



Ghana

2025 Trip Report



Yellow-headed Picathartes © Michael Mills

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SUMMARY

Ghana offers the most comfortable access to the Upper Guinea region and its birds, and has become a key African birding destination. During our two-and-a-half weeks we focussed our birding on the forest sites of Ankasa, Kakum, Bankro, Bobiri and Atewa, with a couple of days in the savannas of Mole adding significantly to the diversity. Top birds seen included Yellow-headed Picathartes, Nkulengu Rail, Akun Eagle-Owl, African Finfoot, Egyptian Plover, Standard-winged Nightjar, Red-cheeked Wattle-eye, Brown Nightjar, Blue-moustached Bee-eater and Forest Penduline Tit.

We quickly escaped the bustle of Accra for Ankasa, stopping en route to see African Skimmer, African Royal Tern, Orange Weaver, Mangrove Brown Sunbird and Hartlaub's Duck. Ankasa was hard work, but with patience we were rewarded with Rufous-winged Illadopsis, White-bellied Kingfisher, Red-fronted Antpecker, Yellow-bearded Greenbul, Rufous-sided Broadbill, White-tailed Alethe and Red-chested Owlet. Next was Kakum and surrounds, including the renowned canopy walkway, where highlights included Fire-bellied Woodpecker, Olivaceous Flycatcher, Tit Hylia and Violet-backed Hyliota. Then it was onwards to Bankro with Rock Pratincole and White-throated Blue Swallow en route, where picathartes showed well and Long-

tailed Hawk, Tessmann's Flycatcher, Black Spinetail, Black-throated Coucal and Brown Nightjar were added to the list. Bobiri brought Forest Wood Hoopoe, Red-thighed Sparrowhawk, Fraser's Eagle-Owl, Western Black Dwarf Hornbill and African Piculet, before a long drive north brought a new set of birds at Mole. Highlights here included Forbes's Plover, Exclamatory Paradise Whydah, Greater Painted-snipe, Stone Partridge, Red-winged Pytilia, Four-banded Sandgrouse, White-throated Francolin, Blue-bellied Roller and Northern White-faced Owl. A flight back to Accra brought us quickly to the south, with the final couple of days at Atewa bringing goodies such as Nimba Flycatcher, Lowland Sooty Boubou, Black-capped Apalis and Puvel's Illadopsis.

Forest Penduline Tit © Michael Mills



Nkulengu Rail © Michael Mills

ITINERARY

- 15 Jan: Arrive Accra.
- 16 Jan: Accra to Ankasa.
- 17 Jan: Ankasa.
- 18 Jan: Ankasa.
- 19 Jan: Ankasa to Kakum.
- 20 Jan: Kakum.
- 21 Jan: Kakum.
- 22 Jan: Kakum to Bankro.
- 23 Jan: Bankro.
- 24 Jan: Bankro to Kumasi.
- 25 Jan: Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary.
- 26 Jan: Kumasi to Mole.
- 27 Jan: Mole.
- 28 Jan: Mole and Daboya.
- 29 Jan: Mole to Tamale to Accra to Atewa.
- 30 Jan: Atewa.
- 31 Jan: Atewa to Accra.

BIRDS RECORDED

Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*—Seen at Mole (*galeatus*)

Odontophoridae

Stone Partridge *Ptilopachus petrosus*—Seen well at Mole (*petrosus*)

Phasianidae

Latham's Forest Francolin *Peliperdix lathami*—Only Yann managed to see the bird at Ankasa

White-throated Francolin *Campocolinus albogularis*—Seen by all at Mole (*buckleyi*)

Ahanta Francolin *Pternistis ahantensis*—Seen by some of the group at Bobiri

Double-spurred Francolin *Pternistis bicalcaratus*—Good views at Mole (*bicalcaratus*)

Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*—A few sightings

Hartlaub's Duck *Pteronetta hartlaubii*—Good views at Ebi River and Ankasa

African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*—Seen at Bokro wetlands and Ebi River

Caprimulgidae

Brown Nightjar *Veles binotatus*—Excellent views for those who made an early morning outing at Bankro; also heard at Kakum and Bobiri

Plain Nightjar *Caprimulgus inornatus*—Seen by those who made an early morning outing at Bankro

Long-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus climacurus*—Day time views at Brenu Beach, night time views at Mole

Standard-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus longipennis*—A fully-flagged male in flight at Mole, and a female at point-blank range

Apodidae

Mottled Spinetail *Telacanthura ussheri*—Quite a few, especially at Bankro (*ussheri*)

Black Spinetail *Telacanthura melanopygia*—One seen well near Bankro

Sabine's Spinetail *Rhaphidura sabini*—Good numbers at Ankasa

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus [p.] parvus*—Seen regularly (*brachypterus*)

Common Swift *Apus apus*—Seen regularly (*apus*)

Little Swift *Apus affinis*—Seen several times (*aerobates*)

Musophagidae

Great Blue Turaco *Corythaeola cristata*—Seen at Ankasa

Guinea Turaco *Tauraco persa*—Seen at Brenu Beach road and heard at Opro (*persa*)

Yellow-billed Turaco *Tauraco macrorhynchus*—Seen at Ankasa, Kakum and Atewa (*macrorhynchus*)

Violet Turaco *Tauraco violaceus*—Seen well at Mole

Western Grey Plantain-eater *Crinifer piscator*—Seen regularly outside of forest

Cuculidae

Black-throated Coucal *Centropus leucogaster*—Seen by all at Bankro (*leucogaster*)

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*—Several seen (*senegalensis*)

Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus*—Good view in the Atewa farmbush (*fischeri*)

Blue Yellowbill *Ceuthmochares [a.] aereus*—Seen regularly in forest (*flavirostris*)

Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii*—Several seen

Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*—Seen a few times

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*—Seen a few times

African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*—Seen a couple of times

Olive Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx olivinus*—Heard distantly at Ankasa

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus*—Seen at Ankasa and Atewa

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*—Brief views at Ankasa

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis*—Good views at Mole

Pteroclidae

Four-banded Sandgrouse *Pterocles quadricinctus*—A pair flushed a couple of times at Mole, where also seen in flight at dusk

Columbidae

Rock Dove or Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*—Seen

Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*—Seen in the north (*guinea*)

Western Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba iriditorques*—Heard at Ankasa

African Mourning Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*—Seen by some at Daboya

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*—Common

Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea*—Common in the savannas

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*—Seen often (*senegalensis*)

Black-billed Wood Dove *Turtur abyssinicus*—Common in the north

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*—Good views near Kakum

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*—Seen several times

Blue-headed Wood Dove *Turtur brehmeri*—Seen briefly at Ankasa and Atewa (*infelix*)

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*—Seen in the north (*capensis*)

Bruce's Green Pigeon *Treron waalia*—Seen at Mole

African Green Pigeon *Treron [c.] calvus*—Widespread sightings (*sharpei*)

Sarothruridae

White-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura pulchra*—Seen near Kakum and at Atewa by some of the group (*pulchra*)

Heliorhinithidae

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis*—Good, repeated views at Ankasa

Rallidae

Nkulengu Rail *Himantornis haematopus*—Incredible views of two roosting at Ankasa

Black Crake *Zapornia flavirostra*—Seen well at Mole

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*—One scoped at the Bokro wetlands

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*—Heard at Bokro wetlands

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus [r.] ruficollis*—Seen at the Bokro wetlands

Burhinidae

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis*—Seen a few times

Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus [h.] himantopus*—Seen at Winneba lagoon

Charadriidae

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*—Seen a few times

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*—Fairly common in the north (*senegallus*)

Grey Plover Black-bellied Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Forbes's Plover <i>Charadrius forbesi</i> —Great views at Mole
Pluvianidae
Egyptian Plover <i>Pluvianus aegyptius</i> —Great views at Daboya
Rostratulidae
Greater Painted-snipe <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> —Two seen near Mole
Jacanidae
African Jacana <i>Actophilornis africanus</i> —Seen a few times
Scolopacidae
Eurasian Whimbrel <i>Numenius [p.] phaeopus</i> —Seen along the coast
Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucus</i> —A few seen
Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i> —Seen in the north
Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i> —Seen a few times
Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Glareolidae
Rock Pratincole <i>Glareola nuchalis</i> —Good views at the Pra River (<i>liberiae</i>)

Laridae
African Skimmer <i>Rynchops flavirostris</i> —One seen at Winneba lagoon
African Royal Tern <i>Thalasseus [maximus] albididorsalis</i> —Several at Winneba lagoon
Sandwich Tern <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i> —A few at Winneba lagoon
Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> —One at Winneba lagoon
Ciconiidae
African Woolly-necked Stork <i>Ciconia [episcopus] microscelis</i> —Seen at Mole
Phalacrocoracidae
Reed Cormorant Long-tailed Cormorant <i>Microcarbo africanus</i> —Seen a few times (<i>africanus</i>)
Threskiornithidae
Hadada Ibis <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i> —Seen at Mole (<i>brevirostris</i>)
Ardeidae
Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> —One at Mole (<i>nycticorax</i>)
Striated Heron <i>Butorides [s.] striata</i> —Several (<i>atricapilla</i>)
Squacco Heron <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> —Seen in the north
Western Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus [i.] ibis</i> —Seen often
Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i> —Seen a few times (<i>cinerea</i>)
Black-headed Heron <i>Ardea melanocephala</i> —Seen in the north
Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i> —Just one (<i>purpurea</i>)
Great Egret <i>Ardea alba</i> —Several seen
Yellow-billed Egret <i>Ardea [intermedia] brachyrhyncha</i> —Seen at Winneba lagoon
Strigidae
Little Egret <i>Egretta [g.] garzetta</i> —Seen in the north
Western Reef Heron <i>Egretta gularis</i> —Seen well along the coast (<i>gularis</i>)
Scopidae
Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i> —Seen at Mole (<i>umbretta</i>)
Accipitridae
Black-winged Kite <i>Elanus caeruleus</i> —One at Brenu Beach road
African Harrier-Hawk <i>Polyboroides typus</i> —Seen regularly (<i>pectoralis</i>)
Palm-nut Vulture <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i> —Seen at Kakum
European Honey Buzzard <i>Pernis apivorus</i> —Seen at Kakum
African Cuckoo-Hawk <i>Aviceda cuculoides</i> —Good numbers in the Kakum, Bobiri and Bankro areas (<i>batesi</i>)
Hooded Vulture <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i> —Seen at Mole
White-backed Vulture <i>Gyps africanus</i> —Seen at Mole
White-headed Vulture <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i> —Two at Mole
Western Banded Snake Eagle <i>Circaetus cinerascens</i> —One at Mole
Congo Serpent Eagle <i>Dryotriorchis spectabilis</i> —Heard from the Kakum canopy walkway
Bateleur <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i> —Rather common at Mole
Crowned Eagle <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i> —Heard at Atewa
Wahlberg's Eagle <i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i> —One at Antwikkwaa
Booted Eagle <i>Hieraetus pennatus</i> —One pale phase bird at Atewa
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle <i>Hieraetus ayresii</i> —Seen at Ankasa, Bankro and Mole
Cassin's Hawk-Eagle <i>Aquila africana</i> —Great views from the canopy walkway at Kakum, and heard at Atewa
Lizard Buzzard <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i> —Seen regularly in small numbers (<i>monogrammicus</i>)
Dark Chanting Goshawk <i>Melierax metabates</i> —Several seen in the north (<i>neumannii</i>) ⁷
Long-tailed Hawk <i>Urotriorchis macrourus</i> —Seen at Bankro and Bobiri
Red-chested Goshawk <i>Accipiter [tachiro] toussenelii</i> —A perched pair was seen well near Kakum, and a young bird at Bankro (<i>macrocelides</i>)
Shikra <i>Accipiter badius</i> —Seen in the north (<i>sphenurus</i>)
Red-thighed Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter erythrops</i> —Excellent perched views at Bobiri (<i>erythrops</i>)
Black Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i> —One at Bobiri, in flight
Western Marsh Harrier <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> —Seen in the north (<i>aeruginosus</i>)
Yellow-billed Kite <i>Milvus [migrans] aegyptius</i> —Numerous (<i>parasitus</i>)
Grasshopper Buzzard <i>Butastur rufipennis</i> —Good numbers in the north
Red-necked Buzzard <i>Buteo auguralis</i> —Seen at Bokro wetlands
African Scops Owl <i>Otus [s.] senegalensis</i> —Excellent views at Mole (<i>senegalensis</i>)
Northern White-faced Owl <i>Ptilopsis leucotis</i> —Excellent views at Mole
Greyish Eagle-Owl <i>Bubo [africanus] cinerascens</i> —Seen well at Mole
Fraser's Eagle-Owl <i>Ketupa [p.] poensis</i> —After much effort, finally seen by all at Bobiri
Akun Eagle-Owl <i>Ketupa leucosticta</i> —Incredible views at Ankasa, and also seen at Bankro

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii*—Heard (*nuchalis*)

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*—Several seen at Mole (*perlatum*)

Red-chested Owlet *Glaucidium tephronotum*—Good views at Ankasa (*tephronotum*)

Trogonidae

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*—Heard at Atewa (*constantia*)

Phoeniculidae

Forest Wood Hoopoe *Rhinopomastus castaneiceps*—One scoped at Bobiri (*castaneiceps*)

White-headed Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus bollei*—Seen at Kakum (*bollei*)

Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*—Seen at Mole (*senegalensis*)

Black Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*—Seen at Mole (*aterrimus*)

Bucerotidae

Northern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus [e.] erythrorhynchus*—Seen at Mole

Western Pied Hornbill *Lophoceros [fasciatus] semifasciatus*—Common in forest

African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus*—Common in savanna (*nasutus*)

Red-billed Dwarf Hornbill *Lophoceros camurus*—Seen at Ankasa

Western Piping Hornbill *Bycanistes [f.] fistulator*—Seen at Ankasa

Brown-cheeked Hornbill *Bycanistes cylindricus*—Seen well at Kakum

Black-casqued Hornbill *Ceratogymna atrata*—Good views at Kakum

Yellow-casqued Hornbill *Ceratogymna elata*—Glimpses at Ankasa

Western Black Dwarf Hornbill *Horizocerus [h.] hartlaubi*—Excellent views at Bobiri

Western White-crested Hornbill *Horizocerus [a.] albocristatus*—Excellent views at Bankro, Atewa and Bobiri (*macrourus*)

Coraciidae

Rufous-crowned Roller | (African) Purple Roller *Coracias naevius*—Several in the north (*naevius*)

Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinicus*—A few seen in the north

Blue-bellied Roller *Coracias cyanogaster*—Two at Mole

Blue-throated Roller *Eurystomus gularis*—Seen in forest (*gularis*)

Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*—Seen a few times (*afer*)

Alcedinidae

Chocolate-backed Kingfisher *Halcyon badia*—Great views near Kakum

Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*—Seen a few times (*leucocephala*)

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica*—Superb views at Mole, and brief views at Ankasa (*forbesi*)

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*—A few seen (*fuscopileus*)

African Dwarf Kingfisher *Ispidina lecontei*—Heard at Ankasa

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*—Seen a few times (*ferrugina*)

White-bellied Kingfisher *Corythornis leucogaster*—Fantastic views at Ankasa (*bowdleri*)

Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis [c.] cristatus*—Several sightings (*galeritus*)

Shining-blue Kingfisher *Alcedo quadribrachys*—Incredible views at Ankasa (*quadribrachys*)

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*—Seen briefly at the Pra River

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*—Seen a few times (*rudis*)

Meropidae

Blue-moustached Bee-eater *Merops mentalis*—Good views at Atewa

Black Bee-eater *Merops gularis*—Incredible views at Ankasa and Kakum (*gularis*); also seen at Atewa

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*—Seen a few times (*pusillus*)

Red-throated Bee-eater *Merops bullocki*—Common at Mole (*bullocki*)

White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*—Numerous around forest

Rosy Bee-eater *Merops malimbicus*—A few seen well near Kakum

Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus*—Seen twice in the north

Lybiidae

Bristle-nosed Barbet *Gymnobucco peli*—Good views at Antwikkwa

(Common) Naked-faced Barbet *Gymnobucco [c.] calvus*—Good views at Bankro (*calvus*)

Speckled Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus scolopaceus*—Common in forest (*scolopaceus*)

Red-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus atroflavus*—Good views at Antwikkwa and Kakum

Yellow-throated Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus subsulphureus*—Good views at Ankasa (*chrysopygus*)

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus [b.] bilineatus*—Seen at Antwikkwa (*leucolaimus*)

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*—Seen at Mole (*chrysoconus*)

Western Yellow-spotted Barbet *Buccanodon [duchaillui] dowsetti*—Seen at Ankasa and Atewa

Hairy-breasted Barbet *Tricholaema hirsuta*—Good views in forest (*hirsuta*)

Vieillot's Barbet *Lybius vieilloti*—Seen at Mole and Atewa (*rubescens*)

Double-toothed Barbet *Lybius bidentatus*—Good views at Opro (*bidentatus*); also seen at Atewa

Bearded Barbet *Lybius dubius*—Good views at Mole

Western Yellow-billed Barbet *Trachyphonus [purpuratus] goffini*—Seen briefly at Bankro

Indicatoridae

Cassin's Honeybird *Prodotiscus insignis*—Seen at Kakum, Atewa and Bankro (*flavodorsalis*)

Willcocks's Honeyguide *Indicator willcocksi*—Good views from the canopy walkway at Kakum (*willcocksi*)

Least Honeyguide *Indicator exilis*—Seen at Bobiri (*exilis*)

Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*—Heard at Mole

Picidae

African Piculet *Verreauxia africana*—Good views at Bobiri

Buff-spotted Woodpecker *Pardipicus nivosus*—Seen at Ankasa and Atewa

Fire-bellied Woodpecker *Chloropicus pyrrhogaster*—Seen well at Kakum

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*—Heard at Mole

Melancholy Woodpecker *Dendropicos [gabonensis] lugubris*—Good views at Ankasa; also seen at Atewa

African Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos [g.] goertae*—Seen well at Mole (*goertae*)

Falconidae

Common Kestrel *Falco [t.] tinnunculus*—A few seen (*rufescens*)

Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*—Several sightings

African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*—Good views

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*—Some good views (*abyssinicus*)

Psittacidae

Grey Parrot *Psittacus [e.] erithacus*—Seen perched at Bobiri

Red-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus gulielmi*—Seen perched at Bankro and Bobiri (*fantiensis*)

Senegal Parrot *Poicephalus senegalus*—Seen at Mole (*versteri*)

Psittaculidae

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*—Flight views at Mole (*krameri*)

Calyptomenidae

Rufous-sided Broadbill *Smithornis rufolateralis*—Good views at Ankasa (*rufolateralis*)

Platysteiridae

Senegal Batis *Batis senegalensis*—Seen at Mole

West African Batis *Batis [poensis] occulta*—One scoped at Bobiri; also seen briefly at Atewa

West African Wattle-eye *Platysteira hormophora*—Seen well at Opro; also at Atewa, Kakum and Ankasa

Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea*—Seen at Mole (*cyanea*)

Red-cheeked Wattle-eye *Platysteira blissetti*—Great views at Atewa

Malaconotidae

Fiery-breasted Bushshrike *Malaconotus cruentus*—Two seen at Opro

Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti*—Seen at Mole (*blanchoti*)

Marsh Tchagra *Bocagia minuta*—Nice looks at a male at Atewa

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*—Seen well at Atewa

Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus*—Seen in savanna (*senegalus*)

Sabine's Puffback *Dryoscopus sabini*—One at Kakum; heard at Atewa (*sabini*)

Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*—Seen at Opro, Atewa and Mole (*gambensis*)

Lowland Sooty Boubou *Laniarius leucorhynchus*—Seen well at Atewa

Yellow-crowned Gonolek *Laniarius barbarus*—Seen at Winneba lagoon and Mole (*barbarus*)

Brubru *Nilaus afer*—Seen at Mole (*afer*)

Vangidae

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus*—Seen at Mole (*plumatus*)

Red-billed Helmetshrike *Prionops [c.] caniceps*—Our best views were at Bobiri (*caniceps*)

(African) Shrike-flycatcher *Megabyas flavicollis*—Seen at Atewa

Black-and-white Flycatcher *Bias musicus*—Seen by some at Bankro (*musicus*)

Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike *Cebleruppis pectoralis*—One seen at Mole

Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike *Campephaga phoenicea*—One female seen at Bobiri

Purple-throated Cuckooshrike *Campephaga quiscalina*—Seen twice at Bobiri (*quiscalina*)

Blue Cuckooshrike *Cyanoptila cyanomelana*—Seen well at Bankro

Laniidae

Yellow-billed Shrike *Lanius corvinus*—Seen at Mole

Northern Fiscal *Lanius humeralis*—A few scattered sightings (*smithii*)

Oriolidae

Western Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus brachyrynchus*—Seen at Ankasa, Atewa and Kakum (*brachyrynchus*)

Black-winged Oriole *Oriolus nigripennis*—Seen at Kakum and Bobiri

African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus*—Several seen at Mole (*auratus*)

Dicruridae

Sharpe's Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus [ludwigii] sharpei*—Brief views at Mole

Shining Drongo *Dicrurus atripennis*—Brief views at Ankasa and better views at Atewa

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*—Seen at Mole

Velvet-mantled Drongo *Dicrurus modestus*—Seen regularly in forest

Monarchidae

Blue-headed Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus nitens*—Seen at Ankasa (*reichenowi*)

Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone [r.] rufiventer*—Seen regularly in forest (*nigriceps*)

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone [v.] viridis*—Seen a few times (*speciosa*)

Corvidae

Piapiac *Ptilostomus afer*—Seen in the north

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*—Common

Picathartidae

Yellow-headed Picathartes *Picathartes gymnocephalus*—Superb views at Bankro

Stenostiridae

African Blue Flycatcher *Elminia longicauda*—Heard at Mole

Paridae

White-shouldered Black Tit *Melaniparus guineensis*—Good views at Mole

Remizidae

Forest Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus flavifrons*—Excellent views from the canopy walkway at Kakum, and at Bankro (*waldronae*)

Nicatoridae

Western Nicator *Nicator chloris*—Good views at Bankro; also seen briefly at Atewa

Alaudidae**Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**

Eremopterix leucotis—Seen well in the north (*melanocephalus*)

Sun Lark *Galerida modesta*—Good views at Mole (*modesta*)

Pycnonotidae

Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus [b.] barbatus*—Common (*inornatus*)

Slender-billed Greenbul *Stelgidillas gracilirostris*—Seen regularly in forest (*gracilirostris*)

Little Greenbul *Eurillas virens*—Seen a few times (*erythroptera*)

Little Grey Greenbul *Eurillas gracilis*—Seen at Kakum (*extrema*)

Ansorge's Greenbul *Eurillas ansorgei*—Heard at Kakum (*ansorgei*)

Plain Greenbul *Eurillas curvirostris*—Seen at Kakum (*leonina*)

Yellow-whiskered Greenbul *Eurillas latirostris*—Heard (*congener*)

Golden Greenbul *Calyptocichla serinus*—Seen at Kakum

Honeyguide Greenbul *Baeopogon indicator*—Seen at Kakum (*leucurus*)

Spotted Greenbul *Ixonotus guttatus*—Seen at Kakum

Simple Greenbul *Chlorocichla simplex*—Seen well at Atewa

Yellow-throated Leaflove *Atimastillas [f.] flavigularis*—Heard at Mole

Swamp Palm Bulbul *Thescelocichla leucopleura*—Several sightings

Icterine Greenbul *Phyllastrephus icterinus*—Seen at Ankasa and Atewa

White-throated Greenbul *Phyllastrephus [a.] albicularis*—Seen briefly at Atewa

Red-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda syndactylus*—Seen at Ankasa and Atewa

Green-tailed Bristlebill *Bleda eximius*—Heard at Atewa

Grey-headed Bristlebill *Bleda canicapillus*—Seen at Ankasa (*canicapillus*)

Western Bearded Greenbul *Criniger barbatus*—Heard at Ankasa (*barbatus*)

Red-tailed Greenbul *Criniger calurus*—Seen at Ankasa and Atewa (*verreauxi*)

Yellow-bearded Greenbul *Criniger olivaceus*—Seen well at Ankasa

Hirundinidae

Square-tailed Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne nitens*—Good views at Ankasa (*nitens*)

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—Common

Red-chested Swallow *Hirundo lucida*—Seen near Mole (*lucida*)

Ethiopian Swallow *Hirundo aethiopica*—Seen in the south (*aethiopica*)

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*—Seen at Mole (*smithii*)

White-throated Blue Swallow *Hirundo nigrita*—Good views at the Pra River

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum* [*urbicum*]—One for Michael at Mole

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*—Seen (*puella*)

Rufous-chested Swallow | Red-breasted Swallow *Cecropis semirufa*—Seen at Brenu Beach Road and Atewa (*gordoni*)

Preuss's Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon preussi*—Seen on the way to the Pra River

Macrosphenidae

African Moustached Warbler *Melocichla mentalis*—Seen briefly at Mole

Kemp's Longbill *Macrophenus kempi*—Brief views at Bankro and Atewa (*kempi*)

Grey Longbill *Macrophenus concolor*—Good views at Antwikwaa and Bobiri

Northern Crombec *Sylvietta [b.] brachyura*—Seen by some at Mole (*brachyura*)

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens*—Seen a few times (*flaviventris*)

Lemon-bellied Crombec *Sylvietta denti*—Seen at Bankro (*hardyi*)

Erythrocercidae

Chestnut-capped Flycatcher *Erythrocercus mccallii*—Seen at Bankro, Atewa and Bobiri (*nigeriae*)

Hylidiidae

Green Hylia *Hylia prasina*—Seen in small numbers in forest (*prasina*)

Tit Hylia *Pholidornis rushiae*—Great views at Antwikwaa (*ussheri*); also at Atewa

Phylloscopidae

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*—Seen regularly in forest

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*—Just one

Acrocephalidae

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*—One at Winneba lagoon, one at Mole

Cisticolidae

Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops*—Seen well at Atewa (*erythrops*)

Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*—Brief views at Mole (*swazicus*)

Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis*—Brief views at Mole (*strangei*)

Short-winged Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*—Michael saw one at Mole (*brachypterus*)

Rufous Cisticola *Cisticola rufus*—Seen at Mole

Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*—Recorded regularly

Red-winged Warbler *Prinia erythroptera*—Great views at Brenu Beach Road (*erythroptera*)

Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis [f.] flavigaster*—Seen at Mole (*caniceps*)

Black-capped Apalis *Apalis nigriceps*—Great views at Atewa, and heard at Ankasa (*nigriceps*)

Sharpe's Apalis *Apalis sharpii*—Seen at Kakum, Atewa and Bobiri

Oriole Warbler *Hypergerus atriceps*—Heard at Brenu Beach road and Mole

Grey-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera [brachyura] brevicaudata*—Seen regularly

Yellow-browed Camaroptera *Camaroptera superciliaris*—Seen at Kakum

Olive-green Camaroptera *Camaroptera [c.] chloronota*—Seen at Antwikwaa (*kelsalli*)

Senegal Eremomela *Eremomela pusilla*—Common at Mole

Rufous-crowned Eremomela *Eremomela badiceps*—Seen several times in forest (*fantiensis*)

Pellorneidae

Blackcap Illadopsis *Illadopsis cleaveri*—Heard at Ankasa (*cleaveri*)

Rufous-winged Illadopsis *Illadopsis rufescens*—Prolonged views at Ankasa

Puvel's Illadopsis *Illadopsis puveli*—Seen at Bankro and very well at Atewa (*puveli*)

Pale-breasted Illadopsis *Illadopsis [r.] rufipennis*—Seen at Ankasa (*extrema*)

Brown Illadopsis *Illadopsis fulvescens*—Seen fleetingly at Bankro and Atewa (*gularis*)

Leiothrichidae

Brown Babbler *Turdoides plebejus*—Seen at Mole (*platycirca*)

Blackcap Babbler *Turdoides reinwardtii*—Brief views at Mole (*reinwardtii*)

Zosteropidae

Northern Yellow White-eye *Zosterops [s.] senegalensis*—Seen at Antwikwaa, Atewa and Mole (*senegalensis*)

Hyliotidae

Yellow-bellied Hyliota *Hyliota flavigaster*—Seen at Mole (*flavigaster*)

Violet-backed Hyliota *Hyliota violacea*—Seen well at Kakum (*nehrkornii*)

Sturnidae

Copper-tailed Starling *Hylopsar cupreocauda*—Just two at Bobiri

Splendid Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus*—Seen often in forest (*chrysonotis*)

Purple Starling *Lamprotornis purpureus*—Seen en route to Mole (*purpureus*)

Long-tailed Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis caudatus*—Seen at Mole

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*—Seen at Kakum

Forest Chestnut-winged Starling *Onychognathus fulgidus*—Seen at Kakum (*hartlaubii*)

Narrow-tailed Starling *Poecoptera lugubris*—One flew over at Atewa

Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*—Seen near Mole

Turdidae

White-tailed Ant Thrush *Neocossyphus poensis*—Good views at Ankasa (*poensis*)

Finsch's Flycatcher-Thrush *Stizorhina finschi*—Several good sightings in forest

Grey Ground Thrush *Geokichla princei*—Heard at Ankasa (*princei*)

African Thrush *Turdus pelios*—Seen at Mole and Atewa

Muscicapidae

White-tailed Alethe *Alethe diademata*—Great views at Ankasa

Forest Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucosticta*—Two heard at Atewa, but they wouldn't budge

Fraser's Forest Flycatcher *Fraseria ocreata*—Several good sightings in forest (*prosphora*)

White-browed Forest Flycatcher *Fraseria cinerascens*—Seen at the Ebi River (*cinerascens*)

Grey-throated Tit-Flycatcher *Fraseria griseigularis*—Heard (*parelii*)

Lead-coloured Flycatcher | Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Fraseria plumbea*—Seen at Mole (*plumbeus*)

Nimba Flycatcher *Melaenornis annamarulae*—Prolonged scope views at Atewa

Northern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis edolioides*—Seen at Mole (*edolioides*)

Pale Flycatcher *Agricola pallidus*—Seen at Mole (*pallidus*)

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa [s.] striata*—Seen

Swamp Flycatcher *Muscicapa aquatica*—Seen at Mole (*aquatica*)

Cassin's Flycatcher *Muscicapa cassini*—Seen at Ankasa

Olivaceous Flycatcher *Fraseria olivascens*—Good views for all at Kakum (*olivascens*)

Little Grey Flycatcher *Muscicapa epulata*—Seen well at Kakum and Bobiri

Dusky-blue Flycatcher *Bradornis comitatus*—Seen at Antwikwaa and Atewa (*aximensis*)

Tessmann's Flycatcher *Fraseria tessmanni*—Seen at Bankro; also brief views at Ankasa

Ussher's Flycatcher *Bradornis ussheri*—Great views from the canopy walkway; also at Atewa

Brown-chested Alethe *Chamaetylas poliocephala*—Seen at Ankasa (*poliocephala*)

Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat *Cossypha niveicapilla*—Brief views at Opro forest

White-crowned Robin-Chat *Cossypha albicapillus*—Seen well at Mole (*giffardi*)

Western Forest Robin *Stiphrornis [e.] erythrothorax*—Seen at Ankasa; heard at Atewa

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*—Seen by some at Atewa

European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula [h.] hypoleuca*—Several at Mole

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*—Seen at Mole

Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris*—Seen at Mole (*falkensteinii*)

Nectariniidae

Fraser's Sunbird *Deleornis [f.] fraseri*—Seen at Ankasa and Atewa (*idius*)

Mangrove Brown Sunbird *Anthreptes gabonicus*—Seen at the Ebi River

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei*—Seen at Mole (*longuemarei*)

Little Green Sunbird *Anthreptes seimundi*—Seen at Atewa, Kakum and Ankasa (*kruensis*)

Yellow-chinned Green Sunbird *Anthreptes [r.] rectirostris*—Seen at Kakum

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*—Common (*subcollaris*)

Pygmy Sunbird *Hedydipna platura*—Seen at Mole

Reichenbach's Sunbird *Anabathmis reichenbachii*—Seen at Ankasa

Green-headed Sunbird *Cyanomitra verticalis*—Seen at Brenu Beach Road (*verticalis*)

Blue-throated Brown Sunbird *Cyanomitra cyanolaema*—Seen several times (*magnirostrata*)

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*—Seen regularly in forest (*guineensis*)

Buff-throated Sunbird *Chalcomitra adelberti*—Good numbers seen in forest (*adelberti*)

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*—Seen at Mole (*senegalensis*)

Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius*—Small numbers seen in forest (*kempi*)

Tiny Sunbird *Cinnyris minullus*—Seen at Bankro, Atewa and Ankasa (*minullus*)

Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris [p.] pulchellus*—Seen at Mole

Splendid Sunbird *Cinnyris coccinigastrus*—Good views at Brenu Beach Road

Johanna's Sunbird *Cinnyris johannae*—Seen a few times (*fuscatus*)

Superb Sunbird *Cinnyris superbus*—A few sightings in forest (*ashantiensis*)

Bates's Sunbird *Cinnyris batesi*—Seen well from the canopy walkway

Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus*—Seen along the coast (*cupreus*)

Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*—Seen

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer [g.] griseus*—Seen (*griseus*)

Bush Petronia *Gymnoris dentata*—Common in the north

Ploceidae

Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser superciliosus*—Seen at Mole

Grosbeak Weaver | Thick-billed Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*—Quite a few seen at Atewa

Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*—Seen at Mole (*luteolus*)

Olive-naped Weaver *Ploceus [nigriceps] brachypterus*—Seen at Antwikwaa

Orange Weaver *Ploceus aurantius*—Seen at the Bokro wetlands (*aurantius*)

Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*—Seen quite commonly (*cucullatus*)

Chestnut-and-black Weaver *Ploceus [nigerrimus] castaneofuscus*—Seen a few times

Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*—Seen on our way back from Daboya

Yellow-mantled Weaver *Ploceus tricolor*—Seen at Bankro, Atewa and Kakum (*tricolor*)

Maxwell's Black Weaver *Ploceus albinucha*—Seen well at Bankro (*albinucha*); also at Atewa

Compact Weaver *Pachyphantes superciliosus*—Good look at Atewa

Preuss's Weaver *Ploceus preussi*—Nice looks at Atewa

Red-vented Malimbe *Malimbus scutatus*—Seen several times (*scutatus*)

Blue-billed Malimbe *Malimbus nitens*—Great views at Ankasa; also at Atewa

Red-headed Malimbe *Malimbus rubricollis*—Seen regularly in forest (*bartletti*)

Crested Malimbe *Malimbus malimbicus*—Seen at Ankasa and Antwikwaa (*nigrifrons*)

Northern Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes [rubriceps] leuconotos*—A pair seen at Mole

Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythrops*—A few at Atewa

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*—Quite a few in the north

Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*—Seen at Bakro wetlands and Atewa

Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*—Seen at Mole (*franciscanus*)

Yellow-mantled Widowbird *Euplectes macroura*—Seen at Brenu Beach Road (*macroura*)

Estrildidae

Red-fronted Antpecker *Parmoptila rubrifrons*—Five at the nest at Ankasa

White-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita fusconotus*—Several sightings in forest (*uropygialis*)

Chestnut-breasted Nigrita *Nigrita bicolor*—Seen at Kakum and Ankasa (*bicolor*)

Grey-headed Nigrita *Nigrita canicapillus*—Several sightings in forest (*emiliae*)

Red-winged Pytilia *Pytilia phoenicoptera*—Good views at Mole (*phoenicoptera*)

Black-bellied Seedcracker

Pyrenestes ostrinus—Great views of a male at Ankasa

Western Bluebill

Spermophaga haematina—Glimpsed at Antwikwaa and Atewa (*haematina*)

Bar-breasted Firefinch

Lagonosticta rufopicta—Seen at Brenu Beach Road (*rufopicta*)

Red-billed Firefinch

Lagonosticta senegala—Common at Mole (*senegala*)

African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricata*—Seen at Atewa**Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu**

Uraeginthus bengalus—Common at Mole (*bengalus*)

Lavender Waxbill

Glaucestilda caerulescens—Good views at Mole

Orange-cheeked Waxbill

Estrilda melpoda—Seen at Bakro wetlands, Atewa and Mole (*melpoda*)

Black-rumped Waxbill

Estrilda troglodytes—Good views near Mole

Black-faced Quailfinch

Ortygospiza [a.] atricollis—Good views on the ground near Mole

African Silverbill *Euodice cantans*

—Good views near Mole (*cantans*)

Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullata*—Common (*cucullata*)**Black-and-white Mannikin or Red-backed Mannikin**

Spermestes bicolor—Fairly common around forest

(bicolor)

Magpie Mannikin *Spermestes fringilloides*—Good views near Bankro

Viduidae

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*—Several males at Mole

Wilson's Indigobird *Vidua wilsoni*—One in breeding plumage at Mole

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*—Seen at Mole and Atewa

Exclamatory Paradise Whydah *Vidua interjecta*

—Two fantastic males in full breeding plumage at Mole

Motacillidae**Western Yellow Wagtail**

Motacilla flava—Seen at Winneba lagoon and Daboya

African Pied Wagtail

Motacilla aguimp—Small numbers in the south (*vidua*)

Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*—Seen near Bobori and at Atewa (*zenkeri*)

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*—Seen at Mole

Fringillidae

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*—Seen at Mole and Atewa (*caniceps*)

Emberizidae

Gosling's Bunting *Emberiza [tahapisi] goslingi*—Seen at Mole

Brown-rumped Bunting *Emberiza affinis*—Seen at Mole (*nigeriae*)





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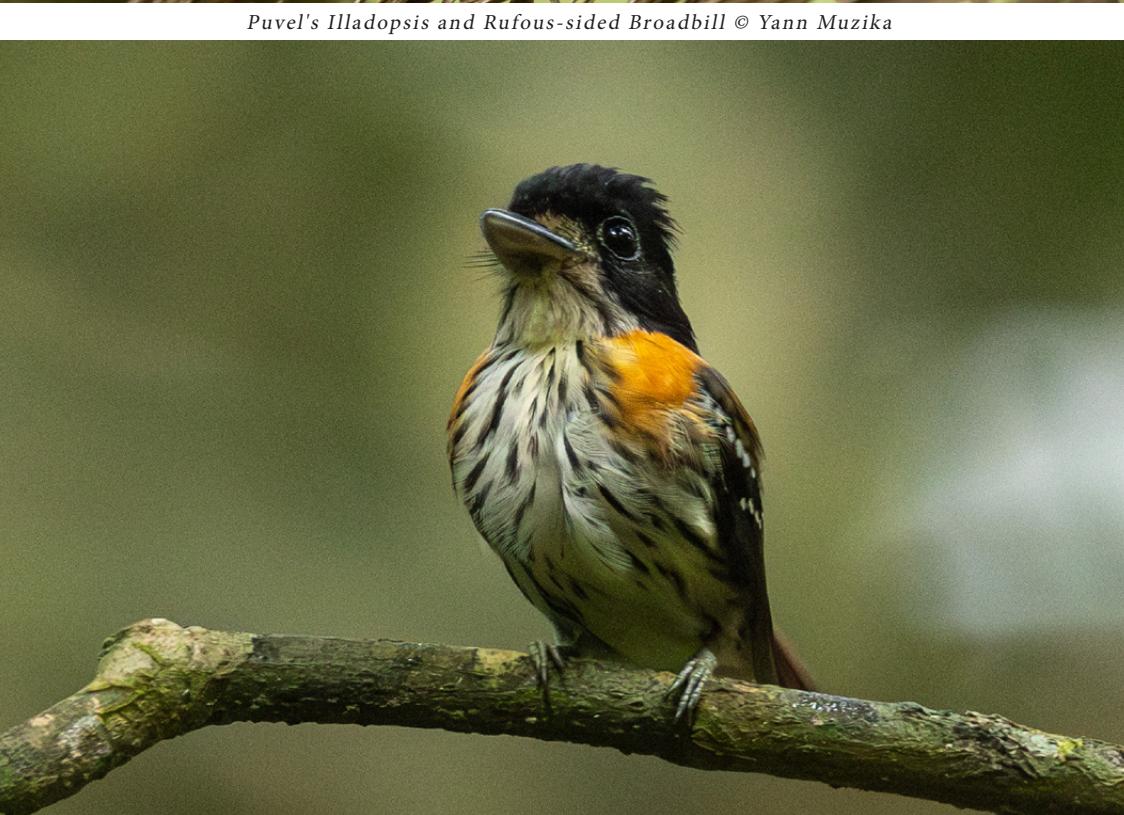




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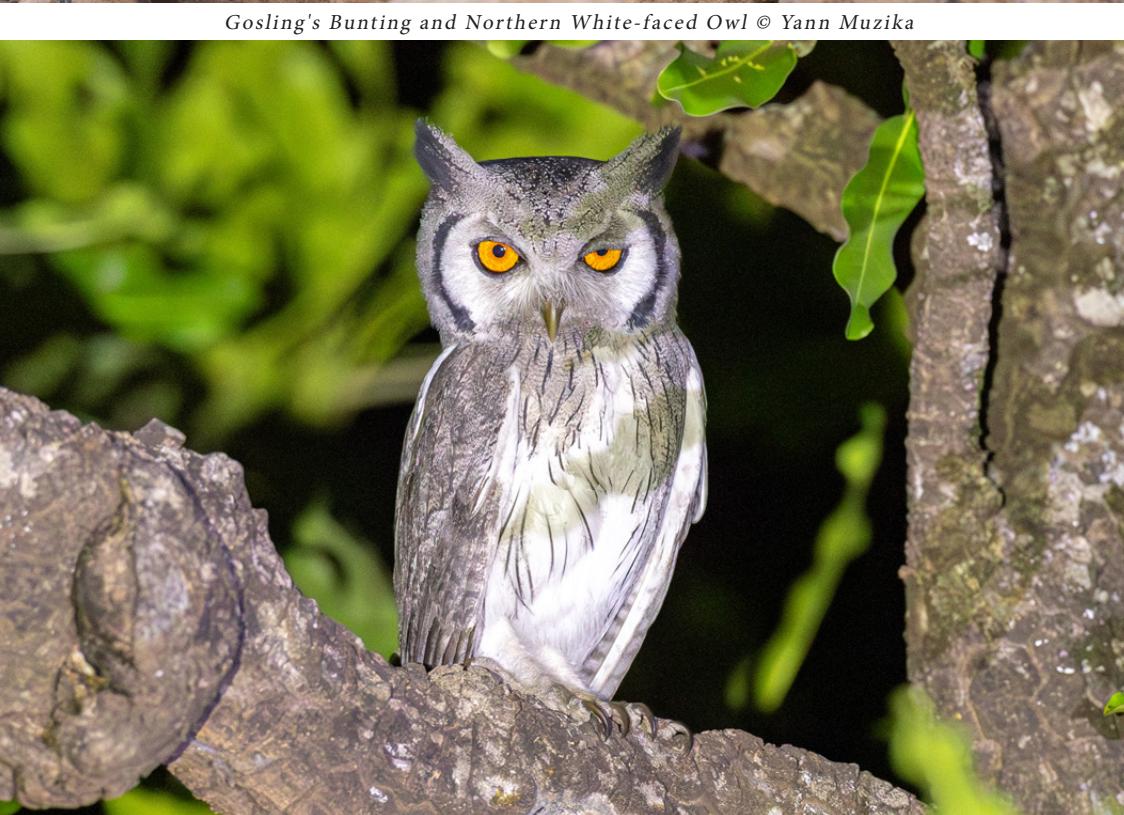


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