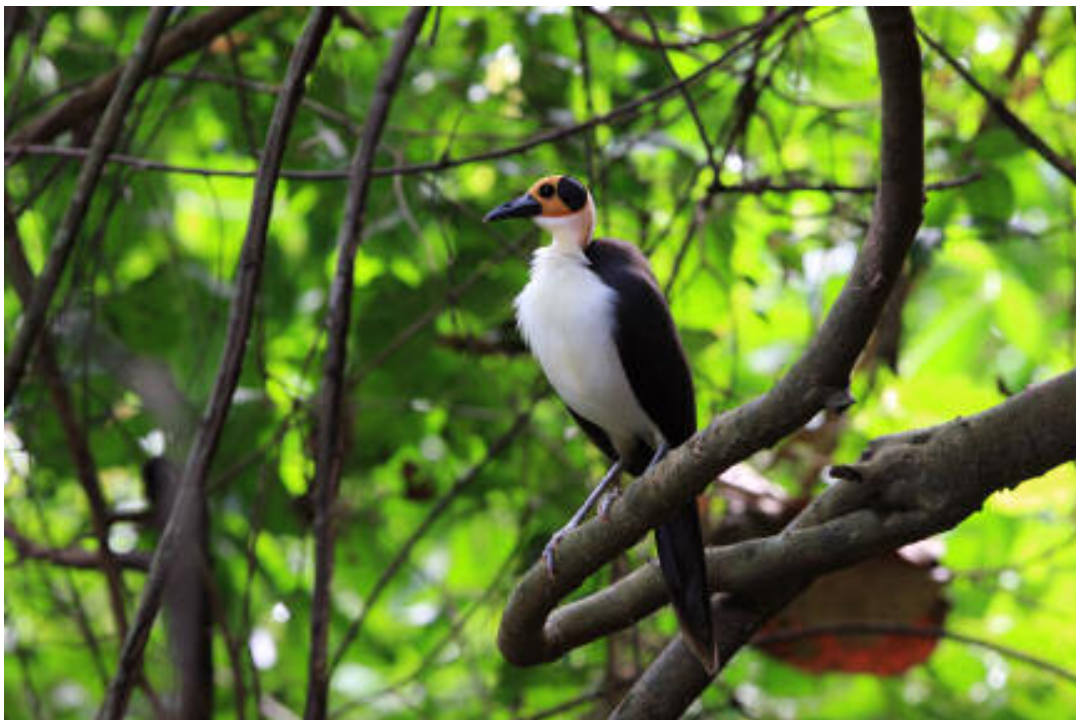


Ghana

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Yellow-headed Picathartes, Bonkro



African Elephant, Mole NP

Report of a birding trip to Ghana from 22 April to 8 May 2011

Introduction

We (Dick Brilstra, Eldert Groenewoud, Peter Los, Peter van Scheepen and Dick Meijer) decided to bird Ghana, our main objective being to see as many of the West African or more appropriate of the Upper Guinea forest endemics and near-endemics as possible, with Yellow-headed Picathartes at the top of our list. Having said so one has to point out what exactly an Upper Guinea endemic is. Nik Borrow (in litt.) states that Upper Guinea endemics tend to be mostly (but not all) contained in the forest block to the west of the Dahomey Gap. Some refer to these as the 'Upper Guinea Forest Endemics'. Even so a few of these birds trickle through the patches of forest in Togo and Benin to finally come to an end west of the Cameroon mountains. This natural barrier is perhaps the real delimiting factor as to where 'WEST' Africa ends and 'CENTRAL' Africa begins.

Endemic species of Western Africa	Upper Guinea extending to Dahomey Gap	Upper Guinea extending to SW Cameroon	Recorded by us
Ahanta Francolin (<i>Francolinus achantensis</i>)		X	
White-breasted Guineafowl (<i>Agelastes meleagrides</i>)	X		
Brown-necked Parrot (<i>Poicephalus (robustus) fuscicollis</i>)		X	
Rufous Fishing Owl (<i>Scotopelia ussheri</i>)	X		
Western/Kemp's Red-billed Hornbill (<i>Tockus (erythrorhynchus) kempii</i>)	X		X
Brown-cheeked Hornbill (<i>Bycanistes cylindricu</i>)	X		X
Yellow-casqued Hornbill (<i>Ceratogymna elata</i>)		X	X
Hairy-breasted Barbet (<i>Tricholaema (h.) hirsute</i>)		X	X
Yellow-footed Honeyguide (<i>Melignomon eisentrauti</i>)		X	
Little Green Woodpecker (<i>Campethera maculosa</i>)	X		X
Melancholy Woodpecker (<i>Dendropicos lugubris</i>)	X		X
Fire-bellied Woodpecker (<i>Dendropicos xantholophus</i>)		X	X
Fanti Saw-wing (<i>Psalidoprocne obscura</i>)		X	X
Pied-winged Swallow (<i>Hirundo leucosoma</i>)		X	
Western Wattled Cuckoo-shrike (<i>Lobotos lobatus</i>)*	X		
Baumann's Greenbul (<i>Phyllastrephus baumanni</i>)		X	
Liberian Greenbul (<i>Phyllastrephus leucolepis</i>)*	X		
Green-tailed Bristlebill (<i>Bleda eximius</i>)	X		X
Grey-headed Bristlebill (<i>Bleda canicapillus</i>)		X	X
Western Bearded Greenbul (<i>Criniger barbatus</i>)		X	X
Yellow-bearded Greenbul (<i>Criniger olivaceus</i>)	X		X
Western Forest Robin (<i>Stiphrornis (e.) erythrothorax</i>)		X	X

White-tailed Alethe (<i>Alethe diademata</i>)	X		X
Finsch's Flycatcher Thrush (<i>Stizorhina finschi</i>)	X		X
Black-headed Rufous Warbler (<i>Bathmocercus rufus</i>)*	X		
Kemp's Longbill (<i>Macrosphenus kempii</i>)		X	X
Sharpe's Apalis (<i>Apalis sharpii</i>)	X		X
Nimba Flycatcher (<i>Melaenornis annamarulae</i>)	X		
Ussher's Flycatcher (<i>Muscicapa ussheri</i>)	X		X
Red-cheeked Wattle-eye (<i>Dyaphorophya blissetti</i>)		X	X
Yellow-headed Picathartes (<i>Picathartes gymnocephalus</i>)	X		X
Rufous-winged Illadopsis (<i>Illadopsis rufescens</i>)	X		
Buff-throated Sunbird (<i>Chalcomitra adelberti</i>)		X	X
Turati's Boubou (<i>Laniarius turatii</i>)*	X		
Chestnut belied Helmetshrike (<i>Prionops caniceps</i>)		X	X
Copper-tailed Glossy Starling (<i>Lamprotornis cupreocauda</i>)	X		X
Emerald Starling (<i>Lamprotornis iris</i>)*	X		
Gola Malimbe (<i>Malimbus ballmanni</i>)*	X		
Red-vented Malimbe (<i>Malimbus scutatus</i>)		X	X
Ibadan Malimbe (<i>Malimbus ibadanensis</i>)*		X	
Red-fronted Antpecker (<i>Parmoptila rubrifrons</i>)	X		
Anambra Waxbill (<i>Estrilda poliopareia</i>)*		X	
Crimson Seedcracker (<i>Pyrenestes sanguineus</i>)*	X		
Kulikoro Firefinch (<i>Lagonosticta virata</i>)*	X		
TOTAL of Dahomey Gap and SW Cameroon: 44	25	19	24

Upper Guinea (forest) Endemic species (Nik Borrow in litt.) ; * not yet recorded in Ghana

Each of us had birded various African countries before and therefore had his own personal wish-list of other species. Our trip was organized by Ashanti African Tours (info@ashantiafricantours.com) led by Mark Williams. Ashanti did a perfect job and we were very satisfied with their work: logistics ok, very good guides: sharp, strict, helpful and with sufficient perseverance, safe driver, accommodation on average fair, good food and a productive itinerary (though 4110 km's). It would perhaps have been better if we had left our hotels a bit earlier on most days to be able to start bird watching at first light. In the south, in the belt with fragments of Upper Guinea rainforest, we visited Kakum, Ankasa, Bobiri and Bonkro (for the Picathartes) and Shai Hills in the south east. In the north, in a more savannah like landscape, we visited Mole NP, Tongo Hills, Tono Dam and the White Volta river near Bawku (for the Egyptian Plover). We recorded 24 of the 44 Upper Guinea endemic species of Borrow's modern list of endemics extending to the Dahomey Gap and extending to South-West Cameroon combined of which 10 have not yet been recorded in Ghana. We ended with a list of 426 species of which 12 were heard only (Great Blue Turaco, Western Bronze-naped Pigeon, Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo, African Scops Owl, Northern White-faced Owl, African Barred Owlet, Brown Nightjar, Yellow-billed Barbet, Sabine's Puffback, Sooty Boubou, White-tailed Ant Thrush and Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat). Mammals are not very abundant in Ghana, we recorded 18

species (of which Demidoff's Galago was heard only), mainly in Mole National Park. We simply had a great trip!

The top 7 birds seen in Ghana

1. Yellow-headed Picathartes (by far the most popular bird of the trip!)
2. Egyptian Plover
3. Long-tailed Hawk
4. Congo Serpent-Eagle
5. Thick-billed Cuckoo
6. Dwarf Bittern
7. Green Twinspot

Best species of the trip: Hartlaub's Duck, Dwarf Bittern, Congo Serpent-Eagle, Red-thighed Sparrowhawk, Long-tailed Hawk, Fox Kestrel, Forest and White-throated Francolin, Egyptian Plover, African Collared-Dove, Blue-headed Wood Dove, Grey Parrot, Yellow-billed and Guinea Turaco, Thick-billed, Olive Long-tailed and Yellow-throated Cuckoo, Fraser's and Akun Eagle-Owl, Black, Mottled, Cassin's and Sabine's Spinetail, White-bellied Kingfisher, Black, Blue-headed and Rosy Bee-eater, Black Dwarf, Piping, Brown-cheeked, Black-casqued and Yellow-casqued Hornbill, Naked-faced, Bristle-nosed and Hairy-breasted Barbet, Wilcock's and Cassin's Honeyguide, African Piculet, Little Green, Melancholy and Fire-bellied Woodpecker, Rufous-sided Broadbill, Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher, White-breasted, Blue and Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike, Chestnut-bellied Helmetshrike, African and Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher, West African Batis, Red-cheeked Wattle-eye, Finch's Flycatcher-Thrush, White-tailed Ant Thrush, White-tailed Atlethe, Narrow-tailed Starling, Copper-tailed Glossy-Starling, Ussher's, Little Grey, Dusky Blue and Tessmann's Flycatcher, Western Forest Robin, Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat, White-throated Blue-Swallow, Preuss' Swallow, Fanti Sawwing, Green-tailed and Grey-headed Bristlebill, Western Bearded and Yellow-bearded Greenbul, Rock-loving and Rufous Cisticola, Black-capped and Sharpe's Apalis, Kemp's Longbill, Yellow-bellied Hyliota, Puvel's, Pale-breasted and Brown Illadopsis, Blackcap and Brown Babbler, Yellow-headed Picathartes, Forest Penduline-Tit, Tit-hylia, Grey-headed, Chestnut-breasted and White-breasted Negrofinch, Green-backed Twinspot, Black-bellied Seedcracker, Western Bluebill, Black-faced Firefinch, Wilson's Indigobird, Orange, Vieillot's Black, Maxwell's Black, Preuss' and Compact Weaver, Blue-billed, Crested, Red-vented and Red-headed Malimbe, Reichenbach's, Buff-throated, Tiny, Fraser's and Johanna's Sunbird and Brown-rumped Bunting.

Hoped for but not seen were: Freckled Nightjar, White-breasted Guineafowl, African Finfoot, Spot-breasted Ibis, White-crested Bittern, Forbes's Plover, Beaudouin's Snake Eagle, Pel's Fishing-Owl, Spotted Creeper, Rufous-winged Illadopsis and Jameson's Antpecker.

Itinerary

Day	Date	Activities, transport and accommodation
Friday	22 April	Left Amsterdam by plane (flight KL 589) and arrived in Accra at 21.30 hrs. Slept in Hotel Alexis off the Tema Akosombo road not far from the international airport of Accra (info@alexishotelgh.com).

Saturday	23 April	By minivan to the Shai Hills in the morning and to the Sakumono Lagoon and Winneba Plains in the afternoon. Slept in the Rainforest Lodge in Cape Coast (www.rainforestlodgegh.com).
Sunday	24 April	By minivan to the Antwikuaa Forest and the river Pra in the morning and the Ebekawopa Rain Forest in the afternoon. Slept in the Rainforest Lodge in Cape Coast.
Monday	25 April	By minivan to the Ebekawopa Rain Forest in the morning and to Kakum NP in the afternoon, walked the Canopy Walk there in the afternoon and owled there and in Abrafo in the evening. Slept in the Rainforest Lodge in Cape Coast.
Tuesday	26 April	By minivan to Kakum NP (Canopy Walk again) and Abrafo again in the morning and to the Ensuta Forest in the afternoon. Slept in the Shama Guesthouse in Shama.
Wednesday	27 April	By minivan to the Ensuta Forest in the morning and by minivan and Landrover to Ankasa in the afternoon. Slept in the Gracia Hotel in Halfassini (hotelgracia@gmail.com).
Thursday	28 April	By minivan and Landrover to Ankasa in the morning, birded en route near Kikam and Brenu Beach. Slept in the Rainforest Lodge in Cape Coast.
Friday	29 April	By minivan to the Aboabo Forest in the morning and to Bonkro in the afternoon, on foot to the Picathartes rock there. Slept in the Rexmar Hotel in Kumasi (www.rexmar.com).
Saturday	30 April	By minivan from Kumasi to Mole NP with stops at Tanoso and along the entrance road to Mole NP. Slept in the Mole Motel. (motel.mole@yahoo.com).
Sunday	1 May	By minivan and on foot through the forest along the Samole Loop not far from the motel, including the hide near the lake in the morning and the Burugbani Loop in the afternoon. Slept in the Mole Motel.
Monday	2 May	By minivan to the river Mognori and later the Samole Loop in the morning and the Burugbani Loop in the afternoon. Slept in the Motel Mole.
Tuesday	3 May	By minivan to the airstrip of Mole NP in the early morning and mainly on the highway to Bolgatanga the rest of the day with stops at the White Volta pond and a detour to Tongo Hills in the afternoon. Slept in the Sira Lodge in Bolgatanga (siralodge@yahoo.com).
Wednesday	4 May	By minivan to the Tono Dam near Navrongo in the morning and to the White Volta river near Bawku in the afternoon. Slept in the Sira Lodge in Bolgatanga.
Thursday	5 May	By minivan from Bolgatanga to Kumasi with a detour to Tongo Hills and stops near Disiga. Slept in the Silicon Hotel (www.siliconhotel.com).

Friday	6 May	By minivan to the Bobiri Forest & Butterfly Sanctuary in the morning and to the lower part of the Atewa Range in the afternoon. Slept in the Royal Bleumich Hotel between Tafo and Kukurantumi (028-9112298 / 0248-9523334).
Saturday	7 May	By minivan to the Atewa Range and walked to the summit in the morning, drove to Accra in the afternoon to take flight KL 580 to Amsterdam. Slept in the plane.
Sunday	8 May	Arrived in Amsterdam at 6.15 hrs. Slept at home.



***Paul Mensah and William Apraku,
our guides***



Michel, our driver



Map of Ghana with our itinerary in red lines

Daily log

22 April

Left Amsterdam around 15.00 hrs. for the 6,5 hour KL 589 flight to Accra. Met our guides William Apraku (aprakuw@yahoo.com) and Paul Mensah (paul4me51@yahoo.com) and our driver Michel and drove in our air-conditioned minivan to the Alexis Hotel about thirty minutes from the Kotoka International Airport of Accra off the Tema Akosombo road, where we arrived at 22.00 hrs. (2 hours time difference with Holland, earlier). Loud live music didn't allow much sleeping before 24.00 hrs. No bird watching activities.

23 April

Birded the **Shai Hills** from 6.00 to 11.00 hrs. Noteworthy species were: African Cuckoo-Hawk, Greater Honeyguide, Green-headed and Splendid Sunbird, Violet Turaco and distant views of Rosy Bee-eater. Birded the **Sakumono Lagoon** along the coastal road from 13.00 to 14.00 hrs., where we found among others Greater Painted Snipe and Collared Pratincole and drove further west to Cape Coast with a short stop at the Winneba Plains (no bustards) to arrive at the Rainforest Lodge, not far from the **Kakum NP**, at 19.15 hrs. The weather was fine: dry and very hot with temperatures between 32 and 37 degrees, some clouds: the standard for the whole trip. The Rainforest Lodge turned out to be one of the best places where we stayed in Ghana.



The Shai Hills

24 April

Birded the **Antwikuaa Forest** by walking the road between 7.30 and 9.30 hrs. when bird activity is at its peak with Congo Serpent-Eagle as the star bird. Drove to the **river Pra** with among others the highly appreciated White-throated Blue Swallow as well as Brown Sunbird, Mottled Spinetail and very good views of Ethiopian Swallows. Drove to the forest beyond **Ebekawopa** after our lunch break - when we birded the area in front of our hotel - and birded a forest near a cultivated area and an undisturbed part of the forest from 16.00 to 20.00 hrs. which produced Copper-tailed Starling and a courting Rufous-sided Broadbill. The owling didn't work this evening. Slept in the Rainforest Lodge again.

25 April

Drove again to the forest beyond **Ebekawopa** and birded both secondary and primary forest. The primary forest was very rewarding with Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill, Grey-headed Bristlebill, Western Bearded Greenbul and Melancholy Woodpecker, after having found the very attractive Buff-throated Sunbird in the secondary forest. We did the **Canopy Walk in Kakum NP** in the afternoon after a walk on a trail through good forest (Forest Partridge and a 15 cm long black scorpion) and had only distant views of the must see Brown-cheeked, Yellow-casqued and Black-casqued Hornbills. Did some owling again till 19.30 hrs., initially without success in Kakum, eventually with very good views of Fraser's Eagle-Owl beyond the village of **Abrafo**. Slept in the Rain Forest Lodge again.



The Kakum Canopy Walk

26 April

Were back at the **Canopy Walk in Kakum NP** at first light and birded there from 5.45 to 9.30 hrs. which produced Square-tailed Sawwing, Yellow-billed Turaco and Sharpe's Apalis. Drove further west again, had lunch and checked in at the Shama Guesthouse in Shama and drove in a 4W drive Landrover to be able to pass the muddiest parts of some dirt roads to the **Ensuta Forest** where we birded from 16.00 to 19.30 hrs. with two Akun's Eagle-Owls and Ussher's Flycatchers as highlights. Slept in the just a bit better than basic Shama Guesthouse (shower not working).

27 April

Drove again to the **Ensuta Forest** and birded along the road from 7.00 to 10.30 hrs. This morning the birding was rather slow, nevertheless with White-tailed Alethe and Brown Illadopsis. Drove to Halfassini and checked in at the rather basic Gracia Hotel. Drove to **Ankasa Reserve** in the afternoon (16.00 to 19.00 hrs.) and went in the Landrover from the visitors center over muddy dirt roads to the area of the ponds, where we found the much sought after Hartlaub's Duck and Dwarf Bittern. For the first time we had a few drops of rain. Slept in the Gracia Hotel in Halfassini (shower not working).

28 April

Birded in **Ankasa Reserve** again with the Landrover from 6.00 to 12.30 hrs. again with good views of Dwarf Bittern (first pond) and Hartlaub's Duck (two on a tree in the third pond). Found a feeding flock with among others African Piculet, Yellow-bearded Greenbul and Forest Penduline Tit. Drove east, had lunch at Takoradi and went back to the Rainforest Lodge in Cape Coast with stops at a pond with Little Grebes and at the Amazuli River near Kikam with Reichenbach's Sunbird and Giant Kingfisher. Slept in the Rainforest Lodge again.



Ankasa, third pond

29 April

Drove to the **Aboabo Forest** and birded there from 7.00 to 10.00 hrs. with Blue Cuckoo-shrike, African Piculet (prolonged views of two preening birds!), West African Batis, Levaillant Cuckoo, Tessmann's Flycatcher and Lemon-bellied Crombec as highlights. Drove to the north to the village of **Bonkro** and started our Picathartes excursion: the walk of about 60 minutes with the rare Yellow-throated Cuckoo on the way!, the climb to the rock of the Picathartes, the waiting on this rock from 14.30 to 16.24 hrs., the 30 minutes watching and photographing the 5 Yellow-headed Picathartes flying around, the walk back at 17.00 hrs. and the walking around in the village. Unquestionably the highlight of our trip! Drove on to Kumasi to check in at the Rexmar Hotel.



Bonkro, Yellow-headed Picathartes rock

30 April

Today a long drive from **Kumasi to Mole National Park** in the north of Ghana. Left Kumasi at 7.00 hrs., had lunch at Tamale and arrived in Mole NP at 19.00 hrs. Walked near Tanoso from 9.00 to 10.30 hrs. which produced Yellow-bellied Hyliota and Red-winged Warbler. Also walked in the roadside forest 45 minutes from Mole NP and found Bruce's Green Pigeon, Stone Partridge, Brown-backed Woodpecker and Brown-rumped Bunting. Slept in the Mole Motel, provided with all the conveniences we needed and good views from the dining room as a bonus. Yet we had to wash ourselves with buckets of water again, as the showers were not working.

1 May

Birded the forest near the motel at the **Samole Loop** (no Pel's Fishing-Owl) from 6.30 to 12.00 hrs., had a lunch break from 12.00 to 15.30 hrs. and birded the **Burugbani Loop** from 15.30 to 19.45 hrs. The morning with Black-faced Firefinch, Oriole Warbler, White-throated Francolin and Streaky-headed Seedeater as usual being more productive than the afternoon with Sun Lark and White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike as well as a Greyish Eagle-Owl near the dining room after sunset. Slept in the Mole Motel again.



Mole NP

2 May

Birded the riverine forest near the **Mognori River** with Thick-billed Cuckoo and Red-headed Lovebird from 6.30 to 8.00 hrs. and the **Samole Loop** (where Pel's Fishing-Owl was again not to be found) from 8.15 to 9.30 hrs. and spent some time near the hide at the lake to watch the African Elephants. Had a lunch break from 12.00 to 15.30 hrs. and did the **Burugbani Loop** again (African Golden Oriole and Black Cuckoo) to search for Forbes' Plover (in vain again) on the gravel plain. Heard Northern White-faced Owl at the **air-strip**. Slept in the Mole Motel again.

3 May

Birded the **air-strip** again from 6.00 to 7.30 hrs. where we had good views of White-throated Francolin and Rufous Cisticola. Left Mole NP at 8.10 hrs. for the long drive to Bolgatanga. Had a break at the **White Volta pond** which yielded African Pygmy Goose as well as Squacco and Purple Heron. Drove to the **Tongo Hills just east of Bolgatanga** and birded there from 16.30 to 18.00 hrs. to find Fox Kestrel, Chestnut-bellied Starling (glimpses), Rock-loving Cisticola (heard) and Dark Chanting Goshawk. Drove back to Bolgatanga to check in at the fairly comfortable Sira Lodge.

4 May

Drove north to the **Tono Dam beyond the village of Navrongo** about 4 km from the border with Burkina Faso and walked the fields below the dam from 6.30 to 11.30 hrs. Found the African Collared Dove which is rare in Ghana as well as plenty of Chestnut-bellied Starlings (plenty), Four-banded Sandgrouse, one Bronze-tailed Starling and the unexpected Jacobin Cuckoo. Had a lunch break from 12.30 to 15.00 hrs. Drove to the **White Volta river beyond the village of Bawku** and at the sandy beaches of this river found the much sought after Egyptian Plover, also had Yellow-billed Oxpecker and White-billed Buffalo-Weaver in this area. Slept in the Sira Lodge again.



The White Volta river near Bawku, "Egyptian Plover beach"

5 May

Left Bolgatanga at 6.45 hrs. for the long way back to Kumasi. Birded the **Tongo Hills** again from 7.15 to 8.00 hrs., where we found Rock-loving Cisticola (very good views this time), Bush Petronia, African Silverbill and Fox Kestrel (giving a show). Continued our drive to Kumasi and stopped 5 km north of **the village of Disiga at a lake near a bridge** which produced the beautiful Zebra Waxbill, Black-rumped Waxbill and African Quailfinch. Arrived in Kumasi at 18.00 hrs. and checked in at the comfortable Silicon Hotel. In the garden we had a very out of range African Silverbill.

6 May

Drove to the **Bobiri Forest & Butterfly Sanctuary** and birded there from 6.15 to 10.45 hrs. with goodies as Black Dwarf Hornbill, Long-tailed Hawk (finally and very good views), Little Green Woodpecker and Little Grey Flycatcher. Drove to the Royal Bleumich Hotel between Tafo and Kukurantumi and checked in. Drove to the lower part of the Atewa Range and birded that area from 16.00 to 18.15 hrs. to find Red-cheeked Wattle-eye, Magpie Manakin, African Hobby and Black-and-white Flycatcher. Slept in the fairly comfortable Royal Bleumich Hotel.



Bobiri Forest & Butterfly Sanctuary

7 May

Left our hotel early to walk to the **summit of Atewa Range** from 5.40 to 12.15 hrs. with goodies as Puvel's Illadopsis, White-spotted Flufftail (finally good views for all of us), Kemp's Longbill (at last seen very well), Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher, African Forest-Flycatcher, Blue-headed Bee-eater (nearly on the highest point) and Preuss' Weaver (on the very summit) as a reward. Took a shower and packed our luggage and left the Royal Bleumich Hotel at 15.00 hrs., stopped a few minutes on the way to the airport at a **roadside pond** where Allen's Gallinule didn't show up unfortunately. Left Accra at 22.00 hrs. with flight KL 580. Slept in the plane.

8 May

Landed at Schiphol, Amsterdam at 6.15 hrs, said goodbye to each other and went home to join our families.

Weather

The weather was beautiful every day, though rather hot with temperatures frequently over 35 degrees Celsius. On two occasions we had a few drops of rain but this is hardly worth mentioning.

Annoyances

Ghana is a pleasant and safe country. We did take malaria prophylaxis (Malarone), but we didn't see too many mosquitoes. One of us was bitten by a tick once. Ants were a bigger problem on some occasions. Some of us had stomach problems most likely because of bad food (fish?). Between 10.00 and 15.00 hrs. it is simply too hot for birding: you'd better stay in your air-conditioned room then, while most of the birds will be hiding in the shade anyway. Travelling from the south to the very north of Ghana and from the east to the west often on dirt roads or highways with many pot holes means a long time in the car, which might get boring in the long run. Obtaining a visa for Ghana at the embassy in The Hague was a time consuming and not very pleasant activity.

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Systematic lists

Birds

1. Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*)

6 seen, a pair with 4 young, at a pond en route from Ankasa to Cape Coast on 28-4.

2. Long-tailed Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax africanus*)

20 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 1 at a pond en route from Ankasa to Cape Coast on 28-4, 3 at the White Volta pond on 3-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5, 4 on the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 4 on 5-5.



Long-tailed Cormorant, White Volta pond

3. White-faced Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*)

50 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 9 at the lake at Mole NP on 1-5, 8 there on 2-5, 15 at the White Volta pond on 3-5, 1000 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 8 on a pond near Bawku on 4-5.



White-faced Whistling Duck, Mole NP

4. Hartlaub's Duck (*Pteronetta hartlaubii*)

1 briefly seen at the second pond at Ankasa on 27-4 and very good views of 2 (a pair) on a tree at the third pond, preening and shaking heads to each other, at Ankasa and 1 flying bird at Ankasa on 28-4.



Hartlaub's Duck, Ankasa

5. African Pygmy Goose (*Nettapus auritus*)

18 seen very well at the White Volta pond on 3-5.



African Pygmy Goose, White Volta pond

6. Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

15 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 1 at the lake at Mole NP on 2-5, 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 on a pond near Bawku on 4-5.

7. Western Reef-Egret (*Egretta gularis*)

10 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4 and 1 at Brenu Beach on 28-4.

8. Intermediate Egret (*Mesophoyx intermedia*)

10 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4 and 1 at Mole NP on 3-5.

9. Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

2 seen at Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4, 1 at Mole NP on 2-5 and 1 at the White Volta pond on 3-5.

10. Black-headed Heron (*Ardea melanocephala*)

1 seen just outside Mole NP and 1 at the White Volta pond on 3-5.

11. Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

2 seen at the White Volta pond on 3-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 at a lake north of Disiga on 5-5.

12. Great Egret (*Casmerodius albus*)

8 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 1 at the river Pra on 24-4 and 1 at Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4.

13. Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Common, seen daily.



Cattle Egret, Mole NP



Great Egret, Amazuli river near Kikam

14. Squacco Heron (*Ardeola ralloides*)

6 at the White Volta pond on 3-5.

15. Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*)

2 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5, 2 there on 2-5 and 1 on 3-5 and 1 at the Tono Dam and 1 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

16. Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5.

17. Dwarf Bittern (*Ixobrychus sturmii*)

A very illusive bird that took us a long time before seeing it walking very slowly through the vegetation at the first pond at Ankasa on 27-4 and again on 28-4.



Dwarf Bittern, Ankasa

18. Hamerkop (*Scopus umbretta*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 2-5, 1 there on 3-5, 2 at the Tono Dam and 7 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 2 en route from Bolgatanga to Kumasi on 5-5.

19. Hadada Ibis (*Bostrychia hagedash*)

15 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 8 there on 2-5 and 4 on 3-5.

20. Woolly-necked Stork (*Ciconia episcopus*)

5 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

21. Marabou Stork (*Leptoptilos crumeniferus*)

4 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

22. African Cuckoo-Falcon (*Aviceda cuculoides*)

2 seen very well at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 at Mole NP on 2-5 and 2 at Bbiri Forest on 6 -5.

23. European Honey-buzzard (*Pernis apivorus*)

1 seen at Antwkwuaa on 24-4 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

24. Black-shouldered Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 10 at the Sakumono Lagoon and en route to Cape Coast on 23-4, 1 at Antwkwuaa on 24-4 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-4.

25. Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)

1 seen at the Tono Dam on 4-4

26. Yellow-billed Kite (*Milvus parasiticus*)

Common, seen daily.



Yellow-billed Kite

27. Palm-nut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*)

1 seen at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 3 there on 2-5.

28. Hooded Vulture (*Necrosyrtes monachus*)

Common, seen almost daily.



Hooded Vulture

29. White-backed Vulture (*Gyps africanus*)

7 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5.

30. Bateleur (*Terathopius ecaudatus*)

1 seen en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4,
8 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5.

31. Congo Serpent-Eagle (*Dryotriorchis spectabilis*)

1 seen very well when flying overhead at
Antwkwuaa on 24-5 and 1 heard at the Kakum
Canopy Walk on 26-4.

32. African Harrier-Hawk (*Polyboroides typus*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 4 at Antwkwuaa
on 24-4, 2 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1
at Abrafo on 26-4, 2 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1
at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5
and 1 there on 2-5.

Lizard Buzzard, Mole NP

33. Lizard Buzzard (*Kaupifalco monogrammicus*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 4 en route to Cape Coast on 23-4, 1 en
route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5, 3 there on 2-5
and 1 on 3-5 and 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.



34. Dark Chanting Goshawk (*Melierax metabates*)

1 seen at the Tongo Hills on 3-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 en route from Bolgatanga to Kumasi on 5-5.



Dark Chanting Goshawk, Tongo Hills

35. Gabar Goshawk (*Micronisus gabar*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 2 there on 2-5, 1 en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga on 3-5 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

36. African Goshawk (*Accipiter tachiro*)

1 seen very briefly while flying over the path at Bobiri Forest on 6-5. (Only seen by DB, EG, PL & DM).

37. Shikra (*Accipiter badius*)

4 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 en route to Cape Coast on 23-4, 1 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 1 en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4, 4 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5 and 3 at the Tono Dam and 1 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

38. Red-thighed Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter erythropus*)

1 seen mobbed by all kind of songbirds at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4.

39. Black Goshawk (*Accipiter melanoleucus*)

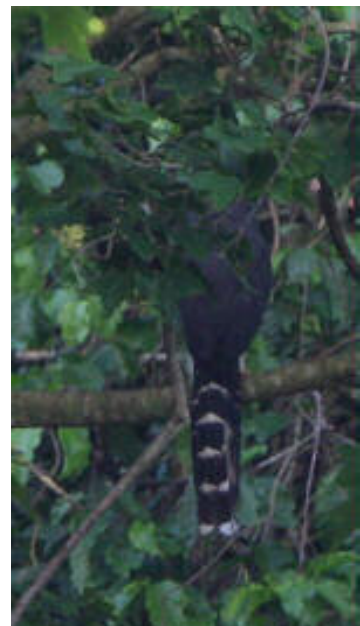
1 seen at Abrafo on 26-4.

40. Long-tailed Hawk (*Urotriorchis macrourus*)

1 heard at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and prolonged views (one of the nicest records of a raptor) of 1 bird in the canopy mobbed by Velvet-mantled Drongos at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

41. Grasshopper Buzzard (*Butastur rufipennis*)

1 seen en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5, 3 en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga on 3-5, 1 at the Tono Dam and 1 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.



Long-tailed Hawk, Bobiri Forest

42. Red-necked Buzzard (*Buteo auguralis*)

4 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 at Antwikuwaa on 24-4, 2 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 2 near Tonoso, en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5, 1 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 1 en route from Bolgatanga to Kumasi on 5-5.

43. Wahlberg's Eagle (*Aquila wahlbergi*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.

44. African Hawk-Eagle (*Hieraaetus spilogaster*)

Distant views of 1 at Mole NP on 1-5. (Only seen by DB, EG & DM).

45. Ayres's Hawk Eagle (*Hieraaetus ayresii*)

1 seen less than 5 minutes after the Congo Serpent-Eagle at Antwikuwaa on 24-5.

46. Eurasian Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

10 seen en route to Cape Coast on 23-4 and 1 en route on 25-4.

47. Fox Kestrel (*Falco alopex*)

1 seen at the Tongo Hills on 3-5 and great overhead views of 2 there on 5-5.



Fox Kestrel, Tongo Hills

48. Grey Kestrel (*Falco ardosiaceus*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills and 2 en route to Cape Coast on 23-4, 1 en route to the river Pra on 24-4, 1 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 1 at Bonkro on 29-4, 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5 and 1 there on 7-5.

49. Red-necked Falcon (*Falco chicquera*) (DB, EG, PL, DM)

1 seen at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

50. African Hobby (*Falco cuvierii*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.

51. Lanner Falcon (*Falco biarmicus*)

2 seen en route to Cape Coast on 23-4, 1 en route to the river Pra on 24-4, 2 at Mole NP on 2-5 and 2 en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga on 3-5.

52. Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*) (EG, PL, DM, PS)

1 seen at the Tongo Hills on 3-5.

53. Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris*)

20 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 40 there on 2-5.

54. Forest Francolin (*Francolinus lathami*)

1 seen briefly and 1 heard at Kakum NP near the Canopy Walk on 25-4.

55. White-throated Francolin (*Francolinus albogularis*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 3 there on 2-5 and 2 on 3-5. Twice we had great views of a bird responding to the tape.

56. Double-spurred Francolin (*Francolinus bicalcaratus*)

2 seen at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, 8 near Mole NP on 30-4, 15 at Mole NP on 1-5, 3 there on 2-5 and 8 on 3-5, 6 at the Tono Dam and 5 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.



Double-spurred Francolin, Mole NP

57. Stone Partridge (*Ptilopachus petrosus*)

20 seen near Mole NP on 30-4, 6 at Mole NP on 1-5, 10 there on 2-5 and 8 on 3-5.

- 58. White-spotted Flufftail** (*Sarothrura pulchra*)
1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4, 2 at Kakum NP on 25-4, 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5 and 1 eventually seen very well and 2 heard at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 59. Black Crake** (*Amaurornis flavirostris*)
2 seen near Hotel Alexis, heard at Ankasa on 27-4, 1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 at the White Volta Pond on 3-5.
- 60. Purple Swampphen** (*Porphyrio madagascariensis*)
2 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.
- 61. Common Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*)
1 seen at a small pond at Kumasi on 30-4. (Only seen by DB, EG, DM & PS).
- 62. African Jacana** (*Actophilornis africanus*)
1 seen at the river Pra on 24-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4, 2 at Ankasa on 27-4 and 1 there on 28-4, 1 at Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4, 4 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 5 there on 2-5, 5 at a lake north of Disiga on 5-5 and 1 at a pond en route to Accra on 7-5.
- 63. Greater Painted-snipe** (*Rostratula benghalensis*)
3 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 1 at the White Volta Pond on 3-5 and 1 at a lake north of Disiga on 5-5.
- 64. Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*)
2 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.
- 65. Common Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*)
1 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.
- 66. Common Greenshank** (*Tringa nebularia*)
3 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4 and 2 at Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4.
- 67. Wood Sandpiper** (*Tringa glareola*)
1 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.
- 68. Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*)
1 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.
- 69. Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*)
1 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.
- 70. Little Stint** (*Calidris minuta*)
1 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.
- 71. Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris ferruginea*)
10 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.

72. Senegal Thick-knee (*Burhinus senegalensis*)

20 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 10 there on 2-5 and 1 on 3-5, 4 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 4 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.



Senegal Thick-knee, Tono Dam

73. Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*)

30 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.

74. Egyptian Plover (*Pluvianus aegyptius*)

Splendid views of 8 on the sandy banks of the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.



Egyptian Plover, White Volta river near Bawku

75. Collared Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*)

2 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 2 at a lake north of Disiga on 5-5.

76. Rock Pratincole (*Glareola nuchalis*)

7 seen very well at the river Pra on 3-5.

77. Gray Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

2 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.

78. Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)

10 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.

79. Spur-winged Lapwing (*Vanellus spinosus*)

3 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5, 2 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 2 at a lake north of Disiga on 5 5.



Spur-winged Lapwing, White Volta river near Bawku

80. African Wattled Lapwing (*Vanellus senegallus*)

2 seen at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 5 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 4 there at 2-5, 4 at the Tono Dam and 4 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

81. Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)

6 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.

82. Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*)

1 seen at sea at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.

83. Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)

1 seen at the Sakumono Lagoon on 23-4.

84. Four-banded Sandgrouse (*Pterocles quadricinctus*)

15 seen at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

85. Speckled Pigeon (*Columba guinea*)

5 seen en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga on 3-5, 25 at the Tono Dam and 50 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 20 en route from Bolgatanga to Kusami on 5-5.

86. Western Bronze-naped Pigeon (*Columba malherbii*)

Heard at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

87. Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*)

Common, seen almost daily.



Laughing Dove, Mole NP

88. African Mourning Dove (*Streptopelia decipiens*)

1 seen very well at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 50 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

89. Vinaceous Dove (*Streptopelia vinacea*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 en route to Cape Coast and 50 at Mole NP on 1 and 2-5.

90. Red-eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 5 at Abrafo on 26-4, 5 near Mole NP on 30-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5, 1 heard at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 2 seen at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.



Red-eyed Dove, Mole NP

91. African Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia roseogrisea*)

1 seen very well at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 2 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

92. Black-billed Wood-Dove (*Turtur abyssinicus*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 10 at Mole NP on 1-5, 20 there on 2-5 and 3 on 3-5 and 10 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.



Black-billed Wood-Dove, Tono Dam

93. Blue-spotted Wood Dove (*Turtur afer*)

2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 4 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, heard near Tonoso, en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4 and 1 seen at the Atewa Range on 7-5.

94. Tambourine Dove (*Turtur tympanistria*)

10 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 2 at Abrafo on 26-4, 2 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

95. Blue-headed Wood Dove (*Turtur brehmeri*)

1 seen briefly at Ankasa on 28-4 and 2 heard at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

96. Bruce's Green-Pigeon (*Treron waalia*)

1 seen near Mole NP on 30-4, 6 at Mole NP on 2-5 and 8 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

97. African Green Pigeon (*Treron calva*)

Common, seen almost daily. Not seen on 4, 5 and 6-5.

98. Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*)

2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 6 at Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4 and 3 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

99. Red-fronted Parrot (*Poicephalus gulielmi*)

10 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 7 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 25-4 and 10 there on 26-4, 2 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 2 at Bonkro on 29-4.

100. Senegal Parrot (*Poicephalus senegalus*)

12 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 9 at Mole NP on 1-5, 25 there on 2-5 and 2 on 3-5.

101. Red-headed Lovebird (*Agapornis pullarius*)

1 seen at Hotel Alexis and very good views of 10 at the Mognori river, Mole NP on 2-5.



Red-headed Lovebird, Mole NP

102. Rose-ringed Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*)

20 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 30 there on 2-5 and 1 en route to the Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

103. Guinea Turaco (*Tauraco persa*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.

104. Yellow-billed Turaco (*Tauraco macrorhynchus*)

2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and heard there on 25-4, 1 seen very well at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, heard at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 1 seen there on 27-4, heard at Ankasa on 27-4 and 5 seen very well there on 28-4 and 1 at the Atewa Range on 7-5.

105. Violet Turaco (*Musophaga violacea*)

8 seen at the Shai hills on 23-4, 2 near Tonoso, en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5, 5 there on 2-5 and 1 on 3-5 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

106. Western Grey Plantain-eater (*Crinifer piscator*)

6 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 10 en route to Cape Coast on 23-4, 2 en route on 24-4, 2 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 3 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 2 en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4, 10 at Mole NP on 1-5, 5 there on 2-5 and 6 on 3-5 and 6 at the Tono dam and 2 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

107. Great Blue Turaco (*Corythaeola cristata*)

1 heard at Ankasa on 28-4. (Only heard by DB, PL, DM & PS).

108. Jacobin Cuckoo (*Oxylophus jacobinus*)

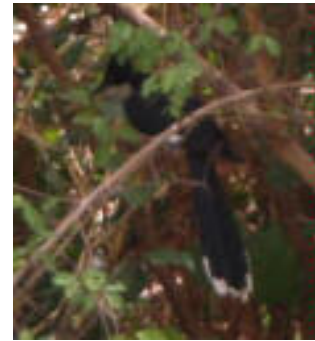
1 seen very well at the Tono Dam on 4-5. This was a lifer for one of the guides.

109. Levillant's Cuckoo (*Oxylophus levillantii*)

1 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

110. Great Spotted Cuckoo (*Clamator glandarius*)

1 heard at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 2 seen very well at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.



Jacobin Cuckoo, Tono Dam

111. Thick-billed Cuckoo (*Pachycoccyx audeberti*)

Great views of a bird calling while flying over at the Mognori river, Mole NP on 2-5.

112. Red-chested Cuckoo (*Cuculus solitarius*)

1 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 heard at Bonkro on 29-4.

113. Black Cuckoo (*Cuculus clamosus*)

1 heard at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 posted bird seen there on 2-5.

114. African Cuckoo (*Cuculus gularis*)

1 heard at the Winneba Plains on 23-4 and 1 seen at the Mognori river, Mole NP on 2-5.

115. Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo (*Cercococcyx olivinus*)

1 heard at Bobiri on 6-5. (Only heard by DB, PL & DM).

116. Yellow-throated Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx flavigularis*)

Great views of 1 at Bonkro on 29-4. This bird responded very well to the tape.

117. Klaas's Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx klaas*)

1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 seen at Ankasa on 27-4, 2 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5, 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 heard at the Atewa Range on 7-5.



Klaas's Cuckoo, Tono Dam

118. African Emerald Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx cupreus*)

2 heard at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

119. Didric Cuckoo (*Chrysococcyx caprius*)

1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 heard at Brenu Beach on 28-4 and 1 seen at the Tongo Hills on 3-5.

120. Yellowbill (*Ceuthmochares aereus*)

1 Heard at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 seen at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 heard at Ankasa on 28-4, 2 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 2 seen at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

121. Black-throated Coucal (*Centropus leucogaster*)

1 heard at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 27-4, at Ankasa on 27-4 and 2 seen very well on the trail at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.



Black-throated Coucal, Bobiri Forest

122. Senegal Coucal (*Centropus senegalensis*)

Common. Seen on most days, 15 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.



Senegal Coucal, Brenu Beach

123. African Scops-Owl (*Otus senegalensis*)

1 heard at Mole NP on 1-5. (Only heard by DB, EG, PL & DM).

124. Northern White-faced Owl (*Ptilopsis leucotis*)

1 heard at Mole NP on 2-5. (Only heard by DB, PL & DM).

125. Greyish Eagle-Owl (*Bubo (africanus) cinarescens*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

126. Fraser's Eagle-Owl (*Bubo poensis*)

Great views of 1 at Abrafo on 25-4.

127. Akun Eagle-Owl (*Bubo leucostictus*)

Great views of 2 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4. Despite bad weather, a drizzle, the 2 birds came flying in after taping.



Akun Eagle-Owl, Ensuta Forest

128. Pearl-spotted Owlet (*Glaucidium perlatum*)

2 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.



Pearl-spotted Owlet, Mole NP

129. African Barred Owlet (*Glaucidium capense*)

1 heard at the Shai Hills on 23-4. (Only heard by DB, EG, PL & DM).

130. Brown Nightjar (*Caprimulgus binotatus*)

1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4. (Only heard by DB, PL & PS).

131. Standard-winged Nightjar (*Macrodipteryx longipennis*)

2 females seen at broad daylight at Mole NP on 2-5.



Standard-winged Nightjar, Mole NP

132. Mottled Spinetail (*Telecanthura ussheri*)

6 seen at Antwikwuaa and 1 at the river Pra on 24-4 and 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4.

133. Black Spinetail (*Telacanthura melanopygia*)

2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4 and 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

134. Sabine's Spinetail (*Rhaphidura sabini*)

5 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 3 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 2 there on 27-4, 2 at Ankasa on 28-4, 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

135. Cassin's Spinetail (*Neafrapus cassini*)

2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 1 there on 27-4 and 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

136. African Palm Swift (*Cypsiurus parvus*)

Small numbers seen on most days.

137. Common Swift (*Apus apus*)

Up to 50 seen on 8 days.

138. Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)

Common, seen daily.

139. White-rumped Swift (*Apus caffer*)

2 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5 and 1 near Disiga on 5-5.

140. Malachite Kingfisher (*Alcedo cristata*)

1 seen at the Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4, 1 at Kumasi on 30-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5 and 1 at the White Volta pond on 3-5.

141. White-bellied Kingfisher (*Alcedo leucogaster*)

Eventually good views of 1 preening bird on a branch at the first pond at Ankasa on 27 and 28-4.

White-bellied Kingfisher, Ankasa



142. African Pygmy Kingfisher (*Ispidina picta*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 4 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 1 at Ankasa on 28-4.



African Pygmy Kingfisher, Ensuta Forest

143. Chocolate-backed Kingfisher (*Halcyon badia*)

1 heard at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 3 (1 seen briefly) at the top of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

144. (*Halcyon leucocephala*)

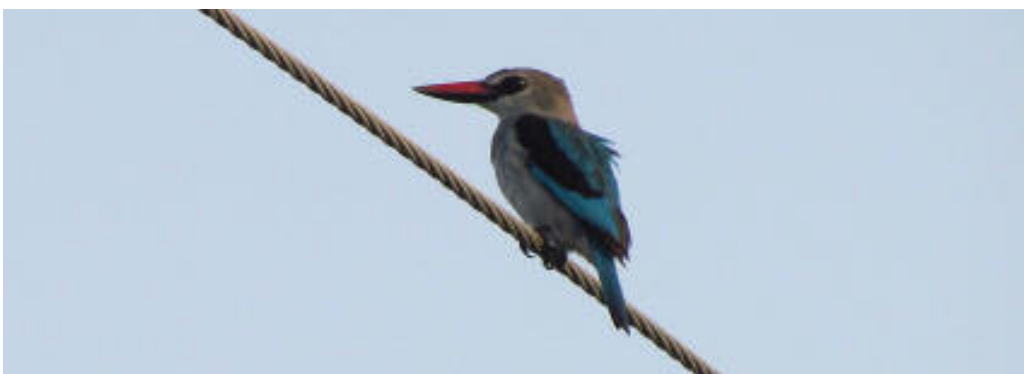
15 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 4 there on 2 and 3-5 and 2 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku.



Grey-headed Kingfisher, Mole NP

145. Woodland Kingfisher (*Halcyon senegalensis*)

Up to 6 seen almost daily.



Woodland Kingfisher, Brenu Beach

146. Blue-breasted Kingfisher (*Halcyon malimbica*)

1 heard at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 seen at Ankasa on 28-4 and 3 at Mole NP on 1-5.

147. Striped Kingfisher (*Halcyon chelicuti*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

148. Giant Kingfisher (*Megaceryle maxima*)

1 seen at the Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4 and 1 at Mole NP on 2-5.

149. Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*)

20 seen at the Sokumona Lagoon on 23-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1 and 3-5 and 1 at the White Volta river near Bawku.

150. Black Bee-eater (*Merops gularis*)

2 seen very well at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 3 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 2 at Ankasa on 27-4.



Black Bee-eater, Ensuta Forest

151. Blue-headed Bee-eater (*Merops muelleri*)

2 seen very well at the top of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

152. Red-throated Bee-eater (*Merops bulocki*)

50 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 20 there on 2-5.



Blue-headed Bee-eater, Atewa Range



Red-throated Bee-eater, Mole NP

153. Little Bee-eater (*Merops pusillus*)

2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 2 there on 25-4, 2 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 2 near Mole NP on 30-4, 2 at the White Volta pond on 3-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 at the Tongo Hills on 5-5.



Little Bee-eater, Tongo Hills

154. Swallow-tailed Bee-eater (*Merops hirundineus*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.

155. White-throated Bee-eater (*Merops albicollis*)

5 at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 en route to Cape Coast on 23-4, 50 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 15 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 15 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4, 15 at Bonkro on 29-4, 4 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 25 at the Atewa Range on 7-5.



White-throated Bee-eater, Bonkro

156. Rosy Bee-eater (*Merops malimbicus*)

1 seen briefly at the Shai Hills on 23-4. (Only seen by DM & PS).

157. Northern Carmine Bee-eater (*Merops nubicus*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 2-5.



Northern Carmine Bee-eater, Mole NP

158. Abyssinian Roller (*Coracias abyssinica*)

1 seen near Mole NP on 30-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 3-5, 3 en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga, 5 at the Tono Dam and 2 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 4 en route from Bolgatanga to Kumasi on 5-5.

159. Rufous-crowned Roller (*Coracias naevia*)

3 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 near Mole NP on 30-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 3-5, 1 near the Tongo Hills on 3-5 and 1 en route from Bolgatanga to Kumasi on 5-5.



Abyssinian Roller, Tono Dam



Rufous-crowned Roller, Tongo Hills

160. Blue-bellied Roller (*Coracias cyanogaster*)

4 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 near Mole NP on 30-4 and 1 there on 3-5.

161. Broad-billed Roller (*Eurystomus glaucurus*)

1 seen at Cape Coast on 23-4, 1 near Mole NP on 30-4, 15 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 10 there on 2-5, 2 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 1 near Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

162. Blue-throated Roller (*Eurystomus gularis*)

6 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 3 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 at Ankasa on 27-4 and 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

163. Green Wood-Hoopoe (*Phoeniculus purpureus*)

4 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.

164. White-headed Wood-Hoopoe (*Phoeniculus bollei*)

2 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

165. Forest Wood-Hoopoe (*Phoeniculus castaneiceps*)

1 seen at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 2 at the Atewa Range on 7-5.

166. Black Scimitarbill (*Rhinopomastus aterrimus*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5. (Only seen by EG, PL & DM).

167. White-crested Hornbill (*Tockus albocristatus*)

1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4 and 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4.
Both seen briefly.

168. Black Dwarf Hornbill (*Tockus hartlaubi*)

Good views of 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

169. Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill (*Tockus camurus*)

Very good views of 3 (one of which was preening) at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4.



Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill, Ebekawopa Rain Forest

170. Western Red-billed Hornbill (*Tockus erythrorhynchus kempfi*) **UG(F)E**

15 seen at the Tono Dam and 5 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

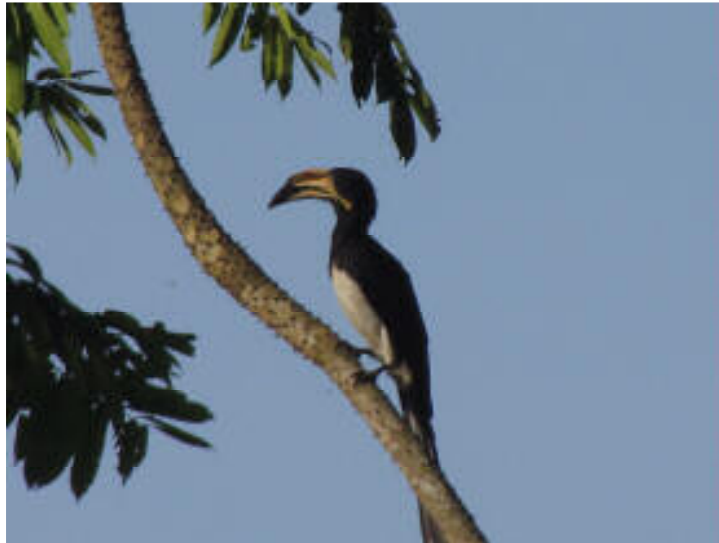
171. African Grey Hornbill (*Tockus nasutus*)

Common outside Forest.



African Grey Hornbill, Mole NP

- 172. African Pied Hornbill** (*Tockus fasciatus*)
Up to 15 seen on most days. Seen in Forest.



African Pied Hornbill, Ankasa NP

- 173. Piping Hornbill** (*Ceratogymna fistulator*)
8 seen at Ankasa on 28-4 and 4 at Brenu Beach on 28-4.
- 174. Brown-cheeked Hornbill** (*Ceratogymna cylindricus*) **UG(F)E**
Distant views of 2 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 25-4.
- 175. Black-casqued Hornbill** (*Ceratogymna atrata*)
Distant views of 5 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 25-4.
- 176. Yellow-casqued Hornbill** (*Ceratogymna elata*) **UG(F)E**
Distant views of 7 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 25-4.
- 177. Abyssinian Ground Hornbill** (*Bucorvus abyssinicus*)
Twice seen briefly at Mole NP on 1-5.(Only seen by EG & PL).
- 178. Naked-faced Barbet** (*Gymnobucco calvus*)
30 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 3 there on 27-4 and 1 at the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 179. Bristle-nosed Barbet** (*Gymnobucco peli*)
5 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 6 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4, 4 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 180. Speckled Tinkerbird** (*Pogoniulus scolopaceus*)
5 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 at Ankasa on 28-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 181. Red-rumped Tinkerbird** (*Pogoniulus atroflavus*)
5 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4 and 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4.

- 182. Yellow-throated Tinkerbird** (*Pogoniulus subsulphureus*)
1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 183. Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird** (*Pogoniulus bilineatus*)
2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4 and 1 at Abrafo on 26-4.
- 184. Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** (*Pogoniulus chrysoconus*)
2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1 and 2-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 185. Yellow-spotted Barbet** (*Buccanodon duchaillui*)
5 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4 and 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4.
- 186. Hairy-breasted Barbet** (*Tricholaema hirsuta*) **UG(F)E**
5 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4.
- 187. Vieillot's Barbet** (*Lybius vieilloti*)
10 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, 2 at Mole NP on 2-5 and 1 heard at the Tono Dam on 4-5.
- 188. Bearded Barbet** (*Lybius dubius*)
2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2 and 3-5, 8 at the Tono Dam and 2 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 1 at the Lower part of the Atewa Rangen on 6-5.
- 189. Yellow-billed Barbet** (*Trachylaemus purpuratus*)
1 heard at Antwikwuaa on 24-4. (Only heard by PL & DM).
- 190. Greater Honeyguide** (*Indicator indicator*)
1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4 and 1 at Mole NP on 1-5.
- 191. Lesser Honeyguide** (*Indicator minor*)
1 seen at the Mognori river, Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.
- 192. Thick-billed Honeyguide** (*Indicator conirostris*)
1 seen at Ankasa on 27-4.
- 193. Willcock's Honeyguide** (*Indicator willcocksi*)
1 seen briefly at the Kakum Canopy walk on 26-4. (Only seen by DB & DM).
- 194. Cassin's Honeyguide** (*Prodotiscus insignis*)
1 seen at the Kakum Canopy walk on 26-4. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).
- 195. African Piculet** (*Sasia africana*)
2 seen at the first pond at Ankasa on 28-4 and prolonged views of 2 preening birds at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.
- 196. Fine-spotted Woodpecker** (*Campethera punctuligera*)
1 seen at Mole NP on 2-5.



African Piculet, Aboabo Forest

197. Little Green Woodpecker (*Campethera maculosa*) **UG(F)E**

1 seen briefly at Aboabo forest on 29-4 and good views of 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

198. Buff-spotted Woodpecker (*Campethera nivosa*)

1 seen at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 5 at Ankasa on 28-4 and 1 at the Atewa Range on 6 and 7-5.

199. Melancholy Woodpecker (*Dendropicos lugubris*) **UG(F)E**

Good views of 3 at Kakum Canopy Walk on 25-4 and 1 there on 26-4.

200. Fire-bellied Woodpecker (*Dendropicos pyrrhogaster*) **UG(F)E**

1 seen at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 2 at Ankasa on 28-4 and 1 heard at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

201. Grey Woodpecker (*Dendropicos (goertae) spodocephalus*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 near Disiga on 5-5.

202. Brown-backed Woodpecker (*Dendropicos obsoletus*)

2 seen near Mole NP on 30-4 and 1 at Mole NP on 1-5.



Brown-backed Woodpecker, Mole NP

203. Rufous-sided Broadbill (*Smithornis rufolateralis*)

Very nice views of 1 courting and 2 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4.

204. Chestnut-capped Flycatcher (*Erythrocercus mccallii*)

3 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 6 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 5 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

205. African Blue-Flycatcher (*Elminia longicauda*)

2 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 1 there on 2-5 and 1 at the top of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

206. Blue-headed Crested-Flycatcher (*Trochocercus nitens*)

1 heard at Ensuta Forest on 17-4, 1 seen at Ankasa on 28-4 and 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).

207. Black-headed Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone rufiventer*)

2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 4 there on 25-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Ankasa on 26-4 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

208. African Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone viridis*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

209. Square-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus ludwigii*)

2 seen at the Mognori river, Mole NP on 2-5.

210. Shining Drongo (*Dicrurus atripennis*)

2 seen at Ankasa on 28-4 and 3 at the top of the Atewa Range on 7-5. Only by call and behaviour to tell apart from Velvet-mantled Drongo.

211. Fork-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus adsimilis*)

10 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 5 en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4, 4 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5 and 1 en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga on 3-5.

212. Velvet-mantled Drongo (*Dicrurus modestus*)

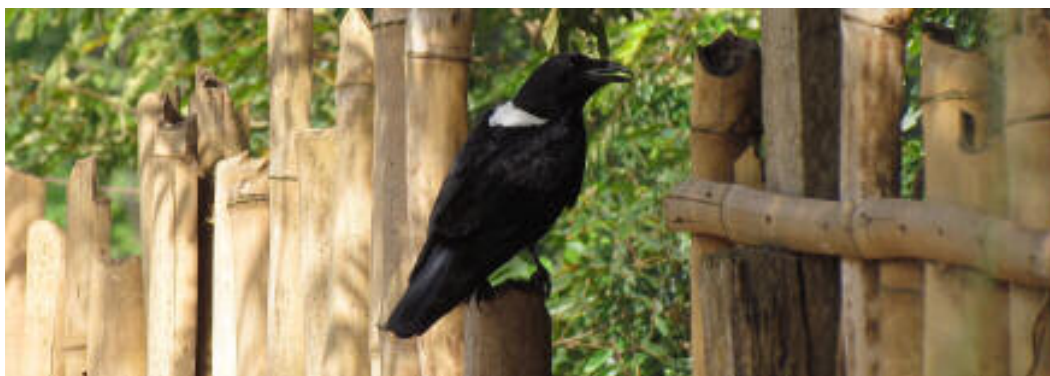
2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 5 there on 25-4, 4 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 at Ankasa on 28-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 5 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

213. Piapiac (*Ptilostomus afer*)

15 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 3 en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4, 2 at Mole NP on 2-5, 2 en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga on 3-5, 3 at the Tono Dam and 3 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 6 en route from Bolgatango to Kusami on 5-5.

214. Pied Crow (*Corvus albus*)

Common, seen daily.



Pied Crow, Rain Forest Lodge

- 215. African Golden-Oriole** (*Oriolus auratus*)
1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5.
- 216. Western Black-headed Oriole** (*Oriolus brachyrhynchus*)
5 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 heard at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 at Ankasa on 28-4, 2 seen at Mole NP on 2-5 and 1 heard at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 217. Black-winged Oriole** (*Oriolus nigripennis*)
1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 218. White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike** (*Coracina pectoralis*)
Good views of 1 flying bird at Mole NP on 1-5. We nearly missed it because it flew behind us.
- 219. Blue Cuckoo-Shrike** (*Coracina azurea*)
1 seen and 1 heard at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and good views of 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 220. Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike** (*Campephaga phoenicea*)
5 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5.
- 221. Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike** (*Campephaga quiscalina*)
2 seen at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 222. Common Fiscal** (*Lanius collaris*)
1 seen en route to the river Pra on 24-4, 5 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 1 en route from Bolgatanga to Kusami on 5-5, 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5, 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5 and 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 223. Yellow-billed Shrike** (*Corvinella corvina*)
1 seen at Hotel Alexis on 23-4, 1 at the Sokumona Lagoon on 23-4, 1 en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4, 8 at Mole NP on 3-5 and 6 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.
- 224. Brubru** (*Nilaus afer*)
1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5.
- 225. Northern Puffback** (*Dryoscopus gambensis*)
1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5.
- 226. Sabine's Puffback** (*Dryoscopus sabini*)
1 heard at Bobiri Forest on 6-5. (Only heard by DB, PL & DM).
- 227. Black-crowned Tchagra** (*Tchagra senegala*)
2 seen at Hotel Alexis on 23-4, 1 at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, 1 heard at Mole NP on 1-5, 2 seen there on 2-5 and 1 on 3-5, 1 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

228. Brown-crowned Tchagra (*Tchagra australis*)

1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 heard at Abrafo on 26-4.
(Only seen by DB, PL, DM & PS).

229. Yellow-crowned Gonolek (*Laniarius barbarus*)

3 seen at Hotel Alexis on 23-4, 1 heard at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, 1 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 1 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 1 heard at Mole NP on 1-5, 6 seen and 1 heard there on 2-5 and 2 seen on 3-5 and 3 seen at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

230. Sooty Boubou (*Laniarius leucorhynchus*)

1 heard at Abrafo on 26-4 and 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5. (Only heard by DB, PL, DM & PS).

231. Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (*Malaconotus sulphureopectus*)

2 seen at Mole NP on 1-5. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).

232. White Helmetshrike (*Prionops plumatus*)

8 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.

233. Chestnut-bellied Helmetshrike (*Prionops caniceps*) **UG(F)E**

2 seen very well at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

234. African Shrike-flycatcher (*Bias flammulatus*)

1 seen at the Higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

235. Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher (*Bias musicus*)

1 seen at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.

236. Senegal Batis (*Batis senegalensis*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4 and 2 at Mole NP on 3-5.

237. West African Batis (*Batis occulta*)

2 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

238. Brown-throated Wattle-eye (*Platysteira cyanea*)

1 heard at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5.



Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Mole NP

- 239. Chestnut Wattle-eye** (*Dyaphorophya castanea*)
1 seen at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 2 at Ankasa on 28-4 and 1 at Bonkro on 29-4.
- 240. Red-cheeked Wattle-eye** (*Dyaphorophya blisseti*) **UG(F)E**
1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 eventually seen fairly well by all of us at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5. This bird gave some of us nightmares because it stayed only 1-2 seconds at the same location.
- 241. Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush** (*Neocossyphus finschii*) **UG(F)E**
1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and good views of 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 242. White-tailed Ant Thrush** (*Neocossyphus poensis*)
1 heard at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Ankasa on 28-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 seen briefly at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 243. African Thrush** (*Turdus pelios*)
1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 near the river Pra on 24-4 and 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 2 en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4, 2 at Tamale on 3-5, 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 244. White-tailed Alethe** (*Pseudaethe diademata*) **UG(F)E**
1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 seen fairly well at Ensuta Forest and 1 heard at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 245. Narrow-tailed Starling** (*Poeoptera lugubris*)
20 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4.
- 246. Chestnut-winged Starling** (*Onychognathus fulgidus*)
12 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4.
- 247. Copper-tailed Glossy-Starling** (*Lamprotornis cupreocauda*) **UG(F)E**
1 seen and 1 heard at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 2 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 2 at Ankasa on 27-4 and 2 there on 28-4 and 1 heard at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 248. Purple Glossy-Starling** (*Lamprotornis purpureus*)
8 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 3 en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5, 1 en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga on 3-5 and 20 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.
- 249. Bronze-tailed Glossy-Starling** (*Lamprotornis chalcurus*)
Poor views of 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5. (Only seen by DB, PL, DM & PS).
- 250. Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling** (*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*)
6 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 1 there on 2-5 and 2 on 3-5 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

251. Lesser Blue-eared Glossy-Starling (*Lamprotornis chloropterus*)

1 seen briefly at the Tono Dam on 4-5. (Only seen by PS).

252. Splendid Starling (*Lamprotornis splendidus*)

3 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 at Ankasa on 28-4, 6 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 3 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

253. Long-tailed Glossy-Starling (*Lamprotornis caudatus*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 6 there on 2-5 and 1 on 3-5, 30 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 30 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.

254. Chestnut-bellied Starling (*Lamprotornis pulcher*)

1 seen briefly at the Tongo Hills on 3-5, 20 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 en route to the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.



Chestnut-bellied Starling, Tono Dam

255. Violet-backed Starling (*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*)

6 seen at Mole NP on 1 and 2-5 and 3 there on 3-5.

256. Yellow-billed Oxpecker (*Buphagus africanus*)

8 seen very well on cattle near Bawku on 4-5.



Yellow-billed Oxpecker, near Bawku

257. Pale Flycatcher (*Bradornis pallidus*)

3 seen at Abrafo on 26-4, 2 near Mole NP on 30-4 and 1 at Mole NP on 3-5.

258. Northern Black-Flycatcher (*Melaenornis edolioides*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 near Mole NP on 30-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1 and 2-5.

259. African Forest-Flycatcher (*Fraseria ocreata*)

1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

260. Ussher's Flycatcher (*Muscicapa ussheri*) **UG(F)E**

Very good views of 3 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 1 there on 28-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa range on 7-5.

261. Swamp Flycatcher (*Muscicapa aquatica*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

262. Little Grey Flycatcher (*Muscicapa epulata*)

1 seen at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

263. Dusky Blue Flycatcher (*Muscicapa comitata*)

2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 1 there on 27-4 and 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.



Dusky Blue Flycatcher, Ensuta Forest

264. Tessmann's Flycatcher (*Muscicapa tessmanni*)

2 seen very well at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

265. Ashy Flycatcher (*Muscicapa caerulescens*)

2 seen at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

266. Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher (*Myioparus griseigularis*)

1 seen at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

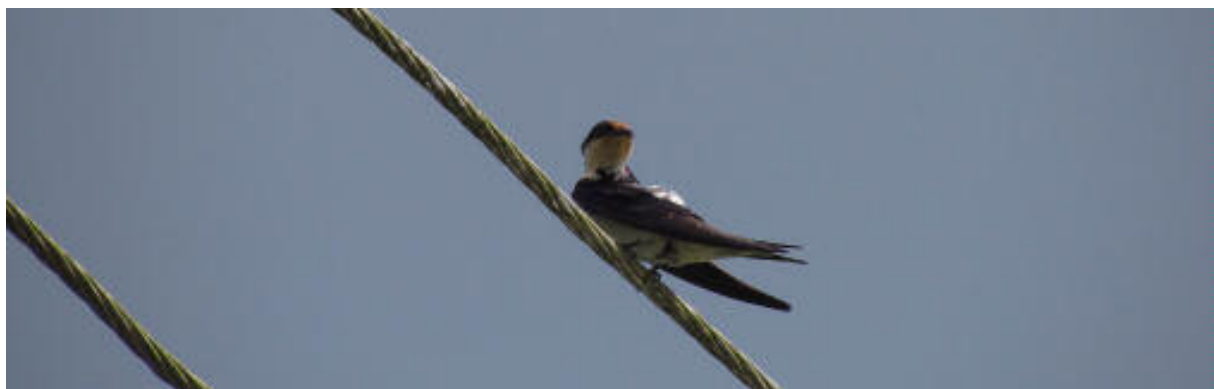
267. Grey Tit-Flycatcher (*Myioparus plumbeus*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).

268. European Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula hypoleuca*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5. (Only seen by DB, PL & PS).

- 269. Western Forest Robin** (*Stiphornis erythrothorax*) **UG(F)E**
1 seen fairly well and 2 heard at Ankasa on 28-4 and 1 heard at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.
- 270. Blue-shouldered Robin-Chat** (*Cossypha cyanocampter*)
1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4.
- 271. Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat** (*Cossypha niveicapilla*)
1 heard at Mole NP on 1-5. (Only heard by PL & DM).
- 272. White-crowned Robin-Chat** (*Cossypha albicapilla*)
1 seen at Alexis Hotel on 23-4 and 1 at the Mognori river on 2-5. (Only seen by DB, PL & DM).
- 273. Whinchat** (*Saxicola rubetra*)
1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.
- 274. White-fronted Black- Chat** (*Myrmecocichla albifrons*)
2 seen very well at Mole NP on 1-5, 2 there on 2-5 and 1 at 3-5.
- 275. Mocking Cliff-Chat** (*Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*)
3 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.
- 276. Rock Martin** (*Ptyonoprogne fuligula*)
3 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4 and 10 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5.
- 277. Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*)
2 seen at the river Pra on 24-4, 2 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 2 at Bonkro on 29-4 and 1 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5.
- 278. Red-chested Swallow** (*Hirundo lucida*)
2 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 at the White Volta pond on 3-5.
- 279. Ethiopian Swallow** (*Hirundo aethiopica*)
Very good views of 40 seen at the river Pra on 24-4 and 2 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4.



Ethiopian Swallow, Rain Forest Lodge

280. Wire-tailed Swallow (*Hirundo smithii*)

2 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 4 there on 2-5 and 1 at 3-5, 2 at the White Volta river near Bawku on 4-5 and 1 near Disiga on 5-5.



Wire-tailed Swallow, Mole NP

281. White-throated Blue-Swallow (*Hirundo nigrita*)

2 seen very well at the river Pra on 24-4.

282. Lesser Striped Swallow (*Cecropis abyssinica*)

Up to 50 seen on 10 days.



Lesser Striped Swallow, Kakum NP

283. Rufous-chested Swallow (*Cecropis semirufa*)

4 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 2 at Mole NP on 1-5.

284. Mosque Swallow (*Cecropis senegalensis*)

4 seen at the Rain Forest Lodge on 24-4, 2 there on 25-4 and 2 at Brenu Beach on 28-4.



Mosque Swallow, Rain Forest Lodge

285. Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*)

5 seen at the White Volta pond on 3-5, 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5, 1 at the White Volta river near Bawku, 1 near Disiga on 5-5 and 2 at the Royal Bleumich Hotel on 7-5.

286. Preuss' Swallow (*Petrochelidon preussi*)

100 seen en route to the river Pra on 24-4, 10 at the Rain Forest Lodge on 25-4, 1000 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 50 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 10 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 5 at the Royal Bleumich Hotel on 7-5.



Preuss' Swallow, en route to the river Pra

287. House-Martin (*Delichon urbica*)

1 seen at Takoradi on 28-4. (Only seen by DB & EG).

288. Square-tailed Sawwing (*Psalidoprocne nitens*)

Distant views of 4 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 4 at Ankasa on 28-4 and 5 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

289. Fanti Sawwing (*Psalidoprocne obscura*) **UG(F)E**

3 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 4 there on 2-5.

290. Common Bulbul (*Pycnonotus barbatus*)

Common.

291. Little Greenbul (*Andropadus virens*)

1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

292. Grey Greenbul (*Andropadus gracilis*)

2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-5, 1 heard at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 seen at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

- 293. Plain Greenbul** (*Andropadus curvirostris*)
1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 3 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-5 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 294. Slender-billed Greenbul** (*Andropadus gracilirostris*)
2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 1 there on 25-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4 and 5 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 295. Yellow-whiskered Greenbul** (*Andropadus latirostris*)
1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).
- 296. Golden Greenbul** (*Calyptocichla serina*)
2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4.
- 297. Honeyguide Greenbul** (*Baeopogon indicator*)
2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 1 there on 25-4, 1 heard at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 298. Spotted Greenbul** (*Ixonotus guttatus*)
1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4 and 10 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4.
- 299. Simple Greenbul** (*Chlorocichla simplex*)
1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4, 10 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.
- 300. Yellow-throated Greenbul** (*Chlorocichla flavicollis*)
1 seen at the pond at the Alexis Hotel on 23-4. (Only seen by EG & DM).
- 301. Swamp Greenbul** (*Thescelocichla leucopleura*)
5 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 5 there on 28-4 and 3 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.
- 302. White-throated Greenbul** (*Phyllastrephus albigularis*)
3 seen at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4.
- 303. Icterine Greenbul** (*Phyllastrephus icterinus*)
1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 3 at Ankasa on 28-4.
- 304. Common Bristlebill** (*Bleda syndactyla*)
1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4, 1 seen at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4 and 1 heard at Ankasa on 28-4. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).
- 305. Green-tailed Bristlebill** (*Bleda eximia*) **UG(F)E**
1 seen at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5. (Only seen by EG & PL and heard by DB & DM).
- 306. Grey-headed Bristlebill** (*Bleda canicapilla*) **UG(F)E**
1 seen and 2 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).

307. Yellow-spotted Nicator (*Nicator chloris*)

1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 23-4 and 1 heard at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

308. Western Bearded Greenbul (*Criniger barbatus*) **UG(F)E**

3 seen very well at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 heard at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 3 seen at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

309. Red-tailed Greenbul (*Criniger calurus*)

1 seen at Kakum Canopy walk on 26-4 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5. (Only seen by DB, EG, PL & DM).

310. Yellow-bearded Greenbul (*Criniger olivaceus*) **UG(F)E**

3 seen at Ankasa on 28-4. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).

311. African Yellow White-eye (*Zosterops senegalensis*)

4 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.

312. Red-faced Cisticola (*Cisticola erythrops*)

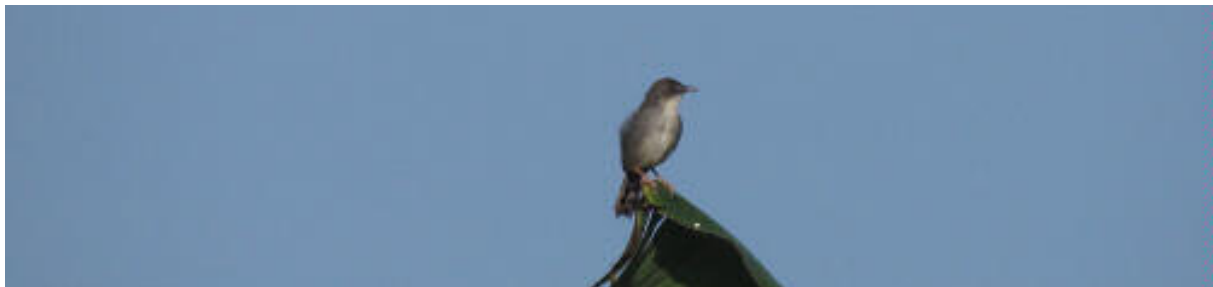
2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 2 there on 25-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-5, 1 heard at Bonkro on 29-4, 1 seen at Mole NP on 2-5 and 1 seen at the Atewa Range on 7-5.

313. Singing Cisticola (*Cisticola cantans*)

1 seen at the Shai hills on 23-4, 1 at the Winneba Plains on 23-4 and 1 heard at Bonkro on 29-4.

314. Whistling Cisticola (*Cisticola lateralis*)

3 seen at Ebekawopa Rain forest on 24-4 and 1 there on 25-4 and 1 at Abrafo on 26-5.



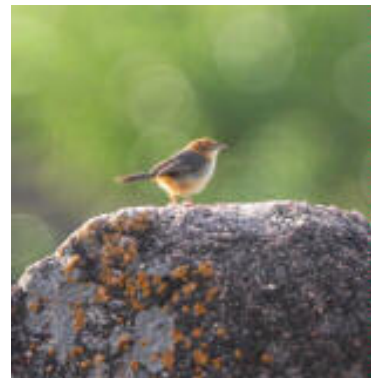
Whistling Cisticola, Ebekawopa Rain forest

315. Rock-loving Cisticola (*Cisticola emini*)

1 heard at the Tongo Hills on 3-5 and 2 seen there on 5-5.

316. Winding Cisticola (*Cisticola galactotes*)

2 seen at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 en route from Bolgatanga to Kusami on 5-5.



Rock-loving Cisticola, Tongo Hills

- 317. Croaking Cisticola** (*Cisticola natalensis*)
2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.
- 318. Siffling Cisticola** (*Cisticola brachypterus*)
5 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.
- 319. Rufous Cisticola** (*Cisticola rufus*)
1 heard at Mole NP on 2-3 and 1 seen there on 3-5.
- 320. Zitting Cisticola** (*Cisticola juncidis*)
1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.
- 321. Tawny-flanked Prinia** (*Prinia subflava*)
Up to 4 seen or heard on 12 days.
- 322. Red-winged Warbler** (*Heliolais erythroptera*)
Good views of 2 en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4.
- 323. Black-capped Apalis** (*Apalis nigriceps*)
1 seen at Ankasa on 28-4 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 324. Yellow-breasted Apalis** (*Apalis flavida*)
3 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5.
- 325. Sharpe's Apalis** (*Apalis sharpei*) **UG(F)E**
1 seen briefly at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4 and 2 at Ankasa on 28-4.
- 326. Oriole Warbler** (*Hypergerus atriceps*)
1 seen and 3 heard at Mole NP on 1-5 and 4 heard there on 2-5.
- 327. Grey-backed Camaroptera** (*Camaroptera brevicaudata*)
1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 5 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 heard at Bonkro on 29-4, 1 en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4, 1 at Mole NP on 2-5, 2 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5, 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 328. Yellow-browed Camaroptera** (*Camaroptera superciliaris*)
2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-5, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 1 there on 27-4, 1 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 seen at the higher part of the Atewa range on 7-5.
- 329. Olive-green Camaroptera** (*Camaroptera chloronota*)
1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Ebekawoppa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.
- 330. Moustached Grass-Warbler** (*Melocichla mentalis*)
2 at Mole NP on 2-5.

- 331. Senegal Eremomela** (*Eremomela pusilla*)
4 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 near Mole NP on 30-4, 4 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 5 there on 2-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 en route from Bolgatanga to Kusami on 5-5.
- 332. Rufous-crowned Eremomela** (*Eremomela badiceps*)
3 seen at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4 and 8 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4.
- 333. Green Crombec** (*Sylvietta virens*)
2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 3 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.
- 334. Lemon-bellied Crombec** (*Sylvietta denti*)
2 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 335. Northern Crombec** (*Sylvietta brachyura*)
1 seen at Mole NP on 2-5 and 1 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.
- 336. Kemp's Longbill** (*Macrosphenus kempii*) **UG(F)E**
1 heard at Antwikwuaa on 25-4, 1 seen at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5 of which 1 seen very well eventually.
- 337. Grey Longbill** (*Macrosphenus concolor*)
1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 338. Green Hylia** (*Hylia prasina*)
2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 1 at Mole NP on 2-5.
- 339. Wood Warbler** (*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*)
1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 2 near Mole NP on 30-4.
- 340. Yellow-bellied Hylia** (*Hylia flavigaster*)
1 seen near Tonoso, en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4.
- 341. Violet-backed Hylia** (*Hylia violacea*)
2 seen at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4.
- 342. Puvel's Illadopsis** (*Illadopsis puveli*)
2 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 seen at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 343. Pale-breasted Illadopsis** (*Illadopsis rufipennis*)
1 seen at Ankasa on 28-1. (Only seen by PL & DM and heard by EG).
- 344. Brown Illadopsis** (*Illadopsis fulvescens*)
2 seen at Ensuta Forest on 27-4.

345. Blackcap Babbler (*Turdoides reinwardii*)

2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 4 at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, heard at Mole NP on 2-5 and 3 seen at the Tono Dam on 14-4.

346. Brown Babbler (*Turdoides plebejus*)

10 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5 and 4 seen at the Tono Dam on 14-4.

347. Yellow-headed Picathartes (*Picathartes gymnocephalus*) **UG(F)E**

Splendid views of 5 at the rock at Bonkro on 29-4. Without competition the bird of the trip!



Yellow-headed Picathartes, Bonkro

348. White-shouldered Black Tit (*Parus guineensis*)

3 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5.

349. Forest Penduline-Tit (*Anthoscopus flavifrons*)

3 seen at Ankasa on 28-4.

350. Tit-hylia (*Pholidornis rushiae*)

2 seen at Ankasa on 28-4 and 3 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

351. Flappet Lark (*Mirafra rufocinnamomea*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.

352. Rufous-rumped Lark (*Mirafra erythrogygia*)

Poor views of 1 at Mole NP on 1-5. (Only seen by PL & DM).

353. Sun Lark (*Galerida modesta*)

50 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 4 there on 2-5.



Sun Lark, Mole NP

354. Northern Grey-headed Sparrow (*Passer griseus*)

Common, up to 40 seen on 12 days.

355. Bush Petronia (*Petronia dentata*)

20 seen at the Tongo Hills on 5-5.

356. White-breasted Negrofinch (*Nigrita fusconota*)

1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4.

357. Chestnut-breasted Negrofinch (*Nigrita bicolor*)

2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 10 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Ankasa on 28-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 6 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

358. Grey-headed Negrofinch (*Nigrita canicapilla*)

8 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 2 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 1 there on 28-4, 1 at Ankasa on 27 and 28-4 and 3 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

359. Green-backed Twinspot (*Mandingoa nitidula*)

Very good views of 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5. This was a lifer for one of the guides.

360. Black-bellied Seedcreeper (*Pyrenestes ostrinus*)

1 male seen at Ankasa on 28-4.

361. Western Bluebill (*Spermophaga hematina*)

1 male seen very well at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 male at the higher part of the Atewa range on 7-5.

362. Bar-breasted Firefinch (*Lagonosticta rufopicta*)

6 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 4 at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, 5 at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 4 at Ebekawopa Rain forest on 25-4, 2 at Brenu Beach on 28-4, 2 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 3 there on 2-5, 3 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5, 10 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

363. Red-billed Firefinch (*Lagonosticta senegala*)

10 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 4 there on 2-5.

364. African Firefinch (*Lagonosticta rubricata*)

6 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 1 there on 25-4, 1 near Mole NP on 30-4 and 4 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.

365. Black-faced Firefinch (*Lagonosticta larvata*)

6 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

366. Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu (*Uraeginthus bengalus*)

40 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 20 there on 2 and 3-5, 1 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 1 at the Tongo Hills on 5-5.

367. Lavender Waxbill (*Estrilda caerulescens*)

15 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 20 there on 2 and 3-5, 10 the Tono Dam on 4-5, 1 at the Tongo Hills on 5-5 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.



Lavender Waxbill, Mole NP

368. Orange-cheeked Waxbill (*Estrilda melpoda*)

9 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 5 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 1 at Bokro on 29-4, 2 at Mole NP on 2-5, 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5, 20 at the Atewa Range on 6-5 and 5 there on 7-5.

369. Black-rumped Waxbill (*Estrilda troglodytes*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 5 near Disiga on 5-5.

370. Zebra Waxbill (*Amandava subflava*)

5 seen very well near Disiga on 5-5.



Zebra Waxbill, near Disiga

371. African Quailfinch (*Ortygospiza atricollis*)

5 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 near Disiga on 5-5.

372. African Silverbill (*Lonchura cantans*)

4 seen at the Tongo Hills on 5-5 and 1 at Kusami on 5-5. The last bird was a very out-of-range bird, 450 km south of its normal range.

373. Bronze Mannikin (*Lonchura cucullata*)

Up to 50 seen on 13 days.



Bronze Mannikin

374. Black-and-white Mannikin (*Lonchura bicolor*)

50 seen at the Rain Forest Lodge on 24-4 and 10 there on 25-4, 10 at Abrafo on 26-4, 5 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4, 10 en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4, 40 at the Atewa Range on 6-5 and 10 there on 7-5.

375. Magpie Mannikin (*Lonchura fringilloides*)

2 seen at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5 and 1 at the Royal Bleumich Hotel on 7-5. (Only seen by DB & EG).

376. Wilson's Indigobird (*Vidua wilsoni*)

4 seen at the pond at Hotel Alexis on 23-4, 2 at near the river Pra on 24-4 and 2 at Mole NP on 2-5.

377. Pin-tailed Whydah

(*Vidua macroura*)

Up to 15 seen on 8 days.

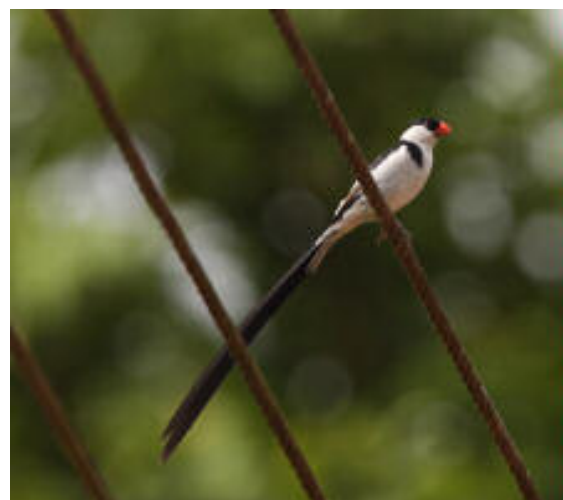
378. African Pied Wagtail

(*Motacilla aguimp*)

Up to 6 seen on 10 days.

379. Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*)

2 seen at the Rain Forest Lodge on 24-4 and 1 there on 25-4 and 1 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.



Pin-tailed Whydah, Kakum NP

380. Yellow-throated Longclaw

(*Macronyx croceus*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4 and 1 at Mole NP on 1-5.



African Pied Wagtail, Rain Forest Lodge

- 381. White-billed Buffalo-Weaver** (*Bubalornis albirostris*)
15 seen near Bawku on 4-5.
- 382. Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver** (*Plocepasser superciliosus*)
3 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 5 there on 2-5.
- 383. Little Weaver** (*Ploceus luteolus*)
50 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 10 there on 2-5 and 8 en route from Mole NP to Bolgatanga on 3-5.
- 384. Black-necked Weaver** (*Ploceus nigricollis*)
4 seen at the Shai Hills and 4 at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, 12 at Antwkwuaa on 24-4, 5 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 25-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 2 at Mole NP on 2-5 and 6 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.
- 385. Orange Weaver** (*Ploceus aurantius*)
10 seen very well at a mixed breeding colony with Village and Vieillot's Black Weaver at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 5 there on 27-4 and 1 at the Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4.



Orange Weaver, Ensuta Forest

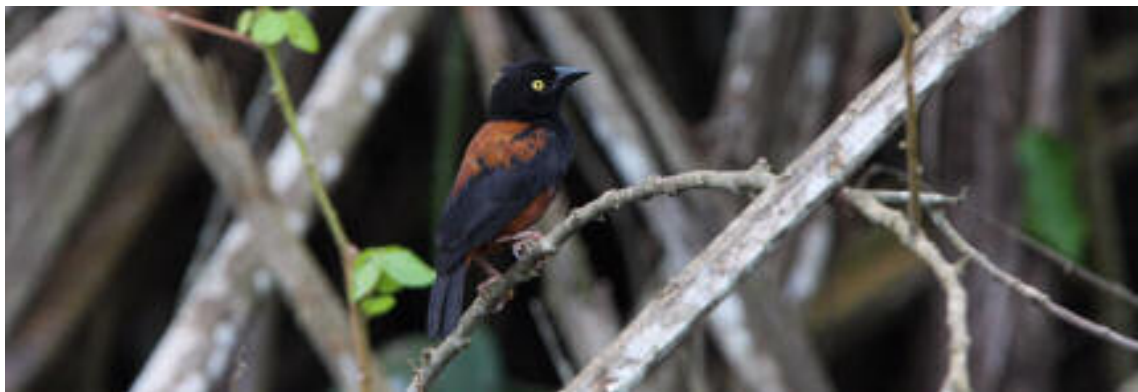
- 386. Heuglin's Masked Weaver** (*Ploceus heuglini*)
1 seen at the Royal Bleumich Hotel on 7-5. (Only seen by EG).
- 387. Village Weaver** (*Ploceus cucullatus*)
1 seen at Hotel Alexis on 23-4, 50 at Antwkwuaa on 24-4, 25 at Ebekowopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 50 at Abrafo on 26-4, 20 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 20 there on 27-4, 10 at the Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4, 10 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 30 at the Atewa Range on 7-5.



Village Weaver, Ensuta Forest

388. Vieillot's Black Weaver (*Ploceus nigerrimus*)

8 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 40 at Abrafo on 26-4, 200 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 200 there on 27-4 and 10 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.



Vieillot's Black Weaver, Ensuta Forest

389. Black-headed Weaver (*Ploceus melanocephalus*)

40 seen at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

390. Yellow-mantled Weaver (*Ploceus tricolor*)

2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 4 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 25-4 and 8 there on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 10 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.



Yellow-mantled Weaver, Kakum Canopy Walk

391. Maxwell's Black Weaver (*Ploceus albinucha*)

4 seen at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

392. Preuss' Weaver (*Ploceus preussi*)

Good views of 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5. A nice reward for the climbing we did that morning.

393. Compact Weaver (*Ploceus superciliosus*)

3 seen at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

394. Red-vented Malimbe (*Malimbus scutatus*) **UG(F)E**

3 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 6 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 3 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

395. Gray's Malimbe (*Malimbus nitens*)

1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4 and 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4.

396. Crested Malimbe (*Malimbus malimbicus*)

5 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 1 at the Atewa Range on 7-5

397. Red-headed Malimbe (*Malimbus rubricollis*)

10 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 3 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 2 there on 27-4, 1 at Ankasa on 28-4, 4 at Aboabo Forest on 28-4, 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 1 at the Atewa range on 7-5.

398. Red-headed Quelea (*Quelea erythrops*)

10 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 20 there on 25-4 and 15 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5.



Red-headed Quelea, Ebekawopa Rain Forest

399. Red-billed Quelea (*Quelea quelea*)

50 seen at the Tono Dam on 4-5.

400. Black-winged (Red-) Bishop (*Euplectes hordeaceus*)

1 seen at the Rain Forest Lodge on 24 and 25-4, 3 at the lower part of the Atewa Range on 6-5 and 5 there on 7-5.



Black-winged (Red-) Bishop, Royal Bleumig Hotel

401. Orange Bishop (*Euplectes franciscanus*)

1 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 10 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 6 there on 2-5, 5 at the White Volta pond on 3-5, 20 at the Tono Dam on 4-5 and 15 near Disiga on 5-5.

402. Yellow-mantled Widowbird (*Euplectes macrourus*)

15 seen at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, 4 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 1 there on 25-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5.

403. Fraser's Sunbird (*Deleornis fraseri*)

1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

404. Mouse-brown Sunbird (*Anthreptes gabonicus*)

2 seen very well at the river Pra on 24-4. (Only seen by EG, PL, DM & PS).

405. Green Sunbird (*Anthreptes rectirostris*)

1 seen at Ankasa on 28-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4 and 1 at Brokro on 29-4.

406. Little Green Sunbird (*Anthreptes seimundi*)

4 seen at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4 and 1 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

407. Collared Sunbird (*Hedydipna collaris*)

10 seen at Antwikwuaa and Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4, 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 1 near Tonoso, en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4 and 2 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

408. Pygmy Sunbird (*Hedydipna platurus*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 2-5.

409. Reichenbach's Sunbird (*Anabathmis reichenbachii*)

1 seen very well at the Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4.

- 410. Western Olive Sunbird** (*Cyanomitra obscura*)
10 seen at Antwikwuaa and Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4, 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 1 at Bonkro on 29-4 and 5 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.
- 411. Green-headed Sunbird** (*Cyanomitra verticalis*)
2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.
- 412. Blue-throated Brown Sunbird** (*Cyanomitra cyanolaema*)
1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-5, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4 and 1 at Ankasa on 27-4.
- 413. Scarlet-chested Sunbird** (*Chalcomitra senegalensis*)
5 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 1 there on 2-5 and 2 on 3-5, 1 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5 and 2 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.
- 414. Buff-throated Sunbird** (*Chalcomitra adelberti*) **UG(F)E**
2 seen briefly at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 seen very well at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 5 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 415. Variable Sunbird** (*Cinnyris venusta*)
1 seen near Tonoso, en route from Kusami to Mole NP on 30-4. (Only seen by DB, EG, PL & DM).
- 416. Olive-bellied Sunbird** (*Cinnyris chloropygia*)
5 seen at Antwikwuaa and Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4, 5 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 417. Tiny Sunbird** (*Cinnyris minulla*)
5 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4, 2 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4, 3 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4 and 4 at Ankasa on 28-4.
- 418. Copper Sunbird** (*Cinnyris cuprea*)
2 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 2 at the Winneba Plains on 23-4, 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4, 1 at Abrafo on 26-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4, 2 at Amazuli river near Kikam on 28-4, 2 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 2 near Tonoso, en route from Kumasi to Mole NP on 30-4 and 5 at Mole NP on 2-5.
- 419. Splendid Sunbird** (*Cinnyris coccinigaster*)
6 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 1 at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 25-4 and 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4.
- 420. Johanna's Sunbird** (*Cinnyris johannae*)
2 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 2 at the Kakum Canopy Walk on 26-4 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.
- 421. Superb Sunbird** (*Cinnyris superba*)
2 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 1 there on 25-4, 2 at Ensuta Forest on 27-4, 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4, 3 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5 and 2 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

422. Beautiful Sunbird (*Cinnyris pulchella*)

10 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 4 at the Tono Dam on 4-5.



Beautiful Sunbird, Tono Dam

423. Yellow-fronted Canary (*Serinus mozambicus*)

14 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 4 there on 2-5 and 10 on 3-5 and 5 at Bobiri Forest on 6-5.

424. Streaky-headed Seedeater (*Serinus gularis*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

425. Cinnamon-breasted Rock-Bunting (*Emberiza tahapisi*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 3 there on 2-5, 20 at the Tongo Hills on 3-5 and 25 there on 6-5.



Cinnamon-breasted Rock-Bunting, Tongo Hills

426. Brown-rumped Bunting (*Emberiza affinis*)

3 seen near Mole NP on 30-4.

Mammals

1. Olive Baboon (*Papio cynocephalus*)

25 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4, 5 at Mole NP on 1-5, 20 there on 2-5 and 15 on 3-5.



Olive Baboon, Shai Hills

2. Vervet Monkey (*Cercopithecus aethiops*)

3 seen at the Shai Hills on 23-4.

3. Patas Monkey (*Cercopithecus patas*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 1 there on 2-5.



Patas Monkey, Mole NP

4. Demidoff's Galago (*Galagoides demidoff*)

1 heard at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4.

5. Hammer Bat (*Hypsignathus monstrosus*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

6. Franquet's Fruit Bat (*Epomops franqueti*)

12 seen at Tamale on 3-5.



Franquet's Fruit Bat, Tamale

7. Yellow-winged Bat (*Lavia frons*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 2-5.

8. Scrub Hare (*Lepus saxatilis*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.

9. Striped Ground Squirrel (*Euxerus erythropus*)

1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Mole NP on 1-5 and 2 there on 2-5.

10. Slender-tailed Squirrel (*Protoxerus aubinnii*)

1 seen at Antwikwuaa on 24-4, 1 at Ensuta Forest on 26-4, 1 at Ankasa on 28-4 and 1 at Aboabo Forest on 29-4.

11. Slender Mongoose (*Galerella ganguinea*)

1 seen at Ebekawopa Rain Forest on 24-4 and 1 at the higher part of the Atewa Range on 7-5.

12. Ichneumon (Egyptian) Mongoose (*Herpestes ichneumon*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 2-5.

13. African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*)

6 young males seen at Mole NP on 2-5.



African Elephant, Mole NP

14. Common Warthog (*Phacochoerus aethiopicus*)

8 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 10 there on 2-5 and 5 on 3-5.



Common Warthog, Mole NP

15. Bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus*)

5 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 8 there on 2-5 and 2 on 3-5.



Bushbuck, Mole NP

16. Kob (*Kobus kob*)

150 seen at Mole NP on 1-5, 50 there on 2-5 and 10 on 3-5.



Kob, Mole NP

17. Waterbuck (*Kobus ellipsiprymnus*)

6 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 6 there on 2-5.

Reptiles

1. Nile Crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 1-5 and 4 there on 2-5.



Nile Crocodile, Mole NP

2. Cobra (*spec.*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.



Cobra (spec.), Mole NP

3. African (Nile) Softshell Turtle (*Trionyx triunguis*)

3 seen at Mole NP on 2-5 and 2 there on 2-5.

4. Nile Monitor (*Varanus niloticus*)

1 seen at Mole NP on 1-5.



Nile Monitor, Mole NP

5. Agama Lizard (*spec.*)
Common. Seen Daily.



Agama Lizard (spec.), Shai Hills

Frogs & Toads



Other animals



Dragonflies



Butterflies



Flowers

