



As the world started to open up more and more Royle Safaris was contacted by one of our long established ground handlers in East Africa to invite Martin on a little scouting trip to try some new places, a new vehicle and in general just make good relations again after a couple of years of nothing happening in the world of travel. So whilst discussing where would be good to go and some target species we hit upon a week 8 night itinerary that would visit the Central Serengeti National Park, Ngorogoro Crater National Park and also visit Jozani Forest and Mtende Forest in Zanzibar. This would be a somewhat rushed trip to visit these places in a short amount of time, but would provide a good basis for several new itineraries to be developed in this remarkable country for wildlife watching. Particularly in Zanzibar where there are currently no dedicated multi-day wildlife watching trips. Royle Safaris is aiming to change that with a special endemic and rare mammals tour to Zanzibar in the pipe line (we are so busy with the covid backlog of trips that it may be some time before we finalise and publish any such itinerary online, but for anyone interested please contact us now and we can set up a private itinerary for Zanzibar and or Tanzania ([info@royle-safaris.co.uk](mailto:info@royle-safaris.co.uk))).

So with a rough itinerary in place we started to look at dates and it turned out that Martin would have his 8 year old son Tiger for the May/June half-term holiday and what a good time to introduce an animal mad little boy to the world of safaris. Since he could understand what it is Martin did for a job he has been itching to come on a safari and with a great combination of (1) well known species (2) plenty of wildlife to see at all times (3) world class lodges with great pools, food and all of the amenities a family would need and (4) the wonderful beaches of Zanzibar, this itinerary is almost the perfect beginner safari. So the quote was adjusted to reflect Martin, his wife Becky and son Tiger. Well the expansion of this quick research didn't end there as the May / June half term fell conveniently close to Martins mums' 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Having wanted to take her and her partner on a safari for years the stars were aligning into something special. So a second room was added to the booking and with the amazing hospitality of our ground agents the whole trip was either complimentary or cost price, we were going to make the most of this amazing opportunity and with 3 first time safari goers on the trip we were assured of some wonderful memories being made.

So the basic premise of the trip (as alluded to above) would be general big game viewing in Serengeti and Ngorogoro (hopefully ticking off the Big Five during this time) and then a couple of days to try and see the endemic and rare mammals of Zanzibar, with a view of seeing if it would be possible to dedicate a week long trip to this amazing island in search of the rarities here. The first half of the trip was (as to be expected of one of the world's greatest wildlife watching hotspots) just amazing. The migration was still going through the area and with many **lions**, nice **leopards** and a surprising amount of **servals** we had a whale of time. Ngorogoro was our shot for **black rhino** (to complete the Big Five dream of the new safari goers) but the weather was poor, windy and chilly and as a result the rhinos do not often come out into the open and they alluded us....until we returned to the rim of the crater on our way out and we stopped at a view point, scanned carefully and found 2 **black rhinos** feeding below us. Not great sightings, but unmistakable **rhinos**. Zanzibar was also amazing, in a very short time we made the most of things, other than visiting the famous and playful **Zanzibar red colobus** and **Syke's monkeys** in Jozani Forest Martin's mum, partner, son and wife stayed behind from the night walks Martin did and only Martin and Becky went out to Mtende forest to look for the very rare, nearly mythical and inexcusably still trophy hunted Ader's duiker. We held little hope of seeing this shy species here, but almost immediately we heard the duiker's distinctive wheezy alarm call and crashing through bushes a couple of times. However optimism was dampened when at every scent marking tree we came across the local guide first showed us the scent marking post (complete with stained surface from years of repeated use from the duikers) and then pointed around 5m away to where the hunting hide would be set up for the trophy hunter to kill the duiker. After seeing so many such hunting spots we were convinced we imagined the alarm calls and that this duiker is surely extinct here. In fact the forest was very quiet in general and it was only the way out of the forest and around 20m from the road and our vehicle did we see a **black-and-rufous sengi** and then Becky and the local guide found an **Ader's duiker** just near the path and moving away from us after looking at us for a second. Amazing! Later that day Martin saw another **Ader's duiker** at night too, we have pictures and videos of this amazing and added together with nearly all of the other endemics on the island our plan of a dedicated mammalwatching safari to Zanzibar looks well and truly on.

All of the pictures below are from Martin Royle with his permission.

# Species List Tanzania & Zanzibar Wildlife Tour (short scouting trip) May/Jun 2022

## Mammals

	Common Name	Binominal Name
1	Common impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
2	Coke's hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus cokii</i>
3	African golden wolf	<i>Canis lupaster</i>
4	Ader's duiker	<i>Cephalophus adersi</i>
5	Syke's monkey	<i>Cercopithecus albogularis</i>
6	Little freetail bat	<i>Chaerephon pumilus</i>
7	Vervet monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
8	Blue wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
9	Spotted hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
10	Common mole-rat	<i>Cryptomys hottentotus</i>
11	Topi	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>
12	Eastern tree hyrax	<i>Dendrohyrax validus</i>
13	Black rhino	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
14	Straw-coloured fruit bat	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>
15	Minor epauletted fruit bat	<i>Epomophoros minor</i>
16	Plains zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>
17	Thompson gazelle	<i>Eudorcas thomsonii</i>
18	Senegal galago	<i>Galago senegalensis</i>
19	Zanzibar dwarf galago	<i>Galagoides zanzibaricus</i>
20	Masai giraffe	<i>Giraffa tippelskirchi</i>
21	Common dwarf mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
22	Common slender mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
23	Bush hyrax	<i>Heterohyrax brucei</i>
24	Common hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
25	Sundevall's roundlead bat	<i>Hipposideros caffer</i>
26	Common waterbuck	<i>Kopus ellipsiprymnus</i>
27	Yellow-winged bat	<i>Lavia frons</i>
28	Typical striped grass mouse	<i>Lemniscomys striatus</i>
29	Serval	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>
30	East African hare	<i>Lepus victoriae</i>

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31	African bush elephant	<i>Loxadonta africana</i>
32	Black-backed jackal	<i>Lupulella mesomela</i>
33	Cavendish's dikdik	<i>Madoqua cavendishi</i>
34	Thomas's dikdik	<i>Madoqua thomasi</i>
35	Least long-fingered bat	<i>Miniopterus minor</i>
36	Banded mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
37	African pam civet	<i>Nandinia binotata</i>
38	Grant's gazelle	<i>Nanger granti</i>
39	Banana serotine	<i>Neoromicia nanus</i>
40	Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
41	Small-eared greater galalgo	<i>Otolemur garnetti</i>
42	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
43	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
44	Olive baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>
45	Four-toed elephant shrew	<i>Petrodromus tetradactylus</i>
46	Common warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
47	Rock hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
48	Zanzibar red colobus	<i>Procolobus krikii</i>
49	Bohor reedbuck	<i>Redunca redunca</i>
50	Ruppell's horseshoe bat	<i>Rhinolophus fumigatus</i>
51	Black-and-rufous elephant shrew	<i>Rhynchocyon petersi</i>
52	Common duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
53	Cape buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
54	Common eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>

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**Note:** Some bats identified 100% at roosts or with good views. Others identified with spectrograms in combination with sightings (no spectrograms without visual confirmation are recorded as a sighting), behaviour and habitat – so not 100% but best educated guesses. For more information please email me.

## Birds

	Common Name	Binominal Name
1	Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
2	Fischer's lovebird	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>
3	Egyptian goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
4	Cape teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>

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5	African black duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
6	African pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
7	White-rumped swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
8	Tawny eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
9	Large egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
10	Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
11	Intermediate egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
12	Black-headed heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
13	Rufous chatterer	<i>Argya rubiginosa</i>
14	Grey crowned crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
15	Cattle egret	<i>Bubalcus ibis</i>
16	Red-billed buffalo-weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
17	Spotted eagle owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
18	Verreaux's eagle owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
19	Yellow-billed oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
20	Stone curlew	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
21	Augur buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>
22	Silver-cheeked hornbill	<i>Bycanistes brevis</i>
23	Coqui francolin	<i>Campocolinus coqui</i>
24	Square-tailed nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
25	Fan-tailed grassbird	<i>Catriscus brevirostris</i>
26	Mosque swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
27	White-browed coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
28	Little-ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
29	Common ringed plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
30	Klittitz's plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
31	White-winged tern	<i>Chidonias leucopterus</i>
32	Grey-hooded gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
33	Abdim's stork	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>
34	White stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
35	Black-chested snake eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
36	Zitting cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
37	Croacking cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
38	Speckled mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
39	Speckled pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
40	Feral pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
41	Lilac-breasted roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
42	Pied crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
43	Cape crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>

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44	House crow	<i>Corvus spendens</i>
45	Wattled starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
46	Bare-faced go-away bird	<i>Crinifer personatus</i>
47	White-bellied canary	<i>Crithaga dorostriata</i>
48	African citril	<i>Crithagra citrinelloides</i>
49	African palm swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
50	Fork-tailed drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
51	White-headed buffalo weaver	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>
52	Dimorphic egret	<i>Egretta dimorpha</i>
53	Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
54	Black-shouldered kite	<i>Elanus axillaris</i>
55	Common waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
56	Red-collared widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>
57	Southern red bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
58	Northern white-crowned shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>
59	Greater kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
60	Red-knobbed coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
61	African barred owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>
62	African white-backed vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
63	Ruppell's vulture	<i>Gyps rueppelli</i>
64	African fish eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
65	Red-billed fire-finch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
66	Ruppell's long-tailed starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpuroptera</i>
67	Superb starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>
68	Slat-coloured boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>
69	Grey-backed fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>
70	Northern fiscal	<i>Lanius humeralis</i>
71	Marabou stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>
72	Black-bellied korhaan	<i>Lissotis melanogaste</i>
73	Long-crested eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
74	African grey hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>
75	Eastern chanting goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>
76	Little bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
77	Blue-throated bee-eater	<i>Merops viridis</i>
78	Reed cormorant	<i>Microcarba africanus</i>
79	Black kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
80	Flappet lark	<i>Mirafr rufocinnamomea</i>
81	African pied wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
82	Yellow-billed stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>

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83	Hooded vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
84	Helmeted guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
85	Namaqua dove	<i>Oana capensis</i>
86	Capped wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
87	House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
88	Chestnut sparrow	<i>Passer eminibey</i>
89	Kenyan sparrow	<i>Passer rufocinctus</i>
90	Swahali sparrow	<i>Passer suahelicus</i>
91	Great white pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
92	Greater flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
93	Green wood-hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
94	White-browed sparrow-weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
95	Village weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
96	Martial eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
97	Grey-capped social-weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita arnaudi</i>
98	Yellow-necked spurfowl	<i>Pternistis leucoscepus</i>
99	Grey-breasted francolin	<i>Pternistis rufopictus</i>
100	Scaly francolin	<i>Pternistis squamatus</i>
101	Chestnut-bellied sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>
102	Common bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
103	African red-eyed bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>
104	Green-winged pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
105	Secretary bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
106	African stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
107	Hammerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
108	African mourning dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
109	Laughing dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
110	Ring-necked dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica)</i>
111	Common ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
112	Brown-crowned tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
113	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
114	African sacred ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
115	Tanzanian red hornbill	<i>Tockus ruahae</i>
116	Lappet-faced vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
117	d'Arnaud's barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>
118	Arrow-marked babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
119	Emerald-spotted wood-dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
120	Red-cheeked cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>
121	Blacksmith lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>

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122	Crowned lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
123	Spurwinged lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>

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## Reptiles

	Common Name	Binominal Name
1	Blue-headed tree agama	<i>Acanthocercus atricollis</i>
2	Mwanza flat-headed rock agama	<i>Agama mwanzae</i>
3	Puff adder	<i>Bitis arietans</i>
4	Nile crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
5	Brook's house gecko	<i>Hemidactylus brooksi</i>
6	African tropical house gecko	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>
7	Baobab gecko	<i>Hemidactylus platycephalus</i>
8	Mediterranean house gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>
9	Cape wolf snake	<i>Lycophidion capense</i>
10	Spotted bush snake	<i>Philothamnus semivariatus</i>
11	Leopard tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>
12	African striped skink	<i>Trachylepis striata</i>

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## Amphibians

	Common Name	Binominal Name
1		<i>Hyperolius glandicolor</i>
2	Common reed frog	<i>Hyperolius viridiflavus</i>
3	Guttural toad	<i>Sclerophrys gutturalis</i>
4	Muller's clawed frog	<i>Xenopus muelleri</i>

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Grant's Gazelle



Plains Zebra

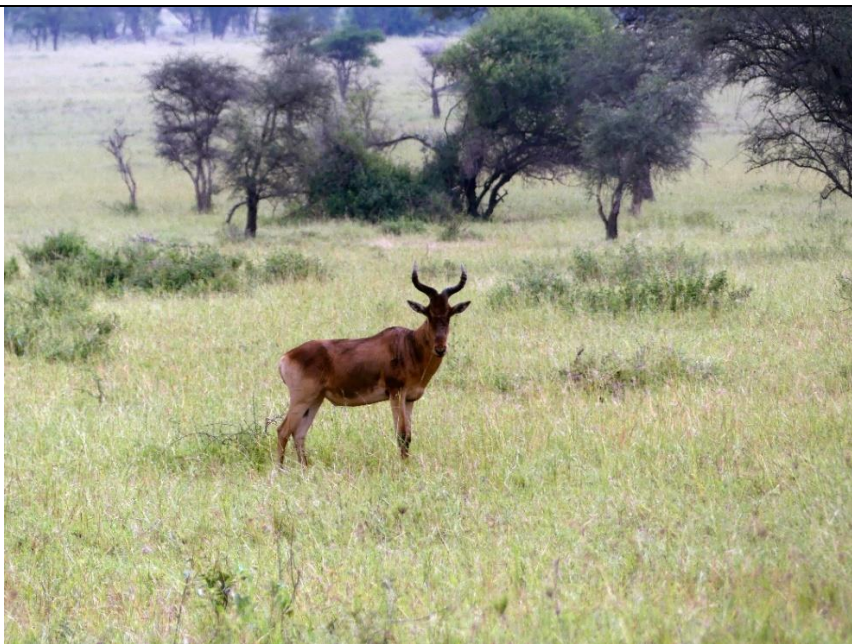


Masai Giraffe



Lion





Coke's Hartebeest



Spotted Hyena



Common Dwarf Mongoose



Bush Hyrax





Leopard



Lion



Serval

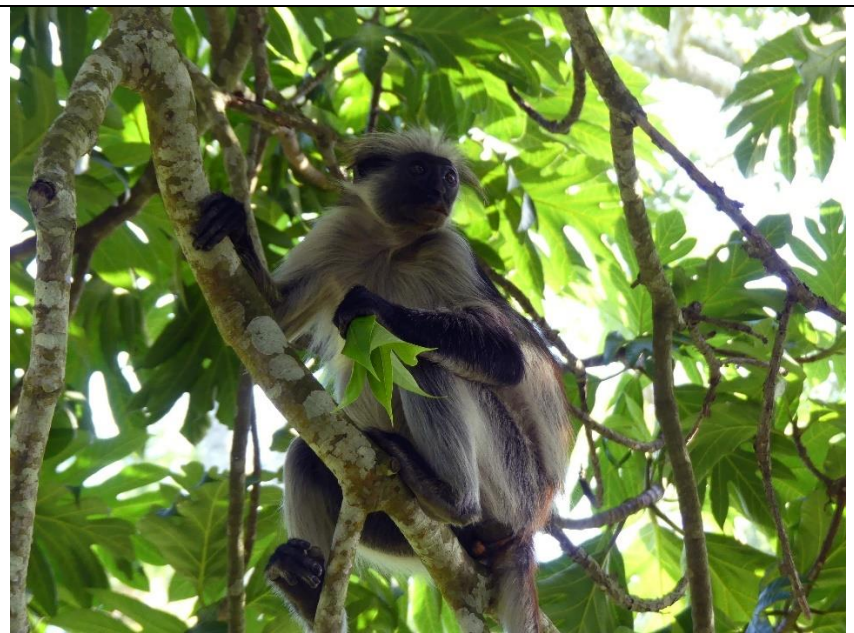


African Bush Elephant





African Palm Civet



Zanzibar Red Colobus



Black-and-rufous Sengi



Ader's Duiker – *note the white blaze on the rear haunch which is diagnostic of this species*





*Ader's Duiker – note the eye shine on the left and the body on the right, with the very visible white blaze on the rear haunch*



**A Tiger in Africa!!**