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Angola is steadily becoming one of Africa's top bird watching destinations. With its great diversity of habitats, large species list and more than a dozen endemics, many of which are charismatic with striking plumages, it has the potential to become a popular destination if the difficult visa application process can be eased. The country has seen a rapid change in infrastructure during the last decade, first in road conditions and now in hotel infrastructure and available accommodation. For the first time we offered participants a hotel-based tour, with only four nights spent camping during the entire 18-day visit. This was done without compromising on the birds, and the added comfort was much appreciated. In fact, the level of accommodation surpassed all of our expectations to the point that Angola can no longer be regarded as a hard-core destination.

We fared exceptionally well on the birds, seeing all of Angola's endemic species and a whole host of other

goodies among the 548 species logged. The charts were topped by a fantastic crowing male **Swierstra's Francolin** at Tundavala that allowed us to watch it for at least five minutes. Point blank-views of a singing **Angolan Cave Chat** at Leba Pass and superb views of **Monteiro's Bushshrike** along the base of the central escarpment came in at number two in the "Bird of the Trip" contest. At number four, exceptional views of a pair of **Margaret's Batis** at Mount Moco were thoroughly enjoyed. A couple of sightings of the striking **White-headed Robin-Chat** near Kalandula came in fifth. Sixth was an unbeatable sighting of **Finsch's Francolin** at Tundavala, which came out into the open and eventually had to be chased off!



Braun's Bushshrike (c) Fiona Tweedie

A lovely male **Bocage's Sunbird** in the Mount Moco region came in at seventh and amazing views of **Locust Finch** males and females in the scope were eighth. Ninth was a mesmerising display by **Pennant-winged Nightjar** near Kalandula. And in a tie for tenth we have **Red-crested Turaco**, the country's iconic national bird, excellent views of a male **Red-chested Flufftail** at Kumbira and a singing **Pallid Honeyguide**.

Other nominated species included two excellent sightings of **Pulitzer's Longbill** at Kumbira, wonderful looks at **Gabela Helmetshrike**, several encounters with **Black-faced Canary**, a displaying **African Broadbill**, lovely **Cinderella Waxbill**, point-blank views of **Brazza's Martin**, delightful **Anchieta's Sunbird**, excellent views of **Gabela Bushshrike**, several sought-after **Anchieta's Barbet**, some lovely **Black-and-rufous Swallows** and a male **Blue Quail** seen well in flight and even briefly on the ground. There were many other great birds seen during the trip, including **Grey-striped Francolin**, **Hartlaub's Spurfowl**, **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle**, **Ludwig's Bustard**, **White-bellied Bustard**, **Rüppell's Korhaan**, **Royal Tern**, perched **Afep Pigeon** and **Western Bronze-naped Pigeon**, **Rosy-faced Lovebird**, **Red-fronted Parrot**, **Rüppell's Parrot**, **Coppery-tailed Coucal**, **African Barred Owlet**, **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar**, **Ruwenzori Nightjar**, **Fernando Po Swift**, **Bradfield's Swift**, the brown-rumped form of **Horus Swift**, **Red-backed Mousebird**, **Pale-billed Hornbill**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **Black-backed Barbet** (both subspecies), **Brown-backed Honeybird**, **Angolan Batis**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **White-fronted Wattle-eye**, **Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye**, **Braun's Bushshrike**, **Rufous-bellied Tit**, **Yellow-throated Nicator**, **Forest Swallow**, **Angolan Lark**, **Benguela Long-billed Lark**, **Falkenstein's Greenbul**, **Black-collared Bulbul**, **Rockrunner**, **Red-capped Crombec**, **Bubbling Cisticola**, the very distinctive and endemic *bailunduensis* race of **Rock-loving Cisticola**, **Stout Cisticola**, **Chirping Cisticola**, **Brown-headed Apalis**, **Salvadori's Eremomela**, **Black-necked Eremomela**, **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Hartlaub's Babbler**, **Sharp-tailed Starling**, **Brown-chested Alethe**, **Gabela Akalat**, **Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush**, **Forest Scrub Robin**, **Miombo Scrub Robin**, **Angolan Slaty Flycatcher**, **Böhm's Flycatcher**, **Bannerman's Sunbird**, **Carmelite Sunbird**, **Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird**, **Oustalet's Sunbird**, displaying **Bocage's Weaver**, **Golden-backed Bishop**, **Marsh Widowbird**, **Dusky Twinspot**, **White-collared Oliveback**, **Landana Firefinch**, **Angolan Waxbill** and **Fülleborn's Longclaw**. Mammalian highlights included **Lord Derby's Anomalure** at Kumbira and **Southern Talapoin** at Bimbe.

Our anti-clockwise loop through western Angola commenced at the country's chaotic capital Luanda. After freshening up after the overnight flight and grabbing a quick cuppa while watching **Red-backed Mousebird**, **Holub's Golden Weaver**, **Red-headed Finch**, **Spectacled Weaver** and **Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush** in the garden, we left the city to the south. En route to our first destination we made roadside stops for **Southern White-crowned Shrike**, flocks of brown swift thought to be Loanda Swift



One of the only photographs of Swierstra's Francolin (c) Ursula Franke

Apus toulsoni (currently regarded as part of Horus Swift), and the *elegans* subspecies of **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**. We arrived in the Bimbe area at the foot of the central escarpment in the early afternoon and quickly set up camp before birding the surrounding thickets as the afternoon cooled. Almost the first birds seen were a covey of **Grey-striped Francolin**, one of the trickier endemics. The light was good and we managed to flush them a couple of times for some very good flight views as they glided across the open grassland to the next clump of forest. **Angolan Batis** was conspicuous by voice and we tracked down a lovely pair for our first views. **Bubbling Cisticola** was common, with several seen. Flocks of seedeaters were active in the area and included a group of endemic **Golden-backed Bishops**, at this time of the year in non-breeding plumage, which we studied in detail through the scopes. A party of **Grey Waxbills** were scoped in the tops of a baobab and **Landana Firefinch**, in my opinion no more than a subspecies of African

Firefinch, put in a brief appearance. Later we tracked down a lovely male **White-fronted Wattle-eye**, which gave excellent views, and after dark we spotlighted a calling **African Barred Owlet**. What a first day!

Soon after sunrise the next morning we were up, but eating breakfast proved rather difficult. From our breakfast table we could soon hear the distinctive

whistles of a nearby **Monteiro's Bushshrike**, which was quickly persuaded to show itself. It circled around us for about 15 minutes, sitting up at times to call and giving us the opportunity to admire its hefty bill and pale spectacles through the scope. Then some **Pale-olive Greenbuls** were heard nearby and successfully lured out of the thickets, and **Forest Scrub Robin** also showed rather well. The next biggie to appear was **Gabela Helmetshrike**, as a group of five were drawn in. They favoured the more exposed perches high up in the baobabs, which meant that once again the scopes came in handy, and we could study them in detail. We gradually made our way through breakfast and packed up camp, pausing every now and again to admire a nearby bird such as **Swamp Boubou**, the *ansorgei* subspecies of **Long-billed Crombec**, **Hartert's Camaroptera** and **Carp's Tit**. Before heading on our way to Benguela we made a wider foray through the surrounding area, and tracked down several other target species – **Yellow-throated Nicator** came

Gabela Helmetshrike (c) AP Leventis





out of its thicket, several **Landana Firefinch** sat up for improved views, **Mottled Spinetail** were seen overhead, the escarpment **Southern Hyliotas** were seen well, **Black Scimitarbill** was seen, Southern Talapoin was a nice surprise and a bonus **Brown-backed Honeybird** was watched at length. By now it was hot and unproductive, so we continued our journey southwards and arrived at Benguela in the mid-afternoon after a productive waterbird stop in Lobito, with **Marabou Stork**, **Cape Teal**, **Lesser Flamingo** and a variety of other wetland species. First passing by our comfortable guest house to drop off our bags, we then headed for some nearby arid scrublands where **Kalahari Scrub-Robin**, **Bokmakierie**, **Karoo Chat**, **Tractrac Chat**, **Chat Flycatcher** and **Dusky Sunbird** were good additions before darkness fell.

At sunrise the next morning we could hear the strange croaks from a nearby **Hartlaub's Spurfowl** and soon we had a male sat atop some rocks in the scope. Namibian escarpment birds were common and conspicuous around us, and we quickly located **White-tailed Shrike**, **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Rosy-faced Lovebird**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, lots of noisy **Rüppell's Parrots**, and a few other goodies such as **Barred Wren-Warbler** and **Pirit Batis** before starting our journey to Namibe in earnest, through some beautiful, rugged terrain. A roadside **Benguela Long-billed Lark** brought us to a rapid halt, and nearby we found **Ashy Tit**. Further on we found **Pale-winged Starling**, **Great Sparrow** and **Monteiro's Hornbill**, before we ascended on the flat gravel plains south of Lucira. Here in the late afternoon light we enjoyed some excellent looks at **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**, four **Ludwig's Bustards** and some very close **Rüppell's Korhaans** before we rolled into Namibe to find our beach-side accommodation.

Early the next morning a short outing near Namibe didn't turn up too much, although we did have good views of the very pale local race of **Grey-backed Cisticola** before returning for breakfast with **Cape Cormorant** and Cape Fur Seal watched in the bay. After that it was west towards Lubango, with a long pause at the base of Leba Pass where we successfully tracked down a **Cinderella Waxbill** after a hot, lengthy search. It was deep inside a thicket and flushed before we could see it, but after a few tense moments we found it in the top of a tree and enjoyed it in the scopes for several minutes. Other birds seen on our walk included **Violet-eared Waxbill**,

Monteiro's Bushshrike (c) AP Leventis

Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush, more **Bare-cheeked Babblers**, **Meves's Starling**, **Hartlaub's Babbler** and **African Hawk-Eagle**. In the early afternoon we climbed Leba Pass to escape the heat, being greeted upon arrival by a lovely **Angolan Cave Chat** that sang and gave excellent views. Nearby, a small forest patch produced excellent, eye-level views of **Western Tinkerbird**, while **Verreaux's Eagle** soared nearby and in the adjacent scrub **Rockrunner** gave brief views, before we continued on to our luxurious lodge in Lubango.

A pre-dawn start found us winding our way up to Tundavala, stopping to admire a calling **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar** next to the road. We arrived in rather gusty conditions and decided that we were pleased we weren't camping there. Slowly things woke up around us, but **Swiestra's Francolin** frustrated, giving just brief flight views. After a while working the scarp edge without much luck we turned to the grasslands, where we had absolutely superb views of **Finsch's Francolin**, which stood right out in the open and could be studied at length. **Wailing Cisticola** and **Rufous-naped Lark** were common here too. A nearby gully produced a flurry of birds, with great views of **Angolan Waxbill**, good looks at **Rockrunner**, lots of **Jameson's Firefinch** of the distinctive *ansorgei* race, some **Bradfield's Swift** and a pair of **Booted Eagles** overhead, a party of **Angolan Slaty Flycatchers** and a welcome **Miombo Tit**. In the afternoon we birded an area of woodlands and grasslands on the other side of town, where **Fülleborn's Longclaw** was an excellent find, along with **Tinkling Cisticola**, **Rufous-bellied Tit**, **Miombo Rock Thrush**, **Yellow-bellied Hylia** and **Levaillant's Cisticola**.

The next day a quick pre-breakfast visit to Tundavala rewarded us with great looks at **Freckled Nightjar** and the highlight of the tour, a male **Swiestra's Francolin** sitting on a rock and crowing away for about five minutes. We enjoyed superb views of this rare and striking species, as it sat not far away from us. We were also treated to our first good looks at **Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird** and **Wing-snapping Cisticola** before happily returning to town for a hearty breakfast. The rest of the day was relatively uneventful, with the long drive to Huambo being broken up by a few short stops with **Sharp-tailed Starling**, **Salvadori's Eremomela** and **Pearl-breasted Swallow** along the way.

Our next destination was Mount Moco and its surrounds, and we allowed four days to explore this bird-rich area, alternating between camping and hotel accommodation. With a variety of habitats – miombo woodlands, open grassland, wetlands, cliffs and rocky areas, and Afromontane forest – there were a lot of new birds on offer. The region's most restricted habitat, Afromontane forests and forest edge habitats, turned up a lovely pair of **Margaret's Batis** that came to the forest edge to allow us excellent, eye-level views. It seemed fitting to see this species at its type locality. A pair of the nominate race of **Black-backed Barbet** posed well for the scopes. Our first **Black-faced Canaries** were located. **Ruwenzori Nightjar** of the endemic *koesteri* race was seen superbly. **Evergreen Forest Warbler** skulked in the thickets, giving only brief views. **Dusky Twinspot** was seen well a few times. The endemic *bailunduensis* race of **Rock-loving Cisticola**, with its very unusual song, was watched at the forest edge, often calling from the tops of tall trees. **Bocage's Akalat** was spotted at the forest edge. **Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird**



showed well. And a host of other species included **Schalow's Turaco, Red-throated Wryneck, Bennett's Woodpecker, Olive Woodpecker, Black-throated Wattle-eye, Gorgeous Bushshrike, White-tailed Blue Flycatcher, Black-collared Bulbul, African Hill Babbler, African Spotted Creeper and Bronzy Sunbird.** The surrounding mountain slopes were home to breeding black swifts, which based on the fact

that the only specimen from Mount Moco was ascribed to **Fernando Po Swift** probably belonged to that (dubious) species, the *nigricauda* subspecies of **Mountain Wheatear**, the *moco* subspecies of **Long-billed Pipit** which may better be placed in Wood Pipit, **Striped Pipit** and **Yellow-crowned Canary**.

We fared very well in the miombo woodlands too. Here the highlights were an excited party of **Black-necked Eremomelas**, a confiding **Böhm's Flycatcher** found after a lengthy search, **Miombo Double-collared Sunbird**, several **Salvadori's Eremomelas**, a displaying **Pallid Honeyguide, African Cuckoo-Hawk**, a circling **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle**, churring **Square-tailed Nightjars, Green-backed Honeybird**, the unusual *affinis* subspecies of **Brubru**, the male lacking any rufous, **Wood Pipit, White-winged Black Tit, Rufous-bellied Tit, Grey Penduline Tit** (of the green-backed, yellow-fronted *ansorgei* subspecies), **Red-capped Crombec, Miombo Wren-Warbler, Miombo Scrub Robin**, full plumage male **Oustalet's Sunbird** (after having seen eclipse plumage birds at Tundavala) and a couple of pairs of **Orange-winged Pytilia**.

Grasslands and wetlands were another major focus, and arguably produced the best birds, the pinnacle of which was a lovely, purplish male **Bocage's Sunbird** watched at length through the scope. Other local specialities were **Angolan Lark**, popular for its unusual song, brilliant views of **Locust Finch** scoped on the ground, with even the fine white spotting clearly visible, two pairs of scarce **Brazza's Martin**, one of which approached us to within a few metres, lots of lovely **Black-and-rufous Swallows** and a colony of bright and noisy male **Bocage's Weavers**. And these were supplemented by a female **White-bellied Bustard, Capped Wheatear**, a lovely male **Blue Quail** seen well in flight and on the ground, displaying **Fan-tailed Grassbird, Red-faced Cisticola** (of the local *lepe* subspecies, previously split as Lepe Cisticola), a full plumage **Long-tailed Widowbird, Fawn-breasted Waxbill, Orange-breasted Waxbill, Quailfinch** (subspecies not

determined), **Stout Cisticola** and **Marsh Widowbird**, several **Coppery-tailed Coucals**, **White-throated Swallow**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow**, **Red-throated Cliff Swallow**, **Chirping Cisticola**, **Red-winged Francolin** (heard only) and several more **Fülleborn's Longclaw**. The swallow family deserves a special mention, with 12 species seen in one day!

From here it was just a short skip and a jump to the central scarp forests, where the now-famous Kumbira forest was the focus of our visit. We based ourselves in Conda but spent one night camping (the last of the trip) in the forest itself. Kumbira is home to three Endangered endemics, which were the main focus of our visit. We did well to have two excellent sightings of **Pulitzer's Longbill** (even scoped!), super views of **Gabela Akalat** and, admittedly after quite a struggle, a wonderful sighting of **Gabela Bushshrike** on our first day, which meant that the rest of our time could be dedicated to tracking down some of the other specials. Angola's iconic national bird, **Red-crested Turaco**, was very popular, as were a male **Red-chested Flufftail** that gave excellent views, a **Gabon Coucal** that gave good but brief views, a displaying **African Broadbill**, **Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye**, a very co-operative **Brown-chested Alethe** and several **Carmelite Sunbirds**. Other birds worth of mention were the *angolensis* subspecies of **Hairy-breasted Barbet**, **Pink-footed Puffback**, **Petit's Cuckooshrike**, the *gabela* subspecies of **Dusky Tit**, more **Yellow-throated Nicators**, lots of **Falkenstein's Greenbuls**, **Lowland Masked Apalis**, **Southern Hyliota**, **Brown-capped Weaver**, a male **Red-headed Bluebill**, scarce **Magpie Mannikin** (a new

record for Kumbira) and **Black-faced Canary**. At night we spent some time admiring a Lord Derby's Anomalure and had brief looks at the yet-to-be described Kumbira Bushbaby (*Galagoides* sp).

Continuing further north and east, our next destination was the area north of Kalandula falls, known as the most accessible site for **White-headed Robin-Chat**. We based ourselves in the only comfortable hotel in town, and with a good tar access road reached our birding areas after only a 30-minute drive. A preliminary visit produced good looks at **White-headed Robin-Chat** for some of the group, a very welcome and long-hoped-for **Anchieta's Barbet** and, on the way back, a spellbinding display by a male **Pennant-winged Nightjar**. The next day we kicked off in the gallery forests, where sunbirds were on our mind and after a lengthy wait we managed to secure good looks at some very active **Bannerman's Sunbirds**, with **Green-headed Sunbird** also present to add some confusion. We were



Bocage's Sunbird (c) Alexandre Vaz

surprised to find **Bates's Sunbird** here too, a species I thought I had seen here before although I had never obtained definitive views. Other goodies in the forests were **Square-tailed Drongo**, **Brown-headed Apalis**, a showy (at least for a few seconds) **Grey-winged Robin-Chat**, more **Red-crested Turacos** and **Narina Trogon**. We also took time to track down another **White-headed Robin-Chat**, which showed well to those whom it frustrated yesterday. On the grassy margins of the river we found a lovely male **Marsh Tchagra**, termite-hawking **Brown Twinspots** and a juvenile **African Hobby**. Our remaining targets were to be found in the surrounding woodlands, the two highlights being an irate party of **Pale-billed Hornbills** and a delightful pair of **Anchieta's Sunbirds** that sat up for the scopes. During our forays we also found **African Barred Owlet** in the day, more **Anchieta's Barbets**, **Whistling Cisticola**, **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Grey-headed Bushshrike** and **Western Violet-backed Sunbird**.

Continuing to our most northerly point at Uige town to track down our only remaining endemic, we stopped along the way to the northern scarp forests to admire a *macclouni* subspecies of **Black-backed Barbet**. With two days to explore the bird-rich northern-scarp forests, we used two different hotels to gain access to the Quitexe and Quibaxe areas. Obviously we turned our attention first to **Braun's Bushshrike**, and after a short walk were enjoying good looks at a pair of these bright and beautiful endemics, seen again later. This meant we now had ample time to track down other wanted birds, of which there were many. Good flight views of **Black-casqued Hornbill** were welcome, as were scope views of **Least Honeyguide**, **Western Bronze-naped Pigeon** and **Afep Pigeon** and more **Red-crested Turacos**. A long list of other species was seen: **Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo** called from a thicket and flashed across the road, **Great Blue Turaco**, **Black Bee-eater**, **Red-rumped Tinkerbird**, **Yellow-billed Barbet**, displaying **Cassin's Honeybird**, **Yellow-crested Woodpecker**, **Elliot's Woodpecker**, perched **Red-fronted Parrot**, **African Shrike-flycatcher**, **Purple-throated Cuckooshrike**, **Black-winged Oriole**, **Velvet-mantled Drongo**, **Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher**, **Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher**, **Square-tailed Saw-wing**, **Yellow Longbill**, **Banded Prinia**, **White-chinned Prinia**, **Black-throated Apalis**, **Yellow-browed Camaroptera**, **Rufous-crowned Eremomela**, **Scaly-breasted Illadopsis**, **Chestnut-winged Starling**, **Narrow-tailed Starling**, **Brown-backed Scrub Robin**, **Dusky-blue Flycatcher**, **Sooty Flycatcher**, **Orange-tufted Sunbird**, **Yellow-mantled Weaver**, **Crested Malimbe** and **Red-headed Malimbe**. Two other species require a special mention. We located some **White-collared Olivebacks**, which unfortunately didn't stick around for long; these were discovered in Angola on our 2011 tour and only confirmed earlier this year. And the biggest surprise of the trip was seeing at least six **Forest Swallows**, a species never recorded from Angola before. We spent a long time studying them in detail to make sure they were not Square-tailed Sawwings. At first the rapid flight action – not the lazy flight of a sawwing – drew our attention, and the swallow-like calls further strengthened our suspicions. But when we obtained excellent views of birds flying low along the forest track so that we could see their rufous throats, all doubt was erased.

With so many great birds under the belt, we could afford to enjoy a relaxed end to the trip, which we chose to spend along the coast south of Luanda, padding our list. At the Kwanza River mouth **Royal Tern** was prominent and in the nearby mangroves we found several **Mangrove Sunbirds**. A final stint of birding at Mussulo Bay, with **Pearl-spotted Owlet** seen on the way, added several Palearctic waders to our lists, plus **White-fronted Plover** and displaying **Desert Cisticola**. It's always good to end with a cisticola!

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| English name | Scientific name | Comments |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Ducks, Geese and Swans | Family Anatidae | |
| White-faced Whistling Duck | <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i> | First seen at Lobito and later near Quibala |
| Spur-winged Goose | <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> | Seen on a dam near Quibala (gambensis) |
| Cape Teal | <i>Anas capensis</i> | Several seen at Lobito and two at Mussulo |
| Yellow-billed Duck | <i>Anas undulata</i> | Seen on a dam near Quibala (undulata) |
| Red-billed Teal | <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i> | First seen at Lobito and later near Quibala |
| Guineafowl | Family Numididae | |
| Helmeted Guineafowl | <i>Numida meleagris</i> | Heard between Lubango and Huambo and seen near Quibaxi (marungensis) |
| Pheasants and allies | Family Phasianidae | |
| Coqui Francolin | <i>Peliperdix coqui</i> | Heard at Mount Moco (coqui) |
| Red-winged Francolin | <i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i> | Heard in the Mount Moco region (kikuyuensis). A bit of a surprise and a country tick for Michael |
| Finsch's Francolin | <i>Scleroptila finschi</i> | Absolutely superb views of a bird at Tundavala, right out in the open and seen for several minutes |
| Grey-striped Francolin | <i>Pternistis griseostriatus</i> | Good flight views at Bimbe of birds flushed |
| Swierstra's Francolin | <i>Pternistis swierstrai</i> | Excellent and prolonged views of a crowing male at Tundavala. A striking species deservedly voted "bird of the trip"! |
| Hartlaub's Spurfowl | <i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i> | Good views of a single bird in the Benguela area |
| Red-necked Spurfowl | <i>Pternistis afer</i> | Seen often and throughout, cranchii in the central and north and afer in the south |
| Blue Quail | <i>Excalfactoria adansonii</i> | Good views of a lovely male flushed three times near Londiumbale |
| Flamingos | Family Phoenicopteridae | |
| Greater Flamingo | <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> | Seen at Lobito and Mussulo |
| Lesser Flamingo | <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> | Seen at Lobito and Mussulo |
| Storks | Family Ciconiidae | |
| African Openbill | <i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i> | Seen at the Keve River (lamelligerus) |
| Marabou Stork | <i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i> | One at Lobito |
| 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 | |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | Heard in the Huambo area (nycticorax) |
| Squacco Heron | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | Seen a few times |
| Western Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> | Seen often |
| Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | Seen quite often (cinerea) |
| Black-headed Heron | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> | Seen a few times |
| Purple Heron | <i>Ardea purpurea</i> | Seen a few times (purpurea) |
| Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> | A couple seen in coastal wetlands (melanorhynchos) |
| Intermediate Egret | <i>Egretta intermedia</i> | One was seen at Lobito (brachyrhyncha) |
| Black Heron | <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i> | One was seen at Lobito |
| Little Egret | <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | Seen in coastal wetlands (garzetta) |
| Hamerkop | Family Scopidae | |
| Hamerkop | <i>Scopus umbretta</i> | Just two sightings, the best on the Kwanza River (umbretta) |
| Pelicans | Family Pelecanidae | |
| Great White Pelican | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> | Good numbers at Lobito and seen at Luanda |
| Cormorants, Shags | Family Phalacrocoracidae | |
| Reed Cormorant | <i>Microcarbo africanus</i> | Seen several times, including along the coast (africanus) |
| White-breasted Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i> | Seen along the coast |
| Cape Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i> | One at Namibe and three at the Kwanza River |
| Anhingas, Darters | Family Anhingidae | |
| African Darter | <i>Anhinga rufa</i> | A couple of sightings (rufa) |
| Kites, Hawks and Eagles | Family Accipitridae | |
| Black-winged Kite | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> | Seen regularly (caeruleus) |
| African Harrier-Hawk | <i>Polyboroides typus</i> | Seen quite often (typus) |
| Palm-nut Vulture | <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i> | The most commonly-seen raptor |
| African Cuckoo-Hawk | <i>Aviceda cuculoides</i> | One seen in the Mount Moco area (verreauxii) |
| Black-chested Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i> | A couple of sightings, the first near Humpata |
| Brown Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus cinereus</i> | Seen a couple of times |
| Bateleur | <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> | One of the more commonly-seen raptors |
| Crowned Eagle | <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i> | Heard at Kumbira and seen in the norther scarp |
| Long-crested Eagle | <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i> | First seen at Kumbira |
| Wahlberg's Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i> | Seen a few times |
| Booted Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i> | Good views at Tundavala |
| Ayres's Hawk-Eagle | <i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i> | Good views in the Mount Moco area |
| Verreaux's Eagle | <i>Aquila verreauxii</i> | A pair was seen soaring at Leba Pass |
| African Hawk-Eagle | <i>Aquila spilogaster</i> | Just one sighting of a pair near Leba Pass |
| Lizard Buzzard | <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i> | Seen a few times (meridionalis) |
| Gabar Goshawk | <i>Micronisus gabar</i> | A couple of sightings of dark phase birds (gabar) |
| Dark Chanting Goshawk | <i>Melierax metabates</i> | A couple were seen in the Mount Moco area (mechowi) |
| African Goshawk | <i>Accipiter tachiro</i> | A couple of sightings (sparsifasciatus) |
| Shikra | <i>Accipiter badius</i> | A couple of sightings (polyzonoides) |
| Ovambo Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter ovampensis</i> | A couple of probable sightings but none good enough to be sure |
| Black Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i> | A couple of sightings (temminckii) |
| African Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus ranivorus</i> | Seen a couple of times in the Mount Moco area |
| Yellow-billed Kite | <i>Milvus aegyptius</i> | Seen in small numbers (parasitus) |
| African Fish Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i> | Just two sightings, the best on the Kwanza River |
| Red-necked Buzzard | <i>Buteo auguralis</i> | Seen regularly |
| Augur Buzzard | <i>Buteo augur</i> | Seen in the highland areas |
| Bustards | Family Otididae | |
| Ludwig's Bustard | <i>Neotis ludwigii</i> | Four were watched at length in the coastal deserts |

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| White-bellied Bustard | <i>Eupodotis senegalensis</i> | Good views of a female at Mount Moco (mackenziei) |
| Rüppell's Korhaan | <i>Eupodotis rueppelii</i> | Excellent views in the coastal desert (rueppelii) |
| Red-crested Korhaan | <i>Lophotis ruficrista</i> | Heard in the arid coastal areas |
| Black-bellied Bustard | <i>Lissotis melanogaster</i> | Heard in the Mount Moco area (melanogaster) |
| Flufftails | Family Sarothruridae | |
| White-spotted Flufftail | <i>Sarothrura pulchra</i> | Heard at Kalandula and in the northern scarp (centralis) |
| Red-chested Flufftail | <i>Sarothrura rufa</i> | Excellent views of a male at Kumbira (rufa) |
| Rails, Crakes and Coots | Family Rallidae | |
| Black Crane | <i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i> | Seen a couple of times |
| African Swampfen | <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i> | Seen at Lobito |
| Common Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | Seen at Panguila (meridionalis) |
| Red-knobbed Coot | <i>Fulica cristata</i> | Seen at Lobito |
| Thick-knees | Family Burhinidae | |
| Water Thick-knee | <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i> | Seen at Lobito (vermiculatus) |
| 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 on a dam near Quibala |
| African Wattled Lapwing | <i>Vanellus senegallus</i> | Seen in the Mount Moco region (lateralis) |
| Grey Plover | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> | Seen at Mussulo (squatarola) |
| Common Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | Seen at Mussulo (tundrae) |
| Kittlitz's Plover | <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i> | Seen at Mussulo |
| White-fronted Plover | <i>Charadrius marginatus</i> | Seen at Mussulo (mechowi) |
| Jacanas | Family Jacanidae | |
| African Jacana | <i>Actophilornis africanus</i> | Several sightings |
| Sandpipers, Snipes | Family Scolopacidae | |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa lapponica</i> | Seen at Mussulo (lapponica) |
| Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | Seen at Mussulo and Lobito (phaeopus) |
| Eurasian Curlew | <i>Numenius arquata</i> | Seen at Mussulo (orientalis) |
| Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | Seen at Lobito |
| Common Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | Seen along the coast |
| Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | Seen near Quibala |
| Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Seen at the Kwanza River |
| Ruddy Turnstone | <i>Arenaria interpres</i> | Seen at Mussulo (interpres) |
| Sanderling | <i>Calidris alba</i> | Seen at Mussulo |
| Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | Seen along the coast |
| Curlew Sandpiper | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | Seen along the coast |
| Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | Seen at Lobito |
| Courasers, Pratincoles | Family Glareolidae | |
| Temminck's Courser | <i>Cursorius temminckii</i> | A couple were seen on the drive from Kalandula to Uige (ruvanensis) |
| Collared Pratincole | <i>Glareola pratincola</i> | Seen at Mussulo (riparia) |
| Gulls, Terns and Skimmers | Family Laridae | |
| Grey-headed Gull | <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i> | Seen at Lobito (poocephalus) |
| Kelp Gull | <i>Larus dominicanus</i> | Seen along the coast (vetula) |
| Caspian Tern | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> | Seen along the coast |
| Royal Tern | <i>Thalasseus maximus</i> | Seen at Kwanza River and Mussulo (albididorsalis) |
| Sandwich Tern | <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i> | Seen at Kwanza River and Mussulo |
| Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | Seen at Kwanza River and Mussulo |
| 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> | Good scope views of a perched bird near Quibaxi |
| African Olive Pigeon | <i>Columba arquatrix</i> | Heard at Mount Moco |
| Western Bronze-naped Pigeon | <i>Columba iriditorques</i> | A singing male was scoped west of Quitexa |
| Lemon Dove | <i>Columba larvata</i> | Heard near Quibaxi (subspecies unknown) |
| Red-eyed Dove | <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> | Common |
| Ring-necked Dove | <i>Streptopelia capicola</i> | Common; damarensis in the south-west and tropica elsewhere |
| Laughing Dove | <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i> | Seen regularly (senegalensis) |
| 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> | Just one seen along the coastal plain (capensis) |
| African Green Pigeon | <i>Treron calvus</i> | Seen regularly in the north (calvus) |
| Turacos | Family Musophagidae | |
| Great Blue Turaco | <i>Corythaëola cristata</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests |
| Guinea Turaco | <i>Tauraco persa</i> | Heard in the northern scarp forests where one was seen briefly (zenkeri) |
| Schalow's Turaco | <i>Tauraco schalowi</i> | Good views at Mount 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 (pallidiceps) |
| Cuckoos | Family Cuculidae | |
| Gabon Coucal | <i>Centropus anselli</i> | One was enticed to fly across a forest gap at Kumbira and gave quite good views and another was seen briefly in the northern scarp |
| Coppery-tailed Coucal | <i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i> | Seen in good numbers in the Mount Moco region (cupreicaudus) |
| White-browed Coucal | <i>Centropus superciliosus</i> | Heard a few times (loandae) |
| Blue Malkoha | <i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i> | Seen in the northern forests (aereus) |
| Great Spotted Cuckoo | <i>Clamator glandarius</i> | One flew across the road on the drive from Lubango to Huambo |
| Levaillant's Cuckoo | <i>Clamator levaillantii</i> | Heard in the Mount Moco area |
| Klaas's Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> | Seen and heard regularly |
| African Emerald Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests |

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| Dusky Long-tailed Cuckoo | <i>Cercococcyx mechowi</i> | Heard in the forest west of Quitexe |
| Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo | <i>Cercococcyx olivinus</i> | Heard and seen very briefly as it flew across the road near Quibaxi |
| Black Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus clamosus</i> | Seen and heard in the Mount Moco region (clamosus) |
| Red-chested Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus solitarius</i> | Heard regularly and seen once |
| African Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus gularis</i> | Seen and heard in the miombo woodlands |
| Barn Owls | Family Tytonidae | |
| Western Barn Owl | <i>Tyto alba</i> | Heard only (affinis) |
| Owls | Family Strigidae | |
| Spotted Eagle-Owl | <i>Bubo africanus</i> | Heard only (africanus) |
| African Wood Owl | <i>Strix woodfordii</i> | Nice views at Kumbira (nuchalis) |
| Pearl-spotted Owlet | <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i> | One was seen near Luanda during the day (licua) |
| African Barred Owlet | <i>Glaucidium capense</i> | Seen at night at Bimbe and in the day at Kalandula (ngamiense) |
| Nightjars | Family Caprimulgidae | |
| Rufous-cheeked Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i> | Excellent views near Lubango and Huambo (rufigena) |
| Fiery-necked Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i> | Heard near Lubango (fervidus) |
| Ruwenzori Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus ruwenzorii</i> | Great views of the endemic subspecies at Mount Moco (koesteri) |
| Freckled Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i> | Good views at Tundavala (lentiginosus) |
| Square-tailed Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus fossii</i> | Seen well in the Mount Moco region (welwitschii) |
| Pennant-winged Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus vexillarius</i> | A mesmerising display by a displaying male near Kalandula |
| Swifts | Family Apodidae | |
| Mottled Spinetail | <i>Telacanthura ussheri</i> | Seen in the Bimbe area (benguellensis) |
| Sabine's Spinetail | <i>Rhaphidura sabini</i> | Two were seen in the forest west of Quitexe, a first for Angola outside of Cabinda |
| Böhm's Spinetail | <i>Neafrapus boehmi</i> | Distant views of a couple below Leba Pass (boehmi) |
| African Palm Swift | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i> | Common (hyphaenes) |
| Alpine Swift | <i>Tachymartia melba</i> | Seen at Tundavala (africanus) |
| Mottled Swift | <i>Tachymartia aequatorialis</i> | Seen in the Ndalatando and Caxito areas (aequatorialis) |
| Common Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | Good numbers were seen taking interrupting termites at Kalandula |
| Fernando Po Swift | <i>Apus sladeniae</i> | Black swifts seen at Mount Moco are thought to belong to this species. They were seen around their breeding cliffs and were heard calling like African Black Swift. We also noted the swifts breeding above Kumbira Forest that call like Little Swift but look like African Black Swift |
| Bradfield's Swift | <i>Apus bradfieldi</i> | Seen at Tundavala and the swifts in Benguela town may have been these too (bradfieldi) |
| Little Swift | <i>Apus affinis</i> | Seen a few times (theresae) |
| Horus Swift | <i>Apus horus</i> | Normal white-rumped birds were seen at Mount Moco (horus) and the brown birds seen along the coastal plain may be Loanda Swift (fuscobrunneus) |
| White-rumped Swift | <i>Apus caffer</i> | Seen a few times |
| Mousebirds | Family Coliidae | |
| Speckled Mousebird | <i>Colius striatus</i> | Seen near Kalandula and Quitexe (nigricollis) |
| Red-backed Mousebird | <i>Colius castanotus</i> | The first endemic seen, on arrival in Luanda and regularly thereafter |
| Red-faced Mousebird | <i>Urocolius indicus</i> | Seen along the coastal plain (lacteifrons) |
| Trogon | Family Trogonidae | |
| Narina Trogon | <i>Apaloderma narina</i> | Seen at Kalandula (narina) |
| Rollers | Family Coraciidae | |
| Purple Roller | <i>Coracias naevius</i> | Seen a couple of times (mosambicus) |
| Lilac-breasted Roller | <i>Coracias caudatus</i> | Seen a couple of times (caudatus) |
| Broad-billed Roller | <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i> | Seen at Kalandula (suahelicus) |
| Kingfishers | Family Alcedinidae | |
| Grey-headed Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i> | Seen a few times (pallidiventris) |
| Brown-hooded Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon albiventris</i> | A couple of sightings (prentissgrayi) |
| Striped Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i> | Heard often, seen once (chelicuti) |
| Blue-breasted Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon malimbica</i> | Heard in the north (malimbica) |
| Woodland Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i> | Seen a few times (probably fuscopilleus and cyanoleuca) |
| African Pygmy Kingfisher | <i>Ispidina picta</i> | Seen along the northern escarpment |
| Malachite Kingfisher | <i>Corythornis cristatus</i> | Seen a few times (probably cristatus and galeritus) |
| Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | Several sightings (rudis) |
| Bee-eaters | Family Meropidae | |
| Black Bee-eater | <i>Merops gularis</i> | Seen south of Quitexe and near Quibaxe (australis) |
| Swallow-tailed Bee-eater | <i>Merops hirundineus</i> | Seen at Bimbe, in the south-west and near Lubango (hirundineus) |
| Little Bee-eater | <i>Merops pusillus</i> | Seen regularly (meridionalis) |
| Blue-breasted Bee-eater | <i>Merops variegatus</i> | One seen at Mount Moco (variegatus) |
| White-fronted Bee-eater | <i>Merops bullockoides</i> | A couple of sightings |
| Olive Bee-eater | <i>Merops superciliosus</i> | Heard at Kumbira (alternans) |
| European Bee-eater | <i>Merops apiaster</i> | Heard a couple of times |
| Hoopoes | Family Upupidae | |
| African Hoopoe | <i>Upupa africana</i> | Seen a couple of times |
| Wood Hoopoes | Family Phoeniculidae | |
| Green Wood Hoopoe | <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i> | Seen at Kalandula (angolensis) |
| Black Scimitarbill | <i>Rhinopomastus aterrimus</i> | Seen at Bimbe (anchietae) |
| Common Scimitarbill | <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i> | Seen a couple of times in the south (cyanomelas) |
| Hornbills | Family Bucerotidae | |
| Crowned Hornbill | <i>Tockus alboterminatus</i> | Seen along the central escarpment (alboterminatus) |
| African Pied Hornbill | <i>Tockus fasciatus</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests (fasciatus) |
| Pale-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus pallidirostris</i> | After hearing them once we were pleased to have an excellent and prolonged encounter at Kalandula (pallidirostris) |
| Monteiro's Hornbill | <i>Tockus monteiri</i> | One was seen well between Benguela and Namibe |
| Damara Red-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus damarensis</i> | Seen well east of Benguela |
| Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill | <i>Tockus leucomelas</i> | The endemic subspecies was seen several times along the coastal plain (elegans) |
| Piping Hornbill | <i>Bycanistes fistulator</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests (sharpi) |
| Black-casqued Hornbill | <i>Ceratogymna atrata</i> | Seen west of Quitexe |

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| African Barbets | Family Lybiidae | |
| Bristle-nosed Barbet | <i>Gymnobucco peli</i> | Seen in the Quitexe area |
| Naked-faced Barbet | <i>Gymnobucco calvus</i> | Seen in the northern escarpment forests (congicus) |
| Anchieta's Barbet | <i>Stactolaema anchietae</i> | After failing to find them in the Mount Moco area we were pleased to have three good sightings at Kalandula (rex) |
| Speckled Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests (flavisquamatus) |
| Western Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus coryphaea</i> | An excellent sighting of the endemic subspecies at Leba (angolensis) |
| Red-rumped Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus atroflavus</i> | Seen well in the northern scarp forests |
| Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i> | Seen in the northern forests (leucolaimus) |
| Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird | <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i> | Seen a few times (extoni) |
| Hairy-breasted Barbet | <i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i> | The distinctive angolensis subspecies was seen at Kumbira and heard in the northern scarp forests |
| Acacia Pied Barbet | <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i> | Several sightings along the coastal plain (centralis) |
| Black-collared Barbet | <i>Lybius torquatus</i> | Seen a couple of times |
| Black-backed Barbet | <i>Lybius minor</i> | The nominate subspecies was seen very well at Mt Moco and the macclounii subspecies (Maccloun's Barbet) was seen leaving Kalandula |
| Yellow-billed Barbet | <i>Trachyphonus purpuratus</i> | Good views near Quibaxe (purpuratus) |
| Honeyguides | Family Indicatoridae | |
| Cassin's Honeybird | <i>Prodotiscus insignis</i> | Displaying birds were seen briefly in the Quitexe area (insignis) |
| Green-backed Honeybird | <i>Prodotiscus zambesiae</i> | One was seen at Mount Moco (lathburyi) |
| Brown-backed Honeybird | <i>Prodotiscus regulus</i> | Excellent views at Bimbe and seen again at Kalandula (regulus) |
| Pallid Honeyguide | <i>Indicator meliphilus</i> | Excellent views of a bird on a song post in the Mount Moco region and heard west of Quitexe (angolensis) |
| Least Honeyguide | <i>Indicator exilis</i> | Good scope views of one near Quibaxe (exilis) |
| Lesser Honeyguide | <i>Indicator minor</i> | Our best views were at Kumbira |
| Greater Honeyguide | <i>Indicator indicator</i> | Heard between Lubango and Huambo |
| Woodpeckers | Family Picidae | |
| Red-throated Wryneck | <i>Jynx ruficollis</i> | Nioce looks at Mount Moco (ruficollis) |
| Bennett's Woodpecker | <i>Campethera bennettii</i> | Seen well at Mount Moco and heard at Kalandula (capricorni) |
| Golden-tailed Woodpecker | <i>Campethera abingoni</i> | Heard at Kalandula (abingoni) |
| Green-backed Woodpecker | <i>Campethera cailliautii</i> | Seen at Kalandula and on the northern escarpment (permista) |
| Buff-spotted Woodpecker | <i>Campethera nivosa</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests (nivosa) |
| Brown-eared Woodpecker | <i>Campethera caroli</i> | Heard at Kumbira (caroli) |
| Cardinal Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i> | Seen regularly |
| Yellow-crested Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos xantholophus</i> | Seen in the Quitexe and Quibaxi areas |
| Elliot's Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos elliotii</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests near Quitexe (gabala) |
| Olive Woodpecker | <i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i> | Nice looks at Mount Moco (ruwenzori) |
| Caracaras, Falcons | Family Falconidae | |
| Rock Kestrel | <i>Falco rupicolus</i> | Seen a couple of times in the south |
| Grey Kestrel | <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i> | A few good sightings |
| African Hobby | <i>Falco cuvierii</i> | A juvenile was seen hunting in the late evening at Kalandula |
| Lanner Falcon | <i>Falco biarmicus</i> | Our best views were at Tundavala (biarmicus) |
| Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | A couple of sightings (minor) |
| Parrots | Family Psittacidae | |
| Rosy-faced Lovebird | <i>Agapornis roseicollis</i> | Some great looks in the Benguela area (catumbella) |
| Red-fronted Parrot | <i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i> | Perched birds scoped near Quibaxi (gulielmi) |
| Meyer's Parrot | <i>Poicephalus meyeri</i> | Seen well at Kalandula (reichenowi) |
| Rüppell's Parrot | <i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i> | Excellent views of many in the Benguela area and seen near Leba pass |
| Broadbills | Family Eurylaimidae | |
| African Broadbill | <i>Smithornis capensis</i> | Great looks and Kumbira and heard elsewhere (albigularis) |
| Wattle-eyes, Batises | Family Platysteiridae | |
| African Shrike-flycatcher | <i>Megabyas flammulatus</i> | Seen west of Quitexe (aequatorialis) |
| Margaret's Batis | <i>Batis margaritae</i> | Absolutely fantastic views of a pair at Mount Moco (margaritae), the type locality for the species |
| Chin-spot Batis | <i>Batis molitor</i> | Seen a few times (pintoi) |
| Priort Batis | <i>Batis pririt</i> | Good views along the arid coastal plain (affinis) |
| Angolan Batis | <i>Batis minulla</i> | Good views at Bimbe 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 at Kumbira |
| Black-throated Wattle-eye | <i>Platysteira peltata</i> | Seen at Mount Moco and Kalandula (mentalis) |
| White-fronted Wattle-eye | <i>Platysteira albifrons</i> | Great looks at a male in the Bimbe area |
| Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye | <i>Platysteira concreta</i> | Fantastic views at Kumbira (ansorgei) |
| Helmetshrikes | Family Prionopidae | |
| White-crested Helmetshrike | <i>Prionops plumatus</i> | Seen at Bimbe and Kalandula (poliocephalus) |
| Retz's Helmetshrike | <i>Prionops retzii</i> | Good views at Kalandula (nigricans) |
| Gabela Helmetshrike | <i>Prionops gabala</i> | Wonderful views of this rare endemic in the Bimbe area |
| Bushshrikes | Family Malaconotidae | |
| Monteiro's Bushshrike | <i>Malaconotus montei</i> | Superb views in the Bimbe area and seen again near Kumbira |
| Grey-headed Bushshrike | <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i> | A couple of good sightings at Kalandula (interpositus) |
| Many-colored Bushshrike | <i>Chlorophoneus multicolor</i> | Heard near Quibaxi (batesi) |
| Bocage's Bushshrike | <i>Chlorophoneus bocagei</i> | Heard and seen very briefly in the northern scarp forests (bocagei) |
| Orange-breasted Bushshrike | <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i> | Seen once (similis) |
| Gorgeous Bushshrike | <i>Telophorus viridis</i> | Nice looks at Mount Moco and heard elsewhere |
| Bokmakierie | <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i> | Seen in the Benguela area (phanus) |
| Marsh Tchagra | <i>Bocagia minuta</i> | Nice views at Kalandula (anchietae) |
| Brown-crowned Tchagra | <i>Tchagra australis</i> | Seen regularly (ansorgei) |
| 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 (angolensis) |
| Black-backed Puffback | <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i> | Seen regularly () |
| Braun's Bushshrike | <i>Laniarius brauni</i> | Good looks in the Quitexe and Quibaxi areas |

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| Gabela Bushshrike | <i>Laniarius amboimensis</i> | Fantastic views at Kumbira |
| Tropical Boubou | <i>Laniarius major</i> | Seen several times on the plateau (major) |
| Swamp Boubou | <i>Laniarius bicolor</i> | Seen a few times on the coastal plain (guttatus) |
| Brubru | <i>Nilaus afer</i> | Good views of the unusual affinis subspecies in the Mount Moco area |
| 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, including a male with a yellow shoulder |
| Petit's Cuckooshrike | <i>Campephaga petiti</i> | Seen at Kumbira |
| Purple-throated Cuckooshrike | <i>Campephaga quiscalina</i> | Seen several times in the northern scarp forests (quiscalina) |
| Shrikes | Family Laniidae | |
| Southern White-crowned Shrike | <i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i> | Seen a couple of times along the coastal plain (anguitimens) |
| Northern Fiscal | <i>Lanius humeralis</i> | Seen regularly on the plateau (capelli) |
| Southern Fiscal | <i>Lanius collaris</i> | Seen in the south-west (aridicolus) |
| Figbirds, Orioles | Family Oriolidae | |
| African Golden Oriole | <i>Oriolus auratus</i> | Some good looks in miombo woodlands (notatus) |
| Black-headed Oriole | <i>Oriolus larvatus</i> | Seen several times (angolensis) |
| 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, at Kalandula and near Quibaxi (saturnus) |
| Fork-tailed Drongo | <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i> | Seen in the south and on the plateau (apivorus) |
| Velvet-mantled Drongo | <i>Dicrurus modestus</i> | Seen at various sites along the central and northern escarpment (coracinus) |
| Monarchs | Family Monarchidae | |
| Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher | <i>Trochocercus nitens</i> | Good views near Quibaxe and brief views at Kumbira (nitens) |
| Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone rufocinerea</i> | Seen near Uige |
| African Paradise Flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i> | Seen regularly (plumbeiceps) |
| Crows, Jays | Family Corvidae | |
| Cape Crow | <i>Corvus capensis</i> | Seen in the Mount Moco region (capensis) |
| 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 (teresita) |
| White-tailed Blue Flycatcher | <i>Elminia albicauda</i> | Seen at Mount Moco |
| Tits, Chickadees | Family Paridae | |
| White-winged Black Tit | <i>Melaniparus leucomelas</i> | Seen in the Mount Moco region (insignis) |
| Carp's Tit | <i>Melaniparus carpi</i> | Seen several times along the coastal plain |
| Dusky Tit | <i>Melaniparus funereus</i> | The endemic gabela subspecies was seen at Kumbira |
| Rufous-bellied Tit | <i>Melaniparus rufiventris</i> | Great views near Lubango and in the Mount Moco area (rufiventris) |
| Miombo Tit | <i>Melaniparus griseiventris</i> | Good views at Tundavala |
| Ashy Tit | <i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i> | Good views between Benguela and Namibe (benguelae) |
| Penduline Tits | Family Remizidae | |
| Grey Penduline Tit | <i>Anthoscopus caroli</i> | Good looks at the green-backed birds in the Mount Moco area (ansorgei) |
| Nicator | Family Nicatoridae | |
| Yellow-throated Nicator | <i>Nicator vireo</i> | Seen well at Bimbe and Kumbira |
| Larks | Family Alaudidae | |
| Spike-heeled Lark | <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i> | Good views in the south-west and at Tundavala (obscurata) |
| Benguela Long-billed Lark | <i>Certhilauda benguelensis</i> | Several good sightings between Benguela and Namibe (benguelensis) |
| Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark | <i>Eremopterix verticalis</i> | Nice looks in the south-west (damarensis) |
| Sabota Lark | <i>Calendulauda sabota</i> | Seen in the Benguela area (ansorgei) |
| Rufous-naped Lark | <i>Mirafra africana</i> | Our best views were at Tundavala (occidentalis) |
| Flappet Lark | <i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i> | Seen in the Mount Moco area (fischeri) |
| Angolan Lark | <i>Mirafra angolensis</i> | Great views at Mount Moco (angolensis) |
| Red-capped Lark | <i>Calandrella cinerea</i> | Several good sightings |
| Bulbuls | Family Pycnonotidae | |
| African Red-eyed Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i> | Seen in the south-west (nigricans) |
| Dark-capped Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i> | Common (tricolor) |
| Slender-billed Greenbul | <i>Stelgidillas gracilirostris</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests (gracilirostris) |
| Little Greenbul | <i>Eurillas virens</i> | First seen at Kalandula (virens) |
| Plain Greenbul | <i>Eurillas curvirostris</i> | Seen in the northern scarp and heard at Kumbira, where it is the first record (curvirostris) |
| Yellow-whiskered Greenbul | <i>Eurillas latirostris</i> | Seen in the scarp forests (latirostris) |
| Honeyguide Greenbul | <i>Baeopogon indicator</i> | Heard along the northern scarp (indicator) |
| Yellow-bellied Greenbul | <i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i> | Several good views (occidentalis) |
| Falkenstein's Greenbul | <i>Chlorocichla falkensteini</i> | Seen very well at Kumbira and along the northern escarpment |
| Simple Greenbul | <i>Chlorocichla simplex</i> | Heard near Quibaxi |
| Yellow-throated Leaflove | <i>Atimastillas flavicollis</i> | Seen a few times (flavigula) |
| Swamp Palm Bulbul | <i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i> | Seen briefly near Quitexe |
| Pale-olive Greenbul | <i>Phyllastrephus fulviventris</i> | A few nice looks, the first at Bimbe |
| Cabanis's Greenbul | <i>Phyllastrephus cabanisi</i> | Seen at Kalandula, heard at Mt Moco (cabinisi) |
| Red-tailed Bristlebill | <i>Bleda syndactylus</i> | Seen briefly at Kumbira |
| Black-collared Bulbul | <i>Neolestes torquatus</i> | Several great views in the Mount Moco area and at Conda |
| Swallows, Martins | Family Hirundinidae | |
| Square-tailed Saw-wing | <i>Psalidoprocné nitens</i> | Seen along the northern escarpment (nitens) |
| Black Saw-wing | <i>Psalidoprocné pristoptera</i> | Several sightings (reichenowi) |
| Grey-rumped Swallow | <i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i> | Several good views, especially in the Mount Moco area |
| Brazza's Martin | <i>Phedina brazzae</i> | Excellent views in the Mount Moco area of this little-known swallow |
| Brown-throated Martin | <i>Riparia paludicola</i> | Good views near Lubango (paludicola) |
| Banded Martin | <i>Riparia cincta</i> | Seen near Mount Moco and at Mussulo (xerica) |
| 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 (smithii) |

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| Black-and-rufous Swallow | <i>Hirundo nigrorufa</i> | Some fantastic looks in the Mount Moco region |
| Pearl-breasted Swallow | <i>Hirundo dimidiata</i> | Seen en route to Huambo and in the Mount Moco area (marwitzii) |
| Rock Martin | <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> | Seen south-west and at Mount Moco (anderssoni) |
| Greater Striped Swallow | <i>Cecropis cucullata</i> | Seen at Mount Moco |
| Lesser Striped Swallow | <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i> | Common (unitatis) |
| Red-breasted Swallow | <i>Cecropis semirufa</i> | Seen near Camabatela and Quibaxi (semirufa) |
| Mosque Swallow | <i>Cecropis senegalensis</i> | Seen in the Mount Moco area (monteiri) |
| Red-throated Cliff Swallow | <i>Petrochelidon rufigula</i> | Many seen in the highlands and along the northern escarpment |
| Forest Swallow | <i>Petrochelidon fuliginosa</i> | The biggest surprise of the trip was finding about six of these swallows west of Quitexe. They were watched at length and seen very well in flight, including the rufous throat. This is a new record for Angola. |
| Crombecs, African Warblers | Family Macrosphenidae | |
| Moustached Grass Warbler | <i>Melocichla mentalis</i> | Several sightings (mentalis) |
| Rockrunner | <i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i> | Good views at Tundavala (spadix) |
| Yellow Longbill | <i>Macrosphenus flavicans</i> | Seen west of Quitexe (flavicans) |
| Pulitzer's Longbill | <i>Macrosphenus pulitzeri</i> | Two excellent sightings at Kumbira |
| Long-billed Crombec | <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i> | Seen several times along the coastal plain (ansorgei) |
| Red-capped Crombec | <i>Sylvietta ruficapilla</i> | Nice looks in the Mount Moco region (ruficapilla) |
| Green Crombec | <i>Sylvietta virens</i> | Common along the escarpment (tando) |
| Family Uncertain | Family Incertae Sedis 2 | |
| Green Hylia | <i>Hylia prasina</i> | Seen a couple of times in the scarp forests (prasina) |
| Reed Warblers and allies | Family Acrocephalidae | |
| Lesser Swamp Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i> | A pair was seen nest building near Mount Moco (winterbottomi) |
| African Yellow Warbler | <i>Iduna natalensis</i> | Seen well at Mount Moco and a couple of times thereafter (major) |
| Grassbirds and allies | Family Locustellidae | |
| Little Rush Warbler | <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i> | Heard only (benguellensis) |
| Evergreen Forest Warbler | <i>Bradypterus lopezi</i> | Seen briefly at Mount Moco where it was very vocal (boultoni) |
| Fan-tailed Grassbird | <i>Schoenicola brevirostris</i> | Nice looks in the Mount Moco area (alexinae) |
| Cisticolas and allies | Family Cisticolidae | |
| Red-faced Cisticola | <i>Cisticola erythrops</i> | Seen very well at Mount Moco, where it may be split as Lepe Cisticola (lepe) |
| Whistling Cisticola | <i>Cisticola lateralis</i> | Seen at Kalandula (modestus) |
| Bubbling Cisticola | <i>Cisticola bulliens</i> | Seen along the coastal plain and escarpment (septentrionalis and bulliens) |
| Rock-loving Cisticola | <i>Cisticola emini</i> | The very distinctive, endemic bailunduensis subspecies was seen at Mount Moco. Based on the unique calls this must be a good species endemic to Angola. |
| Rattling Cisticola | <i>Cisticola chiniana</i> | Seen at Leba (smithersi) |
| Tinkling Cisticola | <i>Cisticola rufiflatus</i> | Seen well near Lubango (ansorgei) |
| Grey-backed Cisticola | <i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i> | Very pale birds were seen near Namibe (newtoni) |
| Wailing Cisticola | <i>Cisticola lais</i> | Common at Tundavala and Mount Moco (namba) |
| Chirping Cisticola | <i>Cisticola pipiens</i> | Seen several times in the Mount Moco region (pipiens) |
| Levaillant's Cisticola | <i>Cisticola tinniens</i> | Seen near Lubango (perpullus) |
| Stout Cisticola | <i>Cisticola robustus</i> | Good looks in the Mount Moco region (angolensis) |
| Croaking Cisticola | <i>Cisticola natalensis</i> | Seen at Mount Moco (huambo) |
| Short-winged Cisticola | <i>Cisticola brachypterus</i> | Common on the plateau (loanda) |
| Neddicky | <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i> | Seen regularly on the plateau (dispar) |
| Zitting Cisticola | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> | Seen near Lubango (terrestris) |
| Desert Cisticola | <i>Cisticola aridulus</i> | Singing and displaying birds seen at Mussulo (lobito) |
| Wing-snapping Cisticola | <i>Cisticola ayresii</i> | Good views at Tundavala (ayresii) |
| Tawny-flanked Prinia | <i>Prinia subflava</i> | Widespread |
| Black-chested Prinia | <i>Prinia flavicans</i> | Seen in the south-west (ansorgei) |
| Banded Prinia | <i>Prinia bairdii</i> | Good looks in the northern scarp forests (heinrichi) |
| White-chinned Prinia | <i>Schistolais leucopogon</i> | Seen well near Uige (leucopogon) |
| Yellow-breasted Apalis | <i>Apalis flavida</i> | Seen a couple of times along the coastal plain (flavida) |
| Lowland Masked Apalis | <i>Apalis binotata</i> | Seen at Kumbira |
| Black-throated Apalis | <i>Apalis jacksoni</i> | Seen near Uige (jacksoni) |
| Buff-throated Apalis | <i>Apalis rufogularis</i> | Seen along the central (brauni) and northern escarpment (angolensis) |
| Grey Apalis | <i>Apalis cinerea</i> | Seen at Mount Moco (grandis) |
| Brown-headed Apalis | <i>Apalis alticola</i> | Seen at Kalandula (alticola) |
| Hartert's Camaroptera | <i>Camaroptera harterti</i> | Many sightings |
| 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 (huilae) |
| Barred Wren-Warbler | <i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i> | Nice looks near Benguela (pallidior) |
| Yellow-bellied Eremomela | <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i> | Seen in the south-west (puellula) |
| Salvadori's Eremomela | <i>Eremomela salvadorii</i> | First seen en route to Huambo and again in the Mount Moco region |
| Green-capped Eremomela | <i>Eremomela scotops</i> | Seen several times in miombo (pulchra) |
| Rufous-crowned Eremomela | <i>Eremomela badiceps</i> | Good looks in the northern scarp forests |
| Black-necked Eremomela | <i>Eremomela atricollis</i> | Good views of this smart species in the Mount Moco region |
| Fulvettas, Ground Babblers | Family Pellorneidae | |
| Scaly-breasted Illadopsis | <i>Illadopsis albigpectus</i> | Seen near Quibaxi (trenseii) |
| Brown Illadopsis | <i>Illadopsis fulvescens</i> | Seen at Kumbira (dilutor) |
| Laughingthrushes | Family Leiothrichidae | |
| Arrow-marked Babbler | <i>Turdoides jardineii</i> | Heard at Kalandula (hyposticta) |
| Hartlaub's Babbler | <i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i> | First seen at Leba Pass and several times thereafter (hartlaubii) |
| Bare-cheeked Babbler | <i>Turdoides gymnogynys</i> | Great views near Benguela and Leba (gymnogynys) |
| Sylviid Babblers | Family Sylviidae | |
| African Hill Babbler | <i>Pseudoalcippe abyssinica</i> | Seen well at Mount Moco (ansorgei) |
| Chestnut-vented Warbler | <i>Sylvia subcaerulea</i> | Seen in the south-west (ansorgei) |
| 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 (barbozae) |

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| Southern Hyliota | <i>Hyliota australis</i> | Seen at Bimbe and Kumbira (inornata) |
| Treecreepers | Family Certhiidae | |
| African Spotted Creeper | <i>Salpornis salvadori</i> | A couple of good sightings in the Mount Moco region (salvadori) |
| Starlings, Rhabdornis | Family Sturnidae | |
| Wattled Starling | <i>Creatophora cinerea</i> | Seen once on the coastal plain |
| Cape Starling | <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i> | Common along the coastal plain (nitens) |
| Splendid Starling | <i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i> | Seen in the north (splendidus) |
| Meves's Starling | <i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i> | Seen near Leba (benguellensis) |
| Sharp-tailed Starling | <i>Lamprotornis acuticaudus</i> | Many good sightings in the miombo woodlands, from near Lubango to Kalandula (acuticaudus) |
| Violet-backed Starling | <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i> | Many seen (verreauxi) |
| Chestnut-winged Starling | <i>Onychognathus fulgidus</i> | Some good views along the northern escarpment (intermedius) |
| Pale-winged Starling | <i>Onychognathus naboroupp</i> | Seen in the south-west |
| Narrow-tailed Starling | <i>Poeyoptera 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 (langi) |
| Thrushes | Family Turdidae | |
| White-tailed Ant Thrush | <i>Neocossyphus poensis</i> | Seen briefly near Quibaxi (praepectoralis) |
| Fraser's Rufous Thrush | <i>Stizorhina fraseri</i> | Heard in the scarp forests (rubicunda) |
| Groundscraper Thrush | <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i> | Seen in the south (paucigu) |
| African Thrush | <i>Turdus pelios</i> | Seen several times (bocagei) |
| Kurrichane Thrush | <i>Turdus libonyana</i> | Seen in the Mount Moco area |
| Chats, Flycatchers | Family Muscipapidae | |
| Forest Scrub Robin | <i>Cercotrichas leucosticta</i> | Good views at Bimbe and heard elsewhere along the escarpment |
| Miombo Scrub Robin | <i>Cercotrichas barbata</i> | Nice views in the Mount Moco region |
| Kalahari Scrub Robin | <i>Cercotrichas paena</i> | Seen well near Benguela (benguellensis) |
| Brown-backed Scrub Robin | <i>Cercotrichas hartlaubi</i> | Nice looks near Quibaxi |
| White-browed Scrub Robin | <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i> | Seen a few times |
| Grey Tit-Flycatcher | <i>Myioparus plumbeus</i> | Seen at Bimbe and Kalandula |
| Angolan Slaty Flycatcher | <i>Melaenornis brunneus</i> | Good looks at Tundavala (bailunduensis) |
| Southern Black Flycatcher | <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i> | Several sightings (pammelaina) |
| Pale Flycatcher | <i>Melaenornis pallidus</i> | Common on the plateau (murinus) |
| Chat Flycatcher | <i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i> | Common in the south-west (benguellensis) |
| Ashy Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i> | Seen along the escarpment (impavida) |
| African Dusky Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa adusta</i> | Seen a couple of times (subadusta) |
| Dusky-blue Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa comitata</i> | Seen in the Quibaxi area (comitata) |
| Sooty Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa infuscata</i> | Seen west of Quitexe (infuscata) |
| Böhm's Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa boehmi</i> | Great views of this uncommon species in the Mount Moco region |
| Brown-chested Alethe | <i>Pseudalethe poliocephala</i> | Good views at Kumbira (hallae) |
| Angolan Cave Chat | <i>Cossypha ansorgei</i> | Superb views at Leba Pass and again at Tundavala |
| Grey-winged Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha polioptera</i> | Seen well at Kalandula (polioptera) |
| White-browed Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha heuglini</i> | Heard often and seen occasionally (subrufescens) |
| Red-capped Robin-Chat | <i>Cossypha natalensis</i> | Heard along the escarpment (larischi) |
| 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 Mount Moco (bocagei) |
| Gabela Akalat | <i>Sheppardia gabela</i> | Superb views at Kumbira |
| Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush | <i>Cichladusa rufo-cauda</i> | A few good sightings along the coastal plain, the first in Luanda |
| Short-toed Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola brevipes</i> | Nice looks near Namibe and at Tundavala (brevipes) |
| Miombo Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola angolensis</i> | Nice views near Lubango and at Mount Moco (angolensis) |
| African Stonechat | <i>Saxicola torquatus</i> | Regular in the highlands (stonei) |
| Karoo Chat | <i>Emarginata schlegelii</i> | Seen in the south-west (benguellensis) |
| Tractrac Chat | <i>Emarginata tractrac</i> | Seen in the south-west (hoeschi) |
| Sooty Chat | <i>Myrmecocichla nigra</i> | Several seen in the highlands |
| Mountain Wheatear | <i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i> | Seen along the coastal plain (albipileata) and at Mount Moco (nigricauda) |
| Capped Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe pileata</i> | Seen at Mount Moco (neseri) |
| Familiar Chat | <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i> | Seen a few times (angolensis) |
| Sunbirds | Family Nectariniidae | |
| Anchieta's Sunbird | <i>Anthreptes anchietae</i> | Great views 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 (angolensis) |
| Little Green Sunbird | <i>Anthreptes seimundi</i> | Seen at Kumbira and in the northern escarpment (minor) |
| Grey-chinned Sunbird | <i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests (tephrolaemus) |
| Collared Sunbird | <i>Hedydipna collaris</i> | Seen along the escarpment (somereni) |
| Green-headed Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra verticalis</i> | Seen along the escarpment and also alongside the next species at Kalandula (cyanocephala) |
| Bannerman's Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra bannermani</i> | Seen well at Kalandula, although you had to be quick |
| Blue-throated Brown Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests (octaviae) |
| Olive Sunbird | <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i> | Common in forest (cephaelis) |
| Carmelite Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra fuliginosa</i> | Nice looks at Kumbira and seen near Quibaxi (fuliginosa) |
| Green-throated Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra rubescens</i> | Seen in the northern scarp forests (rubescens) |
| Amethyst Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i> | Seen in miombo (deminuta) |
| Scarlet-chested Sunbird | <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i> | Several seen (saturator) |
| Bocage's Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia bocagei</i> | Excellent views of a lovely male in the Mount Moco area, and the female seen well too |
| Bronzy Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia kilimensis</i> | Good looks at the endemic gadowi subspecies at Mount Moco |
| Olive-bellied Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i> | Seen along the escarpment (orphogaster) |
| Miombo Double-collared Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris manoensis</i> | Seen once in the Mount Moco region (pintoi) |
| Ludwig's Double-collared Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris ludovicensis</i> | Seen well at Tundavala and Mount Moco (ludovicensis) |
| Purple-banded Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i> | Seen along the coastal plain (bifasciatus) |

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| Orange-tufted Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris bouvieri</i> | A couple were seen adjacent to forest in the northern scarp, but they didn't stay long |
| Superb Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris superbus</i> | Several seen along the escarpment (superbus) |
| Oustalet's Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris oustaleti</i> | Nice looks in the highlands, especially at Mount Moco (oustaleti) |
| White-bellied Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris talatala</i> | Seen in the southern lowlands (talatala) |
| Variable Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris venustus</i> | Seen at Tundavala (falkensteini) |
| Dusky Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris fuscus</i> | Seen near Benguela (inclusus) |
| Bates's Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris batesi</i> | Good looks at Kalandula, where it was an unexpected find. |
| Copper Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris cupreus</i> | A few seen (chalceus) |
| Old World Sparrows | Family Passeridae | |
| White-browed Sparrow-Weaver | <i>Plocepasser mahali</i> | Seen in the south-west (ansorgei) |
| House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | In many towns and villages |
| Great Sparrow | <i>Passer motitensis</i> | Good views between Benguela and Namibe (benguellensis) |
| Cape Sparrow | <i>Passer melanurus</i> | Seen in the south-west (damarensis) |
| Northern Grey-headed Sparrow | <i>Passer griseus</i> | Seen in Luanda (ugandae) |
| Southern Grey-headed Sparrow | <i>Passer diffusus</i> | Seen in the south (diffusus) |
| Yellow-throated Petronia | <i>Gymnoris supercilialis</i> | Common in miombo (ruftergum) |
| Weavers, Widowbirds | Family Ploceidae | |
| Red-billed Buffalo Weaver | <i>Bubalornis niger</i> | Seen along the coastal plain (niger) |
| Scaly-feathered Weaver | <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i> | Seen between Benguela and Namibe (squamifrons) |
| Thick-billed Weaver | <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i> | A few sightings along the escarpment (tandae) |
| Black-chinned Weaver | <i>Ploceus nigrimentus</i> | A bird seen very briefly in flight at Mount Moco may have been this species, following the reports of Pete Morris of what appears to be this species |
| Spectacled Weaver | <i>Ploceus ocularis</i> | Several sightings (crocatius) |
| Black-necked Weaver | <i>Ploceus nigricollis</i> | Most common at Kumbira (nigricollis) |
| Bocage's Weaver | <i>Ploceus temporalis</i> | Great views of lovely displaying males in the Mount Moco region |
| Holub's Golden Weaver | <i>Ploceus xanthops</i> | Quite common |
| Lesser Masked Weaver | <i>Ploceus intermedius</i> | Breeding at the Kwanza River (beattyi) |
| Southern Masked Weaver | <i>Ploceus velatus</i> | Non-breeding birds seen in the south (velatus) |
| Village Weaver | <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i> | Fairly common (collaris) |
| Vieillot's Black Weaver | <i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i> | Seen in the northern areas (nigerrimus) |
| Yellow-mantled Weaver | <i>Ploceus tricolor</i> | Several sightings in the northern scarp forests (interscapularis) |
| Dark-backed Weaver | <i>Ploceus bicolor</i> | Heard and seen briefly in the northern forests (amaurocephalus) |
| Brown-capped Weaver | <i>Ploceus insignis</i> | A female and juvenile seen well at Kumbira |
| Red-headed Malimbe | <i>Malimbus rubricollis</i> | Seen well in the scarp forests (praedi) |
| Crested Malimbe | <i>Malimbus malimbicus</i> | Seen near Quitexe (malimbicus) |
| Red-headed Weaver | <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i> | A couple seen in miombo woodlands (rubriceps) |
| Red-headed Quelea | <i>Quelea erythroptera</i> | Non-breeding birds seen near Kalandula |
| Red-billed Quelea | <i>Quelea quelea</i> | Seen along the coastal plain (lathamii) |
| Black-winged Red Bishop | <i>Euplectes hordeaceus</i> | Non-breeding birds seen in the highlands (hordeaceus) |
| Golden-backed Bishop | <i>Euplectes aureus</i> | Non-breeding birds seen well at Bimbe |
| Yellow Bishop | <i>Euplectes capensis</i> | Quite common in the highlands (angolensis) |
| Fan-tailed Widowbird | <i>Euplectes axillaris</i> | Quite common in the highlands (bocagei) |
| Yellow-mantled Widowbird | <i>Euplectes macroura</i> | Non-breeding males seen in the Kalandula area (macroura) |
| Marsh Widowbird | <i>Euplectes hartlaubi</i> | Several non-breeding males seen well in the Mount Moco region (hartlaubi) |
| White-winged Widowbird | <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i> | Non-breeding males seen at Bimbe (asymmetrus) |
| Long-tailed Widowbird | <i>Euplectes progne</i> | A full-plumage male was seen in the Mount Moco area (delacouri) |
| Waxbills, Munias and allies | Family Estrildidae | |
| White-breasted Nigrita | <i>Nigrita fusconotus</i> | Common along the northern scarp (fusconotus) |
| Grey-headed Nigrita | <i>Nigrita canicapillus</i> | Seen along the escarpment (angolensis) |
| White-collared Oliveback | <i>Nesocharis ansorgei</i> | Seen in the Quibaxi area, where only recently confirmed to occur. Unfortunately the singing male didn't stick around for long. |
| Orange-winged Pytilia | <i>Pytilia afra</i> | A couple of good sightings in the Mount Moco region |
| Green-winged Pytilia | <i>Pytilia melba</i> | Seen along the coastal plain (melba) |
| Red-headed Finch | <i>Amadina erythrocephala</i> | Nice views along the coastal plain from Luanda to the Kwanza River |
| Green Twinspot | <i>Mandingoa nitidula</i> | Heard in the northern scarp forests (schlegeli) |
| Red-headed Bluebill | <i>Spermophaga ruficapilla</i> | Nice looks at Kumbira (ruficapilla) |
| Brown Twinspot | <i>Clytospiza monteiri</i> | Quite good views at Kalandula and near Quibaxi |
| Dusky Twinspot | <i>Euschistospiza cinereovinacea</i> | Great looks at Mount Moco (cinereovinacea) |
| Red-billed Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta senegalae</i> | Seen at Leba (rendalli) |
| Landana Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta landanae</i> | First seen at Bimbe and later along the northern escarpment. There is little justification for splitting this species from African Firefinch |
| Jameson's Firefinch | <i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i> | The very distinctive ansorgei subspecies was seen very well in the Lubango area |
| Blue Waxbill | <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i> | Common along the coastal plain (angolensis) |
| Violet-eared Waxbill | <i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i> | Some good views in the south-west (siccatus) |
| Angolan Waxbill | <i>Coccyzygia bocagei</i> | Nice looks at Tundavala and seen also at Mount Moco |
| Grey Waxbill | <i>Estrilda perreini</i> | Quite good views at Bimbe (perreini) |
| Cinderella Waxbill | <i>Estrilda thomensis</i> | One studied at length in the scopes near Leba after a lengthy search |
| Fawn-breasted Waxbill | <i>Estrilda paludicola</i> | Several sightings, first at Mount Moco (benguellensis) |
| Orange-cheeked Waxbill | <i>Estrilda melpoda</i> | Seen a few times in the north (melpoda) |
| Common Waxbill | <i>Estrilda astrild</i> | Several sightings (subspecies not identified) |
| Orange-breasted Waxbill | <i>Amandava subflava</i> | A couple of good sightings in the Mount Moco region (niethammeri) |
| Quailfinch | <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i> | Seen at Tundavala and near Mount Moco (subspecies not determined, but probably muelleri) |
| Locust Finch | <i>Paludipasser locustella</i> | Superb views of males and females on the ground in the Mount Moco region (uelensis) |
| Bronze Mannikin | <i>Lonchura cucullata</i> | Seen several times (scutata) |
| Black-and-white Mannikin | <i>Lonchura bicolor</i> | Seen along the escarpment (woltersi) |
| Magpie Mannikin | <i>Lonchura fringilloides</i> | Seen at Kumbira, where a new record |
| Indigobirds, Whydahs | Family Viduidae | |

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| Pin-tailed Whydah | <i>Vidua macroura</i> | Only non-breeding birds seen |
| Wagtails, Pipits | Family Motacillidae | |
| Fülleborn's Longclaw | <i>Macronyx fuelleborni</i> | An unprecedented number of these smart birds were seen in the highland areas, from Lubango to the Mount Moco area (ascensi) |
| African Pipit | <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i> | Quite common (subspecies not determined) |
| Long-billed Pipit | <i>Anthus similis</i> | Seen on top of Mount Moco, where the endemic moco subspecies might belong to Wood Pipit |
| Wood Pipit | <i>Anthus nyassae</i> | Quite common in miombo from Lubango to Mount Moco (schoutedeni) |
| Buffy Pipit | <i>Anthus vaalensis</i> | One seen well at Tundavala (neumanni) |
| Plain-backed Pipit | <i>Anthus leucophrys</i> | Several sightings, mostly of bohndorfi |
| Striped Pipit | <i>Anthus lineiventris</i> | A couple of sightings at Mount Moco |
| Finches | Family Fringillidae | |
| Black-faced Canary | <i>Crithagra capistrata</i> | Good sightings at Mount Moco and Kumbira (hildegardae) |
| Black-throated Canary | <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i> | Several sightings (subspecies not identified) |
| Yellow-fronted Canary | <i>Crithagra mozambica</i> | Several sightings (subspecies not identified) |
| Yellow Canary | <i>Crithagra flaviventris</i> | Seen near Lubango (damarensis) |
| Brimstone Canary | <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i> | Seen at Mount Moco (sharpii) |
| White-throated Canary | <i>Crithagra albogularis</i> | Seen in the south-west (crocopygia) |
| Yellow-crowned Canary | <i>Serinus flavivertex</i> | Seen in good numbers around Lubango (huillensis) |
| Buntings and allies | Family Emberizidae | |
| Lark-like Bunting | <i>Emberiza impetuani</i> | A couple were seen at Tundavala (eremica) |
| Cinnamon-breasted Bunting | <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i> | Seen at Tundavala and Mount Moco (nivenorum) |
| Golden-breasted Bunting | <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i> | Seen a few times |
| Cabanis's Bunting | <i>Emberiza cabanisi</i> | Heard at Kalandula (orientalis) |