

12 DAYS BIRDING ITINERARY

DAY 1:

Arrival and night in Summerdale Inn in Nairobi

DAY 2:

Get picked up, drive out and embark on birding in Manguo ponds for water birds, Maccoa duck, Fulvous and White faced whistling ducks, once this is done we will stop by the Rift valley viewpoint for hunter's cisticola and Golden winged sunbird and more. We then will head to Crater lake resort where we will check in and start birding in the compound and later the sanctuary for Hildebrandt's starling, Brown-crowned tchagra, Common scimitarbill, Bearded, Nubian, Cardinal and Grey woodpeckers before we retire to the camp for dinner and night.



DAY 3:

Early breakfast and depart for Masai mara, where we hope to be for lunch, we will check in at Fig tree camp situated at the banks of Talek river. Late afternoon will see us drive along the river for White headed barbet, Red fronted barbet, Spot-flanked barbet, Red fronted tinkerbird, Klaas's cuckoo, Bare-faced go away bird, White browed coucal, Pallid honey guide, Hildebrandt's starling, Meyer's parrot, Croaking cisticola, Rufous naped lark and possible Schalow's turaco. Hippos, Crocs will be in the river, Lions Elephants etc may also be seen. Back to hotel for the night.



DAY 4:

Early breakfast and take lunch boxes and embark on a drive in the park for the better part of the day. We will be looking out for Cheetah and Leopard in addition to the birding which will elicit Black bellied bustard, White bellied bustard, Common ostrich, Kori bustard, Yellow throated sandgrouse, Saddle billed stork, Lappet-faced vulture, White backed vulture, White headed vulture, Ruppel's griffon. We will then drive back to hotel for rest.



DAY 5:

Early breakfast and depart to Lake Victoria hoping to get there for lunch and check in at Imperial hotel. You will have a rest till late afternoon when we drive to the lakeshores for birding in the papyrus habitat, which will elicit Papyrus canary, Black headed gonolek, Blue headed coucal, Black billed and Double toothed barbet, Blue-spotted wood dove, Yellow throated greenbul, Swamp flycatcher etc. We will then go back to hotel for the night.

DAY 6:

Early morning drive to hippo point for a boat trip along the shore for water thicknee, Carruther's cisticola, Northern red-throated weaver, Slender billed weaver, White-winged warbler, Greater swamp warbler, Lesser swamp warbler, Papyrus gonolek and more. We will ride back and take the car to hotel for breakfast and prepare to leave for Kakamega forest where we hope to get for lunch and check in. Rest and later start walks in the trails nearby for White spotted fluff tail, White tailed ant thrush, White crowned robin chat, Grey-winged robin chat, Great blue turaco, Thick billed honey guide, Grey throated barbet, Yellow spotted barbet, Black billed weaver etc. We will be back to hotel for the night.

DAY 7:

Early breakfast a drive to spot in the forest road for Black billed turaco, Bar-tailed trogon, Jameson's wattle eye, Chestnut wattle eye, White headed woodhopes, Black faced rufous warbler, Barred warbler, Uganda woodland warbler, Turners eremomela, various monkey's will also be seen. We will be back for rest before lunch and rest till late afternoon when we do an easy walk along the road for Chubb's cisticola, Black and white Casqued hornbill, Ross's turaco, Red headed malimbe and Red headed bluebill before we retire to hotel.



DAY 8:

Early breakfast and depart to lake Baringo with luggage, hoping to see White crested turaco along the way, Little rock thrush, Boran cisticola. The trip to lake Baringo is generally decline elevation-wise; we will eventually be at 985ASL, so a different bird assemblage. We will then check in for lunch at Soi safari lodge and a bit of rest then head to Lake Bogoria for Flamingos, Jackson's hornbill, Northern red billed hornbill, White bellied go away bird, African grey hornbill, White bellied go away, African grey flycatcher, Brubru, White headed buffalo, White browed sparrow weaver, Mourning collared dove etc. We will be back Soi Safari lodge for a night.

DAY 9:

Early boat ride for around 3 hours, the lake will yield the biggest heron in the world Goliath heron at close quarters, purple heron, Grey heron, Carmine bee eater, Blue cheeked be eater, malachite kingfisher, Pied kingfisher, Squacco heron, African darter, Long tailed cormorant, Black crane and more. We will ride to the hotel for breakfast and afterwards go for nocturnal birds including Three-banded Courser, Slender-tailed Nightjar, and Spotted Stone Curlew. Grayish Eagle owl, White-faced Scops-owl, Pearl-spotted Owlet, African Scops-owl and



Giant Eagle owl. After lunch, we will rest then drive to West Bay area looking for Lichtenstein Sandgrouse, Black-headed Lapwing, Nubian woodpecker, Cardinal woodpecker, Grey woodpecker, D'arnaud's barbet, Red and yellow barbet. We will then drive back to hotel.

DAY 10:

Early rise and breakfast with packed luggage depart Lake Baringo and head to Lake Nakuru national park for White rhino, Rothschild giraffe, a number of birds including, Blacksmith lapwing, Hottentot and Red billed teal, Yellow billed duck, African spoonbill, Pied avocet, Kitlitz plover, Little stint, Augur buzzard, Common buzzard and much more before we head for lunch and check in at Lake Nakuru lodge. After lunch rest and later embark on another session in the park. Night at Lake Nakuru lodge



Day 11:

Early morning session in the park and back for breakfast then check out pass by Kinangop grasslands for Sharpe's longclaw, Long-tailed widowbird as well as Jackson's widowbird, Levillant's cisticola, Wing snapping cisticola and more, then head to Nairobi for a night at Summerdale inn.

Day 12

Early breakfast and embark on game drive in Nairobi national park till mid-day when we stop for lunch and proceed with game viewing and eventually come to hotel for shower and change then head to the airport.