

# Tanzania Safari October 4-18, 2006

## **Introduction:**

Our first trip to this part of Africa.

Travelling with children of course limits the time and opportunity to do serious birdwatching. Also constant transportation in a safari vehicle restricts the possibility to do proper follow-ups when spotting unidentified species (esp. the smaller ones). We could not ask our driver to stop every time we saw an interesting bird – else we would still be in Tarangire...

Not knowing the birds calls made us a bit handicapped, especially in the beginning of the trip. A new CD-set with most of the East African species will be made available in 2007. It might be a good idea to buy this!

It's no need mentioning how fantastic everything was - the animals, the nature, the scenery etc. Accommodation and food was also great – far beyond our expectations! Last but not least we had an excellent driver/guide – Godfrey. His great knowledge and skilful driving was a major contribution to make our trip a successful one!

## **Itinerary & accommodation (Oct):**

Safari

- 4-6 Tarangire (Tarangire Safari Lodge)
- 6-7 Lake Manyara (Kirurumu Tented Lodge)
- 7-9 Serengeti (Ikoma Bush Camp)
- 9-11 Ngorongoro (Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge)
- 11-12 Arusha NP (Momella Wildlife Lodge)
- 12-13 Lushoto, Usambara Mountains (Mullers Lodge)
- Relax
- 13-18 Pangani (The Tides Lodge)

## **Tour operator:**

Anderson's African Adventure <http://www.andersons.se/> (in Swedish)

## **Participants:**

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## **Literature:**

Birds of East Africa (Stevenson, Fanshawe)

Birds of Kenya & Northern Tanzania (Zimmerman, Turner, Pearson)

African Mammals (Kingdon)

<http://www.savannen.com/> (in Swedish)

## Trip list

### Disclaimer:

Although we have tried our very best not to include uncertain records, we cannot exclude the possibility of occasional errors.

### Abbreviations:

T	= Tarangire
LM	= Lake Manyara
S	= Serengeti
NG	= Ngorongoro
A	= Arusha NP
P	= Pangani (coast)
L	= Lushoto in Usambara mountains
Ta	= Tanga (coast)
D	= Dar Es Saalam

(**bold** letters in species name = photo exists)

### Birds

Nr	Species	Site	Comments
1	<b>Common Ostrich</b>	T, S, NG	
2	<b>Great White Pelican</b>	LM, NG	
3	<b>Pink-backed Pelican</b>	LM, NG	
4	<b>Little Grebe</b>	A	Large concentrations in the small lakes!
5	<b>Great Cormorant</b>	LM, A	
6	<b>Long-tailed Cormorant</b>	LM	
7	Black-crowned Night-Heron	A	2 at Momella lakes
8	<b>Cattle Egret</b>		Common
9	Common Squacco Heron	A	1 at Momella lakes
10	Intermediate Egret	A	
11	Great Egret	A	
12	<b>Goliath Heron</b>	S	1 at "Hippo pool" Seronera
13	Grey Heron		Common
14	<b>Black-headed Heron</b>	S, NG	Singles in S, many in NG
15	<b>Hamerkop</b>		Quite common
16	<b>Yellow-billed Stork</b>	LM	
17	Wolly-necked Stork	P	1 soaring over The Tides lodge
18	African Open-billed Stork	Ta	1
19	<b>Saddle-billed Stork</b>	T, LM	
20	<b>Marabou Stork</b>	LM, S, NG	
21	<b>Sacred Ibis</b>		Common
22	<b>Hadada Ibis</b>	T, A	
23	Glossy Ibis	NG	
24	African Spoonbill	LM, NG	
25	Greater Flamingo	LM, A	

Nr	Species	Site	Comments
26	<b>Lesser Flamingo</b>	LM, A	
27	<b>Egyptian Goose</b>		Common
28	<b>Spur-winged Goose</b>	LM, A	
29	Fulvous Whistling-Duck	A	A few in Momella lakes
30	<b>Maccoa Duck</b>	A	Common in Momella lakes
31	<b>Red-billed Teal</b>	S, NG	
32	<b>Hottentot Teal</b>	NG	
33	<b>Cape Teal</b>	NG	
34	<b>Northern Shoveler</b>	NG	
35	Eurasian Wigeon	NG	1
36	Southern Pochard	A	Common in Momella lakes
37	<b>Yellow-billed Kite</b>		Common
38	Black-shouldered Kite	S	1 en route S -> NG
39	<b>Secretary Bird</b>	T, S, NG	Single birds seen every day at these sites
40	African Fish Eagle	T	1 ad.
41	Palm-nut Vulture	P	1 passing The Tides lodge
42	<b>Hooded Vulture</b>	LM, S	
43	White-headed Vulture	T, S, P	
44	<b>African White-backed Vulture</b>	T, S	
45	Rüppell's Griffon Vulture	T	
46	<b>Lappet-faced Vulture</b>	T, S	Reasonably common
47	Black-chested Snake-Eagle	T	1
48	Southern Banded Snake-Eagle	P	1 passing The Tides lodge
49	<b>African Marsh Harrier</b>	NG	2
50	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	S	1 female at Simba Kopjes
51	Montagu's Harrier	NG	
52	Pallid Harrier	NG	
53	Gabar Goshawk	P	1 ad.
54	Little Sparrowhawk	LM	1
55	African Harrier-Hawk	P	1 passing The Tides lodge
56	<b>Augur Buzzard</b>		Seen in most areas, common in NG
57	Steppe Buzzard	NG	
58	<b>Tawny Eagle</b>	T, S	Common
59	<b>Steppe Eagle</b>	T, NG	Singles
60	<b>African Hawk-Eagle</b>	T	1
61	Booted Eagle	P	
62	<b>Bateleur</b>	T, S	Rather common
63	Long-crested Eagle	S	1 at Ikoma camp
64	Verreaux's Eagle	T	1
65	<b>Martial Eagle</b>	NG	1 ad. from the veranda NG lodge
66	Peregrine Falcon	A	1 (race <i>minor</i> ) from Hotel Impala
67	<b>Helmeted Guineafowl</b>		Common in most visited areas
68	Crested Guineafowl	P	1 en route Pangani -> Tanga
69	Hildebrandt's Francolin	T	
70	<b>Crested Francolin</b>	T	Common in this area
71	<b>Yellow-necked Spurfowl</b>	T	

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72	Grey-breasted Spurrow	S	
73	<b>Red-necked Spurrow</b>	T	
74	<b>Black Crake</b>	S, NG	
75	<b>Red-knobbed Coot</b>	S, NG	Singles
76	Common Moorhen	A	Singles
77	<b>African Jacana</b>	LM, A	
78	<b>Grey Crowned Crane</b>	NG	Common at this site
79	<b>Kori Bustard</b>	S, NG	Rather common in S
80	<b>White-bellied Bustard</b>	T	3
81	<b>Black-bellied Bustard</b>	NG	1 female
82	<b>Black-winged Stilt</b>	T, NG	
83	Pied Avocet	NG	
84	Crab Plover	P	7 flying south near the coast Oct 14
85	Greater Painted-snipe	T	1 male
86	<b>Water Thick-knee</b>	T, S	3 in T and 3 at "Hippo pool", Seronera
87	<b>Two-banded Courser</b>	T	A few birds seen
88	Collared Pratincole	NG	1
89	<b>Blacksmith Lapwing</b>		Very common
90	Spur-winged Lapwing	LM	A few birds seen
91	<b>Long-toed Lapwing</b>	NG	4
92	Crowned Lapwing		Common
93	<b>Kittlitz's Plover</b>	NG	Quite common
94	<b>White-fronted Plover</b>	P	1 pair
95	<b>Three-banded Plover</b>		Common in most areas
96	<b>Common Ringed Plover</b>	A, P	Singles
97	<b>Greater Sandplover</b>	P	Singles
98	Grey Plover	P	2
99	<b>Ruff</b>		Seen at several places
100	Common Sandpiper		
101	Wood Sandpiper		
102	<b>Green Sandpiper</b>		
103	Common Greenshank		
104	<b>Marsh Sandpiper</b>	T	
105	Spotted Redshank		
106	<b>Little Stint</b>		
107	Sanderling	P	Singles
108	Bar-tailed Godwit	P	8 flying south
109	Whimbrel	P	Several small flocks flying south
110	Grey-headed Gull	NG	5
111	Sooty Gull	P	Singles flying by
112	Lesser Crested Tern	P	About 50 offshore
113	Greater Crested Tern	P	About 20 offshore
114	Gull-billed Tern	NG	1-2
115	Common Tern	P	Singles offshore
116	Saunders's Tern	P	1 offshore
117	Bridled/Sooty Tern?	P	A flock seen at distance offshore

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118	Brown Noddy	P	1 offshore
119	Whiskered Tern	NG	1-2
120	<b>Black-faced Sandgrouse</b>	T, S	Several small flocks seen
121	<b>Yellow-throated Sandgrouse</b>	T	1 male
122	Speckled Pigeon	T	
123	Olive Pigeon	NG	
124	Feral Pigeon		
125	<b>Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove</b>	T, LM	
126	<b>Namaqua Dove</b>	T, LM	Quite common
127	<b>Ring-necked Dove</b>		Very common
128	Red-eyed Dove		Quite common when you learn the call "I-am-a-red-eyed-dove"...
129	African Mourning Dove	S	
130	Laughing Dove		Common
131	<b>Fischer's Lovebird</b>	LM, S	Common
132	<b>Yellow-collared Lovebird</b>	T	Common + hybrids with Fischer's
133	Hartlaub's Turaco	L	1 heard well but seen only briefly
134	<b>White-bellied Go-away-bird</b>	T	Common
135	<b>Bare-faced Go-away-bird</b>	T, LM, S	
136	<b>White-browed Coucal</b>		Quite common in most areas
137	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	T	1 seen perched late afternoon
138	Pearl-spotted Owlet	T	1 seen late afternoon at "Swampo area"
139	Slender-tailed Nightjar	LM	1 heard at Kirurumu lodge
140	Little Swift		Very common
141	White-rumped Swift	T	A few birds seen from the lodge
142	African Black Swift	NG, L	
143	Nyanza Swift	LM	
144	African Palm Swift	T, P	
145	Mottled Spinetail	T	Seen from the lodge
146	<b>Speckled Mousebird</b>		Common in most areas
147	Blue-naped Mousebird	LM	Singles
148	Pied Kingfisher	T, P	1 + 1
149	Striped Kingfisher	S	2 at Ikoma camp
150	<b>Grey-headed Kingfisher</b>	T	3
151	<b>Giant Kingfisher</b>	A	1 male
152	Mangrove Kingfisher	P	1
153	Little Bee-eater		Quite common
154	<b>Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater</b>	NG	About 10
155	European Bee-eater	A	About 20
156	Broad-billed Roller	P	2
157	<b>Lilac-breasted Roller</b>		Very Common
158	<b>Green Wood-hoopoe</b>	S, P	Singles
159	African Hoopoe		Quite common in most areas
160	<b>Red-billed Hornbill</b>		Quite common
161	Von der Decken's Hornbill	T	2
162	<b>African Grey Hornbill</b>		Quite common
163	Crowned Hornbill	LM	1

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164	<b>Silvery-cheeked Hornbill</b>	A, L	Singles in A, groups in L
165	<b>Southern Ground-hornbill</b>	T, LM	Seen several times in pairs or threesome
166	Red-fronted Tinkerbird	P	1
167	Spot-flanked Barbet	LM	1 at Kirurumu lodge
168	Brown-breasted Barbet	L	1 at Müllers lodge
169	<b>Usambiro Barbet</b>	S	1 pair at Ikoma + 2 Naabi Hill
170	<b>Red-and-yellow Barbet</b>	T, LM	Rather common in T + picknick-area LM
171	Nubian Woodpecker	T, LM	T lodge + Kirurumu lodge
172	<b>Cardinal Woodpecker</b>	T, P	2 T + 1 pair The Tides loge
173	Grey Woodpecker	T	1 <i>rhodeogaster</i> race (Grey-headed)
174	Rufous-naped Lark	S, NG	
175	Flappet Lark	S	Singing outside Ikoma bush camp
176	Singing Bush Lark	A	
177	<b>Red-capped Lark</b>	NG	
178	Fischer's Sparrow-Lark	T	Common
179	Rock Martin	NG	
180	Red-rumped Swallow	L	
181	Mosque Swallow	LM	
182	Lesser striped Swallow	T	Drinking from swimming pool
183	Barn Swallow		Common
184	Black Saw-wing	LM, NG	Small flocks
185	<b>African Pied Wagtail</b>		Seen almost daily
186	<b>Mountain Wagtail</b>	LM, L	1 LM + 2 L
187	Yellow Wagtail		Singles seen in most areas
188	<b>Grassland Pipit</b>	LM	
189	Red-throated Pipit	NG	1
190	<b>Common Bulbul</b>		Very common
191	Mountain Greenbul	NG	2 NG Wildlife lodge
192	Stripe-cheeked Greenbul	L	1 Müllers lodge
193	Usambara Akalat	L	1 seen and heard well during walk in the rain forest
194	White-browed Robin	NG	1 NG Wildlife lodge
195	Northern Anteater Chat	NG	Common in the crater
196	<b>Cliff Chat</b>	LM	Picknick-area + Kirurumu lodge
197	Common Stonechat	NG	1 male
198	Whinchat	A	1
199	Capped Wheatear	S, NG	Common en route in dry areas
200	Schalow's Wheatear	NG	1
201	Northern Wheatear	L -> P	1 seen en route
202	White-browed Scrub-Robin	A -> L	2 seen at a rest stop
203	<b>Spotted Morning-Thrush</b>	T, LM	Singles
204	Mountain Yellow Warbler	S	1 at Ikoma camp
205	<b>Red-faced Crombec</b>	T	1 at Tarangire lodge
206	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	S	1 at Ikoma camp
207	African Tailorbird	L	1
208	Rattling Cisticola	S	

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209	Winding Cisticola	T, NG	
210	Tawny-flanked Prinia		Singles
211	Grey-backed Camaroptera	T	A few birds seen
212	Yellow-breasted Apalis	T	1
213	<b>African Grey Flycatcher</b>	T, LM	Singles
214	Ashy Flycatcher	NG	2 NG Wildlife lodge
215	<b>African Dusky Flycatcher</b>	L	Müllers lodge
216	<b>African Paradise-flycatcher</b>	A, L	1 female A + 1 male L
217	<b>Silverbird</b>	S	Ikoma
218	<b>Northern Pied Babbler</b>	T	A small noisy group
219	Montane White-eye	NG	NG Wildlife lodge
220	Yellow White-eye	L	Müllers lodge (race <i>stierlingi</i> )
221	Eastern Double-collared Sunbird	NG, L	<i>Usambarica</i> in L
222	<b>Amethyst Sunbird</b>	NG	NG Wildlife lodge
223	Marico Sunbird	S	Ikoma
224	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	P	Common at The tides lodge
225	Collared Sunbird	P	Also seen in Karatu
226	Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	LM	
227	Common Fiscal		Rather common
228	<b>Long-tailed Fiscal</b>	T	Quite common in this area
229	<b>Magpie Shrike</b>	T, S	Quite common in these areas
230	Tropical Boubou		Quite common, esp. in A
231	<b>Slate-coloured Boubou</b>	T, P	
232	Fülleborn's Black Boubou	L	Müllers lodge
233	Black-backed Puffback	L	2
234	Black-crowned Tchagra	P	Several birds singing all day long att The Tides lodge
235	<b>Northern White-crowned Shrike</b>	T	And elsewhere
236	White-crested Helmet-shrike	LM	1 <i>poliocephalus</i>
237	Fork-tailed Drongo	T	A few seen
238	House Crow	Ta, D	
239	<b>Pied Crow</b>		Common
240	<b>White-naped Raven</b>	NG	Eg NG Wildlife lodge
241	<b>Yellow-billed Oxpecker</b>	T	Only seen in Tarangire
242	<b>Red-billed Oxpecker</b>	LM	And elsewhere - common
243	<b>Ashy Starling</b>	T	Common at T lodge
244	<b>Red-winged Starling</b>	T, NG, L	Rather common
245	Greater Blue-eared Starling	S	A few birds seen
246	<b>Rüppell's Long-tailed Starling</b>	S	Seen a few times in Seronera area
247	<b>Superb Starling</b>		Very common
248	<b>Hildebrandt's Starling</b>	LM, S	Common in Seronera area
249	<b>Wattled Starling</b>	T	A few birds seen
250	<b>Rufous Sparrow</b>	LM, S	
251	<b>House Sparrow</b>	A, NG	Common, even more W than suggested in map in "Birds of East Africa"
252	<b>Chestnut Sparrow</b>	T, S	
253	<b>Speckle-fronted Weaver</b>	S	Naabi Hill and Ikoma lodge

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254	Grey-headed Sparrow	L	
255	Yellow-spotted Petronia	LM	2
256	<b>Rufous-tailed Weaver</b>	T, S	Common in picknick-areas
257	<b>Grey-capped Social-Weaver</b>	S	Ikoma camp and Naabi Hill
258	<b>White-headed Buffalo-Weaver</b>	T, S	Quite common
259	<b>Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver</b>	T, S	Quite common
260	Black-headed Weaver	P	Breeding at The Tides lodge
261	<b>Lesser Masked Weaver</b>	LM	
262	<b>Vitelline Masked Weaver</b>	S, L	Ikoma camp, Müllers lodge
263	Black-necked Weaver	T	<i>melanoxanthus</i>
264	Speke's Weaver	A	
265	Baglafaecht Weaver	L	<i>reichenowi</i>
266	<b>Usambara Weaver</b>	L	1 pair in forest close to Müllers lodge – walk in rain forest
267	Red-billed Quelea	LM, P	Seen in flocks
268	Fan-tailed Widowbird	NG	20+
269	Green-winged Pytilia	LM	Kirurumu lodge
270	<b>Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu</b>	T, S	
271	<b>Blue-capped Cordon-bleu</b>	T	
272	Purple Grenadier	S	Seronera
273	<b>Red-billed Firefinch</b>	T	
274	African Firefinch	T	
275	Common Waxbill	L	Müllers lodge
276	Black-faced Waxbill	S	Naabi Hill
277	<b>Grey-headed Silverbill</b>	S	Naabi Hill
278	Bronze Mannikin	P	Small flock
279	Black-and-white Mannikin	L	Small flock at Müllers lodge
280	Cut-throat Finch	T	
281	<b>White-bellied Canary</b>	S	
282	Streaky Seedeater	NG	

## Mammals etc.

Nr	Species	Site	Comments
1	<b>Olive Baboon</b>		Common in most areas
2	<b>Blue Monkey</b>	LM	
3	<b>Vervet (Green) Monkey</b>		Common in most areas
4	Abyssinian Black-and-white Colobus	A	Only one seen
5	Common (Golden) Jackal	NG	1
6	Black-backed Jackal	NG	1
7	Dwarf Mongoose	T	
8	Banded Mongoose	T	
9	Slender Mongoose	A->L	1 running across the road
10	<b>Spotted Hyaena</b>	NG	
11	<b>Lion</b>	T, S, NG	Only heard T, plenty in S+NG
12	<b>Leopard</b>	S	One seen two days in an Acacia tree in Seronera area
13	<b>Cheetah</b>	T	One sun bathing in a dry river bed, later seen very close
14	Black-necked Rock Hyrax	T	
15	<b>Yellow-spotted Bush Hyrax</b>	S	
16	<b>African Elephant</b>		Most common in T – thousands!
17	<b>Burchell's Zebra</b>		Common ( <i>E. q. boehmi</i> )
18	<b>Black Rhinoceros</b>	NG	7 seen distant from NG lodge – only 1 seen down in the crater
19	<b>Hippopotamus</b>	LM, S, NG	Hippo-pools
20	<b>Common Warthog</b>		Quite common
21	<b>Masai Giraffe</b>		Common
22	<b>African Buffalo</b>		Common
23	Bushbuck	LM	2-3 animals
24	<b>Eland</b>	T, S	
25	<b>Kirk's Dikdik</b>		Common
26	Bohor Reedbuck	S	
27	Defassa Waterbuck		West Rift
28	<b>Common Waterbuck</b>		East Rift
29	<b>Thomson's Gazelle</b>	S	
30	Grant's Gazelle	S	
31	<b>Impala</b>		Common
32	<b>Topi</b>	S	
33	<b>Kongoni Hartebeest</b>	S	
34	<b>Brindled Gnu (Wildebeest)</b>		Common
35	<b>Unstriped (Pallid) Ground Squirrel</b>	T	
36	<b>Ochre Bush Squirrel</b>	T	
37	<b>Nile Crocodile</b>	S	
38	<b>Red-headed Rock Agama</b>	S	Naabi Hill
39-	Bats, rats, mice, snakes etc.		