Ghana
Rockfowl & Upper Guinea Specials
12th to 27th November 2017 (16 days)
Trip Report

Egyptian Plover by Rich Lindie

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Top 10 Birds
1. White-necked Rockfowl  
2. Egyptian Plover  
3. Violet-backed Hyliola  
4. Abyssinian Ground Hornbill  
5. Togo Paradise Whydah  
6. Black Bee-eater  
7. White-spotted Flufftail  
8. Greater Painted Snipe  
9. Bearded Barbet  
10. Blue-moustached Bee-eater

Tour Summary

Ghana is often described as the jewel of West Africa. It’s decent infrastructure and stable government means it’s one of the more tourist-friendly countries in that part of the world. We dabbled in cultural affairs, with visits to the World Heritage Site of Cape Coast Castle and Larabanga Mosque, and also explored the remnant rainforest patches in the south, plus the vast wilderness of Mole National Park, notching up over 400 species of birds and over 20 mammals. These included highly sought-after gems like White-necked Rockfowl, Egyptian Plover, Blue-moustached Bee-eater, Fox Kestrel, Stone Partridge, Congo Serpent Eagle, White-spotted Flufftail, Yellow-billed Turaco, Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill and Brown Nightjar.

We began our birding in Ghana with a morning visit to Shai hills, located north-east of the capital Accra. The grassland/forest mosaic yielded a good diversity of species, including Double-spurred Francolin, a pair of circling Shrika which gave fantastic views, Vinaceous, Blue-spotted Wood and Tambourine Doves, Violet Turaco, two flushed Blue Quails, Blue-bellied Roller, Green Wood Hoopoe, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Vieillot’s and stunning Double-toothed Barbets, African Grey Woodpecker, Senegal Parrot, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Red-necked Buzzard, Black-crowned Tchagra, Common Bulbul, Singing, Croaking and Short-winged Cisticolas, Violet-backed and Purple Starlings, Quailfinch and Plain-backed Pipit. Our main target, however, was the White-crowned Cliff Chat, of which we managed to obtain reasonable looks. Other wildlife was, like the rest of Ghana, not plentiful, although we did find Green Monkey, Olive Baboon, Kob, Nile Monitor and the ever-present Red-headed Agama.

We made our lunch stop at Akosombo, alongside Lake Volta. The gardens here held a nesting pair of Mangrove Sunbird, and a short drive along the eastern shoreline yielded Broad-billed Roller, Pied-winged Swallow and the first of many
White-throated Bee-eaters for the trip. That afternoon, we fought against Accra’s chaotic traffic to reach Sakomono Lagoon. The trouble proved worthwhile, as a secluded patch of mudflats and shallow water held a wide variety of waterbirds, including White-faced Whistling Duck, Squacco, Purple and Black Herons, Western Marsh Harrier, Senegal Thick-knee, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Spur-winged Lapwing, Grey and Common Ringed Plovers, Whimbrel, Black-tailed Godwit, Ruff, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Snipe, Marsh Sandpiper, over 60 Collared Pratincoles, Malachite Kingfisher and Winding Cisticola. A marvellous surprise was a cloud of 40 African Openbills (not very common in Ghana) that we observed from a huge distance away, only for them to slowly head in our direction and eventually glide right over us! *All in all, a great day’s birding and a good introduction to Ghana’s avifauna.*

The next day, we set our sights on the famous Kakum National Park, with a few stops along the way. The first was at Winneba Plains, where, despite the searing early morning sun, we found Senegal Coucal, Mottled Spinetail, Lanner Falcon, Brown-crowned Tchagra, eye-poppingly bright Yellow-crowned Gonolek, Moustached Grass Warbler, Red-faced Cisticola, Compact Weaver, Yellow-mantled Widowbird and Orange-cheeked and Black-rumped Waxbills. Next up was a roadside stop in the middle of the hustle and bustle of Mankessim. A little tree-lined stream in town held Black-crowned Night Heron and Western Reef Herons, as well as a small colony of Slender-billed Weavers.

We proceeded to Cape Coast Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to the 1700s. We spent an hour walking through the castle, witnessing the horrific conditions under which African slaves were kept. *A sobering experience indeed.* We lunched at a seaside restaurant alongside the castle, watching the occasional Royal Tern fly by as we ate. Further inland, a short stop at Hans Cottage Botel proved quite productive, netting us Striated Heron, an immature Red-chested Goshawk, Giant Kingfisher, Green-headed Sunbird, Splendid Starling and Orange and Village Weavers. The nearby Ashanti offices held Magpie Mannikin, along with Bronze Mannikin – *it was great to be able to compare the two species side by side.* Eventually, we reached Jukwa, our base in the Kakum area for the next few days. With only a little bit of daylight left, we made a little excursion to a corn field bordering the rainforest. Here, we spied Black Spinetail, Brown-cheeked and Piping Hornbills and Whistling Cisticola. A few days later, we even had a Bat Hawk and two Grey Parrots fly over us in the early evening at the same spot!

We spent the following three full days exploring various sites in and around Kakum National Park.
Foremost was, of course, the famous canopy walkway within the park. We spent morning and afternoon sessions there, racking up species like Palm-nut Vulture, an all too brief Congo Serpent Eagle, lovely Blue-headed Wood Dove, Black-throated Coucal, Blue Malkoha, Blue-throated Roller, Black Bee-eater, Black Dwarf Hornbill, Hairy-breasted Barbet, Yellow-throated Tinkerbird, a pair of Sabine’s Puffbacks, Blue and Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrikes, Velvet-mantled Drongo, Honeyguide and Spotted Greenbuls, very confiding Chestnut-capped Flycatcher, Chestnut-winged Starling, Rufous-crowned Eremomela, Violet-backed Hyliota, a trio of sought-after flycatchers: Olivaceous, Little Grey and Tessmann’s, Little Green, Blue-throated Brown, Buff-throated, Johanna’s and Bates’s Sunbirds, Yellow-mantled and Maxwell’s Black Weavers, Green Hylia and all three possible nigritas. Whew! And that wasn’t even half the list! We also remained on the walkway till after dark, and were fortunate to see 3 Pel’s Flying Squirrels.

Other forest patches and croplands in the area yielded Ahanta Francolin, European Honey Buzzard, White-spotted Flufftail, African Green Pigeon, exquisite Guinea and Yellow-billed Turacos, Cassin’s and Sabine’s Spinetails, Rosy Bee-eater, Forest Wood Hoopoe, White-crested Hornbill, Bristle-nosed, Naked-faced and Yellow-spotted Barbets, Cassin’s Honeybird, Fire-bellied and Melancholy Woodpeckers, Rufous-sided Broadbill, West African Wattle-eye, Lowland Sooty Boubou, Western and Black-winged Orioles, Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher, Slender-billed, Yellow-whiskered, Simple, Icterine and Little Greenbuls, Fanti Saw-wing, Green Crombec, Yellow-browed Camaroptera, Puvel’s Illadopsis, White-tailed Alethe, Dusky-blue Flycatcher, Fraser’s and Olive-bellied Sunbirds, Red-vented and Blue-billed Malimbes and African Firefinch. At the Pra River, we found White-bibbed Swallow and Rock Pratincole without much trouble. Although our night excursions were mostly unsuccessful – it seems to have been a bad year for eagle-owls! – we did enjoy great looks at Long-tailed Nightjar and we even got a glimpse of the elusive Brown Nightjar.

Having covered the Kakum area quite comprehensively, we made a little detour to Brenu on our last morning in the south. Despite being a similar habitat to Winneba Plains, we still added a good number of species, such as Black-winged Kite, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Levailant’s Cuckoo, Blue-headed Coucal, Buff-spotted Woodpecker, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Black-crowned, Brown-crowned and Marsh Tchagras, perched Pied-winged Swallows, Oriole Warbler (now that was a crowd pleaser!), Copper Sunbird, Black-necked Weaver and Western Yellow Wagtail. A few minutes at Fosu Lagoon revealed Little Grebe, Reed Cormorant and Squacco Heron. After lunch at Assin Fosu, we knuckled...
down to the *big* business of the day: the White-necked Rockfowl. We set off on the long walk through Bonkro Forest to one of the nesting/roosting sites of the rockfowl and settled down to wait. Unfortunately, it started to rain and eventually we left our benches and took shelter under the rock face, where we were hoping the birds would visit. After what seemed like an eternity crouching under the overhang, the whispered cries of “Rockfowl!” rang out and we watched a single individual buoyantly bouncing along the benches where we should have been sitting. The dark grey rain clouds combined with the lateness of hour meant not many photos of the bird were taken, but we all had super looks at least.

The following morning, we embarked on the long drive to Mole National Park. Not long into our journey, we pulled in to Opro Forest, where we found Broad-billed Roller, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, European Bee-eater, Grey-headed Bristlebill, Grey Kestrel, African Pygmy Kingfisher and Grey-backed Camaroptera. After Opro the landscape became progressively drier, and the forest gave way to broad-leafed woodland. We investigated a small lake alongside the road and turned up White-faced Whistling Duck, Black-headed Heron, Violet Turaco, Western Plantain-eater, Green Wood Hoopoe, Senegal Parrot, Blackcap Babbler and Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat; while roadside birds included Grasshopper Buzzard and Abyssinian Roller.

Over the next two days, the open woodland of Mole National Park made a pleasant change from the challenges of rainforest birding. Stone Partridge was wonderfully easy to see on the park’s quiet roads, and we also saw – *and tasted* – Helmeted Guineafowl. The wetland areas held Woolly-necked Stork, Hadada Ibis, Squacco Heron, Hamerkop, Senegal Thick-knee, African Wattled Lapwing, a group of 9 Greater Painted Snipes, Common Snipe, Wood Sandpiper and Swamp Flycatcher.

Weaver, Red-headed Weaver, Black-faced Firefinch, delightful Lavender Waxbill, Wilson’s Indigobird, Exclamatory and Togo Paradise Whydahs and Tree Pipit. One of the star birds of any birding visit to Mole is Forbes’s Plover, of which we had excellent views on two occasions.

Since we were staying inside the park, we took every opportunity to do night drives, which resulted in sightings of African Scops Owl, Greyish Eagle-Owl, Pearl-spotted Owlet and Long-tailed and (female) Pennant-winged Nightjars.

As to be expected, mammal life was a little more abundant than elsewhere in the country, with Green and Patas Monkeys, Olive Baboon, African Savanna Hare, Striped Ground Squirrel, Common Warthog, Waterbuck, Kob, Bushbuck and Yellow-winged Bat. We even had a close encounter with an African Elephant while we were on foot the one morning. We got to within 12m of the animal which seemed to care less about our presence – certainly a unique wildlife experience! As with any large park with a good supply of prey items, raptor diversity in Mole was good and included Palm-nut Vulture, African Cuckoo-Hawk, Hooded, White-headed and White-backed Vultures, Bateleur, Lizard Buzzard, melanistic Gabar Goshawk, Shikra, Western Marsh Harrier and Grasshopper and Red-necked Buzzards.

On our way out of Mole National Park, we called in at Larabanga to visit purportedly the oldest building in the country, the Larabanga Mosque. We were given a short tour by a local guide and learned that the mosque dated back to the 1600s, although it has undergone several restorations since. We even squeezed in a bit of birding, admiring the Red-chested Swallows perched near the mosque (mosque swallows?!?) before hitting the road to the north. At the roadside Nasia Wetland, we spied Spur-winged Goose, Purple Heron, Western Marsh Harrier, Black Crake, Little Stint, Heuglin’s Masked Weaver and Red-billed Quelea. Just as we crossed the main bridge over the White Volta, we were informed that the bridge would be closed for repairs for the next MONTH! We were lucky to make it across as the cut-off was two or three vehicles behind us. Needless to say, this caused some adventures later on since this was the best and shortest way back to the south of the country – but more about that later! That afternoon, we visited the Tongo Hills outside Bolgatanga. We were thrilled to connect with our two main targets: Fox Kestrel and Rock-loving Cisticola, in addition to Booted Eagle, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Speckled Pigeon, Blue Rock Thrush and plenty of Gosling’s Buntings.

The following morning, we set out towards the White Volta in search of one of the most desirable birds of the trip: Egyptian Plover. The birding
along the way was highly productive, with Abyssinian Roller, Red-necked Falcon, Yellow-billed Shrike, Piapiac, West African Swallow, Long-tailed and Chestnut-bellied Starlings, Yellow-billed Oxepecker, African Thrush, White-billed Buffalo Weaver, Little Weaver, Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu and Black-rumped Waxbill all seen well. Once at the river, we tallied no less than 9 crisply marked Egyptian Plovers! Also in the area were White-crowned Lapwing, Northern Carmine Bee-eater, Western Olivaceous Warbler and Greater Blue-eared Starling. After lunch back in Bolgatanga, we drove out to Tono Dam, where we had another good haul of Greater Painted Snipes – 10 in total, Green Sandpiper, Four-banded Sandgrouse, Mourning Collared Dove, Bruce’s Green Pigeon, Bearded Barbet, Eurasian Wryneck, Northern Crombec, Black-backed Cisticola and Singing Bush Lark – the latter something of a rarity in the Ghana.

The following morning was a very early start; thanks to the bridge closure, we had to take a long route around the western side of Mole National Park. We lucked upon a small pond tucked away at the side of the road which was a magnet for birds, including Namaqua Dove, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Togo Paradise Whydah and White-rumped Seedeater. That was the extent of our birding for the day… we didn’t even make it to our planned overnight stop due to the length of the detour and instead stayed over in Techiman.

We spent much of the next day and a half at Bobiri Forest, where highlights included Blue Malkoha, Red-billed and Black Dwarf Hornbills, Red-fronted Parrot, Red-billed Helmetshrike, Black-winged Oriole, Western Nicator, Slender-billed Greenbul, Grey Longbill, Green Hylia, Sharpe’s Apalis, Fraser’s Forest Flycatcher, Fraser’s, Olive, Buff-bellied, Splendid, Johanna’s and Tiny Sunbirds, Yellow-mantled Weaver and Red-headed Quelea (at the forest margin). We were also amazed to watch a normally shy Black-throated Coucal enjoying an extended bath in a puddle in the road. After Bobiri, we moved on to our final destination, New Tafo, which would serve as our base for visiting Atewa Forest. We first explored the farm bush at the base of the hills covered by the Atewa forest, where we found Red-chested Goshawk, Vieillot’s Barbet, Black-and-white Shrike-Flycatcher and Vieillot’s Weaver sitting in the same little tree, Grey-headed Nigrita, Black-and-white Mannikin and, best of all, a pair of mating Bat Hawks!

On our final day, we made the long, hot and sweaty slog up the hill to Atewa Forest. The top target was, of course, the Blue-moustached Bee-eater. After much searching, we were still empty-handed and about to head back down when a fellow birding group rushed over to let us know they’d found two
birds. We raced to the spot and soaked up lengthy scope views of these little beauties. Other highlights that made the hike worthwhile were a white-headed morph of Ayre’s Hawk-Eagle, Black Bee-eater, Forest Wood Hoopoe, White-crested Hornbill, Spectled Tinkerbird, African Shrike-Flycatcher, a pair of Fernando Po Batises, West African Wattle-eye, Western Oriole, Shining Drongo, a very shy Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher, Red-tailed Greenbul, Square-tailed Saw-wing, a briefly glimpsed Kemp’s Longbill, the tiny Tit Hylia, Wood Warbler, Olive-green Camaroptera, African Yellow White-eye, Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, Little Grey Flycatcher, Little Green Sunbird and Crested Malimbe. Thanks to the slight shift in our schedule due to the White Volta bridge closure, we couldn’t hang around Atewia for too long. Driving back to Accra, we passed a number of mammal species that would have been new for our list but were instead on sale as bushmeat. Back at the hotel in Accra, we cleaned up and settled down for the final listing session of our time in Ghana. All in all, it was a very satisfying, if sometimes challenging, exploration of the jewel of West Africa.

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.

Birds (406 in total: 391 seen, 17 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.3).
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, and Waterfowl Anatidae**

**White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*
(6) Kpong Wetland 13.11, Busunu roadside lake 19.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Nasia River 22.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis gambensis*
(2) Nasia River 22.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Guineafowl Numididae**

**Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris galeatus*
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**New World Quail Odontophoridae**

**Stone Partridge** *Ptilopachus petrosus petrosus*
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae**

**Latham's Francolin** *Peliperdix lathami lathami*
(1) I heard Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Ahanta Francolin** *Pternistis ahantensis ahantensis*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

**Double-spurred Francolin** *Pternistis bicalcaratus bicalcaratus*
Observed 9 days in total.

**Blue Quail** *Excalfactoria adansonii*
(1) Shai Hills 13.11.

**Grebes Podicipedidae**

**Little Grebe**

*Podiceps ruficollis capensis*

(1) Fosu Lagoon 18.11.

**Storks Ciconiidae**

**African Openbill**

*Anastomus lamelligerus lamelligerus*

(1) Shai Hills 13.11.

**Woolly-necked Stork (VU)**

*Ciconia episcopus microscelis*

(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**

**Hadada Ibis**

*Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris*

(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**

**Black-crowned Night Heron**

*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

(1) Mankessim 14.11.

**Striated Heron**

*Butorides striata atricapilla*

(4) Hans Cottage Botel 14.11, Busunu roadside lake 19.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Squacco Heron**

*Ardeola ralloides*

(3) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Fosu Lagoon 18.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

**Western Cattle Egret**

*Bubulcus ibis*

Observed 15 days in total.

**Grey Heron**

*Ardea cinerea cinerea*


**Black-headed Heron**

*Ardea melanocephala*

(1) Kumasi to Mole NP 19.11.

**Purple Heron**

*Ardea purpurea purpurea*

(2) Sakumono lagoon 13.11 and Nasia River 22.11.

**Great Egret**

*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(2) Sakumono lagoon 13.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

**Intermediate Egret**

*Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha*

(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Black Heron**

*Egretta ardesiaca*

(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Little Egret**

*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(2) Sakumono lagoon 13.11 and Busunu roadside lake 19.11.

**Western Reef Heron**

*Egretta gularis gularis*

(2) Sakumono lagoon 13.11 and Mankessim 14.11.

**Hamerkop Scopidae**

*Scopus umbretta*

(4) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Tono Dam 23.11 and Bolgamanta to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**
Reed Cormorant  
*Microcarbo africanus africanus*  

**Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**

- **Black-winged Kite**  
  *Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*  
  (3) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Brenu beach rd 18.11 and White Volta 23.11.

- **African Harrier-Hawk**  
  *Polyboroides typus pectoralis*  
  (4) Observed Kakum NP and surrounds 15-17.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

- **Palm-nut Vulture**  
  *Gypohierax angolensis*  
  (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

- **European Honey Buzzard**  
  *Pernis apivorus*  
  (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

- **African Cuckoo-Hawk**  
  *Aviceda cuculoides batesi*  
  (1) Mole NP 20.11.

- **Hooded Vulture (EN)**  
  *Necrosyrtes monachus*  
  Observed 7 days in total.

- **White-backed Vulture (NT)**  
  *Gyps africanus*  
  (2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

- **White-headed Vulture (VU)**  
  *Trigonoceps occipitalis*  
  (1) Mole NP 21.11.

- **Congo Serpent Eagle**  
  *Circaetus spectabilis spectabilis*  
  (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

- **Bateleur (NT)**  
  *Terathopius ecaudatus*  
  (2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

- **Bat Hawk**  
  *Macheiramphus alcinus anderssoni*  
  (2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

- **Booted Eagle**  
  *Hieraaetus pennatus*  
  (1) Tono Dam 22.11.

- **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle**  
  *Hieraaetus ayresii*  
  (1) Atewa 27.11.

- **Lizard Buzzard**  
  *Kaupifalco monogrammicus monogrammicus*  
  (4) Mole NP 21.11, Mole NP to Bolgatanga 22.11, White Volta 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

- **Gabar Goshawk**  
  *Micronisus gabar niger*  
  (2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

- **Dark Chanting Goshawk**  
  *Melierax metabates metabates*  
  (4) Kumasi to Mole NP 19.11, Tongo Hills 22.11, Tono Dam 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

- **Long-tailed Hawk**  
  *Urotiorchis macrourus*  
  (1) 1 heard Atewa 27.11.

- **Red-chested Goshawk**  
  *Accipiter toussenelii macroselides*  
  (2) Hans Cottage Botel 14.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

- **Shikra**  
  *Accipiter badius sphenurus*  
  (4) Shai Hills 13.11, Mole NP 19.11, Mole NP 21.11 and White Volta 23.11.

- **Black Sparrowhawk**  
  *Accipiter melanoleucus temminckii*  
  (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

- **Western Marsh Harrier**  
  *Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus*  
  (1) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.
(4) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Mole NP 20.11, Nasia River 22.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans migrans*
(2) Mole NP to Bolgatanga 22.11 and Bolgatanga 23.11.

**Yellow-billed Kite** *Milvus aegyptius parasitus*
Observed 15 days in total.

**Grasshopper Buzzard** *Butastur rufigenensis*
(5) Kumasi to Mole NP 19.11, Mole NP 21.11, Mole NP to Bolgatanga 22.11, Tono Dam 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**Red-necked Buzzard** *Buteo auguralis*

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**Flufftails Sarothruridae**

**White-spotted Flufftail** *Sarothrura pulchra pulchra*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

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**Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae**

**Black Crake** *Amaurornis flavirostra*
(3) Kpong Wetland 13.11, Hans Cottage Botel 14.11 and Nasia River 22.11.

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**Thick-knees Burhinidae**

**Senegal Thick-knee** *Burhinus senegalensis*
(3) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Mole NP 21.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

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**Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae**

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*
(2) Sakumono lagoon 13.11 and White Volta 23.11.

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

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**Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae**

**Spur-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus*
(3) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, White Volta 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**White-crowned Lapwing** *Vanellus albiceps*
(1) White Volta 23.11.

**African Wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus senegallus senegallus*
(5) Busunu roadside lake 18.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Nasia River 22.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula hiaticula*
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Forbes's Plover** *Charadrius forbesi*
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

**Egyptian Plover Pluvianidae**

**Egyptian Plover** *Pluvianus aegyptius*
(1) White Volta 23.11.
**Painted-Snipes Rostratulidae**

**Greater Painted-snipe**  
*Rostratula benghalensis*  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Jacanas Jacanidae**

**African Jacana**  
*Actophilornis africanus*  
Observed 7 days in total.

**Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**

**Whimbrel**  
*Numenius phaeopus*  
(2) Sakumono lagoon 13.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

**Black-tailed Godwit (NT)**  
*Limosa limosa limosa*  
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Ruff**  
*Calidris pugnax*  
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Curlew Sandpiper**  
*Calidris ferruginea*  
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Little Stint**  
*Calidris minuta*  
(2) Sakumono lagoon 13.11 and Nasia River 22.11.

**Common Snipe**  
*Gallinago gallinago gallinago*  
(2) Sakumono lagoon 13.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

**Common Sandpiper**  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  

**Green Sandpiper**  
*Tringa ochropus*  
(1) Tono Dam 23.11.

**Marsh Sandpiper**  
*Tringa stagnatilis*  
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Wood Sandpiper**  
*Tringa glareola*  
(3) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Common Greenshank**  
*Tringa nebularia*  
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae**

**Collared Pratincole**  
*Glareola pratincola fuelleborni*  
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Rock Pratincole**  
*Glareola nuchalis liberiae*  
(1) Pra River 16.11.

**Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae**

**Royal Tern**  
*Thalasseus maximus*  
(1) Cape Coast 14.11.

**Sandgrouse Pteroclididae**

**Four-banded Sandgrouse**  
*Pterocles quadricinctus*  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Pigeons and Doves Columbidae**

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(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

Blue Malkoha  *Ceuthmochares aereus flavirostris*
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Bobiri FR 25.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

Great Spotted Cuckoo  *Clamator glandarius*
(1) Brenu beach rd 18.11.

Levaillant's Cuckoo  *Clamator levaillantii*
(4) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Brenu beach rd 18.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

Diederik Cuckoo  *Chrysococcyx caprius*
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

Klaas's Cuckoo  *Chrysococcyx klaas*
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

African Emerald Cuckoo  *Chrysococcyx cupreus*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo  *Cercococcyx olivinus*
(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

Red-chested Cuckoo  *Cuculus solitarius*
(1) 1 heard Atewa 27.11.

**Barn-Owls  *Tytonidae***

Western Barn Owl  *Tyto alba poensis*
(1) Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**Owls  *Strigidae***

African Scops Owl  *Otus senegalensis senegalensis*
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

Northern White-faced Owl  *Ptilopsis leucotis*
(1) 1 heard Mole NP 21.11.

Greyish Eagle-Owl  *Bubo cinerascens*
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

Akun Eagle-Owl  *Bubo leucostictus*
(1) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

African Wood Owl  *Strix woodfordii nuchalis*
(2) 1 heard Bonkro 18.11 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 25.11.

Pearl-spotted Owlet  *Glaucidium perlatum perlatum*
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Tongo Hills 22.11.

**Nightjars and Allies  *Caprimulgidae***

Brown Nightjar  *Veles binotatus*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

Long-tailed Nightjar  *Caprimulgus climacurus*
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

Standard-winged Nightjar  *Caprimulgus longipennis*
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

**Swifts  *Apodidae***

Mottled Spinetail  *Telacanthura ussleri ussleri*
(2) Winneba plains 14.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.
Black Spinetail  
*Telacanthura melanopygia* 
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 14.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

Sabine's Spinetail  
*Rhaphidura sabini* 
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

Cassin's Spinetail  
*Neafrapus cassini* 
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

African Palm Swift  
*Cypsiurus parvus* 
Observed 12 days in total.

Common Swift  
*Apus apus apus* 
(5) Observed Kakum NP and surrounds 14-17.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

Little Swift  
*Apus affinis aerobates* 
Observed 13 days in total.

**Trogons Trogonidae**

Narina Trogon  
*Apaloderma narina constantia* 
(3) 1 heard Bonkro 18.11, 1 heard Bobiri FR 26.11 and 1 heard Atewa 27.11.

**Rollers Coraciidae**

Purple Roller  
*Coracias naevius naevius* 
(3) Mole NP 20.11, Tongo Hills 22.11 and White Volta 23.11.

Abyssian Roller  
*Coracias abyssinicus* 
(6) Kumasi to Mole NP 19.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Mole NP to Bolgatanga 22.11, White Volta 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

Blue-bellied Roller  
*Coracias cyanogaster* 
(2) Shai Hills 13.11 and Kumasi to Mole NP 19.11.

Blue-throated Roller  
*Eurystomus gularis gularis* 
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Bobiri FR 25.11.

Broad-billed Roller  
*Eurystomus glaucurus afer* 
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Opro River Forest 19.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

Grey-headed Kingfisher  
*Halcyon leucocephala leucocephala* 
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

Striped Kingfisher  
*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti* 
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

Blue-breasted Kingfisher  
*Halcyon malimbica forbesi* 
(1) Bonkro 18.11.

Woodland Kingfisher  
*Halcyon senegalensis* 
Observed 9 days in total.

African Pygmy Kingfisher  
*Ispidina picta* 
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Opro River Forest 19.11.

Malachite Kingfisher  
*Corythornis cristatus galeritus* 

Giant Kingfisher  
*Megaceryle maxima* 
(1) Hans Cottage Botel 14.11.

Pied Kingfisher  
*Ceryle rudis rudis* 
(4) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Cape Coast 14.11, Brenu beach rd 18.11 and White Volta 23.11.
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*Horizocerus hartlaubi hartlaubi*  
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White-crested Hornbill  
*Horizocerus albocristatus macrourus*  
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa 27.11.

### African Barbets *Lybiidae*

**Bristle-nosed Barbet**  
*Gymnobucco peli*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Naked-faced Barbet**  
*Gymnobucco calvus calvus*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Speckled Tinkerbird**  
*Pogoniulus scolopeus scolopeus*  
(4) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Atewa farm bush 26.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Red-rumped Tinkerbird**  
*Pogoniulus atroflavus*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Yellow-throated Tinkerbird**  
*Pogoniulus subsulphureus chrysopygus*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**  
(1) Opro River Forest 19.11.

**Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**  
*Pogoniulus chrysoconus chrysoconus*  
(2) Shai Hills 13.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Hairy-breasted Barbet**  
*Tricholaema hirsuta hirsuta*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Vieillot's Barbet**  
*Lybius vieilloti rubescens*  
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, White Volta 23.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Double-toothed Barbet**  
*Lybius bidentatus bidentatus*  
(1) Shai Hills 13.11.

**Bearded Barbet**  
*Lybius dubius*  
(1) White Volta 23.11.

**Yellow-billed Barbet**  
*Trachyphonus purpuratus goffinii*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

### Honeyguides *Indicatoridae*

**Cassin's Honeybird**  
*Prodotiscus insignis flavodorsalis*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 14.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

**Thick-billed Honeyguide**  
*Indicator conirostris ussheri*  
(1) I heard Bobiri FR 25.11.

**Lesser Honeyguide**  
*Indicator minor senegalensis*  
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

**Greater Honeyguide**  
*Indicator indicator*  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

### Woodpeckers *Picidae*

**Eurasian Wryneck**  
*Jynx torquilla*  
(1) Tono Dam 23.11.

**Fine-spotted Woodpecker**  
*Campethera punctuligera punctuligera*  
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

**Buff-spotted Woodpecker**  
*Campethera nivosa nivosa*  
(1) Opro River Forest 19.11.
(1) Brenu beach rd 18.11.

**Fire-bellied Woodpecker** *Chloropicus pyrrhogaster*

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Cardinal Woodpecker** *Dendropicos fuscescens lafresnayi*

(1) Mole NP 20.11.

**Melancholy Woodpecker** *Dendropicos lugrubis*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

**African Grey Woodpecker** *Dendropicos goertae*

(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Mole NP 21.11 and White Volta 23.11.

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**Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae***

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*


**Fox Kestrel** *Falco alopec*

(1) Tongo Hills 22.11.

**Grey Kestrel** *Falco ardosiaceus*

Observed 7 days in total.

**Red-necked Falcon (NT)** *Falco chicquera ruficollis*

(2) Mole NP 20.11 and White Volta 23.11.

**Lanner Falcon** *Falco biarmicus abyssinicus*

(3) Winneba plains 14.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 18.11.

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**African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae***

**Grey Parrot (NT)** *Psittacus erithacus*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Red-fronted Parrot** *Poicephalus gulielmi fantiensis*

(3) Bonkro 18.11, Bobiri FR 25.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Senegal Parrot** *Poicephalus senegalus versteri*

(6) Shai Hills 13.11, Busunu roadside lake 19.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Mognori River 22.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

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**Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae***

**Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri krameri*

(5) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Mognori River 22.11 and White Volta 23.11.

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**Broadbills *Eurylaimidae***

**Rufous-sided Broadbill** *Smithornis rufolateralis rufolateralis*

(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

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**Wattle-eyes and Batises *Platysteiridae***

**African Shrike-flycatcher** *Megabyasflammulatusflammulatus*

(1) Atewa 27.11.

**Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher** *Bias musicus musicus*

(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Senegal Batis** *Batis senegalensis*

(1) Mole NP 21.11.
**Fernando Po Batis**  
(1) Atewa 27.11.  

**West African Wattle-eye**  
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa 27.11.  

**Brown-throated Wattle-eye**  
(2) Shai Hills 13.11 and Mole NP 20.11.  

**Red-cheeked Wattle-eye**  
(1) I heard Atewa 27.11.

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**Helmetshrikes and Allies Prionopidae**

**White-crested Helmetshrike**  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 22.11.  

**Red-billed Helmetshrike**  
(2) Bobiri FR 25.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

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**Bushshrikes and Allies Malaconotidae**

**Grey-headed Bushshrike**  
(1) Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.  

**Orange-breasted Bushshrike**  
(2) Brenu beach rd 18.11 and Mole NP 20.11.  

**Marsh Tchagra**  
(1) Brenu beach rd 18.11.  

**Brown-crowned Tchagra**  
(4) Winneba plains 14.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.  

**Black-crowned Tchagra**  
(5) Shai Hills 13.11, Winneba plains 14.11, Brenu beach rd 18.11, Mole NP 21.11 and Tongo Hills 22.11.  

**Sabine's Puffback**  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.  

**Northern Puffback**  
Observed 8 days in total.  

**Lowland Sooty Boubou**  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.  

**Yellow-crowned Gonolek**  

**Brubru**  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and White Volta 23.11.

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**Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**

**White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike**  
(1) Mole NP 21.11.  

**Blue Cuckoo-shrike**  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Bonkro 18.11.  

**Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike**  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.  

**Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike**  
*Coracina pectoralis*  
*Coracina azurea*  
*Campephaga phoenicea*  
*Campephaga quiscalina quiscalina*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Shrikes Laniidae**

**Yellow-billed Shrike**
*Corvinella corvina*
(5) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Winneba plains 14.11, Kumasi to Mole NP 19.11, White Volta 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**Northern Fiscal**
*Lanius humeralis smithii*
Observed 7 days in total.

**Old World Orioles Oriolidae**

**African Golden Oriole**
*Oriolus auratus auratus*
(2) Mole NP 21.11 and Mole NP 22.11.

**Western Oriole**
*Oriolus brachyrynchus brachyrynchus*
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Black-winged Oriole**
*Oriolus nigripennis*
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Bobiri FR 25.11.

**Drongos Dicruridae**

**Shining Drongo**
*Dicrurus atripennis*
(1) Atewa 27.11.

**Fork-tailed Drongo**
*Dicrurus adsimilis divaricatus*
(3) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Velvet-mantled Drongo**
*Dicrurus modestus*
(4) Observed Kakum NP and surrounds 15-17.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae**

**Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher**
*Trochocercus nitens reichenowi*
(1) Atewa 27.11.

**Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher**
*Terpsiphone rufiventer nigriceps*
(5) Observed Kakum NP and surrounds 15-17.11, Bonkro 18.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**African Paradise Flycatcher**
*Terpsiphone viridis ferreti*
(3) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**

**Piapiac**
*Ptilostomus afer*
(4) Sakumono lagoon 13.11, Winneba plains 14.11, Mole NP to Bolgatanga 22.11 and Bolgatanga 23.11.

**Pied Crow**
*Corvus albus*
Observed 14 days in total.

**Rockfowl Picathartidae**

**White-necked Rockfowl (VU)**
*Picathartes gymnocephalus*
(1) Bonkro 19.11.

**Chickadees and Tits Paridae**

**White-shouldered Black Tit**
*Melaniparus guineensis*
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.
**Western Nicator**
(1) Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Larks Alaudidae**

**Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**
(2) Mole NP 21.11 and Tongo Hills 22.11.

**Singing Bush Lark**
(1) Tono Dam 23.11.

**Sun Lark**
(3) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**

**Common Bulbul**
Observed 14 days in total.

**Slender-billed Greenbul**
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Little Greenbul**
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 18.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Little Grey Greenbul**
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Yellow-whiskered Greenbul**
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Honeyguide Greenbul**
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Spotted Greenbul**
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Simple Greenbul**
(3) Winneba plains 14.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 18.11.

**Yellow-throated Leaflove**
(1) I heard Mole NP 21.11.

**Swamp Palm Bulbul**
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Icterine Greenbul**
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Red-tailed Bristlebill**
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Grey-headed Bristlebill**
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Opro River Forest 19.11.

**Western Bearded Greenbul**
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Red-tailed Greenbul**
(1) Atewa 27.11.

**Swallows Hirundinidae**

**Square-tailed Saw-wing**
(1) Atewa 27.11.

**Fanti Saw-wing**

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(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.
**Barn Swallow**  
*Hirundo rustica rustica*
Observed 10 days in total.

**Red-chested Swallow**  
*Hirundo lucida lucida*

**Ethiopian Swallow**  
*Hirundo aethiopica aethiopica*
(4) Winneba plains 14.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Wire-tailed Swallow**  
*Hirundo smithii smithii*
(1) Nasia River 22.11.

**White-bibbed Swallow**  
*Hirundo nigrita*
(1) Pra River 16.11.

**Pied-winged Swallow**  
*Hirundo leucosoma*
(2) Lake Volta 13.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

**Rock Martin**  
*Ptyonoprogne fuligula bansoensis*
(1) Busunu roadside lake 19.11.

**Common House Martin**  
*Delichon urbicum urbicum*
(2) Kumasi to Mole NP 19.11 and White Volta 23.11.

**Mosque Swallow**  
*Cecropis senegalensis*
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

**West African Swallow**  
*Cecropis domicella*
(1) White Volta 23.11.

**Preuss's Cliff Swallow**  
*Petrochelidon preussi*
(4) Kakum NP and surrounds 14.11, Pra River 16.11, en route to Bonkro 18.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Crombecs, African warblers Macrosphenidae**

**Moustached Grass Warbler**  
*Melocichla mentalis mentalis*
(1) Winneba plains 14.11.

**Kemp's Longbill**  
*Macrosphenus kempi kempi*
(1) Atewa 27.11.

**Grey Longbill**  
*Macrosphenus concolor*
(1) Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Northern Crombec**  
*Sylvietta brachyura brachyura*
(1) Tono Dam 23.11.

**Green Crombec**  
*Sylvietta virens flaviventris*
(3) Observed Kakum NP and surrounds 15-17.11.

**Yellow Flycatcher Erythrocercidae**

**Chestnut-capped Flycatcher**  
*Erythrocercus mccallii nigeriae*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Uncertain Incertae Sedis 1**

**Green Hylia**  
*Hylia prasina prasina*
(5) Observed Kakum NP and surrounds 15-17.11, Bobiri FR 26.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Tit Hylia**  
*Pholidornis rushiae ussheri*
(1) Atewa 27.11.
**Leaf-Warblers** *Phylloscopidae*

**Willow Warbler**
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Wood Warbler**
(1) Atewa 27.11.

**Reed-Warblers and Allies** *Acrocephalidae*

**Western Olivaceous Warbler**
(1) White Volta 23.11.

**Melodious Warbler**
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Cisticolas and Allies** *Cisticolidae*

**Red-faced Cisticola**
(3) Winneba plains 14.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

**Singing Cisticola**
(2) Shai Hills 13.11 and Winneba plains 14.11.

**Whistling Cisticola**
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 14.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Rock-loving Cisticola**
(1) Tono Dam 22.11.

**Winding Cisticola**
(1) Sakumono lagoon 13.11.

**Croaking Cisticola**
(1) Shai Hills 13.11.

**Short-winged Cisticola**
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Winneba plains 14.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

**Rufous Cisticola**
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

**Zitting Cisticola**
(1) Tono Dam 23.11.

**Black-backed Cisticola**
(1) Tono Dam 23.11.

**Tawny-flanked Prinia**
(5) Winneba plains 14.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 18.11, Opro River Forest 19.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Red-winged Warbler**
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

**Sharpe's Apalis**
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Oriole Warbler**
(2) Brenu beach rd 18.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

**Grey-backed Camaroptera**
(3) Opro River Forest 19.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Yellow-browed Camaroptera**
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Olive-green Camaroptera**
(1) Atewa 27.11.
Senegal Eremomela *Eremomela pusilla*
(4) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Tongo Hills 22.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps fantiensis*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Fulvettas and Ground Babblers** *Pellorneidae*

Blackcap Illadopsis *Iladopsis cleaveri cleaveri*
(1) I heard Atewa 27.11.

Puvel’s Illadopsis *Iladopsis puveli puveli*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

Brown Illadopsis *Iladopsis fulvescens*
(1) I heard Atewa 27.11.

**Laughingthrushes** *Leiothrichidae*

Blackcap Babbler *Turdoides reinwardtii stictilaema*
(2) Busunu roadside lake 19.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

Brown Babbler *Turdoides plebejus platycirca*
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

**Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies** *Zosteropidae*

African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis senegalensis*
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Hyliotas** *Hyliotidae*

Violet-backed Hyliota *Hyliota violacea nehrkorni*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Starlings** *Sturnidae*

Copper-tailed Starling *Hylopsar cupreocauda*
(1) Tamale 22.11.

Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus chalybaeus*
(1) White Volta 23.11.

Lesser Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chloropterus*
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

Splendid Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus chrysonotis*
(6) Hans Cottage Botel 14.11, observed Kakum NP and surrounds 15-17.11, Brenu beach rd 18.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

Purple Starling *Lamprotornis purpureus purpureus*
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Mole NP 20.11 and White Volta 23.11.

Long-tailed Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis caudatus*
(5) Kumasi to Mole NP 19.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP to Bolgatanga 22.11, White Volta 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

Chestnut-bellied Starling *Lamprotornis pulcher*
(1) White Volta 23.11.

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster leucogaster*
(4) Shai Hills 13.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

Chestnut-winged Starling *Onychognathus fulgidus hartlaubii*
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Atewa 27.11.

### Oxpeckers *Buphagidae*

**Yellow-billed Oxpecker**  
*Buphagus africanus africanus*  
(1) White Volta 23.11.

### Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*

**Finsch's Rufous Thrush**  
*Stizorhina finschi*  
(1) I heard Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**African Thrush**  
*Turdus pelios*  
(1) White Volta 23.11.

### Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

**White-tailed Alethe**  
*Alethe diademata*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Fraser's Forest Flycatcher**  
*Fraseria ocreata prosphora*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher**  
*Myioparus griseigularis parelii*  
(1) Atewa 27.11.

**Grey Tit-Flycatcher**  
*Myioparus plumbeus plumbeus*  
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

**Northern Black Flycatcher**  
*Melaenornis edolioides edolioides*  
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Pale Flycatcher**  
*Melaenornis pallidus*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Spotted Flycatcher**  
*Muscicapa striata striata*  
(1) Shai Hills 13.11.

**Swamp Flycatcher**  
*Muscicapa aquatica aquatica*  
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

**Olivaceous Flycatcher**  
*Muscicapa olivascens olivascens*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Little Grey Flycatcher**  
*Muscicapa epulata*  
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Bonkro 18.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Dusky-blue Flycatcher**  
*Muscicapa comitata aximensis*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Tessmann's Flycatcher (DD)**  
*Muscicapa tessmanni*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Ussher's Flycatcher**  
*Muscicapa ussheri*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

**Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat**  
*Cossypha niveicapilla niveicapilla*  
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Busunu roadside lake 19.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

**White-crowned Robin-Chat**  
*Cossypha albicapillus giffardi*  
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

**European Pied Flycatcher**  
*Ficedula hypoleuca*  
(3) Observed Mole NP 19-21.11.

**Blue Rock Thrush**  
*Monticola solitarius solitarius*  
(1) Tongo Hills 22.11.

**Whinchat**  
*Saxicola rubetra*
(1) Mole NP 21.11.  
**White-crowned Cliff Chat**  
*Thamnolaea coronata coronata*  
(1) Shai Hills 13.11.  
**White-fronted Black Chat**  
*Oenanthe albibrans frontalis*  
(2) Mole NP 21.11 and Mole NP 22.11.

### Sunbirds and Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

**Fraser's Sunbird**  
*Deleornis fraseri idius*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Mangrove Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes gabonicus*  
(1) Lake Volta 13.11.

**Western Violet-backed Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes longuemarei longuemarei*  
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

**Little Green Sunbird**  
*Anthreptes seimundi kruensis*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Collared Sunbird**  
*Hedydipna collaris subcollaris*  
Observed 8 days in total.

**Pygmy Sunbird**  
*Hedydipna platura*  
(4) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Tongo Hills 22.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Green-headed Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra verticalis verticalis*  
(1) Hans Cottage Botel 14.11.

**Blue-throated Brown Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra cyanolaema magnirostrata*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Olive Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra olivacea*  
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Bobiri FR 25.11.

**Buff-throated Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra adelberti adelberti*  
(5) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11, Bobiri FR 25.11, Bobiri FR 26.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Scarlet-chested Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra senegalensis senegalensis*  
(2) Mole NP 21.11 and White Volta 23.11.

**Olive-bellied Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris chloropygius kempi*  
(4) Observed Kakum NP and surrounds 16-18.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Tiny Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris minusculus*  
(2) Bobiri FR 25.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Beautiful Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris pulchellus pulchellus*  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Splendid Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris coccinigastrus*  
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 14.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Johanna's Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris johannae fasciatus*  
(4) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Bobiri FR 25.11, Bobiri FR 26.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Superb Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris superbus ashantiensis*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Bates's Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris batesi*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Copper Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris cupreus cupreus*  
(2) Shai Hills 13.11 and Hans Cottage Botel 14.11.

### Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*
**Northern Grey-headed Sparrow**  
*Passer griseus*  
Observed 14 days in total.

**Bush Petronia**  
*Gymnoris dentata*  
(4) Observed Mole NP 20-22.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

### Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae*

**White-billed Buffalo Weaver**  
*Bubalornis albirostris*  
(1) White Volta 23.11.

**Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver**  
*Plocepasser superciliosus*  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Slender-billed Weaver**  
*Ploceus pelzelni monacha*  
(1) Mankessim 14.11.

**Little Weaver**  
*Ploceus luteolus luteolus*  
(3) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11 and White Volta 23.11.

**Black-necked Weaver**  
*Ploceus nigricollis brachypterus*  
(5) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11, Brenu beach rd 18.11, Opro River Forest 19.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Orange Weaver**  
*Ploceus aurantius aurantius*  
(1) Hans Cottage Botel 14.11.

**Heuglin's Masked Weaver**  
*Ploceus heuglini*  
(1) Nasia River 22.11.

**Village Weaver**  
*Ploceus cucullatus cucullatus*  
Observed 9 days in total.

**Vieillot's Black Weaver**  
*Ploceus nigerrimus castaneofuscus*  
(4) Hans Cottage Botel 14.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Yellow-mantled Weaver**  
*Ploceus tricolor tricolor*  
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Bobiri FR 25.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Maxwell's Black Weaver**  
*Ploceus albinucha albinucha*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Compact Weaver**  
*Ploceus superciliosus*  
(1) Winneba plains 14.11.

**Red-vented Malimbe**  
*Malimbus scutatus scutatus*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11 and Bobiri FR 26.11.

**Blue-billed Malimbe**  
*Malimbus nitens*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11.

**Red-headed Malimbe**  
*Malimbus rubricollis bartletti*  
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Crested Malimbe**  
*Malimbus malimbicus nigrifrons*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Red-headed Weaver**  
*Anaplectes rubriceps leuconotos*  
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Red-headed Quelea**  
*Quelea erythrops*  
(1) Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Red-billed Quelea**  
*Quelea quelea quelea*  
(1) Nasia River 22.11.

**Black-winged Red Bishop**  
*Euplectes hordeaceus hordeaceus*  
(4) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Atewa farm
bush 26.11.

**Northern Red Bishop** *Euplectes franciscanus franciscanus*  
(2) Winneba plains 14.11 and Nasia River 22.11.

**Yellow-mantled Widowbird** *Euplectes macroura macroura*  
(2) Winneba plains 14.11 and Brenu beach rd 18.11.

**Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae**

**White-breasted Nigrita** *Nigrita fusconotus uropygialis*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Chestnut-breasted Nigrita** *Nigrita bicolor bicolor*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Grey-headed Nigrita** *Nigrita canicapillus emiliae*  
(3) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, Bobiri FR 26.11 and Atewa 27.11.

**Green Twinspot** *Mandingoa nitidula schlegeli*  
(1) I heard Atewa 27.11.

**Bar-breasted Firefinch** *Lagonosticta rufopicta rufopicta*  
(6) Winneba plains 14.11, observed Kakum NP and surrounds 15-17.11, Brenu beach rd 18.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

**Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegala senegala*  
(6) Winneba plains 14.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Nasia River 22.11, Tono Dam 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**African Firefinch** *Lagonosticta rubricata polionota*  
(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11 and Opro River Forest 19.11.

**Black-faced Firefinch** *Lagonosticta larvata nigriscollis*  
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

**Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu** *Uraeginthus bengalus bengalus*  
(4) Mole NP 21.11, Tongo Hills 22.11, Tono Dam 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**Lavender Waxbill** *Estrilda caerulescens*  
(3) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11 and White Volta 23.11.

**Orange-cheeked Waxbill** *Estrilda melpoda*  
(6) Shai Hills 13.11, Winneba plains 14.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11, Opro River Forest 19.11 and Mognori River 22.11.

**Black-rumped Waxbill** *Estrilda troglodytes*  
(2) Winneba plains 14.11 and White Volta 23.11.

**Quailfinch** *Ortygospiza atricollis ansorgei*  
(2) Shai Hills 13.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**Bronze Mannikin** *Lonchura cucullata cucullata*  
Observed 10 days in total.

**Black-and-white Mannikin** *Lonchura bicolor bicolor*  
(4) Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, Kakum NP and surrounds 17.11, Opro River Forest 19.11 and Atewa farm bush 26.11.

**Magpie Mannikin** *Lonchura fringillloides*  
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 14.11.

**Indigobirds Viduidae**

**Village Indigobird** *Vidua chalybeata*  
(3) Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11 and White Volta 23.11.

**Wilson's Indigobird** *Vidua wilsoni*
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

**Pin-tailed Whydah**  
*Vidua macroura*

(2) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and Mole NP 20.11.

**Exclamatory Paradise Whydah**  
*Vidua interjecta*

(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

**Togo Paradise Whydah**  
*Vidua togoensis*

(2) Mole NP 21.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

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**Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae***

**Western Yellow Wagtail**  
*Motacilla flava*

(2) Brenu beach rd 18.11 and Tono Dam 23.11.

**African Pied Wagtail**  
*Motacilla aguimp vidua*

(2) Hans Cottage Botel 14.11 and Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

**Plain-backed Pipit**  
*Anthus leucophrys zenkeri*

(1) Shai Hills 13.11.

**Tree Pipit**  
*Anthus trivialis trivialis*

(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

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**Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae***

**White-rumped Seedeater**  
*Crithagra leucopygia riggenbachi*

(1) Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**Yellow-fronted Canary**  
*Crithagra mozambica caniceps*

(5) Shai Hills 13.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11, Mognori River 22.11 and White Volta 23.11.

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**Buntings, Sparrows and Allies *Emberizidae***

**Ortolan Bunting**  
*Emberiza hortulana*

(1) Tongo Hills 22.11.

**Gosling’s Bunting**  
*Emberiza goslingi*

(4) Mole NP 21.11, Tongo Hills 22.11, Tono Dam 23.11 and Bolgatanga to Techiman via Wa 24.11.

**Brown-rumped Bunting**  
*Emberiza affinis nigeriae*

(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

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**Mammals (21 in total: 18 seen, 3 heard)**

**Status codes:**  
**IUCN codes:**  

**African Elephant**  
*Loxodonta africana*

(1) Mole NP 20.11.

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**Hyraxes *Procaviidae***

**Western Tree Hyrax**  
*Dendrohyrax dorsalis*

(2) 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11 and 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11.

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**Galagos *Galagidae***

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Demidoff's Dwarf Galago  
*Galagoides demidovii*
(4) I heard Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11, 1 heard Kakum NP and surrounds 16.11, 1 heard Bonkro 18.11 and 1 heard Bobiri FR 25.11.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Mona Monkey  
*Cercopithecus mona*
(1) I heard Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

Green Monkey  
*Chlorocebus sabaeus*
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

Patas Monkey  
*Erythrocebus patas*
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

Olive Baboon  
*Papio anubis*
(4) Shai Hills 13.11, Mole NP 20.11, Mole NP 21.11 and Mole NP to Bolgatanga 22.11.

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae*

African Savanna Hare  
*Lepus microtis*
(1) Mole NP 21.11.

Scaly-tailed Squirrels *Anomaluridae*

Pel's Flying Squirrel  
*Anomalurus pelii*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Fire-footed Rope Squirrel  
*Funisciurus pyrropus*
(1) Bobiri FR 26.11.

Slender-tailed Squirrel  
*Protoxerus aubinnii*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

African Giant Squirrel  
*Protoxerus stangeri*
(1) Kakum NP and surrounds 15.11.

Striped Ground Squirrel  
*Xerus erythropus*
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

Mongooses *Herpestidae*

Slender Mongoose  
*Herpestes sanguineus*
(1) Tono Dam 23.11.

Pigs *Suidae*

Common Warthog  
*Phacochoerus africanus africanus*
(3) Observed Mole NP 20-22.11.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae*

Waterbuck  
*Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa*
(1) Mole NP 20.11.

Kob  
*Kobus kob kob*
(3) Shai Hills 13.11, Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.

Bushbuck  
*Tragelaphus scriptus*
(2) Mole NP 20.11 and Mole NP 21.11.
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*Lavia frons*

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African Straw-coloured Fruit-bat
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Observed 14 days in total.

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*Trachylepis quinquetaeniata*

African Five-lined Skink
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**Monitor Lizards** *Varanidae*

*Varanus niloticus*

Nile Monitor
(1) Shai Hills 13.11.

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