

## Madagascar November 2022

3 weeks / 44 species

Madagascar is having a moment it seems, with five or six fall 2022 reports out already or due to be released soon. We did not intend to be part of a trend—our travel dates had been determined by school and work. We were a team of four: Charles Hood, José Gabriel Martínez-Fonseca, Mike Richardson, and Mike's partner, Sarah Winch. For all of us, it was our first trip here.

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For a combination of reasons, including being able to make advanced deposits during Covid shutdowns, we arranged our trip through an international birding company. While they said they had extensive experience in Madagascar, that agent didn't work out very well for us. In the end, we had a dispute about who paid for what and what the best possible itinerary would be.

**We can however recommend our in-country guide Avotra, via**

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Avotra is hardworking and interested in all taxa. Thanks to the persuasive evangelism of Jose, he is now a nascent bat lover.

Besides having an in-country guide to manage the trip, one also will be hiring a local guide at each park. He (sometimes she) should know where local lemurs and birds are, and will expect to be tipped in Euros or local money.

Photographs at the end of this report are keyed to the species numbers on the main list.

We provide site locations all species listed below, but with an asterisk. Some of the bats on the list were sighted in private locations and we've been asked by guides or landowners to keep exact site details confidential. We had permission to be there, but not to share specifics. If it says location \*\*\*, that is why.

Sites visited:

Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (aka "Perinet")  
Ankarafantsika National Park  
Kirindy Forest  
Berenty Private Reserve

1. Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec *Echinops telfairi* [Kirindy Forest]
2. Grey Mouse Lemur *Microcebus murinus* [Kirindy, Berenty, and Ankarafantsika]
3. Grey-brown Mouse Lemur *Microcebus griseorufus* [Berenty]

4. Golden-brown Mouse Lemur *Microcebus ravelobensis* [Ankarafantsika]
5. Goodman's Mouse Lemur *Microcebus lehilahytsara* [Perinet]
6. Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemur *Cheirogaleus medius* [Ankarafantsika]
7. Crossley's Dwarf Lemur *Cheirogaleus crossleyi* [Perinet]
8. Pale Fork-marked Lemur *Phaner pallescens* [Kirindy Forest]
9. White-footed Sportive Lemur *Lepilemur leucopus* [Berenty]
10. Red-tailed Sportive Lemur *Lepilemur ruficaudatus* [Kirindy Forest]
11. Milne-Edwards's Sportive Lemur *Lepilemur edwardsi* [Ankarafantsika]
12. Grey Bamboo Lemur *Hapalemur griseus* [Perinet]
13. Ring-tailed Lemur *Lemur catta* [Berenty]
14. Brown Lemur *Eulemur fulvus* [Perinet] [an introduced form at Berenty was hybrid between *Eulemur collaris* / *E. rufifrons*]
15. Red-fronted Brown Lemur *Eulemur rufus* [Kirindy Forest]
16. Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur *Varecia variegata* [Mantadia, Perinet]
17. Mongoose Lemur *Eulemur mongoz* [Ankarafantsika]
18. Eastern Woolly Lemur *Avahi laniger* [Perinet]
19. Western Woolly Lemur *Avahi occidentalis* [Ankarafantsika]
20. Verreaux's Sifaka *Propithecus verreauxi* [Kirindy and Berenty Forest]
21. Coquerel's Sifaka *Propithecus coquereli* [Ankarafantsika]
22. Diademed Sifaka *Propithecus diadema* [Perinet]
23. Indri *Indri indri* [Perinet]
24. Western Tufted-tail Rat *Eliurus myoxinus* [Ankarafantsika]
25. Western Big-footed Mouse *Macrotarsomys bastardi* [Kirindy Forest]
26. Malagasy Giant Jumping Rat *Hypogeomys antimena* [Kirindy Forest]
27. Eastern Red Forest Rat *Nesomys rufus* [Mantadia, Perinet]
28. Madagascar Rousette *Rousettus madagascariensis* [\*\*\* private cave near Perinet]
29. Madagascar Flying Fox *Pteropus rufus* [roost in Berenty]
30. Rufous Trident Bat *Triaenops menamena* [\*\*\* Morondava-Kirindy area]
31. Commerson's Leaf-nosed Bat *Macronycteris commersonii* [flying around Kirindy and Ankarafantsika]
32. Mauritian Tomb Bat *Taphozous mauritanus* [Cabins in a hotel in Ankarafantsika]
33. Peters's Sheath-tailed Bat *Paremballonura atrata* [\*\*\* Perinet area]
34. Peters's Goblin Bat *Mormopterus jugularis* [Flying above hotel Relais du Plateau in Tana, and also observed leaving roof of museum building in Berenty]
35. Malagasy Eastern Free-tailed Bat *Chaerephon atsinanana* [\*\*\*roof of house, Perinet]
36. Malagasy Large White-bellied Free-tailed Bat *Mops leucostigma* [\*\*\* dusk at the museum roof in Berenty; also seen in Perinet area]
37. Dusky Pipistrelle *Pipistrellus hesperidus* [\*\*\* Morondava-Kirindy area]
38. Racey's Pipistrelle *Pipistrellus raceyi* [\*\*\* Morondava-Kirindy area]
39. Dark Madagascar Pipistrelle *Neoromicia bemaity* [\*\*\* Morondava-Kirindy area]
40. Malagasy Large House Bat *Scotophilus robustus* [\*\*\* Morondava-Kirindy area]
41. Malagasy Mouse-eared Bat *Myotis goudotii* [\*\*\* Perinet area]
42. Small Indian Civet *Viverricula indica* [Ankarafantsika]
43. Fossa *Cryptoprocta ferox* [on the road to Mantadia, in the Perinet area]
44. Bokyboky *Mungotictis decemlineata* [Kirindy Forest]



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