

Species list
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Trip List

- 1. *Phalacrocorax africanus* - Long-tailed Cormorant common along the Comoé River; also frequently recorded in other parts of the country
- 2. *Ixobrychus sturmii* - Dwarf Bittern Comoé NP: 1 around one of the gallery forest ponds near the mouth of the River Iringou (June 8)
- 3. *Ardea goliath* - Goliath Heron usually recorded several times a week along the Comoé River
- 4. *Egretta garzetta garzetta* - Little Egret group of 4 along the Comoé River near the Cataracts (May 9)
- 5. *Bubulcus ibis ibis* - Cattle Egret in Comoé NP only recorded three times (little groups of around 5-10 flying along the Comoé River); abundant throughout the rest of the country
- 6. *Butorides striatus atricapillus* - Green-backed Heron common along the Comoé River and its tributaries; frequently encountered in wetland habitats in other parts of the country
- 7. *Scopus umbretta umbretta* - Hamerkop very common in any aquatic habitats within Comoé NP
- 8. *Mycteria ibis* - Yellow-billed Stork 1 along the Comoé River near the main camp (June 11)
- 9. *Ciconia episcopus microscelis* - Woolly-necked Stork in Comoé NP recorded around twice a week, usually near the Comoé River
- 10. *Bostrychia hagedash brevirostris* - Hadada Ibis very common along the Comoé River, its tributaries and comparable aquatic habitats within Comoé NP
- 11. *Plectropterus gambensis gambensis* - Spur-winged Goose one sizeable group at a water hole on a large beuval area in the north of Comoé NP (June 9)
- 12. *Pteronetta hartlaubii* - Hartlaubs Duck Comoé NP: small groups recorded regularly around the gallery forest ponds near the mouth of the River Iringou from June 8 through June 15
- 13. *Milvus migrans parasiticus* - Black Kite only a handful of sightings in Comoé NP, mainly in late May and June; common near the countrys coast

- 14. *Haliaeetus vocifer* - African Fish-eagle recorded around three times a week along the Comoé River
- 15. *Gypohierax angolensis* - Palm-nut Vulture regularly seen in Comoé NP (around twice a week); common in other parts of the country
- 16. *Necrosyrtes monachus* - Hooded Vulture 2 circling above the Comoé River near the Old Camp (May 24)
- 17. *Gyps africanus* - African White-backed Vulture very common within Comoé NP
- 18. *Trigonoceps occipitalis* - White-headed Vulture recorded twice within Comoé NP: 2 near camp (each May 7 and June 13)
- 19. *Terathopius ecaudatus* - Bateleur common within Comoé NP
- 20. *Polyboroides typus pectoralis* - African Harrier-hawk within Comoé NP recorded around twice a week; commonly seen in other parts of the country
- 21. *Kaupifalco monogrammicus monogrammicus* - Lizard Buzzard 1 in closed savanna in the north of Comoé NP (June 9)
- 22. *Melierax metabates metabates* - Dark Chanting-goshawk within Comoé NP recorded around once a week
- 23. *Accipiter badius sphenurus* - Shikra 1 in closed savanna habitat near the Congo River, Comoé NP (May 12)
- 24. *Buteo auguralis* - Red-necked Buzzard common within Comoé NP
- 25. *Hieraaetus spilogaster* - African Hawk-eagle 2 near Gawi, Comoé NP (June 9)
- 26. *Hieraaetus ayresii* - Ayres's Hawk-eagle Comoé NP: 1 near the Cataracts (May 17), 1 near the Lola Pond (June 3)
- 27. *Polemaetus bellicosus* - Martial Eagle Comoé NP: 1 near Congo Plain (May 9)
- 28. *Lophaetus occipitalis* - Long-crested Eagle Comoé NP: 1 near Main Camp (May 20), 1 near Hyperolius Pond (June 9)
- 29. *Falco ardosiaceus* - Gray Kestrel Comoé NP: 1 near Main Camp (May 20)

- 30. *Falco cuvierii* - African Hobby 2 hunting insects after rain-shower near Comoé's eastern park boundary at Bouna (June 10)
- 31. *Francolinus lathami lathami* - Latham's Francolin seen almost daily in Tai NP from April 21 through 29; on April 27 two adults with 1 juvenile of around two weeks age; in Comoé NP only one probable sighting within gallery forest habitat near Old Camp on June 7
- 32. *Francolinus achantensis* - Ahanta Francolin Comoé NP: a family party of 3 seen regularly within Main Camp gallery forest in first half of May
- 33. *Francolinus bicalcaratus bicalcaratus* - Double-spurred Francolin Comoé NP: recorded three times, mostly from the jeep along the tracks, only once when walking through open savanna habitat
- 34. *Ptilopachus petrosus petrosus* - Stone Partridge Comoé NP: 1 on park eastern boundary north of Bouna (June 10); a family party within park near the Bouna entrance (June 10)
- 35. *Numida meleagris galeata* - Helmeted Guineafowl common within Comoé NP
- 36. *Guttera pucherani verreauxi* - Crested Guineafowl Comoé NP: 3 in forest island (apparently connected to gallery forest) near the Vista Point (May 25), 1 in gallery forest near Old Camp (June 7)
- 37. *Podica senegalensis senegalensis* - African Finfoot Comoé NP: 1 at Iringou Bridge (June 8)
- 38. *Neotis denhami denhami* - Denham's Bustard Comoé NP: 1 at Gansé Plain (May 9)
- 39. *Actophilornis africanus* - African Jacana only a handful of sightings in Comoé NP, mainly along the Comoé River or in various ponds; frequently seen in many other parts of the country
- 40. *Burhinus senegalensis* - Senegal Thick-knee Comoé NP: recorded around twice a week along Comoé River
- 41. *Glareola nuchalis liberiae* - Rock Pratincole Comoé NP: 1 (June 14) and 5 with breeding display (June 15) at the Cataracts
- 42. *Vanellus albiceps* - White-headed Lapwing common along the Comoé River and its tributaries; also seen along a river within Tai NP (April 21)
- 43. *Vanellus senegallus senegallus* - African Wattled Lapwing common in open savanna and plain habitat within Comoé NP

- 44. *Actitis hypoleucos* - Common Sandpiper 1 at Comoé River near Old Camp (May 10)
- 45. *Columba iriditorques* - Western Bronze-naped Pigeon Comoé NP: regularly encountered in the Iringou gallery forest from June 8 through 16
- 46. *Streptopelia semitorquata* - Red-eyed Dove Comoé NP: frequently seen at beginning of May with records decreasing towards the end of June
- 47. *Streptopelia vinacea* - Vinaceous Dove Comoé NP: 1 in open savanna near Main Camp (May 5)
- 48. *Streptopelia senegalensis senegalensis* - Laughing Dove frequently seen near human habitations all over the country (not within Comoé NP)
- 49. *Turtur afer* - Blue-spotted Wood-dove common within Comoé NP; also frequently recorded in other parts of the country
- 50. *Turtur brehmeri infelix* - Blue-headed Wood-dove recorded a couple of times in Tai NP (from April 22 through April 28)
- 51. *Treron calva sharpei* - African Green-pigeon Comoé NP: recorded about three times a week in all kinds of wooded habitats; also frequently encountered in the countrys south
- 52. *Psittacula krameri (prob. ssp. krameri)* - Rose-ringed Parakeet one flock in Grand Bassam (June 21)
- 53. *Psittacus erithacus timneh* - Gray Parrot frequently seen flying by around Tai NP and its environs (April 21 through 28)
- 54. *Poicephalus senegalus versteri* - Senegal Parrot single individuals or small groups seen flying by around twice a week in all sorts of habitat within Comoé NP
- 55. *Corythaeola cristata* - Great Blue Turaco frequently seen in and around Tai NP (from April 21 through 29)
- 56. *Tauraco macrorhynchus macrorhynchus* - Yellow-billed Turaco seen a few times in Tai NP (from April 25 through 28)
- 57. *Musophaga violacea* - Violet Turaco Comoé NP: 1 in a forest island near the northern park entrance at Kaffolo (June 9)
- 58. *Crinifer piscator* - Western Gray Plantain-eater 1 at the Hyperolius Pond, Comoé NP (June 16)

- 59. *Clamator levaillantii* - Levallants Cuckoo Comoé NP: many sightings around the end of May, otherwise rarely seen
- 60. *Cuculus solitarius* - Red-chested Cuckoo very common in Comoé NP
- 61. *Chrysococcyx klaas* - Klaass Cuckoo frequently recorded in
- 62. *Chrysococcyx cupreus* - African Emerald Cuckoo regularly encountered in the Iringou gallery forest and a couple of times encountered in the gallery forest near the Main Camp from June 8 through 16; also seen in Yapo (June 23)
- 63. *Chrysococcyx caprius* - Diederik Cuckoo frequently encountered in Comoé NP (once vocalizations were known), but probably not present before mid-May
- 64. *Ceuthmochares aereus* - Yellowbill regularly encountered in gallery forest habitat in Comoé NP (knowledge of vocalization is of great help); also seen in Yapo (June 24)
- 65. *Centropus leucogaster leucogaster* - Black-throated Coucal 1 near IET Camp in Tai NP (April 26)
- 66. *Bubo cinerascens* - Grayish Eagle-owl Comoé NP: 1 along track from Main Camp to Kakpin (May 12); several other sightings of unidentified owls most likely referred to this species
- 67. *Strix woodfordii nuchalis* - African Wood-owl Comoé NP: heard very often (periodically even every night) around the Main Camp; 2 chased through the canopy by other birds in broad daylight (May 24) in gallery forest near the Main Camp
- 68. *Glaucidium castaneum ethecopari* - Chestnut Owlet Comoé NP: 2 caught in mist-nets in gallery forest near the Old Camp (May 25); heard a few times in gallery forest at the Main Camp in June
- 69. *Caprimulgus inornatus* - Plain Nightjar Comoé NP: 2 on track from Main Camp towards Gansé after dusk (May 20); a couple of probable sightings a few days earlier
- 70. *Caprimulgus climacurus* (ssp. unknown) - Long-tailed Nightjar Comoé NP: commonly seen on vehicle tracks on moonlit nights
- 71. *Telecanthura ussheri ussheri* - Mottled Spinetail Comoé NP: small numbers recorded a few times a week

- 72. *Neafrapus cassini* - Cassins Spinetail a few seen at Yapo (June 23+24)
- 73. *Cypsiurus parvus* (ssp. unknown) - African Palm-swift in Comoé NP, only seen around three times near Main Camp; frequently recorded in most other parts of the country
- 74. *Apus apus apus* - Common Swift Comoé NP: huge flocks on migration; peak from May 17 through 24, first date May 8, last date May 30
- 75. *Apus affinis aerobates* - Little Swift very rarely recorded in Comoé NP itself, but commonly seen in other parts of the country
- 76. *Apus caffer* - White-rumped Swift Comoé NP: commonest swift, also recorded in other parts of the country a couple of times
- 77. *Apaloderma narina constantia* - Narinas Trogon Comoé NP: regularly encountered at all gallery forest sites once vocalizations were known
- 78. *Halcyon badia* - Chocolate-backed Kingfisher 1 in Tai NP near Ecotel Touraco (April 22)
- 79. *Halcyon leucocephala leucocephala* - Gray-headed Kingfisher Comoé NP: common at the beginning of May, sightings sharply decreasing towards end of that month
- 80. *Halcyon malimbica forbesi* - Blue-breasted Kingfisher common in Comoé NP, especially once vocalization was known; also recorded at Yapo (June 23+24)
- 81. *Halcyon senegalensis* (ssp. unknown) - Senegal Kingfisher in Comoé NP, only recorded near the boundary in anthropogenically altered habitat; also recorded around Tai (April 21-24)
- 82. *Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti* - Striped Kingfisher seen about twice a week in closed savanna in Comoé NP
- 83. *Ceyx lecontei* - African Dwarf Kingfisher 2 near IET station in Tai NP (April 29)
- 84. *Ceyx picta* (ssp. unknown) - African Pygmy Kingfisher Comoé NP: recorded around twice a week in savanna near edge habitat
- 85. *Corythornis cristata galerita* - Malachite Kingfisher Comoé NP: regularly encountered; easily seen at Lola Bridge

- 86. *Alcedo quadribrachys quadribrachys* - Shining-blue Kingfisher Comoé NP: single individual seen three times (Comoé River at Old Camp, May 7; Comoé River at Cataracts, June 14; Congo Bridge, June 12)
- 87. *Megaceryle maxima* (ssp. unknown) - African Giant Kingfisher seen around three times a week along the Comoé River
- 88. *Ceryle rudis* - Pied Kingfisher very common along the Comoé River and its tributaries
- 89. *Merops gularis gularis* - Black Bee-eater one small group at the Ecotel Touraco in Tai NP (April 22)
- 90. *Merops pusillus pusillus* - Little Bee-eater commonly seen in Comoé NP (about every other day); also recorded in Yapo (June 23)
- 91. *Merops hirundineus chrysolaimus* - Swallow-tailed Bee-eater Comoé NP: aggregations seen only about once a week, preferably in open island forests with high trees or forest edge habitat
- 92. *Merops bullocki bullocki* - Red-throated Bee-eater commonest bee-eater in Comoé NP, seen almost daily, preferably along brooks and in forest edge habitat
- 93. *Merops albicollis* - White-throated Bee-eater Comoé NP: sporadically seen both in May and June, but huge monospecific flocks recorded around the end of May
- 94. *Coracias naevia naevia* - Rufous-crowned Roller Comoé NP: 1 in a huge beaupal area in north of park (June 9)
- 95. *Coracias cyanogaster* - Blue-bellied Roller Comoé NP: one sighting in May (May 23), several sightings in June
- 96. *Coracias abyssinica* - Abyssinian Roller Comoé NP: 1 in a huge beaupal area in north of park (June 9)
- 97. *Eurystomus glaucurus afer* - Broad-billed Roller very common in Comoé NP, seen almost daily
- 98. *Phoeniculus purpureus* (ssp. unknown) - Red-billed Wood-Hoopoe Comoé NP: only seen about once or twice per week, preferably near forest edge habitat
- 99. *Phoeniculus aterrimus aterrimus* - Black Wood-Hoopoe Comoé NP: recorded about three times a week; easily seen in the baobab forest near the Old Camp

- 100. *Upupa epops* (ssp. unknown) - Hoopoe Comoé NP: 1 on Congo Plain (May 9)
- 101. *Bucorvus abyssinicus* - Abyssinian Ground Hornbill Comoé NP: groups of two seen on three occasions (first date May 31)
- 102. *Tockus albocristatus albocristatus* - White-crested Hornbill 1 near Mt. Niénoukoué in Tai NP (April 21)
- 103. *Tockus camurus* - Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill 1 near Ecotel Touraco in Tai NP (April 22)
- 104. *Tockus fasciatus semifasciatus* - African Pied Hornbill seen almost daily in Comoé NP; common in most other parts of the country as well
- 105. *Tockus nasutus nasutus* - African Gray Hornbill very common in Comoé NP, especially near forest edges
- 106. *Ceratogymna fistulator fistulator* - Piping Hornbill seen almost daily in Comoé NP, especially near the river just before dusk
- 107. *Ceratogymna elata* - Yellow-casqued Wattled Hornbill several groups near the Ecotel Touraco in Tai NP (April 21+22)
- 108. *Gymnobucco calvus calvus* - Naked-faced Barbet recorded at fruiting trees near the park boundary of Tai NP (April 23) and in Yapo (June 23)
- 109. *Pogoniulus scolopaceus scolopaceus* - Speckled Tinkerbird common in Yapo (end of June) and in secondary habitat near Tai NP (end of April)
- 110. *Pogoniulus subsulphureus chrysopygius* - Yellow-throated Tinkerbird one or two seen in Yapo (June 24)
- 111. *Pogoniulus bilineatus leucolaima* - Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird Comoé NP: recorded in closed savanna habitat in low densities (only about once a week)
- 112. *Pogoniulus chrysoconus chrysoconus* - Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird Comoé NP: only recorded twice (first date May 11) in savanna near forest edge habitat
- 113. *Tricholaema hirsuta hirsuta* - Hairy-breasted Barbet 1 near the boundary of Tai NP (April 23)
- 114. *Lybius vieilloti rubescens* - Vieillots Barbet Comoé NP: recorded in closed savanna in low densities (only about once a week)

- 115. *Indicator maculatus maculatus* - Spotted Honeyguide Comoé NP: 1 caught in gallery forest near Old Camp (May 27) with 1 Buff-spotted Woodpecker (*Campethera nivos*a) caught in the same net 1 hour earlier; 1 sighting from the Iringou Bridge (June 8)
- 116. *Indicator indicator* - Greater Honeyguide Comoé NP: only recorded about once or twice a week, mostly in forest edge habitat
- 117. *Campethera punctuligera punctuligera* - Fine-spotted Woodpecker Comoé NP: recorded almost about once a week in closed savanna habitat
- 118. *Campethera nivos*a *nivos*a - Buff-spotted Woodpecker low density inhabitant of gallery forests in Comoé NP (only about one sighting per week); also frequently recorded in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 119. *Campethera caroli arizelus* - Brown-eared Woodpecker recorded several times in Tai NP near IET station (April 25-28)
- 120. *Dendropicos fuscescens lafresnayi* - Cardinal Woodpecker Comoé NP: 2 in baobab forest near Old Camp (June 4)
- 121. *Dendropicos goertae goertae* - Gray Woodpecker Comoé NP: recorded about once a week, often near forest edge habitat
- 122. *Picoides obsoletus obsoletus* - Brown-backed Woodpecker Comoé NP: recorded around once or twice a week in open savanna, rarely found in denser habitat
- 123. *Smithornis rufolateralis rufolateralis* - Rufous-sided Broadbill 1 in Tai NP near IET station (April 28)
- 124. *Smithornis capensis delacouri* - African Broadbill Comoé NP: 2 caught in gallery forest near Main Camp (May 16); heard just on a couple of occasions near the Main Camp
- 125. *Mirafr*a *rufocinnamomea buckleyi* - Flappet Lark Comoé NP: occasionally recorded in open savanna and plain habitat, e.g. Lola Plain, Congo Plain, Bretelle Plain; rarely seen in more closed savanna habitat (track to the Iringou Ponds)
- 126. *Pinarocorys erythropygia* - Rufous-rumped Lark Comoé NP: 2 seen on Gansé Plain (May 15+16)
- 127. *Galerida modesta* (ssp. unknown) - Sun Lark Comoé NP: only seen on few occasions (Lola Plain, Congo Plain)

- 128. *Psalidoprocne nitens nitens* - Square-tailed Saw-wing 1 in Yapo (June 24)
- 129. *Psalidoprocne obscura* - Fanti Saw-wing Comoé NP: very common
- 130. *Hirundo semirufa gordonii* - Red-breasted Swallow Comoé NP: recorded only about a handful of times, primarily single individuals associating with Lesser Striped Swallows (*Hirundo abyssinica*); not recorded before the first big rains (end of May)
- 131. *Hirundo senegalensis senegalensis* - Mosque Swallow Comoé NP: single individuals or small groups recorded about once a week, mostly by the river, either singly or associating with swifts
- 132. *Hirundo abyssinica puella* - Lesser Striped Swallow common in Comoé NP and in most other parts of the country, occurring in large flocks
- 133. *Hirundo smithii smithii* - Wire-tailed Swallow common in Comoé NP; occurring pair-wise, seen almost daily
- 134. *Hirundo nigrita* - White-throated Blue Swallow seen a few times in Tai NP (April 26-28)
- 135. *Hirundo lucida lucida* - Red-chested Swallow Comoé NP: a few occasionally seen associated with Lesser Striped Swallows (*Hirundo abyssinica*) from the beginning of the rains (end of May)
- 136. *Motacilla aguimp vidua* - African Pied Wagtail Comoé NP: seen regularly along the Comoé River (about 4 times a week)
- 137. *Anthus leucophrys* (ssp. unknown) - Plain-backed Pipit Comoé NP: recorded in low densities (only about once a week or less) in open savanna and plain habitat, especially Lola Plain and Congo Plain
- 138. *Macronyx croceus* - Yellow-throated Longclaw Comoé NP: recorded a few times at the Bretelle Plain and once at the Congo Plain
- 139. *Campephaga phoenicea* - Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike common in Comoé NP; recorded up to 5 days a week
- 140. *Coracina pectoralis* - White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike Comoé NP: recorded once or twice a week, usually near forest edge habitat
- 141. *Coracina azurea* - Blue Cuckoo-shrike 1 in Tai NP near IET station (April 25)

- 142. *Andropadus virens erythropterus* - Little Greenbul commonly encountered in secondary roadside habitat and forest clearings in and near Tai NP and in Yapo
- 143. *Andropadus gracilis extremus* - Little Gray Greenbul Comoé NP: 1 silent individual feeding among a mixed flock at forest edge in Main Camp (June 15), identification based on perception of eye-ring (excluding most other possible greenbuls of similar coloration and size) and lack of rufous tones in plumage (excluding the rare Ansorge's Greenbul - *Andropadus ansorgei*); also recorded in forest edge habitat in Yapo several times
- 144. *Andropadus curvirostris* (ssp. unknown) - Plain Greenbul seen on two occasions in virtually primary forest in Yapo (June 23+24)
- 145. *Andropadus gracilirostris gracilirostris* - Slender-billed Greenbul frequently encountered in Yapo Forest (June 22-24)
- 146. *Andropadus latirostris congener* - Yellow-whiskered Greenbul frequently encountered in Tai NP and Yapo
- 147. *Calyptocichla serina* - Golden Greenbul small group repeatedly seen at the same fruiting tree in Yapo Forest (June 23+24)
- 148. *Baeopogon indicator leucurus* - Honeyguide Bulbul Comoé NP: regularly encountered at all gallery forest sites (once vocalizations were known); about three encounters per week; very hard to see without knowledge of sound
- 149. *Ixonotus guttatus* - Spotted Greenbul large groups occasionally encountered in Yapo Forest (June 22-24)
- 150. *Chlorocichla simplex* - Simple Greenbul seen a couple of times in secondary roadside habitat near Yapo (June 22)
- 151. *Chlorocichla flavicollis flavicollis* - Yellow-throated Leaf-love Comoé NP: one caught in closed savanna habitat interspersed with thickets right near Main Camp (June 1)
- 152. *Thescelocichla leucopleura* - Swamp Palm Bulbul large flock in clearing of IET station in Tai NP (April 29)
- 153. *Pyrrhurus scandens scandens* - Leaf-love Comoé NP: common inhabitant of gallery forest, though far more often heard than seen
- 154. *Phyllastrephus icterinus* - Icterine Greenbul common member of mixed bird parties in Tai NP and in Yapo, occurring in good numbers; usually staying in lower canopy

- 155. *Bleda canicapilla canicapilla* - Gray-headed Bristlebill Comoé NP: common inhabitant of gallery forest (once vocalization is known); also recorded in primary forest in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 156. *Criniger barbatus barbatus* - Western Bearded Greenbul regular member of mixed bird parties in primary forest in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 157. *Criniger calurus verreauxi* - Red-tailed Greenbul regular member of mixed bird parties in primary forest in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 158. *Criniger olivaceus* - Yellow-bearded Greenbul 1 in mixed bird party in primary forest in Yapo (June 24); seen higher up in canopy than Icterine Greenbuls - *Phyllastrephus icterinus*, gleaning the trunks for insects in woodcreeper manner
- 159. *Pycnonotus barbatus inornatus* - Common Bulbul generally one of commonest bird species in Comoé NP and outside
- 160. *Stiphornis erythrothorax erythrothorax* - Forest Robin recorded several times in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 161. *Cossypha niveicapilla niveicapilla* - Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat Comoé NP: regularly recorded in gallery forest and forest island habitat, occasionally in savanna thickets; very hard to see, knowledge of vocalization helpful
- 162. *Alethe diademata diademata* - Fire-crested Alethe regularly recorded at all gallery forest sites in Comoé NP (once vocalization was known); about four encounters per week; also seen in Tai NP several times
- 163. *Alethe poliocephala poliocephala* - Brown-chested Alethe seen once or twice in Tai NP (April 27)
- 164. *Neocossyphus poensis poensis* - White-tailed Ant-Thrush seen a couple of times in Tai NP (April 22+27)
- 165. *Neocossyphus finschii* - Finschs Flycatcher-Thrush Comoé NP: 2 individuals of different territories found in the Iringou gallery forest (June 16), one of them singing and tape-recorded; also seen in Tai NP and in Yapo several times
- 166. *Cercotrichas leucosticta* (ssp. unknown) - Forest Scrub-Robin Comoé NP: regularly recorded at all gallery forest sites (once vocalization was known)

- 167. *Myrmecocichla albifrons frontalis* - White-fronted Black Chat Comoé NP: common inhabitant of open savanna and plain habitat
- 168. *Zoothera princei princei* - Gray Ground-Thrush 1 seen in Tai NP (April 27) among huge mixed feeding flock
- 169. *Turdus pelios chiguancoides* - African Thrush fairly common in Comoé NP and its surroundings, especially near forest edge
- 170. *Melocichla mentalis mentalis* - Moustached Grass-Warbler Comoé NP: common in marshy savanna or in open habitat near brooks
- 171. *Hippolais polyglotta* - Melodious Warbler Comoé NP: 1 singing in savanna (May 4), 1 associated with Wood Warblers (*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*) (May 10)
- 172. *Cisticola erythrops erythrops* - Red-faced Cisticola Comoé NP: seen a few times in rank waterside vegetation along the Lola Creek immediately adjacent to the Main Camp
- 173. *Cisticola cantans swanzii* - Singing Cisticola Comoé NP: common inhabitant of closed savanna habitat, far more often heard than seen with vocal activity starting around the end of May
- 174. *Cisticola lateralis lateralis* - Whistling Cisticola very common inhabitant of closed savanna habitat in Comoé NP, far more often heard than seen, with vocal activity starting around the end of May; also recorded in other parts of the country (e.g. Tai NP)
- 175. *Cisticola natalensis strangei* - Croaking Cisticola Comoé NP: two pairs in closed savanna near Hyperolius Pond (June 12), 1 singing individual at Lola Pond (June 17)
- 176. *Cisticola dorsti* - Plaintive Cisticola Comoé NP: regularly recorded in a small area of closed savanna habitat along the track connecting the Main Road with the mouth of the River Iringou (June 8-15); vocal activity on June 11 and 13, but unfortunately sound recordings could not be obtained on those days due to technical difficulties; however, vocalizations and morphology were found to be clearly consistent with new species coverage in the Field Guide to the Birds of The Gambia and Senegal (Barlow et al., 1997); therefore, older records of Rufous-pate Cisticola (*Cisticola ruficeps*) in Comoé NP will evidently have to be reviewed and - at best - reconfirmed

- 177. *Cisticola brachypterus/rufus* - Rufous/Siffling Cisticola Comoé: birds omnipresent in dry season appeared to be "*brachypterus*"; from June 2 onwards sightings of very rufous birds with very white underparts ("Booted Warbler" appearance) in Bretelle Plain; after that, apparently no sightings of streaked birds any more, with even the camp birds making appearance of "*rufus*", even though not necessarily all rufous, but at least unstreaked; sound recording of one such individual obtained on June 15; matches sound description of "*rufus*" in *The Birds of The Gambia and Senegal*, but the *Birds of Africa* considers songs of both species very similar; most probably both species involved, with majority of sightings referring to "*brachypterus*" and those sightings on more arid habitat in Bretelle Plain referring to "*rufus*"
- 178. *Cisticola juncidis uropygialis* - Zitting Cisticola Comoé NP: rarely recorded in open savanna or plain habitat, most often near thorn bush habitat at Bretelle Plain (all in all about 4 encounters)
- 179. *Prinia subflava melanorhyncha* - Tawny-flanked Prinia very common in Comoé NP and other parts of the country
- 180. *Heliolais erythroptera erythroptera* - Red-winged Warbler Comoé NP: reasonably common near brooks or in marshy savanna; recorded about once or twice a week, more often towards rainy season (June); on June 6, a family party in marshy savanna near Old Camp
- 181. *Apalis sharpii* - Sharpes Apalis 1 female seen at Mt. Niénoukoué in Tai NP (April 21)
- 182. *Camaroptera brachyura* (ssp. unknown) - Bleating Warbler one of the commonest birds encountered in Comoé NP and other parts of the country
- 183. *Camaroptera superciliaris* - Yellow-browed Camaroptera encountered along road through Yapo Forest (June 23+24)
- 184. *Camaroptera chloronota* (ssp. unknown) - Olive-green Camaroptera 1 in Yapo (June 24)
- 185. *Macrosphenus kempii kempii* - Kemp's Longbill 1 in forest edge habitat near IET station in Tai NP (April 25)
- 186. *Eremomela pusilla* - Senegal Eremomela Comoé NP: very common inhabitant of open or closed savanna habitat
- 187. *Sylvietta brachyura brachyura* - Northern Crombec Comoé NP: recorded around once a week in open forest, closed savanna or forest edge habitat; little groups often associated with other songbirds

- 188. *Sylvietta virens flaviventris* - Green Crombec family parties recorded along road through Yapo Forest (June 22-24)
- 189. *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* - Wood Warbler Comoé NP: small migrant parties encountered from May 5 through 15, a few times recorded singing, found especially in forest edge habitat and open forest
- 190. *Hypergerus atriceps* - Oriole Warbler Comoé NP: patchily recorded in riparian growth habitat (regularly along Congo near Congo Bridge) and in damp savanna thickets (once)
- 191. *Hyliota flavigaster flavigaster* - Yellow-bellied Hyliota Comoé NP: rarely recorded in closed savanna habitat (less than once a week); usually pair-wise or associated with other songbirds
- 192. *Hylia prasina prasina* - Green Hylia recorded several times in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 193. *Fraseria ocreata prosphora* - Fraser's Forest-Flycatcher 1 seen foraging on a huge tree trunk at the IET entrance to Tai NP (April 29)
- 194. *Fraseria cinerascens cinerascens* - White-browed Forest-Flycatcher Comoé NP: single individuals recorded twice in gallery forest near Old Camp and twice in Iringou Forest; 2 adults feeding one spotted juvenile on June 6 at Main Camp
- 195. *Melaenornis edolioides edolioides* - Northern Black Flycatcher Comoé NP: recorded around twice a week, particularly in savanna habitat with high emergent trees and in open forest habitat
- 196. *Melaenornis pallidus* (ssp. unknown) - Pale Flycatcher Comoé NP: very common in open savanna habitat, seen almost daily
- 197. *Muscicapa cassini* - Cassins Flycatcher one family along stream near Mt. Niénoukoué in Tai NP (April 21+22)
- 198. *Muscicapa ussheri* - Usshers Flycatcher a few seen in Tai NP (April 25)
- 199. *Muscicapa comitata aximensis* - Dusky-blue Flycatcher a family party seen along road in Yapo Forest (June 23)
- 200. *Muscicapa epulata* - Little Gray Flycatcher seen twice in Yapo Forest (June 23+24)

- 201. *Myioparus plumbeus plumbeus* - Gray Tit-Flycatcher Comoé NP: recorded about once a week, exclusively at the edge of gallery forest (e.g. at Main Camp and at Old Camp)
- 202. *Ficedula hypoleuca* (ssp. unknown) - European Pied Flycatcher Comoé NP: migrants recorded from May 6 through 16 with decreasing numbers, found particularly often in open forested habitat or gallery forest edge; one late date: 1 seen near Main Camp on June 11
- 203. *Erythrocercus mccallii nigeriae* - Chestnut-capped Flycatcher a few seen in Tai NP (April 29) and in Yapo Forest (June 23+24)
- 204. *Elminia longicauda longicauda* - African Blue Flycatcher Comoé NP: recorded around three times a week; fond of open forest habitat, forest edge and savanna with high emergent trees surrounded by thickets
- 205. *Terpsiphone rufiventer nigriceps* - Red-bellied Paradise-Flycatcher very common inhabitant of forested habitats in Comoé NP; also recorded in Yapo and Tai NP
- 206. *Megabyas flammulatus flammulatus* - Shrike-Flycatcher a couple of pairs seen in Tai NP (April 22-25)
- 207. *Dyaphorophya castanea hormophora* - Chestnut Wattle-eye frequently seen in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 208. *Dyaphorophya concreta concreta* - Yellow-bellied Wattle-eye seen on a couple of occasions as a member of mixed feeding parties in Tai NP (April 27)
- 209. *Platysteira cyanea cyanea* - Brown-throated Wattle-eye Comoé NP: frequent inhabitant of forested habitat and savanna thickets, seen daily
- 210. *Batis senegalensis* - Senegal Batis Comoé NP: common inhabitant of fairly open savanna habitat, seen almost daily
- 211. *Prionops plumatus* - White-crested Helmet-Shrike Comoé NP: mostly seen in flocks of up to 7, recorded about twice to three times a week, preferably in gallery forest and forest edge habitat
- 212. *Prionops caniceps* - Red-billed Shrike small groups seen twice in Tai NP (April 26-28) and twice in Yapo Forest (June 23+24)
- 213. *Nilaus afer* - Brubru Comoé NP: low density inhabitant of closed savanna and open wooded habitat, recorded around twice a week, regularly seen in Baobab Forest near Old Camp

- 214. *Dryoscopus gambensis* - Northern Puffback Comoé NP: common inhabitant of forest edge habitat and savanna thickets, seen on most days of the week
- 215. *Dryoscopus sabinii* - Sabines Puffback 1 seen in Yapo Forest (June 24)
- 216. *Tchagra senegala* - Black-crowned Tchagra Comoé NP: common inhabitant of opener savanna habitats, recorded almost daily
- 217. *Laniarius aethiopicus* - Tropical Boubou Comoé NP: common inhabitant of forest edge habitat and savanna thickets; readily encountered once conspicuous vocalization is known
- 218. *Laniarius barbarus* - Yellow-crowned Gonolek Comoé NP: confined to riparian growth along river sections where there is little gallery forest; regularly encountered at Congo Bridge, otherwise only recorded once along Comoé River in central parts of Park
- 219. *Malaconotus sulfureopectus* - Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike Comoé NP: recorded around four times a week, particularly in forest thickets, vegetation along savanna streams and forest edge habitat
- 220. *Lanius collaris* - Fiscal Shrike Comoé NP: 1 on Gansé Plain (May 9), 1 in savanna near Main Camp (May 14)
- 221. *Lanius gubernator* - Emins Shrike Comoé NP: presumably a family recorded a few times in closed savanna along the connective track between the Main Road and the Iringou Delta (June 7 through 16); 1 at Lola Pond (June 17)
- 222. *Oriolus auratus* - African Golden Oriole Comoé NP: low density inhabitant of closed savanna with high emergent trees or open wooded habitat; recorded about once a week
- 223. *Oriolus brachyrhynchus* - Black-headed Oriole frequently recorded in primary forest in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 224. *Oriolus nigripennis* - Black-winged Oriole Comoé NP: encountered at all gallery forest sites, though somewhat sparse; knowledge of vocalization is of great help
- 225. *Dicrurus adsimilis* (ssp. unknown) - Glossy-backed Drongo Comoé NP: fairly common inhabitant of forest edge and opener habitats with high trees, recorded almost daily

- 226. *Dicrurus atripennis* - Shining Drongo frequently encountered as a leader of mixed bird parties in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 227. *Dicrurus ludwigii* - Square-tailed Drongo Comoé NP: encountered at all the gallery forest sites and in forest islands, though not more than three times a week; often hard to see
- 228. *Lamprotornis chalybaeus* - Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling Comoé NP: large flocks gathering every evening along Lola Creek and adjacent Plain before the first rains (peak from May 3 through 8); after that, no more records
- 229. *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* - Violet-backed Starling Comoé NP: recorded around three times a week, preferably in savanna habitat with high emergent trees and thickets, or in open wooded habitat
- 230. *Buphagus africanus* - Yellow-billed Oxpecker Comoé NP: recorded three times; exclusively seen in association with Wild Buffalo (*Syncerus caffer*), with one to five individuals accompanying herds of five to ten buffalo
- 231. *Corvus albus* - Pied Crow common in most inhabited parts of the country covered with open habitat; in Comoé only seen around park margins and once on Gansé Plain
- 232. *Picathartes gymnocephalus* - Bare-headed Rock-fowl 1 seen at Mt. Niénoukoué in Tai NP (April 22)
- 233. *Nicator chloris* - Western Nicator Comoé NP: uncommon inhabitant of gallery forest, only recorded about once a week; also recorded in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 234. *Illadopsis puveli* - Puvel's Illadopsis Comoé NP: regularly encountered at all gallery forest sites and in most larger forest islands; very shy and unconfiding, knowledge of vocalization is prerequisite
- 235. *Phyllanthus atripennis* - Capuchin Babbler Comoé NP: rare inhabitant of gallery forest, recorded twice near Main Camp, once near Old Camp and once in Iringou Forest
- 236. *Turdoides plebejus* - Brown Babbler Comoé NP: 1 caught in savanna thicket near Hyperolius Pond (May 12)
- 237. *Turdoides reinwardtii* - Black-capped Babbler Comoé NP: a large group twice encountered in riparian growth near Congo Bridge

- 238. *Pholidornis rushiae* - Tit-Hylia seen a few times in Yapo Forest (June 23-24)
- 239. *Parus leucomelas* - White-shouldered Black Tit Comoé NP: small groups or family parties encountered around every other day, preferably at the edge of savanna thickets or open wooded habitat
- 240. *Anthoscopus parvulus* - Yellow Penduline-Tit Comoé NP: small groups (often associated with Yellow White-eyes - *Zosterops senegalensis* and Wood Warblers - *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*) occasionally encountered in Baobab Forest near Old Camp and in adjacent gallery forest edge (about 5 records); also one record from closed savanna habitat along connective track between Main Road and Iringou Delta
- 241 - *Salpornis spilonota* - Spotted Creeper Comoé NP: about two sightings a week, preferably in open wooded habitat (like Baobab Forest near Old Camp); also in closed savanna
- 242. *Zosterops senegalensis* - Yellow White-eye Comoé NP: recorded around three times a week, often in association with other passerines; fond of open forest islands and comparable wooded habitat, gallery forest edge
- 243. *Emberiza cabanisi* - Cabaniss Bunting Comoé NP: low density inhabitant, strictly confined to extensive areas of closed savanna, like along the connective track from Main Road to Iringou Delta, or the so-called "Buffalo Pond Valley" near Lola Pond; only recorded around 5 or 6 times
- 244. *Serinus mozambicus* - Yellow-fronted Canary Comoé NP: seen on most days of the week in all kinds of open habitat; also recorded in Bouaké
- 245. *Anthreptes gabonicus* - Mouse-brown Sunbird Comoé NP: a small party at the rivers edge near the Cataracts (May 15)
- 246. *Anthreptes fraseri* - Scarlet-tufted Sunbird frequent member of mixed bird parties in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 247. *Anthreptes longuemarei* - Western Violet-backed Sunbird Comoé NP: seen only about four times in Baobab Forest near Old Camp
- 248. *Anthreptes collaris* - Collared Sunbird Comoé NP: fairly common inhabitant of gallery forest (seen at least four times a week); also recorded in Tai NP and in Yapo
- 249. *Nectarinia olivacea* - Olive Sunbird recorded a few times in Tai NP and probably also in Yapo

- 250. *Nectarinia verticalis* - Green-headed Sunbird Comoé NP: 1 female caught in savanna thicket near Hyperolius Pond (May 11)
- 251. *Nectarinia cyanolaema* - Blue-throated Brown Sunbird recorded once in Tai NP (April 29) and several times in Yapo Forest (June 22-24)
- 252. *Nectarinia adelberti* - Buff-throated Sunbird 1 in Yapo Forest (June 24)
- 253. *Nectarinia chloropygia* - Olive-bellied Sunbird Comoé NP: just one or two records from the Iringou Forest (June 8); recorded in Yapo and Tai NP a few times
- 254. *Nectarinia cuprea* - Copper Sunbird Comoé NP: recorded on around four to five days a week, found in all kinds of savanna habitat; also one record from secondary roadside habitat in Yapo
- 255. *Nectarinia coccinigaster* - Splendid Sunbird Comoé NP: one of commonest sunbirds, found in savanna habitat as well as all sorts of wooded habitat right into closed gallery forest; seen almost daily
- 256. *Nectarinia pulchella* - Beautiful Sunbird Comoé NP: one couple along Lola Creek near Main Camp (May 3)
- 257. *Nectarinia johanna* - Johannas Sunbird fairly frequently encountered in Yapo and Tai NP
- 258. *Nectarinia seimundi* - Little Green Sunbird Comoé NP: almost exclusively found in monospecific flocks; recorded around once a week or less, mostly in gallery forest near Old Camp or in Iringou Forest; possible sightings of this species in Tai NP and in Yapo included associations with other flocking species, but identity of those birds could never be securely established due to identification problems resulting from poor literature
- 259. *Ploceus luteolus* - Little Weaver Comoé NP: seen around 4 or 5 times, often in vicinity of the two following species; preferably in forest edge habitat, for instance a few records from Baobab Forest near Old Camp
- 260. *Ploceus heuglini* - Heuglins Masked Weaver Comoé NP: only recorded around 5 or 6 times, often in vicinity of following species; fond of edges of forest islands and open wooded habitat, for instance a few records from Baobab Forest near Old Camp
- 261. *Ploceus cucullatus* - Village Weaver Comoé NP: regularly recorded in open wooded habitat, forest edge, savanna thickets and along savanna

streams; seen on most days of the week; also seen in many other parts of the country, often in villages

- 262. *Ploceus nigerrimus* - Vieillots Black Weaver one flock in open agricultural area near Yapo (June 22)
- 263. *Melanoploceus tricolor* - Yellow-mantled Weaver one colony at IET park entrance of Tai NP (April 29)
- 264. *Ploceus nigricollis* - Spectacled Weaver Comoé NP: recorded around 5 times, exclusively at the edge of gallery forest along savanna streams, for instance several sightings along Lola Creek near forest edge; also seen in Tai Village
- 265. *Malimbus scutatus* - Red-vented Malimbe 1 in Tai NP (April 21); one couple in Yapo Forest (June 24)
- 266. *Malimbus nitens* - Gray's Malimbe several sightings in Tai NP and in Yapo Forest, mostly in association with mixed flocks
- 267. *Malimbus rubricollis* - Red-headed Malimbe 1 in Tai NP (April 23)
- 268. *Anaplectes rubriceps* - Red-headed Weaver Comoé NP: only recorded around once a week; fond of open wooded habitat (like Baobab Forest near Old Camp) or gallery forest edge (as near Main Camp); often in one flock with White-crested Helmet Shrike - *Prionops plumatus* and other birds of comparable size
- 269. *Quelea erythropis* - Red-headed Quelea a few in agricultural field near Yapo (June 22)
- 270. *Euplectes macrourus* - Yellow-shouldered Widowbird Comoé NP: very common and seen almost daily in open savanna habitat
- 271. *Plocepasser superciliosus* - Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver Comoé NP: common in closed savanna habitat, sometimes entering open wooded habitat; recorded on most days of the week
- 272. *Passer griseus* - Gray-headed Sparrow Comoé NP: only three records from the Lola Plain; however, common outside of park, recorded in many other parts of country
- 273. *Vidua macroura* - Pin-tailed Whydah frequently seen in humid southern half of country; one record from Dabakalah near Comoé NP (May 1)
- 274. *Pyrenestes sanguineus* - Crimson Seed-Cracker 1 near lake along roadside in vicinity of Yapo Forest (June 22)

- 275. *Nigrita canicapilla* - Gray-crowned Negro-Finch seen a few times at the edge of primary habitat in Yapo (June 22-24)
- 276. *Nigrita bicolor* - Chestnut-breasted Negro-Finch seen a few times in secondary habitat and even in town near Yapo Forest (June 22-23)
- 277. *Spermophaga haematina* - Western Bluebill a couple seen in thick habitat bordering the Comoé River near Main Camp (June 11+13)
- 278. *Pytilia melba* - Green-winged Pytilia Comoé NP: only recorded 4 or 5 times, exclusively in closed savanna habitat
- 279. *Pytilia phoenicoptera* - Red-winged Pytilia Comoé NP: one caught in savanna thicket near Hyperolius Pond (May 12); one or two more sight records from closed savanna habitat
- 280. *Estrilda melpoda* - Orange-cheeked Waxbill Comoé NP: only recorded in more or less extensive marshy savanna areas or along savanna streams; not recorded more often than once a week; seen near Tai NP in rice paddies and in other parts of the country
- 281. *Estrilda bengala* - Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu very common and daily encountered in open savanna habitat in Comoé NP
- 282. *Estrilda larvata* - Black-faced Fire-Finch Comoé NP: irregularly encountered; apparently found in strange mix of habitat, as seen in forest islands as well as closed savanna near marshy openings (around 5 sight records)
- 283. *Lagonosticta rufopicta* - Bar-breasted Fire-Finch Comoé NP: recorded once or twice a week, mostly on open ground not far from savanna stream
- 284. *Lagonosticta rara* - Black-bellied Fire-Finch Comoé NP: seen around once or twice a week, often on ground in closed savanna, not seldom near thickets or streams
- 285. Bronze Mannikin - *Lonchura cucullata* only seen in cultivated margins of Comoé NP; common elsewhere in the country
- 286. *Lonchura bicolor* - Black-and-white Mannikin frequent in logged areas near Tai NP and Yapo
- 287. *Anthreptes rectirostris rectirostris* - Yellow-chinned Sunbird 1 in Yapo Forest (June 24)

TOTAL: 288 species (considering record of *C.rufus*“ and *C. “brachypterus*“, number 177)

prob. *Accipiter erythropus erythropus* - Red-thighed Sparrowhawk 1 briefly seen at the Iringou Bridge, Comoé NP; most probably this species, though confusion with *Accipiter toussenelii* cannot be excluded

prob. *Stephanoaetus coronatus* - Crowned Hawk-eagle a sighting of one individual above primary rainforest habitat within Tai NP (April 27) and another one in the same habitat within the Forêt Classée de Yapo (June 24) probably referred to this species

prob. *Centropus senegalensis senegalensis* - Senegal Coucal two sightings of single adult coucals within the Comoé NP (one near Main Camp, the second one at Hyperolius Pond) most probably referred to this species, although confusion with *Centropus monachus* cannot entirely be excluded

prob. *Andropadus ansorgei ansorgei* - Ansorges Greenbul in Yapo Forest a couple of sightings of small-sized greenbuls with white eye-rings and a strongly rufous tinge to plumage within virtually primary habitat; on June 24, 1 vocalizing individual: short series of chucknotes, reminiscent of a short version of the main vocalization of Lesser Whitethroat - *Sylvia curruca*

prob. *Muscicapa olivascens nimbae* - Olivaceous Flycatcher Comoé NP: 2 or 3 flycatchers in high and mid canopy just along the Iringou River seen from Iringou Bridge (June 15); brown back, dense forest habitat, long slender bill, whitish underparts with olive-brown wash on breast and sallying and perching behavior virtually exclude all other species; nonetheless, reconfirmation advisable, as this would be the first record of this species in Comoé NP

prob. *Illadopsis fulvescens* - Brown Illadopsis 1 individual with a chattering scold in low thickets within primary forest in Yapo (June 23) with plumage characteristics consistent with this species; however, literature employed insufficient for positive identification; in Tai NP, also several sightings of Illadopses, which appeared, however, more like White-breasted (*I. rufipennis*) or Rufous-winged (*I. rufescens*) Illadopses