

# Ghana

## Walking with Elephants

19 January to 2 February, 2008

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Our two mornings on the Kakum national park canopy walkway were thrilling but quite different. (And reaching terra firma afterwards.)
- 2 Seeing White-necked Picathartes so well. The first view was of a bird which ‘bounced into view, took one look at us and bounced out again’.
- 3 Watching a Crested Malimbe weaving its nest in Aboabo Forest.
- 4 Walking with Elephants so close to us and watching them pass by. On one occasion a bull entered a pond and then sprinted out at a terrific speed (we never knew why except that a Crocodile was seen with a huge fish in its jaws – a highlight moment too – a few seconds later).
- 5 The beautiful trees we saw on the many forest walks.
- 6 Seeing a big flock of Red-throated Bee-eaters at their colony on dusk.
- 7 The occasions when animals and birds came to us – such as the Elephant which stood three metres from our balcony and devoured a small tree.
- 8 Grasshopper Buzzards hawking insects driven out by a bush fire.
- 9 The male Standard-winged Nightjars displaying at Mole airstrip.
- 10 Talking to villagers (with their famous smiles – the Ghana passport) especially the palm-nut oil producers.

Just seven hours flying from London, Ghana must be the nearest place in Africa where Elephants are accessible. And not only accessible: one can walk on safaris to see them at close quarters. The country proved to be an excellent destination with a good range of habitats plus some special birds and mammals. The White-necked Picathartes and Pel’s Fishing Owl were great finds, for example. Walking close to Elephants was awe-inspiring. Their sheer size and the knowledge that the animals can be dangerous was humbling (the animals are used to humans, although not altogether at ease in our company, but we still had an armed guard).

However, this is Africa and Ghana 2008 was a first tour. The trip produced a few problems most of which were sorted out efficiently by Mark, with Diana working behind the scenes. For the record, we saw 308 species of bird and 27 mammals. Bird of the trip was Red-throated Bee-eater (with Blue Cuckooshrike, Pied Kingfisher and Senegal Batis in equal second). The Long-tailed Pangolin was one vote ahead of Yellow-winged Bat (such a pretty face) with Elephant and Warthog runners up.

I enjoyed leading the tour, although my experience of the country’s birds was limited despite my reconnaissance trip in September, and hope to see everyone on another African adventure one day.

Footnote: The title grandfather was bestowed to one of the group the following Monday after a 32-hour labour. Raise a glass to Amelie Josephine Corbett and her grandpa.

### DAILY DIARY

#### Saturday 19 January

Arrived Accra after a flight delayed by three and a half hours, to be met by Mark Williams and David Daramani. Checked in at the Dutch Hotel at 1.30am, snacking on sandwiches and beer.

**Sunday 20 January 8.30 start to Sakumona Lagoon and the Winneba Plains**

Overcast, hazy sun, 28°C

Our late arrival prompted a gentle start although some were up at first light to record the trip's first Village Weavers, Palm Swifts, African Pied Wagtails and a slightly stropky bloke who mistook binoculars for cameras. We drove the 15-minute journey to the Sakumona lagoon leaving at 8.30 and were immediately watching large numbers of birds. Many were the more common waterbirds and waders but we also saw Western Reef and Black Herons, some of the latter using their umbrella technique to spear small fish. Vast flocks of wintering terns included Black and Common with a few Sandwich. Black-winged Stilts, Reed Cormorants, Squacco Herons, Pied and Malachite Kingfishers were all enjoyed as a taste of the exotic before we set off to walk around part of the lagoon. A stop for Wood and Marsh Sandpipers included a Kittlitz's Plover and I was able to walk up a small flock of Yellow-throated Longclaws which gave excellent views. A Cobra stalking waders failed miserably as they turned the tables on it and it retreated for the grass defeated. Four African Spoonbills were found roosting among more than 100 Grey Heron while a large flock of ducks tempted us further along the bank. They turned out to be a vast flock of White-headed Whistling Ducks which were giving cover to three winter-plumaged Garganey. We could only wonder how soon birders in Europe would be admiring them. The same could be said of occasional wisps of Barn Swallows moving through. Spur-winged Lapwing, Croaking and Zitting Cisticolas were added to the list before we returned to the hotel for a quick loo-stop.

The journey across Accra was speedy thanks to Sunday traffic and we were soon driving the coast road westwards to our lunch stop at Hut d'Eric where a delicious buffet was spiced by views of a White-headed Vulture.

We walked the road along Winneba Plains enjoying a host of scrub birds which included the first of many White-throated Bee-eaters, a stunning Red-necked Buzzard and several calling Yellow-crowned Gonoleks.

A Woodchat Shrike was seen well after a search but Senegal Coucal was surprisingly elusive with only flight views. Small brown jobs were represented by Tawny-flanked Prinia, Singing Cisticola and Senegal (Green-backed) Eremomela. A Lizard Buzzard sat on a wire and mewed for some time and a couple of Black-crowned Tchagras were finally seen reasonably well.

All too soon it was time to leave for Hans Cottage Botel with a quick stop at a lily pond on the way. Here we saw African Jacanas, some trotting across the lily pads, two Purple Gallinules and another flock of White-faced Whistling Ducks. Common Moorhen was, well, common.

A delicious meal was enjoyed between two halves of call-over – a system which developed as the tour went on.

**Monday 21 January 6am start to Kakum canopy walkway, the botel grounds and a beach road**

Hazy sun, calm 32°C

A wonderful morning was spent (extremely) high in the canopy of an old secondary forest with some primary species still standing. We met at 5.30am and were at the Kakum national park for 6.00. After a quite strenuous walk up hill for about 20 minutes we reached the first of a seven-span walkway through the forest tree-tops, going out to platform-5 for our main session.

It was a delightful experience (for most – congratulations to those who have no head for heights) to stay put while birds came to us. A degree of teamwork was needed to juggle people between guides who were pointing out birds and those who secured views in the telescopes. But the rewards were terrific – Green Pigeons were common and we had great views of Yellow-mantled Weavers which had a colony in a neighbouring tree. A Honeyguide Greenbul put in two appearances (adding to its popularity) and there were at least three Velvet-mantled Drongos in residence. Single Green-backed Woodpecker, Grey-headed Nigrita and Slender-billed Greenbul were seen by most and a flock of four Black-collared Lovebirds gave good, if neck-breaking, views above us. The Malimbos were well represented with small parties of Red-headed and Red-vented from the platform and Blue-billed on our return to terra firma.

A pair of nesting *Gymnogenes* was found in the fork of a distant tree before things started to become blurred, so fast was the action. Black-winged Oriole, Copper-tailed Starlings and a Hairy-breasted Barbet were followed by Little Green and Johanna's Sunbirds, the cuckoos were represented by African Emerald, Klaas's and Dideric while lots of Common Swifts passing overhead reminded us that summer was coming back home. Spotted Honeyguide, Buff-throated and Collared Sunbirds finished the aerial session with a Western Nicator and the Blue-billed Malimbos ending the pre-breakfast list. Or so we thought. Suddenly a shout went up as we were getting onto the bus – pair of Tit-hylas were flitting around in a tree and as we watched a Cassin's Honeybird was found close by. Who says one cannot find good birds in a car park?

Lunch at Hans Cottage Botel was yet another excellent meal with appetites sharpened by a walk before. New birds included Three-streaked (Brown-crowned) Tchagra, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Splendid and Collared Sunbirds, Little Bee-eater, Spotted Flycatcher and Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher.

Three species of squirrel were seen during the day – Kintampo Rope, Small Sun and Red-footed Sun. A Black-and-white Colobus was heard from the walkway.

Our quest in the late afternoon was for Preuss's Swallow for which we headed to a nearby beach road. Here, after a walk which produced a number of new species, we were thrilled to see possibly a hundred or more of these neat little swallows going in to roost. They passed us several times as little parties gathered before night fell. The new birds included Marsh Tchagra, Green Turaco, Simple Greenbul and Grey Hornbill. Our return to the Botel was with some satisfaction.

### **Tuesday 22 January Antwikwaa Forest, Cape Coast Castle and Brimsu reservoir**

Hazy sun, calm 32°C

A 6am departure saw us in Antwikwaa Forest, walking the track wet track between stands of secondary forest. Our progress was hindered greatly by a constant stream of birds – it took 90 minutes to complete the first 200meters. Goodies such as Little Green Woodpecker, Black-and-white Flycatcher, Maxwell's Black and Preuss's Golden-backed Weavers, Grey-crowned and White-breasted Nigritas, a Red-billed Helmetshrike sitting on a nest made of lichen, Speckled Tinkerbird and many birds we had already seen. The action continued as we made our way down towards a river seeing Black Bee-eaters, Red-billed Wood Dove and Olive long-tailed Cuckoo (rather badly as it was flying away from us). A red-thighed Sparrowhawk prompted some debate but there was no confusing the highly aerial and beautiful Rosy Bee-eaters. Our Malimbe list was completed (already) with the addition of Crested.

A sandwich breakfast was punctuated by birds – Fraser's Forest Flycatcher, a pair of nest-building Yellow-billed Coucal (Green Malkoha) and more Black Bee-eaters. Returning to the bus we saw Ayres's Hawk-eagle, Lesser Striped Swallow and Mottled Spinetail.

We stopped to watch local villagers extracting palm-nut oil and had a jolly time joking with the big crowd that assembled on our arrival and tasting the fleshy fruit which had been boiled.

Our departure was prompted by a circling Lanner which took our minds back to birding. They were changed again after lunch when Mark took most of the group to Cape Coast Castle where the history of slavery in the area was explained in detail.

Our final outing of the day was to Brimsu reservoir where, to the astonishment of all, an African Finfoot was swimming across in full view. After watching it for a while, a second bird appeared and put on an equal show. A Giant Kingfisher was mobbed by a Shikra (it avoided the raptor with consummate ease) while flocks of swifts wheeled overhead. These turned out to be Palm and Little Swifts, the latter nesting under concrete walkways around the reservoir wall. The birds came in at a tremendous speed and we were at as loss as to how they stopped before reaching oblivion. It was a great day and we returned to the hotel with some sadness to enjoy yet another splendid meal.

### **Wednesday 23 January 6am start for the Kakum canopy walkway and a secret Picathartes site**

Hazy sun, calm 32°C

Every trip to the Kakum canopy walkway seems different but still wonderful. A 6am start saw us slowly climbing the hill watching Grey-headed Bristlebill, Tiny Sunbird and a Green Hylia on the way up. Our stay on platform 3 produced wonderful views of Tambourine Dove almost immediately followed by a Yellow-billed Coucal. Red-fronted Parrots landed in the tree above our heads and a pair of Chestnut Wattle-eyes was watched in a bush far below us. A pair of stunning Forest Wood-hoopoes were busy on nest-building duties and a fly-by African Grey Parrot fulfilled one of Pauline's wishes, albeit rather fast.

Suddenly two things happened simultaneously... I found a troop of Mona Monkeys in a tree below us while David started pointing out birds in a feeding flock close to the platform. These were teased out species at a time to include Sharpe's Apalis, Grey Longbill, Fraser's Sunbird and Green Hylia. The monkeys proved just as entertaining with seemingly suicidal individuals leaping far out from their tree to crash down into the trees and bushes below. This disturbed a family of Olive Colobus, a species which have no head for heights despite being bombed by Mona Monkeys. A Lesser Spot-nosed Monkey was found high in a third tree, like a theatre-goer in the gods, with a second showing up soon after. All three species were close enough to see their finer identification points. It was a quieter and shorter visit than the first but great fun. We finished with a cooked breakfast at the centre before heading back to the hotel on our way to Assi Fossu for an early lunch.

Our afternoon expedition was to look for White-necked Picathartes at a breeding site in Kakum national park used by Ashanti African Tours. After picking up a local guide from a nearby village we set off at a brisk pace through fields, jungle and finally up a steep hill. We were bathed in sweat by the time we reached a huge overhanging outcrop of rock an hour later.

The outcrop had about 25 mud cups which looked like large House Martin nests. Sadly, each was numbered in red spray-paint, no doubt the work of Neolithic wildlife researchers. After sitting quietly for no more than 10 minutes the first Picathartes appeared, took one look at Roy and left. A further three were seen more than an hour later after a nervous wait. After everyone had seen at least one bird we decided to leave so as not to disturb them further. This is a highly sought-after species and we were thrilled to have seen them so well.

It was 7pm by the time we returned to the Babevan Lodge and we ate at 8.

#### **Thursday 24 January Aboabo Forest walk and drive to Kumasi**

Still hazy sun, calm 33°C

This was a quiet day in comparison with those so far. We spent the early morning in Aboabo Forest, part of the Kakum national park, and travelled to Kumasi in the afternoon.

Many of the species we saw while walking between great stands of trees. A Brown Illadopsis sang within feet of us for some time but refused to come out but we had more luck with Green Crombec and Tit-hyllia. A pair of Dusky-blue Flycatchers put on a show for us and we even got reasonable views of Grey Longbill (which has the shortest beak in the family). This bird was seen by Richard in every detail except the long bill prompting Alan's comment: "If you've got everything except the bill it sounds like the end of some people's perfect evening."

A couple of Swamp Palm Bulbul parties caused a commotion as they chattered around the raffia palms and a juvenile Klaas's Cuckoo took a little working out. Least common bird of the morning for many was a Blue Cuckooshrike which posed beautifully as we studied it but the real star of the show was a Crested Malimbe building its woven nest. Even in the time we watched the operation it was able to make good progress stripping strands from palm leaves and weaving them into the start of its nest. Eventually we had to wish him success (its mate would choose or reject the nest depending on his building skills) and move on.

Other successes of the morning included seeing our first Red-rumped Tinkerbird (we had heard the species daily) and getting good views of a pair of Sabine's Puffbacks. One or two Sabine's Spinetails were also seen. Roy saw a Black Dwarf Hornbill heard calling but the rest of us had to make do with the call as we all did when a party of Red-billed Dwarf Hornbills in distant trees.

The journey to Kumasi was uneventful in the bird line but enjoyable for the countryside and busy villages we passed through. Tourist buses are not a common sight even this close to large cities and we attracted some attention from happy smiling people.

#### **Friday 25 January**

Less hazy, sunny, calm 33°C

An early start saw us on the long journey to Mole NP. A number of birds were added on the way – six Grey Kestrels, Abyssinian and Blue-bellied Rollers. A Brown Snake Eagle was studied as it sat high on an electricity pylon and, as we approached Mole national park, a fire set to burn rank grass was attracting a strange assortment of birds hunting the fleeing insects. Grasshopper Buzzards, Black and Yellow-billed Kites, even Grey and Red-billed Hornbills were dining together. Fork-tailed Drongos and Cattle Egrets were on the edges waiting their turns.

We arrived at the park about 5pm and immediately took a beer to the terrace where a pleasant time was spent watching the more common birds and animals – Hamerkops and Bushbuck, Helmeted Guineafowl and Waterbuck, while Hadada called as they flew past. The prize sighting was an Elephant bathing – an uncommon sight in the evenings at Mole.

#### **Saturday 26 to Monday 28 January**

Saturday: sunny, calm 33°C; Sunday: sunny but very hazy, 34 °C; Monday: sunny and hazy, 34 °C

We quickly settled into a routine of early morning tea and biscuits, thanks again to Mark, on the terrace followed by a wildlife walk with Zak heavily armed. A late breakfast followed by a noon-walk were the precursors to a rest before lunch at 2pm and a wildlife walk later in the afternoons.

The walks were terrific with on four occasions giving close encounters with Elephants. These included watching a herd of six bathing, five feeding near the chalets and a party of 14 which crossed a road 50m in front of the bus.

Savanna birds came thick and fast and our list grew quickly. Highlights of the first morning walk included Pygmy and Beautiful Sunbirds, a roosting Greyish Eagle Owl and six species of flycatcher. The first afternoon walk had Violet Turaco, Orange-cheeked Waxbill and Standard-winged Nightjar (we finished by driving the length of the airstrip on dusk) as highlights.

Our second morning walk ended with brilliant views of a Pel's Fishing Owl flushed near the Mole River, Red-throated Bee-eaters, Saddle-billed Stork and Red-winged Pytilia. The second afternoon walk produced a Martial Eagle as highlight (and the 14 Elephants mentioned above). At least sixty Red-throated Bee-eaters at their colony were a stunning sight and a Bruce's Green Pigeon was pleasing too.

Another brilliant session on which we were walking with Elephants ended our third morning session as we came face to face with a big bull and several others bathing, with a bonus of two Martial Eagles, Grey-headed Bushshrikes, Oriole Warblers and a Bar-breasted firefinch. Another Elephant tore down a tree feet from our balcony later in the morning. We visited Larabanga Mosque (dating to the fifteenth century, allegedly) at lunchtime.

Our last walk in Mole national park ended on a high note after a bit of a struggle. The parched and dry savannah had been burnt in places making birding difficult. A couple of Abyssinian Rollers were seen as was a female Greater Honeyguide but even an African Cuckoo-hawk seemed tame after the morning's Martial Eagles. The highlight came as we left the airstrip (where displaying Standard-winged Nightjars had been seen again) to find a Greyish Eagle Owl hunting the feeder road. It was an amazing sight and view. We said goodbye to Zak before supper and getting ready to leave the next morning.

### Birds, mammals and reptiles seen in Mole national park

#### BIRDS

##### GUINEAFOWL

Helmeted Guineafowl

##### PHEASANTS, FOWL & ALLIES

Stone Partridge

Double-spurred Francolin

##### WILDFOWL

White-faced Whistling Duck

##### STORKS

Saddle-billed Stork

##### IBISES, SPOONBILLS

Hadada Ibis

##### HERONS, BITTERNS

Black-crowned Night Heron

Striated Heron

Squacco Heron

Cattle Egret

Grey Heron

Yellow-billed Egret

##### HAMERKOP

Hamerkop

##### FALCONS

Common Kestrel

Grey Kestrel

Lanner Falcon

##### KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES

African Cuckoo-hawk

Black Kite

Palm-nut Vulture

Hooded Vulture

White-backed Vulture

Brown Snake Eagle

Bateleur

Gabar Goshawk

Shikra

Martial Eagle

##### STONE-CURLEWS, THICK-KNEES

Senegal Thick-knee

##### PLOVERS

Spur-winged Lapwing

African Wattled Lapwing

##### JACANAS

African Jacana

##### PIGEONS, DOVES

Red-eyed Dove

Vinaceous Dove

Laughing Dove

Black-billed Wood Dove

Bruce's Green Pigeon

African Green Pigeon

##### PARROTS

Rose-ringed Parakeet

Senegal Parrot

##### TURACOS

Violet Turaco

Western Plantain-eater

##### CUCKOOS

Senegal Coucal

##### OWLS

Greyish Eagle-owl

Pel's Fishing Owl

##### NIGHTJARS

Freckled Nightjar

Standard-winged Nightjar

##### SWIFTS

African Palm Swift

Little Swift

**ROLLERS**

Abyssinian Roller

Blue-bellied Roller

**KINGFISHERS**

Grey-headed Kingfisher

Malachite Kingfisher

Shining-blue Kingfisher

**BEE-EATERS**

Red-throated Bee-eater

Green Wood Hoopoe

**HORNBILLS**

African Grey Hornbill

Red-billed Hornbill

Abyssinian Ground Hornbill

**BARBETS**

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird

Bearded Barbet

**WOODPECKERS**

African Grey Woodpecker

**WATTLE-EYES, BATISES**

Senegal Batis

Brown-throated Wattle-eye

**HELMETSHRIKES, BUSHSHRIKES**

Grey-headed Bushshrike

Black-crowned Tchagra

Northern Puffback

Tropical Boubou

Yellow-crowned Gonolek

**SHRIKES**

Yellow-billed Shrike

**ORIOLES**

African Golden Oriole

**DRONGOS**

Fork-tailed Drongo

**MONARCH FLYCATCHERS**

African Paradise Flycatcher

Rufous-vented Paradise Flycatcher

**CROWS, JAYS**

Pied Crow

**TITS**

White-shouldered Black Tit

**SWALLOWS, MARTINS**

Barn Swallow

Wire-tailed Swallow

**CISTICOLAS & ALLIES**

Tawny-flanked Prinia

**BULBULS**

Common Bulbul

**OLD WORLD WARBLERS**

Melodious Warbler

Senegal Eremomela

Northern Crombec

**BABLERS, PARROTBILLS**

Brown Illadopsis (H)

Brown Babbler

**WHITE-EYES**

African Yellow White-eye

**STARLINGS**

Purple Starling

Long-tailed Glossy Starling

**THRUSHES**

African Thrush

**CHATS, OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS**

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat

Familiar Chat

Northern Black Flycatcher

Pale Flycatcher

Spotted Flycatcher

Swamp Flycatcher

Dusky-blue Flycatcher

Grey Tit-flycatcher

European Pied Flycatcher

**SUNBIRDS**

Pygmy Sunbird

Scarlet-chested Sunbird

Beautiful Sunbird

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-weaver

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow

Bush Petronia

**WEAVERS, WIDOWBIRDS**

Little Weaver

Yellow-mantled Widowbird

**WAXBILLS, MUNIAS & ALLIES**

Red-winged Pytilia

Bar-breasted Firefinch

Red-billed Firefinch

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu

Lavender Waxbill

Orange-cheeked Waxbill

Bronze Mannikin

**INDIGOBIRDS, WHYDAHs**

Pin-tailed Whydah

Exclamatory Paradise Whydah

Togo Paradise Whydah

**WAGTAILS, PIPITS**

Red-throated Pipit

**FINCHES**

Yellow-fronted Canary

**MAMMALS****RABBITS & HARES**

Scrub Hare

**SQUIRRELS**

Striped Ground Squirrel

Gambian Sun Squirrel

**CANE RATS**

Greater Cane Rat

**MONGOOSES**

Marsh Mongoose

**MOONRATS & HEDGEHOGS**

Four-toed Hedgehog

**OLD WORLD FRUIT BATS**

Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat

**VESPER BATS**

Dark-winged Lesser House Bat

**OLD WORLD MONKEYS**

Olive Baboon

Vervet Monkey

Patas Monkey

**PIGS**

Warthog

**CATTLE, ANTELOPE, SHEEP & GOATS**

Bushbuck

Waterbuck

Kob

**ELEPHANTS**

African Elephant

**REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS****CROCODILES**

Nile Crocodile

**GECKOES**

House Gecko

**AGAMAS**

Agama

**SKINKS**

Five-striped Skink

**Tuesday 29 January**

Hazy / smoky atmosphere, cooler light breeze 29°C

Travelling days in Africa can be a little tedious and this was no exception with 400km to drive, the start along un-metalled roads. We had an early breakfast by the swimming pool but there were few birds or animals to see at that time of day. A 7am start was good getting us well into the journey before the day warmed up too much. A Rufous Crowned (Purple) Roller was seen badly at the entrance against the light and there were only a few birds along the journey.

Happily, there was a great deal to look at with colourful markets, rustic villages and street sellers at every major road-works. These were running well, unlike my first visit to Mole when it took two-and-a-half hours to get into Kumasi. We arrived at the Silicon Hotel at 4.15 and retired to rest or fight the internet connection.

Mark's extended family came around to the hotel for supper and a happy time was enjoyed by all. A few Fruit Bats were seen passing over the hotel on dusk.

**Wednesday 30 January**

Hazy sun, more humid, calm 31°C

Red-fronted Parrots were waiting for us when we arrived in the pretty Bobiri nature reserve (a butterfly sanctuary). High in a tree they looked down on us as we gazed up at them. A 6am departure gave us a fine start and we were soon in the first clearing(stopped as usual) watching Grey Parrots, White-rumped Swifts and a fine pair of Dusky Tits. Old friends such as Red-headed Malimbés, Maxwell's Black Weavers and Grey-headed Nigritas were good company before we saw our first Golden Greenbul. This brought to 13 the total of bulbuls and greenbuls we had seen – a tribute to the eyes and ears of our guides in picking out the members of this notoriously problematic group.

An African Hobby shot through as we left the clearing and Jani found a pair of Pale-fronted Nigritas. Calls alerted Robert to Red-billed Dwarf Hornbills nearby and with a scramble for the scopes we were able to see them this time – a fine pair, browner than expected. Roy and Robert flushed a Black-throated Coucal which refused to put in a repeat appearance for the rest of us and it was left to a Blue-throated Roller to claim bird-of-the-day status. It was almost pipped by Black Dwarf Hornbill but views were nowhere as good. A pair of Blue-throated Rollers was found a few minutes later ensuring that we had all seen the species from every possible angle.

Highlight of the morning, however, was not a bird but a Long-tailed Pangolin, a tree-dwelling scaly anteater. How Robert spotted it we never did find out but it was a great find, slinking off after about 15 minutes. What an extraordinary creature: scales like a Mirror Carp, snout of a bat and claws capable of ripping open termite nests.

The rest of the day was uneventful except that bush meat was being sold at one bridge, renown for this trade. We saw dead (happily) Brush-tailed Porcupines and Cane Rats, known as grasscutters in Ghana, but there may have been Ahanta Francolins as well... it is such a shame that this business seems to be flourishing.

We reached Atewa and the Alexco Guest House, a rather seedy place despite the en-suite shower-room (with wash-basin in the shower), TV and ceiling fan. We drove up into the Atewa forest and walked down a couple of kilometres birding between allotments as dusk fell. This produced poor views of Bluebill and Red-faced Quelea but things improved when we located a wintering Wood Warbler which had swapped

Blue Tits for Black-and-white Mannikins for company. I wonder if birds ever realise how extraordinary their lives are. Birds came thick and fast with good views of several species seen only poorly so far. Chestnut-breasted nigrita was a first and we heard a White-spotted flufftail which remained characteristically illusive. A Blue-throated Brown Sunbird, the last of 15 species seen on this trip, was seen well and a wintering Whinchat became the last new bird of the day as we left.

Dinner was eaten at a nearby restaurant as the guest house does not cater.

#### Thursday 31 January

Sunny with haze, 32°C

Returning to the same track we were shuttled 7km up a hill in a Land Rover to look for the localised Blue-headed bee-eater. A pair was found by Roy who went in the first group but sadly they had gone, never to reappear, by the time the rest of us arrived. This was a great disappointment, the first of our major quarry species to be missed. Finsch's Rufous Thrush was seen briefly along with a few other familiar forest species. An Olive-green Camaroptera was also seen only by a few. After a pleasant walk part way down the hill we returned to last night's restaurant for brunch before setting off back to Accra.

We spend the final two hours of the day back where the tour started at Sakumona lagoon where we added Turnstone, Temminck's Stint, Royal Tern and Sanderling to the list of birds seen there originally.

#### Friday 1 February

Sunny warm and humid 32°C

With a late night flight to catch I decided that a lie-in was called for and we did not set off for the Shai Hills reserve until after breakfast at 7.30. Olive Baboons were sitting on our path through the reserve but we were soon past them and out into open savanna. A European Bee-eater showed up at the same moment as three White-crested Helmetshrikes and we were torn as to which should be scoped. The helmetshrikes were seen well by most but the bee-eater took offence and pushed off in a huff. Short-winged (Siffling) Cisticolas were quite common and obliging but a pair of Yellow-bellied Eremomelas were seen by a few only. A face was put to the song of Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird at last before we reached a rocky cliff where a vigil for our last stake-out species was mounted. However, Mocking Cliff-chat mocked us by not showing up but views of Rock Martin were good compensation.

A female Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike was seen on the way back to the bus and a Broad-billed Roller was admired shortly after leaving the reserve.

We stopped at a good Accra restaurant for our final meal together, taking the opportunity to thank David and Robert for their sterling service. Most of us had delicious local dishes to celebrate the end of a great trip. We returned to the Dutch Hotel where a late check-out had been arranged for us. We headed off to the airport at 8pm and an uneventful flight back to London.

## LIST OF SPECIES SEEN BIRDS

	<b>GUINEAFOWL</b>		<b>Family Numididae</b>
1	<b>Helmeted Guineafowl</b>	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
	<b>PHEASANTS, FOWL &amp; ALLIES</b>		<b>Family Phasianidae</b>
2	<b>Stone Partridge</b>	<i>Ptilopachus petrosus</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
3	<b>Double-spurred Francolin</b>	<i>Pternistis bicalcaratus</i>	Heard on Winneba Plains the beach road walk; common Mole N.P.
	<b>WILDFOWL</b>		<b>Family Anatidae</b>
4	<b>White-faced Whistling Duck</b>	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Scores seen at Sakumona Lagoon and the Lily Pond; sixty on Brimsu reservoir.
5	<b>Garganey</b>	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Three on the Sakumona Lagoon.
	<b>GREBES</b>		<b>Family Podicipedidae</b>
6	<b>Little Grebe</b>	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Three on the Sakumona Lagoon.
	<b>STORKS</b>		<b>Family Ciconiidae</b>
7	<b>Woolly-necked Stork</b>	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	One seen by Roy in Mole N.P.
8	<b>Saddle-billed Stork</b>	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	One in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk.

## IBISES, SPOONBILLS

9 Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*10 Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*11 African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*

## HERONS, BITTERNES

12 Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*13 Striated Heron *Butorides striata*14 Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*15 Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*16 Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*17 Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*18 Great Egret *Ardea alba*19 Yellow-billed Egret *Egretta intermedia*20 Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca*21 Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*22 Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularis*

## HAMERKOP

23 Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*

## CORMORANTS

24 Reed Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus*

## FALCONS, CARACARAS

25 Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*26 Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaecus*27 African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*28 Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*

## KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES

29 African Cuckoo-Hawk *Aviceda cuculoides*30 Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus axillaris*31 Black / Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus migrans*32 Palm-nut Vulture *Gypohierax angolensis*33 Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*34 White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*35 White-headed Vulture *Aegypius occipitalis*36 Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*37 Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*38 Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*39 African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*

## Family Threskiornithidae

Two seen by Roy on the journey to Mole N.P.

Common at Mole N.P.

Four on the Sakumona Lagoon.

## Family Ardeidae

Several in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk.

A few on freshwater.

Common on freshwater sites.

Common daily.

More than 100 roosting on the Sakumona Lagoon; common on freshwater.

One seen in Mole N.P.

Scores on the Sakumona Lagoon; two on the beach road walk.

One on the Sakumona Lagoon; one at Mole N.P.

About 10 at Sakumona Lagoon.

Scores on the Sakumona Lagoon.

Several at the Sakumona Lagoon.

## Family Scopidae

Common at Mole N.P.

## Family Phalacrocoracidae

Common on freshwater; a flock of 60 on the beach road walk.

## Family Falconidae

One seen by Robin from the bus; one Mole N.P.

One on the beach road walk; common in Mole N.P.

One in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.

One in the Antwikwaa Forest; common in Mole N.P. with a pair displaying on second morning walk.

## Family Accipitridae

One in Mole N.P. on our last afternoon walk.

Seen on four occasions.

Common daily.

One or two seen daily at Mole N.P.

Abundant daily.

One or two seen daily at Mole N.P., maximum six on the third morning walk.

One at Hut d'Eric lunch stop.

One seen on a pylon on the way to Mole N.P.

One on Mole N.P. first morning walk

Common around swampy areas.

A pair seen nesting from the Kakum canopy walkway; one in the Antwikwaa Forest.

40	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Two seen by Roy on the way to Mole N.P.
41	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	One mobbing a Giant Kingfisher at Brimsu reservoir.
42	Red-thighed Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter erythropus</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.
43	Long-tailed Hawk	<i>Urotriorchis macrourus</i>	One flew down the track in front of our vehicle in the Asiakwa Hills.
44	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	Seen on four days of the tour.
45	Grasshopper Buzzard	<i>Butastur rufipennis</i>	Seen on three days with a maximum of 10 feeding on insects fleeing a bush fire near Mole N.P.
46	Red-necked Buzzard	<i>Buteo auguralis</i>	Seen on three days
47	Ayres's Hawk-eagle	<i>Hieraetus ayresii</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.
48	Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	One in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk; two on the third morning walk.
<b>FLUFFTAILS, RAILS, CRAKES, COOTS</b>			
49	White-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura pulchra</i>	<b>Family Rallidae</b> One heard in the hills near Asiakwa.
50	Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	One at the Lily Pond.
51	Purple Swamphe	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Two at the Lily Pond.
52	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Five at the Lily Pond.
<b>FINFOOTS</b>			
53	African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>	<b>Family Heliornithidae</b> Two at the Brimsu reservoir.
<b>STONE-CURLEWS, THICK-KNEES</b>			
54	Senegal Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus senegalensis</i>	<b>Family Burhinidae</b> Common Mole N.P.
<b>STILTS, AVOCETS</b>			
55	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	<b>Family Recurvirostridae</b> Common to abundant on freshwater.
<b>PLOVERS</b>			
56	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	<b>Family Charadriidae</b> Three at the Sakumona Lagoon; common Mole N.P.
57	African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
58	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Common at the Sakumona Lagoon.
59	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Abundant at the Sakumona Lagoon.
60	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	One at Sakumona Lagoon.
<b>JACANAS</b>			
61	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	<b>Family Jacanidae</b> Five at the Lily Pond; two at Hans Cottage Motel; twenty at Brimsu reservoir; common Mole N.P.
<b>SANDPIPERS, SNIPES</b>			
62	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	<b>Family Scolopacidae</b> Ten at the Sakumona Lagoon.
63	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	One seen at Sakumona Lagoon.
64	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	One on the beach road; two in Sakumona Lagoon.
65	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Three at the Sakumona Lagoon.
66	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	A few at the Sakumona Lagoon.
67	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Ten at the Sakumona Lagoon; four on the beach road walk.
68	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	A few on most freshwater sites.
69	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	About 15 at Sakumona Lagoon.
70	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	About 20 at Sakumona Lagoon.
71	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Common at the Sakumona Lagoon.
72	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Three at Sakumona Lagoon.
73	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Abundant at the Sakumona Lagoon.
74	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Six at the Sakumona Lagoon.
75	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	At least 20, one in white-headed plumage, at Sakumona Lagoon.

<b>COURSERS, PRATINCOLES</b>			<b>Family Glareolidae</b>
76	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Forty at the Sakumona Lagoon.
<b>GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS</b>			<b>Family Laridae</b>
77	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	A few at Sakumona Lagoon.
78	Royal Tern	<i>Sterna maxima</i>	Two or three at Sakumona Lagoon.
79	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common indeed, at the Sakumona Lagoon.
80	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Abundant at Sakumona Lagoon and just off the nearby coast.
<b>PIGEONS, DOVES</b>			<b>Family Columbidae</b>
81	Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Common in towns and villages.
82	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Heard on the Winneba Plains; 10 seen on the beach road walk.
83	Vinaceous Dove	<i>Streptopelia vinacea</i>	Heard on the Winneba Plains, on the beach road walk; abundant Mole N.P.
84	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Common to abundant.
85	Black-billed Wood Dove	<i>Turtur abyssinicus</i>	One on the beach road walk.
86	Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur afer</i>	Three in the Antwikwaa Forest.
87	Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	Two from the Kakum walkway; two in the Antwikwaa Forest; one in the hills near Asiakwa.
88	Bruce's Green Pigeon	<i>Treron waalia</i>	One in Mole N.P.
89	African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	Common in most forests.
<b>COCKATOOS, PARROTS</b>			<b>Family Psittacidae</b>
90	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	One or two seen daily at Mole N.P.
91	Black-collared Lovebird	<i>Agapornis swindernianus</i>	Four from the Kakum canopy walkway.
92	Grey Parrot	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	Five from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit.
93	Red-fronted Parrot	<i>Poicephalus gularis</i>	Five from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit.
94	Senegal Parrot	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	Two from the Kakum canopy walkway; a few in Mole N.P.
<b>TURACOS</b>			<b>Family Musophagidae</b>
95	Guinea (Green) Turaco	<i>Tauraco persa</i>	One on the beach road walk.
96	Yellow-billed Turaco	<i>Tauraco macrorhynchus</i>	One on the beach road walk.
97	Violet Turaco	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>	One in Mole N.P. on the first afternoon walk.
98	Western Plantain-eater	<i>Crinifer piscator</i>	A few daily.
<b>CUCKOOS</b>			<b>Family Cuculidae</b>
99	Black-throated Coucal	<i>Centropus leucogaster</i>	One in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.
100	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	One on the Winneba Plains; one Mole N.P. first morning walk.
101	Green Malkoha	<i>Ceuthochares australis</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.
102	Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Oxylophus levaillantii</i>	Two in Aboabo Forest.
103	Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	Two at Hans Cottage Botel; one in the Antwikwaa Forest.
104	Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	Two from the Kakum canopy walkway; one in the Antwikwaa Forest.
105	African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	Two from the Kakum canopy walkway; one in the Antwikwaa Forest.
106	Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cercococcyx olivinus</i>	One in flight only Antwikwaa Forest.

## BARN OWLS

107 Barn Owl

*Tyto alba*

## OWLS

108 Greyish Eagle-owl

*Bubo cinerascens*

109 Pel's Fishing Owl

*Scotopelia peli*

## NIGHTJARS

110 Plain Nightjar

*Caprimulgus inornatus*

111 Freckled Nightjar

*Caprimulgus tristigma*

112 Standard-winged Nightjar

*Macrodipteryx longipennis*

## SWIFTS

113 Sabine's Spinetail

*Rhaphidura sabini*

114 Mottled Spinetail

*Telacanthura ussheri*

115 African Palm Swift

*Cypsiurus parvus*

116 Common Swift

*Apus apus*

117 Little Swift

*Apus affinis*

118 White-rumped Swift

*Apus caffer*

## ROLLERS

119 Purple Roller

*Coracias naevius*

120 Abyssinian Roller

*Coracias abyssinicus*

121 Blue-bellied Roller

*Coracias cyanogaster*

122 Blue-throated Roller

*Eurystomus gularis*

123 Broad-billed Roller

*Eurystomus glaucurus*

## KINGFISHERS

124 Grey-headed Kingfisher

*Halcyon leucocephala*

125 Woodland Kingfisher

*Halcyon senegalensis*

126 Malachite Kingfisher

*Alcedo cristata*

128 Shining-blue Kingfisher

*Alcedo quadribrachys*

129 Giant Kingfisher

*Megaceryle maxima*

130 Pied Kingfisher

*Ceryle rudis*

## BEE-EATERS

131 Blue-headed Bee-eater

*Merops muelleri*

132 Black Bee-eater

*Merops gularis*

133 Little Bee-eater

*Merops pusillus*

134 Red-throated Bee-eater

*Merops bullocki*

135 White-throated Bee-eater

*Merops albicollis*

136 European Bee-eater

*Merops apiaster*

## Family Tytonidae

One heard at the Dutch Hotel, Accra; one seen at Hans Cottage Botel.

## Family Strigidae

One on Mole N.P. first morning walk

One in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk.

## Family Caprimulgidae

One heard at Hans, two from the bus one evening.

One hawking around the pool area, Mole N.P.

At least three pairs with displaying males on the airstrip at Mole N.P.

## Family Apodidae

One or two over Aboabo Forest.

Three on two days near the coast.

A few on the Winneba Plains; lots in the Antwikwaa Forest.

About 30 from the Kakum canopy walkway.

Many seen, several nesting at the Brimsu reservoir.

Three in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.

## Family Coraciidae

Seen on three days in or near Mole N.P.

Two seen on the way to Mole N.P.

One seen on the way to Mole N.P.

Three in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.

One seen on wires near Shai Hills, another in Accra.

## Family Alcedinidae

Common in Mole N.P.

A few daily, mostly on wires.

One at the Sakumona Lagoon; one at the Antwikwaa Forest.

One in Mole N.P. LEADERS ONLY

One at Brimsu reservoir was mobbed by a Shikra.

Common on freshwater.

## Family Meropidae

Two seen by Roy in the Asiakwa Hills.

Eight in the Antwikwaa Forest; one on the Picathartes alternative walk.

One at Hans Cottage Botel; two on the beach road walk.

One or two seen daily at Mole N.P. a colony was visited on the second afternoon walk.

Common daily.

One seen Shai Hills.

137 Rosy Bee-eater WOOD HOOPOES	<i>Merops malimbicus</i>	Ten in the Antwikwaa Forest. <b>Family Phoeniculidae</b>
138 Forest Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus castaneiceps</i>	A pair from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit.
139 Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	Two in Mole N.P. on our third afternoon walk.
<b>HORNBILLS</b>		
140 African Pied Hornbill	<i>Tockus fasciatus</i>	<b>Family Bucerotidae</b> Common daily.
141 African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	Two on the beach road walk; two at the Antwikwaa Forest.
142 Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	One seen by Roy on the way to Mole N.P.
143 Black Dwarf Hornbill	<i>Tockus hartlaubi</i>	One seen in Aboabo Forest; one in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.
144 Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill	<i>Tockus camurus</i>	Several heard in Aboabo Forest; two in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.
145 White-crested Hornbill	<i>Tropicranus albocristatus</i>	One Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit; five in Aboabo Forest.
146 Piping Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes fistulator</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest; seven at the Brimsu reservoir.
147 Abyssinian Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>	Two seen by Roy on the way to Mole N.P.
<b>TOUCANS, BARBETS</b>		
148 Naked-faced Barbet	<i>Gymnobucco calvus</i>	<b>Family Ramphastidae</b> Three in the Antwikwaa Forest.
149 Speckled Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus scolopaceus</i>	Seen on four days, maximum two.
150 Red-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus atroflavus</i>	Commonly heard more than seen.
151 Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	Heard from the Kakum canopy walkway; two at the Antwikwaa Forest.
152 Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	One heard Mole N.P.; three seen Shai Hills.
153 Hairy-breasted Barbet	<i>Tricholaema hirsuta</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway; one at the Antwikwaa Forest.
154 Vieillot's Barbet	<i>Lybius vieilloti</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.
155 Double-toothed Barbet	<i>Lybius bidentatus</i>	One on the beach road walk.
156 Bearded Barbet	<i>Lybius dubius</i>	One in Mole N.P.
<b>HONEYGUIDES</b>		
157 Cassin's Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus insignis</i>	<b>Family Indicatoridae</b> One at the Kakum N.P. car park.
158 Spotted Honeyguide	<i>Indicator maculatus</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway.
159 Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>	A female in Mole N.P. on our third afternoon walk.
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>		
160 Green-backed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera cailliautii</i>	<b>Family Picidae</b> One from the Kakum canopy walkway.
161 Little Green Woodpecker	<i>Campethera maculosa</i>	Two in Antwikwaa Forest.
162 Fire-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos pyrrhogaster</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit.
163 African Grey Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos goertae</i>	One seen by Roy at Mole N.P.
<b>WATTLE-EYES, BATISES</b>		
164 Black-and-white Flycatcher	<i>Bias musicus</i>	<b>Family Platysteiridae</b> A pair in the Antwikwaa Forest.
165 Chestnut Wattle-eye	<i>Dyaphorophya castanea</i>	A pair from the Kakum canopy walkway, another two at the visitors' centre on the second visit.

166 Senegal Batis	<i>Batis senegalensis</i>	A pair in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk.
167 Brown-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira cyanea</i>	A pair on Mole N.P. first morning walk
<b>HELMETSHRIKES, BUSHSHRIKES</b>		
168 White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Three seen Shai Hills.
169 Red-billed Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops caniceps</i>	Five in the Antwikwaa Forest, one on a nest.
170 Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	Four in Mole N.P. on the third morning walk.
171 Marsh Tchagra	<i>Bocagia minuta</i>	One on the beach road walk.
172 Three-streaked Tchagra	<i>Tchagra jamesi</i>	One at Hans Cottage Botel.
173 Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	Two on the Winneba Plains; one at Hans Cottage Botel; one Mole N.P.
174 Sabine's Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus sabini</i>	A pair seen in Aboabo Forest.
175 Northern Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus gambensis</i>	A pair on Mole N.P. first morning walk
176 Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>	One seen by Roy in Mole N.P.
177 Yellow-crowned Gonolek	<i>Laniarius barbarus</i>	A few daily.
<b>CUCKOOSHRIKES</b>		
178 Blue Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina azurea</i>	One seen in Aboabo Forest.
179 Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga phoenicea</i>	Female seen Shai Hills. LEADERS ONLY
180 Purple-throated Cuckooshrike SHRIKES	<i>Campephaga quiscalina</i>	One seen in the Asiakwa Hills.
181 Yellow-billed Shrike	<i>Corvinella corvina</i>	<b>Family Laniidae</b> A party of about five close to Mole N.P.
182 Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	Common on wires most days.
183 Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	One on the Winneba Plains; one at Hans Cottage Botel.
<b>FIGBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>		
184 African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>	<b>Family Oriolidae</b> One on Mole N.P. first morning walk
185 Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit.
186 Black-winged Oriole	<i>Oriolus nigripennis</i>	Singles from the Kakum walkway; in Antwikwaa and Aboabo forests.
<b>DRONGOS</b>		
187 Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	<b>Family Dicruridae</b> Three from the Kakum canopy walkway.
188 Velvet-mantled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus modestus</i>	Three from the Kakum walkway; two at the Antwikwaa Forest.
<b>MONARCH FLYCATCHERS</b>		
189 African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone v. viridis</i>	<b>Family Monarchidae</b> One at the Hans Cottage Botel; white morph in Mole N.P.
190 Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis rufiventer</i>	Seen on three days.
191 Chestnut-capped Flycatcher	<i>Erythrocercus mccallii</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway.
<b>CROWS, JAYS</b>		
192 Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	<b>Family Corvidae</b> Abundant.
<b>ROCKFOWL (BALDCROWS)</b>		
193 White-necked Picathartes	<i>Picathartes gymnocephalus</i>	<b>Family Picathartidae</b> Four seen at the Ashanti African Tours' Kakum N.P. site.
<b>TITS, CHICKADEES</b>		
194 White-shouldered Black Tit	<i>Parus guineensis</i>	<b>Family Paridae</b> Two on Mole N.P. first morning walk

195 Dusky Tit SWALLOWS, MARTINS	<i>Parus funereus</i>	A pair in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.
196 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	<b>Family Hirundinidae</b> Common most days - migrants?
197 Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Two on Mole N.P. first morning walk
198 Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	Two seen Shai Hills.
199 Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	One seen by Roy on the journey to Mole N.P.
200 Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	Several in the Antwikwaa Forest.
201 Preuss's Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon preussi</i>	A flock of at least 50 on the beach road walk.
<b>CISTICOLAS &amp; ALLIES</b>		<b>Family Cisticolidae</b>
202 Singing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cantans</i>	One on the Winneba Plains; one in the hills near Asiakwa.
203 Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	Recorded on three days.
204 Whistling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lateralis</i>	One on the Picathartes alternative walk.
205 Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>	One on the Sakumona Lagoon.
206 Short-winged Cisticola	<i>Cisticola brachypterus</i>	Two seen Shai Hills.
207 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	One on the Sakumona Lagoon.
208 Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Three on the Winneba Plains; three on the beach road walk.
209 Sharpe's Apalis	<i>Apalis sharpei</i>	Two in a feeding flock from the Kakum canopy walkway 2nd visit.
210 Oriole Warbler	<i>Hypergerus atriceps</i>	One on the beach road walk.
211 Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevoicaudata</i>	One heard at Hans Cottage Botel; one in Aboabo Forest.
212 Yellow-browed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera superciliaris</i>	Two in the Antwikwaa Forest; one on the Picathartes alternative walk.
213 Olive-green Camaroptera BULBULS	<i>Camaroptera chloronota</i>	One seen in the Asiakwa Hills.
214 Common Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	<b>Family Pycnonotidae</b> Lived up to its name everywhere.
215 Little Greenbul	<i>Andropadus virens</i>	Two, Kakum canopy walkway; one on the Picathartes alternative walk; two in the Aboabo Forest.
216 Little Grey Greenbul	<i>Andropadus gracilis</i>	Three in the Antwikwaa Forest.
217 Slender-billed Greenbul	<i>Andropadus gracilirostris</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway; four at the Antwikwaa Forest; three in Aboabo Forest.
218 Golden Greenbul	<i>Calyptocichla serina</i>	One in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.
219 Honeyguide Greenbul	<i>Baeopogon indicator</i>	Two from the Kakum canopy walkway; one in Aboabo Forest.
220 Spotted Greenbul	<i>Ixonotus guttatus</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway;
221 Simple Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla simplex</i>	One on the beach road walk; two at the Antwikwaa Forest.
222 Swamp Palm Bulbul	<i>Thescelocichla leucopleura</i>	Five, Antwikwaa Forest; about 10 in Aboabo Forest; a few elsewhere.
223 White-throated Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus albigularis</i>	One in a feeding flock seen from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit.
224 Grey-headed Bristlebill	<i>Bleda canicapillus</i>	One heard in the Antwikwaa Forest; one seen near the Kakum canopy walkway; two in Aboabo Forest.

225 Red-tailed Greenbul	<i>Criniger calurus</i>	One in a feeding flock seen from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit.
226 Western Nicator	<i>Nicator chloris</i>	One at the Kakum canopy walkway.
<b>OLD WORLD WARBLERS</b>		<b>Family Sylviidae</b>
227 Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	Two in Mole N.P.
228 Kemp's Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus kempii</i>	One heard at the Kakum N.P. car park; one heard in the Antwikwaa Forest. LEADERS ONLY
229 Grey Longbill	<i>Macrosphenus concolor</i>	Two in a feeding flock seen from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit; one in Aboabo Forest.
230 Green Hylia	<i>Hylia prasina</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.
231 Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	One at Aboabo Forest.
232 Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	One in the hills near Asiakwa.
233 Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	Three seen Shai Hills.
234 Senegal Eremomela	<i>Eremomela pusilla</i>	Flock of four on the Winneba Plains.
235 Rufous-crowned Eremomela	<i>Eremomela badiceps</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway.
236 Tit-hylia	<i>Pholidornis rushiae</i>	Two at the Kakum N.P. car park; one in Aboabo Forest.
237 Northern Crombec	<i>Sylvietta brachyura</i>	A pair on Mole N.P. first morning walk
238 Green Crombec	<i>Sylvietta virens</i>	Two in Aboabo Forest.
<b>BABLERS, PARROTBILLS</b>		<b>Family Timaliidae</b>
239 Brown Illadopsis	<i>Illadopsis fulvescens</i>	One heard in Aboabo Forest.
240 Brown Babbler	<i>Turdoides plebejus</i>	A small party in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk; three on the third morning walk.
<b>WHITE-EYES</b>		<b>Family Zosteropidae</b>
241 African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	Two at the Kakum N.P. car park.
<b>STARLINGS</b>		<b>Family Sturnidae</b>
242 Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Three in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.
243 Splendid Starling	<i>Lamprotornis splendidus</i>	Six at the Kakum canopy walkway; several at the Antwikwaa Forest.
244 Purple Starling	<i>Lamprotornis purpureus</i>	One in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk.
245 Long-tailed Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>	A few at Mole N.P.
246 Copper-tailed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis cupreocauda</i>	Two from the Kakum canopy walkway; two in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.
247 Chestnut-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus fulgidus</i>	Six from the Kakum canopy walkway.
<b>THRUSHES</b>		<b>Family Turdidae</b>
248 Finsch's Rufous Thrush	<i>Stizorhina finschii</i>	One seen in the Asiakwa Hills.
249 African Thrush	<i>Turdus pelios</i>	One on the beach road walk.
<b>CHATS, OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS</b>		<b>Family Muscicapidae</b>
250 Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha niveicapilla</i>	One on the Winneba Plains; two in Mole on the second afternoon walk; two on the third morning walk.
251 Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	One in the hills near Asiakwa.
252 Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	A pair on Mole N.P. first morning walk
253 Fraser's Forest Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria ocreata</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.

254 Northern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis edolioides</i>	Two on Mole N.P. first morning walk
255 Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>	Two on Mole N.P. first morning walk
256 Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	One at Hans Cottage Botel.
257 Swamp Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa aquatica</i>	One, Mole N.P. first morning walk.
258 Dusky-blue Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa comitata</i>	One seen in Aboabo Forest.
259 Tessmann's Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa tessmanni</i>	One on the alternative Picathartes walk.
260 Grey Tit-flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	One on Mole N.P. first morning walk
261 European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Three on Mole N.P. first morning walk
<b>SUNBIRDS</b>		<b>Family Nectariniidae</b>
262 Little Green Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes seimundi</i>	One, Kakum canopy walkway; one at the Antwikwaa Forest.
263 Grey-chinned (Green) Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i>	One in Antwikwaa Forest.
264 Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	Several on the beach road walk; ten at the Antwikwaa Forest.
265 Pygmy Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna platura</i>	Two on Mole N.P. first morning walk
266 Blue-throated Brown Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra cyanoaema</i>	One in the hills near Asiakwa; one seen Shai Hills.
267 Western Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra obscura</i>	One on the beach road walk; one at the Antwikwaa Forest; one on the Picathartes alternative walk.
268 Buff-throated Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra adelberti</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway; one at the Antwikwaa Forest.
269 Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	Three in Mole N.P. on the first afternoon walk.
270 Scarlet-tufted (Fraser's) Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia johnstoni</i>	One in a feeding flock seen from the Kakum canopy walkway on the second visit.
271 Olive-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chloropygius</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.
272 Tiny Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris minullus</i>	One in a feeding flock from Kakum canopy walkway, second visit.
273 Beautiful Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris pulchellus</i>	Two on Mole N.P. first morning walk
273 Splendid Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris coccinogastrus</i>	Several on the beach road walk.
275 Johanna's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris johannae</i>	One from the Kakum canopy walkway; one at the Antwikwaa Forest.
276 Superb Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris superbus</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.
277 Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</i>	Six on the beach road walk.
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS, SNOWFINCHES</b>		<b>Family Passeridae</b>
278 Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-weaver	<i>Plocepasser superciliosus</i>	One on Mole N.P. first morning walk.
279 Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>	Common in towns.
280 Bush Petronia	<i>Gymnoris dentata</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
<b>WEAVERS, WIDOWBIRDS</b>		<b>Family Ploceidae</b>
281 Little Weaver	<i>Ploceus luteolus</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
282 Black-necked Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigricollis</i>	One on the Picathartes alternative walk.
283 Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Common to abundant.
284 Vieillot's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus nigerrimus</i>	Lots on the beach road walk.

285 Yellow-mantled Weaver	<i>Ploceus tricolor</i>	A small colony from the Kakum canopy walkway; four at the Antwikwaa Forest.
286 Maxwell's Black Weaver	<i>Ploceus albinucha</i>	Two in the Antwikwaa Forest.
287 Preuss's Weaver	<i>Ploceus preussi</i>	Two in the Antwikwaa Forest.
288 Red-vented Malimbe	<i>Malimbus scutatus</i>	Two from the Kakum canopy walkway.
289 Blue-billed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus nitens</i>	Two from the Kakum canopy walkway.
290 Red-headed Malimbe	<i>Malimbus rubricollis</i>	Two at the Kakum N.P. car park; two at the Antwikwaa Forest.
291 Crested Malimbe	<i>Malimbus malimbicus</i>	Two in the Antwikwaa Forest.
292 Red-headed Quelea	<i>Quelea erythrops</i>	One in the hills near Asiakwa. LEADERS ONLY
293 Northern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>	One at Hans Cottage Botel.
294 Yellow-mantled Widowbird	<i>Euplectes macroura</i>	Three females on the beach road walk; abundant in Mole N.P.
<b>WAXBILLS, MUNIAS &amp; ALLIES</b>		
295 White-breasted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita fusconotus</i>	One in the Antwikwaa Forest.
296 Chestnut-breasted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita bicolor</i>	One in the hills near Asiakwa.
297 Pale-fronted Nigrita	<i>Nigrita luteifrons</i>	One seen by Jani in Bobiri Forest sanctuary.
298 Grey-headed Nigrita	<i>Nigrita canicapillus</i>	One from the Kakum walkway; two, Antwikwaa Forest; two, Aboabo forest; two, Bobiri Forest.
299 Red-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia phoenicoptera</i>	Two in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk.
300 Western Bluebill	<i>Spermophaga haematina</i>	Two in the hills near Asiakwa.
301 Bar-breasted Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rufopicta</i>	One in Mole N.P. on the third morning walk.
302 Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Three at Hans Cottage Botel.
303 African (Blue-billed) Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	Three in Kakum N.P.
304 Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
305 Lavender Waxbill	<i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
306 Orange-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>	Two at the Antwikwaa Forest.
307 Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	Common most days.
308 Black-and-white Mannikin	<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>	Six at Hans Cottage Botel; three in the hills near Asiakwa.
<b>INDIGOBIRDS, WHYDAHs</b>		
309 Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	<b>Family Viduidae</b> One at Hans Cottage Botel; common Mole N.P.
310 Exclamatory Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua interjecta</i>	Lots in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk.
312 Togo Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua togoensis</i>	At least one in Mole N.P.
<b>WAGTAILS, PIPITS</b>		
313 Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	<b>Family Motacillidae</b> Common.
314 African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Common around habitations.
315 Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	Four on the Sakumona Lagoon.
316 Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Two in Mole N.P. on the second morning walk.
<b>FINCHES</b>		
317 Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	<b>Family Fringillidae</b> Two in Mole N.P.
<b>TRUE BUNTINGS</b>		
318 Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	<b>Family Emberizidae</b> A few in Mole N.P.

## MAMMALS

	<b>RABBITS &amp; HARES</b>		<b>Family Leporidae</b>
1	Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	One on Mole N.P. airstrip.
	<b>SQUIRRELS</b>		<b>Family Scuridae</b>
2	Striped Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus erythropus</i>	One on the Winneba Plains; one in Mole N.P.
3	Gambian Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus gambianus</i>	One in Mole N.P. during the third morning walk.
4	Small Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus punctatus</i>	One at Hans Cottage Botel.
5	Red-legged Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>	One at Hans Cottage Botel.
6	Kintampo Rope Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus substriatus</i>	One near the Kakum canopy walkway.
	<b>MICE, RATS, VOLES &amp; GERBILS</b>		<b>Family Muridae</b>
7	Temminck's Striped Mouse	<i>Hybomys trivirgatus</i>	Two on the Asiakwa Hills path.
	<b>OLD WORLD PORCUPINES</b>		<b>Family Hystricidae</b>
8	African Brush-tailed Porcupine	<i>Atherurus africanus</i>	Two on sale by the side of the road as "bush meat".
	<b>CANE RATS</b>		<b>Family Thryonomyidae</b>
9	Greater Cane Rat	<i>Thryonomys swinderianus</i>	One on Mole N.P. airstrip; several on sale as "bush meat".
	<b>PANGOLINS</b>		<b>Family Manidae</b>
10	Long-tailed Pangolin	<i>Uromanis tetradactyla</i>	One in Bobiri Forest sanctuary, a mammal highlight.
	<b>MONGOOSES</b>		<b>Family Herpestidae</b>
11	Marsh Mongoose	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>	Two in Mole N.P.
	<b>MOONRATS &amp; HEDGEHOGS</b>		<b>Family Erinaceidae</b>
12	Four-toed Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus albiventris</i>	One on Mole N.P. airstrip.
	<b>OLD WORLD FRUIT BATS</b>		LEADERS ONLY
13	Gambian Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus gambianus</i>	<b>Family Pteropodidae</b>
	<b>HOG NOSED BATS</b>		Three as we left Kumasi.
14	Yellow-winged Bat	<i>Lavia frons</i>	<b>Family Craseonycteridae</b>
	<b>VESPER BATS</b>		One from the Kakum walkway.
15	Dark-winged Lesser House Bat	<i>Scotus hirundo</i>	<b>Family Vespertilionidae</b>
			Several hawking through the restaurant at Hans Cottage Botel; possibly same species at the Silicon Hotel, Kumasi, and Mole N.P.
	<b>OLD WORLD MONKEYS</b>		<b>Family Cercopithecidae</b>
16	Black-and-white Colobus	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	Heard from the Kakum walkway.
17	Olive Colobus	<i>Procolobus verus</i>	Family of three adults and a baby Kakum canopy walkway.
18	Olive Baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>	Large troops in Mole N.P.
19	Mona Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mona</i>	Party of five adults and two babies, Kakum walkway.
20	Lesser Spot-nosed Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus petaurista</i>	Two from the Kakum walkway.
21	Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
22	Patas Monkey	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
	<b>PIGS</b>		<b>Family Suidae</b>
23	Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
	<b>CATTLE, ANTELOPE, SHEEP &amp; GOATS</b>		<b>Family Bovidae</b>
24	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
25	Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
26	Kob	<i>Kobus kob</i>	Common in Mole N.P.
27	Bush Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	One in Mole N.P.
	<b>ELEPHANTS</b>		<b>Family Elephantidae</b>

- 28 **African Elephant** *Loxodonta africana* Common in Mole N.P. – three came close to us on the 1st morning walk, a highlight of the trip.

## REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

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|   | <b>CROCODILES</b>             |                                    | <b>Family Crocodylidae</b>   |
| 1 | <b>Nile Crocodile</b>         | <i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>        | At least 10 at Hans Cottage Botel; many at Mole N.P. including one that caught a huge catfish. |
|   | <b>GECKOES</b>                |                                    | <b>Family Gekkonidae</b>   |
| 2 | <b>House Gecko</b>            | <i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>        | Common Mole N.P. Motel.  |
|   | <b>AGAMAS</b>                 |                                    | <b>Family Agamidae</b>   |
| 3 | <b>Agama</b>                  | <i>Agama agama</i>                 | Common everywhere.   |
|   | <b>SKINKS</b>                 |                                    | <b>Family Scincidae</b>  |
| 4 | <b>Rainbow Mabuya (Skink)</b> | <i>Trachylepis quinquetaeniata</i> | Common at the hotel in Mole N.P.   |
|   | <b>VIPERS</b>                 |                                    | <b>Family Elapidae</b>   |
| 5 | <b>Egyptian Cobra</b>         | <i>Naja haje</i>                   | One at Sakumona Lagoon.  |

## HEAVENLY BODIES

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| 1 | <b>Orion</b> : Rigel, Betelgeuse, the Orion Nebula             | From Babevan Inn, Mole N.P. |
| 2 | <b>Gemini</b> with Pollux and Castor                           | From Babevan Inn            |
| 3 | <b>Mars</b>  | From Babevan Inn, Mole N.P. |
| 4 | <b>Auriga</b> with Capella and Menkalinan                      | From Babevan Inn            |
| 5 | <b>Sirius</b> , the brightest star in the sky, in Canui Major. | From Babevan Inn            |

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