

## MADAGASCAR

As usual this was an exceptional tour, providing group members with most of the regional endemics: 22 species of lemurs, a whole host of reptiles, amphibians and butterflies and some extremely good food. By the end of the tour the group had worked very hard to find all three mesites, three endemic rails, five endemic nocturnals, all 10 couas, all five ground-rollers, three asitys and 18 members of the extraordinary endemic family the Vangidae, including the incomparable Helmet Vanga with its strangely swollen, glowing, electric-blue bill. The Nuthatch Vanga had the last laugh however, and was only heard in spite of intensive searching. Never before considered a problematic species, it hid well on this tour – but then, “that’s birding!”

Climatic changes are very evident in Madagascar as elsewhere. At Ranomafana it had been three weeks since the last rain. Things were very dry and birds very quiet and unresponsive, if calling at all. Yellow-bellied Sunbird-Asity was decidedly absent, having none of its favorite epiphytic plants in flower. Brown Emutail was more surprising, only calling twice, then never heard again. In addition to the 22 lemurs we had four other endemic land mammals and three whales, and identified 32 reptiles including an impressive 11 chameleon species. Although some frogs are still to be identified, we saw over twenty species. Maybe though, it was the delicious cuisine, stunning scenery, and knowledgeable and personable guides scattered throughout that made this tour yet again a resounding success.

We gathered for breakfast on our first full day before catching our early morning flight to Mahajanga. In Mahajanga we were met and shuttled to Ankarafantsika, where we were soon in the forest admiring many of the country’s endemics. In the car park vangas of five species were foraging in the trees, including the bizarre Sickle-billed. They were accompanied by comical Crested Drongos and delightful groups of Grey-headed Lovebirds. With the expertise of our local guides, the specialties of the area fell one by one: Coquerel’s and Red-capped Couas, Rufous Vanga plus a whole host of widespread endemics. Often-difficult Van Dam’s Vangas were curious about us and came closer and closer. White-breasted Mesites just posed on a branch at very close quarters and sylph-like Madagascar Paradise-Flycatchers danced around us. The group’s encounter with lemurs was also an “ooh” and “aah” experience, with bouncy Coquerel’s Sifakas, endearing Yoda-like Milne-Edward’s Sportive Lemurs and sleepy Western Avahis. Reptiles and butterflies were equally eye-catching with watchful Crocodiles, indifferent Madagascan Green Day-Geckoes, somewhat brazen Collared Iguanids and the enormous Madagascar Giant Swallowtail, a relative of the New Guinea Birdwings.

Picnics during our stay were casual affairs of freshly prepared spring-roll pastries with shallot handles. The lobsters went down well, especially with the béarnaise, and no one complained about the spit-roasted King Prawns, nor all of the accompaniments, the fresh fruit and the welcome coffee with ranono-sirimamy for that extra taste! The chocolates that went with the coffee were just too much after tucking into freshly made honey crepes. Later, a nocturnal sojourn rewarded us with the Golden Mouse Lemurs endemic to Ampijoroa and then only around Lake Ravelobe. We also found several sleeping Oustalet’s Chameleons, the world’s largest species. Our cottages, beautiful both in appointment and location overlooking the lake, ensured a comfortable and well-earned sleep.

Our sojourn on the lake provided us with incredible views of Madagascar Fish-Eagles, immense Humblot’s Herons, Madagascar Jacana and a wide variety of waterside birds including several extravert Allen’s Gallinules. At this time of year the weather in Ankarafantsika was pleasant, not becoming anything resembling hot until after 11 o’clock, and there were no biting insects of any description, so very different to what can be expected from mid-October onwards when temperatures start to soar, and biting insects start to bore! We returned to Mahajanga, had an appetizing evening meal and settled back into the comfort of our rooms.

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The next morning was a boat trip on the Betsiboky River, where we found two of the country's rarest species, Bernier's Teal in little groups in the mangroves, and the dapper Bernier's Ibis feeding on the oozy mud. It was a beautiful day with pleasant temperature and calm water, and the interesting assemblage of birds included Greater Flamingos, many Whimbrel and parties of comical Terek Sandpipers. The dark-phase Dimorphic Egrets were a startling shade of blue as they flew ahead of the boat before landing back in the mangroves. In the evening we caught the flight back to Tana and returned to our hotel.

Due to Air Madagascar's air schedules, we were obliged to visit Perinet early on this tour, whereas it is normally left to the end. As a result it was perhaps a bit early for the spring explosion of bird song. On arrival we were met by our extremely thorough and capable guide and, after completing the formalities, we set off for a pair of roosting Rainforest Scops Owls, which were at home, and a pair of Collared Nightjars that weren't. Our first exposure to Indri was dramatic, and after this taster of what was to come, we set off for our lodge and lunch.

Over the next few days our local guide led us to most of the special species of the area. Short-legged Ground-Roller taunted us from high up on a slope but was finally and expertly tracked down, and we found Scaly Ground-Rollers that must have been amused by the dance that they led us. Henst's Goshawk appeared whilst the group were having their picnic, silky Velvet Asities just glowed in the shady parts of the sunlit forest, and the numerous other forest denizens fell, albeit slowly, one by one. Apart from the Indris we had beautiful Diademed Sifakas, striking Black-and-White Ruffed Lemurs and appealing Eastern Woolly Lemur. Our guide was very skilled when it came to calling in Madagascar Long-eared Owls, and we had superb views on one evening. In addition to birds, we had the usual commoner chameleons and much other herp fauna.

After Perinet we visited Tsaratsaotra Reserve, near the centre of Antananarivo. The group was able to appreciate the herons of seven species involved in raising their young. The recently arrived Madagascar Squacco (Pond) Herons were in full breeding dress, earlier resident birds such as Great Egrets and Black-crowned Night-Herons had as usual commenced in late winter, and most of their broods were already on the wing. Common Squaccos were behaving like Birds of Paradise, waving their exaggerated plumes in the faces of their intended, the Dimorphic Egrets were in all stages from nest-building to feeding nearly independent young, and noisy clusters of Cattle Egrets incubated their eggs in the stands of bamboo. Scattered pairs of Black Egrets were nest building amongst the other heron species. There were large numbers of ducks present as well, mostly White-faced Whistling Ducks and Red-billed Teals, but also a good number of Knob-billed Ducks. In the afternoon we caught the flight to Fort Dauphin, where we were met and transferred to our hotel then had a look at the nearby cliffs. Here we scanned the restless seas finding Kelp Gulls, Humpback, Southern Right and Fin Whales.

After breakfast we met up with Philbert and bumped and bounced our way to Berenty. Our one day at this lemur sanctuary successfully netted a trio of Madagascar Sandgrouse. White-browed Owls were at their daytime roosts and noisy in the evening, as was the Totoroke Scops Owl. White-footed Sportive Lemurs were equally obliging and a visit to the Madagascar Flying Fox colony was something special. We were also exposed to the Ring-tailed Lemurs and Verreaux's Sifakas, and quite a number of Giant Couas fed unconcernedly along the tracks. We returned to Fort Dauphin the next day, seeing the various *Alluaudia* species on the way from the bus. From here we flew to Tana and continued south to Tulear.

An early breakfast, off to the wharf, then transferred to our boat by zebu cart, and we were off on our boat trip southwards. On our arrival at Anakao we had refreshments, and then it was not long before we had located our first male Littoral Rock Thrush on top of a spiky euphorbia. A few Sub-desert Brush Warblers were clicking away whilst hopping over the sand. We then boarded the boat again for our short hop across to Nosy Ve. This most exquisite island paradise was all the more welcoming with a nice party of Crab Plovers. The numerous Red-tailed Tropicbirds greeted us with their strident calls, whilst offspring of various ages waited quietly under the bushes for a parent to

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come and feed them. Dapper White-fronted Plovers skittered amongst the tide wrack with their precocial chicks only days old, and well-travelled Turnstones chased the lazy lapping wavelets. Our boat crew were experts at locating the smallest of channels to guide us into deeper water for our return to Anakao – and the most delicious of lunches in a sumptuous, if not decadent, setting. In the afternoon we returned to Tulear and back to the comfort of our rooms.

After traveling to Ifaty, our next outing would be a morning visit to the spiny forest, and soon we had successfully located all of the local specialties. The bizarre *Didierea*, two baobab species (*Adansonia fony* and *A. za* – although in some publications this is stated to be a giant restricted to the Mandrare River valley), giant *Pachypodium geayi* and strange *Euphorbias* were so fascinating. But our main targets were Running and Green-capped Coua, Archbold's Newtonia, Thamnornis Warbler, Long-tailed Ground-Roller and Sub-desert Mesite. By 8:30 a.m. it was all over and we had had wonderful views of all of these species, plus White-headed, La Fresnaye's, Sickle-billed, Red-tailed, Chabert's and Hook-billed Vangas. Then we retired to the lodge for a well-earned late breakfast and a morning of doing absolutely nothing, which went down very well. In the afternoon we backtracked toward Tulear to search for rallids in a swamp. A successful swamp drive with the help of some local children also provided us with a Little Bittern of the endemic race, a Greater Painted-snipe and about five Baillon's Crakes, one of which sought shelter under a fallen branch. A little further on, we found Red-knobbed Coot and a nice group of Hottentot Teal. The next morning we would look again for Verreaux's Coua and Red-shouldered Vanga – early risers and equally early retirees.

After an early breakfast and all our luggage packed, we set off for La Table to search in the grey dry scrub on the coral rag. The vangas (possibly one of the world's least-numerous species, with a maximum of six known) led us a merry chase all through the occasionally unfriendly vegetation. We had incredible success on both counts. The pair of vangas had an immature in tow, which was good news for the species, and the Coua was more concerned in sun basking than us. From here we started the first leg of the epic drive back to Tana. Our first stop, Zombitse, was quite quiet when we arrived, but on a winding route through the forest we saw much of interest. One Oustalet's Chameleon was in excess of 60 centimeters, a real monster, a rare Standing's Day-Gecko was discovered resting on a tree trunk, Three-eyed Iguanids with their pineal eye were scurrying about at the edge of the forest and quaint Red-necked and Madagascar Skinks were basking near the picnic area. We were shown many orchids and interesting plants, and of course the endemic and quite endearing Appert's Greenbul, whose world distribution is restricted to that very place. Both Giant and Coquerel's Couas obliged us and Cuckoo-Rollers put on a very fine and loud display. There were a few butterflies along the tracks, and the most delightful Red-tailed Sportive Lemurs peered at us from outside of their daytime retreats. From here we continued on to the luxury of our lodge in Isalo National Park. Before reaching Isalo, we were most fortunate to find a male Madagascar Harrier hunting over some rice paddies, a very "iffy" bird nowadays.

In the dawn light, the Benson's Rock Thrushes were their obliging selves, and we found a covey of Madagascar Partridge and another at the local dam, plus other niceties such as Madagascar Hoopoes and Grey-headed Lovebirds. The vegetation was not ignored, and three species of *Vinca*, *Pachypodium* and some very strange-looking unidentified plants completed our all-too-short stay. A post-birding breakfast was much enjoyed following the successful morning walk, and then we set off for our drive toward Ranomafana. Our hotel on the edge of the national park was very comfortable with cooperative staff, and they were punctual with the early breakfasts that we had become accustomed to.

Our expert local guides again led us to all of the local specialties, although not all of the species wanted to reveal themselves very willingly. The mainly one-and-only chance birds, namely Rufous-headed Ground-Roller, Forest Rock Thrush, Cryptic Warbler and Pollen's Vanga, did give a fight but we were successful one by one. A visit to a popular night spot provided ample opportunity for photographing endemic chameleons, frogs and a good number of the cutest imaginable Brown Mouse Lemurs, which leapt from branch to branch licking squashed banana from the stems. On

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one day we had a picnic at Vohiparara and, during a patient wait by an epiphytic flowering shrub, a male Common Sunbird Asity arrived in gleaming splendour amidst much excitement. The cool spring mornings certainly affected many of the passerines, and the forest edge was quite silent, but the interior was where we found many good species with a mixture of persistence and stubbornness. We visited the new Meller's Duck reserve, where we were successful with a pair of this very rare species and where we also had quaint Grey Emu-tails. Male Velvet Asitys were vying for attention whilst we studied several Wedge-tailed Jerys that were busily feeding in dead leaf tangles. At a nearby swamp we flushed a Marsh Owl, which just sat at close quarters and posed for us. Amongst the sedges we found the endemic Sundew. Our time here was very full, and after the final hour at Vohiparara we began our trek back to Tana.

The last part of our tour was to the far northeast, and in the morning we caught our flight to Maroantsetra, and after lunch transferred to adjacent Nosy Mangabe for the night. Before we had lunch we watched the bizarre Lowland Streaked Tenrec and several incomparable Tomato Frogs that the gardener had located for us. We were so fortunate to have a smooth crossing, and soon we pulled into Nosy Mangabe. After dinner we had a walk and found one of the world's smallest reptiles, a terrestrial leaf-litter chameleon named after the herpetologist Peyriras. We were unlucky with the Aye-Aye in the evening, but our walk produced a number of frogs, a half-dozen of the incredible Large Leaf-tailed Geckos, two species of snakes and a number of mouse lemurs.

After an early breakfast we completed our journey to Cap Masoala, arriving at Tampolo whilst it was still early. As we completed the formalities, a Madagascar Pratincole landed on the beach. Shortly we were trekking through the forest and seeing Red-breasted Coua, our last of the 10 species. We found the incomparable Helmet Vanga not far from the lodge, and on one afternoon we had an extraordinarily lengthy close experience with a very curious Scaly Ground-Roller. We had seen all five ground-rollers at this point, but we had not seen the stunning Scaly as well as this.

After two days in this very beautiful area we returned to Maroantsetra for a final night, and the next morning we departed very early, catching the flight back to Antananarivo. Stopping off at Tamatave we found our last new bird for the trip, a specialty only of Tamatave – House Sparrow.

Finally it was time for the group to say farewell to the great Red Island. But the red soil of Madagascar is indelible – once in the system, nothing will remove it! In the evening the group departed for the airport for their international flights. From the hotel it was just 10 minutes to the airport, farewells, formalities and time to reflect on what the participants had experienced during their stay in the "Magical Isle." This most successful tour would not be possible if not for the professional guides who assist us, all the staff in the lodges that prepare our breakfasts in the wee hours, the incomparable picnics provided by the Hery family in Mahajanga, Transcontinents' logistical support, and the open friendliness of the Malgasche people. Thanks also go to our safe and considerate driver, who shuttled the group safely through half the length of the island. And of course gratitude is due to the participants themselves, whose wonderful group dynamics were a compliment to a very merry holiday, with birds, buffets and barrels of laughter!' - *Brian Finch*

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Column A: Number of tours on which this species has been recorded

Column B: Number of days this species was seen on the last tour

Column C: Maximum daily count for this species on the last tour

H = Heard only; E = Extension only

A		B	C	
8	Helmeted Guineafowl	1	15	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
7	Madagascar Partridge	2	3	<i>Margaroperdix madagascariensis</i>
9	White-faced Whistling-Duck	7	400	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
1	White-backed Duck			<i>Thalassornis Leuconotos</i>
4	Fulvous Whistling-Duck			<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
9	Knob-Billed (Comb) Duck	3	10	<i>Sarkidornis melanotos</i>
6	Meller's Duck	1	2	<i>Anas melleri</i>
8	Madagascar (Bernier's) Teal	1	15	<i>Anas bernieri</i>
9	Red-billed Duck	6	600	<i>Anas erythorhyncha</i>
9	Hottentot Teal	1	2	<i>Anas hottentota</i>
7	Little Grebe	2	12	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
9	Madagascar Grebe	2	1	<i>Tachybaptus pelzelinii</i>
5	Greater Flamingo	1	12	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
2	African Openbill Stork			<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
8	Bernier's Ibis	1	15	<i>Threskiornis bernieri</i>
7	Glossy Ibis	1	15	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
8	Madagascar Crested Ibis	1	2	<i>Lophotibis cristata</i>
7	Little Bittern			<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
9	Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	200	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
9	Striated Heron	10	5	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
9	Squacco Heron	6	100	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
9	Madagascar Pond Heron	4	2	<i>Ardeola idea</i>
9	Cattle Egret	17	100	<i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>
9	Grey Heron	3	3	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
9	Humblot's Heron	4	3	<i>Ardea humbloti</i>
9	Purple Heron	4	8	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
9	Great Egret	13	50	<i>Ardea alba</i>
9	Black Egret	7	70	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
9	Dimorphic Egret	14	250	<i>Egretta dimorpha</i>
9	Red-tailed Tropicbird	1	60	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>
9	Hamerkop	4	1	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
4	Long-tailed (Reed) Cormorant	2	7	E <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
3	African Darter	1	1	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
9	Madagascar Kestrel	17	10	<i>Falco newtoni</i>
8	Banded Kestrel	1	1	<i>Falco zoniventris</i>
5	Peregrine Falcon			<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
3	Madagascar Cuckoo-Hawk			<i>Aviceda madagascariensis</i>
9	Black (Yellow-billed) Kite	10	50	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
9	Madagascar Fish-Eagle	2	2	<i>Haliaeetus vociferoides</i>
2	Madagascar Serpent-eagle			<i>Eutriorchis Astur</i>
6	Reunion Harrier	1	1	<i>Circus maillardi</i>

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9	Madagascar Harrier-Hawk	3	1		<i>Polyboroides radiatus</i>
9	Frances's Sparrowhawk	6	1		<i>Accipiter francesii</i>
9	Madagascar Sparrowhawk	3	1		<i>Accipiter madagascariensis</i>
8	Henst's Goshawk	1	1		<i>Accipiter henstii</i>
9	Madagascar Buzzard	13	3		<i>Buteo brachypterus</i>
9	White-breasted Mesite	2	2		<i>Mesitornis variegata</i>
8	Brown Mesite	2	2		<i>Mesitornis unicolor</i>
9	Sub-desert Mesite	2	1		<i>Mesitornis benschi</i>
8	Madagascar Flufftail	7		H	<i>Sarothrura insularis</i>
9	Madagascar Wood Rail	4	3		<i>Canirallus kioloides</i>
9	Madagascar Rail	1	1		<i>Rallus madagascariensis</i>
9	White-throated Rail	8	3		<i>Dryolimnas cuvieri</i>
8	Baillon's Crake	2	6		<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
2	Purple Swamphen				<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
4	Allen's Gallinule	2	3		<i>Porphyryula alleni</i>
9	Common Moorhen	2	8		<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
1	Red-knobbed Coot	1	2		<i>Fulica cristata</i>
9	Madagascar Buttonquail	4	5		<i>Turnix nigricollis</i>
5	Crab Plover	1	8		<i>Dromas ardeola</i>
9	Black-winged Stilt	3	25		<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
9	Grey Plover	2	10		<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
4	Common Ringed Plover	1	1		<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
9	Madagascar (Black-banded) Plover	1	1		<i>Charadrius thoracicus</i>
9	Kittlitz's Sand Plover	2	25		<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
8	Three-banded Plover	2	2		<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
9	White-fronted Plover	1	5		<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
2	Lesser Sand Plover				<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
8	Greater Sand Plover	1	2		<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
6	Greater Painted-snipe	1	1		<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
8	Madagascar Jacana	1	1		<i>Actophilornis albinucha</i>
8	Madagascar Snipe				<i>Gallinago macrodactyla</i>
9	Whimbrel	5	50		<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
9	Common Greenshank	4	10		<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
8	Terek Sandpiper	2	40		<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
9	Common Sandpiper	10	7		<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
9	Ruddy Turnstone	2	4		<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
6	Sanderling				<i>Calidris alba</i>
9	Curlew Sandpiper	3	40		<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
7	Madagascar Pratincole	3	10	E	<i>Glareola ocularis</i>
6	Kelp Gull	2	5		<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
7	Caspian Tern				<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
9	Lesser Crested Tern	2	20		<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>
9	Greater Crested Tern	2	30		<i>Sterna bergii</i>
4	Roseate Tern	3	10	E	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>
4	Common Tern	1	1		<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
4	Whiskered Tern				<i>Childonias hybridus</i>
8	Madagascar Sandgrouse	2	3		<i>Pterocles personatus</i>
9	Feral Pigeon	8	x		<i>Columba livia</i>
9	Madagascar Turtle-Dove	14	15		<i>Streptopelia picturata</i>

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9	Namaqua Dove	10	75	<i>Oena capensis</i>
9	Madagascar Green Pigeon	3	5	<i>Treron australis</i>
9	Madagascar Blue Pigeon	6	5	<i>Alectroenas madagascariensis</i>
9	Grey-headed Lovebird	9	25	<i>Agapornis canus</i>
9	Greater Vasa Parrot	9	4	<i>Coracopsis vasa</i>
9	Lesser Vasa Parrot	15	8	<i>Coracopsis nigra</i>
9	Madagascar Cuckoo	9	2	<i>Cuculus rochii</i>
9	Giant Coua	3	6	<i>Coua gigas</i>
9	Coquerel's Coua	3	3	<i>Coua coquereli</i>
8	Red-breasted Coua	2	1	<i>Coua serriana</i>
9	Red-fronted Coua	7	1	<i>Coua reynaudi</i>
9	Running Coua	2	1	<i>Coua cursor</i>
9	Red-capped Coua	2	4	<i>Coua ruficeps</i>
9	Green-capped Coua	1	1	<i>Coua [ruficeps] olivaceiceps</i>
9	Crested Coua	9	4	<i>Coua cristata</i>
9	Verreaux's Coua	2	2	<i>Coua verreauxi</i>
9	Blue Coua	9	4	<i>Coua caerulea</i>
9	Madagascar Coucal	20	5	<i>Centropus toulou</i>
6	Barn Owl			<i>Tyto alba</i>
8	Torotoroke Scops Owl	3	1	<i>Otus torotoroke</i>
9	Madagascar (Rainforest) Scops Owl	4	2	<i>Otus rutilus</i>
8	White-browed Owl	2	2	<i>Ninox superciliosa</i>
8	Madagascar Long-eared Owl	3	2	<i>Asio madagascariensis</i>
7	Marsh Owl	1	2	<i>Asio capensis</i>
9	Madagascar Nightjar	7	5	<i>Caprimulgus madagascariensis</i>
7	Collared Nightjar			<i>Caprimulgus enarratus</i>
9	Madagascar Spine-tailed Swift	7	10	<i>Zoonavera grandidieri</i>
9	African Palm Swift	7	20	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
7	Alpine Swift	1	1	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
9	Madagascar Swift	3	15	<i>Apus balstoni</i>
3	Little Swift	1	20	<i>Apus affinis</i>
9	Short-legged Ground-Roller	1	2	<i>Brachypteracias leptosomus</i>
7	Scaly Ground-Roller	2	1	<i>Brachypteracias squamigera</i>
9	Pitta-like Ground-Roller	3	2	<i>Atelornis pittoides</i>
9	Rufous-headed Ground-Roller	2	2	<i>Atelornis crossleyi</i>
9	Long-tailed Ground-Roller	1	1	<i>Uratelornis chimaera</i>
9	Cuckoo-Roller	12	5	<i>Leptosomus discolor</i>
9	Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher	5	1	<i>Ceyx madagascariensis</i>
9	Madagascar Kingfisher	11	4	<i>Alcedo vintsioides</i>
9	Madagascar (olive) Bee-eater	19	10	<i>Merops Superciliosus</i>
9	Madagascar Hoopoe	6	5	<i>Upupa marginata</i>
9	Velvet Asity	5	2	<i>Philepitta castanea</i>
7	Schlegel's Asity	1		h <i>Philepitta schlegeli</i>
9	Common Sunbird-Asity	6	3	<i>Neodrepanis coruscans</i>
7	Yellow-bellied Sunbird-Asity	1	1	<i>Neodrepanis hypoxantha</i>
9	Red-tailed Vanga	11	2	<i>Calicalicus madagascariensis</i>
6	Red-shouldered Vanga	2	1	<i>Calicalicus rufocarpalis</i>
9	Hook-billed Vanga	7	2	<i>Vanga curvirostris</i>
4	Bernier's Vanga			<i>Oriolia Bernieri</i>

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9	Lafresnaye's Vanga	2	2		<i>Xenopirostris xenopirostris</i>
9	Van Dam's Vanga	2	2		<i>Xenopirostris damii</i>
8	Pollen's Vanga	3	3		<i>Xenopirostris polleni</i>
9	Sickle-billed Vanga	6	35		<i>Falcula palliata</i>
9	White-headed Vanga	8	3		<i>Artamella viridis</i>
9	Chabert's Vanga	14	10		<i>Leptopterus chabert</i>
9	Blue Vanga	8	4		<i>Cyanolanius madagascariensis</i>
9	Rufous Vanga	6	4		<i>Schetba rufa</i>
8	Helmet Vanga	1	2	E	<i>Euryceros Prevostii</i>
8	Nuthatch Vanga	1	2	H	<i>Hypositta corallirostris</i>
9	Tylas Vanga	8	2		<i>Tylas edouardi</i>
9	Dark Newtonia	4	2		<i>Newtonia amphichroa</i>
9	Common Newtonia	17	3		<i>Newtonia brunneicauda</i>
9	Archbold's Newtonia	1	3		<i>Newtonia archboldi</i>
9	Ward's Flycatcher	6	4		<i>Pseudobias wardi</i>
9	Crossley's Babbler	3	1		<i>Mystacornis crossleyi</i>
9	Ashy (Madagascar) Cuckoo-Shrike	12	4		<i>Coracina cinerea</i>
9	Crested Drongo	18	15		<i>Dicrurus forficatus</i>
9	Madagascar Paradise Flycatcher	17	10		<i>Terpsiphone mutata</i>
9	Pied Crow	14	200		<i>Corvus albus</i>
9	Mascarene Martin	18	12		<i>Phedina borbonica</i>
9	Plain Martin	6	5		<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
9	Madagascar Bushlark	10	100		<i>Mirafra hova</i>
9	Madagascar Cisticola	13	6		<i>Cisticola cherina</i>
9	Common Jery	22	15		<i>Neomixis tenella</i>
9	Green Jery	8	3		<i>Neomixis viridis</i>
9	Stripe-throated Jery	6	2		<i>Neomixis striatigula</i>
9	Madagascar Bulbul	22	75		<i>Hypsipetes madagascariensis</i>
9	Madagascan Grassbird	1	2		<i>Amphilais Seebohmi</i>
8	Brown Emutail	2	2	H	<i>Dromaeocercus brunneus</i>
9	Madagascar Brush Warbler	11	3		<i>Nesillas typica</i>
9	Sub-desert Brush Warbler	5	6		<i>Nesillas lantzii</i>
9	Madagascar Swamp Warbler	5	4		<i>Acrocephalus newtoni</i>
9	White-throated Oxylabes	1	3		<i>Oxylabes madagascariensis</i>
9	Long-billed Bernieria	13	10		<i>Bernieria Madagascariensis</i>
9	Cryptic Warbler	4	2		<i>Cryptosylvicola randrianasoloi</i>
9	Wedge-tailed Jery	4	3		<i>Hartertula flavoviridis</i>
9	Kiritika (Thamnornis) Warbler	1	2		<i>Thamnornis chloropetoides</i>
9	Short-billed Tetraka (Greenbul)	9	6		<i>Xanthornixis zosterops</i>
9	Appert's Tetraka (Greenbul)	1	3		<i>Xanthornixis apperti</i>
3	Dusky Tetraka (greenbul)				<i>Xanthornixis Tenebrosa</i>
9	Grey-crowned Tetraka (Greenbul)	2	2		<i>Xanthornixis cinereiceps</i>
9	Madagascar Yellowbrow	2	1		<i>Crossleyia xanthophrys</i>
9	Rand's Warbler	6	2		<i>Randia pseudozosterops</i>
9	Madagascar White-Eye	17	25		<i>Zosterops maderaspatna</i>
9	Madagascar Starling	5	5		<i>Saroglossa aurata</i>
9	Common Myna	15	100		<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
9	Madagascar Magpie-Robin	19	8		<i>Copsychus albospecularis</i>
9	Common Stonechat	9	8		<i>Saxicola torquata</i>

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9	Littoral Rock-Thrush	1	3		<i>Pseudocossyphus imerinus</i>
9	Forest Rock-Thrush	1	2		<i>Pseudocossyphus sharpei</i>
9	Benson's Rock-Thrush	2	4		<i>Pseudocossyphus bensoni</i>
9	Souimanga Sunbird	25	25		<i>Cinnyris souimanga</i>
9	Long-billed Green Sunbird	11	3		<i>Cinnyris notatus</i>
8	House Sparrow	1	1	E	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
9	Nelicourvi Weaver	9	25		<i>Ploceus nelicourvi</i>
9	Sakalava Weaver	6	100		<i>Ploceus sakalava</i>
9	Red Fody	14	20		<i>Foudia madagascariensis</i>
9	Forest Fody	1	1		<i>Foudia omissa</i>
9	Madagascar Mannikin	10	8		<i>Lonchura nana</i>
9	Madagascar Wagtail	10	8		<i>Motacilla flaviventris</i>

## Amphibians and Reptiles:

Black Terrapin					<i>Pelusios subniger</i>
Helmeted Terrapin	1				<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>
Nile Crocodile	1	20			<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Short-nosed Chameleon	1				<i>Calumma gastrotaenia</i>
Keel-nosed Chameleon	4	3			<i>Calumma nasuta</i>
Short-horned Chameleon	1	2			<i>Calumma brevicornis</i>
Parson's Chameleon	1	1	E		<i>Calumma parsoni</i>
Panther Chameleon	3	2	E		<i>Calumma pardalis</i>
Oustalet's Chameleon	4	3			<i>Furcifer oustaleti</i>
Warty Chameleon	1	4			<i>Furcifer verrucosus</i>
Horned Leaf Chameleon	1	1			<i>Brookesia superciliaris</i>
Antongil Leaf Chameleon	1	1			<i>Brookesia Peyrierasi</i>
Three-eyed Iguanid	4	5			<i>Chalarodon madagascariensis</i>
Collared Iguanid	2	3			<i>Oplurus cuvieri</i>
Flat-tailed Plated Lizard	2	2			<i>Zonosaurus laticaudatus</i>
Common Plated Lizard	1	1			<i>Zonosaurus madagacariensis</i>
Ornate Plated Lizard	1	1			<i>Zonosaurus ornatus</i>
Marmorate Gecko	1	1			<i>Geckolepis typica</i>
Asiatic House Gecko	4	3			<i>Gehyra mutilata</i>
African House Gecko	4	1			<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>
Sakalava Tree Gecko	1	3			<i>Homopholis sakalava</i>
Antongil Tree Gecko	1	3			<i>Homopholis antongilensis</i>
Dwarf Gecko sp.	1	2			<i>Lygodactylus tampolynae</i>
Dwarf Gecko sp.	1	5			<i>Lygodactylus sp</i>
South-West Day-Gecko	1	2			<i>Phelsuma leiogaster</i>
Side-striped Day-Gecko	3	4			<i>Phelsuma lineata</i>
Little Day-Gecko	3	3	E		<i>Phelsuma pusilla</i>
Spotted Day-Gecko	1	1	E		<i>Phelsuma guttata</i>
Four-eyed Day-Gecko	2	2			<i>Phelsoma quadriocellata</i>
Large Day-Gecko	2	2			<i>Phelsuma madagascariensis</i>
Standing's Day-Gecko	1	1			<i>Phelsuma standingi</i>
Fantastic Leaf-tailed Gecko	1	2			<i>Uroplatus phantasticus</i>
Large Leaf-tailed Gecko	1	5	E		<i>Uroplatus fimbriatus</i>
Sikora Leaf-tailed Gecko	1	1			<i>Uroplatus sikorae</i>

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Lineated Leaf-tailed Gecko	1	1		<i>Uroplatus lineatus</i>
Red-necked Skink	1	2		<i>Mabuya elegans</i>
Madagascar Common Skink	1	8		<i>Mabuya gravenhorstii</i>
Legless Skink sp	1	1		<i>Voeltzkowia (pallida)</i>
Madagascar Ground Boa	1	1	E	<i>Sanzinia madagascariensis</i>
Mahafaly Zig-zag Snake	2	1		<i>Mimophis mahafalensis</i>
Snake sp	1	1	E	<i>Liophidium torquatum</i>
Malagasy Cat-eye Snake	1	1	E	<i>Madagascarophis colubrina</i>
Madagascar Jumping Frog	1	1		<i>Aglyptodactylus madagascariensis</i>
Climbing Mantella	1	2	E	<i>Mantella laevigata</i>
Painted Mantella	1	1		<i>Mantella madagascariensis</i>
Frog sp.	1	1	E	<i>Mantidactylus opiparis</i>
Madagascar Glass Frog	1	1		<i>Mantidactylus pulcher</i>
Frog sp	1	1		<i>Mantidactylus asper</i>
Tree-hole Frog	1	1		<i>Mantidactylus capitalis</i>
Frog sp	1	2	E	<i>Mantidactylus sp</i>
Microhylid Tree Frog sp	1	1	E	<i>Cophyla phyllodactyla</i>
Mascarene Rocket Frog	1	2		<i>Ptychadena mascareniensis</i>
Tiger Frog	1	1	E	<i>Hoplobatrachus tigerrinus</i>
Madagascar Bright-eyed Frog	2	2		<i>Boophis madagascariensis</i>
Madagascan Green Treefrog	2	4		<i>Boophis luteus</i>
Frog sp.	1	1		<i>Boophis rappioides</i>
Boulenger's Giant Treefrog	1	3	E	<i>Platypelis grandis</i>
Reed Frog sp	1	1	E	<i>Afrixalus punctatus</i>
Frog sp.	1	1	E	<i>Plethodontohyla inguinalis</i>
Frog sp.	1	1	E	<i>Plethodontohyla notosticta</i>
Frog sp.	1	1	E	<i>Stumpffia sp</i>
Frog sp.	1	1	E	<i>Stumpffia tetradactyla</i>
Frog sp.(Orange black-spotted)	1	1	E	(unknown)

## Mammals:

Fin Whale	1	1		<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>
Southern Right Whale	1	1		<i>Eubalaena australis</i>
Madagascar Flying Fox	1	200		<i>Pteropus rufus</i>
Madagascan Mastiff Bat	1	15		<i>Mops leucstigma</i>
Lowland Streaked Tenrec	2	1		<i>Hemicentetes semispinosus</i>
Lowland Red Forest Rat	1	1		<i>Nesomys audeberti</i>
Fanaloka/Fossa	1	1		<i>Fossa fossana</i>
Grey Mouse Lemur	1	1		<i>Microcebus griseus</i>
Grey-Brown Mouse Lemur	1	2		<i>Microcebus griseorufus</i>
Brown Mouse Lemur	2	5		<i>Microcebus rufus</i>
Golden Mouse Lemur	1	5		<i>Microcebus ravelobensis</i>
Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemur	1	2		<i>Cheirogaleus medius</i>
Milne-Edward's Sportive Lemur	2	1		<i>Lepilemur edwardsi</i>
Red-tailed Sportive Lemur	1	2		<i>Lepilemur ruficaudatus</i>
White-footed Sportive Lemur	1	5		<i>Lepilemur leucoscopus</i>
Grey Bamboo Lemur	1	4		<i>Hapalemur griseus</i>
Ring-tailed Lemur	2	40		<i>Lemur catta</i>

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Common Brown Lemur	4	10	<i>Eulemur fulvus fulvus</i>
Red-fronted Brown Lemur	2	15	<i>Eulemur fulvus rufus</i>
White-fronted Brown Lemur	2	6	<i>Eulemur fulvus albifrons</i>
Black-and-white Lemur	2	2	<i>Varecia variegata variegata</i>
Red-ruffed Lemur	1		H <i>Varecia variegata rubra</i>
Eastern Avahi	1	2	<i>Avahi laniger</i>
Western Avahi	1	2	<i>Avahi occidentalis</i>
Diademed Sifaka	3	4	<i>Propithecus diadema diadema</i>
Milne-Edward's Sifaka	1	3	<i>Propithecus diadema edwardsi</i>
Verreaux's Sifaka	3	20	<i>Propithecus v. verreauxi</i>
Coquerel's Sifaka	3	10	<i>Propithecus v. coquereli</i>
Indri	4	4	<i>Indri indri</i>