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The first ever all-hotel-accommodated bird tour of Angola was an incredible success, and brought a level of comfort that we could not even imagine a few years ago. For all 17 nights of the trip we enjoyed good accommodation and food, in quality well above the expectations of each and every participant. It was a pleasure returning to clean, comfortable hotel rooms each night, with running water on tap; quite a change from our earlier trips where camping in dusty and windy conditions was the order of the day. Thanks also to our excellent ground agents we enjoyed comfortable air-condition transport throughout and were spared the usual hassle with police. And all this extra comfort came without compromising on the birds. Certainly, Angola can no longer be regarded as a “hard core” birding destination.

We fared exceptionally well on the birds, enjoying good views of all of Angola’s endemic species and a whole host of other goodies among the 535 species logged. The charts were topped by a fantastic crowing male **Swierstra’s Francolin** (overleaf) at Tundavala that gave prolonged views right out in the open and approached me within one metre! Angola’s striking national bird, **Red-crested Turaco**, was John’s 8000th bird and several people’s final member of the family, and was voted number two of the trip. Some great looks at **Braun’s Bushshrike** put this bright endemic at

number three, and the attractive **White-headed Robin-Chat** near Kalandula came in fourth. A long walk for exceptional views of a pair of **Margaret's Batis** at Mount Moco put this rare species at fifth. The charismatic **Angola Cave Chat** at Tundavala was voted number six, followed by a trio of **Rüppell's Korhaan** in the coastal deserts of Namibe at seven. The localised endemics **Gabela Helmetshrike** and **Gabela Bushshrike** came in at eight and nine, and incredible views of **Brazza's Martin** at its nest, the first confirmed breeding record for Angola, rounded out the top ten.



There were many other great birds seen too. We started birding at the mudflats and arid palm savannas of Mussulo Bay, where **Royal Tern** was found among the hundreds of other waterbirds, and **Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush**, **Desert Cisticola** and

Bubbling Cisticola in the surrounding habitat. Next we visited mangroves near the Kwanza River mouth, where we quickly located **Mangrove Sunbird**, a surprise **Long-legged Pipit** in some nearby grasslands, and **Red-headed Finch**. Moving on through Kissama National Park, we paused for roadside views of the *elegans* race of **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**, before arriving at Muxima. Dense thickets and dry baobab forests in this area are home to an impressive array of endemics, and we did well to find several **Grey-striped Francolin** on the ground, one flock of lovely **Gabela Helmetshrike**, two different **Monteiro's Bushshrike**, hundreds of non-breeding-plumaged **Golden-backed Bishops**, our first **Red-backed Mousebird** and **Hartert's Camaroptera**, and three **White-fronted Wattle-eye**. Non-endemics seen included **Forest Scrub Robin**, **Pale-olive Greenbul**, **Olive Bee-eater**, **Mottled Spinetail**, **Böhm's Spinetail**, **Scaly-throated Honeyguide**, **Black-faced Canary**, **Swamp Boubou**, **Carmelite Sunbird**, **Purple-banded Sunbird** and **Angola Batis**, among a diversity of other savanna and woodland species. *Southern Talapoin* was the mammal highlight from this area.

Continuing south, the Benguela area was our next major focus, with species characteristic of the Namibian escarpment found here, many of them easier to see in Angola than Namibia. A couple of **Hartlaub's Spurfowl** called from some granite outcrops and we managed to draw one male in for close views. **Rüppell's Parrot** and **White-tailed Shrike** were also prominent, with other dry country birds including **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Pirit Batis**, **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **Verreaux's Eagle** and **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, before we made the uneventful drive to Lubango.

In the Lubango area we birded two rather different habitats, separated by the spectacular southern escarpment. At Tundavala at the top of the escarpment, montane grasslands and shrublands, and remnant patches of Afromontane forest produced some of the best birding of the trip in impressive surrounds. **Swierstra's Francolin** was certainly the most spectacular find, and we all enjoyed incredible views of this, the least numerous Angolan endemic, as we have done on every one of our previous comprehensive Angola tours. Rocky areas were home to **Rockrunner**, and striking **Angola Cave Chat**, alongside **Miombo Rock Thrush** and **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, and after dark, **Freckled Nightjar**. Other goodies included three endemics, namely **Angola Waxbill**, **Angola Slaty Flycatcher** and **Ludwig's Sunbird**, some **Temminck's Coursers** in the burned grasslands, and **Bocage's Akalat** and

Oustalet's Sunbird in some gallery forest. Overhead **Bradfield's Swift** was common. On our second full day we descended the escarpment at Leba Pass, running a transect across the ever-drier landscape towards the coast. Our first stop in some dry woodlands took some time to produce our main target, the localised **Cinderella Waxbill**, eventually tracked down in a flowering tree where it was admired at length. But there were lots of other great birds as we walked in search of our main quarry, including a pair of the *benguellensis* race of **Meves's Starling** (now split by BirdLife!), some smart *afers* **Red-necked Spurfiowl**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Hartlaub's Babbler**, **Bennett's Woodpecker**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill** and **Rosy-faced Lovebird**. Further towards the coast the habitat became drier and sparser, and here we found our first **Benguela Long-billed Lark**, although the most popular finds were a trio of **Rüppell's Korhaan** and lone **Ludwig's Bustard**. Other species in the sparse coastal deserts included **Karoo Chat**, **Chat Flycatcher**, **Double-banded Courser**, **Sabota Lark**, **Dusky Sunbird**, **Pale-winged Starling**, **Grey-backed Cisticola**, **Stark's Lark** and **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**.

Turning northwards and moving on to the Mount Moco region, we travelled through largely-transformed landscapes between the towns of Lubango and Huambo, although we did find **Rufous-bellied Heron**, **Wood Pipit**, **Red-throated Cliff Swallow** and **Sharp-tailed Starling** en route. The Mt Moco area holds a diverse array of habitats; most of the area is blanketed in miombo woodland, unfortunately quite degraded now by clearing for agriculture and charcoal production, although significant areas of montane grassland can also be found and the region is criss-crossed by numerous rivers and associated dambo grasslands. At the mountain itself we found three groups of highly cryptic **Finsch's Francolin**, which frustrated us by being invisible, although one bird approached very close and gave some exceptional views. A male, female and recently-fledged **Black-chinned Weaver** were seen near the nest, the first sign of it breeding at Mount Moco. **Huambo Cisticola** (Angola's newest endemic, and previously erroneously treated as Rock-loving Cisticola), was fairly conspicuous at the forest edge. Several **Oustalet's Sunbird** were found in the *Protea* scrublands. Point-blank views of **Margaret's Batis** were enjoyed after a long hike. And other noteworthy additions were **Angola Lark**, our first **Fülleborn's Longclaw**, **Black-backed Barbet**, **Fan-tailed Grassbird**, **Spotted Creeper**, **Schalow's Turaco**, **Mountain Wheatear** (endemic, *nigricauda* subspecies), **Horus Swift**, **Dusky Twinspot**, **Black-throated Wattle-eye**, **Black-collared Bulbul** and **Salvadori's Eremomela**. Miombo woodlands

proved hard going, as all the more accessible patches are now quite transformed, but we did find some of our main targets such as **Rufous-bellied Tit**, **Miombo Wren-Warbler**, a pale-phase **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle**, curious *affinis* form of **Brubru**, **Red-capped Crombec**, **Miombo Scrub Robin** and the snazzy **Black-necked Eremomela**. The biggest surprise was a single **Miombo Pied Barbet**, a country tick for me! However, the best birds were to be found around the various dambos, and included several male and female **Bocage's Sunbird** that showed well, **Marsh Widowbird** in non-breeding-plumage but still obvious, several **Locust Finch** that were studied on the ground in the scope, some bright male **Bocage's Weavers** at close range, **Blue-breasted Bee-eater**, **Chirping Cisticola**, at least two pairs of **Black-and-rufous Swallow** attending their nests, and, best of all, incredible views of the scarce **Brazza's Martin** around its nest, the first breeding record of this scarce species for Angola.

And so it was on to Kumbira, one of the country's premier birding destinations that is sadly now under siege from slash-and-burn agriculture. Along the way we found a mixed flock of **Mottled Swift** and African Black Swift types, the latter possibly being **Fernado Po Swift**.

A little bit of strategizing meant that **Falkenstein's Greenbul** was our first target, all to make sure that the desirable **Red-crested Turaco** was John's 8000th species. That night, expensive wine flowed! The following day we entered Kumbira proper, our first stop producing some excellent views of **Pulitzer's Longbill** feeding in some dry tangles. Nearby **Gorgeous Bushshrike** showed well, and **Yellow-throated Nicator** and **Lowland Masked Apalis** were found. **Gabela Akalat** was not too hard to locate, but almost all of the best habitat for **Gabela Bushshrike** had recently been cleared, so it took a good couple of hours before we managed to locate a pair, which with a little bit of persuasion showed for all. Other favourites at Kumbira were a delightful **Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye**, **Elliot's Woodpecker**, **African Broadbill**, **Many-coloured Bushshrike**, the curious local form of **Southern Hyliota**, **Dusky Tit** and **Petit's Cuckooshrike**.

From Kumbira we continued our journey north to Angola's most famous waterfalls at Kalandula. North of the falls is an area of well-developed woodland and fairly extensive gallery forests. This area is made famous by the highly localised **White-headed Robin-Chat**, which favours the densest areas of swamp forest. We followed

its repetitive song into the forest, and with perseverance were all rewarded with good views. This habitat was shared by a range of other species, including **Brown-headed Apalis**, **Ross's Turaco**, **Grey-winged Robin-Chat**, **Bannerman's Sunbird**, **Cabanis's Greenbul** and **Bates's Sunbird**. Tall grassland at the edge of the forest held a lovely male **Marsh Tchagra**. And the surrounding woodlands were home to three desirable species, namely **Pale-billed Hornbill**, **Anchieta's Barbet**, and **Anchieta's Sunbird**.

Finally we moved on to the northern scarp forests, where one remaining endemic awaited us. Surprisingly, our very first stop turned up a pair of bright and beautiful **Braun's Bushshrike**, although they were rather skulking and some of the party had to wait until our second birding stop, the next day, for good views. Although most of the forests in this region have now been logged, fairly good areas of secondary forest remain and a wide range of Congo Basin species can be found, including many frugivores. **Piping Hornbill** and **African Pied Hornbill** were common, and **Black-casqued Hornbill** was also seen. **Red-fronted Parrot** was admired in the scope. Barbets included **Naked-faced Barbet**, **Bristle-nosed Barbet**, **Hairy-breasted Barbet**, **Yellow-billed Barbet**, **Speckled Tinkerbird** and **Red-rumped Tinkerbird**. **Great Blue Turaco** was joined by **Guinea Turaco** and **Red-crested Turaco**. And superb views of **Narrow-tailed Starling** and **Chestnut-winged Starling** were also had. And a wide range of other forest birds was also seen, of which **Yellow-throated Cuckoo** (only the third record for Angola) was certainly the rarest. More widespread species included **Yellow-mantled Weaver**, **Yellow-browed Camaroptera**, **Rufous-crowned Eremomela**, **Banded Prinia**, **Yellow Longbill**, **Honeyguide Greenbul**, **Velvet-mantled Drongo**, **Black-winged Oriole**, **Purple-throated Cuckooshrike**, **Pink-footed Puffback**, **Chestnut Wattle-eye**, **Brown-eared Woodpecker**, **Buff-spotted Woodpecker**, **Cassin's Honeybird**, **Blue Malkoha** and **Afep Pigeon**. Fantastic views of **Orange-tufted Sunbird** were enjoyed at the forest edge.

Returning back to Luanda for the final night of the trip, we paused at Panguila Lake where **Purple Swamphen** and **Allen's Gallinule** were seen distantly, and **Slender-billed Weaver** nearby, before enjoying some four-star luxury for the final night at the trip. The next morning we finished off at the sea front, where we studied the large brown swifts around the buildings on the foreshore, pondering what they might be.



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Angola September 2016 trip list by Michael Mills. Total species recorded: 538

Ducks, Geese & Swans	Family Anatidae	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Seen twice
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	Several seen at Lobito
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	Two on a dam near Tundavala
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	First seen at Lobito
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	A few at Lobito
Guineafowl	Family Numididae	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	First seen near Muxima (<i>marungensis</i>)
Pheasants, Fowl & Allies	Family Phasianidae	
Finsch's Francolin	<i>Scleroptila finschi</i>	Two good but fairly brief sightings at Mt Moco
Grey-striped Francolin	<i>Pternistis griseostriatus</i>	Several good looks in the Muxima area, this is usually the hardest endemic to see well
Swierstra's Francolin	<i>Pternistis swierstrai</i>	As on every of our previous comprehensive Angola tours, everyone enjoyed excellent and prolonged views of a crowing male at Tundavala. This striking endemic was deservedly voted "bird of the trip"!
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>	Good views in the Benguela area
Red-necked Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis afer</i>	Our best views were below Leba Pass (<i>afer</i>), but <i>cranchii</i> was also seen, west of Quitexe
Grebes	Family Podicipedidae	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Seen several times
Flamingos	Family Phoenicopteridae	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Seen at Lobito and Mussulo
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	Seen at Lobito
Storks	Family Ciconiidae	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Seen at Mussulo
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	Seen at the Keve River and Panguila (<i>lamelligerus</i>)
Ibises, Spoonbills	Family Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Most conspicuous at Lobito
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	Good numbers at Lobito
Hérons, Bitterns	Family Ardeidae	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	A couple seen
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Seen a few times
Rufous-bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>	Nice views on the drive from Lubango to Huambo
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Seen often
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Seen quite often (<i>cinerea</i>)
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	Seen a few times
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Seen a few times (<i>purpurea</i>)
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	A couple seen in coastal wetlands (<i>melanorhynchos</i>)
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Seen once (<i>brachyrhyncha</i>)
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Seen at Lobito and Panguila
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Seen in coastal wetlands (<i>garzetta</i>)
Hamerkop	Family Scopidae	

Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	A few sightings (<i>umbretta</i>)
Pelicans	Family Pelecanidae	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Good numbers at Lobito and Musullo
Gannets, Boobies	Family Sulidae	
Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>	Seen offshore from Sumbe
Cormorants, shags	Family Phalacrocoracidae	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	Seen several times, including along the coast (<i>africanus</i>)
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	Seen along the coast
Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	Seen along the Marginal in Luanda
Anhingas, darters	Family Anhingidae	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	A couple of sightings (<i>rufa</i>)
Kites, Hawks & Eagles	Family Accipitridae	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Seen regularly (<i>caeruleus</i>)
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Seen quite often (<i>typus</i>)
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	The most commonly-seen raptor
African Cuckoo-Hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>	Good views of a pair on the drive to Muxima (<i>verreauxii</i>)
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	Seen twice
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	Seen twice
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	One of the more commonly-seen raptors
Crowned Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	Seen near Uige
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	Seen twice
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	A few sightings
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	Seen on four dates
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i>	Good views of a pale bird on the way to Conda and a dark bird near Uige
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Two seen inland of Benguela
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	Seen a few times (<i>meridionalis</i>)
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Just one seen (<i>gabar</i>)
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	A couple were seen in the Mt Moco area (<i>mechowi</i>)
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	One seen in the coastal deserts
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	A couple of sightings (<i>sparsimfasciatus</i>)
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	A couple of sightings (<i>polyzonoides</i>)
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	A few sightings (<i>temminckii</i>)
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	Seen on four dates
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	Seen in small numbers (<i>parasitus</i>)
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	Seen a few times
Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>	A few good sightings
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	Seen several times
Bustards	Family Otidae	
Ludwig's Bustard	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	Good views of a single bird in the coastal deserts
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>	Excellent views of a trio in the coastal desert (<i>rueppellii</i>)
Flufftails	Family Sarothruridae	
White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>	Heard at Kalandula and in the northern scarp (<i>centralis</i>)
Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>	Heard and seen briefly after leaving Conda (<i>rufa</i>)
Rails, Crakes & Coots	Family Rallidae	
Black Crane	<i>Amauromis flavirostra</i>	Seen a couple of times
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	Seen at Panguila
Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>	Seen distantly at Panguila
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Seen at Panguila and Lobito (<i>meridionalis</i>)
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	Seen at Lobito
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees	Family Burhinidae	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	Seen at Lobito (<i>vermiculatus</i>)
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco area
Stilts, Avocets	Family Recurvirostridae	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Seen a few times
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Seen at Lobito and Mussulo
Plovers	Family Charadriidae	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	Seen a couple of times
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco region (<i>lateralis</i>)
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Seen along the coast (<i>squatarola</i>)
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Seen along the coast (<i>tundrae</i>)
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	Seen along the coast
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	Seen near Tundavala

White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	Seen along the coast (<i>mechowi</i>)
Jacanas	Family Jacanidae	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	Several sightings
Sandpipers, Snipes	Family Scolopacidae	
<i>Bar-tailed Godwit</i>	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Seen at Mussulo (<i>lapponica</i>)
<i>Whimbrel</i>	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Seen along the coast (<i>phaeopus</i>)
<i>Eurasian Curlew</i>	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Seen at Mussulo (<i>orientalis</i>)
<i>Marsh Sandpiper</i>	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Seen along the coast
<i>Common Greenshank</i>	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Seen along the coast
<i>Wood Sandpiper</i>	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Seen a couple of times
<i>Common Sandpiper</i>	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Seen a few times
<i>Ruddy Turnstone</i>	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Seen at Mussulo (<i>interpres</i>)
<i>Sanderling</i>	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Seen at Mussulo
<i>Little Stint</i>	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Seen along the coast
<i>Curlew Sandpiper</i>	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Seen along the coast
<i>Ruff</i>	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Seen along the coast
Couriers, Pratincoles	Family Glareolidae	
Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>	Seen well at Tundavala (<i>ruvanensis</i>)
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>	A pair well spotted by Steve in the coastal deserts
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Seen at the Kwanza River mouth (<i>riparia</i>)
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	Family Laridae	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Seen along the coast (<i>poiocephalus</i>)
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Seen along the coast (<i>vetula</i>)
<i>Gull-billed Tern</i>	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	A few seen at Mussulo, and again at Lobito
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Seen along the coast
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	Seen along the coast (<i>albididorsalis</i>)
<i>Sandwich Tern</i>	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Seen along the coast
<i>Common Tern</i>	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Seen along the coast
Pigeons, Doves	Family Columbidae	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Feral Pigeons were common in the towns and villages
Afep Pigeon	<i>Columba unicincta</i>	One in flight near Quibaxi
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Common
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Common; <i>damarensis</i> in the south-west and <i>tropica</i> elsewhere
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	Seen regularly (<i>senegalensis</i>)
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	Common in the drier areas
Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	Common in the moister areas
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	Seen in the northern forests
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Seen twice (<i>capensis</i>)
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	Seen on several dates (<i>calvus</i>)
Turacos	Family Musophagidae	
Great Blue Turaco	<i>Corythaëola cristata</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests
Guinea Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>zenkeri</i>)
Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>	Good views at Mt Moco
Red-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco erythrolophus</i>	A few good sightings at Kumbira, Kalandula and in the northern scarp
Ross's Turaco	<i>Musophaga rossae</i>	A brief sighting at Kalandula
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	Seen along the coastal plain (<i>pallidiceps</i>)
Cuckoos	Family Cuculidae	
Gabon Coucal	<i>Centropus anselli</i>	Two were seen crossing the road in the northern scarp forests, but you had to be quick
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	A few sightings
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>	Seen in good numbers in the Mt Moco region (<i>cupreicaudus</i>)
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	Several were seen
Blue Malkoha	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>	Seen in the northern forests (<i>aereus</i>)
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	Seen and heard on several dates
Yellow-throated Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx flavigularis</i>	An excellent sighting west of Quitexe where the species was discovered in Angola 5 years ago
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	Heard only
Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cercococcyx olivinus</i>	Heard near Quibaxi
Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco region (<i>clamosus</i>)
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	Heard only
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco area
Barn Owls	Family Tytonidae	

Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Heard only (<i>affinis</i>)
Owls	Family Strigidae	
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	Heard near Conda
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	A few good sightings during the day (<i>licua</i>)
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>	Heard at Kalandula (<i>ngamiense</i>)
Nightjars	Family Caprimulgidae	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>	Heard near Huambo (<i>rufigena</i>)
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	Very good views near Lubango (<i>fervidus</i>)
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	Good views at Tundavala (<i>lentiginosus</i>)
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>	Heard near Huambo (<i>welwitschii</i>)
Pennant-winged Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus vexillarius</i>	Seen briefly near Kalandula
Swifts	Family Apodidae	
Mottled Spinetail	<i>Telacanthura ussheri</i>	Some good views along the coastal plain (<i>benguellensis</i>)
Böhm's Spinetail	<i>Neafrapus boehmi</i>	Some good views along the coastal plain (<i>boehmi</i>)
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Common (<i>hyphaenes</i>)
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</i>	Seen at Tundavala (<i>africanus</i>)
Mottled Swift	<i>Tachymarpis aequatorialis</i>	Seen regularly (<i>aequatorialis</i>)
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Good numbers were in the Kalandula area
Fernando Po Swift	<i>Apus sladeniae</i>	Swifts seen on route to Conda are thought to belong to this species
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>	Seen at Tundavala and Benguela town (<i>bradfieldi</i>)
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Seen a few times (<i>theresae</i>)
Horus Swift	<i>Apus horus</i>	Normal white-rumped birds were seen at Mt Moco (<i>horus</i>)
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	Seen a few times
Mousebirds	Family Coliidae	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	Seen near Quitexe (<i>nigricollis</i>)
Red-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius castanotus</i>	Seen often
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	Seen along the coastal plain (<i>lacteifrons</i>)
Trogons	Family Trogonidae	
Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	Seen at Muxima (<i>narina</i>)
Rollers	Family Coraciidae	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	Seen a couple of times (<i>mosambicus</i>)
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	Seen several times (<i>caudatus</i>)
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	Seen at Kalandula (<i>suaelicus</i>)
Kingfishers	Family Alcedinidae	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	Seen a few times (<i>pallidiventris</i>)
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	A couple of sightings (<i>prentissgrayi</i>)
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	Seen a few times (<i>chelicuti</i>)
Blue-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon malimbica</i>	Heard only (<i>malimbica</i>)
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	Seen a few times (probably <i>fuscopilleus</i> and <i>cyanoleuca</i>)
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	Seen a few times
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	Seen a few times (probably <i>cristatus</i> and <i>galeritus</i>)
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Several sightings (<i>rudis</i>)
Bee-eaters	Family Meropidae	
Black Bee-eater	<i>Merops gularis</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>australis</i>)
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	Seen inland from Benguela (<i>hirundineus</i>)
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Seen regularly (<i>meridionalis</i>)
Blue-breasted Bee-eater	<i>Merops variegatus</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco region (<i>variegatus</i>)
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	A couple of sightings
Olive Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	Good views in the Muxima area (<i>alternans</i>)
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Recorded several times
Hoopoes	Family Upupidae	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	Seen a few times
Wood Hoopoes	Family Phoeniculidae	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	Seen at Kalandula and Muxima (<i>angolensis</i>)
Black Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i>	Seen at Muxima (<i>anchietae</i>)
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	Seen a couple of times in the south (<i>cyanomelas</i>)
Ground Hornbills	Family Bucorvidae	
Hornbills	Family Bucerotidae	
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>	Seen well in the south-west
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>	Seen well at the bottom of Leba Pass
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	The endemic subspecies was seen several times along the coastal plain (<i>elegans</i>)

Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>	Seen several times (<i>alboterminatus</i>)
African Pied Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros fasciatus</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>fasciatus</i>)
Pale-billed Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros pallidirostris</i>	Excellent views at Kalandula (<i>pallidirostris</i>)
Piping Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes fistulator</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>sharpii</i>)
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>	Seen at Kumbira
Black-casqued Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna atrata</i>	Seen near Quibaxi
African barbets	Family Lybiidae	
Bristle-nosed Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco peli</i>	Seen well in the northern scarp forests
Naked-faced Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco calvus</i>	Seen in the northern escarpment forests (<i>congicus</i>)
Anchieta's Barbet	<i>Stactolaema anchietae</i>	Several good sightings at Kalandula (<i>rex</i>)
Speckled Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>flavisquamatus</i>)
Western Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus coryphaea</i>	An excellent sighting of the endemic subspecies at Mt Moco (<i>angolensis</i>)
Red-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus atroflavus</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	Seen in the northern forests (<i>leucolaimus</i>)
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	Seen a few times (<i>extoni</i>)
Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>	The distinctive <i>angolensis</i> subspecies was seen at Kumbira and in the northern scarp forests
Miombo Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema frontata</i>	We saw one near Londiumbale; this was the greatest surprise of the trip and a country tick for Michael
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	Several sightings along the coastal plain (<i>centralis</i>)
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	Seen a few times
Black-backed Barbet	<i>Lybius minor</i>	The nominate subspecies was seen well at Mt Moco
Yellow-billed Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus purpuratus</i>	Seen near Quibaxi (<i>purpuratus</i>)
Honeyguides	Family Indicatoridae	
Cassin's Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus insignis</i>	Displaying birds were seen briefly in the northern scarp forests (<i>insignis</i>)
Green-backed Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus zambesiae</i>	One was seen by Steve at Mt Moco (<i>lathburyi</i>)
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	Seen a few times
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>	Good views at Muxima
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>	Seen a few times
Woodpeckers	Family Picidae	
Red-throated Wryneck	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>	Nice looks at Mt Moco (<i>ruficollis</i>)
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>	Seen well below Leba Pass (<i>capricorni</i>)
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	See at Muxima and Kalandula (<i>abingoni</i>)
Green-backed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera cailliautii</i>	Seen near Quitexe (<i>permista</i>)
Buff-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Campethera nivosa</i>	Seen at Kumbira and in the northern scarp forests (<i>nivosa</i>)
Brown-eared Woodpecker	<i>Campethera caroli</i>	Seen at Kumbira and in the northern scarp forests (<i>caroli</i>)
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>	Seen at Muxima
Yellow-crested Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus xantholophus</i>	Heard in the northern scarp forests
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	Seen regularly
Elliot's Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos elliotii</i>	Seen at Kumbira (<i>gabala</i>)
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>	Heard at Tundavala (<i>ruwenzori</i>)
Falcons	Family Falconidae	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	Seen a couple of times in the south
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	One distant bird in the coastal deserts was probably this species
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	A few good sightings
African Hobby	<i>Falco cuvierii</i>	One distant bird near Kalandula was probably this species, but we couldn't rule out Eurasian Hobby
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Seen several times (<i>biarmicus</i>)
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	A couple of sightings (<i>minor</i>)
African & New World Parrots	Family Psittacidae	
Red-fronted Parrot	<i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>	Perched birds scoped in the northern scarp forests (<i>gulielmi</i>)
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	Seen at Kalandula and between Lubango and Huambo (<i>reichenowi</i>)
Rüppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>	Good views in the Benguela area
Old World Parrots	Family Psittaculidae	
Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	Some great looks below Leba Pass (<i>catumbella</i>)
Broadbills	Family Eurylaimidae	
African Broadbill	<i>Smithornis capensis</i>	Great looks and Kumbira and heard at Kalandula (<i>albigularis</i>)
Wattle-eyes, Batises	Family Platysteiridae	
African Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Megabyas flammulatus</i>	Heard in the northern scarp forests (<i>aequatorialis</i>)
Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher	<i>Bias musicus</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests
Margaret's Batis	<i>Batis margaritae</i>	Absolutely fantastic views of a pair at Mt Moco (<i>margaritae</i>), the type locality for the species

Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	Seen a few times (<i>pinto</i>)
Prrit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>	Good views along the arid coastal plain (<i>affinis</i>)
Angolan Batis	<i>Batis minulla</i>	Good views at Muxima and Kumbira
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>	Good looks in the Benguela and Leba areas
Chestnut Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira castanea</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests
Black-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira peltata</i>	Seen at Mt Moco and Kalandula (<i>mentalis</i>)
White-fronted Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira albifrons</i>	Great looks at Muxima
Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira concreta</i>	Fantastic views at Kumbira (<i>ansorgei</i>)
Helmetshrikes	Family Prionopidae	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Seen several times (<i>poliocephalus</i>)
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>	Most numerous at Kalandula (<i>nigricans</i>)
Gabela Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops gabela</i>	Good views of this rare endemic in the Muxima area
Bushshrikes	Family Malaconotidae	
Monteiro's Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus monteiri</i>	Superb views in the Muxima area and seen again near Conda
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	Heard (<i>interpositus</i>)
Many-colored Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus multicolor</i>	Good views at Kumbira (<i>batesi</i>)
Bocage's Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus bocagei</i>	Seen briefly in the northern scarp forests (<i>bocagei</i>)
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	Seen a few times (<i>similis</i>)
Gorgeous Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus viridis</i>	Nice looks at Kumbira (<i>viridis</i>)
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	Heard in the Benguela area (<i>phanus</i>)
Marsh Tchagra	<i>Bocagia minuta</i>	Nice views at Kalandula (<i>anchietae</i>)
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	Seen a few times (<i>ansorgei</i>)
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	Seen a few times
Pink-footed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus angolensis</i>	Seen a few times in the scarp forests (<i>angolensis</i>)
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	Seen regularly
Braun's Bushshrike	<i>Laniarius brauni</i>	Good looks in the Uige and Quitexe areas
Gabela Bushshrike	<i>Laniarius amboimensis</i>	Just one pair seen at Kumbira, where slash and burn farming is diminishing their habitat alarmingly quickly
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius major</i>	Seen on the plateau (<i>major</i>)
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>	Seen a few times on the coastal plain (<i>guttatus</i>)
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	Good views of the unusual <i>affinis</i> subspecies in the Mt Moco area, and <i>brubru</i> subspecies along the coastal plain
Cuckooshrikes	Family Campephagidae	
White-breasted Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina pectoralis</i>	A couple of sightings in Miombo woodland
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>	Seen at Kalandula
Petit's Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga petiti</i>	Seen at Muxima, Kumbira and in the northern scarp forests
Purple-throated Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga quiscalina</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>quiscalina</i>)
Shrikes	Family Laniidae	
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitemens</i>	Seen a couple of times along the coastal plain (<i>anguitemens</i>)
Northern Fiscal	<i>Lanius humeralis</i>	Seen regularly on the plateau (<i>capelli</i>)
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	Seen in the south-west (<i>aridicolus</i>)
Orioles	Family Oriolidae	
African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>	Some good looks in miombo woodlands (<i>notatus</i>)
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	Seen several times (<i>angolensis</i>)
Black-winged Oriole	<i>Oriolus nigripennis</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests
Drongos	Family Dicruridae	
Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>	Seen near Conda, and at Kalandula (<i>saturnus</i>)
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Seen regularly (<i>apivorus</i>)
Velvet-mantled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus modestus</i>	Seen along the northern escarpment (<i>coracinus</i>)
Monarchs	Family Monarchidae	
Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus nitens</i>	Seen near Quitexe (<i>nitens</i>)
Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone rufocinerea</i>	Seen near Quitexe
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Seen regularly (<i>plumbeiceps</i>)
Crows	Family Corvidae	
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Common
Fairy Flycatchers	Family Stenostiridae	
African Blue Flycatcher	<i>Elminia longicauda</i>	Seen along the central and northern scarp (<i>teresita</i>)
White-tailed Blue Flycatcher	<i>Elminia albicauda</i>	Seen at Mt Moco
Tits	Family Paridae	
White-winged Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus leucomelas</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco region (<i>insignis</i>)
Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>	Seen a few times along the coastal plain
Dusky Tit	<i>Melaniparus funereus</i>	The endemic <i>gabela</i> subspecies was seen at Kumbira

Rufous-bellied Tit	<i>Melaniparus rufiventris</i>	Great views in the Mt Moco area (<i>rufiventris</i>)
Penduline Tits	Family Remizidae	
Grey Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>	Seen briefly in the Mt Moco area (<i>ansorgei</i>)
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>	Good views inland of Benguela
Nicators	Family Nicatoridae	
Yellow-throated Nicator	<i>Nicator vireo</i>	Seen well at Kumbira
Larks	Family Alaudidae	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albobasciata</i>	Seen at Tundavala (<i>obscurata</i>)
Benguela Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda benguelensis</i>	Several good sightings in the coastal deserts (<i>benguelensis</i>)
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	A flock of c 200 birds was seen in the south-west; strangely all birds appeared to be in female-type plumage (<i>damarensis</i>)
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	Seen in the coastal deserts (<i>ansorgei</i>)
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>	Our best views were at Tundavala (<i>occidentalis</i>)
Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafraga rufocinnamomea</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco area (<i>fischeri</i>)
Angolan Lark	<i>Mirafraga angolensis</i>	Great views at Mt Moco (<i>angolensis</i>)
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>	A few were seen in the company of a large flock of Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark in the coastal deserts
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco region
Bulbuls	Family Pycnonotidae	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	Seen in the south-west (<i>nigricans</i>)
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	Common (<i>tricolor</i>)
Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Stelgidillas gracilirostris</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>gracilirostris</i>)
Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>	First seen at Kalandula (<i>virens</i>)
Plain Greenbul	<i>Eurillas curvirostris</i>	Seen in the northern scarp (<i>curvirostris</i>)
Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	<i>Eurillas latirostris</i>	Seen in the scarp forests (<i>latirostris</i>)
Honeyguide Greenbul	<i>Baeopogon indicator</i>	Seen along the northern scarp (<i>indicator</i>)
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	Several good views (<i>occidentalis</i>)
Falkenstein's Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla falkensteini</i>	Seen at Kumbira and along the northern escarpment
Yellow-throated Leaflove	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis</i>	Seen a few times (<i>flavigula</i>)
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	Seen at the bottom of Leba Pass
Pale-olive Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus fulviventris</i>	Seen well at Muxima
Cabanis's Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi</i>	Seen at Kalandula (<i>cabanisi</i>)
Red-tailed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda syndactylus</i>	Heard only
Black-collared Bulbul	<i>Neolestes torquatus</i>	Several good views in the Mt Moco and Uige areas
Swallows, martins	Family Hirundinidae	
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	Several sightings (<i>reichenowi</i>)
Grey-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>	Several good views, especially in the Mt Moco area
Brazza's Martin	<i>Phedina brazzae</i>	Excellent views in the Mt Moco area, as on all of our previous comprehensive Angola tours. We were also fortunate to find the first nest of this rare species in Angola
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Good views in the Mt Moco area (<i>paludicola</i>)
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	Seen near Mt Moco and at the Kwanza River mouth (<i>xerica</i>)
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Just a couple of sightings
Angolan Swallow	<i>Hirundo angolensis</i>	Common
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	Seen in the highlands
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Seen along the coast (<i>smithii</i>)
Black-and-rufous Swallow	<i>Hirundo nigrorufa</i>	Some good looks in the Mt Moco region
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco area (<i>marwitzi</i>)
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	Seen south-west and at Mt Moco (<i>anderssoni</i>)
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Some early migrants seen on the drive to Conda; a week later there were hundreds in the same area
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	Seen at Mt Moco
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	Common (<i>unitatis</i>)
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	Seen at the Kwanza River mouth (<i>semirufa</i>)
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	Seen a few times (<i>monteiri</i>)
Red-throated Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon rufigula</i>	Many seen in the highlands and along the northern escarpment
Crombecs, African warblers	Family Macrosphenidae	
Moustached Grass Warbler	<i>Melocichla mentalis</i>	A few sightings (<i>mentalis</i>)
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>	Good views at Tundavala (<i>spadix</i>)
Yellow Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus flavicans</i>	Seen west of Quitexe (<i>flavicans</i>)
Pulitzer's Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus pulitzeri</i>	An excellent sighting at Kumbira
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	Seen near Muxima (<i>ansorgei</i>) and in the south-west (<i>flecki</i>)

Red-capped Crombec	<i>Sylvietta ruficapilla</i>	Nice looks in the Mt Moco region (<i>ruficapilla</i>)
Green Crombec	<i>Sylvietta virens</i>	Common along the escarpment (<i>tando</i>)
Uncertain relationships	Insertae cedis	
Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>	Heard only (<i>prasina</i>)
Leaf warblers and allies	Family Phylloscopidae	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	A few early migrants were seen in the north, at the end of the trip
Reed warblers and allies	Family Acrocephalidae	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	Heard in the highlands (<i>winterbottomi</i>)
African Yellow Warbler	<i>Iduna natalensis</i>	Seen at Mt Moco (major)
Grassbirds and allies	Family Locustellidae	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	Seen near Mt Moco (<i>benguellensis</i>)
Evergreen Forest Warbler	<i>Bradypterus lopezi</i>	Heard at Mt Moco (<i>boultoni</i>)
Fan-tailed Grassbird	<i>Schoenicola brevirostris</i>	Nice looks at Mt Moco (<i>alexinae</i>)
Cisticolas and allies	Family Cisticolidae	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	Seen very well at Mt Moco (<i>lepe</i>)
Whistling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>	Seen at Kalandula (<i>modestus</i>)
Bubbling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola bulliens</i>	Seen along the coastal plain and escarpment (<i>septentrionalis</i> and <i>bulliens</i>)
Rock-loving Cisticola	<i>Cisticola emini</i>	Angola's newest endemic, Huambo Cisticola <i>Cisticola bailunduensis</i> was seen well at Mt Moco. It is currently erroneously lumped with Rock-loving Cisticola
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	Seen at Leba (<i>smithersi</i>)
Tinkling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola rufilatus</i>	Seen well near Lubango (<i>ansorgei</i>)
Grey-backed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>	Seen in the south-west (<i>newtoni</i>)
Wailing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lais</i>	Common at Tundavala and Mt Moco (<i>namba</i>)
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola marginatus</i>	Heard at the crater lake near Quitexe
Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>	Seen several times in the Mt Moco region (<i>pipiens</i>)
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>	Seen at Mt Moco (<i>huambo</i>)
Short-winged Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>	Common on the plateau (<i>loanda</i>)
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>	Seen regularly on the plateau (<i>dispar</i>)
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Seen near Mt Moco (<i>terrestris</i>)
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	Singing and displaying birds seen at Mussulo (<i>lobito</i>)
Wing-snapping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>	Seen at Tundavala (<i>ayresii</i>)
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Widespread
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	Seen in the south-west (<i>ansorgei</i>)
Banded Prinia	<i>Prinia bairdii</i>	Good looks in the northern scarp forests (<i>heinrichi</i>)
White-chinned Prinia	<i>Schistolais leucopogon</i>	Seen in the northern scarp (<i>leucopogon</i>)
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	Seen a couple of times along the coastal plain (<i>flavida</i>)
Lowland Masked Apalis	<i>Apalis binotata</i>	Seen at Kumbira
Black-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis jacksoni</i>	Seen in the northern scarp (<i>jacksoni</i>)
Buff-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis rufogularis</i>	Seen along the central (<i>brauni</i>) and northern escarpment (<i>angolensis</i>)
Grey Apalis	<i>Apalis cinerea</i>	Seen at Tundavala and Mt Moco (<i>grandis</i>)
Brown-headed Apalis	<i>Apalis alticola</i>	Seen at Kalandula (<i>alticola</i>)
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>	Seen several times
Hartert's Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera harterti</i>	Seen several times
Yellow-browed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera superciliiaris</i>	Seen well in the northern scarp forests
Miombo Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes undosus</i>	Several good sightings in miombo woodland (<i>huilae</i>)
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	Seen in the south-west and at Tundavala (<i>puellula</i>)
Salvadori's Eremomela	<i>Eremomela salvadorii</i>	Seen at Mt Moco
Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>	Seen several times in miombo (<i>pulchra</i>)
Rufous-crowned Eremomela	<i>Eremomela badiceps</i>	Good looks in the northern scarp forests
Black-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela atricollis</i>	A couple of good views of this smart species in the Mt Moco region
Ground-Babblers	Family Pellorneidae	
Brown Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis fulvescens</i>	Seen at Kumbira (<i>dilutior</i>)
Typical Babblers	Family Leiothrichidae	
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	Seen between Kalandula and Uige (<i>hyposticta</i>)
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>	First seen at Leba Pass and several times thereafter (<i>hartlaubii</i>)
Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>	Great views near Leba (<i>gymnogenys</i>)
Sylviid Babblers	Family Sylviidae	
African Hill Babbler	<i>Pseudoalcippe abyssinica</i>	Seen well at Mt Moco (<i>ansorgei</i>)
White-eyes	Family Zosteropidae	
African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	Many seen (subspecies not identified)

Hyliotas	Family Hylotiidae	
Yellow-bellied Hyliota	<i>Hyliota flavigaster</i>	Several sightings in miombo (<i>barbozae</i>)
Southern Hyliota	<i>Hyliota australis</i>	Seen at Kumbira. The forest forms may represent a distinct species.
Treecreepers	Family Certhiidae	
African Spotted Creeper	<i>Salpornis salvadori</i>	A couple of good sightings in the Mt Moco region (<i>salvadori</i>)
Starlings	Family Sturnidae	
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	Common along the coastal plain (<i>nitens</i>)
Splendid Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	Seen in the north (<i>splendidus</i>)
Meves's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>	Seen near Leba (<i>benguellensis</i>)
Sharp-tailed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis acuticaudus</i>	Many good sightings in the miombo woodlands, from near Lubango to Kalandula (<i>acuticaudus</i>)
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Many seen (<i>verreauxi</i>)
Chestnut-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus fulgidus</i>	Some good views along the northern escarpment (<i>intermedius</i>)
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>	Seen in the south-west
Narrow-tailed Starling	<i>Poeoptera lugubris</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests
Oxpeckers	Family Buphagidae	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	A few seen in the south-west (<i>langi</i>)
Thrushes	Family Turdidae	
White-tailed Ant Thrush	<i>Neocossyphus poensis</i>	Heard in the northern scarp forests (<i>praepectoralis</i>)
Fraser's Rufous Thrush	<i>Stizorhina fraseri</i>	Seen at Kumbira (<i>rubicunda</i>)
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsirupa</i>	Seen in the south (<i>paucigu</i>)
African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	Seen several times (<i>bocagei</i>)
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>	Seen in the Mt Moco area
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Family Muscicapidae	
Forest Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucosticta</i>	Good views at Muxima and brief views at Kumbira
Miombo Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas barbata</i>	Nice views in the Mt Moco region
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	Seen near Benguela (<i>benguellensis</i>)
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	Seen a few times
Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus griseigularis</i>	Heard only
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	Seen at Muxima and Kalandula
Angolan Slaty Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis brunneus</i>	Good looks at Tundavala and Mt Moco (<i>bailunduensis</i>)
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	Several sightings (<i>pammelaina</i>)
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>	Seen several times (<i>murinus</i>)
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>	Common in the south-west (<i>benguellensis</i>)
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	One early migrant was seen at Kalandula
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	Seen along the escarpment (<i>impavida</i>)
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	Seen a couple of times (<i>subadusta</i>)
Dusky-blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa comitata</i>	Seen in the Quitexe area (<i>comitata</i>)
Sooty Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa infuscata</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>infuscata</i>)
Angolan Cave Chat	<i>Cossypha ansorgei</i>	Superb views at Tundavala
Grey-winged Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha polioptera</i>	Seen briefly at Kalandula (<i>polioptera</i>)
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	Heard often and seen occasionally (<i>subrufescens</i>)
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>	Seen briefly at Kumbira (<i>larischi</i>)
White-headed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heinrichi</i>	Good views of this smart bird at Kalandula
Bocage's Akalat	<i>Sheppardia bocagei</i>	Good views at Tundavala and Mt Moco (<i>bocagei</i>)
Gabela Akalat	<i>Sheppardia gabela</i>	Good views at Kumbira
Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush	<i>Cichladusa ruficauda</i>	A few good sightings along the coastal plain, the first at Mussulo
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>	Nice looks at Tundavala (<i>brevipes</i>)
Miombo Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola angolensis</i>	Nice views at Tundavala (<i>angolensis</i>)
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	Regular in the highlands (<i>stonei</i>)
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>	Seen in the south-west (<i>benguellensis</i>)
Sooty Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i>	Several seen in the highlands
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>	Seen along the coastal plain (<i>albipileata</i>) and at Mt Moco (<i>nigricauda</i>)
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	Seen at Mt Moco (<i>neseri</i>)
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	Seen a few times (<i>angolensis</i>)
Sunbirds	Family Nectariniidae	
Anchieta's Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes anchietae</i>	Seen well at Kalandula
Mangrove Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes gabonicus</i>	Good views at the Kwanza River
Western Violet-backed Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes longuemarei</i>	Seen a few times in miombo (<i>angolensis</i>)
Little Green Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes seimundi</i>	Seen at Kumbira and in the northern escarpment (<i>minor</i>)
Grey-chinned Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>tephrolaemus</i>)
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedypipna collaris</i>	Seen along the escarpment (<i>somereni</i>)

Green-headed Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i>	Seen along the escarpment (<i>cynocephala</i>)
Bannerman's Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra bannermani</i>	Seen well at Kalandula
Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>octaviae</i>)
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	Common in forest (<i>cephaelis</i>)
Carmelite Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra fuliginosa</i>	Nice looks at Muxima and Kumbira (<i>fuliginosa</i>)
Green-throated Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra rubescens</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>rubescens</i>)
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>	Seen in miombo (<i>deminuta</i>)
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	Several seen (<i>saturatior</i>)
Bocage's Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia bocagii</i>	Good views in the Mt Moco area
Bronzy Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i>	Good looks at the endemic <i>gadawi</i> subspecies at Mt Moco
Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>	Seen along the escarpment (<i>orphogaster</i>)
Miombo Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris manoensis</i>	Jan saw one en route from Lubango to Huambo (<i>pintoi</i>)
Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris ludovicensis</i>	Seen well at Tundavala and Mt Moco (<i>ludovicensis</i>)
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	Seen below Leba
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>	Seen along the coastal plain (<i>bifasciatus</i>)
Orange-tufted Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bouvieri</i>	Seen very well along the northern escarpment
Superb Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris superbus</i>	Several seen along the escarpment (<i>superbus</i>)
Oustalet's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris oustaleti</i>	Nice looks in the highlands, especially at Mt Moco (<i>oustaleti</i>)
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	Seen in the southern lowlands (<i>talatala</i>)
Variable Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris venustus</i>	Seen at Tundavala (<i>falkensteini</i>)
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	Seen in the coastal deserts (<i>inclusus</i>)
Bates's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris batesi</i>	Seen at Kalandula
Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>	A few seen (<i>chalceus</i>)
Old World Sparrows	Family Passeridae	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	Seen in the south-west (<i>ansorgei</i>)
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	In many towns and villages
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>	Seen by Steve below Leba pass (<i>benguellensis</i>)
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	Seen in the south-west (<i>damarensis</i>)
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	Seen from Muxima northwards (<i>ugandae</i>)
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	Seen in the south (<i>diffusus</i>)
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris supercilialis</i>	Common in miombo (<i>rufitergum</i>)
Weavers, Widowbirds	Family Ploceidae	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Seen along the coastal plain (<i>niger</i>)
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	Seen at Muxima and near Quitexe (<i>tandae</i>)
Black-chinned Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigrimentus</i>	Great views at the nest at Mt Moco
Slender-billed Weaver	<i>Ploceus pelzelni</i>	A male and some females seen at Panguila
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	Several sightings (<i>crocatus</i>)
Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>	Most common at Kumbira (<i>nigricollis</i>)
Bocage's Weaver	<i>Ploceus temporalis</i>	Great views of lovely males in the Mt Moco region
Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>	Quite common
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	Seen only in non-breeding plumage (<i>beattyi</i>)
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	Non-breeding birds seen in the south (<i>velatus</i>)
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Fairly common (<i>collaris</i>)
Viellot's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>	Seen in the northern areas (<i>nigerrimus</i>)
Yellow-mantled Weaver	<i>Ploceus tricolor</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>interscapularis</i>)
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>	Seen in the scarp forests (<i>amaurocephalus</i>)
Red-headed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus rubricollis</i>	Seen well in the scarp forests (<i>praedi</i>)
Crested Malimbe	<i>Malimbus malimbicus</i>	Seen in the northern scarp forests (<i>malimbicus</i>)
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	A couple seen in miombo woodlands (<i>rubriceps</i>)
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	Seen along the coastal plain (<i>lathamii</i>)
Golden-backed Bishop	<i>Euplectes aureus</i>	Non-breeding birds seen well at Muxima and Musullo
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	Quite common in the highlands (<i>angolensis</i>)
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	A few seen in the highlands (<i>bocagei</i>)
Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>	Non-breeding males seen along the northern escarpment (<i>macroura</i>)
Marsh Widowbird	<i>Euplectes hartlaubi</i>	Several non-breeding males seen well in the Mt Moco region (<i>hartlaubi</i>)
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	Non-breeding males seen a few times (<i>asymmetrurus</i>)
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>	Seen at Mt Moco
Waxbills, Munias & Allies	Family Estrildidae	
White-breasted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita fusconotus</i>	Common along the northern scarp (<i>fusconotus</i>)
Pale-fronted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita luteifrons</i>	Heard in the northern scarp forests
Grey-headed Nigrita	<i>Nigrita canicapillus</i>	Seen along the escarpment (<i>angolensis</i>)
White-collared Oliveback	<i>Nesocharis ansorgei</i>	Brief views for Norbert west of Quitexe