

We spent 2 weeks in Gabon. We booked the trip with Ghislain NGONDA NDJIBADI from Association Mikongo vision. He did not guide us and entrusted us to 2 guides who did not know the species and did not want to make night walk ; added to that, long timeouts. So we do not recommend this organization, or be sure to be guided by Ghislain.

As often, in the forest we guess animals rather than seeing them ! Mammals encountered in the forest, except elephants, are very fearful and run away as soon as we are spotted.

Other information : November is honey bees season. These insects are very numerous and everywhere in the forest. Beware of you if you stop walking, they enter through all openings and sting if they feel threatened !

Libreville : 8th November 2018. Bats perhaps Straw-coloured fruit bat (*Eidolon helvum*)



Straw-coloured fruit bat
(*Eidolon helvum*)

La Lope : 9-10 November. Forest Buffalo (*Sybcerus nanus*), African Forest Elephants (*Loxodonta cyclotis*), 1 troop of Putty-nosed Monkeys (*Cercopithecus nictitans*), 1 troop of Black Colobus (*Colobus satanas*). Foot prints of Porcupine, Leopard, Duikers, Elephant, Red River Hog...

Mikongo camp : 11-18 november. Each day regular encounters with African Forest Elephants that we had to avoid, 1 Forest Giant squirrel (*Protoxerus stangeri*), 1 Fire-footed Rope Squirrel (*Funisciurus pyrropus*), 1 Western White-bellied Dhuiker (*Cephalophus leucogaster*), Western Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*) (heard or seen practically each day), 4 Galagos not identified, troops of Black Colobus (*Colobus satanas*) each day, Crowned Monkey (*Cercopithecus pogonias* cf), a female and her young Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*), troops of Putty-nosed Monkeys (*Cercopithecus nictitans*), troops of Gray-cheeked Mangabeys (*Lophocebus albigena*), and many unidentified troops of monkeys.



Western White-bellied Dhuiker
(*Cephalophus leucogaster*) ; isn't it ?



Crowned Monkey (*Cercopithecus pogonias*)

Lambarene : 19 November. Common Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*), Egyptian Rousettus (*Egyptian Rousettus*) under the north bridge, Red-legged Sun Squirrel (*Heliosciurus rufobrachium*).



Egyptian Rousettus (*Egyptian Rousettus*)

Along the way back to Libreville forest meat for sale : 22 Blue Duikers, 1 Monkey, 3 Genets, 3 Crocodiles (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*), 1 Porcupine, 1 Rat, Sitatunga (animal and horns), 1 land tortoise, some legs of Red River Hog and many unidentified animals

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