</i>				X
223	White-eyed Slaty-flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis fischeri</i>		X		
224	Yellow-eyed Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis ardesiacus</i>		X		
225	Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Meleanornis pammelaina</i>				X

226	Archer's Robin-chat	Dessonornis archeri		X		
227	White-starred Robin	Pogonocichla stellata		X		
228	White-bellied Robin-chat	Cossyphicula roberti		X		
229	Red-throated Alethe	Chamaetylas poliophrys		X		
230	White-browed Robin-chat	Cossypha heuglini	X		X	
231	Red-capped Robin-chat	Cossypha natalensis				X
232	Snowy-crowned Robin-chat	Cossypha niveicapilla		X		
233	Equatorial Akalat	Sheppardia aequatorialis		X		
234	African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	X	X		
235	Sooty Chat	Myrmecocichla nigra				X
236	Ruaha Chat	Myrmecocichla collaris			X	
237	Familiar Chat	Oenanthe familiaris				X
238	Grey-chested Babbler	Kakamega poliothorax		X		
239	Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris		X		
240	Green-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra verticalis	X	X		
241	Blue-headed Sunbird	Cyanomitra alinae		X		
242	Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea		X		
243	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	X			
244	Purple-breasted Sunbird	Nectarine purpureiventris		X		
245	Bronze Sunbird	Nectarinia kilimensis	X	X		
246	Rwenzori Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris stuhlmanni		X		
247	Northern Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris reichenowi		X		
248	Regal Sunbird	Cinnyris regius		X		
249	Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis			X	
250	Red-chested Sunbird	Cinnyris erythrocerus	X		X	
251	Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus			X	
252	Variable Sunbird	Cinnyris venustus	X			
253	Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea				X
254	Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris	X		X	X
255	White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albanotatus				X
256	Baglafaecht Weaver	Ploceus baglafaecht	X	X	X	
257	Slender-billed Weaver	Ploceus pelzelni			X	
258	Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis	X		X	
259	Northern Browed Throated Weaver	Ploceus castanops			X	
260	Strange Weaver	Ploceus alienus		X		
261	Black-billed Weaver	Ploceus melanogaster		X		
262	Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius	X			
263	Holub's Golden Weaver	Ploceus xanthops	X			X
264	Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus	X		X	X
265	Black-headed Weaver	Ploceus melanocephalus			X	
266	Black-backed Weaver	Ploceus bicolor		X		
267	Brown Capped Weaver	Ploceus insignis		X		

268	Northern Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectus leuconotos				X
269	Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonostripta senegala	X		X	X
270	Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba	X		X	X
271	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	Uraeginthus bengalus	X		X	X
272	Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild			X	
273	Black crowned Waxbill	Estrilda nonnula	X	X		
274	Dusky Crimsonwing	Cryptospiza jacksoni		X		
275	Yellow-bellied Waxbill	Coccyzygia quartinia		X		
276	White-collared Oliveback	Nesocharis ansorgei	X			
277	Grey-headed Nigrita	Nigrita canicapillus		X		
278	White-breasted Nigrita	Nigrita fusconotus		X		
279	Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullata	X	X	X	X
280	Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura				X
281	Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata				X
282	Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus			X	
283	Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys				X
284	African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus		X		
285	Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus				X
286	Mountain Wagtail	Motacilla clara		X		
287	Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis	Road Nyungwe - Kigali			
288	African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	X	X		
289	Western Citril	Crithagra frontalis		X		
290	Papyrus Canary	Crithagra koliensis			X	
291	Yellow fronted Canary	Crithagra mozambica	X	X	X	X
292	Brimstone Canary	Crithagra sulphurata	X			
293	Streaky Seedeater	Crithagra striolata		X		
294	Thick-billed Seadeater	Crithagra burtoni		X		
295	Golden Breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris		X		
296	Cinnamon Breasted Bunting	Emberiza Tahapisi				X

Mammals

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1	Southern Tree Hyrax	Dendrohyrax arboreus		X		
2	African Savanna Elephant	Loxodonta africana				X
3	Spectacled Lesser Galago	Galago matschiei		X		
4	Thomas's Dwarf Galago	Galagoides thomasi		X		
5	East African Potto	Perodicticus ibeanus		X		
6	L'Hoest's Monkey	Allochrocebus lhoesti		X		
7	Blue Monkey	Cercopithecus mitis		X		
8	Vervet Monkey	Chlorocebus pygerythrus				X
9	Angola Colobus	Colobus angolensis		X		
10	Olive Baboon	Papio anubis				X
11	Chimpanzee	Pan troglodytes		X		
12	African Savanna Hare	Lepus microtis				X
13	Lord Derby's Anomalure	Anomalurus derbianus		X		
14	Fire-footed Rope Squirrel	Funisciurus pyrropus		X		

15	Carruther's Mountain Squirrel	Funisciurus carruthersi		X		
16	Red-legged Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus rufobrachium		X		
17	Ruwenzori Sun Squirrel	Heliosciurus ruwenzorii		X		
18	Boehm's Bush Squirrel	Paraxerus boehmi		X		
19	African Straw-coloured Fruit Bat	Eidolon helvum	Road Kigali - Nyungwe			
20	Daubenton's Free-tailed Bat	Myotis daubentonii				X
21	Lion	Panthera leo				X
22	Common Dwarf Mongoose	Helogale parvula				X
23	Side-striped Jackal	Lupulella adusta	X			
24	Spotted Necked Otter	Hydrictris maculicollis			X	
25	Plains Zebra	Equus quagga				X
26	Common Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus				X
27	Common Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius			X	X
28	Maasai Giraffe	Giraffa tippelskirchi				X
29	Impala	Aepyceros melampus				X
30	Black-fronted Duiker	Cephalophus nigrifrons		X		
31	Tsessebe	Damaliscus lunatus				X
32	Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus				X
33	Oribi	Ourebia ourebi				X
34	Bohor Reedbuck	Redunca redunca				X
35	African Buffalo	Syncerus caffer				X
36	Southern Bushbuck	Tragelaphus sylvaticus				X

Remarks: we saw also White Rhinoceros in Akagera NP, but since it isn't a native species to Rwanda or East Africa, I excluded it from the list.

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1	Tanzanian Pond Turtle	Pelomedusa kobe				X
2	Tropical House Gecko	Hemidactylus mabouia	X	X	X	X
3	Speckle-lipped Mabuya	Trachylepis maculilabris	X			
4	Tree Skink	Trachylepis planifrons				X
5	African Striped Mabuya	Trachylepis striata	X		X	
6	Variable Skink	Trachylepis varia				X
7	Nile Crocodile	Crocodylus niloticus				X
8		Sclerophrys berghei		X		
9	Guttural Toad	Sclerophrys gutturalis			X	
10	Mwanza Frog	Xenopus victorianus	X			

Reptiles and Amphibians

Butterflies

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1	Mountain Sandman	Spialia spio				X
2	Golden Sylph	Metisella midas	X			
3	Citrus Swallowtail	Papilio demodocus				X
4	Red Tip	Colotis antevippe			X	
5	Round-winged Orange Tip	Colotis euippe	X			

6	East African Meadow White	Pontia (helice) johnstonii			X	
7	African Caper	Belenois creona	X			
8	Broad-bordered Grass Yellow	Eurema brigitta			X	
9	Eastern Dotted Border	Mylothris agathina			X	
10	African Grass Blue	Zizeeria knysna	X		X	
11	Neave's Banded Judy	Afriodinia neavei		X		
12	Eastern Scalet	Axiocerses tjoane			X	
13	Grey Smokey Blue	Euchrysops malathana	X			
14	Plain Tiger Butterfly	Danaus chrysippus			X	X
15	Pointed Pearl Emperor	Charaxes acuminatus		X		
16	Monk	Amauris tartarea				X
17	Long-tailed Admiral	Antanartia schaeneia		X		
18		Bicyclus aurivillii		X		
19	Dentate Bush Brown	Bicyclus dentata		X		
20	Vulgar Bush Brown	Bicyclus vulgaris	X			
21		Euriphene amicia		X		
22	Common Pathfinder	Evena crithea		X		
23	Yellow Pansy	Junonia hierta	X			
24	Blue-spot Pansy	Junonia oenone			X	
25	Eastern Blue Mother-of-Pearl	Junonia temora		X		
26	Wide-banded Commodore	Precis sinuata		X		
27	Common Mother-of-Pearl	Protogoniomorpha parhassus		X		
28	Falcate Amber	Telchinia amicitiae		X		
29	Dancing Amber	Telchinia serena			X	
30	Tiny Acraea	Telchinia uvui		X		
31	Lady's Maid Butterfly	Vanessula milca		X		

Dragonflies

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1	Southern Banded Groundling	Brachythemis leucosticta	X			X
2	Black Percher	Diplacodes lefebvrii	X			
3	Red-veined Dropwing	Trithemis arteriosa	X			
4	Common Blacktail	Nesciothemis farinosa	X			
5	Julia's Skimmer	Orthetrum julia	X			
6	Jaunty Dropwing	Trithemis stictica	X			
7	Red Basker	Urothemis assignata			X	

Moths

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1	Walker's Owl	Erebus walkeri				X

Beetles

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1		Leucocelis plebeja	X			
2	Lunate Ladybird	Cheilomenes lunata				X

Bees

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1	Big-headed Large Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa inconstans			X	
2	White-sided Large Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa nigrita			X	

Other Insects

			KGL	NYU	GAS	AKA
1		Miomantis area		X		