Gabon, São Tomé & Principe
Rainforest Birds & Mammals
29th July to 23rd August 2018 (26 days)
Trip Report

White-crested Tiger Heron by David Hoddinott

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Top birds seen during the São Tomé & Principe Extension:
São Tomé Grosbeak, São Tomé Ibis, São Tomé Scops Owl, São Tomé Olive Pigeon, São Tomé Shorttail, São Tomé Oriole, São Tomé Paradise Flycatcher, Giant Sunbird, Black-capped Speirops, Giant Weaver, Dohrn’s Thrush-Babbler, Principe Weaver, Principe White-eye, Principe Speirops, Harlequin Quail, Golden-backed Bishop, Red-headed Quelea, Red-headed Lovebird, and Western (São Tomé) Barn Owl.

Top birds seen during the main Gabon tour:

Top birds seen during the Loango Extension:

Top mammals seen:

Top reptiles seen:
Nile Crocodile, Dwarf Crocodile, and Slender-snouted Crocodile.
Tour Summary

São Tomé and Principe pre-tour extension:

Our tour of Gabon and the Guinea islands of São Tomé and Principe started off with a pre-tour extension to the islands. After arriving on São Tomé, we settled into our comfortable accommodation and then set about enjoying some fabulous birding in the hotel grounds. Here we noted some widespread species, including Striated Heron, Blue and Common Waxbills, Yellow-fronted Canary, and a vagrant Pied Kingfisher. This was followed by a slew of endemics. We were excitedly watching Newton’s Sunbird and São Tomé Prinias when a confiding pair of Black-capped Speirops put in an appearance, as did São Tomé Weaver and São Tomé Thrush. A walk in the surrounding scrub produced numerous São Tomé Spinetail and Island Bronze-naped Pigeon, plus some real bonuses in the form of the localised Golden-backed Bishop, Red-headed Quelea, lovely views of the tricky Harlequin Quail, and Red-headed Lovebird. At dusk we also observed the distinctive race of Western Barn Owl, which may well be split in future. Delighted with our tally, we enjoyed a delicious dinner and discussed the plans for the coming days.

The following morning, we observed several endemics in the garden before enjoying breakfast and then making our way to the airport for the short flight to Principe. On arrival, we checked into our wonderful lodge before perusing the gardens. Here we noted Western Reef Heron, Timneh Parrot, a striking Blue-breasted Kingfisher, Dohrn’s Thrush-Babbler, Principe Speirops, Principe Starling, Principe Sunbird, and Principe Weavers building nests. In the evening we enjoyed a memorable dinner at the restaurant on Bom-Bom Island, which we arrived at via a superb boardwalk over the sea.

The next day, after breakfast, we set off on a boat trip to the southern part of the island, where we embarked on a strenuous and difficult walk into the forest interior in search of the remaining endemics. Here we found the elusive Principe White-eye; but, after a lengthy search, we were sadly unable to find Principe Thrush. We did, however, see Island Bronze-naped Pigeon, several Lemon Doves, Chestnut-
breasted Nigrita, and Principe Seedeater – which may be a future split. Other notable sightings included great views of Principe Starling and Principe Speirops. On the boat trip back, we added great sightings of Brown Booby, Black Noddy, and White-tailed Tropicbird.

The following day, we made our way back to São Tomé. Our next adventure saw us head to the south, where we explored the Mount Carmo area in search of the southern endemics. We waited out an early morning rain shower before heading into the forest. After a short while we were delighted to see São Tomé Ibis, which can be difficult to find. Other endemics seen here included São Tomé White-eye, Giant Weaver, and Principe Seedeater. Further up the trail, we were very fortunate to come across a pair of the rare and critically endangered São Tomé Grosbeak. Around our campsite we noted São Tomé Olive Pigeon and São Tomé Shorttail. Recent DNA studies have revealed that the shorttail is most closely related to wagtails; although, when observing it, it’s hard to believe. Before heading down the mountain the following day, we went in search of São Tomé Fiscal. After a lengthy search, we heard one which came close to us but would not reveal itself.

The next day, we explored the Lagoa Amelia area and were rewarded with some outstanding sightings, including numerous São Tomé Green Pigeon, stunning African Emerald Cuckoo, several confiding São Tomé Oriole, beautiful São Tomé Paradise Flycatcher, São Tomé Prinia, splendid Giant Sunbird giving great views for once, and superb close-up Giant Weaver. The highlight, though, has to be the wonderful views we had of São Tomé Scops Owl during the day. We celebrated our wonderful island adventure over a scrumptious dinner. We had seen 25 of the 27 recognised endemics, and were well-chuffed with our efforts.

Sadly, it was then time to bid farewell to the islands. Those heading home departed on their international flights, whilst the rest of us flew to Libreville to start the Gabon adventure.
The main Gabon tour:

After meeting up in Libreville after a good night’s rest, we set out on our Gabon adventure with a flight to Franceville. On arrival, we met up with our drivers and transferred to Leconi for a four-night stay. The only accommodation here was very basic, but this was made up for by the outstanding birding in the Leconi area. We covered a diverse array of habitats during our stay, including the rolling grasslands of the Bateke Plateau, Gallery Forest, Miombo woodland, wetlands and Lowland Rainforest.

Leaving Leconi, we made our way back to Franceville, where we boarded a train to Lope. Our three days in Lope gave us sufficient time to explore this wonderful National Park. It was a very pleasurable stay, with comfortable accommodation and good meals, plus some fabulous birding and mammal watching.

We spent time exploring the gallery forest, grasslands, and woodland along the Ogooue River. Highlights here included Western Osprey, a pair of Black Sparrowhawk hunting, White-crowned and Senegal Lapwings, Rock Pratincole, African Skimmer with chicks, a cute Red-chested Owlet, superb Freckled Nightjar, Mottled Spinetail, rare Bates’s Swift, fabulous male Narina Trogon, African Pygmy and Giant Kingfishers, Blue-breasted and White-throated Bee-eaters, huge Black-casqued Hornbill, Red-fronted Parrot, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Yellow-lored Bristlebill, rare and localised Ja River Scrub Warbler, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, reclusive Red-tailed Ant Thrush, rare Olivaceous Flycatcher, Brown-chested Alethe, lovely Violet-tailed and Johanna’s Sunbirds, Compact Weaver, Cuckoo-finch (a new species for Gabon), Red-bellied Malimbe, Long-legged Pipit, and Red-capped Lark. We also enjoyed some fabulous mammal sightings, including herds of Forest Buffalo, several Forest Elephant, Putty-nosed and Moustached Monkeys, Grey-cheeked Mangabey, and Black Colobus.

From Lope National Park, we continued north by bus to Ivindo National Park. Ivindo offers arguably the best lowland forest birding in Africa, and we notched up a plethora of mega forest birds. Over three full days, we explored interior forest trails, secondary forest, the Ivindo River, and the Belinga road in search of these forest specials. Some highlights included a splendid flock of seven Hartlaub’s Duck, male African Pygmy Goose, a family group of rare and elusive Plumed Guineafowl, shy Scaly Francolin, near-mythical Spot-breasted Ibis, sought-after Congo Serpent Eagle, White-spotted Flufftail, African Finfoot, Afep Pigeon, lovely Blue-headed Wood Dove, Great Blue, Guinea and Yellow-billed Turacos, highly elusive Gabon Coucal, Blue Malkoha, Yellow-throated and African Emerald Cuckoos, cracking Fraser’s Eagle-Owl, superb Bates’s Nightjar, Sabine’s and Cassin’s Spinetails, smart Chocolate-backed Kingfisher, White-thighed and rare Black Dwarf Hornbills, several African Piculet, Buff-spotted, Brown-eared and Elliot’s Woodpeckers.

From Ivindo, we made the very long drive back to Libreville, making a lunch stop en route which netted us the lovely Grey Pratincole, African Skimmer, and a migrant European Honey Buzzard. This brought an end to our main Gabon tour, and we said goodbye to those returning home at the airport; while the rest of us continued on a flight to Port Gentil for the post-tour extension to Loango National Park.

The Loango Extension:

In Loango, we embarked on several magical boat trips through black water tributaries, papyrus swamps, and the Loango River estuary; as well as game drives through open grasslands and gallery forest. Our full five days in this fabulous park was a fitting finale to this memorable tour. Highlights included great views of Hartlaub’s Duck, a splendid Black Guineafowl, highly-elusive Latham’s Francolin, mystical White-crested Tiger-Heron, White-backed Night Heron, Pink-backed Pelican, Palmnut Vulture, tricky Long-tailed Hawk, dozens of African Finfoot, Black-rumped Buttonquail walking on the road in front of us, sought-after Forbes’s Plover, Royal and 118 Damara Terns, Blue-headed Wood Dove, Black Coucal, Thick-billed Cuckoo, magical Pel’s Fishing Owl, mesmerising Vermiculated Fishing Owl, Bates’s and Square-tailed Nightjars, superb Bare-cheeked Trogon, lovely White-bellied and Shining-blue Kingfishers, cracking Black-headed and Rosy Bee-eaters, huge Black-casqued and White-crested Hornbills, flocks of Grey Parrot, Swamp Boubou, Red-tailed Leaflove, Yellow-lored Bristlebill, a spectacle of thousands of African River Martins coming...
to roost, Grey-rumped Swallow, White-bibbed Swallow, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, White-browed Forest Flycatcher, Mangrove, Violet-tailed and Carmelite Sunbirds, and localised Loango Weaver. Shew! What a trip!!!

Thank you to everyone for your support, good company and humour, understanding and patience, especially during some challenging logistical situations. You all helped make this another extremely successful and enjoyable Rockjumper birding tour of Gabon, São Tomé, and Príncipe! Andre and I so look forward to sharing many more wonderful adventures with you.

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets ( ) indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.
List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Visited locations

Omali Lodge and surrounds, Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds, Playa Maria Correa, Monte Carmo, Lagoa Amelia, Forest between Bongoville and Leconi, Lekoni--Area, en route--Franceville to Leconi, Lopé NP, en route--Boue to Ivindo NP, Ivindo NP, Ipessa section, Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds, Port Gentil, Loango NP--North, en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil.

Birds (411 in total: 399 seen, 12 heard)

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced
IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck
Dendrocygna viduata
(3) Up to 7 Loango NP--North 20-22.8.

Hartlaub's Duck
Pteronetta hartlaubii
(3) 7 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 14.8, 7 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 18.8 and 6 Loango NP--North 23.8.
Great sightings!

African Pygmy Goose
Nettapus auritus
(2) 1 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 14.8 and 1 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 18.8.
Just 1 male.

Plumed Guineafowl
Guttera plumifera plumifera
(1) 6 Ivindo NP, Ipessa section 15.8.
Fabulous!

Guineafowl Numididae

Black Guineafowl
Agelastes niger
(1) 1 Loango NP--North 22.8.
Awesome!

Helmeted Guineafowl
Numida meleagris galeatus
(1) 3 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

Plumed Guineafowl
Guttera plumifera plumifera
(1) 6 Ivindo NP, Ipessa section 15.8.
Fabulous!

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**Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae**

**Latham's Francolin**  
*Peliperdix lathami lathami*  
(1) 2 Loango NP--North 22.8.  
What a bit of luck!

**Coqui Francolin**  
*Peliperdix coqui coqui*  
(3) Up to 1 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

**Finsch's Francolin**  
*Scleroptila finschi*  
(2) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 2 Lekoni--Area 8.8.  
Superb!!

**Scaly Francolin**  
*Pternistis squamatus squamatus*  
(5) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8, up to 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8 and 1 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 18.8.

**Red-necked Spurfowl**  
*Pternistis afer cranchii*  
(5) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 4.8, 1 heard Lekoni--Area 5.8 and up to 2 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

**Harlequin Quail**  
*Coturnix delegorguei histrionica*  
(2) 3 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7 and 7 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8.  
Great sightings!

**Grebes Podicipedidae**

**Little Grebe**  
*Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*  
(2) 2 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 14.8 and 6 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 18.8.

**Tropicbirds Phaethontidae**

**White-tailed Tropicbird**  
*Phaethon lepturus*  
(12) 5 at Bom-bom resort 30.7 and 1 on the boat trip 31.7 and 2 at Omali Lodge 5.8

**Storks Ciconiidae**

**Yellow-billed Stork**  
*Mycteria ibis*  
(3) Up to 12 Loango NP--North 20-22.8.

**Woolly-necked Stork (VU)**  
*Ciconia episcopus microcelis*  
(4) Up to 5 Loango NP--North 20-22.8 and 3 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 23.8.

**Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**

**São Tomé Ibis (CR)**  
*Bostrychia bocagei*  
(2) 2 Monte Carmo 2.8 and 1 heard Monte Carmo 3.8.  
Nice scope views.

**Spot-breasted Ibis**  
*Bostrychia rara*  
(2) 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.  
Splendid 4 birds!

**Hadada Ibis**  
*Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*  
(9) Up to 2 Lopé NP 11-13.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 18.8 and up to 10 Loango NP--North 20-23.8.

**African Spoonbill**  
*Platalea alba*  
(2) 3 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 3 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Heron, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**

**White-crested Tiger Heron**  
*Tigriornis leucolopha*
(1) 3 Loango NP--North 23.8.
Magnificent!!

**Little Bittern**  
*Ixobrychus minutus payesii*
(1) 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8.

**White-backed Night Heron**  
*Gorsachius leuconotus*
(1) 1 Loango NP--North 20.8.
Great views.

**Black-crowned Night Heron**  
*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*
(1) 1 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 18.8.

**Striated Heron**  
*Butorides striata atricapilla*
(6) 4 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 1 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Squacco Heron**  
*Ardeola ralloides*
(1) 5 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Western Cattle Egret**  
*Bubulcus ibis*
(8) Up to 10 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 3.8, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 4.8, 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 6.8, 5 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 18.8 and 10 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 23.8.

**Grey Heron**  
*Ardea cinerea cinerea*
(3) Up to 2 Loango NP--North 19-21.8.

**Goliath Heron**  
*Ardea goliath*
(1) 1 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**Purple Heron**  
*Ardea purpurea purpurea*
(3) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 2 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Great Egret**  
*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*
(5) Up to 15 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

**Intermediate Egret**  
*Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha*
(2) 1 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Little Egret**  
*Egretta garzetta garzetta*
(2) 2 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Western Reef Heron**  
*Egretta gularis gularis*
(4) 6 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 2 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 2 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 31.7 and 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8.

**Hamerkop Scopidae**  
*Scopus umbretta umbretta*
(5) Up to 6 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

**Pelicans Pelecanidae**  
*Pelecanus rufescens*
(5) Up to 20 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

**Gannets, Boobies Sulidae**  
*Sula leucogaster leucogaster*
(3) 1 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 10 Playa Maria Correa 31.7 and 2 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 1.8.
Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant  Microcarbo africanus africanus
(4) 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 1 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 1.8, 1 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 2.8 and 1 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8.

Anhingas Anhingidae

African Darter  Anhinga rufa
(5) Up to 40 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

Osprey Pandionidae

Western Osprey  Pandion haliaetus haliaetus
(1) 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite  Elanus caeruleus caeruleus
(2) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

African Harrier-Hawk  Polyboroides typus pectoralis
(12) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 10.8, up to 3 Lopé NP 11-13.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and up to 3 Loango NP--North 18-21.8.

Palm-nut Vulture  Gypohierax angolensis
(14) 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8, up to 6 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-16.8 and up to 30 Loango NP--North 18-23.8.

European Honey Buzzard  Pernis apivorus
(2) 1 Loango NP--North 18.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

Black-chested Snake Eagle  Circaetus pectoralis
(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

Congo Serpent Eagle  Circaetus spectabilis batesi
(1) 1 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 14.8.

Fabulous.

Bateleur (NT)  Terathopius ecaudatus
(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

Bat Hawk  Macheiramphus alcinus anderssoni
(1) 1 en route--Franceville to Leconi 10.8.

Crowned Eagle (NT)  Stephanoaetus coronatus
(3) 1 en route--Franceville to Leconi 10.8, 2 Lopé NP 12.8 and 1 Lopé NP 13.8.

Several.

Cassin's Hawk-Eagle  Aquila africana
(1) 1 en route--Franceville to Leconi 10.8.

Superb.

Lizard Buzzard  Kaupifalco monogrammicus monogrammicus
(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

Long-tailed Hawk  Urotriorchis macrourus
(2) 1 heard en route--Franceville to Leconi 6.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

Very nice indeed!

Black Sparrowhawk  Accipiter melanoleucus temminckii
(2) 1 Lopé NP 11.8 and 2 Lopé NP 12.8.

Yellow-billed Kite  Milvus aegyptius parasitus
(10) 5 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, up to 5 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8, up to 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 2-5.8, 2 Lekoni--Area 9.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**African Fish Eagle**  
_Haliaeetus vocifer_  
(5) 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8 and up to 4 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

**Red-necked Buzzard**  
_Buteo auguralis_  
(5) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 10.8, 1 Loango NP--North 19.8, 1 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Bustards Otididae**  
_Eupodotis senegalensis mackenziei_  
(3) Up to 4 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

**Black-bellied Bustard**  
_Lissotis melanogaster melanogaster_  
(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

**White-spotted Flufftail**  
_Sarothrura pulchra_  
(2) 1 heard en route--Franceville to Leconi 6.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**African Finfoot**  
_Podica senegalensis camerunensis_  
(5) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and up to 16 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.  
16 on one boat trip.

**Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae**  
_Amaurornis flavirostra_  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Common Moorhen**  
_Gallinula chloropus meridionalis_  
(3) 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 1 heard Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 1.8 and 1 Monte Carmo 2.8.

**Black-rumped Buttonquail**  
_Turnix nanus_  
(3) 4 Lekoni--Area 8.8, 2 Lekoni--Area 9.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 20.8.  
Magnificent, seen on the ground.

**Water Thick-knee**  
_Burhinus vermiculatus buettikoferi_  
(6) Up to 2 Lopé NP 11-13.8, 2 Loango NP--North 20.8, 2 Loango NP--North 22.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae**  
_Vanellus albiceps_  
(4) Up to 2 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Senegal Lapwing**  
_Vanellus lugubris_  
(3) 2 Lopé NP 11.8, 1 Lopé NP 12.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Kittlitz’s Plover**  
_Charadrius pecuarius_  
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(1) 2 Loango NP--North 20.8.  

**Forbes's Plover**  
*Charadrius forbesi*

(2) 9 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 5 Loango NP--North 22.8.  
Great sightings.

**White-fronted Plover**  
*Charadrius marginatus mechowi*

(1) 6 Loango NP--North 20.8.

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**Jacanas Jacanidae**

**African Jacana**  
*Actophilornis africanus*

(3) Up to 20 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

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**Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**

**Whimbrel**  
*Numenius phaeopus phaeopus*

(3) 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 31.7, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Eurasian Curlew**  
*Numenius arquata*

(1) we had great views of 1 in Loango NP 20.8.

**Little Stint**  
*Calidris minuta*

(3) we had good views of several in Loango NP 20.8.

**Common Sandpiper**  
*Actitis hypoleucos*

(5) 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 30.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 1 Loango NP--North 18.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Wood Sandpiper**  
*Tringa glareola*

(3) 4 Loango NP--North 20.8, 1 Loango NP--North 22.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Common Greenshank**  
*Tringa nebularia*

(3) Up to 20 Loango NP--North 18-20.8.

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**Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae**

**Rock Pratincole**  
*Glareola nuchalis nuchalis*

(7) Up to 8 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and up to 200 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-18.8.

**Grey Pratincole**  
*Glareola cinerea*

(1) 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 18.8.  
Good scope views.

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**Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae**

**Black Noddy**  
*Anous minutus atlanticus*

(1) 3 Omali Lodge and surrounds 31.7.  
Great sighting.

**African Skimmer (NT)**  
*Rynchops flavirostris*

(5) 4 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16-18.8 and 70 Loango NP--North 20.8.  
Superb sightings.

**Caspian Tern**  
*Hydroprogne caspia*

(1) 14 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 19.8.

**Royal Tern**  
*Thalasseus maximus albididorsalis*

(4) 50 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 19.8 and up to 60 Loango NP--North 20-22.8.

**Sandwich Tern**  
*Thalasseus sandvicensis*

(1) 1 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Little Tern**  
*Sternula albifrons guineae*
(1) 6 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 19.8.

**Damara Tern (NT)**  
*Sternula balaenarum*

(1) 118 Loango NP--North 20.8.

a whopping 118

**Common Tern**  
*Sterna hirundo hirundo*

(3) 20 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 19.8, 50 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 3 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 23.8.

**Black Tern**  
*Chlidonias niger niger*

(1) 10 Loango NP--North 20.8.

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### Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*

**Rock Dove**  
*Columba livia var. domestica*

(5) 3 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 20 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 30 Port Gentil 18.8, 2 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 19.8 and 6 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 23.8.

**Afed Pigeon**  
*Columba uncincta*

(1) 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**São Tomé Olive Pigeon (VU)**  
*Columba thomensis*

(1) 2 Monte Carmo 2.8.

**Western Bronze-naped Pigeon**  
*Columba iriditorques*

(1) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Island Bronze-naped Pigeon (NT)**  
*Columba malherbii*

(4) 1 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 31.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 4 Monte Carmo 2.8 and 20 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8.

**Lemon Dove**  
*Columba larvata*

(6) Up to 2 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8, 2 Monte Carmo 2.8, 6 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 4.8.

**Red-eyed Dove**  
*Streptopelia semitorquata*

(17) 6 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 3 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, up to 8 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-16.8, 2 Port Gentil 18.8, up to 10 Loango NP--North 19-22.8 and 6 Port Gentil 23.8.

**Ring-necked Dove**  
*Streptopelia capicola*

(3) 1 seen well at Leconi 7.8.

**Laughing Dove**  
*Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*

(8) 50 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 2 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 3 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, up to 20 Omali Lodge and surrounds 3-5.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and 2 Port Gentil 19.8.

**Blue-spotted Wood Dove**  
*Turtur afer*

(12) 1 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 6 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, up to 2 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

**Tambourine Dove**  
*Turtur tympanistria*

(5) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8 and up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

**Blue-headed Wood Dove**  
*Turtur brehmeri brehmeri*

(4) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8, 3 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 22.8.

**African Green Pigeon**  
*Treron calvus*
(21) Up to 30 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8, 1 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 6 Lekonî--Area 7-10.8, up to 10 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 80 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, up to 30 Loango NP--North 18-22.8 and 6 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 23.8.

São Tomé Green Pigeon (VU) *Treron sanctithomae*
(3) 3 Monte Carlo 2.8, 4 Monte Carlo 3.8 and 4 Lagoa Amelia 4.8.

**Turacos** *Musophagidae*

**Great Blue Turaco** *Corythaëola cristata*
(8) 1 Lopé NP 12.8, 1 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, 6 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 18.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Guinea Turaco** *Tauraco persa zenerki*
(5) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**Yellow-billed Turaco** *Tauraco macrorhynchus verreauxii*
(9) Up to 1 Lopé NP 12-15.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 19.8 and up to 1 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

**Cuckoos** *Cuculidae*

**Gabon Coucal** *Centropus anselli*
(3) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**Senegal Coucal** *Centropus senegalensis senegalensis*
(2) 1 Lekonî--Area 10.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Blue-headed Coucal** *Centropus monachus*
(3) 1 heard Lekonî--Area 8.8, 1 Lopé NP 13.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Black Coucal** *Centropus grilii*
(1) 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Blue Malkoha** *Ceuthmochares aereus aereus*
(7) 1 heard Lekonî--Area 9.8, up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Thick-billed Cuckoo** *Pachycoecyx audeberti brazzae*
(2) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

Two sightings.

**Diederik Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx caprius*
(4) 1 heard Lekonî--Area 7.8, 1 Lekonî--Area 9.8, 1 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Klaas's Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx klaas*
(7) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 2 Lekonî--Area 7-9.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Yellow-throated Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx flavicularis*
(3) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Superb!

**African Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx cupreus*
(9) 1 heard Monte Carmo 2.8, 4 Lagoa Amelia 4.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-18.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo** *Cercococcyx mechowi*
(1) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8.

**Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo** *Cercococcyx olivinus*
(3) Up to 1 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

**Black Cuckoo** *Cuculus clamosus gabonensis*
(4) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

**Red-chested Cuckoo** *Cuculus solitarius*
(5) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 18.8 and 3 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**African Cuckoo** *Cuculus gularis*
(1) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 7.8.

### Barn-Owls *Tytonidae*

**Western Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*
(3) Up to 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 2-4.8.

### Owls *Strigidae*

**Fraser's Eagle-Owl** *Bubo poensis*
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

Splendid.

**Pel's Fishing Owl** *Scotopelia peli*
(2) 2 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

Stunning.

**Vermiculated Fishing Owl** *Scotopelia bouvieri*
(1) 1 Loango NP--North 21.8.

Fantastic!!!

**Red-chested Owlet** *Glaucidium tephronotum medje*
(1) 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

Superb.

### Nightjars and Allies *Caprimulgidae*

**Fiery-necked Nightjar** *Caprimulgus pectoralis shelleyi*
(2) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

**Swamp Nightjar** *Caprimulgus natalensis natalensis*
(3) Up to 6 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

**Freckled Nightjar** *Caprimulgus tristigma sharpei*
(1) 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Bates's Nightjar** *Caprimulgus batesi*
(3) 1 Lopé NP 12.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8.

Splendid!

**Long-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus climacurus sclateri*
(2) 2 Lekoni--Area 8.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

**Square-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus fossii fossii*
(3) I heard Loango NP--North 19.8, 3 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 15 Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Swifts Apodidae**

*São Tomé Spinetail*  
*Zoonavena thomensis*  
(8) 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, up to 6 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8, 6 Monte Carmo 2.8, 2 Monte Carmo 3.8, 15 Omali Lodge and surrounds 4.8 and 6 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8.

*Mottled Spinetail*  
*Telacanthura ussherii sharpei*  
(3) 3 Lopé NP 11.8, 1 Lopé NP 12.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

*Sabine’s Spinetail*  
*Rhaphidura sabinii*  
(6) Up to 4 Lopé NP 11-13.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 6 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 21.8.

*Cassin’s Spinetail*  
*Neafrapus cassini*  
(7) Up to 8 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-16.8 and 6 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**African Palm Swift**  
*Cypsiurus parvus brachypterus*  
(21) 50 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 6 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 6 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 31.7, 30 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 6 Monte Carmo 3.8, 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 4.8, 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 20 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 6 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 7.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 8.8, 6 Lopé NP 12.8, 10 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-16.8, 6 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 17.8, 6 Loango NP--North 18.8, 6 Loango NP--North 19.8 and up to 6 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

*Common Swift*  
*Apus apus apus*  
(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

*Little Swift*  
*Apus affinis*  
(19) 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 3 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 100 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 31.7, 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 3 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 30 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 10 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, 3 Lopé NP 12.8, 3 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 500 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, 20 Loango NP--North 18.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 10 Port Gentil 23.8.

*Horus Swift*  
*Apus horus horus*  
(2) 5 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

*Bates’s Swift*  
*Apus batesi*  
(2) 10 Lopé NP 11.8 and 10 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 18.8.

**Mousebirds Coliidae**  
*Colius striatus nigricollis*  
(4) 2 Lekoni--Area 10.8, 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 18.8.

**Trogons Trogonidae**

*Narina Trogon*  
*Apaloderma narina brachyurum*  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

*Bare-cheeked Trogon*  
*Apaloderma aequatoriale*  
(1) 1 Loango NP--North 22.8.  
Great views.
Rollers *Coraciidae*

**Blue-throated Roller**  
*Eurystomus gularis neglectus*  
(1) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8.

**Kingfishers *Alcedinidae***

**Chocolate-backed Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon badia*  
(5) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 heard Lopé NP 13.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Brown-hooded Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon albiventris prentissgrayi*  
(2) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 2 Lekoni--Area 10.8.

**Striped Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*  
(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Blue-breasted Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon malimbica*  
(11) Up to 3 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Lopé NP 12.8, 1 en route--Boue to Ivindo NP 14.8 and up to 1 Loango NP--North 20-23.8.

**Woodland Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon senegalensis fuscopileus*  
(12) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 3 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8, 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8, 2 Loango NP--North 18.8, 1 Loango NP--North 19.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8 and 2 Port Gentil 23.8.

**African Dwarf Kingfisher**  
*Ispidina lecontei lecontei*  
(2) 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**African Pygmy Kingfisher**  
*Ispidina picta ferrugina*  
(5) 2 Lopé NP 12.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**White-bellied Kingfisher**  
*Corythornis leucogaster leucogaster*  
(3) 3 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 1 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 31.7 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Malachite Kingfisher**  
*Corythornis cristatus*  
(5) 4 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 3 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 3 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Shining-blue Kingfisher**  
*Alcedo quadribrachys guentheri*  
(3) 2 Loango NP--North 20.8, 4 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 15 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Giant Kingfisher**  
*Megaceryle maxima gigantea*  
(7) 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8, 2 Lopé NP 12.8, 1 Lopé NP 13.8, 4 Loango NP--North 19.8 and up to 15 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

**Pied Kingfisher**  
*Ceryle rudis rudis*  
(10) 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, up to 4 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and up to 10 Loango NP--North 18-23.8.

**Bee-eaters *Meropidae***

**Black-headed Bee-eater**  
*Merops breweri*  
(5) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 3 Loango NP--North 22.8.  
Cracking sightings.

**Black Bee-eater**  
*Merops gularis australis*
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(7) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 7 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, up to 2 Lopé NP 11-13.8, 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8 and 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 18.8.

**Little Bee-eater** *Merops pusillus meridionalis*
(7) 4 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 6 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, 2 Lopé NP 11.8 and 10 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**Blue-breasted Bee-eater** *Merops variegatus variegatus*
(7) 4 Lopé NP 11.8, 5 Lopé NP 12.8 and up to 20 Loango NP--North 20-23.8.

**White-fronted Bee-eater** *Merops bullockoides*
(3) 20 Lekoni--Area 6.8, 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 6 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

**White-throated Bee-eater** *Merops albicollis*
(2) 3 Lopé NP 11.8 and 2 Lopé NP 13.8.

**Rosy Bee-eater** *Merops malimbicus*
(9) Up to 5 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8 and up to 100 Loango NP--North 18-23.8.

Stunning!

**Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae**
*Rhinopomastus aterrimus anchietae*
(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Hornbills Bucerotidae**
*African Pied Hornbill* *Lophoceros fasciatus fasciatus*
(16) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 6 Lekoni--Area 9-11.8, 2 Lopé NP 12.8, 6 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-18.8 and up to 6 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

**Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill** *Lophoceros camurus*
(8) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8 and up to 1 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

**Piping Hornbill** *Bycanistes fistulator shaipii*
(13) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, up to 8 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-18.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8, 2 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**White-thighed Hornbill** *Bycanistes albotibialis*
(3) Up to 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16-18.8.

**Black-casqued Hornbill** *Ceratogymna atrata*
(12) 5 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-18.8 and up to 25 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

Great sightings.

**Black Dwarf Hornbill** *Horizocerus hartlaubi hartlaubi*
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

Superb.

**White-crested Hornbill** *Horizocerus albocristatus cassini*
(5) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8, 1 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

Fantastic!

**African Barbets Lybiidae**
*Gymnobucco bonapartei bonapartei*

Great sightings!

**Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae**
*Rhinopomastus aterrimus anchietae*
(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Hornbills Bucerotidae**
*African Pied Hornbill* *Lophoceros fasciatus fasciatus*
(16) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 6 Lekoni--Area 9-11.8, 2 Lopé NP 12.8, 6 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-18.8 and up to 6 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

**Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill** *Lophoceros camurus*
(8) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8 and up to 1 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

**Piping Hornbill** *Bycanistes fistulator shaipii*
(13) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, up to 8 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-18.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8, 2 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**White-thighed Hornbill** *Bycanistes albotibialis*
(3) Up to 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16-18.8.

**Black-casqued Hornbill** *Ceratogymna atrata*
(12) 5 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-18.8 and up to 25 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

Great sightings.

**Black Dwarf Hornbill** *Horizocerus hartlaubi hartlaubi*
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

Superb.

**White-crested Hornbill** *Horizocerus albocristatus cassini*
(5) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8, 1 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

Fantastic!

**African Barbets Lybiidae**
*Gymnobucco bonapartei bonapartei*

Great sightings!
Bristle-nosed Barbet  
*Gymnobucco peli*

(1) 20 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8.

Naked-faced Barbet  
*Gymnobucco calvus calvus*

(3) 10 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8 and 6 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8.

Speckled Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus scolopaceus flavisquamatus*

(9) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 Lopé NP 11.8, up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-18.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

Red-rumped Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus atroflavus*

(8) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 11.8, up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-16.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 20.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 23.8.

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus subsulphureus flavimentum*

(11) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Lopé NP 13.8, up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8 and up to 1 Loango NP--North 20-23.8.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird  
*Pogoniulus bilineatus leucolaimus*

(5) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 8.8, 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Lekoni--Area 10.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 11.8.

Yellow-spotted Barbet  
*Buccanodon duchaillui*

(6) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

Hairy-breasted Barbet  
*Tricholaema hirsuta*

(2) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8 and 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8.

Black-backed Barbet  
*Lybius minor minor*

(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

Double-toothed Barbet  
*Lybius bidentatus*

(3) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Yellow-billed Barbet  
*Trachyphonus purpuratus purpuratus*

(3) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

Honeyguides *Indicatoridae*

Willcocks's Honeyguide  
*Indicator willcocksi willcocksi*

(4) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 8.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 10.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

Spotted Honeyguide  
*Indicator maculatus stictithorax*

(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 10.8.  
Superb but brief.

Greater Honeyguide  
*Indicator indicator*

(1) 1 seen flying along the road at Leconi 7.8.

Lyre-tailed Honeyguide  
*Melichneutes robustus*

(4) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 12.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 13.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.
### Woodpeckers *Picidae*

**Red-throated Wryneck**  
*Jynx ruficollis ruficollis*  
(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

**African Piculet**  
*Sasia africana*  
(4) Up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

**Green-backed Woodpecker**  
*Campethera cailliautii permista*  
(6) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 8.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8, 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and up to 1 Lopé NP 12-14.8.

**Buff-spotted Woodpecker**  
*Campethera nivosa nivosa*  
(2) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Brown-eared Woodpecker**  
*Campethera caroli caroli*  
(2) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Cardinal Woodpecker**  
*Dendropicos fuscescens sharpii*  
(4) 1 heard Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8 and 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Gabon Woodpecker**  
*Dendropicos gabonensis gabonensis*  
(5) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 10.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 11.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Elliot's Woodpecker**  
*Dendropicos elliotii elliotii*  
(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

### African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

**Grey Parrot (NT)**  
*Psittacus erithacus*  
(13) 3 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 3 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 40 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8 and up to 60 Loango NP--North 18-23.8.

**Timneh Parrot (VU)**  
*Psittacus timneh princeps*  
(3) Up to 11 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8.

**Red-fronted Parrot**  
*Poicephalus gulieli gulieli*  
(1) 4 Lopé NP 12.8.

### Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

**Red-headed Lovebird**  
*Agapornis pullarius pullarius*  
(2) 11 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8 and 3 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8.

**Black-collared Lovebird**  
*Agapornis swindernianus zenkeri*  
(1) 10 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

### Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*

**African Broadbill**  
*Smithornis capensis camarunensis*  
(2) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Rufous-sided Broadbill**  
*Smithornis rufolateralis rufolateralis*  
(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.  
Fabulous views displaying.

### Wattle-eyes, Batises *Platysteiridae*

**African Shrike-Flycatcher**  
*Megabyas flammulatus flammulatus*  
(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.
A nice pair.

**Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher**  
*Bias musicus musicus*  
(7) 1 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 7.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8, 2 Lekoni--Area 9.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**Western Black-headed Batis**  
*Batis erlangeri erlangeri*  
(2) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 2 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Angolan Batis**  
*Batis minulla*  
(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Gabon Batis (NT)**  
*Batis minima*  
(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Awesome views of a pair at their nest.

**Fernando Po Batis**  
*Batis poensis occulta*  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Chestnut Wattle-eye**  
*Platysteira castanea*  
(3) Up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

**White-spotted Wattle-eye**  
*Platysteira tonsa*  
(2) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Brown-throated Wattle-eye**  
*Platysteira cyanea cyanea*  
(8) Up to 2 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8, 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 1 Lopé NP 12.8 and up to 1 Loango NP--North 19-21.8.

**Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye**  
*Platysteira concreta graueri*  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

Stunning!

**Black-necked Wattle-eye**  
*Platysteira chalybea*  
(1) we heard 1 on the Belinga road 16.8.

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**Helmetshrikes and Allies Prionopidae**

**Rufous-bellied Helmetshrike**  
*Prionops rufiventris rufiventris*  
(1) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8.

A splendid pair.

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**Bushshrikes and Allies Malaconotidae**

**Fiery-breasted Bushshrike**  
*Malaconotus cruentus*  
(2) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8 and 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8.

Brief.

**Bocage's Bushshrike**  
*Chlorophoneus bocagei bocagei*  
(2) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Gorgeous Bushshrike**  
*Telophorus viridis viridis*  
(2) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Brown-crowned Tchagra**  
*Tchagra australis*  
(1) we heard one calling at Leconi 8.8.

**Black-crowned Tchagra**  
*Tchagra senegalus*  
(4) Up to 2 Lekoni--Area 6-8.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 10.8.

**Sabine's Puffback**  
*Dryoscopus sabini melanoleucus*  
(1) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8.

**Red-eyed Puffback**  
*Dryoscopus senegalensis*  

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Northern Puffback \(\text{Dryoscopus gambensis}\)

- (1) 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

Lowland Sooty Boubou \(\text{Laniarius leucorhynchus}\)

- (6) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 8.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Lekoni--Area 10.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Lühder's Bushshrike \(\text{Laniarius luehderi}\)

- (2) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8.

Swamp Boubou \(\text{Laniarius bicolor bicolor}\)

- (4) 1 heard Lopé NP 12.8 and up to 2 Loango NP--North 20-22.8.

Cuckoo-shrikes \(\text{Campephagidae}\)

Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike \(\text{Campephaga quiscalina quiscalina}\)

- (3) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 2 Lekoni--Area 8.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Shrikes \(\text{Laniidae}\)

Northern Fiscal \(\text{Lanius humeralis capelli}\)

- (4) 2 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8 and up to 6 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

São Tomé Fiscal (CR) \(\text{Lanius newtoni}\)

- (1) 1 heard Monte Carmo 3.8.

Old World Orioles \(\text{Oriolidae}\)

São Tomé Oriole (VU) \(\text{Oriolus crassirostris}\)

- (3) 3 Monte Carmo 2.8, 1 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 4 Lagoa Amelia 4.8.

Western Oriole \(\text{Oriolus brachyrynchus laetior}\)

- (3) Up to 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

Black-winged Oriole \(\text{Oriolus nigripennis}\)

- (4) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and 2 Lopé NP 11.8.

Drongos \(\text{Dicruridae}\)

Square-tailed Drongo \(\text{Dicrurus ludwigii sharpei}\)

- (2) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 2 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

Shining Drongo \(\text{Dicrurus atripennis}\)

- (1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

Fork-tailed Drongo \(\text{Dicrurus adsimilis apivorus}\)

- (1) 2 Lopé NP 11.8.

Velvet-mantled Drongo \(\text{Dicrurus modestus}\)

- (8) 1 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 31.7, 2 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 1.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 4 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 3 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Lopé NP 13.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Monarchs \(\text{Monarchidae}\)

Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher \(\text{Trochocercus nitens nitens}\)
(2) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone rufiventer neumanni*  
(2) 1 Lopé NP 13.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 23.8.

**Bates's Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone batesi batesi*  
(3) Up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

**African Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone viridis speciosa*  
(9) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 7.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 11.8, 1 Lopé NP 13.8, 1 Lopé NP 14.8, up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8, 1 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 22.8.

**São Tomé Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone atrochalybeia*  
(4) 3 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 6 Monte Carmo 2.8, 5 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 10 Lagoa Amelia 4.8.

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**

**Pied Crow** *Corvus albus*  
(10) 2 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 2 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, 3 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Port Gentil 18.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8, 1 Loango NP--North 22.8 and 2 Port Gentil 23.8.

**White-winged Black Tit** *Melaniparus leucomelas insignis*  
(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Tits, Chickadees Paridae**

**Western Nicator** *Nicator chloris*  
(4) Up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

**Yellow-throated Nicator** *Nicator vireo*  
(3) Up to 5 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

**Rufous-naped Lark** *Mirafra africana malbranti*  
(3) Up to 2 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

**Flappet Lark** *Mirafra rufocinnamomea schoutedeni*  
(3) Up to 5 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

**Red-capped Lark** *Calandrella cinerea*  
(1) 1 was seen at Lope NR 11.8.

**Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**

**Common Bulbul** *Pycnonotus barbatus gabonensis*  
(10) 40 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 50 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 60 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, 20 Port Gentil 18.8 and 6 Port Gentil 23.8.

**Dark-capped Bulbul** *Pycnonotus tricolor tricolor*  
(6) 50 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 7.8, up to 20 Lekoni--Area 8-10.8, 50 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 20 Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Slender-billed Greenbul** *Stelgidillas gracilirostris gracilirostris*
(4) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 10.8 and 2 Lopé NP 11.8.

**Little Greenbul**  
*Eurillas virens virens*

(8) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 2 Lopé NP 11-13.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Little Grey Greenbul**  
*Eurillas gracilis gracilis*

(5) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 1 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Ansorge's Greenbul**  
*Eurillas ansortei ansortei*

(3) 1 Lopé NP 13.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Plain Greenbul**  
*Eurillas curvirostris curvirostris*

(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Yellow-whiskered Greenbul**  
*Eurillas latirostris latirostris*

(Up to 6) Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

**Golden Greenbul**  
*Calyptocichla serinus*

(5) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 1 Lopé NP 13.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Honeyguide Greenbul**  
*Baeopogon indicator indicator*

(7) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 heard Lopé NP 12.8, 1 heard Lopé NP 13.8 and up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

**Sjöstedt's Greenbul**  
*Baeopogon clamans*

(3) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Superb sighting.

**Spotted Greenbul**  
*Ixonotus guttatus*

(9) 20 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 30 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, up to 50 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Falkenstein's Greenbul**  
*Chlorocichla falkensteini*

(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Good views.

**Simple Greenbul**  
*Chlorocichla simplex*

(3) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 8.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**Yellow-throated Leaflove**  
*Atimastillas flavicollis soror*

(5) 3 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8 and up to 2 Lopé NP 11-13.8.

**Swamp Palm Bulbul**  
*Thescelocichla leucopleura*

(14) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 5 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 5 Lekoni--Area 10.8, up to 3 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 10 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, 3 Loango NP--North 18.8 and up to 5 Loango NP--North 20-22.8.

**Red-tailed Leaflove**  
*Phyllastrephus scandens orientalis*

(1) 3 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Icterine Greenbul**  
*Phyllastrephus icterinus*

(2) 2 Lopé NP 13.8 and 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Xavier's Greenbul**  
*Phyllastrephus xavieri xavieri*

(3) Up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

**Yellow-ored Bristlebill**  
*Bleda notatus notatus*
(5) 2 Lopé NP 13.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 19.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Eastern Bearded Greenbul**  
*Criniger chloronotus*  
(3) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**White-bearded Greenbul**  
*Criniger ndussumensis*  
(3) Up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

**Black-collared Bulbul**  
*Neolastes torquatus*  
(3) Up to 3 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

Good views.

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**Swallows* Hirundinidae**

**African River Martin (DD)**  
*Pseudochelidon eurystomina*  
(3) Up to 50000 Loango NP--North 19-21.8.

Spectacular!!!

**Square-tailed Saw-wing**  
*Psalidoprocne nitens nitens*  
(9) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 2 Lopé NP 11.8, 3 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 30 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8 and 30 Loango NP--North 18.8.

**Black Saw-wing**  
*Psalidoprocne pristoptera*  
(9) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 6 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, up to 6 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Grey-rumped Swallow**  
*Pseudhirundo griseopyga melbina*  
(5) Up to 50 Loango NP--North 18-20.8, 6 Loango NP--North 22.8 and 6 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Banded Martin**  
*Riparia cincta parvula*  
(4) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 3 Lekoni--Area 8.8, 6 Lekoni--Area 9.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Angolan Swallow**  
*Hirundo angolensis*  
(3) 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Lopé NP 12.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 18.8.

**White-bibbed Swallow**  
*Hirundo nigrita*  
(7) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 8.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 4 Loango NP--North 18.8, 20 Loango NP--North 19.8 and up to 10 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

**Lesser Striped Swallow**  
*Cecropis abyssinica*  
(14) 10 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, up to 20 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, 20 Lopé NP 12.8, 20 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, 20 Loango NP--North 18.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 2 Port Gentil 23.8.

**Red-breasted Swallow**  
*Cecropis semirufa gordoni*  
(4) Up to 3 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**Red-throated Cliff Swallow**  
*Petrochelidon rufigula*  
(4) Up to 100 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8 and 2 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Forest Swallow**  
*Petrochelidon fuliginosa*  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

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**Crombecs, African warblers* Macrosphenidae**

**Yellow Longbill**  
*Macrosphenus flavicans flavicans*  
(6) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

**Grey Longbill**  
*Macrosphenus concolor*  

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(4) 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 9.8 and up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8.

**Red-capped Crombec**  *Sylvietta ruficapilla*
(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Green Crombec**  *Sylvietta virens virens*
(9) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8, 2 Lekoni--Area 10.8, 1 Lopé NP 12.8, 1 heard Lopé NP 13.8, up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-16.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 20.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Yellow Flycatcher**  *Erythrocercidae*

**Chestnut-capped Flycatcher**  *Erythrocercus mccallii mccallii*
(3) 2 Lopé NP 13.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Family Uncertain**  *Incertae Sedis*

**Green Hylia**  *Hylia prasina prasina*
(6) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8, up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Grassbirds and allies**  *Locustellidae*

**Ja River Scrub Warbler (NT)**  *Bradypterus grandis*
(1) 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

Good views.

**Fan-tailed Grassbird**  *Schoenicola brevirostris alexinae*
(1) 1 heard Lopé NP 13.8.

**Cisticolas and allies**  *Cisticolidae*

**Whistling Cisticola**  *Cisticola lateralis modestus*
(3) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8 and 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Chattering Cisticola**  *Cisticola anonyms*
(4) 1 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**Tinkling Cisticola**  *Cisticola rufilatus ansorgei*
(2) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 heard Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Winding Cisticola**  *Cisticola galactotes*
(4) we had great views of several near Akaka 21.8.

**Croaking Cisticola**  *Cisticola natalensis strangei*
(2) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Short-winged Cisticola**  *Cisticola brachypterus brachypterus*
(4) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8, 2 Lopé NP 11.8 and 2 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Zitting Cisticola**  *Cisticola juncidis terrestris*
(2) 1 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Pectoral-patch Cisticola**  *Cisticola brunnescens hindii*
(5) 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8, up to 6 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Tawny-flanked Prinia**  *Prinia subflava melanorhyncha*
(1) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8.

**São Tomé Prinia**  *Prinia molleri*
(7) 20 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 30.7, 6 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 2.8, 2 Monte Carmo 3.8, 4 Monte Carmo 4.8 and 6 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8.

**Banded Prinia**  
*Prinia bairdii bairdii*  
(4) 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 4 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 23.8.

**White-chinned Prinia**  
*Schistolais leucopogon leucopogon*  
(1) 5 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Buff-throated Apalis**  
*Apalis rufogularis rufogularis*  
(6) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

**Grey-backed Camaroptera**  
*Camaroptera brevicaudata tincta*  
(13) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 7.8, up to 1 Lekoni--Area 8-10.8, up to 1 Lopé NP 11-13.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8, 1 heard Loango NP--North 20.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Yellow-browed Camaroptera**  
*Camaroptera superciliaris*  
(5) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8 and up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

**Olive-green Camaroptera**  
*Camaroptera chloronota chloronota*  
(5) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8 and up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

**Salvadori's Eremomela**  
*Eremomela salvadorii*  
(2) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 heard Lekoni--Area 9.8.

**Green-capped Eremomela**  
*Eremomela scotops congensis*  
(1) 3 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Rufous-crowned Eremomela**  
*Eremomela badiceps badiceps*  
(2) 4 Lopé NP 11.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Fulvettas, Ground Babblers Pellorneidae**

**Blackcap Illadopsis**  
*Illadopsis cleaveri batesi*  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Pale-breasted Illadopsis**  
*Illadopsis rufipennis rufipennis*  
(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Brown Illadopsis**  
*Illadopsis fulvescens fulvescens*  
(2) 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae**

**Dohrn's Thrush-Babbler**  
*Horizorhinus dohrni*  
(3) Up to 6 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8.

**White-eyes Zosteropidae**

**Forest White-eye**  
*Zosterops stenocricotus*  
(2) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

**Principe Speirops**  
*Zosterops leucophaeus*  
(3) Up to 30 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8.

**Black-capped Speirops**  
*Zosterops lugubris*  
(6) 8 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 30.7, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 6 Monte Carmo 2.8, 6 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 30 Lagoa Amelia 4.8.
Principe White-eye (VU)   Zosterops ficedulinus
(1) 1 Playa Maria Correa 31.7.
Great views.

São Tomé White-eye   Zosterops feae
(3) 15 Monte Carmo 2.8, 5 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 10 Lagoa Amelia 4.8.

**Hyliotias Hyliotidae**

Yellow-bellied Hyliota   Hyliota flavigaster barbozae
(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

Violet-backed Hyliota   Hyliota violacea violacea
(1) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8.

**Starlings Sturnidae**

Purple-headed Starling   Hylopsar purpureiceps
(10) 4 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8, 16 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 6 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Lopé NP 12.8, 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8, 5 Loango NP--North 22.8 and 3 Loango NP--North 23.8.

Splendid Starling   Lamprotornis splendidus splendidus
(12) Up to 10 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8, 8 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 10 Lekoni--Area 9.8, 2 Lekoni--Area 10.8, 2 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Lopé NP 12.8 and up to 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

Principe Starling   Lamprotornis ornatus
(3) Up to 10 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8.

Violet-backed Starling   Cinnyricinclus leucogaster
(4) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8 and up to 30 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

Chestnut-winged Starling   Onychognathus fulgidus
(3) 6 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 2.8, 8 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 3.8 and 2 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Oxpeckers Buphagidae**

Yellow-billed Oxpecker   Buphagus africanus langi
(5) 8 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Lopé NP 13.8 and up to 10 Loango NP--North 20-22.8.

**Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**

Red-tailed Ant Thrush   Neocossyphus rufus gabunensis
(1) 1 Lopé NP 13.8.

Fraser's Rufous Thrush   Stizorhina fraseri rubicunda
(8) 1 heard Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 1 Lopé NP 12.8, 2 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8, 2 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 22.8.

African Thrush   Turdus pelios saturatus
(9) 6 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8, up to 6 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and up to 15 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8.

São Tomé Thrush (NT)   Turdus olivaceofuscus
(5) 5 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 3 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 6 Monte Carmo 2.8, 10 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 8 Omali Lodge and surrounds 4.8.
**Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**

*Fire-crested Alethe*  
*Alethe castanea castanea*  
(5) 1 heard Lopé NP 12.8, up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.17.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

*White-browed Scrub Robin*  
*Cercotrichas leucophrys munda*  
(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

*Fraser's Forest Flycatcher*  
*Fraseria ocreata ocreata*  
(4) 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

*White-browed Forest Flycatcher*  
*Fraseria cinerascens ruthae*  
(2) 3 Loango NP--North 21.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 23.8.

Great views.

*Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher*  
*Myioparus griseigularis griseigularis*  
(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

*Grey Tit-Flycatcher*  
*Myioparus plumbeus plumbeus*  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

*Pal Flycatcher*  
*Melaenornis pallidus murinus*  
(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

*Ashy Flycatcher*  
*Muscicapa caerulescens brevicauda*  
(1) 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

*Cassin's Flycatcher*  
*Muscicapa cassini*  

*Olivaceous Flycatcher*  
*Muscicapa olivascens*  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 13.8.

Splendid views.

*Little Grey Flycatcher*  
*Muscicapa epulata*  
(3) 3 were seen en route to Ipassa 14.8.

*Dusky-blue Flycatcher*  
*Muscicapa comitata comitata*  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

*Sooty Flycatcher*  
*Muscicapa infuscata infuscata*  
(3) 8 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 6 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

*Brown-chested Alethe*  
*Chamaetylas poliocephala compsonota*  
(1) 2 Lopé NP 13.8.

*Red-capped Robin-Chat*  
*Cossypha natalensis larischi*  
(2) 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8 and 1 heard Lopé NP 12.8.

*Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat*  
*Cossypha niveicapilla melanotus*  
(3) 1 heard Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 10.8 and 1 Lopé NP 12.8.

*Forest Robin*  
*Stiphrornis erythrothorax*  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

*African Stonechat*  
*Saxicola torquatus salax*  
(4) 1 Lekoni--Area 6.8, 1 Lopé NP 12.8, 1 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 4 Loango NP--North 20.8.

*Sooty Chat*  
*Myrmecocichla nigra*  
(4) Up to 20 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8.

*Congo Moor Chat*  
*Myrmecocichla tholloni*  
(5) Up to 10 Lekoni--Area 6-10.8.
Numerous.

**Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**

**Fraser's Sunbird**  
*Deleornis fraseri cameroonensis*  
(5) 2 Lopé NP 13.8, up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Mangrove Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes gabonicus*  
(1) 2 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Western Violet-backed Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes longuemarei angolensis*  
(2) 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8 and 2 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

**Violet-tailed Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes aurantius*  
(2) 2 Lekoni--Area 11.8 and 6 Loango NP--North 21.8.

Great sightings.

**Little Green Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes seimundi minor*  
(4) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 11.8, 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 13.8 and 4 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**Grey-chinned Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes rectirostris tephrolaemus*  
(4) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 10.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**Collared Sunbird**  
*Hedydipna collaris somereni*  
(5) 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 1 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 18.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Reichenbach's Sunbird**  
*Anabathmis reichenbachii*  
(4) 2 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8 and up to 6 Lopé NP 11-13.8.

**Principe Sunbird**  
*Anabathmis hartlaubii*  
(3) Up to 8 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8.

**Newton's Sunbird**  
*Anabathmis newtonii*  
(7) 5 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 30.7, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 1 Monte Carmo 2.8, 2 Monte Carmo 3.8, 12 Lagoa Amelia 4.8 and 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8.

**Giant Sunbird**  
*Dreptes thomensis*  
(3) 2 Monte Carmo 2.8, 1 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 2 Lagoa Amelia 4.8.

Splendid views.

**Green-headed Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra verticalis*  
(2) 2 Lopé NP 11.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 22.8.

**Blue-throated Brown Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra cyanolaema octaviae*  
(6) 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8, 3 Lopé NP 13.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8, 1 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 18.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Olive Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra olivacea*  
(11) 2 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30.7, 1 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 8.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8, 3 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 11.8, up to 2 Lopé NP 12-14.8, up to 3 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8 and 1 heard Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Carmelite Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra fuliginosa aurea*  
(6) 3 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8 and up to 30 Loango NP--North 19-23.8.

**Green-throated Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra rubescens rubescens*  
(2) 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8 and 2 Lopé NP 11.8.

**Amethyst Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra amethystina deminuta*
(2) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Olive-bellied Sunbird** *Cinnyris chloropygius chloropygius*
(6) 1 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 1 Lopé NP 12.8 and up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-16.8.

**Tiny Sunbird** *Cinnyris minullus*
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Johanna's Sunbird** *Cinnyris johannae johannae*
(6) 2 Lopé NP 11.8, 1 Lopé NP 12.8, up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8 and 3 Loango NP--North 21.8.
Great sightings.

**Superb Sunbird** *Cinnyris superbus superbus*
(3) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Copper Sunbird** *Cinnyris cupreus cupreus*
(6) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 3 Lekoni--Area 8.8, up to 8 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**Old World Sparrows** *Passeridae*

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
(1) 1 seen at Leconi 7.8.

**Northern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer griseus*
(9) 2 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 20 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 2 Port Gentil 18.8, 2 Loango NP--North 19.8 and 6 Port Gentil 23.8.

**Yellow-throated Petronia** *Gymnoris superciliaris rufitergum*
(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Weavers, Widowbirds** *Ploceidae*

**Black-chinned Weaver** *Ploceus nigrimentus*
(1) 3 Lekoni--Area 7.8.
Fabulous sighting.

**Slender-billed Weaver** *Ploceus pelzelni*
(1) 20 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**Loango Weaver (VU)** *Ploceus subpersonatus*
(1) 2 Loango NP--North 19.8.
Great views.

**Black-necked Weaver** *Ploceus nigricollis nigricollis*
(4) 4 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 3 Lopé NP 11.8, 5 Lopé NP 12.8 and 10 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

**Orange Weaver** *Ploceus aurantius aurantius*
(3) 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 18.8.

**Principe Weaver** *Ploceus princeps*
(3) Up to 20 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 30-1.8.

**Southern Masked Weaver** *Ploceus velatus*
(24) Seen commonly around Omali Lodge 4.8

**Village Weaver** *Ploceus cucullatus*
(19) 3 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 20 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 30 Lekoni--Area 7-10.8, up to 10 Lopé NP 11-13.8, up to 60 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-17.8, 20 Port Gentil 18.8 and up to 100 Loango NP--North 19-22.8.

**Giant Weaver** *Ploceus grandis*
(3) 4 Monte Carmo 2.8, 2 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 2 Lagoa Amelia 4.8.
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**Waxbills, Munias and allies Estrildidae**

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**Black-bellied Seedcracker** *Pyrenestes ostrinus*

(2) 1 Lopé NP 11.8 and 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

**Western Bluebill**

(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Blue Waxbill**

(3) 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8 and 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8.

**Fawn-breasted Waxbill**

(3) Up to 30 Lekoni--Area 6-8.8.

**Orange-cheeked Waxbill**

(5) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 4 Lekoni--Area 10.8 and up to 30 Lopé NP 11-13.8.

**Common Waxbill**

(8) 100 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 20 Omali Lodge and surrounds 30.7, 20 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 10 Monte Carmo 3.8, 30 Monte Carmo 4.8, 50 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 50 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Quailfinch**

(3) 8 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 3 Lekoni--Area 9.8 and 6 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Bronze Mannikin**

(14) 20 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 3 Lekoni--Area 1.8, 30 Omali Lodge and surrounds 30.7, 10 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 30 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 20 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 20 Lekoni--Area 7.8, 20 Lekoni--Area 8.8, up to 30 Lopé NP 11-13.8, 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 10 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8, 20 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8 and 10 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**Black-and-white Mannikin**

(5) 6 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8, 10 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8 and 2 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 17.8.

**Magpie Mannikin**

(2) 8 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 9.8 and 5 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15.8.

**Indigobirds Viduidae**

**Pin-tailed Whydah**

(5) 4 Omali Lodge and surrounds 30.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8, 50 Lopé NP 11.8 and 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

**Cuckoo-finch**

(1) 1 juvenile was seen and heard calling near Lope Hotel 12.8.

**Wagtails, Pipits Motacillidae**

**African Pied Wagtail**

(5) 2 Lopé NP 11.8, up to 2 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 15-17.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 21.8.

**Yellow-throated Longclaw**

(7) Up to 4 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8, up to 4 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and 2 Loango NP--North 20.8.

**Wood Pipit**

(1) 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

**Plain-backed Pipit**

(6) Up to 10 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8, 2 Lopé NP 11.8, 2 Lopé NP 12.8 and 4 Loango NP--North 19.8.

**Long-legged Pipit**

(6) 2 Forest between Bongoville and Leconi 6.8, 1 Lekoni--Area 9.8, 1 Lopé NP 13.8 and up to 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14-16.8.
(8) 3 Libreville--Onomo Hotel and surrounds 6.8, up to 6 Lopé NP 10-13.8, 8 Loango NP--North 20.8, 2 Loango NP--North 22.8 and 6 Loango NP--North 23.8.

**Short-tailed Pipit**
*Anthus brachyurus leggei*
(3) Up to 4 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.
Splendid views on the ground.

**São Tomé Shorttail**
*Amaurocichla bocagii*
(2) 2 Monte Carmo 2.8 and 2 Monte Carmo 3.8.

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**Finches Fringillidae**

**Principe Seed eater**
*Crithagra rufobrunnea*
(7) 2 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 30.7, 3 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 31.7, 1 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 3 Monte Carmo 2.8, 2 Monte Carmo 3.8 and 10 Lagoa Amelia 4.8.

**São Tomé Grosbeak**
*Crithagra concolor*
(1) 2 Monte Carmo 2.8.
Good views of two.

**Yellow-fronted Canary**
*Crithagra mozambica tando*
(6) 12 Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7, 6 Omali Lodge and surrounds 1.8, 20 Omali Lodge and surrounds 5.8 and up to 30 Lekoni--Area 7-9.8.

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**Buntings, New World Sparrows and allies Emberizidae**

**Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**
*Emberiza tahapisi tahapisi*
(1) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8.

**Cabanis’s Bunting**
*Emberiza cabanisi*
(2) 2 Lekoni--Area 7.8 and 1 Lekoni--Area 8.8.

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**Mammals (22 in total: 20 seen, 2 heard)**

**Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced
**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

**Elephants Elephantidae**

**African Elephant**
*Loxodonta africana*
(6) 1 Lopé NP 11.8, 1 Lopé NP 13.8, 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and up to 10 Loango NP--North 20-22.8.

**Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae**

**White-collared Mangabey**
*Cercocebus torquatus*
(4) 6 Loango NP--North 19.8 and up to 6 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

**Moustached Monkey**
*Cercopithecus cephus cephus*
(1) 2 Lopé NP 12.8.

**Mona Monkey**
*Cercopithecus mona*
(1) 5 Bom Bom Island Resort and surrounds 1.8.

**Putty-nosed Monkey**
*Cercopithecus nictitans nictitans*
(5) Up to 12 Lopé NP 11-14.8 and 6 Loango NP--North 22.8.
Black Colobus  
(2) 18 Lopé NP 12.8 and 6 Lopé NP 13.8.  
Grey-cheeked Mangabey  
(2) 2 Lopé NP 12.8 and 2 Lopé NP 13.8.  
Northern Talapoin Monkey  
(2) 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8 and 6 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

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Gorilla, Chimpanzees, Orangutan Hominidae

Chimpanzee  
(1) 1 heard Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 14.8.

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Lady Burton's Rope Squirrel  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Red-legged Sun Squirrel  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

Green Bush Squirrel  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 13.8.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Lady Burton's Rope Squirrel  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 16.8.

Red-legged Sun Squirrel  
(1) 1 Ivindo NP, Ipassa section 17.8.

Green Bush Squirrel  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 13.8.

African Palm Civets Nandiniidae

African Palm Civet  
(2) 1 Lopé NP 11.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 22.8.

African Civet  
(1) 1 en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 18.8.

Civets, Genets Viverridae

African Palm Civet  
(2) 1 Lopé NP 11.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 22.8.

Civettictis civetta  
(1) en route--Loango NP to Port Gentil 18.8.

Pigs Suidae

Red River Hog  
(1) 12 Loango NP--North 21.8.

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus  
(2) 2 Loango NP--North 20.8 and 1 Loango NP--North 21.8.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae

Ogilby's Duiker  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 13.8.

African Buffalo  
(6) Up to 50 Lopé NP 11-13.8 and up to 15 Loango NP--North 20-22.8.

Bushbuck  
(2) 1 Lopé NP 11.8 and 4 Lopé NP 13.8.

Sitatunga  
(2) 1 Lopé NP 13.8 and 3 Loango NP--North 20.8.

Carpentaria's Duiker  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 13.8.

False Vampire Bats Megadermatidae

Yellow-winged Bat  
Lavia frons  
(1) 1 Lopé NP 13.8.

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(1) 6 Lekoni--Area 9.8.

**Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae**

**Hammer-headed Fruit Bat** *Hypsognathus monstrosus*
(1) I heard Lopé NP 12.8.

**Peter’s Dwarf Epauletted Fruit Bat** *Micropteropus pusillus*
(10) a small group was seen daily in Lope NP 11.13.

**Egyptian Fruit Bat** *Rousettus aegyptiacus*
(1) Most likely this species was seen during our night walk at Mount Carmo, São Tomé 2.8.

**Noak’s Roundleaf Bat** *Noak’s Roundleaf Bat*
(10) quite a few of what were most likely this species were seen daily in the forest at Mount Carmo, São Tomé 2.8

**Little Free-tailed Bat** *Chaerephon pumilus*
(10) quite a few of what were most likely this species were seen flying around our lodge on São Tomé 1.8.

**Rorquals Balaenopteridae**

**Hump-back Whale** *Megaptera novaeangliae*
(1) one was seen breaching off Loango NP 20.8.

**Rodents Muridae**

**West African Pygmy (Temminck’s) Mouse** *Mus musculoides*
(1) of what was most likely this species was seen at Lope train station 18.8.

**Reptiles (4 in total: 4 seen)**

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**Lamprophiidae Lamprophiidae**

**Brown House Snake** *Boaedon fuliginosus*
(1) I Omali Lodge and surrounds 29.7.

**Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae**

**Nile Crocodile** *Crocodylus niloticus*
(1) I Loango NP--North 20.8.

**African Slender-snouted Crocodile** *Mecistops cataphractus*
(4) 10 Loango NP--North 19.8 and up to 3 Loango NP--North 21-23.8.

**Dwarf Crocodile** *Osteolaemus tetraspis*
(1) I Lopé NP 11.8.
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