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Madagascar November 2014 trip list by Michael Mills. Total species recorded: 181

	ORDER GALLIFORMES	
Pheasants, Fowl & Allies	Family Phasianidae	
Madagascar Partridge	<i>Margaroperdix madagarensis</i>	Seen well near Isalo
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Heard near Antsirabe
	ORDER ANSERIFORMES	
Ducks, Geese & Swans	Family Anatidae	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Seen many times
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	Seen BB (=Betsiboka Delta)
Meller's Duck	<i>Anas melleri</i>	Great views Mantadia and Rano (=Ranomafana)
Bernier's Teal	<i>Anas bernieri</i>	About 12 seen in the BB, finally!
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	Seen LA (=Lac Alarobia) and near Isalo, etc
	ORDER PODICIPEDIFORMES	
Grebes	Family Podicipedidae	
Madagascar Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus pelzelni</i>	Seen well at Mantadia
	ORDER PHOENICOPTERIFORMES	
Flamingos	Family Phoenicopteridae	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	A flock near Ifaty
	ORDER PHAETHONTIFORMES	
Tropicbirds	Family Phaethontidae	
Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Fantastic views on the breeding island
	ORDER CICONIIFORMES	
Storks	Family Ciconiidae	
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	Seen AK (=Ankarafanatika NP)
	ORDER PELECANIFORMES	
Ibises, Spoonbills	Family Threskiornithidae	
Malagasy Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis bernieri</i>	Seen BB
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Common at AK
Madagascar (Crested) Ibis	<i>Lophotibis cristata</i>	Amazing views of display at AK! Also MS (=Masoala exn)
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	Seen AK
Hérons, Bitterns	Family Ardeidae	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Seen near Mantadia and AK
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Seen at AK
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Small numbers in many places, esp AK
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Seen in rice paddies around Tana and common AK
Malagasy Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola idae</i>	Great views AK
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Small numbers generally but common AK
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Small numbers along the shore at Ifaty
Humboldt's Heron	<i>Ardea humboldti</i>	Great views at AK!
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Great views AK
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Common around Tana in the paddies and AK
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Seen in rice paddies around Tana
Dimorphic Egret	<i>Egretta dimorpha</i>	Small numbers of black and white forms in freshwater and coastal areas
Hamerkop	Family Scopidae	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Small numbers in paddies throughout
Cormorants, shags	Family Phalacrocoracidae	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	Seen at the BB by some, and MS for others
Anhingas, darters	Family Anhingidae	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Seen AK
	ORDER ACCIPITRIFORMES	
Kites, Hawks & Eagles	Family Accipitridae	
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	Very common
Madagascar Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vociferoides</i>	Great views AK
Malagasy Harrier	<i>Circus macroscelus</i>	Amazing views near Rano
Madagascar Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>	A total of 4 seen
Frances's Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter francesiae</i>	Small numbers seen very well
Henst's Goshawk	<i>Accipiter henstii</i>	Heard Mantadia
Madagascar Buzzard	<i>Buteo brachypterus</i>	Commonly seen
	ORDER FALCONIFORMES	
Falcons	Family Falconidae	
Malagasy Kestrel	<i>Falco newtoni</i>	Common throughout the island, with pale and dark forms
Banded Kestrel	<i>Falco zoniventris</i>	Great views near Ifaty! Also AK
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>	Seen well near Andasibe
Sooty Falcon	<i>Falco concolor</i>	Good views around AK: was Rob's 5000th bird!

	ORDER MESITORNITHIFORMES	
Mesites	Family Mesitornithidae	
White-breasted Mesite	<i>Mesitornis variegatus</i>	Great views AK
Brown Mesite	<i>Mesitornis unicolor</i>	Great views Rano
Subdesert Mesite	<i>Monias benschi</i>	Great views Ifaty
	ORDER GRUIFORMES	
Flufftails	Family Sarothruridae	
Madagascar Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura insularis</i>	Incredible views near Andasibe!
Rails, Crakes & Coots	Family Rallidae	
Madagascar Wood Rail	<i>Canirallus kioloides</i>	Great views at Mantadia
Madagascar Rail	<i>Rallus madagascariensis</i>	Great views near Mantadia
White-throated Rail	<i>Dryolimnas cuvieri</i>	Great views near Mantadia
Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>	Great views AK
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Seen AK
	ORDER CHARADRIIFORMES	
Buttonquail	Family Turnicidae	
Madagascar Buttonquail	<i>Turnix nigricollis</i>	Great views Zombitse and Ifaty
Crab-plover	Family Dromadidae	
Crab-plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>	Over 10 on the BB trip, in the rain!
Stilts, Avocets	Family Recurvirostridae	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Common around Ifaty
Plovers	Family Charadriidae	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Madagascar Plover	<i>Charadrius thoracicus</i>	Great views of this rare species near Ifaty
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	Seen near Ifaty
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Jacanas	Family Jacanidae	
Madagascar Jacana	<i>Actophilornis albinucha</i>	Great views AK
Sandpipers, Snipes	Family Scolopacidae	
Whimbrel	<i>Numerius phaeopus</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Couriers, Pratincoles	Family Glareolidae	
Madagascar Pratincole	<i>Glareola ocularis</i>	Seen on a river near Andasibe and MS
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	Family Laridae	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Seen at Nosy Ve
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Seen well near Ifaty
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	Seen well near Ifaty, BB and MS
Saunders's Tern	<i>Sternula saundersi</i>	Seen well near Ifaty and BB
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Seen well near Ifaty and BB
	ORDER PTEROCLIFORMES	
Sandgrouse	Family Pteroclididae	
Madagascar Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles personatus</i>	Great views near Toliara
	ORDER COLUMBIFORMES	
Pigeons, Doves	Family Columbidae	
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Small numbers in towns
Malagasy Turtle Dove	<i>Nesoenas picturata</i>	Quite common and seen well
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Common in dry areas
Madagascar Green Pigeon	<i>Treron australis</i>	Seen Mantadia and AK (and MS)
Madagascar Blue Pigeon	<i>Alectroenas madagascariensis</i>	Great views at Mantadia
	ORDER PSITTACIFORMES	
Parrots	Family Psittacidae	
Grey-headed Lovebird	<i>Agapornis canus</i>	Common at Ifaty and AK
Greater Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>	Small numbers Mantadia, Rano, Ifaty and MS
Lesser Vasa Parrot	<i>Coracopsis nigra</i>	Quite common and seen on most days
	ORDER CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	Family Cuculidae	
Malagasy Coucal	<i>Centropus toulou</i>	Common and seen or heard on most days
Crested Coua	<i>Coua cristata</i>	Seen well at Ifaty and AK
Verreaux's Coua	<i>Coua verreauxi</i>	Seen well near Toliara
Blue Coua	<i>Coua caerulea</i>	Seen well in the eastern rainforests
Red-capped Coua	<i>Coua ruficeps</i>	Seen well at AK
Green-capped Coua	<i>Coua [ruficeps] oliveiceps</i>	Seen well at Ifaty
Red-fronted Coua	<i>Coua reynaudii</i>	Seen well Mantadia
Running Coua	<i>Coua cursor</i>	Great views Ifaty
Red-breasted Coua	<i>Coua serriana</i>	Great views MS
Madagascar Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus rochii</i>	Heard most days and seen well near Rano, etc
	ORDER STRIGIFORMES	
Owls	Family Strigidae	
Torotoroka Scops Owl	<i>Otus madagascariensis</i>	Great views near Isalo
Rainforest Scops Owl	<i>Otus rutilus</i>	Great views in the day near Andasibe
White-browed Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox supercilialis</i>	Great views near Isalo
Madagascar [Long-eared] Owl	<i>Asio madagascariensis</i>	Great views in the day near Andasibe
Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>	Seen well near Isalo
	ORDER CAPRIMULGIFORMES	

Nightjars	Family Caprimulgidae	
Madagascar Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus madagascariensis</i>	Seen well Ifaty
Collared Nightjar	<i>Gactornis enarratus</i>	Unbelievable views Mantadia
Swifts	ORDER APODIFORMES	
	Family Apodidae	
Madagascar Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena grandieri</i>	Great views Mantadia and Ifaty
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Seen near Andasibe
Malagasy Black Swift	<i>Apus balstoni</i>	Good views Rano and elsewhere
Cuckoo Roller	ORDER LEPTOSOMIFORMES	
	Family Leptosomidae	
Cuckoo Roller	<i>Leptosomus discolor</i>	Great views in display at Mantadia, Zombitse and other places
Rollers	ORDER CORACIIFORMES	
	Family Coraciidae	
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	Great views Mantadia, Isalo, AK, etc
Ground Rollers	Family Brachypteraciidae	
Short-legged Ground Roller	<i>Brachypteracias leptosomus</i>	Incredible views at Mantadia, even if the ridge was a bit steep!
Scaly Ground Roller	<i>Geobiastes squamiger</i>	Fantastic views at Mantadia
Pitta-like Ground Roller	<i>Atelornis pittoides</i>	Fantastic views at Mantadia
Rufous-headed Ground Roller	<i>Atelornis crossleyi</i>	Great views at Mantadia, even if the slope was a bit slippery!
Long-tailed Ground Roller	<i>Uratelornis chimaera</i>	Amazing views at Ifaty
Kingfishers	Family Alcedinidae	
Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis madagascariensis</i>	Great views Rano near its nest hole
Malagasy Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis vintsioides</i>	Small numbers seen well throughout
Bee-eaters	Family Meropidae	
Olive Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>	Common!
Hoopoes	ORDER BUCEROTIFORMES	
	Family Upupidae	
Madagascar Hoopoe	<i>Upupa marginata</i>	Great views from Isalo to Ifaty, and AK
Broadbills	ORDER PASSERIFORMES	
	Family Eurylaimidae	
Velvet Asity	<i>Philepitta castanea</i>	Excellent views Rano
Schlegel's Asity	<i>Philepitta schlegeli</i>	Amazing views in the end at AK
Common Sunbird-Asity	<i>Neodrepanis coruscans</i>	Great views Rano
Yellow-bellied Sunbird-Asity	<i>Neodrepanis hypoxantha</i>	Great views Rano in the end!
Vangas	Family Vangidae	
Red-tailed Vanga	<i>Calicalicus madagascariensis</i>	Seen at Mantadia and AK
Red-shouldered Vanga	<i>Calicalicus rufocarpalis</i>	Amazing views near Toliara
Hook-billed Vanga	<i>Vanga curvirostris</i>	Seen Andasibe, Berenty, Ifaty
Bernier's Vanga	<i>Oriolia bernieri</i>	Amazing views of a family party after much searching in MS
Lafresnaye's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris xenopirostris</i>	Fantastic views Ifaty
Van Dam's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris damii</i>	Seen well AK
Pollen's Vanga	<i>Xenopirostris polleni</i>	Great views Rano
Sickle-billed Vanga	<i>Falcoelea palliata</i>	Fantastic views Ifaty and AK
White-headed Vanga	<i>Artamella viridis</i>	Seen widely in bird flocks
Chabert Vanga	<i>Leptopterus chabert</i>	Common on the forest edge
Blue Vanga	<i>Cyanolanius madagascarinus</i>	Great views Mantadia
Rufous Vanga	<i>Schetba rufa</i>	Great views AK
Helmet Vanga	<i>Euryceros prevostii</i>	A major highlight at MS! Incredible views.
Tylas Vanga	<i>Tylas eduardi</i>	Great views Mantadia and Rano
Nuthatch Vanga	<i>Hypositta corallirostris</i>	Heard only Mantadia despite much searching
Dark Newtonia	<i>Newtonia amphichroa</i>	Seen Rano
Common Newtonia	<i>Newtonia brunneicauda</i>	Common and seen often
Archbold's Newtonia	<i>Newtonia archboldi</i>	Seen well Ifaty
Ward's Flycatcher	<i>Pseudobias wardi</i>	Seen well Mantadia
Crossley's Vanga	<i>Mystacornis crossleyi</i>	Fantastic views Rano
Cuckooshrikes	Family Campephagidae	
Madagascar Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina cinerea</i>	Seen well in many rainforest sites
Drongos	Family Dicruridae	
Crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus forficatus</i>	Common and conspicuous
Monarchs	Family Monarchidae	
Malagasy Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone mutata</i>	Common and both white and orange plumages seen
Crows	Family Corvidae	
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Common!
Larks	Family Alaudidae	
Madagascar Lark	<i>Mirafrwa hova</i>	Common in the dry areas
Bulbuls	Family Pycnonotidae	
Malagasy Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>	Common and widespread
Swallows, martins	Family Hirundinidae	
Mascarene Martin	<i>Phedina borbonica</i>	Common, even seen at the airport
Brown-throated [Plain] Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Small numbers around wetlands
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	One near Ifaty. Scarce in Madagascar
Reed warblers and allies	Family Acrocephalidae	
Malagasy Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas typica</i>	Seen well Mantadia and Rano
Subdesert Brush Warbler	<i>Nesillas lantzii</i>	Seen well around Ifaty
Madagascar Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus newtoni</i>	Seen well a few places, such as the grebe pond
Grassbirds and allies	Family Locustellidae	
Grey Emutail	<i>Amphispiza sebohmi</i>	Great views in a marsh near Rano
Brown Emutail	<i>Bradypterus brunneus</i>	Great views in a forest near Rano
Malagasy warblers	Family Bernieridae	
White-throated Oxylabes	<i>Oxylabes madagascariensis</i>	Great views Rano
Long-billed Bernieria	<i>Bernieria madagascariensis</i>	Seen in forests throughout
Cryptic Warbler	<i>Cryptosylvicola randrianasoloi</i>	Great views Rano

Wedge-tailed Jery	<i>Hartertula flavoviridis</i>	Great views Rano
Thamnornis [Warbler]	<i>Thamnornis chloropetoides</i>	Seen well Ifaty
Spectacled Tetraka	<i>Xanthomixis zosterops</i>	Seen Mantadia
Appert's Tetraka	<i>Xanthomixis apperti</i>	Great views Zombitse
Grey-crowned Tetraka	<i>Xanthomixis cinereiceps</i>	Seen Rano
Madagascar Yellowbrow	<i>Crossleyia xanthophrys</i>	Great views of this skulker at Rano
Rand's Warbler	<i>Randia pseudozosterops</i>	Seen Mantadia
Cisticolas and allies	Family Cisticolidae	
Common Jery	<i>Neomixis tenella</i>	Common throughout
Green Jery	<i>Neomixis viridis</i>	Seen well Mantadia and Rano
Stripe-throated Jery	<i>Neomixis striatigula</i>	Seen well Mantadia and Ifaty
Madagascar Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cherina</i>	Common in open areas, esp Ifaty area
White-eyes	Family Zosteropidae	
Malagasy White-eye	<i>Zosterops maderaspatanus</i>	Common!
Starlings	Family Sturnidae	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Common especially in towns
Madagascar Starling	<i>Hartlaubius auratus</i>	Seen well Mantadia
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Family Muscicapidae	
Madagascar Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus albospecularis</i>	Common and seen on most days
Madagascar Stonechat	<i>Saxicola sibilla</i>	Seen in the Andasibe area
Littoral Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola imerina</i>	Great views Anakao on the boat trip
Forest Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola sharpei</i>	Great views in the forest at Rano. The subspecies <i>bensoni</i> also seen at Isalo.
Sunbirds	Family Nectariniidae	
Souimanga Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris sovimanga</i>	Very common, seen almost all days
Malagasy Green Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris notatus</i>	Seen well Mantadia and small numbers elsewhere
Weavers, Widowbirds	Family Ploceidae	
Nelicourvi Weaver	<i>Ploceus nelicourvi</i>	Great views Mantadia and Rano
Sakalava Weaver	<i>Ploceus sakalava</i>	Common in the dry south and west, esp around Ifaty
Red Fody	<i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>	Abundant!
Forest Fody	<i>Foudia omissa</i>	Small numbers Mantadia and Rano
Waxbills, Munias & Allies	Family Estrildidae	
Madagascar Mannikin	<i>Lemuresthes nana</i>	Common in Tana, Andasibe, Rano
Wagtails, Pipits	Family Motacillidae	
Madagascar Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flaviventris</i>	Common