

Birds recorded in Ethiopia between 26th January and 17th February 2007

Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	Seven on the Ali Dege Plains near Awash NP. Some authorities split this race as Somali ostrich <i>Struthio molybdophanes</i> , Clements does not.
Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Dinsho and Wadera.
Great white pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Small numbers at Rift Valley sites.
Pink-backed pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	Small numbers at Rift Valley sites.
Great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Small numbers on larger waterbodies. Some authorities split the African sub-species.
Long-tailed cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	Small numbers on larger waterbodies and rivers.
Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Single at Gibe Gorge. Some authorities split the African sub-species.
Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Widespread.
Black-headed heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	A few in the Rift Valley, Liben Plains (Negele) and Gibe Gorge.
Goliath heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	Single in Rift Valley at Koka.
Great egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley and Lake Biseka (Awash).
Intermediate egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	Only noted between Wondo Genet and Dinsho. A three way split of this group is advocated by some, we saw subspecies <i>brachyryncha</i> . Not split by Clements.
Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Widespread.
Squacco heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Single in Rift Valley (Koka).
Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Widespread.
Striated heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Single in roadside pool near Bogol Manyo.
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Widespread.
Yellow-billed stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley and Lake Biseka (Awash).
Abdim's stork	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley and on pools around Liben Plains (Negele).
Woolly-necked stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	Wadera (single).
White stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley and en route to Sof Omar.
Marabou stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	Frequently encountered in Rift Valley, large young in nests at Ziway.
Sacred ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Noted on three dates.
Hadada ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	Noted on four dates.
Wattled ibis	<i>Bostrychia carunculata</i>	Endemic - frequently encountered in upland areas (Bale Mountains, Ankober and Addis Ababa area).
Glossy ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley.

Greater flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Lake Biseka (small numbers).
Lesser flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley (Koka).
Blue-winged goose	<i>Cyanochen cyanopterus</i>	Endemic – frequently encountered in upland areas (Bale Mountains and Ankober area).
Egyptian goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	Widespread.
Ruddy shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Sanetti Plateau (Bale Mountains) – two birds only.
Comb duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	Single on dam on edge of Liben Plains (Negele).
African black duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	Two confiding birds on the Shaya River between Dinsho and Goba.
Yellow-billed duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	Small numbers between Wondo Genet and Dinsho.
Red-billed duck	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	Only seen in small numbers on a dam on edge of Liben Plains (Negele).
Hottentot teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley.
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley (Koka).
Northern shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Small numbers in Rift Valley and en route to Dinsho from Wondo Genet.
Black-shouldered kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Noted on two dates only.
Black kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	The inter-African migrant <i>parasitius</i> , often considered a separate species, was commonly recorded. Palearctic <i>migrans</i> occasionally noted in small numbers.
African fish-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	Recorded on three dates.
Hooded vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	Widespread.
Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	Singles at Robe, Debre Libanos and Mount Fantalle (Awash). We took a sack of bones up from Addis to Debre Libanos for superb “on-the-deck” views of this wonderful bird.
Egyptian vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Rather local with birds noted at Saof Omar, Negele to Bogol Manyo and Awash (where common).
White-backed vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	Seemingly scarce with birds noted on just three days.
Ruppell's griffon	<i>Gyps rueppellii</i>	Widespread.
Lappet-faced vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	Just two birds at Awash.
White-headed vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	Only noted in Bale Mountains and Wondo Genet.
Black-breasted snake-eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	Noted on the Liben Plain (Negele) and a few other sites.
Brown snake-eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	Singles noted en route to Sof Omar and at Awash.
Banded snake-eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>	Single at Wondo Genet.
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Widespread.
Western marsh-harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Recorded in small numbers in the Rift Valley and en route to Sof Omar.
Pallid harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Widespread.

Montagu's harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Recorded on at least three dates, not as common as pallid harrier.
African harrier-hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Noted on two dates.
Dark chanting-goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	Small numbers at Awash.
Eastern chanting-goshawk	<i>Melierax poliopterus</i>	Noted daily in dry south.
Gabar goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Small numbers in the dry south, half the birds seen were melanistic morphs.
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Noted on three dates.
Little sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	Single in the Genale Valley (Harennna Forest to Negele)
Rufous-chested sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>	Single in the Harennna Forest. An endemic subspecies <i>perspicillaris</i> .
Black goshawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	Single in village of Bulbul (Negele to Yabello).
Eurasian buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	All buzzards observed were assigned to <i>vulpinus</i> , small numbers noted at Wondo Genet, Gibe Gorge and between Harennna Forest and Negele. This race is frequently accorded full species status.
Augur buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	Widespread, both morphs and intermediates noted.
Lesser spotted eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Adult, possibly migrating, on Sanetti Plateau.
Greater spotted eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	Single immature at Gibe Gorge.
Tawny eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Widespread.
Steppe eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Singles on Sanetti Plateau and Debre Libanos.
Imperial eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	Singles en route to Harennna Forest and Debre Libanos.
Wahlberg's eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>	Singles at Wondo Genet and above Goba.
Verreaux's eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Pair watched above Goba.
African hawk-eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	Pair at Sof Omar and a single at Yabello.
Martial eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	Singles noted between Bogol Manyo and Filtu, at Yabello and Awash.
Long-crested eagle	<i>Lophaelus occipitalis</i>	Common in Rift Valley.
Crowned hawk-eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	Two singles seen well at Wondo Gennet and Harennna Forest.
Pygmy falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	Widespread and frequently encountered in dry country.
Lesser kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Males identified on the Liben Plains (Negele) – many kestrels ignored, so undoubtedly under-recorded.
Eurasian kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Recorded but many kestrels ignored, so undoubtedly overlooked.
Grey kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	Single 30km north of Yabello.
Eurasian hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Single in the Rift Valley.
[African hobby]	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>	A single bird heard and seen briefly

Lanner falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	near the motel at Yabello was almost certainly this species.
Crested francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>	Widespread in small numbers.
Moorland francolin	<i>Francolinus psilolaemus</i>	Widespread.
		Just four birds on the Sanetti Plateau. The nominate race is endemic.
Clapperton's francolin	<i>Francolinus clappertoni</i>	Two, one seen very well, at Lake Langano.
Harwood's francolin	<i>Francolinus harwoodi</i>	Endemic – at least seven birds seen well at Jemma Valley.
Yellow-necked francolin	<i>Francolinus leucoscepus</i>	Common in dry country (Negele, Yabello and Bogol Manyo).
Chestnut-naped francolin	<i>Francolinus castaneicollis</i>	Frequently encountered in the Bale Mountains. The distinctive <i>atrifrons</i> race occurs near Yabello and would be worth adding an extra day to see.
		Near-endemic – three birds watched from escarpment below Ankober Lodge. Heard at Jemma Valley.
Erckel's francolin	<i>Francolinus erckelii</i>	Occasionally encountered in large groups.
Helmeted guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Large flocks encountered at Bogol Manyo, Negele to Tabetello and in the Yabello area.
Vulturine guineafowl	<i>Acryllium vulturinum</i>	Single at Lake Koka (Rift Valley). Small numbers in Rift Valley and around Ankober.
Black crowned-crane	<i>Balearica pavonina</i>	
Common crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	
Rouget's rail	<i>Rougetius rougetii</i>	Near-endemic – frequent around Dinsho and on the Sanetti Plateau. Also one en route to Wondo Genet on Day 16.
		Small numbers on roadside pool near Dinsho.
Red-knobbed coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	
Arabian bustard	<i>Ardeotis arabs</i>	Just two, one en route to Awash from Melka Ghebdu and another in the park.
Kori bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	Small numbers on the Liben Plains (Negele), and around Awash.
White-bellied bustard	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i>	Seven on the Liben Plains (Negele) and three at Yabello.
Buff-crested bustard	<i>Eupodotis gindiana</i>	Widespread in dry acacia thorn-scrub.
Hartlaub's bustard	<i>Lissotis hartlaubii</i>	Two between Filtu and Negele.
African jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	A few at Koka (Rift Valley).
Black-winged stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	A few at Koka (Rift Valley) and Lake Biseka.
Pied avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	A few at Koka (Rift Valley).
Water thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	A single seen briefly at the Genale River (Bogol Manyo).
Senegal thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	Pair along the river at Gibe Gorge.
Spotted thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	Pair between Filtu and Negele.
Cream-coloured courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>	Birds of the <i>somalensis</i> race

Temminck's courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>	(sometimes considered a full species) noted on a daily basis around Bogol Manyo. Four birds on the Liben Plains (Negele) on both visits.
Three-banded courser	<i>Rhinoptilus cinctus</i>	Birds spotlighted at Bogol Manyo and Awash. Adult with chick watched during the day at Lake Langano.
Collared pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Single bird over Awash Falls at dusk.
Spur-winged plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	Widespread.
Black-winged lapwing	<i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>	Widespread in highlands, biggest numbers en route to Sof Omar.
Crowned lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Noted on eight dates.
Wattled lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	Single along river at Gibe Gorge.
Spot-breasted lapwing	<i>Vanellus melanocephalus</i>	Endemic – over 50 in large flock near Dinsho.
Little ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Kittlitz's plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Three-banded plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	Small numbers at Dinsho, Jemma Valley and Lake Biseka (Awash).
African snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	Small numbers on the bogs of the Sanetti Plateau.
Black-tailed godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Spotted redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Common redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Marsh sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Common greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Small numbers noted throughout.
Green sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Small numbers noted throughout.
Wood sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Small numbers noted throughout.
Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Small numbers noted throughout.
Little stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Temminck's stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley.
Lesser black-backed gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	A few on Lake Langano.
Grey-headed gull	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>	Small numbers on Lake Langano.
Black-headed gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	A single on a dam on the edge of the Liben Plains (Negele).
Gull-billed tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	Only recorded at Lake Biseka.
Whiskered tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	One adult at Lake Langano.
White-winged tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Small numbers at Lake Langano.
Chestnut-bellied sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	Noted in the Rift Valley, and at Bogol Manyo and Awash.
Yellow-throated sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles gutturalis</i>	Over 40 seen very well at Gibe Gorge.
Black-faced sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles decoratus</i>	Watched drinking at close range at river crossings near Bogol Manyo, others nearby.
Lichtenstein's sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i>	Very small numbers at Bogol Manyo and Bilen Lodge (Awash).
Four-banded sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles quadricinctus</i>	A pair seen well at Gibe Gorge were the only birds of the trip.

Speckled pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Widespread.
White-collared pigeon	<i>Columba albitorques</i>	Near-endemic – frequently encountered in the highlands.
Rameron pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	Only recorded at Wondo Genet and the Harena Forest.
[Lemon dove]	<i>Columba larvata</i>	Niek saw these at Wondo Genet.
Eurasian turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Single seen briefly en route to Sof Omar.
Dusky turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia lugens</i>	Widespread and common in the highlands.
White-winged dove	<i>Streptopelia reichenowi</i>	Near-endemic – frequents dry country rivers, usually lined with Borassa palms, in the south-east. Not a difficult species, we recorded them along rivers near Bogol Manyo and at the Dawa River crossing between Negele and Yabello.
African mourning dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	Recorded at Bogol Manyo, Bilen Lodge and Awash. Doubtless under-recorded.
Red-eyed dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Widespread.
Ring-necked dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Widespread.
Vinaceous dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>	Small numbers in the Jemma Valley only.
Laughing dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Widespread.
Emerald-spotted wood-dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	Recorded at Sof Omar, Bogol Manyo and between Negele and Yabello.
[Blue-spotted wood-dove]	<i>Turtur afer</i>	Pete saw some at Bilen Lodge (Awash).
Tambourine dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	Recorded at Wondo Genet and Harena Forest.
Namaqua dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Widespread and common in suitable habitat.
Bruce's green pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>	Recorded at Wondo Genet, between Yabello and Wondo Genet, Jemma Valley and Awash.
Black-winged lovebird	<i>Agapornis taranta</i>	Endemic – widespread in highlands.
Red-bellied parrot	<i>Poicephalus rufiventris</i>	Small numbers, almost daily, in dry country zone.
Yellow-fronted parrot	<i>Poicephalus flavifrons</i>	Endemic – seen well at both Wondo Genet and in the forest above Goba.
White-cheeked turaco	<i>Tauraco leucotis</i>	Near-endemic – widespread in upland forests.
Prince Ruspoli's turaco	<i>Tauraco ruspolii</i>	Endemic – no problems seeing this one. Single recorded first 30 km before the Genale River site during a comfort break. Also recorded at the Genale River (2), Wadera (12+) and we even had three in scrubby habitat on the edge of the Liben Plains (Negele).
Bare-faced go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides personatus</i>	Small numbers around Yabello and

White-bellied go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides leucogaster</i>	between Yabello and Wondo Genet. The race <i>personatus</i> is endemic to the Rift Valley of Ethiopia.
Eastern plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer zonurus</i>	Widespread in dry areas.
Pied cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	Recorded en route to Gibe Gorge (2) and Melka Ghebdu (1).
Great spotted cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	Two at Bogol Manyo.
[Red-chested cuckoo]	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	Two splendid adults on the edge of the Liben Plain (Negele).
African cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>	Heard at Hareenna Forest.
Klaas's cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	Single between Yabello and Wondo Genet.
African emerald cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	Single at Wondo Genet.
Blue-headed coucal	<i>Centropus monachus</i>	Small numbers at Hareenna Forest.
[Senegal coucal]	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	Single in scrubby upland hedge between Yabello and Wondo Genet.
White-browed coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	Heard but amazingly not seen.
[African scops-owl]	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	Small numbers occasionally seen throughout.
[Northern white-faced owl]	<i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i>	Heard in Awash campground. A scops-owl flushed and seen well at Gibe Gorge was probably this species.
Cape eagle-owl	<i>Bubo capensis</i>	Heard briefly on one night only at Awash campground.
Greyish eagle-owl	<i>Bubo cinerascens</i>	Adult and two walking young at the usual site just before Dinsho.
African wood-owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	Two roosting birds at Lake Langano.
Pearl-spotted owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	Two birds spotlighted at Hareenna Forest.
African long-eared owl	<i>Asio abyssinicus</i>	Singles at Sof Omar, Yabello and Bilen Lodge.
Donaldson-Smith's nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus donaldsoni</i>	Spectacular views of a pair performing in the 'garden' at Dinsho. The call sounds like a distant mallard and is also reminiscent of a <i>Polyplectron</i> pheasant.
Abyssinian nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus poliocephalus</i>	Heard at Bogol Manyo and two seen well whilst spotlighting at Yabello.
[Star-spotted nightjar]	<i>Caprimulgus stellatus</i>	Two roosting birds at Dinsho, other birds spotlighted at Katcha camp (Hareenna Forest), and also heard at Ankober Lodge.
Slender-tailed nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus clarus</i>	A single along the approach road to the campsite at Awash was probably this species.
African palm-swift	<i>Cypsiurus parous</i>	Three roosting birds at Lake Langano.
Alpine swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Only recorded at Bogol Manyo.
		Large flock noted at Sof Omar (mixed with mottled swifts).

Mottled swift	<i>Tachymarptis aequatorialis</i>	Large flock noted at Sof Omar (mixed with Alpine swifts).
Nyanza swift	<i>Apus niansae</i>	We struggled to get good views of this bird but eventually scored at the Jemma Valley.
White-rumped swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	Small colony centred on small hut south of Yabello.
Speckled mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	Widespread.
Blue-naped mousebird	<i>Urocolius macrourus</i>	Recorded at Bogol Manyo and Awash.
Narina trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	Recorded in small numbers at Harena Forest and Wondo Genet.
Half-collared kingfisher	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>	Singles at Wondo Genet and Melka Ghebdu. An endemic race <i>heuglini</i> .
African pygmy-kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	Singles at Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley.
Grey-headed kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	Recorded at four sites.
Woodland kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	Scarce, recorded at two sites.
Striped kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	Only seen at Gibe Gorge.
Pied kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Noted along many rivers and wetlands throughout.
Little bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Recorded at Bogol Manyo and Gibe Gorge.
Blue-breasted bee-eater	<i>Merops variegatus</i>	Widespread in upland areas. A possible split in the future.
Somali bee-eater	<i>Merops revoilii</i>	Near-endemic, small numbers daily around Bogol Manyo.
European bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Single en route to Gibe Gorge.
Northern carmine bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicus</i>	Localised in dry areas, noted at four sites.
European roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	Two roadside birds near Bogol Manyo.
Abyssinian roller	<i>Coracias abyssinica</i>	Widespread and common north of Addis and also at Gibe Gorge.
Lilac-breasted roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>	Widespread and common in dry country south of Addis. A possible near-endemic split.
Rufous-crowned roller	<i>Coracias naevia</i>	Small numbers in dry country south of Addis.
Broad-billed roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	Single along the Genale Valley.
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Widespread in small numbers – all recorded were of the Palearctic migrant race.
Green woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	Two birds in the Jemma Valley were a surprise.
Black-billed woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus somaliensis</i>	Near-endemic – widespread in the dry southern lowlands.
Abyssinian scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus minor</i>	Widespread in dry country.
Red-billed hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	Widespread in dry country. The red-billed hornbill complex is a taxonomic minefield.
Eastern yellow-billed	<i>Tockus flavirostris</i>	Recorded in small numbers

hornbill		throughout the dry southern section.
Von der Decken's hornbill	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>	Recorded in small numbers throughout the dry southern section.
Hemprich's hornbill	<i>Tockus hemprichii</i>	Only seen well at Debre Libanos and Jemma Valley.
African grey hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	Noted at just three sites.
Silvery-cheeked hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna brevis</i>	Recorded at Wondo Genet and between Hareenna Forest and Negele.
Abyssinian ground-hornbill	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>	Small groups encountered occasionally throughout.
Yellow-fronted tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	Only seen at Wondo Genet.
Red-fronted tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>	Widespread dry country tinkerbird.
Red-fronted barbet	<i>Tricholaema diademata</i>	Several seen around Negele.
Black-throated barbet	<i>Tricholaema melanocephala</i>	Small numbers in dry acacia thornscrub.
Banded barbet	<i>Lybius undatus</i>	Near-endemic – this incredibly variable species was seen well at Wondo Genet and Melka Ghebdu.
Black-billed barbet	<i>Lybius guifsobalito</i>	Recorded at the Genale Valley (1), Gibe Gorge (2) and Jemma Valley.
[Double-toothed barbet]	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>	Niek saw a couple at Wondo Genet.
Yellow-breasted barbet	<i>Trachyphonus margaritatus</i>	Small numbers at Melka Ghebdu, Awash and Bilen Lodge.
Red-and-yellow barbet	<i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i>	Small numbers between Hareenna Forest and Negele, and at Bogol Manyo and Yabello.
D'Arnaud's barbet	<i>Trachyphonus darnaudii</i>	Recorded between Negele and Yabello and around Yabello.
Lesser honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	Small numbers at Sof Omar and Yabello.
Green-backed honeyguide	<i>Prodotiscus zambesiae</i>	Singles at Wondo Genet and the forest above Goba.
Nubian woodpecker	<i>Campethera nubica</i>	Widespread.
Abyssinian woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos abyssinicus</i>	Endemic – singles and pairs at Wondo Genet and in the forest above Goba.
Cardinal woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	Widespread.
Bearded woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>	Pairs in the cattle auction yard north of Yabello and Bilen Lodge (Awash).
Grey-headed woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos spodocephalus</i>	Frequent at Wondo Genet. Probably a poor split, the nominate race is endemic to Ethiopia.
Singing bushlark	<i>Mirafraga cantillans</i>	Small numbers in open grassland at Awash
Red-winged lark	<i>Mirafraga hypermetra</i>	Fairly common in grassland with scattered trees at Awash. The race <i>gallarum</i> is endemic to Ethiopia.
Gillett's lark	<i>Mirafraga gilletti</i>	One seen well in song just past the Liben Plains (Negele) surprised us by looking like a Degodi lark! Others seen at Awash. This species and

Degodi lark	<i>Miraфра degodiensis</i>	Degodi lark are very similar and the latter taxon appears to be dubious. Endemic – no problem seeing examples of this bird around Bogol Manyo. Most of the birds seen here had the warm rufous tones we were expecting to be a feature of Gillet’s lark.
Foxy lark	<i>Calendulauda alopex</i>	A few seen between Negele and Bogol Manyo and more apparent around Yabello. A recent split from fawn-coloured lark.
Sidamo lark	<i>Heteromiraфра sidamoensis</i>	Endemic – excellent bird easily observed just after dawn on the Liben Plains (Negele). A few around Awash.
Chestnut-backed sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	
Chestnut-headed sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix signata</i>	Common around Bogol Manyo during our stay.
Desert lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>	Two birds seen in very dry, rocky country between Ankober and Awash.
Erlanger's lark	<i>Calandrella erlangeri</i>	Near-endemic – only seen en route to Dinsho, en route to Sof Omar and on the way to Debre Libanos.
Somali short-toed lark	<i>Calandrella somalica</i>	Fairly common on the Liben Plains (Negele).
Thekla lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	Widespread in upland areas.
Short-tailed lark	<i>Pseudalaemon fremantlii</i>	Singing male opposite our campsite at Bogol Manyo and a flock of 20+ south of Yabello.
Bank swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Only noted at Lake Biseka (Awash).
Plain martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Present in the Rift Valley and at Sof Omar.
Eurasian crag-martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Recorded above Goba and in the Jemma Valley.
Rock martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	Recorded around Yabello and Awash.
Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Widespread.
Ethiopian swallow	<i>Hirundo aethiopica</i>	Widespread, best views at Bilen Lodge where they breed.
Wire-tailed swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Recorded at Bogol Manyo, Yabello and the Rift Valley.
White-tailed swallow	<i>Hirundo megaensis</i>	Endemic – no problems with this great little bird. Saw two at the Liben Plains (Negele) and another 57km south of Yabello.
Lesser striped-swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	Only noted around Yabello.
Mosque swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	Only seen en route to Gibe Gorge.
Red-rumped swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Recorded at scattered locations. The resident <i>melanocrissus</i> race would, if split, become an endemic.

Common house-martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	Recorded between Wondo Genet and Dinsho and around Yabello.
Black sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristopectera</i>	Recorded at Wondo Genet and the Harena Forest. All birds showed clear white underwing coverts and were mostly considered to be <i>antinorii</i> . Occasional birds in flocks more closely resembled <i>pristopectera</i> however. Confusing and not well illustrated in the field guides.
White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Small numbers in the Rift Valley and at Bogol Manyo and Dinsho.
African pied wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Recorded on larger rivers such as the Dawa (between Negele and Yabello), Gibe Gorge and Awash.
Yellow wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Widespread, <i>beema</i> (common), <i>lutea</i> and <i>feldegg</i> identified.
Grey wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Occasional on upland streams.
Mountain wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	Recorded at Wondo Genet, near Goba and in the Jemma Valley.
Golden pipit	<i>Tmetothylacus tenellus</i>	Female seen well near Bogol Manyo and a male between Negele and Yabello.
Abyssinian longclaw	<i>Macronyx flavicollis</i>	Endemic – classy little bird. Several seen around Dinsho and en route to Sof Omar.
Plain-backed pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	Recorded between Negele and Bogol Manyo and on the Liben Plains (Negele).
African pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	Birds resembling ‘Jackson’s’ pipits <i>A. latistriatus</i> recorded around crater rim on Mount Fantalle (Awash). This would mean a range-extension but is worth following up. Pipit taxonomy is in such a state that these may even be undescribed.
Tawny pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Only recorded at Awash.
Long-billed pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	Only recorded at Awash.
Tree pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Widespread.
Red-throated pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Widespread and common around upland wetlands.
Grey cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>	Pair at Wadera and three at Wondo Genet on one visit.
Common bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Confusing complex and likely to yield ‘arm-chair’ ticks in the future. We saw <i>dodsoni</i> in the dry country between Negele and Yabello; <i>spurius</i> around Sof Omar; <i>somaliensis</i> at Awash; and <i>schoanus</i> in the Rift Valley and highlands.
Northern brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus strepitans</i>	Recorded at Sof Omar and Bogol Manyo.

Rufous-tailed rock-thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	Widespread in small numbers.
Little rock-thrush	<i>Monticola rufocinereus</i>	Recorded at Sof Omar, Lake Langano, Ankober and Melka Ghebdu.
Blue rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	A single along the Ankober escarpment.
Abyssinian ground-thrush	<i>Zoothera piaggiae</i>	Recorded at Wondo Genet, above Goba and along Katcha camp track in the Hareenna Forest at dawn.
Groundscraper thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsipsirupa</i>	Widespread in open upland areas. An endemic race that is sure to be elevated to full species status in the future.
Olive thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	Widespread in upland areas. A confusing complex likely to be split apart in future.
African thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	Recorded at Negele and 30 km before the Genale Valley.
African bare-eyed thrush	<i>Turdus tephronotus</i>	Recorded at Bogol Manyo, between Negele and Yabello and in the Yabello area.
Red-faced cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythropus</i>	Singles at Gibe Gorge and the Jemma Valley.
[Singing cisticola]	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>	Recorded by the others at Wondo Genet.
Boran cisticola	<i>Cisticola bodessa</i>	Near-endemic – recorded at Yabello only.
Rattling cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	Recorded at Yabello and between there and Wondo Genet.
Ashy cisticola	<i>Cisticola cinereolus</i>	Small numbers at Awash.
Winding cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>	Recorded between Wondo Genet and Dinsho and around Dinsho and on the Sanetti Plateau. Split by many as Ethiopian cisticola <i>C. lugubris</i> but not recognised by Clements.
Stout cisticola	<i>Cisticola robustus</i>	Single along escarpment at Debre Libanos.
Foxy cisticola	<i>Cisticola troglodytes</i>	Two birds in the Jemma Valley.
Tiny cisticola	<i>Cisticola nana</i>	Singles recorded between Filtu and Negele and south of Yabello.
Pectoral-patch cisticola	<i>Cisticola brunnescens</i>	Males watched displaying at dawn on the Liben Plains (Negele), which included an incredible manakin style sideways leaping on the ground!
Tawny-flanked prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Widespread.
Pale prinia	<i>Prinia somalica</i>	Recorded between Negele and Bogol Manyo, and at Bogol Manyo and Yabello.
Yellow-breasted apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	Widespread, <i>viridiceps</i> is sometimes considered a separate species.
Red-fronted warbler	<i>Urorhipis rufifrons</i>	Recorded between Negele and Bogol Manyo and around Bogol Manyo.

Green-backed camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	Widespread – the grey-backed form we saw is sometimes split out.
Grey wren-warbler	<i>Calamonastes simplex</i>	Recorded in dry acacia scrub throughout Negele, Bogol Manyo and Yabello area.
Cinnamon bracken-warbler	<i>Bradypterus cinnamomeus</i>	Widespread in upland areas. Mostly heard but occasionally seen very well.
Eastern olivaceous warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	Widespread in dry lowland areas.
Upcher's warbler	<i>Hippolais languida</i>	Two seen around Bogol Manyo.
Buff-bellied warbler	<i>Phyllolais pulchella</i>	Only recorded at Lake Langano and Gibe Gorge but may have been overlooked.
Yellow-vented eremomela	<i>Eremomela flavicrissalis</i>	Pair watched feeding young near Bogol Manyo.
Yellow-bellied eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	Widespread, pair watched feeding young at Bogol Manyo in same flock as the species above!
Northern crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>	Widespread in dry lowland acacia scrub.
Short-billed crombec	<i>Sylvietta philippae</i>	Several recorded in Bogol Manyo area.
Red-faced crombec	<i>Sylvietta whytii</i>	Two at Lake Langano.
Somali crombec	<i>Sylvietta isabellina</i>	Near-endemic – recorded en route to Bogol Manyo and around Yabello.
Brown woodland-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus umbrovirens</i>	Only recorded in small numbers at Wondo Genet.
Willow warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Recorded in very small numbers in the dry south only.
Common chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Widespread and common in highlands.
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Widespread and common in highlands.
Greater whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Two seen together between Bogol Manyo and Filtu.
Lesser whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Small numbers at Debre Libanos and Awash.
Barred warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	Single in mixed-species flock near Bogol Manyo.
Brown parisoma	<i>Parisoma lugens</i>	Two birds seen well in the hotel garden at Wondo Genet. We also saw a single 'Bale' parisoma – a potential split – in the forest above Goba.
Banded warbler	<i>Parisoma boehmi</i>	Recorded in small numbers in most mixed-species flocks between Bogol Manyo and Filtu and around Yabello.
African grey flycatcher	<i>Bradornis microrhynchus</i>	Widespread – the race <i>pumilus</i> found in central Ethiopia is another potential split. We also recorded <i>neumannii</i> in the south.

Abyssinian slaty-flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis chocolatinus</i>	Widespread in upland woodland.
Northern black-flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edoloioides</i>	Occasional in dry acacia woodland.
African dusky flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	Only recorded at Wondo Genet.
[Common nightingale]	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Heard at Sof Omar and Awash.
Rueppell's robin-chat	<i>Cossypha semirufa</i>	Recorded at Wondo Genet, Dinsho and above Goba.
Snowy-crowned robin-chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>	Pair taped in, inside riverine scrub upstream from Gibe Gorge road bridge.
Spotted morning-thrush	<i>Cichladusa guttata</i>	Fairly common along dry and wet riverbeds around Bogol Manyo.
Red-backed scrub-robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	Widespread and common in dry acacia thornscrub. Clements has yet to accept the proposed three-way split of this complex.
Rufous-tailed scrub-robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	Fairly common along dry riverbeds around Bogol Manyo.
Common redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Occasional birds in dry thornscrub.
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Single at Gibe Gorge.
African stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	The splendid <i>albofasciata</i> race was observed on a number of occasions in the highlands and is a possible split. We eventually tracked down at least five of these superb wheatears near Bogol Manyo.
Somali wheatear	<i>Oenanthe phillipsi</i>	
Northern wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	A single male on Mount Fantalle (Awash).
Mourning wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>	The <i>lugubris</i> race of this species (considered by some to be a full species) was recorded in the Jemma Valley and around Ankober.
Pied wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	Widespread and very common.
Isabelline wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Widespread and common.
Red-breasted wheatear	<i>Oenanthe bottae</i>	Widespread in the highlands. Clements has yet to recognise the Heuglin's/Botta split.
Brown-tailed chat	<i>Cercomela scotocerca</i>	Only recorded at Sof Omar (4+).
Sombre chat	<i>Cercomela dubia</i>	Near-endemic - a confusing species that is poorly treated in the available fieldguides. We had birds both on Mount Fantalle and at the Lake Biseka lava flow (Awash). Sombre chat looks shorter tailed and has less pale fringing to the wing feathers than blackstart. Sombre chat does not habitually spread its tail (which blackstart does regularly), though it does regularly flick its wings out in a similar manner to blackstart.
Blackstart	<i>Cercomela melanura</i>	Single male on the lava flow at Lake Biseka (Awash).

Moorland chat	<i>Cercomela sordida</i>	Near-endemic – widespread and common in highlands.
Rueppell's chat	<i>Myrmecocichla melaena</i>	Near-endemic – fairly common along the escarpments north of Addis.
Mocking cliff-chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>	Recorded in Addis Ababa and at Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley.
White-winged cliff-chat	<i>Thamnolaea semirufa</i>	Recorded between Yabello and Wondo Genet and in the Jemma Valley.
Brown-throated wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	Recorded at Wondo Genet and Awash.
Grey-headed batis	<i>Batis orientalis</i>	Common flock constituent in dry acacia woodland.
Pygmy batis	<i>Batis perkeo</i>	Recorded in dry acacia woodland en route to Bogol Manyo and around Yabello.
African paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Widespread.
African hill babbler	<i>Illadopsis abyssinica</i>	Seen well at Wondo Genet and the Harena Forest. Heard at Wadera.
Scaly chatterer	<i>Turdoides aylmeri</i>	Recorded between Negele and Yabello and also 57 km south of Yabello.
Rufous chatterer	<i>Turdoides rubiginosus</i>	Widespread in dry acacia thornscrub.
White-rumped babbler	<i>Turdoides leucopygius</i>	Near-endemic – widespread in higher, wetter forest.
Abyssinian catbird	<i>Parophasma galinieri</i>	Endemic – present in all highland forests south of Addis.
White-winged black-tit	<i>Melaniparus leucomelas</i>	Recorded at the edge of the Liben Plains (Negele) and en route to Awash from Ankober.
White-backed black-tit	<i>Melaniparus leuconotus</i>	Endemic – recorded in small numbers around Dinsho.
Somali tit	<i>Melaniparus thruppi</i>	Widespread in southern dry acacia woodland (eg Sof Omar, Negele and Yabello).
Spotted creeper	<i>Salpornis spilonotus</i>	Two splendid individuals at Wondo Genet on our second visit.
Mouse-colored penduline-tit	<i>Anthoscopus musculus</i>	Recorded between Negele and Yabello, around Yabello and at Awash.
Kenya violet-backed sunbird	<i>Anthreptes orientalis</i>	Recorded at Bogol Manyo, between there and Filtu and at Yabello.
Collared sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	Recorded at Sof Omar, between Yabello and Wondo Genet and en route to Gibe Gorge.
Nile Valley sunbird	<i>Hedydipna metallica</i>	Only recorded at Bilen Lodge (Awash), where excellent views were obtained.
Scarlet-chested sunbird [Hunter's sunbird]	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i> <i>Chalcomitra hunteri</i>	Seen well at Lake Langano. This species was almost certainly encountered between Negele and

Tacazze sunbird	<i>Nectarinia tacazze</i>	Yabello but we never got good enough views. Widespread upland species. Present on our hotel garden in Addis.
Beautiful sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>	Single male seen well at Awash.
Mariqua sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	Recorded at four locations including Melka Ghebdu and Lake Langano. Some authorities split out this form, Clements does not.
Black-bellied sunbird	<i>Cinnyris nectarinioides</i>	Single male seen well along one of the rivers near Bogol Manyo.
Shining sunbird	<i>Cinnyris habessinicus</i>	Recorded at Sof Omar, between Bogol Manyo and Filtu and at Awash.
Variable sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	Yellow-bellied form (<i>fazolensis</i>) noted at Wondo Genet, Haremma Forest and Jemma Valley. White-bellied form (<i>albiventris</i>) recorded at Bogol Manyo and between Negele and Filtu. A possible split in the future.
Broad-ringed white-eye	<i>Zosterops polioastrus</i>	Widespread in small numbers in the highlands.
White-breasted white-eye	<i>Zosterops abyssinicus</i>	Recorded between Bogol Manyo and Filtu, in the Jemma Valley and at Melka Ghebdu. A very variable species that may be split in the future.
Eurasian golden oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Single along river near Bilen Lodge (Awash).
Dark-headed oriole	<i>Oriolus monacha</i>	Near-endemic – common at Wondo Genet. Also recorded between Yabello and Wondo Genet.
African black-headed oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	Small numbers recorded in dry southern woodlands.
Rufous-tailed shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	Widespread in suitable habitat. All ours appeared to be <i>phoenicuroides</i> .
Southern grey shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	Only recorded in and around Awash NP. All examined were <i>pallidirostris</i> .
Grey-backed fiscal	<i>Lanius excubitoroides</i>	Recorded around Yabello and en route to Gibe Gorge.
Taita fiscal	<i>Lanius dorsalis</i>	Recorded between Filtu and Negele and around Yabello.
Somali fiscal	<i>Lanius somalicus</i>	Good numbers at Awash.
Common fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	Widespread in small numbers.
Woodchat shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Single in the Rift Valley on day 1, common in grassland with scattered bushes in Awash area.
White-rumped shrike	<i>Eurocephalus rueppelli</i>	Widespread in dry acacia woodland and savanna.
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	Commonly encountered in mixed-species flocks around Bogol Manyo and Yabello. Could be split four

Northern puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	ways in the future, we saw <i>afēr</i> . Recorded at Wondo Genet and Wadera.
Pringle's puffback	<i>Dryoscopus pringlii</i>	Commonly encountered in mixed-species flocks around Bogol Manyo, Negele and Yabello.
Black-crowned tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>	Pair seen between Hareenna Forest and Hegele, heard elsewhere.
Three-streaked tchagra	<i>Tchagra jamesi</i>	Just one seen between Negele and Bogol Manyo.
Red-naped bushshrike	<i>Laniarius ruficeps</i>	Heard between Bogol Manyo and Filtu. Single seen very well 57 km south of Yabello.
Tropical boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>	Widespread, more often heard than seen as usual.
Slate-colored boubou	<i>Laniarius funebris</i>	Widespread throughout southern dry country scrub and woodland.
Rosy-patched bushshrike	<i>Rhodophoneus cruentus</i>	Widespread throughout southern dry country scrub and woodland. Annoying song frequently heard. Small numbers in dry south.
Sulphur-breasted bushshrike	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>	
Grey-headed bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	Pair watched at close range at Sof Omar. Heard elsewhere.
White helmetsrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Recorded only at Sof Omar and Yabello. Could be split three ways in future – we saw <i>cristatus</i> .
Fork-tailed drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Widespread in dry areas.
Stresemann's bush-crow	<i>Zavattariornis stresemanni</i>	Endemic – only recorded in Yabello area. Max 15+ at cattle auction yard north of town.
Red-billed chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Just two on the Sanetti Plateau.
Cape crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	Widespread in upland areas.
Pied crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Widespread in upland areas.
Somali crow	<i>Corvus edithae</i>	Near-endemic – widespread in upland areas.
Fan-tailed raven	<i>Corvus rhipidurus</i>	Rather local, recorded in the Rift, at Wondo Genet, Jemma Valley and Awash.
Thick-billed raven	<i>Corvus crassirostris</i>	Near-endemic – recorded sporadically in the uplands. Best site was Wondo Genet.
Wattled starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	Small flock in Metahara near restaurant (Awash).
Greater blue-eared glossy-starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Widespread.
Lesser blue-eared glossy-starling	<i>Lamprotornis chloropterus</i>	Only identified in the Gibe Gorge area.
Rueppell's glossy-starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpuropterus</i>	Only recorded in Awash area.
Golden-breasted starling	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>	Stunning bird occasionally encountered in dry acacia woodland

Superb starling	<i>Lamprotornis superbus</i>	in the south.
Shelley's starling	<i>Lamprotornis shelleyi</i>	Widespread.
Violet-backed starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Widespread in dry south.
White-crowned starling	<i>Spreo albicapillus</i>	Pair at Sof Omar.
		Frequently encountered in dry south (eg Negele, Yabello and Bogol Manyo).
Red-winged starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	Small numbers at Sof Omar and Yabello.
Slender-billed starling	<i>Onychognathus tenuirostris</i>	Several small flocks encountered between Wondo Genet and Dinsho.
Bristle-crowned starling	<i>Onychognathus salvadorii</i>	Good numbers at Sof Omar and several seen around Awash.
White-billed starling	<i>Onychognathus albirostris</i>	Near-endemic – only recorded in the Jemma Valley.
Sharpe's starling	<i>Pholia sharpii</i>	Recorded daily at Wondo Genet in small numbers.
Magpie starling	<i>Speculipastor bicolor</i>	Two seen en route to Negele from the Hareenna Forest and others seen between Negele and Yabello.
		Noted on three days.
Red-billed oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	
Shelley's rufous sparrow	<i>Passer shelleyi</i>	Only seen around Yabello.
Swainson's sparrow	<i>Passer swainsonii</i>	Near-endemic – a widespread species.
Parrot-billed sparrow	<i>Passer gongonensis</i>	Only recorded up some of the dry riverbeds near Bogol Manyo.
Yellow-spotted petronia	<i>Petronia pyrgita</i>	Widespread.
Bush petronia	<i>Petronia dentata</i>	Only seen at Gibe Gorge and Jemma Valley.
Red-billed buffalo-weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Quite common around Bogol Manyo. Northern and southern sub-species could be split.
White-headed buffalo-weaver	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>	Widespread in dry habitats.
White-browed sparrow-weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	Recorded in the Rift Valley and around Yabello.
[Chestnut-crowned sparrow-weaver]	<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>	The guys recorded this in the Jemma Valley.
Grey-headed social-weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita arnaudi</i>	Recorded in small numbers between Negele and Yabello and south of Yabello.
Black-capped social-weaver	<i>Pseudonigrita cabanisi</i>	Recorded in good numbers between Negele and Yabello and south of Yabello.
Baglafaecht weaver	<i>Ploceus baglafaecht</i>	Widespread, more than one race involved, some of which may be split in future.
Little weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>	Recorded in the Rift Valley.
Lesser masked-weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	Recorded between Negele and Yabello.
[Spectacled weaver]	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	Recorded by the others between

Rueppell's weaver	<i>Ploceus galbula</i>	Harena forest and Negele, whilst looking for our first Ruspoli's. Near-endemic – recorded at Lake Langano, Melka Ghebdu and Awash.
Vitelline masked-weaver	<i>Ploceus vitellinus</i>	Widespread in dry south.
Village weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Only recorded at Gibe Gorge.
Speke's weaver	<i>Ploceus spekei</i>	Recorded in Filtu and around motel in Yabello.
Jub weaver	<i>Ploceus dichrocephalus</i>	Non-breeding birds with bicoloured bills observed near Bogol Manyo. Despite searching the Dawa River site we could only find old nests.
Red-headed weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	Birds of the distinctive <i>leuconotis</i> race observed at Sof Omar, Lake Langano and Melka Ghebdu. It is likely that the complex including this race will be accorded full species status in the future.
Red-billed quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	Recorded in the Rift Valley, Gibe Gorge and the Jemma Valley.
Black-winged bishop	<i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i>	Birds in non-breeding plumage in the Jemma Valley.
Orange bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>	Single breeding plumage male near Bogol Manyo.
Yellow bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	Small flocks noted around Dinsho.
Green-winged pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	Small numbers noted around Bogol Manyo and Yabello.
Abyssinian crimson-wing	<i>Cryptospiza salvadorii</i>	Pair watched nest-building near Katcha campsite (Harena Forest).
Red-billed firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Widespread – amazingly the only firefinch recorded.
Red-cheeked cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Widespread in dry habitats.
Purple grenadier	<i>Uraeginthus ianthinogaster</i>	Widespread in dry habitats.
Yellow-bellied waxbill	<i>Estrilda quartinia</i>	Two seen well at Dinsho, others heard.
Fawn-breasted waxbill	<i>Estrilda paludicola</i>	Small flock encountered in the Gibe Gorge. The race in Ethiopia (<i>ochrogaster</i>) is considered by some to represent a full species.
Crimson-rumped waxbill	<i>Estrilda rhodopyga</i>	Recorded at Sof Omar (1), Jemma Valley and Melka Ghebdu.
Black-cheeked waxbill	<i>Estrilda charmosyna</i>	Recorded at at least three locations in the dry south.
African silverbill	<i>Euodice cantans</i>	Only recorded in the Jemma Valley (2).
Bronze mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>	Only recorded in the Gibe Gorge.
Cut-throat	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>	Widespread in dry habitats.
Village indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	Frequent at Gibe Gorge and dry sites north of Addis. Confusing complex – likely to yield more species – we saw <i>ultramarina</i> .

Steel-blue whydah	<i>Vidua hypocherina</i>	Single male between Negele and Yabello.
Straw-tailed whydah	<i>Vidua fischeri</i>	Single non-breeding bird (male?) coming to drink in the Jemma Valley.
Eastern paradise-whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>	Birds recorded at Sof Omar and Bogol Manyo were tentatively assigned to this species. It seems likely that an undescribed taxon is present in Ethiopia.
Ankober serin	<i>Carduelis ankoberensis</i>	Endemic - Merid took us to an excellent site - after Debre Birhan, we ignored the Ankober road and carried on along the main road for 40 km). Here we had excellent views of this curious little bird.
Yellow-crowned canary	<i>Serinus flavivertex</i>	Only recorded in the Haremma Forest, around our campsite.
Abyssinian siskin	<i>Serinus nigriceps</i>	Endemic - quite common on the upland plateaux and surrounding areas.
African citril	<i>Serinus citrinelloides</i>	Near-endemic - recorded at Addis Ababa and Wondo Genet.
Yellow-throated serin	<i>Serinus flavigula</i>	Endemic - at least four birds at the site at Melka Ghebdu.
Salvadori's serin	<i>Serinus xantholaemus</i>	Endemic - we dipped at Sof Omar, but Merid came up trumps with four excellent birds between Negele and Bogol Manyo.
Reichenow's seedeater	<i>Serinus reichenowi</i>	Near-endemic - quite widespread in dry habitats.
White-throated serin	<i>Serinus xanthopygius</i>	Near-endemic - this uninspiring serin was recorded at both Gibe Gorge and the Jemma Valley.
Yellow-fronted canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	Recorded at Gibe Gorge and the Jemma Valley.
Northern grosbeak-canary	<i>Serinus donaldsoni</i>	Recorded on just one date between Negele and Bogol Manyo.
White-bellied canary	<i>Serinus dorsostriatus</i>	Pair found 57 km south of Yabello.
Brown-rumped seedeater	<i>Serinus tristriatus</i>	Near-endemic - frequently recorded in highland areas.
Streaky seedeater	<i>Serinus striolatus</i>	Frequently recorded in highland areas.
Ortolan bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Small numbers in the Gibe Gorge.
House bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>	Five birds near the lava flow at Lake Biseka (Awash).
Cinnamon-breasted bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	Recorded at Debre Libanos and the Jemma Valley.
Somali bunting	<i>Emberiza poliopleura</i>	Frequently recorded between Negele and Bogol Manyo and around Bogol Manyo.

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Guereza colobus	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	Wondo Genet – small numbers.
Sacred baboon	<i>Papio hamadryas</i>	Recorded in the Awash area. Frank and Niek saw some at Sof Omar.
Olive baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>	Widespread.
Gelada	<i>Theropithecus gelada</i>	Debre Libanos, Jemma Valley and Ankober. Easily mammal of the trip.
Grivet monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>	Wondo Genet.
Senegal galago	<i>Galago senegalensis</i>	Only seen whilst spotlighting south of Yabello – at least four seen well.
Cape hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	Bogol Manyo
Starck's hare	<i>Lepus starcki</i>	Upland areas.
Unstriped ground-squirrel	<i>Xerus rutilus</i>	Yabello.
Striped ground-squirrel	<i>Euxerus erythropus</i>	Fairly common in the dry south.
Gambian sun-squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus gambianus</i>	Wondo Genet.
Naked mole-rat	<i>Heterocephalus glaber</i>	Excellent animals – colony watched near Bogol Manyo.
[Crested porcupine]	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	Plenty of dropped quills observed.
Giant root rat	<i>Tachyoryctes macrocephalus</i>	Common around Dinsho and on the Sanetti Plateau.
Four-striped grass mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>	Single in hotel garden at Goba. A very variable species - the lack of a black dorsal strip ruled out a zebra mouse <i>Lemniscomys</i> .
[Spotted hyena]	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	Heard at Awash.
Common jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	Occasional.
Ethiopian wolf	<i>Canis simensis</i>	Three splendid animals on the Sanetti Plateau. One watched making a kill.
Bat-eared fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	Single spotlighted at Awash.
[Ratel]	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>	Recorded only as a road casualty.
Slender mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguinea</i>	Several near Bogol Manyo.
Common genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>	Two at night at Awash.
Blotched genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>	Single on night-drive at Awash.
African wild cat	<i>Felis sylvestris</i>	Two seen whilst spotlighting at Awash.
Ethiopian rock hyrax	<i>Procavia habessinica</i>	Recorded in the highlands and in the lava flows around Lake Biseka.
Desert warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>	Widespread.
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Dinsho.
Lesser kudu	<i>Tragelaphus imberbis</i>	Only seen between Bogol Manyo and Filtu and between Negele and Yabello.
Mountain nyala	<i>Tragelaphus buxtoni</i>	Dinsho.
Bush duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	Goba, Yabello.
Salt's dikdik	<i>Madoqua saltiana</i>	Only recorded at Awash.
Guenther's dikdik	<i>Madoqua guentheri</i>	Common in the dry south, especially around Bogol Manyo.
Bohor reedbuck	<i>Reduncus reduncus</i>	Dinsho
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	
Soemmerring's gazelle	<i>Gazella soemmerringi</i>	Only recorded at Awash and the

Gerenuk	<i>Litocranius walleri</i>	nearby Ali Dege Plains. Excellent animal. Only recorded around Bogol Manyo.
Beisa oryx	<i>Oryx beisa</i>	Only recorded at Awash.

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	<i>Platycypha caligata</i>	Awash
Common tigertail	<i>Ictinogomphus ferox</i>	Bogol Manyo (1).
	<i>Notogomphus/Paragomphus</i>	Awash [P1020217]]
Emperor dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>	Widespread.
	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>	Widespread.
Epaulet skimmer	<i>Orthetrum chrysostigma</i>	Kacha camp (Harenna Forest)
Julia's skimmer	<i>Orthetrum julia</i>	Wadera
Two-striped skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cafferum</i>	Sululta Plain.
	<i>Orthetrum sp.</i>	Bogol Manyo [P1010705]
Red-veined darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombei</i>	Wadera
	<i>Trithemis annulata</i>	Bogol Manyo
Kirby's dropwing	<i>Trithemis kirbyii</i>	Kacha camp (Harenna Forest), Bogol Manyo, Dawa River
Donaldson's dropwing	<i>Trithemis donaldsoni</i>	Several males on territory along the Shaya River - between Dinsho and Goba.
Black-tailed skimmer	<i>Nesciothemis farinosa</i>	Awash
Blue basker	<i>Urothemis edwardsii</i>	Awash
St. Lucia widow	<i>Palpopleura lucia</i>	Sof Omar
	<i>Palpopleura portia</i>	Kacha camp (Harenna Forest)
Ferruginous glider	<i>Tramea limbata</i>	Awash
Red groundling	<i>Brachythemis lacustris</i>	Awash
	<i>Brachythemis leucosticta</i>	Bogol Manyo

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