

# *South Expedition Africa*

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## *Bird Watching Ethiopia: 35 days Itinerary of Rift Valley Lakes, Bale Mountain, Southwest & North:*

- Day1. Addis Ababa*
- Day2. Addis Ababa – Awash*
- Day3. Awash National Park (Filwoha Hot Springs & Awash Falls)*
- Day4. Bilen Lodge & Awash National Park (Kudu Valley)*
- Day5. Awash National Park (Fantale Crater) & Awash – Nazret*
- Day6. Nazret – Asela – Dodola – Dinsho*
- Day7. Dinsho & Dinsho – Goba & Sanetti Plateau*
- Day8. Sanetti Plateau & Hareenna Forest & Hareenna Forest – Robe*
- Day9. Robe – Sof Omar – Robe*
- Day10. Robe – Awassa*
- Day11. Awassa*
- Day12. Awassa – Kibre Mengist*
- Day13. Kibre Mengist & Kibre Mengist – Dila*
- Day14. Dila – Yabelo*
- Day15. Yabelo*
- Day16. Yabelo – Arba Minch*
- Day17. Nechisar National Park*
- Day18. Nechisar National Park*
- Day19. Arba Minch – Wondo Genet*
- Day20. Wondo Genet*
- Day21. Wondo Genet – Lake Langano – Lake Ziway – Koka Dam – Lake Hora – Lake Chelelaka – Addis Ababa*
- Day22. Addis Ababa – Debre Berhan*
- Day23. Ankober & Melka Ghebdu*
- Day24. Ankober & Ankober – Kombolcha*
- Day25. Kombolcha – Lalibela*
- Day26. Lalibela (Ashetan Maryam & Na'akuto La'ab)*
- Day27. Lalibela*
- Day28. Lalibela – Bahar Dar*
- Day29. Blue Nile Falls*
- Day30. Bahar Dar: Lake Tana & Zege*
- Day31. Bahar Dar – Dejen*
- Day32. Dejen – Blue Nile Gorge – Fiche*
- Day33. Fiche – Jemmu Valley – Alem Ketema*
- Day34. Alem Ketema – Jemmu Valley – Addis Ababa*
- Day35. Addis Ababa*

**Bird List:**

***Ostrich Struthio Camelus***

*ssp molybdophanes* - A few along the road near Abiata Shala National Park, but we think they were feral birds. *Molybdophanes* is sometimes treated as a separate species: Somali Ostrich

***Little Grebe Tachybaptus ruficollis***

*ssp capensis* - Common on most lakes (Rift Valley, Nechisar, Tana etc...)

***Great Crested Grebe Podiceps cristatus***

one on Lake Chelelaka

***Eared Grebe Podiceps nigricollis***

*ssp gurneyi* - One at Awassa

***Great White Pelican Pelecanus onocrotalus***

Common at most lakes (Awassa, Nechisar, Tana ...) often in large numbers

***Pink-backed Pelican Pelecanus rufescens***

smaller numbers than Great White Pelican: Bilen Lodge, Nechisar and Awassa

***Great Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo***

*ssp lucidus* - Regularly at most lakes (Rift Valley, Nechisar, Tana etc...)

***Long-tailed Cormorant Phalacrocorax africanus***

*ssp africanus* - Regularly at most lakes (Rift Valley, Tana etc...)

***Darter Anhinga melanogaster***

*ssp rufa* - Regularly at most lakes (Rift Valley, Tana etc...)

***Gray Heron Ardea cinerea***

*ssp cinerea* - Common at lakes and wetlands.

***Black-headed Heron Ardea melanocephala***

regularly at several lakes (Rift Valley, Awash ...)

***Goliath Heron Ardea goliath***

a few at Awassa & Lake Tana

***Purple Heron Ardea purpurea***

*ssp purpurea* - One at Lake Chelelaka (near Debre Zeyit)

***Great Egret Ardea alba***

*ssp melanorhyncha* - Regularly at lakes and wetlands

***Black Heron Egretta ardesiaca***

Two at Awassa and one at Lake Ziway

*Intermediate Egret Egretta intermedia*  
*ssp brachyrhyncha - Regularly at lakes and wetlands*

*Little Egret Egretta garzetta*  
*ssp garzetta - Common at lakes and wetlands*

*Western Reef-Heron Egretta gularis*  
*ssp schistacea - A rather unexpected record: a white mottled with grey bird (so presumably an immature) in the wetlands around the Hot Springs at Awash on 4/12/2005.*

*Squacco Heron Ardeola ralloides*  
*regularly at lakes and wetlands*

*Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis*  
*ssp ibis - Regularly throughout the country*

*Striated Heron Butorides striata*  
*ssp atricapillus - Several at Awassa, Lake Zeyit, Lake Chelelaka, Lake Tana, Nechisar*

*Hamerkop Scopus umbretta*  
*ssp umbretta - Regularly at lakes and wetlands*

*Yellow-billed Stork Mycteria ibis*  
*Small numbers at lakes and wetlands*

*Black Stork Ciconia nigra*  
*Small flocks (twenty birds maximum) at Bilen Lodge, Debre Zeyit, Melka Ghuba, Lake Tana and at Jemmu Valley*

*Woolly-necked Stork Ciconia episcopus*  
*ssp microscelis - Four along the road from Bahar Dar to Dejen*

*White Stork Ciconia ciconia*  
*ssp ciconia - Small flocks at Nechisar and along the road from Dejen to Fiche*

*Saddle-billed Stork Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*  
*Singles at Awassa, Lake Ziway, Lake Chelelaka and on the way to Lalibela*

*Marabou Stork Leptoptilos crumeniferus*  
*Regularly at lakes, with large numbers at Awassa, and Nechisar*

*Sacred Ibis Threskiornis aethiopicus*  
*ssp aethiopicus - Common at lakes and wetlands*

*Hadada Ibis Bostrychia hagedash*  
*ssp nilotica - Common throughout the country*

*Wattled Ibis Bostrychia carunculata* **Near-endemic**  
regularly at most sites above c. 1500m.

*Glossy Ibis Plegadis falcinellus*  
Small numbers at Lake Ziway and Lake Chelelaka

*African Spoonbill Platalea Alba*, one at Awassa

*Greater Flamingo Phoenicopterus roseus*  
A few hundred around Lake Chelelaka (near Debre Zeyit)

*Lesser Flamingo Phoenicopterus minor* **Near-threatened (NT)**  
about twenty at a roadside lake along the way to Awash

*Fulvous Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna bicolor*  
A group of seven at Lake Ziway

*White-faced Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna viduata*  
Small numbers at most lakes (Rift Valley, Nechisar, Bilen Lodge...)

*White-backed Duck Thalassornis leuconotus*  
Two at Lake Chelelaka (near Debre Zeyit)

*Blue-winged Goose Cyanochen cyanopterus* **Near-threatened (NT)** **Near-endemic**  
Small flocks at most highland sites (Bale Mountains, Jemmu Valley, near Addis Ababa...)

*Egyptian Goose Alopochen aegyptiacus*  
Common at lakes and wetlands

*Ruddy Shelduck Tadorna ferruginea*  
eight on pools on the Sanetti Plateau (Bale Mountains)

*Spur-winged Goose Plectropterus gambensis*  
*ssp gambensis* - Small numbers at several lakes (Tana, Ziway, Awassa, Chelelaka...)

*Comb Duck Sarkidiornis melanotos*  
*ssp melanotos* - About 30 at Lake Ziway and a few at Lake Chelelaka  
(near Debre Zeyit)

*African Pygmy-goose Nettapus auritus*  
Small numbers (with a maximum of about twenty) at Awassa, Lake Ziway, and at Lake Chelelaka (near Debre Zeyit)

*African Black Duck Anas sparsa*  
*ssp leucostigma* - One near Disho (Bale Mountains)

*Cape Teal Anas capensis*  
Two at Lake Chelelaka

*Yellow-billed Duck Anas undulata*  
*ssp rueppelli* - Small numbers at several lakes and wetlands (Bale Mountains, Jemmu Valley, Debre Zeyit...)

*Northern Pintail Anas acuta*  
Small numbers near Debre Zeyit and in the Bale Mountains

*Red-billed Duck Anas erythrorhyncha*  
Small numbers (10+) at Lake Chelelaka (near Debre Zeyit)

*Hottentot Teal Anas hottentota*  
Small numbers (with a maximum of 15-20 birds) at Awassa, Lake Ziway, and at Lake Chelelaka

*Garganey Anas querquedula*  
Regularly at lakes and wetlands: Bale Mountains, Awassa & Debre Zeyit

*Northern Shoveler Anas clypeata*  
Regularly at lakes and wetlands: Bale Mountains, Awassa & Lake Chelelaka

*Southern Pochard Netta erythrophthalma*  
*ssp brunnea* – a few at Awassa, Lake Ziway and near Debre Zeyit

*Tufted Duck Aythya fuligula*  
One on Lake Hora (near Debre Zeyit)

*Osprey Pandion haliaetus*  
*ssp haliaetus* - One near Lake Tana

*Black-shouldered Kite Elanus caeruleus*  
*ssp caeruleus* - Small numbers at scattered sites: Sof Omar, Bale Mountains & Rift Valley

*Black Kite Milvus migrans*  
*ssp parasitus* – Common throughout the country  
*Yellow-billed Kite Milvus aegyptius* is sometimes treated as a separate species from *Milvus migrans*, *parasitus* then becomes a subspecies of *aegyptius*.  
*ssp migrans* - Only noted near Awash (two)

*African Fish-Eagle Haliaeetus vocifer*  
Regularly at lakes: Awassa, Bilen Lodge, Nechisar & Lake Tana

*Hooded Vulture Necrosyrtes monachus*  
regularly the country, together with *White-backed the commonest vulture*

*Lammergeier Gypaetus barbatus*  
*ssp meridionalis* - Regularly in small numbers at several highland sites: Bale Mountains, Jemmu Valley, Ankober

*Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus*  
*spp percnopterus* - Small numbers in the Rift Valley, at Lake Tana, Awash,  
Nechisar

*White-backed Vulture Gyps africanus*  
regularly throughout the country

*Rueppell's Griffon Gyps rueppellii*  
*spp erlangeri* – Regularly at several sites: Awash, Nazret, Nechisar, Wondo Genet &  
Melka Ghuba

*Lappet-faced Vulture Torgos tracheliotus* **Vulnerable (VU)**  
*spp tracheliotus* - About ten birds in total: Awash, Nazret, Konso, Nechisar, on the  
way to Yabello, on the way to Lalibela

*White-headed Vulture Trionoceph occipitalis*  
The least frequently recorded vulture, small flocks (maximum of four) at: Kibre  
Mengist, near Yabello, between Yabello and Konso, near Nechisar

*Short-toed Eagle Circaetus gallicus*  
One along the road from Awash to Bilen Lodge

*Black-breasted Snake-Eagle Circaetus pectoralis*  
two sightings: one between Asela and Dodola and two near Kibre Mengist.

*Brown Snake-Eagle Circaetus cinereus*  
One at Wondo Genet

*Bateleur Terathopius ecaudatus*  
Regularly at scattered locations: Awash, Nechisar, Yabello, Lalibela & Rift Valley

*Western Marsh-Harrier Circus aeruginosus*  
*spp aeruginosus* - Regularly near lakes and wetlands: Rift Valley, Bilen Lodge,  
Tana Lake & Nechisar

*Pallid Harrier Circus macrourus* **Near-threatened (NT)**  
Regularly (apparently more regular than Montagu's): Awash, Bilen, Yabello,  
Awassa, Konso, Nechisar, Lalibela... Several adult males were seen

*Montagu's Harrier Circus pygargus*  
regularly (several adult males): Sululta, Tana Lake, Blue Nile Falls  
& Lake Langano

*African Harrier-Hawk Polyboroides typus*  
*spp typus* - Seven records (mostly in pairs): Hareenna Forest, Kibre Mengist,  
Nechisar, Wondo Genet, Jemmu Valley, Debre Libanos, and near Kofele.

*Dark Chanting-Goshawk Melierax metabates*  
*spp metabates* - Scattered records in the northern part of the country: Awash, Tana  
Lake, near Dessie, Debre Tabor

*Eastern Chanting-Goshawk Melierax poliopterus*

*A few records in the southern part of the country: Yabello and between Yabello and Konso*

*Gabar Goshawk Micronisus gabar*

*Only in the Awash area and around Yabello. At Fantale Crater (Awash) one bird of the melanistic form*

*African Goshawk Accipiter tachiro*

*ssp unduliventer - One near Dinsho (Bale Mountains)*

*Shikra Accipiter badius*

*ssp sphenurus - Two sightings on the way from Awash to Bilen Lodge, and one near Melka Ghebdu*

*Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk Accipiter rufiventris*

*ssp perspicillaris - Two: one at Ankober and one at Asetan Maryam (Lalibela)*

*Black Goshawk Accipiter melanoleucus*

*ssp melanoleucus - One at Wondo Genet*

*Eurasian Buzzard Buteo buteo*

*ssp vulpinus - Scattered records: Ankober - Melka Ghebdu, near Goba, Wondo Genet, Lake Ziway... Steppe Buzzard Buteo vulpinus is sometimes treated as a separate species from Eurasian Buzzard*

*Mountain Buzzard Buteo oreophilus*

*ssp oreophilus - One at Dinsho (Bale Mountains)*

*oreophilus is sometimes treated as a separate species from Forest Buzzard Buteo trizonatus, which occurs more southwards*

*Augur Buzzard Buteo augur*

*Common at most highland sites: Bale Mountains, Lalibela, Ankober, Jemmu Valley, Wondo Genet*

*Tawny Eagle Aquila rapax*

*ssp Belisarius - Regularly at scattered locations: Awash, near Lalibela, Nechisar, Yabello & Konso*

*Steppe Eagle Aquila nipalensis*

*ssp orientalis - Scattered sightings (not as regularly recorded as Tawny Eagle): Kibre Mengist, Goba - Sof Omar, Nechisar & Debre Tabor*

*Imperial Eagle Aquila heliaca **Vulnerable (VU)***

*One in juvenile plumage below Debre Birhan*

*Wahlberg's Eagle Aquila wahlbergi*

*Two: one along the road from Goba to Sof Omar, and one near Alem Ketema (Jemmu Valley)*

*Verreaux's Eagle Aquila verreauxii*  
Two first between Robe and Sof Omar Cave and second at Wondo Genet

*Booted Eagle Aquila pennatus*  
Two: one near Kibre Menigist, and one between Awash and Bilen

*Martial Eagle Polemaetus bellicosus*, one at Yabelo

*Long-crested Eagle Lophaelix occipitalis*  
Scattered sightings: Konso, Nechisar, Lake Tana & Blue Nile Falls

*Crowned Hawk-Eagle Stephanoaetus coronatus*  
HO - One at Wondo Genet

*Secretary-bird Sagittarius serpentarius*  
One at Yabelo and one at Nechisar

*Pygmy Falcon Polihierax semitorquatus*  
Five sightings: Awash (twice), Bilen and Yabelo (twice).

*Lesser Kestrel Falco naumanni* **Vulnerable (VU)**  
Two at Awash

*Eurasian Kestrel Falco tinnunculus*  
Regularly throughout the country:  
Awash, Bale Mountains, Yabelo & Nechisar Park

*Gray Kestrel Falco ardosiaceus*  
One near Kombolcha (on the way to Lalibela)

*Eurasian Hobby Falco subbuteo*  
ssp *subbuteo* - Two: Awash and Jemmu Valley

*Lanner Falcon Falco biarmicus*  
ssp *abyssinicus* - Several sightings: Bilen Lodge, Bale Mountains, Kibre Mengist,  
Nechisar & near Ankober

*Crested Francolin Francolinus sephaena*  
Recorded regularly, two subspecies were identified: *grantii* and *spilogaster*.  
*Spilogaster*, which was seen in the south, is sometimes, together with *Rovuma*,  
treated as a separate species: Kirk's Francolin *Francolinus Rovuma*.

*Moorland Francolin Francolinus psilolaemus*  
ssp *psilolaemus* - Two small groups: near Dinsho and on the Sanetti Plateau  
(Bale Mountains)

*Scaly Francolin Francolinus squamatus*  
HO - Only heard at Wondo Genet



*Harwood's Francolin Francolinus harwoodi* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Country endemic**  
*HO - Unfortunately this localised endemic was only heard in the Jemmu Valley: it called twice just before dawn (around 6:00)*

*Yellow-necked Francolin Francolinus leucoscepus*  
*several sightings: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Yabelo - Konso, and Nechisar*

*Chestnut-naped Francolin Francolinus castaneicollis*  
*ssp castaneicollis - Regularly in the Bale Mountains (roadsides)*

*Erckel's Francolin Francolinus erckelii*  
*Five sightings: twice on the way to Ashotan Maryam (Lalibela), twice at Ankober, and between Dessie and Lalibela*

*Common Quail Coturnix coturnix*  
*at least five were flushed whilst looking for Harwood's Francolin in the Jemmu Valley*

*Stone Partridge Ptilopachus petrosus*  
*HO - ssp major - a few were heard at the Harwood's Francolin site in the Jemmu Valley*

*Helmeted Guineafowl Numida meleagris*  
*Recorded regularly in the drier areas, especially common in the Awash Park area*

*Vulturine Guineafowl Acryllium vulturinum*  
*One flock of 20+ and one of 50+ at Yabelo*

*Small Buttonquail Turnix sylvatica*  
*ssp lepurana - One was seen well at Nechisar, an unexpected record.*

*Black Crowned-Crane Balearica pavonina* **Near-threatened (NT)**  
*ssp ceciliae - Two at Lake Chelelaka (near Debre Zeyit)*

*Wattled Crane Bugeranus carunculatus* **Vulnerable (VU)**  
*Four on the Sanetti Plateau (Bale Mountains)*

*Common Crane Grus Grus*  
*Only at Lake Chelelaka: 150+*

*Rouget's Rail Rougetius rougetii* **Near-threatened (NT)** **Near-endemic**  
*regularly in the Bale Mountains*

*Black Crake Amaurornis flavirostris*  
*Several sightings at two sites: Awassa and Tana Lake*

*Common Moorhen Gallinula chloropus*  
*ssp meridionalis - Small numbers at Awassa*

*Red-knobbed Coot Fulica cristata*  
regularly at several sites: Rift Valley & Debre Zeyit

*Arabian Bustard Ardeotis arabs*  
*ssp arabs* - Easily found at Bilen Lodge: a total of six birds was seen

*Kori Bustard Ardeotis kori*  
*ssp struthiunculus* - Regularly at three sites: Awash, Bilen Lodge and Nechisar  
(at least ten birds were seen)

*Buff-crested Bustard Eupodotis gindiana*  
several at Awash and Yabelo: about five in total

*Black-bellied Bustard Lissotis melanogaster*  
*ssp melanogaster* - One male between Bahar Dar and Dangla

*Hartlaub's Bustard Lissotis hartlaubii*, only one in Awash National Park

*African Jacana Actophilornis africanus*  
Regularly at most lakes and wetlands: Rift Valley, Awassa & Lake Tana

*Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus*  
regularly at most lakes and wetlands: Rift Valley, Awash, Nechisar & Lake Tana

*Pied Avocet Recurvirostra avosetta*  
along the road from Nazret to the Bale Mountains: 10+

*Senegal Thick-knee Burhinus senegalensis*  
A few sightings: Bilen Lodge (four), Jemmu Valley (three) and at least 150 at a large wetland on the way from Dessie to Lalibela

*Spotted Thick-knee Burhinus capensis*  
*ssp maculosus* - One was spotlighted at Nechisar

*Temminck's Courser Cursorius temminckii*, one at Nechisar National Park

*Collared Pratincole Glareola pratincola*  
*ssp pratincola* - a flock of 50+ at Lake Ziway

*Spur-winged Plover Vanellus spinosus*  
regularly at lakes and wetlands: Rift Valley, Jemmu Valley, Tana Lake & Awash

*Black-winged Lapwing Vanellus melanopterus*  
*ssp melanopterus* - Several sightings (mostly in small numbers): Nazret - Bale Mountains, Bale Mountains - Sof Omar, and Jemmu Valley

*Crowned Lapwing Vanellus coronatus*  
*ssp coronatus* - Scattered sightings: Awash, Awassa, Yabelo, Nechisar...

*Spot-breasted Lapwing Vanellus melanocephalus* **Country endemic**  
near a small roadside pool on the way to Dinsho (Bale Mountains):  
a flock of 20+ birds

*Common Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula*  
Small numbers at several lakes in the Rift Valley

*Little Ringed Plover Charadrius dubius*  
*ssp curonicus* – a few at Lake Ziway and at Awassa

*Kittlitz's Plover Charadrius pecuarius* a few at Lake Ziway

*Three-banded Plover Charadrius tricollaris*  
*ssp tricollaris* - Several sightings: Awassa, Koka Dam, Lake Ziway & Lake Tana

*Common Snipe Gallinago gallinago*  
*ssp gallinago* - Scattered sightings (small numbers): Bilen Lodge, Lake Ziway,  
Jemmu Valley & Lake Tana

*Black-tailed Godwit Limosa limosa*  
*ssp limosa* - Small numbers at Awassa, Lake Ziway and Lake Chelelaka

*Spotted Redshank Tringa erythropus*, only one in Awassa

*Marsh Sandpiper Tringa stagnatilis*  
Small numbers at Awassa, Awash, Lake Ziway, Lake Chelelaka & Lake Tana

*Common Greenshank Tringa nebularia*  
Regularly at most lakes and wetlands: Bilen Lodge, Awassa & Lake Ziway

*Green Sandpiper Tringa ochropus*  
Regularly at several sites: Awassa, Bilen Lodge, Rift Valley & Lake Tana

*Wood Sandpiper Tringa glareola*; see Green Sandpiper but more common

*Common Sandpiper Actitis hypoleucos*  
Regularly at most lakes and wetlands: Awash, Rift Valley, Jemmu Valley  
& Tana Lake

*Little Stint Calidris minuta*  
Several at Awassa, Lake Ziway, Awash, Bilen Lodge and at Lake Tana

*Temminck's Stint Calidris temminckii*  
A few at Jemmu Valley, Awash and Bilen Lodge

*Curlew Sandpiper Calidris ferruginea*  
A few at Awassa, and one at Lake Ziway

*Dunlin Calidris alpina*, one at Awassa was rather unexpected

*Ruff Philomachus pugnax*

*Small numbers at several lakes and wetlands: Awassa, Rift Valley, Lake Tana & Nechisar National Park*

*Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus*

*ssp fuscus - Small numbers at Awassa, Lake Ziway and Lake Tana*

*Heuglin's Gull Larus heuglini, one (third winter) at Lake Ziway*

*Great Black-headed Gull Larus ichthyaetus, few at Lake Tana*

*Gray-headed Gull Larus cirrocephalus*

*ssp poiocephalus - Fairly common at Awassa, Lake Ziway and Lake Tana*

*Black-headed Gull Larus ridibundus*

*Small numbers at Awassa and Lake Ziway*

*Gull-billed Tern Sterna nilotica*

*ssp nilotica - A few: near Shashamene, Awassa & Lake Ziway*

*Caspian Tern Sterna caspia, one at Lake Tana was rather unexpected*

*Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybridus*

*ssp hybridus - Small numbers at several lakes: Lake Ziway, Awassa & Lake Chelelaka*

*White-winged Tern Chlidonias leucopterus*

*Common at most lakes: Awassa, Lake Ziway, Koka Dam, Debre Zeyit & Tana Lake*

*Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse Pterocles exustus*

*a small flock at Awash*

*Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse Pterocles lichtensteinii, two at Awash Park*

*Speckled Pigeon Columba guinea*

*ssp guinea - Common throughout the country*

*White-collared Pigeon Columba albitorques **Near-endemic***

*Common in the highlands: Bale Mountains, near Addis Ababa & Ankober*

*Rameron Pigeon Columba arquatrix, one at Wondo Genet*

*Lemon Dove Columba larvata. ssp bronzina - Several at Wondo Genet*

*Eurasian Turtle-Dove Streptopelia turtur, two below Melka Ghebdu*

*Dusky Turtle-Dove Streptopelia lugens, common above c. 2000m.*

*African Mourning Dove Streptopelia decipiens*  
*Common at several sites: Awash, Awassa & Lake Langano*

*Red-eyed Dove Streptopelia semitorquata, common throughout the country*

*Ring-necked Dove Streptopelia capicola*  
*Common at several sites: Awash, Yabelo & Nechisar National Park*

*Vinaceous Dove Streptopelia vinacea, several in the Jemmu Valley*

*Laughing Dove Streptopelia senegalensis*  
*ssp senegalensis - Common throughout the country*

*Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove Turtur chalcospilos*  
*Scattered sightings: Awash, Yabello, Konso & Nechisar National Park*

*Blue-spotted Wood-Dove Turtur afer*  
*A few sightings at Kibre Mengist and in the Jemmu Valley*

*Tambourine Dove Turtur tympanistria*  
*several sightings from two sites: Wondo Genet and Nechisar National Park*

*Namaqua Dove Oena capensis*  
*ssp capensis - Common throughout the country*

*Bruce's Green-Pigeon Treron waalia*  
*Small numbers at Awassa, Lake Tana, Lake Ziway and at Lake Langano*

*Black-winged Lovebird Agapornis taranta* **Near-endemic**  
*regularly at scattered sites: Addis Ababa, Dessie, Wondo Genet, Awassa & Bale Mountains*

*Red-bellied Parrot Poicephalus rufiventris*  
*Small numbers at Bilen Lodge, Sof Omar, Yabelo and Nechisar National Park*

*Yellow-fronted Parrot Poicephalus flavifrons* **Country endemic**  
*Small numbers from two sites: Kibre Mengist and Wondo Genet*

*White-cheeked Turaco Tauraco leucotis* **Near-endemic**  
*several sightings: Kibre Mengist, Wondo Genet, Lake Tana & Hareenna Forest*

*Prince Ruspoli's Turaco Tauraco ruspolii* **Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic**  
*Two in fruiting trees at Kibre Mengist*

*Bare-faced Go-away-bird Corythaixoides personatus*  
*ssp personatus - Three near Yabelo, and more surprisingly two at Melka Ghebdu*

*White-bellied Go-away-bird Corythaixoides leucogaster*  
*Common at several dry country sites: Awash, Yabelo, Konso & Nechisar Park*

*Eastern Plantain-eater Crinifer zonurus, several at Melka Ghebdu*

*Klaas' Cuckoo Chrysococcyx klaas*  
*mostly heard at Wondo Genet and at Nechisar National Park*

*African Emerald Cuckoo Chrysococcyx cupreus*  
*ssp cupreus - One seen well and a second one only in flight in the Hareenna Forest a few more only heard*

*Blue-headed Coucal Centropus monachus*  
*several sightings from scattered sites: Awassa, Lake Ziway, Lake Chelelaka & Nechisar National Park*

*White-browed Coucal Centropus superciliosus*  
*ssp superciliosus - Scattered sightings (dry country): Melka Ghebdu, Yabelo & Nechisar National Park. Is sometimes treated as a separate species from burchellii which occurs more southwards*

*Grayish Eagle-Owl Bubo cinerascens*  
*HO - One was heard (seen by Elke) at Nechisar*

*Pearl-spotted Owlet Glaucidium perlatum*  
*ssp licua - Only one sighting: Awash.*

*Sombre Nightjar Caprimulgus fraenatus, two in the daytime at Bilen Lodge*

*Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar Caprimulgus donaldsoni, one at Nechisar Park*

*Abyssinian Nightjar Caprimulgus poliocephalus*  
*one near Kibre Mengist was tentatively identified as this species*

*Slender-tailed Nightjar Caprimulgus clarus*  
*several at Nechisar National Park*

*African Palm-Swift Cypsiurus parvus*  
*Scattered sightings: Awash, Bilen Lodge & Nechisar National Park*

*Alpine Swift Tachymarptis melba, 30+ at Wondo Genet*

*Nyanza Swift Apus niansae*  
*Scattered sightings: Wondo Genet, Jemmu Valley & Ankober*

*Little Swift Apus affinis, only at Lake Langano*

*Speckled Mousebird Colius striatus*  
*Recorded regularly: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Awassa, Yabelo & Nechisar Park*

*Blue-naped Mousebird Urocolius macrourus*  
*Scattered sightings: Bilen Lodge, Yabelo & Sof Omar*

*Narina Trogon Apaloderma narina*  
*ssp narina* - several records: Sof Omar, Kibre Mengist, Nechisar & Wondo Genet

*Half-collared Kingfisher Alcedo semitorquata*  
*ssp heuglini* - One at Wondo Genet

*Malachite Kingfisher Alcedo cristata*  
*ssp galerita* – Regularly at several lakes and wetlands: Awassa, Bilen Lodge, Tana Lake & Lake Chelelaka

*African Pygmy-Kingfisher Ispidina picta*  
*ssp picta* - Only one near the Blue Nile Falls

*Gray-headed Kingfisher Halcyon leucocephala*  
*ssp leucocephala* - Elke photographed one at Nechisar National Park

*Woodland Kingfisher Halcyon senegalensis*  
*ssp senegalensis* - Several sightings: Bilen Lodge, Awass, Lake Ziway & Nechisar

*Striped Kingfisher Halcyon chelicuti*  
*ssp chelicuti* - Scattered sightings: Awash, Yabelo, Konso, Nechisar & Bahar Dar

*Giant Kingfisher Megaceryle maximus*  
*ssp maximus* - Only one near Lake Tana

*Pied Kingfisher Ceryle rudis*  
*ssp rudis* - Regularly: Rift Valley, Nechisar, Lake Tana & Jemmu Valley

*Little Bee-eater Merops pusillus*  
*ssp cyanostictus* - Scattered sightings: Awash, Awassa, Yabelo & Konso

*Blue-breasted Bee-eater Merops variegatus*  
*ssp lafresnayii* - Scattered sightings: Kibre Mengist, Lalibela, Robe - Sof Omar...  
*lafresnayii* is sometimes treated as a separate species Abyssinian (or Ethiopian Bee-eater), and sometimes it is treated as a subspecies of Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater  
*Merops oreobates*

*European Bee-eater Merops apiaster*, small flock near Kibre Mengist

*Northern Carmine Bee-eater Merops nubicus*  
Common at several sites: Awash, Awassa, Rift Valley, Yabelo, Nechisar,  
Lalibela - Bahar Dar

*Abyssinian Roller Coracias abyssinica*  
Regularly: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Lalibela & Bahar Dar

*Lilac-breasted Roller Coracias caudata*  
*ssp lorti* - Regularly: Awash, Yabelo, Konso & Nechisar National Park

**Rufous-crowned Roller *Coracias naevia***  
*ssp naevia - Small numbers at Yabelo & Konso - Nechisar*

**Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops***  
*ssp epops - Regularly: Awash, Awassa, Yabelo, Nechisar National Park*  
*A few more deeply coloured birds were noted (Nechisar, Konso...), these were*  
*presumably of the (sub)species *senegalensis*, which is sometimes treated as a*  
*seperate species (together with *africana*, which occurs in southern Africa)*

**Black-billed Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus somaliensis***  
*several sightings: Sof Omar, Yabelo, Nechisar & Lalibela*

**Black Scimitar-bill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus***  
*ssp notatus - Only at Nechisar (two)*

**Abyssinian Scimitar-bill *Rhinopomastus minor***  
*Small numbers at two sites: Awash (minor) and Yabelo (*cabanisi*)*

**Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus***  
*ssp erythrorhynchus - Regularly throughout the country: Sof Omar, Yabelo,*  
*Nechisar. Northern and southern populations are sometimes treated as seperate*  
*species: Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrohynchus* and Southern Red-*  
*billed Hornbill *Tockus rufifrons**

**Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus flavirostris***  
*Regularly at Awash and Yabelo*

**Von der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni***  
*Small numbers at scattered sites: Sof Omar, Yabelo, Yabelo - Konso*

**Hemprich's Hornbill *Tockus hemprichii***  
*Small numbers at scattered sites: Awash, Sof Omar, Yabelo - Konso, Lalibela*

**African Gray Hornbill *Tockus nasutus***  
*ssp nasutus - Regularly throughout the country: Awash, Sof Omar, Yabelo &*  
*Nechisar National Park*

**Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Ceratogymna brevis***  
*Small flocks at several sites: Awassa, Kibre Mengist, Wondo Genet, Nechisar &*  
*Bahar Dar*

**Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill *Bucorvus abyssinicus***  
*Scattered sightings: Sof Omar, Awash - Bilen Lodge, Kibre Mengist, Yabelo &*  
*Konso*

**Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus***  
*HO - ssp *xanthostictus* - A few were heard at Wondo Genet.*

**Red-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus pusillus***  
*Scattered sightings: Sof Omar, Yabelo, Nechisar & Awassa*



*Black-throated Barbet Tricholaema melanocephala*  
*ssp stigmatothorax* - regularly at Yabelo  
*ssp melanocephala* - Several at Bilen Lodge

*Banded Barbet Lybius undatus* **Near-endemic**  
A few at Awassa, Wondo Genet, Debre Zeyit, and at Kibre Mengist

*Black-billed Barbet Lybius guifsobalito*  
Small numbers at scattered sites: Bilen Lodge, Bahar Dar, Blue Nile Falls & Debre Zeyit

*Double-toothed Barbet Lybius bidentatus*  
*ssp aequatorialis* - Scattered sightings: Kibre Mengist, Wondo Genet, Awassa & Lake Ziway...

*Yellow-breasted Barbet Trachyphonus margaritatus*  
A few sightings: Bilen Lodge, Awash, and near Dessie

*D'Arnaud's Barbet Trachyphonus darnaudii*  
*ssp boehmi* - Regularly at Yabelo

*Greater Honeyguide Indicator*  
Only heard at Awassa, and seen well at Nechisar National Park

*Lesser Honeyguide Indicator minor*  
*ssp diadematus* - heard only at Sof Omar, and two seen at Wondo Genet

*Eurasian Wryneck Jynx torquilla*, one at Awassa

*Rufous-necked Wryneck Jynx ruficollis*  
*ssp aequatorialis* - A few records: Jemmu Valley, Awassa, and near Debre Zeyit

*Nubian Woodpecker Campethera nubica*  
*ssp nubica* - scattered sightings: Bilen Lodge, Nechisar, Awassa & Sof Omar

*Abyssinian Woodpecker Dendropicos abyssinicus* **Country endemic**  
One near Goba (Bale Mountains), and two at Wondo Genet

*Cardinal Woodpecker Dendropicos fuscescens*  
Several sightings: near Kibre Mengist, Yabelo, and at Bilen Lodge

*Bearded Woodpecker Dendropicos namaquus*  
*ssp schoensis* – a few: Yabelo and at Nechisar

*Gray-headed Woodpecker Dendropicos spodocephalus*  
*ssp spodocephalus* - Scattered sightings: Wondo Genet, Awassa & Bahar Dar

*White-tailed Lark Mirafra albicauda*, few at Nechisar National Park

*Red-winged Lark Mirafra hypermetra*  
*ssp gallarum* - Three at Awash

*Flappet Lark Mirafra rufocinnamomea*  
*ssp rufocinnamomea* - One at Nechisar National Park

*Foxy Lark Mirafra alopex*  
*ssp intercedens* - One at Yabelo  
The subspecies *macdonaldi* (Yabelo) has been lumped with *intercedens*.

*Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark Eremopterix leucotis*  
*ssp leucotis* - Two small flocks near Bilen Lodge

*Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark Eremopterix signata*  
*ssp signata* - One large flock (150+) at Awash (near the Hot Springs)

*Erlanger's Lark Calandrella erlangeri* **Near-endemic**  
Regularly around Ankober, and also at Sululta and on the way to Lalibela

*Thekla Lark Galerida theklae*  
Common at several sites: Bale Mountains, Jemmu Valley, Ankober & Lalibela

*Bank Swallow Riparia riparia*  
Scattered sightings: Awash, Yabelo & Nechisar National Park

*Plain Martin Riparia paludicola*  
Regularly throughout the country: Awassa, Lake Ziway & Lake Chelelaka

*Eurasian Crag-Martin Ptyonoprogne rupestris*  
Two between Lalibela and Bahar Dar

*Rock Martin Ptyonoprogne fuligula*  
Recorded regularly at most highland sites: Bale Mountain, Ankober, Jemmu Valley & Lalibela  
*ssp pusilla* - Birds of this subspecies was tentatively identified at Wondo Genet

*Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica*  
*ssp rustica* - Common throughout the country: Awash, Nechisar, Yabelo & Awassa

*Ethiopian Swallow Hirundo aethiopica*  
*ssp amadoni* - Regularly in small numbers: Awash, Awassa, Debre Zeyit, Nechisar National Park & near Bahar Dar

*Wire-tailed Swallow Hirundo smithii*  
*ssp smithii* - A few at Awassa and at Lake Tana.

*White-tailed Swallow Hirundo megaensis* **Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic**  
Two 48 km south of Yabelo

*Lesser Striped-Swallow Cecropis Abyssinica*  
*ssp abyssinica* - Several sightings: Yabelo, Konso & Nechisar National Park

*Mosque Swallow Cecropis senegalensis*  
*ssp saturator* - One below Kibre Mengist and two between Dila and Yabelo

*Red-rumped Swallow Cecropis daurica*  
*ssp melanocrissa* - Recorded regularly: Awassa, Jemmu Valley, Lalibela & Ankober. *Melanocrissa* (an Ethiopia endemic) is sometimes treated as a separate species: *Black-vented Swallow*

*House Martin Delichon urbica*  
Scattered sightings: Awassa, Sof Omar & Bahar Dar

*Black Sawwing Psalidoprocne holomelas*  
Scattered sightings: Wondo Genet, Yabelo, Harena Forest, and at Kibre Mengist.  
All recorded birds had a brownish gloss (*antinorii* or *blanfordi*?)

*White Wagtail Motacilla alba*  
Small numbers: Awassa, Lake Ziway & Bahar Dar

*African Pied Wagtail Motacilla aguimp*  
*ssp vidua* - Two at Awash (near the Hot Springs)

*Yellow Wagtail Motacilla flava*  
*ssp feldegg* - A few at Awassa, Lake Ziway and at Lake Chelelaka.  
*ssp lutea* - One was seen near Robe (Bale Mountains)  
*ssp flava* - Regularly recorded at several sites: Rift Valley, Bilen Lodge & Nechisar  
*ssp thunbergi* - Several at Awassa, Lake Ziway and at Lake Chelelaka

*Gray Wagtail Motacilla cinerea*  
Scattered sightings: Wondo Genet, Ankober & Lalibela...

*Mountain Wagtail Motacilla clara*  
*ssp clara* – only at Wondo Genet and at Sof Omar Cave

*Abyssinian Longclaw Macronyx flavicollis* **Near-threatened (NT)** **Country endemic**  
Three on the Sanetti Plateau (Bale Mountains), four near Dinsho (Bale Mountains) and two in the Jemmu Valley (close to Muka Turi)

*Plain-backed Pipit Anthus leucophrys*  
A few sightings: Nechisar, near Lake Langano, and below Lalibela

*African Pipit Anthus cinnamomeus*  
A few sightings: near Robe, on the way to Lalibela, and in the Jemmu Valley

*Tawny Pipit Anthus campestris*, only at Awash National Park

*Long-billed Pipit Anthus similis*  
*ssp hararensis* - Two at Ankober, and one on the way to Lalibela

*Tree Pipit Anthus trivialis*  
*ssp trivialis* - Scattered sightings: Sof Omar, Kibre Mengist & Konso

*Red-throated Pipit Anthus cervinus*  
Scattered sightings: near Debre Berhan (400+), Ankober, Jemmu Valley & Bale Mountains National Park

*Gray Cuckoo-shrike Coracina caesia*  
*ssp pura* - Several at Wondo Genet

*Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike Campephaga phoenicea*  
Three at Kibre Mengist, several at Nechisar and two in the Hareenna Forest

*Common Bulbul Pycnonotus barbatus*  
*ssp somaliensis* - Tentatively identified at Awash.  
If Common Bulbul is split into different species, then *somaliensis* is named Somali Bulbul *Pycnonotus somaliensis*.  
*ssp dodsoni* - Several sightings around Yabelo.  
If Common Bulbul is split into different species, then *dodsoni* is named Dodson's Bulbul *Pycnonotus dodsoni*.  
*ssp schoanus* - Recorded regularly: Awash, Melka Ghebdu...  
If Common Bulbul is split into different species, then *shoanus* is treated as either a subspecies of Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus* or as a subspecies of Egyptian Bulbul *Pycnonotus arsinoe*.  
*ssp spurius* - Recorded regularly: Bale Mountains, Kibre Mengist...  
If Common Bulbul is split into different species, then *spurius* is treated as a subspecies of Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor*

*Northern Brownbul Phyllastrephus strepitans*, several at Sof Omar Cave

*Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush Monticola saxatilis*  
few: Debre Libanos, near Bahar Dar & Yabelo - Konso

*Little Rock-Thrush Monticola rufocinereus*  
*ssp rufocinereus* - a few: Ankober, Lalibela, Jemmu Valley and at Melka Ghebdu

*Blue Rock-Thrush Monticola solitarius*  
*ssp longirostris* - a few: Awash, Lalibela, Ankober & Jemmu Valley

*Abyssinian Ground-Thrush Zoothera piaggiae*  
*ssp piaggiae* - Several sightings: Dinsho, near Goba and at Wondo Genet

*Groundscraper Thrush Psophocichla litsipsirupa*  
*ssp simensis* - Regularly at most highland sites:  
Bale Mountains, Ankober, Lalibela, Jemmu Valley  
*simensis* is sometimes treated as a separate species:  
*Ethiopian Thrush Psophocichla simensis*

*Olive Thrush Turdus olivaceus*  
*ssp abyssinicus* - Regularly: Bale Mountains, Ankober, Lalibela...

*abyssinicus* is sometimes treated as a separate species:  
*Mountain Thrush Turdus abyssinicus*

*African Thrush Turdus pelios*  
*ssp centralis* - Scattered sightings: Awassa, below Kibre Mengist, Nechisar...

*African Bare-eyed Thrush Turdus tephronotus*, six at Yabelo

*Red-faced Cisticola Cisticola erythrops*  
*ssp pyrrhomitrus* - Several in the Jemmu Valley (along the river)

*Boran Cisticola Cisticola bodessa*  
Few at Awash, and also at Yabelo

*Rattling Cisticola Cisticola chiniana*  
*ssp fricki* - Scattered sightings: Awassa, Yabelo & Lake Langano

*Ashy Cisticola Cisticola cinereolus*  
*ssp cinereolus* - Several at Awash

*Winding Cisticola Cisticola galactotes*  
*ssp lugubris* - Regularly at Bale Mountains, Jemmu Valley, and around Ankober  
*lugubris* is sometimes treated as a separate species:  
*Ethiopian Cisticola Cisticola lugubris*

*Stout Cisticola Cisticola robustus*, few near Lalibela

*Foxy Cisticola Cisticola troglodytes*  
*ssp ferrugineus* - Several in the Jemmu Valley

*Tiny Cisticola Cisticola nana*, few at Yabelo

*Zitting Cisticola Cisticola juncidis*  
*ssp uropygialis* - Small numbers at two sites: Awash and Nechisar

*Pectoral-patch Cisticola Cisticola brunnescens*  
*ssp brunnescens* - a few near Ankober and at Sululta

*Tawny-flanked Prinia Prinia subflava*  
regularly throughout the country: Lake Langano, Bahar Dar, Lake Ziway & Awassa Lake

*Pale Prinia Prinia somalica*  
*ssp erlangeri* - a few at Yabelo

*Yellow-breasted Apalis Apalis flavida*  
*ssp flavocincta* - A few: Yabelo, Nechisar & Konso

*Red-fronted Warbler Urorhipis rufifrons*  
Several sightings: Awash (*rufifrons*), Bilen Lodge (*rufifrons*) & Yabelo (*smithi*)

*Green-backed Camaroptera Camaroptera brachyura*  
*ssp abessinica* - Regularly: Awash, Awassa, Yabelo, Wondo Genet, Bahar Dar...  
*Green-backed and Gray-backed Camaroptera are sometimes treated as separate species. Abbesinica is then treated as a subspecies of Gray-backed Camaroptera*  
*Camaroptea brevicaudata*

*Gray Wren-Warbler Calamonastes simplex*  
Regularly at Awash and Yabelo

*Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler Bradypterus cinnamomeus*  
*ssp cinnamomeus* - Several sightings: near Goba, Harrena Forest, and below the Sanetti Plateau

*Sedge Warbler Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*  
several sightings: Awassa, Lake Ziway, Lake Chelelaka, and at Lake Tana

*Eurasian Reed-Warbler Acrocephalus scirpaceus*  
*ssp fuscus* - One at Awassa

*Lesser Swamp-Warbler Acrocephalus gracilirostris*  
A few sightings: Lake Tana (subsp. *tsanae*?), Lake Awassa and at Lake Ziway.

*Eastern Olivaceous Warbler Hippolais pallida*  
regularly: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Awassa & Nechisar National Park

*Upcher's Warbler Hippolais languid*, two at Awash National Park

*Buff-bellied Warbler Phyllolais pulchella*  
Scattered sightings: Awassa, Lake Langano, Awash & Bilen Lodge

*Yellow-bellied Eremomela Eremomela icteropygialis*  
*ssp griseoflava* - Scattered sightings: Awash, Yabelo & Konso

*Northern Crombec Sylvietta brachyura*  
*ssp leucopsis* - several sightings at Awash Park, Sof Omar Cave & Yabelo

*Red-faced Crombec Sylvietta whytii*  
*ssp loringi* - Several sightings: Yabelo, Nechisar, Lake Langano & Awassa

*Brown Woodland-Warbler Phylloscopus umbrovirens*  
Several at Wondo Genet, at Dinsho (Bale Mountains) near Goba and near Lalibela

*Willow Warbler Phylloscopus trochilus*  
*ssp yakutensis* - Regularly (common): Awash, Bale Mountains, Kibre Mengist & Nechisar National Park

*Common Chiffchaff Phylloscopus collybita*  
*ssp collybita* - Small numbers at Awassa (singing), Wondo Genet & Lalibela

*Blackcap Sylvia atricapilla*  
Scattered sightings at Awassa, Sof Omar, Lake Langano & Blue Nile Falls

*Greater Whitethroat Sylvia communis*  
One at Awassa, and one near Debre Zeyit

*Lesser Whitethroat Sylvia curruca*  
*ssp curruca* - Regularly (small numbers): Awash, Awassa, Lake Langano, Nechisar & Lake Tana

*Brown Warbler Parisoma lugens*  
*ssp lugens* - a few at Robe and in Addis Ababa

*Banded Warbler Parisoma boehmi*  
*ssp somalicum* - Two at Yabelo

*African Gray Flycatcher Bradornis microrhynchus*  
*ssp pumilus* - Several sightings at Awash, Bilen Lodge, Lake Langano...  
*ssp neumanni* - Several sightings around Yabelo

*Abyssinian Slaty-Flycatcher Melaenornis chocolatinus* *Near-endemic*  
Regularly: Bale Mountains, Wondo Genet & Lalibela

*Northern Black-Flycatcher Melaenornis edolioides*  
regularly at Awassa, Robe, Sof Omar & Kibre Mengist

*Spotted Flycatcher Muscicapa striata*, few near Wondo Genet

*African Dusky Flycatcher Muscicapa adusta*  
*ssp minima* - Scattered sightings: Wondo Genet, Kibre Mengist, Lalibela & Harena Forest

*Common Nightingale Luscinia megarhynchos*  
A few sightings: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Awassa and near Debre Zeyit

*Rueppell's Robin-Chat Cossypha semirufa*  
Regularly: Lalibela, Wondo Genet, Bale Mountains, Robe & Bahar Dar

*White-browed Robin-Chat Cossypha heuglini*  
*ssp heuglini* - One at Awassa

*Red-capped Robin-Chat Cossypha natalensis*  
*ssp intensa* - Three at Nechisar

*Spotted Morning-Thrush Cichladusa guttata*  
*ssp intercalans* - Two at Yabelo

*Red-backed Scrub-Robin Cercotrichas leucophrys*  
*ssp leucoptera* - Regularly: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Yabelo & Sof Omar...

*leucoptera* is sometimes treated as a separate species:  
*White-winged Scrub-Robin Cercotrichas leucoptera*

*Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin Cercotrichas galactotes*  
*One near Bilen Lodge*

*Common Redstart Phoenicurus phoenicurus*  
*ssp samamisisicus - Regularly: Awash, Lalibela, Awassa & Lake Ziway*

*Whinchat Saxicola rubetra*  
*One near Lake Langano, one near Bahar Dar and two at Nechisar*

*Siberian Stonechat Saxicola maura*  
*Stonechat near Bahar Dar showing a lot of white in its tail was presumably of the race variegata*

*African Stonechat Saxicola torquata*  
*ssp albofasciata - Regularly at most highland sites: Bale Mountains, Ankober & Jemmu Valley*  
*albofasciata is sometimes treated as a separate species: Ethiopian Stonechat Saxicola albofasciata.*

*Northern Wheatear Oenanthe oenanthe*  
*ssp oenanthe - Scattered sightings: near Addis Ababa, near Bahar Dar, on the way to Lalibela*

*Mourning Wheatear Oenanthe lugens*  
*ssp lugubris - Small numbers in the north: Ankober, Jemmu Valley...*  
*lugubris is sometimes treated as a separate species:*  
*Abyssinian Black Wheatear Oenanthe lugubris*

*Pied Wheatear Oenanthe pleschanka*  
*regularly throughout the country (common): Awash, Rift Valley, Nechisar & Lalibela*

*Cyprus Wheatear Oenanthe cypriaca, one male was tentatively identified east of Robe*

*Black-eared Wheatear Oenanthe hispanica*  
*ssp melanoleuca - One at Awassa, and two near Bahar Dar*

*Isabelline Wheatear Oenanthe isabellina*  
*regularly throughout the country (common): Rift Valley, Awash, Yabelo & Bahar Dar*

*Red-breasted Wheatear Oenanthe bottae*  
*ssp frenata - Regularly at most highland sites: Bale Mountains, Ankober & Jemmu Valley*



*Familiar Chat Cercomela familiaris*  
*ssp falckensteini* - Two in the Jemmu Valley

*Brown-tailed Chat Cercomela scotocerca*  
Several at Sof Omar

*Blackstart Cercomela melanura*  
*ssp aussae* - Several at Awash

*Moorland Chat Cercomela sordida*  
*ssp sordida* - Regularly at most highland sites: Bale Mountains, Ankober & Lalibela

*Rueppell's Chat Myrmecocichla melaena* *Near-endemic*  
regularly in the north: Ankober, Lalibela & Jemmu Valley

*Mocking Cliff-Chat Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*  
*ssp albiscapulata* - Regularly: Lake Langano, Ankober, Lalibela, Bahar Dar & Jemmu Valley

*White-winged Cliff-Chat Thamnolaea semirufa* *Near-endemic*  
One near Lalibela, several on the drive through the Blue Nile Gorge, and a few in the Jemmu Valley

*Brown-throated Wattle-eye Platysteira cyanea*  
*ssp aethiopica* - A few: two at Wondo Genet, and three near Bahar Dar

*Gray-headed Batis Batis orientalis*  
Regularly: Awash, Sof Omar, Yabelo & Konso

*Black-headed Batis Batis minor*  
*ssp erlangeri* - A few: Nechisar and near Lake Langano

*Pygmy Batis Batis perkeo*, several at Yabelo

*African Paradise-Flycatcher Terpsiphone viridis*  
Regularly: Wondo Genet, Nechisar, Yabelo & Bahar Dar

*African Hill Babbler Illadopsis abyssinica*  
*ssp abyssinica* - Several at Wondo Genet

*Rufous Chatterer Turdoides rubiginosus*  
several sightings: Awassa, Sof Omar, Awash & Nechisar National Park

*White-rumped Babbler Turdoides leucopygius*  
regularly: Wondo Genet, Awassa, Sof Omar (*smithii*), Kibre Mengist & Lalibela

*Abyssinian Catbird Parophasma galinieri* *Country endemic*  
Common at Dinsho, and also several near Goba, and at Lalibela

*White-backed Black-Tit Melaniparus leuconotus* **Near-endemic**  
15+ at Dinsho (Bale Mountains) and five below Asetan Maryam (Lalibela)

*Somali Tit Melaniparus thruppi*  
*ssp thruppi* - Small numbers at two sites: Sof Omar and Yabelo

*Mouse-colored Penduline-Tit Anthoscopus musculus*  
several sightings from two sites: Awash and Yabelo

*Kenya Violet-backed Sunbird Anthreptes orientalis*  
*ssp orientalis* - A few sightings: Awash and Yabelo

*Collared Sunbird Hedydipna collaris*  
*ssp djamdjamensis* - Several sightings: Yabelo, Yabelo - Konso

*Western Olive-Sunbird Cyanomitra obscura*  
*ssp ragazzii* - One at Wondo Genet

*Scarlet-chested Sunbird Chalcomitra senegalensis*  
*ssp cruentata* - Regularly: Awassa, Lake Tana, Kibre Mengist, Melka Ghebdu & Awash National Park

*Hunter's Sunbird Chalcomitra hunteri*  
several sightings at Sof Omar Cave and Yabelo

*Tacazze Sunbird Nectarinia tacazze*  
*ssp tacazze* - Regularly at most highland sites: Bale Mountains, Wondo Genet, Lalibela & Ankober

*Beautiful Sunbird Cinnyris pulchellus*  
*ssp melanogastra* - Several sightings: Nazret, Awassa & Lake Langano

*Mariqua Sunbird Cinnyris mariquensis*  
*ssp osiris* - Scattered sightings: Kibre Mengist, Konso, Bahar Dar...  
*Mariqua Sunbird is sometimes split into two species: Swahili Sunbird and Mariqua Sunbird, Osiris would then become a subspecies of Swahili Sunbird*

*Shining Sunbird Cinnyris habessinicus*  
regularly at Bilen Lodge, Awash, Sof Omar & Yabelo

*Variable Sunbird Cinnyris venustus*  
*ssp fazolensis* - Regularly: Lake Tana, Lalibela, Wondo Genet & Kibre Mengist

*Broad-ringed White-eye Zosterops polioastrus*  
*ssp polioastrus* - Regularly: Lalibela, Wondo Genet, Hareenna Forest...  
*Broad-ringed White-eye is sometimes split up into several species, nominate polioastrus would then be named Heuglin's White-eye*

*White-breasted White-eye Zosterops abyssinicus*  
*ssp abyssinicus* - Scattered sightings: Bilen Lodge, Lake Tana & Bahar Dar

*Dark-headed Oriole Oriolus monacha* **Near-endemic**  
several sightings: Wondo Genet, Kibre Mengist, Hareenna Forest & Bahar Dar

*African Black-headed Oriole Oriolus larvatus*  
*ssp angolensis* - Scattered sightings in the southern part of the country:  
Yabelo, Konso & Nechisar National Park

*Red-backed Shrike Lanius collurio*, one near Bahar Dar

*Rufous-tailed Shrike Lanius isabellinus*  
*ssp phoenicuroides* - Scattered sightings (*Turkestan Shrike*): Awassa, Nechisar,  
Awash, Bale Mountains & Sof Omar

*Southern Gray Shrike Lanius meridionalis*  
*ssp pallidirostris* - Several sightings at Awash and Bilen (*Steppe Shrike*)

*Lesser Gray Shrike Lanius minor*, one at Nechisar was unexpected

*Gray-backed Fiscal Lanius excubitoroides*  
*ssp intercedens* - Regularly: Nechisar, Lake Ziway, Jemmu Valley & Lake Langano

*Somali Fiscal Lanius somalicus*  
several sightings at Awash Park

*Common Fiscal Lanius collaris*  
*ssp humeralis* – regularly at Bale Mountains, Awassa, Kibre Mengist & Sof Omar

*Masked Shrike Lanius nubicus*  
A few: Bilen Lodge, Awassa and at Lake Langano

*Woodchat Shrike Lanius senator*  
Scattered sightings: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Melka Ghebdu & Nechisar National Park

*White-rumped Shrike Eurocephalus rueppelli*  
Regularly at Awash Park, Bilen Lodge, Sof Omar Cave, Yabelo & Nechisar Park

*Brubru Nilaus afer*  
Several sightings Awash Park, Sof Omar, Yabelo & Nechisar National Park  
Northern and southern populations are sometimes treated as separate species. Birds  
occurring in Ethiopia would then be placed under Northern Brubru Nilaus afer

*Northern Puffback Dryoscopus gambensis*  
*ssp erythrae* - Several sightings: Nazret, Kibre Mengist, Nechisar & Awash Park

*Black-crowned Tchagra Tchagra senegala*  
*ssp habessinica* - Regularly: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Melka Ghebdu & Nechisar Park

*Tropical Boubou Laniarius aethiopicus*  
*ssp aethiopicus* - regularly Wondo Genet, Kibre Mengist, Awassa, Bilen Lodge &  
Sof Omar

*Slate-colored Boubou Laniarius funebris*  
*ssp funebris* - Several sightings: Sof Omar Cave, Yabelo & Konso

*Rosy-patched Bushshrike Rhodophoneus cruentus*  
several sightings at Nechisar Park, Yabelo & Awash Park

*Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike Telophorus sulfureopectus*  
*ssp similis* - Several sightings: Sof Omar Cave, Yabelo & Nechisar Park

*White Helmetshrike Prionops plumatus*  
*ssp cristatus* - a few sightings: Nechisar Park & Konso  
*cristatus* is sometimes treated as a separate species: Curly-crested Helmetshrike  
*Prionops cristatus*

*Fork-tailed Drongo Dicrurus adsimilis*  
*ssp divaricatus* - Regularly throughout the country: Wondo Genet, Nechisar, Awash Park & Bale Mountains

*Stresemann's Bush-Crow Zavattariornis stresemanni* **Endangered (EN) Country endemic**  
Several small flocks around Yabelo

*Red-billed Chough Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*  
*ssp baileyi* - Several sightings on the Sanetti Plateau (Bale Mountains)

*Cape Crow Corvus capensis*  
Common at several sites: Bale Mountains, Kibre Mengist, Jemmu Valley & Ankober

*Pied Crow Corvus albus*  
Regularly: Kibre Mengist, Nechisar Park & Addis Ababa

*Somali Crow Corvus edithae*  
Small numbers between Robe and Sof Omar Cave

*Fan-tailed Raven Corvus rhipidurus*  
Regularly at Awash Park, Kibre Mengist, Nechisar & Bahar Dar

*Thick-billed Raven Corvus crassirostris*  
Regularly at Wondo Genet, Bale Mountains, Awassa, Nechisar, Yabelo & Lalibela

*Wattled Starling Creatophora cinerea*  
Scattered sightings at Awash Park, Sof Omar Cave, Yabelo & Konso

*Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling Lamprotornis chalybaeus*  
*ssp cyaniventris* - Regularly (common): Awassa, Nechisar, Sof Omar, Yabelo & Lalibela

*Lesser Blue-eared Glossy-Starling Lamprotornis chloropterus*  
*ssp chloropterus* - Only recorded in the Bahar Dar area

*Rueppell's Glossy-Starling Lamprotornis purpuropterus*  
Regularly: Awash, Awassa, Lake Ziway & Debre Zeyit

*Golden-breasted Starling Lamprotornis regius*  
Regularly at Sof Omar Cave, Yabelo, Yabelo - Konso

*Superb Starling Lamprotornis superbus*  
regularly at Awash, Sof Omar Cave, Yabelo & Nechisar Park

*Shelley's Starling Lamprotornis shelleyi*  
Several sightings around Yabelo

*Violet-backed Starling Cinnycinclus leucogaster*  
Scattered sightings: Awassa, Sof Omar & Kibre Mengist

*White-crowned Starling Spreo albicapillus*  
*ssp albicapillus* - Regularly in small flocks around Yabelo

*Red-winged Starling Onychognathus morio*  
*ssp rueppellii* - Scattered sightings: Hareenna Forest, Yabelo, near Robe & Lalibela

*Slender-billed Starling Onychognathus tenuirostris*, only near Lalibela

*Bristle-crowned Starling Onychognathus salvadorii*  
Elke and Mike saw two near Sof Omar

*White-billed Starling Onychognathus albirostris* *Near-endemic*  
Regularly: Lalibela, Blue Nile Gorge, Debre Libanos & Jemmu Valley

*Sharpe's Starling Pholia sharpii*  
Five at Wondo Genet

*Red-billed Oxpecker Buphagus erythrorhynchus*  
Scattered sightings: Lake Ziway, Awassa, Rift Valley & Lalibela

*Shelley's Rufous Sparrow Passer shelleyi*  
Two in a small village near Yabelo

*Swainson's Sparrow Passer swainsonii*  
regularly throughout the country

*Yellow-spotted Petronia Petronia pyrgita*  
*ssp pyrgita* - Scattered sightings: Yabelo, Awash & Sof Omar

*Bush Petronia Petronia dentata*  
Scattered sightings in the northern part of the country: Jemmu Valley, Bahar Dar & Lalibela

*Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver Bubalornis niger*  
*ssp intermedius* - Small numbers around Yabelo

*White-headed Buffalo-Weaver Dinemellia dinemelli*  
*ssp dinemelli - Regularly: Nechisar, Yabelo, Konso & Awash Park*

*Speckle-fronted Weaver Sporopipes frontalis*  
*ssp frontalis - Several in the Jemmu Valley*

*White-browed Sparrow-Weaver Plocepasser mahali*  
*ssp melanorhynchus - Regularly: Nechisar, Awash, Yabelo & Rift Valley*

*Gray-headed Social-Weaver Pseudonigrita arnaudi*  
*ssp australoabyssinicus - Several small flocks around Yabelo*

*Baglafecht Weaver Ploceus baglafecht*  
*ssp reichenowi - Regularly: Bale Mountains & Kibre Mengist*  
*reichenowi is sometimes treated as a separate species Reichenow's Weaver Ploceus reichenowi*  
*ssp emini - Birds in at Awassa and Lake Ziway were tentatively identified as this subspecies. Emini is sometimes treated as a separate species: Emin's Weaver Ploceus emini*  
*ssp baglafecht - Regularly at several highland sites: Lalibela, Ankober & Jemmu Valley*

*Little Weaver Ploceus luteolus*  
*ssp luteolus - Small numbers at Melka Ghebdu*

*Lesser Masked-Weaver Ploceus intermedius*  
*ssp intermedius - Scattered sightings: near Awash, around Yabelo - Konso*

*Spectacled Weaver Ploceus ocularis*  
*ssp crocatus - Scattered sightings: Kibre Mengist, Wondo Genet, Awassa, and at Bahar Dar*

*Rueppell's Weaver Ploceus galbula*  
*20+ at Lake Langano and a few at Melka Ghebdu*

*Vitelline Masked-Weaver Ploceus vitellinus*  
*ssp uluensis - small numbers at Sof Omar Cave, Yabelo and Konso*

*Village Weaver Ploceus cucullatus*  
*ssp abyssinicus - Scattered sightings: Bahar Dar and Blue Nile Falls*

*Speke's Weaver Ploceus spekei*  
*Several at Yabelo*

*Chestnut Weaver Ploceus rubiginosus*  
*ssp rubiginosus - a few along the way to Sof Omar Cave*

*Red-headed Weaver Anaplectes rubriceps*  
*ssp leuconotus - Scattered sightings: Nechisar, Konso, near Yabelo...*  
*leuconotus is sometimes treated as a separate species: Red-winged Weaver*

*Red-billed Quelea Quelea quelea*  
*ssp aethiopica* - Regularly: Awash, Bilen Lodge, Awassa & Debre Zeyit

*Black-winged Bishop Euplectes hordeaceus*  
*ssp craspedopterus* - Small numbers in the Jemmu Valley & near Blue Nile Falls

*Orange Bishop Euplectes franciscanus*  
Small numbers at Koka Dam and at Melka Ghebdu

*Yellow Bishop Euplectes capensis*  
*ssp xanthomelas* - Regularly at several highland sites: Ankober, near Lalibela

*Yellow-shouldered Widowbird Euplectes macrourus*  
*ssp macrocercus* - One flock near the Blue Nile Falls  
*macrocercus* is sometimes treated as a separate species from *macrourus*,  
*macrocercus* would then be named Yellow-shouldered Widowbird and *macrourus*  
Yellow-mantled Widowbird

*Red-collared Widowbird Euplectes ardens*  
*ssp laticauda* - A few in the Jemmu Valley

*Grosbeak Weaver Amblyospiza albifrons*  
*ssp melanota* - a few near Wondo Genet

*Green-winged Pytilia Pytilia melba*  
*ssp soudanensis* - A few at Awash and near Bilen Lodge

*Green-backed Twinspot Mandingoa nitidula*  
*ssp chubbi* - One female near Wondo Genet

*Red-billed Firefinch Lagonosticta senegala*  
Regularly: Nechisar, Awash, Sof Omar & Bahar Dar

*African Firefinch Lagonosticta rubricata*  
*ssp ugandae* - a few at Nechisar

*Red-cheeked Cordonbleu Uraeginthus bengalus*  
*ssp bengalus* - Regularly (common): Nechisar, Yabelo, Awassa, Awash & Sof Omar

*Purple Grenadier Uraeginthus ianthinogaster*  
*ssp ugandae* - Regularly in the south: Yabelo and Konso

*Yellow-bellied Waxbill Estrilda quartinia*  
*ssp quartinia* - Small numbers at Dinsho, Kibre Mengist, Hareenna Forest and  
Wondo Genet

*Crimson-rumped Waxbill Estrilda rhodopyga*  
*ssp rhodopyga* - Several at Melka Ghebdu

*Common Waxbill Estrilda astrild*  
*ssp peasei* - Small numbers at Awassa and near Koka Dam

*Red-rumped Waxbill Estrilda charmosyna*  
*ssp charmosyna* - Two near Awash

*Bronze Mannikin Spermestes cucullatus*  
*ssp scutatus* - Recorded regularly: Awassa, Kibre Mengist, Wondo Genet & Melka Ghebdu

*Black-and-white Mannikin Spermestes bicolor*  
*ssp poensis* - Two near Wondo Genet

*Cut-throat Amadina fasciata*  
*ssp alexanderi* - Scattered sightings: Awash, Yabelo, Nechisar, Lalibela & Blue Nile Falls

*Village Indigobird Vidua chalybeata*  
*ssp ultramarina* - Scattered sightings: near Bilen Lodge, Lalibela & Bahar Dar

*Straw-tailed Whydah Vidua fischeri*  
Several at Yabelo (Yabelo Motel)

*Pin-tailed Whydah Vidua macroura*  
Scattered sightings: Awash, Nazret & Jemmu Valley

*Eastern Paradise-Whydah Vidua paradisaea*  
Scattered sightings: Awassa, Bilen Lodge, and near Awassa

*Ankober Serin Carduelis ankoberensis* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Country endemic**  
Six at Ankober

*Yellow-crowned Canary Serinus flavivertex*  
*ssp flavivertex* - Several at Dinsho Lodge, Ankober and in the Hareenna Forest

*Abyssinian Siskin Serinus nigriceps* **Country endemic**  
Common at most highland sites (sometimes in large flocks): Bale Mountains (hundreds), Kibre Mengist, Ankober, also named Black-headed Siskin

*African Citril Serinus citrinelloides*  
*ssp citrinelloides* - Scattered sightings: Hareenna Forest, Dila, Awassa, Nechisar & Bahar Dar

*Yellow-throated Serin Serinus flavigula* **Endangered (EN)** **Country endemic**  
At least seven at Melka Ghebdu, also named Yellow-throated Seedeater

*Salvadori's Serin Serinus xantholaemus* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Country endemic**  
Two at Sof Omar Cave



*Reichenow's Seedeater Serinus reichenowi*  
*Scattered sightings: Nazret, near Dila & near Lake Langano*

*Yellow-rumped Serin Serinus xanthopygius* *Near-endemic*  
*several near the Blue Nile Falls*  
*Also named White-throated Seedeater, or Abyssinian or Yellow-rumped Seedeater*

*Yellow-fronted Canary Serinus mozambicus*  
*ssp grotei - Several near Alem Ketema (Jemmu Valley)*

*Northern Grosbeak-Canary Serinus donaldsoni*  
*Elke photographed one near Yabelo*

*White-bellied Canary Serinus dorsostriatus*  
*ssp maculicollis - Several at Awash, Yabelo, and near Koka Dam*

*Brown-rumped Seedeater Serinus tristriatus* *Near-endemic*  
*Common at most highland sites: Bale Mountains, Lalibela & Ankober*

*Streaky Seedeater Serinus striolatus*  
*ssp striolatus - Common at several highland sites: Lalibela, Bale Mountains, Kibre Mengist & Wondo Genet*

*Ortolan Bunting Emberiza hortulana*  
*Several sightings: Debre Berhan (50+), Jemmu Valleu (20+), smaller numbers near Melka Ghebdu & Awash*

*Cinnamon-breasted Bunting Emberiza tahapisi*  
*Regularly: Blue Nile Falls, Nechisar, Lalibela & Jemmu Valley*

*Somali Bunting Emberiza poliopleura*  
*Small numbers at Awash, Bilen Lodge, Yabelo and at Nechisar Park*