

TRAVELREPORT

WESTERN SENEGAL AND THE GAMBIA

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ITENERARY

- Thue 10-01 Flight from London Gatwick to Banjul The Gambia, an hour birding in the garden of Hotel SeneGambia..
- Wed 11-01. Birded at Abuko, Gambia (opened up just for our group because of a holiday) all day.
- Thur 12-01. In the morning birded at Tujering, midday at Sanyang and afternoon at Tange Nature Reserve al in the Gambia.
- Fry 13-01. Birded all day in the Gambia at places called Siffo, Pirang Nature Reserve, Darsalami, Farabebanta and Marakissa.
- Sat 14-01. Drove with birding stops from the Gambia (crossed the river and birded at Fort Bullen) to Kaolak in Senegal.
- Sun 15-01. Drove with birding stops from Kaolak to St'Louis in Senegal.
- Mon 16-01. In the morning a boat trip at Langue de Barbarie National Park and birded around St' Louis in Senegal.
- Thue 17-01. Drove from St'Louis to Richard Toll and birded around all day in Senegal.
- Wed 18-01. Drove from Richard Toll to the Djoudj a wildfowl wintering spot in Northern Senegal and a bird "wonder".
- Thur 19-01. Birded at the Djoudj National Park in the afternoon a boat trip in the park.
- Fry 20-01. Drove with birding stops from the Djoudj to Kaolak in Senegal.
- Sat 21-01. Drove from Kaolak in Senegal with birding stops at Baobalong in Senegal, Farrafenny (the border) and Nianga Benteng (Egyptian Plover site) to Georgetown in the Gambia with in the afternoon a boat trip on the Gambia.
- Sun 22-01. Drove from Georgetown to Bansang (a bit to the east) and then with birding stops to Tendaba.
- Mon 23-01. Birded around Tendaba with in the morning a boat trip.
- Thue 24-01. Drove from Tendaba to Banjul and flew to London Gatwick in the afternoon (six hours)

Legenda:

**AAAA = New Species and new Holarctic Species

* AAAA = New species

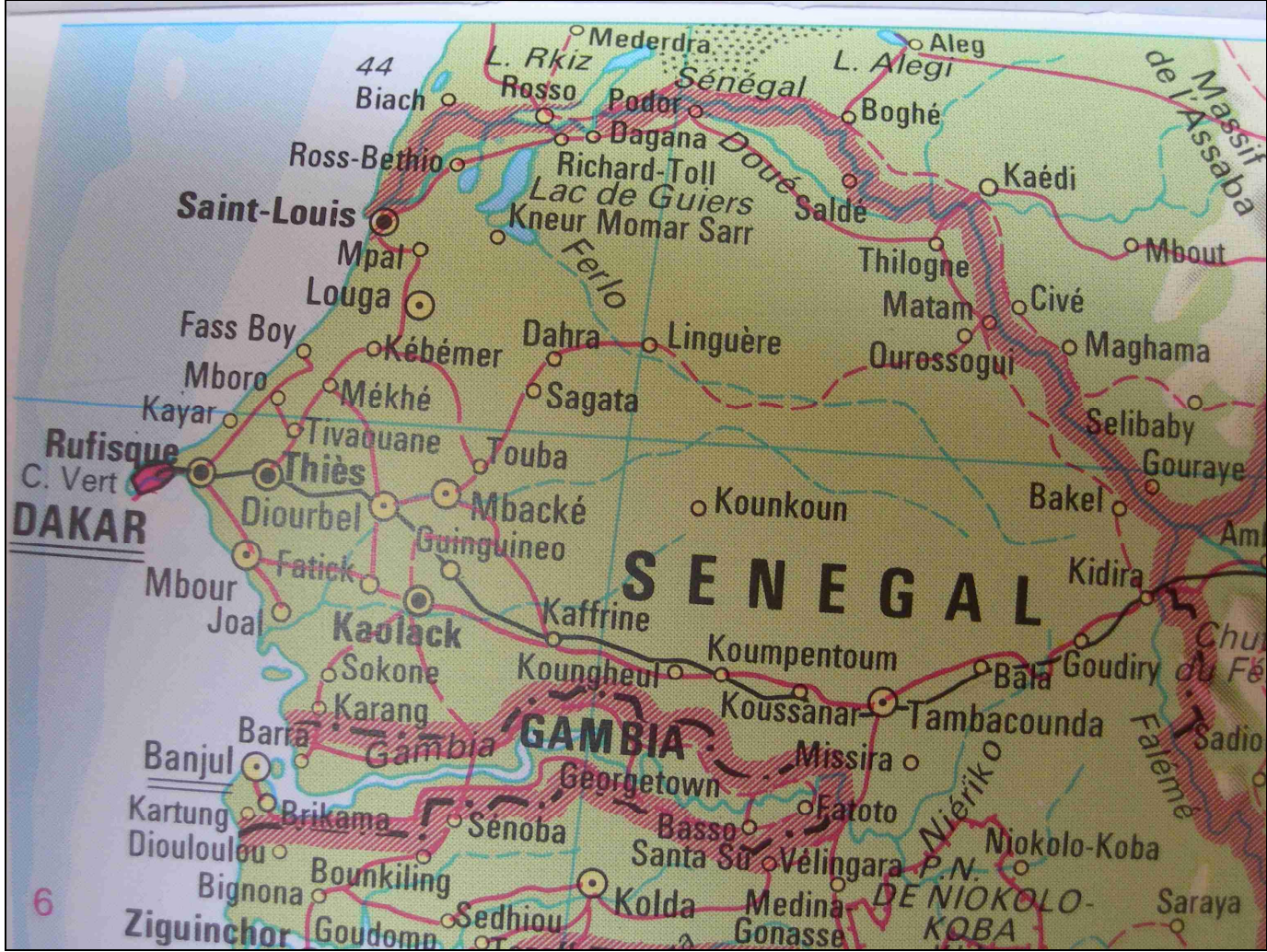
AAAA = Good bird for the area or for myself

The Dutch name is given when known (according to van den Berg, Dutch Birding-namen). The list order is conform Palaearctic Birds by Beaman with the recent changes on the splitting and lumping issue. Subspecies is only mentioned when thought to be important.

Only bird species SEEN mentioned.

The weather was good without rain, often sunny, with cold mornings (coldest 8 C) in the morning in the north of Senegal and more hot days (to 35 C) in the south and the Gambia, often windy mostly in the north of Senegal by a local wind called the Hamatan.

Kaart van het bezochte deel van Senegal en de Gambia.



THE BIRDSPECIES

001 LITTLE GREBE – *tachybaptus ruficollis*
(dodaars)

20 birds in the Djoudj area and 1 on 22-01 on an almost dry pond.
Most in winter plumage, but some in summer.

002 NORTHERN GANNET – *sula bassanus*
(jan van gent)

12-01 3 ex. from the coast at the Gambia south bank, all immature.

003 WHITE-BREASTED CORMORANT – *phalacrocorax (carbo) ssp: lucidus*
(afrikaanse aalscholver)

16-01 20 birds on the boat trip
Common in and around the Djoudj area. All white breasts and some had white bellies.

**004 LONG-TAILED CORMORANT – PHALACRORAX AFRICANUS
(afrikaanse dwergaalscholver)

Seen on most area's with water, on rivers, small ponds and lakes
often in small groups of various ages. Indeed very long tailed.

**005 AFRICAN DARTER – ANHINGA RUFA
(afrikaanse slangenhalsvogel)

Seen on most water places, less common than 004, with the most in
the Djoudj (50 on a day).

006 GREAT WHITE PELICAN – *pelecanus onocrotalus*
(roze pelikaan)

16-01 10 ex. on the boat trip.
Common in and around the Djoudj area with a visit to a colony of
16.800 (!) birds (official count) by boat on 19-01. Many young in
various ages. The birds swam several meters from the boat and kept
on fishing. I particularly looked at moulting stages or damaging
(because of discussion on damaged birds in Holland) but all where
perfect with only a few single primaries or secondaries missing.



**007 PINK-BACKED PELICAN – PELECANUS RUFESCENS
(kleine pelikaan)

14-01 30 ex. at the crossing of the Gambia River, and in evening
near the hotel in Kaolak .
16-01 30 ex. spread over the day.
Seen daily in the Gambia (also in a small breeding colony near
Tendaba) in a total of 30 birds a day.

*008 **WHITE-BACKED NIGHT HERON – GORSACHIUS LEUCONOTUS**

23-01 1 ex. nice to see from the boat trip at Tendaba. Sitting in a low tree above the water. With a large white surrounded eye and white feathers on the back. The neck was brick red, as in the books.

009 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON – *nycticorax nycticorax*
(kwak)

Seen at various sites in small colonies, with up to 50 a day. This species chases 008 away at Tendaba and this is the reason for there low numbers.

010 SQUACCO HERON – *ardea ralloides*
(ralreiger)

Seen almost daily at wet places with high numbers in the Djoudj area. All in winter plumage.

011 CATTLE EGRET – *bubulcus ibis*
(koereiger)

Common during the whole trip.

012 GREEN-BACKED HERON – *butorides striata*
(mangrove-reiger)

11-01 2 ex. seen at Abuko
A total of 6 seen at Tendaba.

013 **BLACK HERON – EGRETTA ARDESIACA

Seen in small numbers at many wet places with a group of 20 birds on 18-01 near the Djoudj. Seen the “umbrella” way of feeding.

014 WESTERN REEF EGRET – *egretta gularis* ssp: *gularis*
(westelijke rifreiger)

Very common along the coast, mostly (if not all) dark morphs, some also up river (Tendaba).

015 LITTLE EGRET – *egretta garzetta*
(kleine zilverreiger)

Common more inland. I did not pay much attention to i.d. from 015.

016 INTERMEDIATE EGRET – *egretta intermedia*
(middelste zilverreiger)

11-01 1 ex. at Abuko.
13-01 1 ex. somewhere during the day.
22-01 5 ex. at a wet place near rice fields along the road.

017 GREAT EGRET – *egretta alba*
(grote zilverreiger)

Common during the whole trip at all wet area's.

018 PURPLE HERON – *ardea purpurea*
(purperreiger)

Seen on many places in sweet water wet area's, mostly at the Djoudj with up to 50 birds a day, many juveniles.

019 GREY HERON – *ardea cinerea*
(blauwe reiger)

Common during the whole trip also in dry area's, many immature birds.

****020 BLACK – HEADED HERON – ARDEA MELANOCEPHALA**
(zwartkopreiger)

11-01 20 ex. in a small colony in Abuko.
22-01 2 ex. In a small lily pond along the way.
Immatures are pinkish from below.

****021 GOLIATH HERON – ARDEA GOLIATH**
(reuzenreiger)

23-01 2 ex. At Tendaba during the boat trip in the Mangroves, great views.



****022 HAMERKOP – SCOPUS UMBRETTA**

11-01 2 ex. at Abuko.
13-01 1 ex. during the day.
Seen daily around the river the Gambia (Tendaba) with 15 birds on one day as the highest count.



****023 YELLOW-BILLED STORK – MYCTERIA IBIS**
(afrikaanse nimmerzat)

18-01 1 ex. Flying in the Djoudj.
19-01 25 ex. In a small colony from the first hide in the Djoudj,
also some juveniles on the nest.
Nice views, as in the books.

024 BLACK STORK – *ciconia nigra*
(zwarte ooievaar)

A total of 4 birds all adults seen in the Djoudj on various days.

****025 WOOLLY-NECKED STORK – CICONIA EPISCOPUS**

24-01 6 ex. all pairs at Tendaba, nice views feeding in the meadows.

026 WHITE STORK – *ciconia ciconia*
(ooievaar)

19-01 3 ex. seen during the boat trip in the Djoudj.

****027 MARABOU STORK – LEPTOPTILOS CRUMENIFERUS**
(afrikaanse marabou)

21-01 15 ex. all flying birds along the way.

22-01 25 ex. in two small colonies along the road to the west in the Gambia. Some nests with chicks.

028 GLOSSY IBIS – *plegadis falcinellus*
(zwarte ibis)

Seen daily in small numbers in and around the Djoudj with up to 40 birds on a day.

***029 HADADA IBIS – BOSTRYCHIA HAGEDASH**

21-01 8 birds came in to overnight at Georgetown and were seen in the trees on 22-01 early next morning. Also calling a lot in flight nice scope views.

****030 SACRED IBIS – THRESKIORNIS AETHIOPICUS**
(heilige ibis)

19-01 10 ex. at the Djoudj, solitaire and pairs.

23-01 1 ex. in a tree at the boat trip at Tendaba.

031 EURASIAN SPOONBILL – *platalea leucorodia*
(lepelaar)

16-01 50 birds in the morning at a tidal area.

Common in the Djoudj with large flocks.

****032 AFRICAN SPOONBILL – PLATALEA ALBA**

19-01 6 ex. In the Djoudj on the boat trip of which two immatures with bare skin around the eye. Looks stubbier than European. Adults easy also in flight with red legs.

033 GREATER FLAMINGO – *phoenicopterus roseus*
(flamingo)

Common in the Djoudj in large flocks.

034 LESSER FLAMINGO – *phoenicopterus minor*
(kleine flamingo)

A flock of about 200 birds daily present in the Djoudj, some nice close views.

035 FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCK – *dendrocygna bicolor*
(rosse fluiteend)

Common at the Djoudj with 4.000+ birds seen at the main lake in mixed flocks with other ducks.

****036 WHITE-FACED WHISTLING DUCK – DENDROCYGNA VIDUATA**

Common at the Djoudj with 66.000 (official count) on the main lake in mixed flocks with other ducks.

22-01 20 birds flying over the river the Gambia a small flock

24-01 30 birds near Banjul flying over the river.

Often quite noisy.



****037 EGYPTIAN GOOSE – ALOPOCHEN AEGYPTIACUS**

(nijlgans)

18-01 19 ex. in small groups at the Djoudj.

19-01 20 ex. in small flocks at the Djoudj.

****038 SPUR-WINGED GOOSE – PLECTROPTERUS GAMBENSIS**

(spoorwiekgers)

17-01 1 ex. seen flying over a small river near Richard Toll.

19-01 5 ex. seen flying at the Djoudj.

22-01 6 ex. in a small flock flying over the river at Tendaba.

039 COMB DUCK – sarkidiornis melanotos

19-01 1 ex. in a flock off White-faced whistling ducks.

22-01 6 ex. in a small group at Georgetown landing in a wet field.

040 EURASIAN WIGEON – anas penelope

(smient)

A group of 50 birds seen daily at the main lake of the Djoudj.

041 AMERICAN WIGEON – anas Americana

(amerikaanse smient)

19-01 1 male between the flock of wigeon on the main lake of the Djoudj.

20-01 2 (!!) males present together in one scope view at the same place.

042 GAWALL – anas strepera

(krakeend)

20-01 2 ex. a pair at the main lake in the Djoudj.

043 EURASIAN TEAL – anas crecca

(wintertaling)

A total of 4 birds in the Djoudj.

044 NORTHERN PINTAIL – anas acuta

(pijlstaart)

Common at the Djoudj with 217.000 birds (official count), one of the three most numerous ducks.

045 GARGANEY – anas querquedula

(zomertaling)

The most common duck in the Djoudj with huge flocks, 155.000 birds (official count), but my feeling was that this was a to low count. Many in breeding plumage but also still moulting birds.

046 NORTHERN SHOVELER – *anas clypeata*
(slobeend)

At the Djoudj about 1000+ birds every day where seen.

047 FERRUGINOUS DUCK – *aythya nyroca*
(witoogeend)

19-01 15 ex. in one flock between the ducks on the main lake in the Djoudj. Most seen in flight, with white bellies and obvious wing bars a foxred colour.

048 OSPREY – *pandion haliaetus*
(visarend)

Seen almost daily with up to 10 a day as a maximum.

049 BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE – *elanus caeruleus*
(grijze wouw)

11-02 2 birds seen along the way.
17-01 1 bird seen along the way.
20-01 1 bird seen along the road.
23-01 1 bird seen along the road.

****050 AFRICAN SWALLOW-TAILED KITE – CHELICTINIA RIOCOURII**

14-01 12 ex. in one flock near Kaolak
15-01 20 ex. just outside Kaolak.
18-01 1 ex. along the way.
One of the birds of the trip very nice as in the books pictured, often mixed with Lesser Kestrels.

051 BLACK KITE – *milvus migrans*
(zwarte wouw)

Common during the trip, with large gatherings in cities (sleeping on buildings) and mixed with Yellow-billed.

****052 YELLOW-BILLED KITE – MILVUS AEGYPTIUS ssp: *parasiticus***
(geelsnavelwouw)

Seen almost daily between Black Kites in small numbers, but more likely many more spread over the whole trip, but I did not pay much attention to id all the kites.

****053 AFRICAN FISCH EAGLE – HALIAEETUS VOCIFER**
(afrikaanse zeearend)

17-01 2 ex. near Richard Toll, one adult and one immature.
18-01 1 ex. an immature.
19-01 2 ex. in the Djoudj.
23-01 3 ex. of which one taking a fish close to the boat.
As in the books a very nice bird.

***054 PALM-NUT VULTURE – GYPOHIERAX ANGOLENSIS**

10-01 1 ad. from the plain, the first bird we saw.
11-01 2 ex. near a nest at Abuko.
13-01 1 ex. along the way.
21-01 2 ex. near a nest from the boat trip.

****055 HOODED VULTURE – NECROSYRTES MONACHUS**
(kagier)

Very common during the whole trip but mainly in the Gambia area, with just a few birds seen in the north of Senegal. Many immatures, and also often in groups in human cultivation.

***056 AFRICAN WHITE-BACKED VULTURE – GYPS AFRICANUS**

15-01 10 in a large group of vultures at a dead cow along the road.
20-01 2 ex. along the road at three dead donkey's.
21-01 3 ex. spread over the day.
22-01 3 ex. spread over the day
Noticeably smaller than the Griffon vultures, with a smaller darker head and bill. In flight very light/pale underwing coverts.

****057 RUPPEL'S VULTURE – GYPS RUEPELLII**
(ruppel's gier)

15-01 30 ex. at a dead cow with other vultures.
20-01 100 ex. at three dead donkey's.
Many nice adults with blue naked skin on the shoulderboans.
Also some immatures. Nice to see the "display" at carcasses with walking in slow-motion with very big steps.



060 EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE – gyps fulvus
(vale gier)

15-01 40 mainly juveniles at a dead cow along the way.
20-01 100 birds on the ground at three dead donkeys.

061 LAPPET-FACED VULTURE – torgos tracheliotus
(oorgier)

15-01 1 ex. an very nice adult in the mixed vulture flock at the dead cow, very good views on the ground.
20-01 3 ex. flying over the three dead donkeys.
Very impressive birds, high in rank at carcasses, all the vultures go one step back if this species comes along side.

062 SHORT-TOED EAGLE – circaetus gallicus
(slangenarend)

14-01 1 bird along the way flying, good views.

*063 **BEAUDOUIN'S SNAKE EAGLE – CIRCAETUS BEAUDOUINI**

21-01 3 ex. along the road quite close to each other at Georgetown and the boat trip. Good views with quite solid dark brown head and breast and white belly.

*064 **BROWN SNAKE EAGLE – CIRCAETUS CINEREUS**

13-01 1 ex. in the Gambia along the road.
21-01 1 ex. along the road in a dead tree.
22-01 2 ex. spread over the day.
Nice views, completely brown with in flight light wings.

*065 **WESTERN BANDED-SNAKE EAGLE – CIRCAETUS CINERASCENS**

21-01 2 birds during the boat trip, nice views sitting in trees.
Very grey with a banded belly and white in the wings and tail with a broad white band.

*066 **AFRICAN HARRIER HAWK – PLYBOROIDES TYPUS**

12-01 5 ex. spread over the day.
13-01 7 ex. spread over the day.
Seen daily around Tendaba. Adults and juveniles.

067 MONTAGU'S HARRIER – *circus pygargus*
(grauwe kiekendief)

A total of 17 birds seen spread over the trip of which one black face bird in Senegal.

068 EURASIAN MARSH HARRIER – *circus aeruginosus*
(bruine kiekendief)

Quite common during the trip seen almost daily at most (wet) places.

069 **GABAR GOSHAWK – MICRONISUS GABAR

20-01 1ex. flying at the boat trip at Georgetown. A thin large tailed accipiter with a white rump.

070 **DARK CHANTING GOSHAWK – MELIERAX METABATES
(donkere zanghavig)

13 birds seen spread over the trip with a maximum of three on a day.
Long legs when perched and quite heavy built.

071 SHIKRA – *accipiter badius*
(shikra)

14 birds seen spread over the trip, mostly in flight but also some nice birds perched, adults and immatures.

*072 **GRASSHOPPER BUZZARD – BUTASTUS RUFIPENNIS**

13-01 8 ex. along a good road for raptors in the Gambia.
23-01 3 ex. spread over the day.
A nice small raptor with orange in the wings and underparts.

*073 **LIZARD BUZZARD – KAUIFALCO MONOGRAMMICUS**

A total of 10 birds seen during the trip on various locations, always solitaire. Medium sized raptor with obvious throat stripe.

074 TAWNY EAGLE – aquila rapax ssp: *belisarius*
(savannearend)

22-01 1 adult bird flying at a site along the Gambia, nice views,
quite warm brown aquila eagle.

*075 WAHLBERG'S EAGLE – AQUILA (HIERAAETUS) WAHLBERGI

13-01 2 ex. along the road good for raptors.
21-01 1 ex. along the road.
22-01 1 ex. along the road.
Much alike a pale dark face booted eagle without “headlights” and
with a more rounded tail.

076 BOOTED EAGLE – hieraaetus pennatus
(dwergarend)

15-01 1 immature ex. light face along the way.
18-01 1 ex. light face, along the road.

*077 LONG-CRESTED EAGLE – LOPHAETUS OCCIPITALIS

13-01 2 ex. in the afternoon along the road, one sitting in a tree.
24-01 1 ex. in a tree along the road.
Very long crest.

078 LESSER KESTREL - falco naumanni
(kleine torenvalk)

14 and 15-01 200+ mainly in the morning of the second day leaving
a roost near Kaolak. Very nice views of flocks flying out sometimes
mixed with African Swallow-tailed Kites, many immatures.

079 COMMON KESTREL – falco tinnunculus
(torenvalk)

5 birds seen during the trip in both Senegal and the
Gambia.

*080 GREY KESTREL – FALCO ARDOSIACEUS

13-01 3 ex. at the “raptor road” in the Gambia.
22-01 1 ex. somewhere during the day.
23-01 1 ex. along the road.
Nice birds, not very small.

*081 RED-NECKED FALCON – FALCO CHICQUERA

A total of 6 birds seen very well, with a maximum of three birds
seen on one day (12-01). Very nice views sitting in trees of this very
nice falcon.

082 LANNER FALCON – falco biarmicus ssp: *abyssinicus*
(lannervalk)

11-01 1 ex. flying along the road
20-01 1 ex. perched on the ground in the Djoudj.

*083 STONE PARTRIDGE – PTILOPACHUS PETROSUS

12-01 2 ex. in flight near the coast.
21-01 2 ex. tape lured and very nice views at Georgetown.
22-01 3ex. seen walking on the road at Georgetown.
Looking like little chickens.

*084 **AHANTA FRANCOLIN – FRANCOLINUS AHANTENSIS**

11-01 2 ex. a pair in Abuko, very nice views in the open calling to a tape.

085 **DOUBLE-SPURRED FRANCOLIN – FRANCOLINUS BICALCARATUS

(barbarijse frankolijn)

A total of 6 birds seen on several sites during the trip, mostly in pairs.

086 **BLACK CRAKE – AMAURORNIS FLAVIROSTRA

(zwart porseleinhoen)

Seen at many sites with up to 13 birds spread over the trip and a maximum of four on one day.

087 **AFRICAN SWAMPHEN – porphyrio (porphyrio) madagascariensis**

(smaragdpuerperkoet)

18-01 5 ex. at a site near the Djoudj.

20-01 7 ex. at the same site.

Purple head and a greenish back.

088 **COMMON MOORHEN – gallinula chloropus**

(waterhoen)

Seen almost daily near water with up to 3 on one day.

*089 **BLACK CROWNED CRANE – BALEARICA PAVONINA**

18-01 12 ex. at the Djoudj.

19-01 60 ex. seen in several flocks in the Djoudj

20-01 60 ex. in one flock just outside the Djoudj NP.

Very nice birds acting like “our” Cranes.

090 **ARABIAN BUSTARD – ARDEOTIS ARABS

(arabische trap)

1 bird found in the early morning of 19-01 in the Djoudj. Saw it on the ground and after a few minutes it flew to a safer area out of view. This bird was probably the only survivor of the flock of five usually present in the park. All the futures seen, grey neck and head with long crest, showing more white than expected in the wings.





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*091 **SAVILE'S BUSTARD – EUPODOTIS SAVILEI**

15-01 3 ex., one lone bird and a pair, also on the ground, north of Kaolak and Darou Mousty, both in Senegal. Nice views in flight, a medium small bustard with a dark belly, warm brown back and dark primaries.

*092 **AFRICAN JACANA – ACTOPHILORNIS AFRICANUS**

Quite common at water parties with lilies in it, with sometimes 50+ on one day.

093 **GREATER PAINTED SNIPE – rostratula benghalensis**
(goudsnip)

21-01 2 ex. a pair near Kuntaur in the Gambia. Nice views.



094 **EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER – haematopus ostralegus**
(scholekster)

A total of 10 birds seen at the Gambia coast.

095 **BLACK-WINGED STILT – himantopus himantopus**
(steltkluut)

A common bird seen daily in sometimes high numbers (100+) on a day.

096 **EURASIAN AVOCET – recurvirostra avosetta**
(kluut)

12-01 5 ex. at the Gambian coast.
Common at the Djoudj, mostly at saltwater places.

****097 SENEGAL THICK-KNEE – BURHINUS SENEGALENSIS**

(senegalgriel)

Seen on many days of the trop with up to 10 birds on a day.
Differently shaped with a longer bigger bill than Stone Curlew, with the “Senegal” wing pattern.

****098 SPOTTED THICK-KNEE – BURHINUS CAPENSIS**

18-01 1 bird seen very close “hidden” on the ground and flying of several times near Richard Toll. Saw the spots very well.

****099 EGYPTIAN PLOVER – PLUVIANUS AEGYPTIUS**

(krokodilwachter)

21-01 7 ex. together near Nianga Benteng on the northern bank of the river Gambia. Very nice views of this little group also in flight. They seem to be in pairs (flying and walking in pairs). Later in the morning the birds disappeared.



100 CREAM-COLOURED COURSER – cursorius cursor

(renvogel)

4 birds seen on three occasions at the Djoudj in the same area, nice views next to the bus.

***? *101 TEMMICK’S COURSER – CURSORIUS TEMMINCKII**

12-01 4 birds seen on that day, two flying over at the first birding site of the day and two seen very well in a field near Tujering.
15-01 2 birds seen along the road to St’Louis.



*102 **BRONZE-WINGED COURSER – RHINOPTILIUS CHALOCOPTERUS**

21-01 1 ex. at a few meters in the headlights of the bus during a night drive close to Tendaba Camp. As in the books with red knees, big eye and distinctive head and breast pattern.

103 COLLARED PRATINCOLE – *glareola prantincola* ssp: *fuelleborni*?
(vorkstaartplevier)

16-01 32 ex. in one group at a lake near St’Louis
18-01 10 ex. in the Djoudj.
The birds near St’Louis where mostly in summer plumage with a long gapeline.

104 LITTLE RINGED PLOVER – *charadrius dubius*
(kleine plevier)

13-01 3 ex. at Dasilami.
21-01 4 ex. at Bao Bolong.
In winter plumage with a not so pronounced eye ring.

105 COMMON RINGED PLOVER – *charadrius hiaticula*
(bontbekplevier)

Common mostly along the coast.

106 **KITTLITZ’S PLOVER – CHARADRIUS PECURARIUS
(herdersplevier)

16-01 2 ex at a lake near St’Louis.
Seen daily in the Djoudj with up to 15 birds a day.
21-01 2 ex. seen along the road.
Winter, immature and summer plumage birds seen, mostly at dry places sometimes at quite a distance from water.



107 KENTISH PLOVER – *charadrius alexandrinus*
(strandplevier)

Seen daily n the north of Senegal with up to 10 birds a day (the Djoudj).

*?*108 **WHITE-FRONTED PLOVER – CHARADRIUS MARGINATUS**

12-01 1 male at a coastal muddy site at Tanji.
A bulky Kentish with a large white forehead, a thin black line across the forehead, but most obvious was the rufous nape, neck, neck patches and mantle.

109 GREY PLOVER – *pluvialis squatarola*
(silverplevier)

Seen at pure coastal sites with up to 10 a day.

*110 **AFRICAN WATTLED LAPWING – VANELLUS SENEGALLUS**

Seen daily at the western part of the Gambia, with up to 8 birds a day. Noisy birds often on cultivation grasslands.

*111 **BLACK-HEADED LAPWING – VANELLUS TECTUS**

A total of 36 birds seen during the trip in various dry habitats in The Gambia and Senegal, mostly in pairs.

112 SPUR-WINGED LAPWING – *vanellus spinosus*
(sporenkievit)

Common during the whole trip at most wet sites.

113 RED KNOT – *calidris canutus*
(kanoet)

14-01 7 ex. at Fort Bullen.
16-01 1 ex. at Langue de Barbarie.

114 SANDERLING – *calidris alba*
(drieteenstrandloper)

12-01 50 ex. at Tanji.
16-01 1 ex. at Langue de Barbarie.

115 LITTLE STINT – *calidris minuta*
(kleine strandloper)

Common at coastal sites in small flocks all in winter plumage.

116 CURLEW SANDPIPER – *calidris ferruginea*
(krombekstrandloper)

Seen at most coastal sites in the north of Senegal in low numbers.

117 DUNLIN – *calidris alpine*
(bonte strandloper)

Seen at most coastal sites in the north of Senegal in higher numbers than 116.

118 RUFF – *philomachus pugnax*
(kemphaan)

Seen daily in high numbers in the north of Senegal.

119 COMMON SNIPE – *gallinago gallinago*
(watersnip)

A total of 3 birds was seen in the Djoudj.

120 BLACK-TAILED GODWIT – *limosa limosa* ssp: *limosa + islandica?*
(grutto)

14-01 1 bird at one of the birding stops.
Common at the Djoudj in small groups.
Some birds were moulting and getting the “curlew sandpiper” red on the head, these birds were small and had short slightly upturned bills (*islandica?*).

121 BAR-TAILED GODWIT – *limosa lapponica*
(rosse grutto)

A total of 18 birds were seen at coastal sites in the Gambia.

122 WHIMBREL – *numenius phaeopus*
(regenwulp)

Seen at most of the coastal sites, mainly in the Gambia.

- 123 EURASIAN CURLEW – *numenius arquata*
(wulp)
16-01 2 ex. at Langue de Barbarie
- 124 SPOTTED REDSHANK – *tringa erythropus*
(zwarte ruiter)
A total of 13 birds seen in the Djoudj.
- 125 COMMON REDSHANK – *tringa tetanus*
(tureluur)
Seen on most days in wet area's during the trip with up to 10 birds a day.
- 126 MARSH SANDPIPER – *tringa stagnatilis*
(poelruiter)
16-01 10 ex. near Langue de Barbarie.
Seen daily at the Djoudj with 10 birds on a day.
- 127 COMMON GREENSHANK – *tringa nebularia*
(groenpootruiter)
Common on most wet sites with up to 30 birds on a day.
- 128 GREEN SANDPPER – *tringa ochropus*
(witgat)
A total of 10 seen at various sites during the trip.
- 129 WOOD SANDPIPER – *tringa glareola*
(bosruiter)
Seen daily, mainly in the Djoudj, but also downstream in the Gambia with up to 20 birds in a day.
- 130 COMMON SANDPIPER – *actitis hypoleucos*
(oeverloper)
Common during the trip, I checked them all.....
- 131 RUDDY TURNSTONE – *arenaria interpres*
(steenloper)
Seen at various numbers along the coast.
- 132 POMARINE SKUA – *stercorarius pomarinus*
(middelste jager)
12-01 1 ex. dark face seen off shore of Tanji.
- 133 ARCTIC SKUA - *stercorarius parasiticus*
(kleine jager)
14-01 5 ex. on the river crossing from Banjul.
- ** 134 **GREY-HEADED GULL – LARUS CIRROCEPHALUS**
(grijskopmeeuw)
Common during the trip mostly in the south (Gambia), seen in big flocks. Quite bulky compared with Black Headed, with a different wing pattern and a longer bill (in winter and immature plumages).
- 135 BLACK-HEADED GULL – *larus ridibundus*
(kokmeeuw)
A total of 15 birds seen in flocks of Grey headed along the coast of the Gambia.

136 SLENDER-BILLED GULL – *larus genei*
(dunbekmeeuw)

Seen at most visited wet sites during the trip, with flocks of 100+ on a day, very nice also pink birds.

137 AUDOUIN'S GULL – *larus audouinii*
(audouin's meeuw)

16-01 8 ex. at and near Langue de Barbarie all but one immatures.

138 LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL – *larus fuscus* ssp: *grealsii* + *intermedius*
(kleine mantelmeeuw)

Common along the coast and at Langue de Barbarie, one ringed bird with a blue ring with white letters.

139 GULL-BILLED TERN – *gelocheidon nilotica*
(lachstern)

Seen in low numbers up to 30 on a day in the marshy areas during the trip.

140 CASPIAN TERN – *sterna caspia*
(reuzenster)

Common along the coast in large flocks mixed with gulls.

141 ROYAL TERN – *sterna maxima* ssp: *albididorsalis*
(afrikaanse koningsstern)

Common along the Gambian coast and at Langue de Barbarie in flocks.



142 LESSER CRESTED TERN – *sterna bengalensis*
(bengaalse stern)

12-01 2 birds on a coastal site in The Gambia.
14-01 20 birds during the crossing of the Gambia river and at Fort Bullen.

143 SANWICH TERN – *sterna sandvicensis*
(grote stern)

Common on most coastal sites during the whole trip.

144 COMMON TERN – *sterna hirundo*
(visdief)

14-01 10 birds during the crossing of the Gambia river and at Fort Bullen.

145 LITTLE TERN – *sterna albifrons* ssp: *guineae* + *albifrons*
(dwegstern)

Seen with up to 30 birds on a day on coastal sites, with mainly the white-rumped *guineae* birds but also grey-rumped *albifrons* at Langue de Barbarie.

146 WHISKERD TERN – *chilidonias hybrida*
(witwangstern)

Common at all the visited fresh water sites, all in winter plumage.

147 WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN – *chlidonias leucopterus*
(witvleugelstern)

A total of 5 birds seen at the Djoudj, all immatures.
21-01 1 immature at Farrafenny.

148 CHESNUT-BELLIED SANDGROUSE – *pteroctes exustus*
(roodbuikzandhoen)

Seen in groups with up to 20 birds in northern Senegal.

*149 **FOUR BANDED SANDGROUSE – PTEROCLES QUADRICINCTUS**

22-01 8 ex at Tendaba, very nice views in the scope on the ground in the early morning, and in dusk birds flying around.
21-01 2 ex. seen in flight at Tendaba.
Very nice sandgrouse as in the books, quite tame and only visible at dawn and dusk resembling Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse.

*150 **AFRICAN GREEN PIGEON – TRERON CALVUS**

13-01 2 ex. very nice in one tree at Farara Banta, together with 151, close.

151 **BRUCE'S GREEN PIGEON – TRERON WAALIA

13-01 2 ex. very nice and close in one tree with 159 at Farara Banta.
21-01 3 in a tree along the road.



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*152 **BLUE-SPOTTED WOOD DOVE – TURTUR AFER**

Common at Abuko, and the only place we saw this species.

*153 **BLACK-BILLED WOOD DOVE – TURTUR ABYSSINICUS**

A common bird during the trip, mostly solitary with a maximum of 20 birds (22-01) on one day.

154 NAMAQUA DOVE – *oenacapendis*
(maskerduif)

Seen almost daily during the trip with a maximum of 30 birds on a day, always solitary or in small flocks.

*155 SPECKLED PIGEON – *COLUMBA GUINEA*

Common mostly in the Gambia, but also some seen in northern Senegal.

156 **RED-EYED DOVE – STREPTOPELIA SEMITORQUATA

Common in the Gambia and heard during the day. The red eye was very conspicuous.

157 **AFRICAN MOURNING DOVE – STREPTOPELIA DECIPIENS

Seen daily away from the coast in small flocks. Sounds like a distant goat.

*158 **VINACEOUS DOVE – STREPTOPELIA VINACEA**

Common throughout the whole trip, as a small not so red-eyed 156, with a different voice.

159 **AFRICAN COLLARED DOVE – STREPTOPELIA ROSEOGRISEA

(izabeltortel)

17-01 2 ex. seen near Richard Toll, one in a tree at close range and in flight (pale underwings), much like collared dove.

160 EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE – *streptopelia turtur*

(zomertortel)

14-01 20 ex. around Kaolak.

Common in flocks in the Central River District on 21 and 22-01.

161 LAUGHING DOVE – *streptopelia senegalensis*

(palmtortel)

Common during the whole trip in all visited areas.

*162 **BROWN-NECKED PARROT – POICEPHALUS FUSCICOLLIS**

22-01 10 ex. in one group flying over the road, unfortunately against the light so almost no colour could be seen. Big “amazonian like” parrots.

*163 **SENEGAL PARROT – POICEPHALUS SENEGALENSIS**

Seen during the whole trip mainly seen in the Gambia, usually in small flocks or pairs with a maximum of 40 birds (21-01) a day.

164 ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET – *psittacula krameri*

(halsbandparkiet)

Seen daily in the Gambia with up to 20 birds on a day.

*165 **GREEN TURACO – TAURACO PERSA**

11-01 20 ex. in Abuko, very nice views together with 166.

*166 **VIOLET TURACO – MUSOPHAGA VIOLACEA**

11-01 5 ex. at Abuko.
12-01 3 ex, at some coastal palms in The Gambia.
Great views also in flight with red in the wings.

*167 **WESTERN GREY PLANTAIN-EATER – CRINIFER PISCATOR**

Common in the Gambia, mostly in little groups.

168 GREAT-SPOTTED CUCKOO – clamator glandarius
(kuifkoekoek)

15-01 1 ex. north of Kaolak in the desert.
19-01 1 ex. north of Kaolak in the desert.
Both adults.

169 **KLAAS'S CUCKOO – CHYSOCOCCYX KLAAS

23-01 1 immature male at Tendaba, nice views in the scope, quite shiny green on the back. Sitting in a tree in the scope for a long time.

170 **SENEGAL COUCAL – CENTROPUS SENEGALENSIS

(senegal coucal)

Seen daily during the trip with a maximum of 5 birds on a day.

171 BARN OWL – tyto alba
(kerkuil)

1 bird was nesting in one of the hides at the Djoudj and seen daily (when flushed).

172 **AFRICAN SCOPS OWL – OTUS SENEGALENSIS

21-01 1 seen in the torch lights calling at Janjangbureh Georchtown.
22-01 1 seen at the same site in daylight sitting briefly in a tree.

*173 **NORTHERN WHITE-FACED OWL – PTILOPSIS LEUCOTIS**

13-01 1 ex. in a nest in daylight along the road in the Gambia.
22-01 1 ex. in the torch early morning with superb views, calling.

*174 **GREYISH EAGLE OWL – BUBO CINERASCENS**

13-01 2 ex in a tree during the day, two large grey owls with pink eyelids, smaller than 175.

*175 **VERREAUX'S EAGLE OWL – BUBO LACTEUS**

22-01 2 ex. in a tree in the Gambia close to Tendaba. Very nice views during daylight also in flight, also pink eyelids.

*176 **PEARL-SPOTTED OWLET – GLAUCIDICUM PERLATUM**

12-01 1 seen well with a flock of small birds around it. Nice "reddish" pygmy owl. Others heard during the trip.

*177 **LONG-TAILED NIGHTJAR – CAPRIMULGUS CLIMACURUS**

18-01 1 male a few centimetres from us in the open on the ground.
23-01 1 bird on the road near Tendaba.



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*178 **MOTTLED SPINETAIL – TELACANTHURA USSHERI**

11-01 20 ex. one flock at Abuko, with the grey line over the undertailcoverts.

179 **AFRICAN PALM SWIFT – CYPHIURUS PARVUS

(afrikaanse palmgierzwaluw)

Common throughout the trip, mostly in small groups or in pairs.
Very long elongated swift with a deeply forked tail.

180 LITTLE SWIFT – *apus affinis*
(huisgierzwaluw)

14-01 common at Kaolak.
Common with a large breeding colony under the bridge at Tendaba.

181 **BLUE-NAPED MOUSEBIRD – UROCOLIUS MACROURUS

Seen daily between 14 and 18-01 in Senegal, with a maximum of 20 birds on a day, always in dry desert habitat in small flocks. Seen very well “hanging” in the scrub.

182 GREY-HEADED KINGFISHER – *HALYCON LEUCOCEPHALA*
(grijskopijsvogel)

23-01 1 ex. during the boat trip at Tendaba.

*183 **BLUE-BREASTED KINGFISHER – HALYCON MALIMBICA**

13-01 1 ex at Marakissa.
23-01 common during the boat trip in Tendaba, very typical call.

*184 **STRIPED KINGFISHER – HALYCON CHELICUTI**

12-01 3 ex. at Tanjering, nice views.
22-01 1 ex. along the road.
Always in dry habitat.

185 **MALACHITE KINGFISHER – ALCEDO CRISTATA

13-01 1 ex. at Marakissa.
20-01 2 ex. at the Djoudj
23-01 2 ex. during the boat trip in Tendaba, the best views, sitting still with a good look at the head pattern.

*186 **GIANT KINGFISHER – MEGACERYLE MAXIMA**

11-01 1 ex. at Abuko, very nice views sitting on a branch.

187 **PIED KINGFISHER – ceryle rudis**
(bonte ijsvogel)

Seen during the whole trip almost daily with 15+ as a maximum on a day.

*188 **LITTLE BEE-EATER – MEROPS PUSILLUS**

11-01 commonly seen during the day.

12-01 5 ex. spread over the day.

19-01 3 ex. in the Djoudj.

21-01 5 ex. spread over the day.

Nice bird in small family flocks.

*189 **SWALLOW-TAILED BEE-EATER – MEROPS HIRUNDINEUS**

11-01 2 birds seen very well in Abuko, with the typical tail.

*190 **RED-THROATED BEE-EATER – MEROPS BULOCKI**

22-01 15 ex. at a breeding colony at Bansang.

*191 **WHITE-THROATED BEE-EATER – MEROPS ALBICOLLIS**

23-01 8 ex. in a small flock along the boat trip in Tendaba, quite large headed Bee-eater, most of them with short tails.

192 **LITTE GREEN BEE-ATER – merops orientalis ssp: *viridissimus***
(kleine groene bijeneter?)

22-01 4 birds where seen together at the Marabou nests along the way to Tendaba, very green without blue and different from the Israel birds.

193 **BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-ATER – merops persicus ssp: *chrysocerus***
(marokkaanse groene bijeneter)

18-01 3 ex. at the Djoudj.

19-01 4 ex. at the Djoudj during the boat trip, very nice views.

20-01 1 ex. at the Djoudj.

22-01 5 ex. during the boat trip at Tendaba, very nice views.

Great birds, different call noticed.

194 **EUROPEAN BEE-ATER – merops apiaster**
(bijeneter)

23-01 30 ex. in one big flock during the boat trip at Tendaba.

Fun to see and hear them in January...

*195 **RUFOUS-CROWNED ROLLER – CORACIAS NAEVIUS**

11-01 2 ex. a pair along the way.

21-01 2 ex. seen along the road.

22-01 2 ex. seen along the road.

A big roller.

*196 **BLUE-BELLIED ROLLER – CORACIAS CYANOASTER**

12-01 10 ex. seen spread over the day in the Gambia.

22-01 1 ex. along the way.

Very nice bird often on telegraph poles.



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*197 **ABYSSINIAN ROLLER – CORACIAS ABYSSINICUS**

(sahelscharrelaar)

Common, mostly in (northern) Senegal during the whole trip, very nice birds and with short tail streamers much like European.

*198 **BROAD-BILLED ROLLER – EURYSTOMUS GLAUCURUS**

(breedbekscharrelaar)

A total of 26 seen during the trip, with the most on 21-01 (15) during the boat trip.

*199 **GREEN WOOD-HOOPOE – PHOENICULUS PURPUREUS**

Seen at many places during the trip mainly in the Gambia, but almost absent in the north of Senegal, mostly in noisy family groups.

*200 **BLACK WOOD-HOOPOE – RHINOPOMASTUS ATERRIMUS**

1 bird on 17-01 near Richard Toll, nice views. Foraging at the base of the trees.

201 EURASIAN (CENTRAL AFRICAN) HOOPOE – *upupa epops* ssp: *epops*, *senegalensis*
(hop)

ssp *epops*: A total of 27 birds seen in Senegal.

ssp *senegalensis*: 13-01 1 bird at Siffo, The Gambia.

14-01 1 bird along the way in the Gambia.

Senegalensis was darker en fuller in colour mainly on the head. (not very convincing...).

*202 **ABYSSINIAN GROUND HORNBILL – BOCORVUS ABYSSINICUS**

13-01 9 ex. in one group at Faraba Banta

24-01 2 ex. along the way to Banjul,

Nice views with white in the wing.

*203 **WESTERN RED-BILLED HORNBILL – TOCKUS KEMPI**

A common bird during the whole trip sometimes in small flocks.
They fly “top heavy”.

*204 **AFRICAN PIED HORNBILL – TOCKUS FASCIATUS ssp: semifasciatus**

11-01 2 ex. at Abuko.
12-01 2 ex. at Tujering.
13-01 2 ex. at Pirang Forest.
Big hornbills.

205 **AFRICAN GREY HORNBILL – TOCKUS NASUTUS

A bit less common than 203 during the whole trip also in small flocks and heard very often, a “classic” call for the area.

*206 **YELLOW-FRONTED TINKERBIRD – POGONIULUS CHRYSOCONUS**

13-01 1 ex. at Pirang NP.
22-01 2 ex. along the way.
Very small Barbet.

*207 **VIEILLOT’S BARBET – LYBIUS VIEILLOTI**

A total of 8 birds seen spread over the trip mainly all in the Gambia.

*208 **BEARDED BARBET – LYBIUS DUBIUS**

A total of 8 birds seen very well (with whiskers) all pairs spread over the Gambia during the trip.

*209 **LESSER HONEYGUIDE – INDICATOR MINOR**

10-01 1 ex. on the grounds of Hotel Senegambia.
11-01 1 ex. at Abuko.
12-01 1 ex. at Tujering.
Good views on treetrunks.

210 EURASIAN WRYNECK – *jynx torquilla*
(draaihals)

17-01 1 ex. near Richard Toll.
20-01 1 ex. along the road near Kaolak.

*211 **FINE-SPOTTED WOODPECKER – CAMPETHERA PUNCTULIGERA**

12-01 1 ex. at Tujering.
22-01 1 ex. at Tendaba.

*212 **BUFF-SPOTTED WOODPECKER – CAMPETHERA NIVOSA**

11-01 4 ex. at Abuko, nice views, little dark woodpecker.

*213 **LITTLE GREY WOODPECKER – DENDROPICOS ELACHUS**

15-01 brief views of one along the road in a tree.
17-01 2 birds near Richard Toll.



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*214 **CARDINAL WOODPECKER – DENDROPICOS FUSCESCENS**

12-01 1 bird at Tujering
22-01 2 birds a pair at Janjangbureh

*215 **GREY WOODPECKER – DENDROPICOS GOERTAE**

A common woodpecker seen at 7 occasions throughout the trip.

*216 **BROWN-BACKED WOODPECKER – PICOIDES OBSOLETUS**

12-01 1 female at Tujering
23-01 1 bird seen well at Tendaba
Nice grey/brown woodpecker.

217 **SINGING BUSH LARK – MIRAFRA CANTILLANS

A total of 18 birds seen (some very well) along the way into Senegal and near Richard Toll, with 10 birds on a day (15-01) as a maximum, all in dry scrub area's. A large billed short tailed sandy lark with white in the outer tail feathers.

218 GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK – *calandrella brachydactyla*
(kortteennleeuwerik)

20-01 3 ex. singing and holding territory in the Djoudj. Quite unexpected as they do not suppose to breed in Senegal, maybe wintering territory's?

219 CRESTED LARK – *galerida cristata*
(kuifleuwerik)

Common and numerous in northern Senegal on dry habitat.

*220 **CHESNUT-BACKED SPARROW LARK – EREMOPTERIX LEUCOTIS**

A total of 20 birds seen during the trip mostly in northern Senegal (Richard Toll) and the upper bank of the river Gambia. Very good views with nice brown males, mostly in pairs. A maximum of 7 on a day (22-01).

221 **BLACK-CROWNED SPARROW LARK – eremopterix nigriceps**
(zwartkruinvinkleeuwerik)

17-01 1 male at Richard Toll
18-01 3 ex. at Richard Toll.
Nice close views.

222 **SAND MARTIN – riparia riparia**
(oeverzwaluw)

11-01 1 bird seen in Abuko.
Incredible common in the Djoudj and surrounding area's in northern Senegal, in the Djoudj maybe a million birds?

*223 **MOSQUE SWALLOW – HIRUNDO SENEGALENSIS**

23-01 1 ex. seen during the boat trip at Tendaba, like a giant Red-rumped Swallow, with plain yellowish/orange underparts.

224 **RED-RUMPED SWALLOW (WEST-AFRICAN SWALLOW) – hirundo daurica ssp: *domicella***
(roodstuitzwaluw)

A total of 17 birds seen all in the eastern Central River District, in small flocks, very much like "our Red-rumped" but paler, this (sub) species is resident.

225 **WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW – hirundo smithii**
(roodkruinzwaluw)

13-01 10 ex. at Marakissa.
14-01 10 ex. near Banjul along the way.

*226 **PIED-WINGED SWALLOW – HIRUNDO LEUCOSOMA**

11-01 5 ex. in one flock at Abuko, nice views, with the white in the inner primaries.

*227 **RED-CHESTED SWALLOW – HIRUNDO LUCIDA**

Common in the Gambia mostly at rivers and towns, very much like barn swallow, with a white belly short tail and much red on the throat.

228 **BARN SWALLOW – hirundo rustica**
(boerenzwaluw)

A total of 7 birds seen spread over the trip, all probably on migration to the north, the first male heading north was seen on 15-01.

229 **COMMON HOUSE MARTIN – delichon urbicum**
(huiszwaluw)

14-01 2 ex. seen along the way in Senegal.

230 **BLUE HEADED WAGTAIL – motacilla flava ssp: *flava***
(gele kwikstaart)

Common at the Djoudj and wet area's of northern Senegal.

- ASHY HEADED WAGTAIL – *motacilla flava* ssp: *cinereocapilla*
(italiaanse kwikstaart)
18-01 2 males. seen well at the Djoudj at one of the hides. Classic birds with some white behind the eye.
- YELLOW WAGTAIL – *motacilla flava* ssp: *flavissima*
(engelse kwikstaart)
12-01 1 ex. seen well in a bush at Tanji in the Gambia.
- SPANISH WAGTAIL – *motacilla flava* ssp: *iberiae*
(iberische kwikstaart)
18-01 3 ex. at the Djoudj.
19-01 3 ex. at the Djoudj.
Both seen well.
- 231 WHITE WAGTAIL – *motacilla alba*
(witte kwikstaart)
Seen throughout the tour but most common in northern Senegal.
- 232 TAWNY PIPIT – *anthus campestris*
(duinpieper)
17-01 3 ex. near Richard Toll.
18-01 25 ex. in one flock at Richard Toll.
- *233 **PLAIN-BACKED PIPIT – ANTHUS LEUCOPHRYS**
13-01 2 ex. seen well in an old cultivation field. Like a Richard's Pipit, with a plain grey back.
- 234 TREE PIPIT – *anthus cervinus*
(boompieper)
12-01 1 ex. at Tujering.
14-01 1 ex. along the way.
- *235 **RED-SHOULDERED CUCKOO-SHRIKE – CAMPEPHAGA PHOENICEA**
22-01 1 male nicely seen in a bird flock responding on pearl-spotted owl imitation at Janjangbureh.
- *236 **LITTLE GREENBUL – ANDROPADUS VIRENS**
11-01 3 ex. at Abuko.
- *237 **YELLOW-THROATED LEAFLOVE – CHLOROCICHLA FLAVICOLLIS**
13-01 1 ex. at Marakissa, seen well.
21-01 1 ex. at Janjangbureh.
- *238 **GREY-HEADED BRISTLEBILL – BLENDIA CANICAPILLUS**
11-01 2 ex. at Abuko, nice views of this noisy bird.
- 239 COMMON BULBUL – *pycnonotus barbatus*
(grauwe buulbuul)
Common throughout the trip.
- 240 COMMON NIGHTINGALE – *luscinia megarhynchos*
(nachtegaal)
12-01 3 ex. singing in coastal scrub at Tanji.

*241 **SNOWY-CROWNED ROBIN CHAT – COSSYPHA NIVEICAPILLA**

11-01 1 ex. at Abuko, seen reasonable well in the shade of a bush singing. The crown looked more like a brow.

*242 **WHITE-CROWNED ROBIN CHAT – COSSYPHA ALBICAPILLA**

10-01 4 ex seen well at the grounds of the Senegambia hotel.

243 RUFIOUS (AFRICAN) SCRUB ROBIN – *cercotrichas galactotes* ssp: *minor*
(westelijke rosse waaiersstaart?)

14-01 1 ex. seen very well (with a not well demarcated black tailband) along the way in northern Senegal.

15-01 1 ex. also seen well along the way in northern Senegal.

244 BLACK SCRUB ROBIN – *cercotrichas podobe*
(zwarte waaiersstaart)

16-01 1 male seen along the way.

17-01 20 ex. mostly males in acacia scrub around Richard Toll.

Very “good” long tails with white tips on the undertail.

245 COMMON REDSTART – *phoenicurus phoenicurus*
(gekraagde roodstaart)

20-01 1 female, along the way.

22-01 1 male, at Janjangbureh.

*246 **AFRICAN STONECHAT – SAXICOLA TORQUATUS** ssp: *moptana*

19-01 3 ex., two males and a female, nice views very contrasting birds

247 WHINCHAT – *saxicola rubetra*
(paapje)

12-01 1 ex. at Tujering.

13-01 1 ex. at Faraba Banta.

23-01 1 ex. at Tendaba.

248 NORTHERN WHEATEAR – *oenanthe oenanthe*
(tapuit)

Seen at many places, mostly in northern Senegal, and most common on 17-01.

** 249 **NORTHERN ANTEATER CHAT – MYRMECOCIHLA AETHIOPS**

14-01 4 ex. seen along the way when driving up into Senegal, from the north bank of the river Gambia.

15-01 2 ex. seen over the day. In northern Senegal.

16-01 2 ex. along the road.

Big chat with “dirty” white in the wings, mostly near unfinished settlements.

*250 **AFRICAN THRUSH – TURDUS PELIOS**

Common in the Gambia. Grey “blackbird” like thrush.

251 SEDGE WARBLER – *acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
(rietzanger)

Very common and singing in the Djoudj

252 EURASIAN (AFRICAN?) REED WARBLER – *acrocephalus scirpaceus* ssp: *scirpaceus*, *baeticatus*?
(kleine karekiet)

19-01 10 ex. during the boat trip at the Djoudj, some were quite grey
in the neck, fully in song.
23-01 2 ex. at Tendaba during the boat trip.

253 WESTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER – *hippolias opaca*
(westelijke vale spotvogel)

A total of 7 birds seen during the trip (two on 21-01) on various
locations in the Gambia and Senegal, often singing. Big birds.

254 MELODIUS WARBLER – *hippolias polyglotta*
(orpheusspotvogel)

12-01 10 ex. seen spread over the day.
13-01 1 ex. seen in Marakissa.
22-01 1 ex. seen along the way.

* 255 **SINGING CISTICOLA – CISTICOLA CANTANS**

12-01 4 ex., seen and heard well at Tujering.
A plain rufous capped cisticola.

*256 **WHISTLING CISTICOLA – CISTICOLA LATERALIS**

12-01 10 ex. singing at Tujering. A plain large cisticola.

*257 **WINDING CISTICOLA – CISTICOLA MARGINATUS**

19-01 3 ex. seen well in the Djoudj. A quite long-tailed striped
cisticola.

*258 **SHORT-WINGED (SIFFLING) CISTICOLA – CISTICOLA BRACHYPTERUS**

12-01 1 ex. seen well at Tujering, singing, a small plain cisticola.

*259 **RUFIOUS CISTICOLA – CISTICOLA RUFUS**

22-01 2 ex. seen well and coming into the tape at Tendaba., A small
slender cisticola with much rufous in the plumage.

260 ZITTING CISTICOLA – *cisticola juncidis*
(graszanger)

Seen on most of the days during the trip with a maximum of 10 birds
(13-01) on a day.

*261 **TAWNY FLANKED PRINIA – PRINIA SUBFLAVA**

A total of 19 birds seen during the trip on various sites with 10 birds
on one day (15-01) in dry habitat. Quite plain prinia with no
exceptional markings.

*262 **RIVER PRINIA – PRINIA FLUVIATILIS**

19-01 3 ex. at the Djoudj seen and heard well.
20-01 1 ex. at the Djoudj.
Much alike 261, but plainer and with a different song.

*263 **RED-WINGED WARBLER – HELIOLAIS ERYTHROPTERUS**

12-01 4 ex. at Tujering, very nice views of this beautiful warbler.

** 264 **CRICKET WARBLER – SPILOPTILA CLAMANS**

15-01 4 ex. seen very well coming into tape at a dry area along the way.

17-01 2 ex. a pair near Richard Toll.

These birds are very nice with fine almost pinkie colours.

* 265 **YELLOW-BREASTED APALIS - APALIS FLAVIDA**

11-01 3 ex. seen well in Abuko.

13-01 1 ex. seen at Pirang forest.

Quite elusive forest species.

*266 **GREY-BACKED CAMEROPTERA - CAMEROPTERA BREVICAUDATA**

A total 12 birds seen during the trip, quite widespread but mostly along the river Gambia.

*267 **YELLOW-BELLIED EREMOMELA – EREMOMELA ICTEROPYGIALIS**

16-01 3 ex. seen near St Louis.

17-01 2 ex. near Richard Toll.

Very like 268 but more bright.

*268 **SENEGAL EREMOMELA – EREMOMELA PUSILLA**

A total of 17 birds seen usually in pairs and all in the Gambia.

*269 **NORTHERN CROMBEC – SYLVIETTA BRACHYURA**

A total of 10 birds seen at dry habitats spread over the whole trip, usually in pairs.

* 270 **GREEN CROMBEC – SYLVIETTA VIRENS ssp: *flaviventris***

13-01 2 ex. a pair seen well at Pirang Forest, dark green Crombec.

271 WILLOW WARBLER – *phylloscopus trochilus*
(fitis)

13-01 20 ex. all close together at Sciofoe.

272 CHIFFCHAFF – *phylloscopus collybita*
(tjiftjaf)

A total of 4 birds (all looking collybita like) were seen during the trip at sites in the Gambia and mostly northern Senegal.

273 WESTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER – *phylloscopus bonelli*
(bergfluitier)

13-01 1 ex. at Tujering.

17-01 2 ex. near Richard Toll.

20-01 1 ex. along the way.

*274 **ORIOLE WARBLER (MOHO) – HYPERGERUS ATRICEPS**

12-01 3 ex. seen very well at a t Sanyang a coastal area in the Gambia. Very vocal. The head with white mottling.

275 WESTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER – *sylvia hortensis*
(westelijke orpheusgrasmus)

15-01 1 male along the way in desert scrub.
17-01 around Richard Toll.
18-01 2 ex. along the way.
All birds with a pinkish flush and unmarked undertail coverts.

276 BLACKCAP – *Sylvia atricapilla*
(zwartkop)

23-01 1 male at Tendaba.

277 COMMON WHITETHROAT – *sylvia communis*
(grasmus)

A total of 9 birds were seen on three occasions during the trip, in the Gambia and Senegal

278 WESTERN SUBALPINE WARBLER – *sylvia cantillans* ssp: *cantillans*, *inornata*
(westelijke baardgrasmus)

A total of 14 birds seen during the trip in desert scrub, with seven on one day (17-01), mostly in Senegal but also in the Gambia.

*279 **YELLOW-BELLIED HYLIOA – HYLIOA FLAVIGASTER**

13-01 1 ex. seen well along the Faraba Banta. A very nice species, the yellow more pink/buff and the white in the wings obvious.

*280 **GREEN HYLIA – HYLIA PRASINA**

13-01 1 ex. finally seen (when heard often in Abuko) at Pirang Forest, a bulky phylo like warbler with an obvious white/grey supercilium.

*281 **NORTHERN BLACK FLYCATCHER – MELAENORNIS EDOLIOIDES**

12-01 5 ex. seen at Tujering and at Sanyang, big long tailed and drongo like Flycatcher.

*282 **PALE FLYCATCHER – MELAENORNIS PALLIDUS**

13-01 1 ex. seen at Faraba Banta. Like a pale breasted spotted fly.

*283 **SWAMP FLYCATCHER – MUSCICAPA AQUATICA**

21-01 10 ex during the boat trip at Janjangbureh. A small dark breasted pale flycatcher, seen at overhanging trees along the river.

*284 **AFRICAN BLUE FLYCATCHER – ELMINIA LONGICAUDA**

23-01 1 seen well and three more heard during the Tendaba boat trip. A blue crested fantailed flycatcher.

---- Hybrid Red-bellied X African Paradise Flycatcher – *Terpsiphone viridis* x *rufiventris*

11-01 1 male with a half black and half red belly and white in the wings, at Abuko.

*285 **RED-BELLIED PARADISE FLYCATCHER – TERPSIPHONE RUFIVENTER**

11-01 10 ex seen disputing at Abuko.
13-01 1 ex. at Pirang Forest.
Very nice birds, seen very well.

*286 **COMMON WATTLE-EYE – PLATYSTEIRA CYANEA**

11-01 5 ex. at Abuko.
13-01 1 ex. at Pirang NR.
23-01 6 ex. seen during the boat trip at Tendaba.
Nice birds with an obvious red upper swollen eyering, breast pattern seen for separating males from females.

*287 **SENEGAL BATIS – BATIS SENEGALENSIS**

12-01 4 ex. at Tujering
16-01 2 ex. around St'Louis.
20-01 2 ex. along the way.
Very nice fluttery small birds with a buzzing sound.

*288 **BROWN BABBLER – TURDOIDES PLEBEJUS**

Common in the first part of the visit to the Gambia.

*289 **BLACKCAP BABBLER – TURDOIDES REINWARDTII**

10-01 7 ex. Seen at the Senegambia hotel.
12-01 10 ex. Seen spread over the day in small family groups.

290 **FULVOUS BABBLER** – turdoides fulvus
(bruingele babbelaar)

17-01 1 ex. Seen well near Richard Toll coming in to the tape.

*291 **WHITE-SHOULDERED BLACK TIT – PARUS GUINEENSIS**

12-01 4 ex, two families, at Tujering, nice views.
23-01 2 ex. at Sanyang.
Nice bit tits bigger or maybe the same size as Coal Tit.

*292 **YELLOW PENDULINE TIT – ANTHOSCOPUS PARVULUS**

12-01 2 ex. at Sanyang.
A small yellow penduline tit, this pair gave good views feeding in high bushes in this coastal area in the scoop.

*293 **SENNAR PENDULINE TIT – ANTHOSCOPUS PUNCTIFRONS**

17-01 2 ex. A pair seen very well near Richard Toll, coming in to a playing tape and giving close views.



*294 **WESTERN VIOLET-BACKED SUNBIRD – ANTHREPTES LONGUEMAREI**

12-01 2 ex. seen, a pair, at Tujering, quite large and the male almost not sunbird like.

*295 **(MOUSE-) BROWN SUNBIRD – ANTHREPTES GABONICUS**

23-01 common during the boat trip at Tendaba.

*296 **SCARLET CHESTED SUNBIRD – CHALCOMITRA SENEGALENSIS**

12-01 commonly seen during the day at the visited sites.
22-01 2 ex. along the road.
23-01 40 ex. seen on the afternoon walk at Tendaba.

*297 **COLLARED SUNBIRD – HEDYDIPNA COLLARIS**

11-01 1 juv. at Abuko.

*298 **PYGMY SUNBIRD – HEDYDIPNA PLATURA**

23-01 10 ex. spread over the day, in pairs with very nice males in breeding plumage. A very small bird.

*299 **BEAUTIFUL SUNBIRD – CINNYRIS PULCHELLUS**

The most common sunbird seen at various places during the trip.
Also very nice males, with long tails.

*300 **VARIABLE SUNBIRD – CINNYRIS VENUSTUS**

12-01 10 ex. seen well with some splendid males at visited sites in coastal Gambia.

*301 **SPLENDID SUNBIRD – CINNYRIS COCCINIGASTER**

12-01 40 ex. seen at various sites in coastal Gambia, particularly at Tujering.

*302 **YELLOW WHITE-EYE – ZOSTEROPS SENEGALENSIS**

23-01 2 ex. seen in the afternoon at the Batelling track.
Very yellow and big compared to Asian white-eyes.

303 SOUTHERN GREY SHRIKE – *lanius meridionalis* ssp: *elegans* + *leucopygos*
(zuidelijke klapekster)

A total of 5 birds seen on three days spread over the trip, all in Senegal. Most where very light on the underparts, but two where dark.

304 WOODCHAT SHRIKE – *lanius senator*
(roodkopklauwier)

Common mostly in Senegal with a maximum of 10 birds on a day.

*303 **YELLOW- BILLED SHRIKE – CORVINELLA CORVINA**

Common and seen almost daily in small family groups (like babblers).

*304 **GREY-HEADED BUSH SHRIKE – MALACONOTUS BLANCHOTI**

11-01 1 ex. at Abuko, seen well
23-01 1 ex. at the Batteling track.
A big noisy (whistling calls) bush shrike.

*303 **SULPHUR-BREASTED BUSH-SHRIKE – MALACONOTUS SULFUREOPECTUS**

12-01 1 ex. seen well at Tanji. Like a big Yellow fronted Canary, but with a whistling song.

304 BLACK-CROWNED TCHAGRA – *tchagra senegalus*
(zwartkruintsjagra)

A total of 11 birds seen throughout the tour mainly in Senegal, often singing.

*305 **NORTHERN PUFFBACK – DRYOSCOPIUS GAMBENSIS**

11-01 1 male seen at Abuko.
13-01 1 male seen along the way.
21-01 1 female along the way.
23-01 1 female during the boat trip.
As in the books, nice views.

*306 **YELLOW-CROWNED GONOLEK – LANIARIUS BARBARUS**

Seen daily in the Gambia. Very noisy and to colourful bird...

*307 **BRUBRU (SHRIKE) – NILAUS AFER**

16-01 1 female near St'Louis.
17-01 1 ex. near Richard Toll.
19-01 1 ex. in the Djoudj.
23-01 3 ex. around Tendaba.
Nice short-tailed shrike.

*308 **WHITE HELMET-SHRIKE – PRIONOPS PLUMATUS**

11-01 10 ex. in one flock at Abuko.
13-01 5 ex. in one flock along the road at Farabebanta.
Very nice birds seen close by not very shrike like.

*309 **AFRICAN ORIOLE - ORIOLUS AURATUS**

12-01 2 ex. seen spread over the day.
13-01 1 ex. seen somewhere on the day.
Sounds very much like Eurasian.

*310 **FORK-TAILED DRONGO – DICRURUS ADSIMILIS**

A total of 13 birds seen spread over the trip.

*311 **PIED CROW – CORVUS ALBUS**
(schildraaf)

Common on the trip seen daily in respectable numbers.

*312 **PIAPIAC – PTILOSTOMUS**

Seen almost daily in the Gambia in small flocks. The juveniles are impressive with the pick bills.

*313 **PURPLE GLOSSY STARLING – LAMPROTORNIS PURPUREUS**

Common in the Gambia mostly solitary birds, chunky and big.

*314 **BRONZE-TAILED GLOSSY STARLING – LAMPROTORNIS CHALCURUS**

23-01 6 ex. in a mixed flock with other glossy starlings. The ear-covert mask and the more orange and contrasting tail where the things to look for.

*315 **GREATER BLUE-EARED STARLING – LAMPROTORNIS CHALYBAEUS**

Common in northern Senegal and a few in the Gambia. The “come and go” of the darker ear coverts is the thing to look for.

*316 **LESSER BLUE-EARED STARLING – LAMPROTORNIS CHLOROPTERUS**

Common in central Gambia in flocks, the always present dark ear coverts and the yellow is the thing to look for.

*317 **LONG-TAILED STARLING – LAMPROTORNIS SPLENDIDUS**

Common throughout the trip in small flocks.

*318 **CHESTNUT-BELLIED STARLING – LAMPROTORNIS PULCHER**

Common in small often mixed flocks in northern Senegal.

*319 **YELLOW-BILLED OXPECKER – BUPHAGUS AFRICANUS**

13-01 15 birds together on a herd of donkey's, nice views.

----- **HOUSE SPARROW – passer domesticus**
(huismus)

Seen in built up area's in Senegal, introduced.

*320 **NORTHERN GREY-HEADED SPARROW – PASSER GRISEUS**

Seen almost daily during the whole trip with a maximum of 30 birds on a day (23-01). Mostly solitaire.

321 **SUDAN GOLDEN SPARROW – PASSER LUTEUS

(bruinruggoudmus)

Very common in Senegal mostly in the north, with immense flocks. Many in breeding plumage and often mixed with other seedeaters.

322 **BUSH PETRONIA – PETRONIA DENTATA

13-01 1 ex. seen along the way.
22-01 3 ex. during a stop along the way.
22-01 20 ex. around Tendaba.
23-01 30 ex. around Tendaba.
Very dull sparrow, quite nondescript.

*323 **WHITE-BILLED BUFFALO WEAVER – BUBALORNIS ALBIROSTRIS**

Common, mainly in Senegal, in large flocks mostly in non breeding plumage.

*324 **SPECKLE FRONTED WEAVER – SPOROPIPES FRONTALIS**

14-01 1 ex. seen near Kaolak
18-01 5 ex. around the Djoudj.
Very sparrow like with a chestnut neck.

*325 **CHESTNUT-CROWNED SPARROW WEAVER – PLOCEPASSER SUPERCILLIOSUS**

12-01 2 ex. seen well at Tujering.
23-01 2 ex. at the Batelling track.
Resembles Lark Sparrow of the USA.

*326 **LITTLE WEAVER – PLOCEUS LITEOLUS**

17-01 2 ex. along the way in northern Senegal.
Very small, with a light eye.

*327 **BLACK-NECKED WEAVER – PLOCEUS NIGRICOLLIS ssp: brachyptera**

11-01 2 ex. at Abuko.
Beady light eye with a green mantle.

*328 **VITELLINE MASKED WEAVER – PLOCEUS VITELLINUS**

12-01 5 ex. at one of the visited sites in the Gambia.
16-01 10 ex. near St'Louis.
Often in mixed flocks with other weaver species.

*329 **VILLAGE WEAVER – PLOCEUS CUCULLATUS**

Abundant in the Gambia, all in nonbreeding plumage.

*330 **BLACK-HEADED WEAVER – PLOCEUS MALANOCEPHALUS**

Seen in good numbers often near water mainly in northern Senegal.
All in non breeding plumage.

*331 **RED-BILLED QUELEA – QUELEA QUELEA**

Seen in good numbers in northern Senegal.
22-01 1 ex. near Tendaba.
23-01 2 ex. near Tendaba.
All in non breeding plumage.

*332 **NORTHERN RED BISHOP – EUPLECTUS FRANCISCANUS**

11-01 1 ex. seen in a wet area near the place we had lunch.
12-01 3 ex. seen spread over the day.
14-01 2 ex. along the way.
21-01 commonly seen on this day.
22-01 commonly seen on this day.
All in nonbreeding plumage.

*333 **RED-BILLED FIREFINCH – LAGONOSTICTA SENEGALA**

(vuurvink)

Seen almost daily in small groups. Most birds where seen on 13-01.
Many nice males but also males coming into colour.

*334 **LAVENDAR WAXBILL – ESTRILDA CAERULESCENS**

11-01 1 ex. in a mixed waxbill flock at Abuko, mobbing a PS Owlet.
12-01 10 ex. seen at several times during the day.
22-01 3 ex. along the way.
23-01 7 ex. around Tendaba.
Very nice waxbill often mixed with others.

*335 **BLACK-RUMPED WAXBILL – ESTRILDA TROGLODYTES**

22-01 15 ex. at Tendaba camp from the cabin.
23-01 20 ex. near Tendaba camp (Janjangbureh).
Nice black contrasting rump.

*336 **RED-CHEEKED GORDON-BLUE - URAEGINTHUS BENGALUS**

Seen almost daily in small flocks with up to 10 birds, mostly females, but some nice sometimes displaying males.

*337 **ZEBRA WAXBILL – AMANDAVA SUBFLAVA**

18-01 8 ex. in a reed bed (going to sleep) in the Djoudj. Very nice views of yellow males.

*338 **AFRICAN SILVERBILL – LONCHURA CANTANS**

(zilverbekje)

Common in northern Senegal in flocks often in dry area's and in courtship.

*339 **BRONZE MANNIKIN – LONCHURA CUCULLATA**

11-01 20 ex. spread over the day.
13-01 10 ex. spread over the day.
23-021 10 ex. in one flock at Tendaba cam with 335.
Also some brown immatures.

****340 CUT-THROAT – AMADINA FASCIATA**

14-01 4 ex. in a mixed seedater flock along the way in Senegal.
17-01 1 ex. near Richard Toll.
21-01 3 ex. spread over the day.
22-01 7 ex. mainly at Bansang..
Very nice males with red throats.

***341 VILLAGE INDIGOBIRD – VIDUA CHALYBEATA**

22-01 3 ex. at Bansang, with at least one nice black/blue male.

***342 SAHEL PARADISE WHYDAH – VIDUA ORIENTALIS**

21-01 2 ex. displaying males, near Farafenni along the north bank.
Very nice males in breeding plumage with long tails. ID on tail shape and length (shorter than 343).

***343 EXCLAMATORY PARADISE WHYDAH – VIDUA INTERJECTA**

22-01 50 ex. with only one adult male in really breeding plumage with extreme long tail at Bansang, mostly coming to drink.

***344 WHITE-RUMPED SEEDEATER – SERINUS LEUCOPYGIUS**

14-01 15 ex. in one flock at Barra (northern shore of the Gambia crossing). These birds were feeding on some seeds from a shipment. White rump very obvious.

***345 YELLOW-FRONTED CANARY – SERINIUS MOZAMBICUS**

12-01 2 ex. at Tujering.
13-01 3 ex. seen spread over the day.
22-01 2 ex. around Tendaba.
23-01 10 ex. seen spread over the day.
Mostly solitary and associating with other small birds.

****346 CINNAMON BREASTED BUNTING – EMBERIZA TAHAPISI**

22-01 5 ex. drinking at a pool at Bansang. A very handsome “Rock” bunting..

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