



## REVIEW ARTICLE

### A GUIDE TO A COMPLETE ANNOTATED CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF ETHIOPIA

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#### ABSTRACT

Ethiopia is a country where major habitat block is contained within political boundaries, having a high degree of endemism in both fauna and flora. This annotated checklist of birds explores the current status and distribution of the 926 birds' species of Ethiopia, providing a text with a brief description and information on habitat, distribution, habits, breeding. Furthermore, threats and IUCN category are covered. Moreover, a complete list of all known localities is added for each species. I thought birds would be ideal. There was plenty of data available, much as yet ungathered. This annotated checklist of birds is a vital tool for everyone wishing to contribute to our knowledge of the world's birds and to avian conservation. Effective conservation planning can only be based on a sound knowledge of the species, sites and habitats in need of protection. To make the best decisions, it is most important that the information on which such decisions are made is as accurate, systematic and representative as possible. A recent Ornithological knowledge on the complete check list of – Ethiopia avifauna have been compiled in this annotated checklist. It is our intention that these checklists will ease the scientific inquiry into the conservation of Ethiopian avifauna. The checklist sought to initiate the restoration of the depleted bird populations, and protect their threatened ecosystem. As well, it will help to develop Ornithological conservation psychology packages of important bird areas of the country. The annotated checklist will serve as baseline information for i) conducting baseline surveys and household surveys to understand local people's attitudes towards bird conservation ii) training of youths and community leaders iii) development of community leadership, iv) information dissemination and v) community support building through introduction of conservation incentives. Conducting more birds' surveys in other unidentified areas vii) creation of community forests/wetlands in designated key sites for the conservation of bird species viii) development of a community-based eco-tourism programme based on birds' and wildlife watching as well as the aesthetic value of their natural environments. Generally, this annotated checklist will fill the existing knowledge gap observed in the avifauna list of Ethiopia.

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## INTRODUCTION

### Biodiversity and Birds

A total of 218 Endemic Bird Areas has been identified across the world, majority of them are found in the tropics and subtropics. There is good congruence between global patterns of bird endemism, as shown by Endemic Bird Areas, and those shown by other biodiversity, including other terrestrial vertebrates, invertebrates and plants for which data are available. An Endemic Bird Area (EBA) is defined as an area that encompasses the overlapping breeding ranges of two or more restricted-range land birds, such that the complete ranges

of at least two species fall entirely within the boundary of the EBA. Following this simple definition, a total of 218 EBAs has been identified across the world, covering the ranges of 93% of restricted-range birds (2,451 species). The majority of EBAs (77%) are in the tropics and subtropics. There are approximately equal numbers of island EBAs (105) and mainland EBAs (113). Of the island EBAs, 70% are on oceanic islands, 30% on continental-shelf islands, while for the mainland ones, 42% are largely in montane areas, 35% in lowland areas and 24% span both. The predominant natural habitat in most EBAs (80%) is forest, especially tropical lowland and montane moist forest. The number of restricted-range land birds occurring in EBAs varies from two to over 50 (the richest EBAs are the Solomon Islands, the Chocó in Colombia and Ecuador, the Atlantic Forest lowlands in Brazil) (Stattersfield *et al.*, 1998).

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**Ethiopia**, a landlocked country situated in the Horn of Africa, has firmly established itself as one of Africa's top birding destinations. Currently, the avifauna of Ethiopia includes a total of 926 species taxonomically grouped in to 27 orders and 155 families of which 24 are endemic and three are rare or accidental (EBI, 2015). Out of those total species, at least 596 are resident and 224 are regular seasonal migrants, including 176 from the Palearctic, and 13 are shared with Eritrea (Shimelis and Dellelegn, 2004). In Ethiopia, 73 important Bird Areas (IBAs) have been identified and of these 30 sites (41% of the total) comprise wetlands, while the rest are representatives of other types of ecosystems (Shimelis and Afework, 2008). Wetlands are found everywhere and they account nearly for 6.4% of our world. The total area of wetlands in Ethiopia may exceed 22500 km<sup>2</sup> (2%) a figure that corresponds with the estimated remaining forest area of the nation. On the other hand, Hillman (1993) listed 77 wetlands with a total area of 13,699 km<sup>2</sup> or 1.4% of the country's land surface. However, other estimates with additional evidences from various sources estimate the total wetland area of Ethiopia at 22500 km<sup>2</sup>, some 2% of the country's land surface (EWNRA, 2005). To conserve the diverse and important biological resources, 21 National Parks, 11 Wildlife Reserves, 3 Sanctuaries, 21 Controlled Hunting Areas, 4 community conservation areas, 5 open hunting areas, 4 biosphere reserves and 58 national forest priority area have been established as refuge. These protected areas represent only a small fraction of the total land mass (about 14% of the total area of the country) and represent only a few of the diverse ecosystems of the country (Cherie Enawgaw Beyene, 2013). Ethiopian biodiversity institute actively engaged in the science of conserving incredible diversity of life due to their valuable ecosystem service. These conservation activities are part of our policies or pinpoint responsibility. This all results in discovering new species, understanding patterns of biodiversity, and providing sound management recommendations to save wild animals and their ecosystem. There are over 10,000 various species of birds (class Aves) grouped to 29 Orders and 181 families currently inhabits the earth across the world (Dickinson, 2003; BLI, 2004). However, in Africa 2355 bird species, 245 are globally threatened with extinction (BLI, 2000). The wildlife biodiversity of Ethiopia supporting more than 2970 species of animals and 7,000 of higher plant species with 12% endemism, among the fauna 320 are mammals with 36 endemism, 926 birds with 24 endemism, 1,249 arthropods with 23 endemism, 200 fish with 40 endemism, 202 reptiles with 17 endemism and 73 amphibians with 30 endemism (EBI, 2015). In Africa it ranks the fourth, surpassed by Madagascar, Zaire, Cameroon and South Africa (WCMC, 1992; EBI, 2015). Birds occur almost everywhere on Earth, in all the major habitat types, from polar ice caps to equatorial rainforest, from the open ocean to true desert (BLI, 2004). Their degree of specialization varies greatly, but most species show a clear habitat preference. Some habitats support many more species than others. Birds are found almost everywhere in the world from the Poles to the Equator. Around 10,000 different species of birds currently inhabit the Earth, the majority (83%) occurring in continental regions, the reminder on islands. Most (97%) are land birds, the rest seabirds. Birds are found from the lowest altitudes on earth to the highest mountains an Alpine Chough (*pyrrhocora*

*graculus*) has been recorded at 8,080 m on Mt Everest. As members of ecosystem, birds play many roles, including as predators, pollinators, scavengers, seed dispersers, seed predators and ecosystem engineers. Therefore, the animal species will be given protection because they are of ecological, educational, historical, recreational, aesthetic, economic, and scientific value to the people of the state (Bibby, 1999; BLI, 2000; Dickinson, 2003). In modern sense birds can be used to provide early warning of environmental problems. The cost in biodiversity damages due to climate change pressure on natural ecosystem interconnected with alarming species extinction-prone. Conserving species and ecosystems can be seen as a moral duty. This aligned both because of their intrinsic right to exist as part of our natural and cultural heritage. Nationally and globally, those who benefit from biodiversity conservation; including its dispersed ecosystem services and existence values, must be prepared to pay for it, rather than watch it vanish similar to the amount of the resources needed is such that the major source must be tax revenue, raised by governments. The state of the world's birds therefore tells us a lot about the state of the world. However, the distribution of birds is uneven; the different biogeographic realms vary substantially in terms of the numbers and types of bird species they hold. By far the richest is the Neotropical realm which holds 36% of all known land bird species (3,370 species). This is followed by; Afrotropical (21%, 1,950 species), Indomalayan (18% 1,700 species), Australasian (17%, 1,590 species), and then Palearctic (10%, 937 species), Nearctic (8%, c. 732 species), Oceanic (2%, 187 species), Antarctic (85 species) (BLI, 2004; IUCN and UNEP-WCMC, 2014). Today birds are the most successful of all terrestrial vertebrates, with 29 orders containing a total of 181 families and about 10,000 species. Ethiopia has 320 (36) known endemic species of mammals, 926 (24) birds, 202 (17) reptiles, 73 (30) amphibians and 200 (40) fish species and 1,249 arthropods 23 are endemic (EBI, 2015; World Resources Institute, 1995). In Africa it ranks the fourth, surpassed by Madagascar, Zaire, Cameroon and South Africa (WCMC, 1992).

### Biome Groups and Ethiopian Avifauna

Ethiopia has a very diverse set of ecosystems ranging from humid forest and extensive wetlands to the desert of the Afar depression. This is due to the variation in climate, topography and vegetation. Furthermore, the extensive and unique conditions in the highlands of the country have contributed to the presence of the above mentioned large number of endemic species. The country's diverse habitat types definitely contribute for the tremendously diverse avifauna. According to their distribution and ecological patterns, the birds of Ethiopia are grouped into three biome assemblages:-(a). The Afrotropical Highland Biome Species:holds about 48 species of birds including 7 endemic birds. BaleMountainsNational Park is the richest site for this biome assemblage, representing over 80 per cent of the species. (b). The Somali-Massai Biome Species:is the richest in its species variety and holds over 97 bird species of which 6 are endemic. (c). The Sudan-Guinea Savannah Biome Species: represents an area poorly known biologically, especially the Benshangul Region. It holds about 16 species of birds. Gambella is the richest area for this biome.

## Endemic bird Species of Ethiopia

An 'Endemic Species' is one that is only found in that region and nowhere else in the world. As such they are of conservation concern because they are not widespread and may be confined to only one or two protected areas. Although more endemic species of birds have been added to the country but until now a total of 24 endemic species of bird are registered. This list combines with the status of IUCN and distribution of the species for serious conservation concern. The Catalogue of the endemic birds' species in Ethiopia is a monumental work published in this time. Its aim was not only to document museum bird collection, but to discuss all the known "species" of living birds for best conservation purpose. According to Stattersfield *et al.* (1998) in Ethiopia there are three Endemic Bird Areas (EBA), all of them classified as critical priority for conservation measures. The boundaries of the EBAs are based on the documented records and altitudinal limits of the restricted-range bird species present.

(I). South Ethiopian Highlands: with 5 restricted-range species present only in this area, 4 of them threatened. This EBA lies at the southern extreme of the Ethiopian Highlands, in Borana zone, Oromia. The five restricted-range species which occur close together here are found in a wide variety of habitat types. These species are Prince Ruspoli's Turaco, Nechisar Nightjar, Sidamo Long-clawed Lark, White-tailed Swallow and Ethiopian Bush-Crow, with Degodi Lark being very close to the theoretical boundaries of this area. Besides, a non-described unstreaked *Serinus* has been reported from near Agere Mariam, circa 100 km east of Lake Chamo (Ash, 1979). A more widespread threatened species which has been recorded in the EBA is Salvadori's Serin, classified as Vulnerable. All the endemic species are subject to human activities modifying their habitat. Threats to the habitats of the EBA include the conversion of grassland for dryland agriculture, cattle-ranching leading to increased grazing pressure, the burning of forest and woodland, and commercial fuelwood cutting (Hillman, 1993). Degodi Lark is threatened because of their highly restricted distribution.

(II). Central Ethiopian Highlands: Out of the 29 endemic species of Ethiopia and Eritrea, 17 are associated with the highlands, although some of these may appear also in the lowlands. The 4 species whose ranges are estimated to be less than 50,000 km<sup>2</sup> are grouped in this EBA. Three of them are associated with sparse vegetation in rocky areas: Ankober Serin, Yellow-throated Serin and Ruppell's Chat. The fourth one, Hardwood's Francolin is restricted to some valleys in the area. The only restricted-range species recorded from a protected area in this EBA is Ruppell's Chat in Simien Mountains National Park. A proposed new highland conservation area in the escarpments of Termaber-Wufwasha-Ankober area would be far more relevant to the conservation of some endemic species (NBSAP, 2015).

(III). Jubba and Shabeelle Valleys: This interesting and not well explored area holds 3 restricted-range species: 1 endemic, Degodi Lark; and 2 shared with Somalia and Kenya, White-winged Collared Dove *Streptopelia reichenowi* and Salvadori's Weaver *Ploceus dicrocephalus*. Besides, Bulu Burti Bush-shrike *Laniarius liberatus* is only known by a single bird trapped in *Acacia* scrub at Bulu Berti in the Shabeelle Valley

in Somalia. There is no protected area in this EBA, being an area that faces lots of problems of warfare, environmental degradation, drought, displacements and total lack of conservation (NBSAP, 2015).

Important Bird Area are places of international significance for the conservation of birds at the global, regional or sub-regional level. These IBAs are determined according to three criteria: (a) The site regularly holds significant numbers of a globally threatened species, or other species of global conservation concern. (b) The site is known to hold a significant component of a group of species whose breeding distributions define an Endemic Bird Area. (c) The site is known to hold a significant component of the group of species whose distributions are largely or wholly confined to one biome. (d) The site is known to hold >1% of the population of a congregatory waterbird or seabird; or >20,000 waterbirds.

## Threats and Conservation status of Ethiopian Avifauna

The threatened bird fauna of Ethiopia categorised after Birds to Watch II (Collar *et al.*, 1994) for the species categorized Endangered and Vulnerable. In the specific case of Prince Ruspoli's Turaco, and in the light of recent research. Yet, for those species not previously classified by Collar *et al.* (1994), some new assignments have been done based upon the present knowledge, and they constitute a major cornerstone to better know the endemic birds of Ethiopia and Eritrea. The species with a Low Risk category have been assigned according to the following criteria: (a) Least Concern for those species with very high populations and wide extension range (most of them quite common in the Highlands). And (b) Near Threatened for those species, though still common in some areas, are not as widely distributed as the others; or they are sparsely distributed, thus their numbers being definitely lower. Moreover, as for the cases of Rouget's Rail or forest birds (Abyssinian Woodpecker or Black-headed Forest Oriole), they have been assigned as Near Threatened given the fact of sharply reduction of suitable forests and wetlands in Ethiopia. Due to this, they are more threatened than others and some of them will likely enter in the vulnerable category within a ten years' period.

Nechisar Nightjar was given a category of Not Evaluated given the fact that no single specimen is sighted so far, and the description is based in one single wing. Therefore, from my point of view, it is a species not correctly described and needs further study. White-throated Serin presents a different case. Fully and correctly described, it is not widely acknowledged as a separate species, treated as such for just a few authors. More information is thus required, mainly taxonomic and geographic, to evaluate its situation and threats. Thus it is assigned as Data Deficient (NBSAP, 2015).

Summing up the IUCN categories for the endemics, 5 species (including 4 endemics) are considered as Endangered, 12 species (including 5 endemics) as Vulnerable, 14 endemic species as Low Risk Near Threatened and 5 endemic species as Low Risk Least Concern, plus 1 Data Deficient and 1 Not Evaluated (Vivero Pol, 200; NBSAP, 2015). The avifauna of Ethiopia includes a total of 926 species, of which 24 are

endemic and 3 are rare or accidental (Lepage, 2007). This list's taxonomic treatment designation and sequence of orders, families, and species. The avifauna family accounts at the beginning of each heading reflects their taxonomy, as do the species counts found in each family account. Accidental species are included in the total species counts for Ethiopia. The following tags have been used to highlight certain relevant categories. The commonly occurring, e, species do not fall into any of these categories. (A) Accidental A species that rarely or accidentally occurs in Ethiopia. (E) Endemic A species endemic to Ethiopia.

**Non-passerines:** Ostriches, Grebes, Shearwaters and Petrels, Storm-Petrels, Tropic birds, Pelicans, Boobies and Gannets, Cormorants, Darters, Frigate birds, Bitterns, Herons and Egrets, Hammerkop, Storks, Shoebill, Ibises and Spoonbills, Flamingos, Ducks, Geese and Swans, Osprey, Hawks, Kites and Eagles, Secretary-bird, Caracaras and Falcons, Pheasants and Partridges, Guinea fowl, Buttonquails, Cranes, Rails, Crakes, Gallinules, and Coots, Sungrebe and Finfoots, Bustards, Jacanas, Painted snipe, Crab Plover, Oystercatchers, Avocets and Stilts, Thick-knees, Pratincoles and Coursers, Plovers and Lapwings, Sandpipers and allies, Skuas and Jaegers, Gulls, Terns, Skimmers, Sandgrouse, Pigeons and Doves, Parrots, Macaws and allies, Turacos, Cuckoos and Anis, Barn owls, Typical owls, Nightjars, Swifts, Mousebirds, Trogons and Quetzals, Kingfishers, Bee-eaters, Typical Rollers, Hoopoes, Woodhoopoes, Hornbills, Barbets, Honeyguides, Woodpeckers and allies (Urban and Brown, 1971; Dickinson, 2003; Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Avibase, 2014).

**Passerines:** Pittas, Larks, Swallows and Martins, Wagtails and Pipits, Cuckoo-shrikes, Bulbuls, Grey Hypocolius, Thrushes and allies, Cisticolas and allies, Old World warblers, Old World flycatchers, Wattle-eyes, Monarch flycatchers, Babblers, Chickadees and Titmice, Treecreepers, Penduline tits, Sunbirds and Spiderhunters, White-eyes, Old World Orioles, Shrikes, Bushshrikes and allies, Helmetshrikes, Drogos, Crows, Jays, Ravens and Magpies, Starlings, Weavers and allies, Waxbills and allies, Indigobirds, Weavers and allies, Buntings, Sparrows, Seedeaters and allies, Siskins, Crossbills and allies, Sparrows (Dickinson, 2003; Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Avibase, 2014).

## 1. Ostriches

Order: Struthioniformes. Family: Struthionidae  
The Ostrich is a flightless bird native to Africa. It is the largest living species of bird. It is distinctive in its appearance, with a long neck and legs and the ability to run at high speeds.

- Ostrich *Struthio camelus*

## 2. Grebes

Order: Podicipediformes. Family: Podicipedidae  
Grebes are small to medium-large sized freshwater diving birds. They have lobed toes, and are excellent swimmers and divers. However, they have their feet placed far back on the body, making them quite ungainly on land. There are 20

species worldwide and 3 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
- Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*
- Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

## 3. Shearwaters and petrels

Order: Procellariiformes. Family: Procellariidae  
The procellariids are the main group of medium-sized 'true petrels', characterised by united nostrils with a medium septum, and a long outer functional primary. There are 75 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Audubon's Shearwater *Puffinus lherminieri*

## 4. Storm-Petrels

Order: Procellariiformes. Family: Hydrobatidae  
The storm-petrels are relatives of the petrels, and are the smallest of sea-birds. They feed on planktonic crustaceans and small fish picked from the surface, typically while hovering. The flight is fluttering and sometimes bat-like. There are 21 species worldwide and 4 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Wilson's Storm-Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*
- White-faced Storm-Petrel *Pelagodroma marina*
- Leach's Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*
- Swinhoe's Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma monorhis*

## 5. Tropicbirds

Order: Pelecaniformes. Family: Phaethontidae  
Tropicbirds are slender white birds of tropical oceans, with exceptionally long central tail feathers. Their heads and long wings have black markings. There are 3 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus*
- Red-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon rubricauda*

## 6. Pelicans

Order: Pelecaniformes. Family: Pelecanidae  
Pelicans are large water birds with a distinctive pouch under the beak. As with other members of the order Pelecaniformes, they have webbed feet with four toes. There are 8 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
- Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*

## 7. Boobies and gannets

Order: Pelecaniformes. Family: Sulidae  
The sulids comprise the gannets and boobies. Both groups comprise medium-to-large coastal sea-birds that plunge-dive for fish. There are 9 species worldwide and 3 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra*
- Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*
- Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

## 8. Cormorants

Order: Pelecaniformes. Family: Phalacrocoracidae

The Phalacrocoracidae is a family of medium-to-large coastal, fish-eating sea-birds that includes cormorants and shags. Plumage colouration varies with the majority having mainly dark plumage, some species being black and white, and a few being colourful. There are 38 species worldwide and 3 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
- Socotra Cormorant *Phalacrocorax nigrogularis*
- Long-tailed Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus*

## 9. Darters

Order: Pelecaniformes. Family: Anhingidae

Darters are frequently referred to as "snake-birds" because of their long thin neck, which gives a snake-like appearance when they swim with their bodies submerged. The males have black and dark brown plumage, an erectile crest on the nape and a larger bill than the female. The females have a much paler plumage especially on the neck and underparts. The darters have completely webbed feet, and their legs are short and set far back on the body. Their plumage is somewhat permeable, like that of cormorants, and they spread their wings to dry after diving. There are 4 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*

## 10. Frigatebirds

Order: Pelecaniformes. Family: Fregatidae

Frigatebirds are large sea-birds usually found over tropical oceans. They are large, black and white or completely black, with long wings and deeply-forked tails. The males have inflatable coloured throat pouches. They do not swim or walk, and cannot take off from a flat surface. Having the largest wingspan to body weight ratio of any bird, they are essentially aerial, able to stay aloft for more than a week. There are 5 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel*

## 11. Bitterns, herons and egrets

Order: Ciconiiformes. Family: Ardeidae

The family Ardeidae contains the bitterns, herons and egrets. Herons and egrets are medium to large sized wading birds with long necks and legs. Bitterns tend to be shorter necked and more wary. Unlike other long-necked birds such as storks, ibises and spoonbills, members of Ardeidae fly with their necks retracted. There are 61 species worldwide and 16 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
- Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*
- Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

- Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
- Great Egret *Ardea alba*
- Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca*
- Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*
- Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularis*
- Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
- Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*
- Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
- Striated Heron *Butorides striata*
- Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*
- White-backed Night-Heron *Gorsachius leuconotus*
- Dwarf Bittern *Ixobrychus sturmii*
- Great Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

## 12. Hammerkop

Order: Ciconiiformes. Family: Scopidae

The Hammerkop is a medium-sized bird with a long shaggy crest. The shape of its head with a curved bill and crest at the back is reminiscent of a hammer, hence its name. Its plumage is a drab brown all over (EWNHS, 1996).

- Hammerkop *Scopus umbretta*

## 13. Storks

Order: Ciconiiformes. Family: Ciconiidae

Storks are large, long-legged, long-necked, wading birds with long, stout bills. Storks are mute; bill-clattering is an important mode of stork communication at the nest. Their nests can be large and may be reused for many years. Many species are migratory. There are 19 species worldwide and 8 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*
- African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*
- Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*
- Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii*
- Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*
- White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*
- Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*
- Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*

## 14. Shoebill

Order: Ciconiiformes. Family: Balaenicipididae

The Shoebill is a large bird related to the storks. It derives its name from its massive shoe-shaped bill.

- Shoebill *Balaeniceps rex*

## 15. Ibises and spoonbills

Order: Ciconiiformes. Family: Threskiornithidae

The Threskiornithidae is a family of large terrestrial and wading birds which includes the ibises and spoonbills. They have long, broad wings with 11 primary and about 20 secondary feathers. They are strong fliers and despite their size and weight, very capable soarers. There are 36 species worldwide and 7 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

- Waldrapp *Geronticus eremita*
- Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*
- Wattled Ibis *Bostrychia carunculata*
- Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*
- Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*
- African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*

## 16. Flamingos

Order: Phoenicopteriformes. Family: Phoenicopteridae  
Flamingos are gregarious wading birds, usually 3 to 5 feet high, found in both the Western and Eastern Hemispheres. They are more numerous in the latter. Flamingo's filter-feed on shellfish and algae. Their oddly-shaped beaks are specially adapted to separate mud and silt from the food they consume, and are uniquely used upside-down. There are 6 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*
- Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopterus minor*

## 17. Ducks, geese and swans

Order: Anseriformes. Family: Anatidae  
The family Anatidae includes the ducks and most duck-like waterfowl, such as geese and swans. These are birds that are modified for an aquatic existence with webbed feet, flattened bills and feathers that are excellent at shedding water due to an oily coating. There are 131 species worldwide and 26 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014; Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*
- White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*
- White-backed Duck *Thalassornis leuconotus*
- Blue-winged Goose *Cyanochen cyanopterus* (E)
- Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiacus*
- Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*
- Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*
- Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*
- African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*
- African Black Duck *Anas sparsa*
- Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*
- Gadwall *Anas strepera*
- Common Teal *Anas crecca*
- Cape Teal *Anas capensis*
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*
- Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*
- Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
- Red-billed Duck *Anas erythrorhyncha*
- Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota*
- Garganey *Anas querquedula*
- Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
- Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma*
- Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*
- Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*
- Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*
- Maccoa Duck *Oxyura maccoa*

## 18. Osprey

Order: Falconiformes. Family: Pandionidae  
The Pandionidae family contains only one species, the Osprey. The Osprey is a medium large raptor which is a specialist fish-eater with a worldwide distribution (Avibase, 2014).

- Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

## 19. Hawks, kites and eagles

Order: Falconiformes. Family: Accipitridae  
Accipitridae is a family of birds of prey and include hawks, eagles, kites, harriers and Old World vultures. These birds have powerful hooked beaks for tearing flesh from their prey, strong legs, powerful talons, and keen eyesight. There are 233 species worldwide and 58 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Avibase, 2014).

- African Cuckoo Hawk *Aviceda cuculoides*
- European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*
- Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus*
- Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
- Scissor-tailed Kite *Chelictinia riocourii*
- Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
- African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*
- Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*
- Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus*
- Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*
- White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*
- Rueppell's Griffon *Gyps rueppellii*
- Eurasian Griffon *Gyps fulvus*
- Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotus*
- White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis*
- Beaudouin's Snake Eagle *Circaetus beaudouini*
- Black-breasted Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*
- Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*
- Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinerascens*
- Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*
- Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*
- African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus*
- Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*
- Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*
- African Harrier Hawk *Polyboroides typus*
- Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*
- Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*
- Eastern Chanting Goshawk *Melierax poliopterus*
- Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*
- Red-chested Goshawk *Accipiter toussenelii*
- African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro*
- Shikra *Accipiter badius*
- Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes*
- Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus*
- Ovampo Sparrowhawk *Accipiter ovampensis*
- Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*
- Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk *Accipiter rufiventris*
- Black Goshawk *Accipiter melanoleucus*
- Grasshopper Buzzard *Butastur rufipennis*
- Eurasian Buzzard *Buteo buteo*
- Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus*

- Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*
- Red-necked Buzzard *Buteo auguralis*
- Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*
- Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*
- Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*
- Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*
- Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*
- Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca*
- Wahlberg's Eagle *Aquila wahlbergi*
- Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*
- Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii*
- African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*
- Booted Eagle *Aquila pennatus*
- Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Aquila ayresii*
- Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*
- Long-crested Eagle *Lophaeetus occipitalis*
- Crowned Hawk-Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus*

## 20. Secretary-bird

Order: Falconiformes. Family: Sagittariidae

The Secretary-bird is a bird of prey in the order Falconiformes but is easily distinguished from other raptors by its long crane-like legs (Avibase, 2014).

- Secretary-bird *Sagittarius serpentarius*

## 21. Caracaras and falcons

Order: Falconiformes. Family: Falconidae

Falconidae is a family of diurnal birds of prey. They differ from hawks, eagles, and kites in that they kill with their beaks instead of their feet. There are 62 species worldwide and 18 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971; Dickinson, 2003).

- Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus*
- Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*
- Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
- Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides*
- Fox Kestrel *Falco alopex*
- Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus*
- Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera*
- Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*
- Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis*
- Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora*
- Sooty Falcon *Falco concolor*
- Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*
- African Hobby *Falco cuvierii*
- Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*
- Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug*
- Barbary Falcon *Falco pelegrinoides*
- Taita Falcon *Falco fasciinucha*
- Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

## 22. Pheasants and partridges

Order: Galliformes. Family: Phasianidae

The Phasianidae are a family of terrestrial birds which consists of quails, partridges, snowcocks, francolins, spurfowls,

tragopans, monals, pheasants, peafowls and jungle fowls. In general, they are plump (although they may vary in size) and have broad, relatively short wings. There are 156 species worldwide and 16 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Sand Partridge *Ammoperdix heyi*
- Coqui Francolin *Francolinus coqui*
- Crested Francolin *Francolinus sephaena*
- Moorland Francolin *Francolinus psilolaemus*
- Orange River Francolin *Francolinus levaillantoides*
- Scaly Francolin *Francolinus squamatus*
- Clapperton's Francolin *Francolinus clappertoni*
- Harwood's Francolin *Francolinus harwoodi* (E)
- Yellow-necked Francolin *Francolinus leucoscepus*
- Red-necked Francolin *Francolinus afer*
- Chestnut-naped Francolin *Francolinus castaneicollis*
- Erckel's Francolin *Francolinus erckelii*
- Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*
- Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei*
- Blue Quail *Coturnix adansonii*
- Stone Partridge *Ptilopachus petrosus*

## 23. Guineafowl

Order: Galliformes. Family: Numididae

Guineafowl are a group of African, seed-eating, ground-nesting birds that resemble partridges, but with featherless heads and spangled grey plumage. There are 6 species worldwide and 3 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*
- Crested Guineafowl *Guttera pucherani*
- Vulturine Guineafowl *Acryllium vulturinum*

## 24. Buttonquails

Order: Gruiformes. Family: Turnicidae

The buttonquails are small, drab, running birds which resemble the true quails. The female is the brighter of the sexes, and initiates courtship. The male incubates the eggs and tends the young. There are 16 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (EWNHS, 1996; Avibase, 2014).

- Small Buttonquail *Turnix sylvatica*
- Quail-plover *Ortyxelos meiffrenii*

## 25. Cranes

Order: Gruiformes. Family: Gruidae

Cranes are large, long-legged and long-necked birds. Unlike the similar-looking but unrelated herons, cranes fly with necks outstretched, not pulled back. Most have elaborate and noisy courting displays or "dances". There are 15 species worldwide and 4 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Black Crowned-Crane *Balearica pavonina*
- Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo*
- Wattled Crane *Bugeranus carunculatus*
- Common Crane *Grus grus*

## 26. Rails, crakes, gallinules, and coots

Order: Gruiformes. Family: Rallidae

Rallidae is a large family of small to medium-sized birds which includes the rails, crakes, coots, and gallinules. Typically, they inhabit dense vegetation in damp environments near lakes, swamps, or rivers. In general, they are shy and secretive birds, difficult to observe. Most species have strong legs, and have long toes which are well adapted to soft, uneven surfaces. They tend to have short, rounded wings and be weak fliers. There are 143 species worldwide and 17 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Buff-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura elegans*
- Red-chested Flufftail *Sarothrura rufa*
- White-winged Flufftail *Sarothrura ayresi*
- African Rail *Rallus caerulescens*
- African Crake *Crecopsis egregia*
- Corn Crake *Crex crex*
- Rouget's Rail *Rougetius rougetii*
- Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostris*
- Little Crake *Porzana parva*
- Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*
- Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana*
- Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*
- Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*
- Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
- Lesser Moorhen *Gallinula angulata*
- Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*
- Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

## 27. Sungrebe and Finfoots

Order: Gruiformes. Family: Heliornithidae

The Heliornithidae are small family of tropical birds with webbed lobes on their feet similar to those of grebes and coots. There are 3 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis*

## 28. Bustards

Order: Gruiformes. Family: Otididae

Bustards are large terrestrial birds mainly associated with dry open country and steppes in the Old World. They are omnivorous and nest on the ground. They walk steadily on strong legs and big toes, pecking for food as they go. They have long broad wings with "fingered" wingtips, and striking patterns in flight. Many have interesting mating displays. There are 26 species worldwide and 10 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Arabian Bustard *Ardeotis arabs*
- Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori*
- Houbara Bustard *Chlamydotis undulata*
- Stanley Bustard *Neotis denhami*
- Heuglin's Bustard *Neotis heuglinii*
- White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis*
- Little Brown Bustard *Eupodotis humilis*
- Buff-crested Bustard *Eupodotis gindiana*
- Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster*

- Hartlaub's Bustard *Lissotis hartlaubii*

## 29. Jacanas

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Jacanidae

The jacanas are a group of tropical waders in the family Jacanidae. They are found worldwide in the Tropics. They are identifiable by their huge feet and claws which enable them to walk on floating vegetation in the shallow lakes that are their preferred habitat. There 8 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Lesser Jacana *Microparra capensis*
- African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

## 30. Painted snipe

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Rostratulidae

Painted snipe are short-legged, long-billed birds similar in shape to the true snipes, but more brightly coloured. There are 2 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*

## 31. Crab Plover

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Dromadidae

The Crab Plover is related to the waders. It resembles a plover but with very long grey legs and a strong heavy black bill similar to a tern. It has black and white plumage, a long neck, partially webbed feet and a bill designed for eating crabs (Avibase, 2014).

- Crab Plover *Dromas ardeola*

## 32. Oystercatchers

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Haematopodidae

The oystercatchers are large and noisy plover-like birds, with strong bills used for smashing or prising open molluscs. There are 11 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

## 33. Avocets and stilts

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Recurvirostridae

Recurvirostridae is a family of large wading birds, which includes the avocets and the stilts. The avocets have long legs and long up-curved bills. The stilts have extremely long legs and long, thin, straight bills. There are 9 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*
- Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

## 34. Thick-knees

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Burhinidae

The thick-knees are a group of largely tropical waders in the family Burhinidae. They are found worldwide within the tropical zone, with some species also breeding in temperate Europe and Australia. They are medium to large waders with

strong black or yellow black bills, large yellow eyes and cryptic plumage. Despite being classed as waders, most species have a preference for arid or semi-arid habitats. There are 9 species worldwide and 4 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus*
- Eurasian Thick-knee *Burhinus oedicephalus*
- Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis*
- Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*

### 35. Pratincoles and coursers

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Glareolidae  
Glareolidae is a family of wading birds comprising the pratincoles, which have short legs, long pointed wings and long forked tails, and the coursers, which have long legs, short wings and long pointed bills which curve downwards. There are 17 species worldwide and 10 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Egyptian Plover *Pluvianus aegyptius*
- Cream-colored Courser *Cursorius cursor*
- Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii*
- Double-banded Courser *Smutsornis africanus*
- Three-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus cinctus*
- Bronze-winged Courser *Rhinoptilus chalcopterus*
- Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*
- Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni*
- Madagascar Pratincole *Glareola ocularis*
- Rock Pratincole *Glareola nuchalis*

### 36. Plovers and lapwings

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Charadriidae  
The family Charadriidae includes the plovers, dotterels, and lapwings. They are small to medium-sized birds with compact bodies, short, thick necks and long, usually pointed, wings. They are found in open country worldwide, mostly in habitats near water, although there are some exceptions. There are 66 species worldwide and 22 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- Long-toed Lapwing *Vanellus crassirostris*
- Blacksmith Plover *Vanellus armatus*
- Spur-winged Plover *Vanellus spinosus*
- Black-headed Lapwing *Vanellus tectus*
- Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris*
- Black-winged Lapwing *Vanellus melanopterus*
- Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*
- Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*
- Spot-breasted Lapwing *Vanellus melanocephalus* (E)
- Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius*
- White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus* (A)
- Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
- Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
- Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*
- Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
- Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*
- Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*
- White-fronted Plover *Charadrius marginatus*

- Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*
- Lesser Sandplover *Charadrius mongolus*
- Greater Sandplover *Charadrius leschenaultii*
- Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus*

### 37. Sandpipers and allies

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Scolopacidae  
The Scolopacidae are a large diverse family of small to medium sized shorebirds including the sandpipers, curlews, godwits, shanks, tattlers, woodcocks, snipes, dowitchers and phalaropes. The majority of species eat small invertebrates picked out of the mud or soil. Variation in length of legs and bills enable different species to feed in the same habitat, particularly on the coast, without direct competition for food. There are 89 species worldwide and 29 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus*
- Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*
- African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis*
- Great Snipe *Gallinago media*
- Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*
- Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
- Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
- Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
- Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*
- Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*
- Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*
- Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
- Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
- Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*
- Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
- Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*
- Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
- Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
- Red Knot *Calidris canutus*
- Sanderling *Calidris alba*
- Little Stint *Calidris minuta*
- Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*
- Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*
- Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*
- Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
- Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
- Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*
- Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*
- Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

### 38. Skuas and jaegers

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Stercorariidae  
The family Stercorariidae are, in general, medium to large birds, typically with grey or brown plumage, often with white markings on the wings. They nest on the ground in temperate and arctic regions and are long-distance migrants. There are 7 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus*
- Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*

### 39. Gulls

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Laridae

Laridae is a family of medium to large bird seabirds and includes gulls and kittiwakes. They are typically grey or white, often with black markings on the head or wings. They have stout, longish bills and webbed feet. There are 55 species worldwide and 9 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- White-eyed Gull *Larus leucophthalmus*
- Sooty Gull *Larus hemprichii*
- Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*
- Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*
- Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*
- Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyæetus*
- Grey-headed Gull *Larus cirrocephalus*
- Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*
- Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei*

### 40. Terns

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Sternidae

Terns are a group of generally general medium to large seabirds typically with grey or white plumage, often with black markings on the head. Most terns hunt fish by diving but some pick insects off the surface of fresh water. Terns are generally long-lived birds, with several species now known to live in excess of 25 to 30 years. There are 44 species worldwide and 15 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*
- Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*
- Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis*
- Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*
- Great Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*
- Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii*
- Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*
- Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*
- Saunders's Tern *Sterna saundersi*
- White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa*
- Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus*
- Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*
- White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*
- Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*
- Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus*

### 41. Skimmers

Order: Charadriiformes. Family: Rynchopidae

Skimmers are a small family of tropical tern-like birds. They have an elongated lower mandible which they use to feed by flying low over the water surface and skimming the water for small fish. There are 3 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- African Skimmer *Rynchops flavirostris*

### 42. Sandgrouse

Order: Pterocliiformes. Family: Pteroclididae

Sandgrouse have small, pigeon like heads and necks, but sturdy compact bodies. They have long pointed wings and sometimes tails and a fast direct flight. Flocks fly to watering holes at dawn and dusk. Their legs are feathered down to the toes. There are 16 species worldwide and 6 species which occur in Ethiopia (EWNHS, 1996; Avibase, 2014).

- Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse *Pterocles exustus*
- Spotted Sandgrouse *Pterocles senegallus*
- Yellow-throated Sandgrouse *Pterocles gutturalis*
- Black-faced Sandgrouse *Pterocles decoratus*
- Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse *Pterocles lichtensteinii*
- Four-banded Sandgrouse *Pterocles quadricinctus*

### 43. Pigeons and doves

Order: Columbiformes. Family: Columbidae

Pigeons and doves are stout-bodied birds with short necks and short slender bills with a fleshy cere. There are 308 species worldwide and 21 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*
- Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea*
- White-collared Pigeon *Columba albitorques*
- Rameron Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*
- Lemon Dove *Columba larvata*
- Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*
- Dusky Turtle Dove *Streptopelia lugens*
- African Collared Dove *Streptopelia roseogrisea*
- White-winged Collared Dove *Streptopelia reichenowi*
- African Mourning Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*
- Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*
- Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola*
- Vinaceous Dove *Streptopelia vinacea*
- Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*
- Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*
- Black-billed Wood Dove *Turtur abyssinicus*
- Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*
- Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*
- Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*
- Bruce's Green Pigeon *Treron waalia*
- African Green Pigeon *Treron calva*

### 44. Parrots, macaws and allies

Order: Psittaciformes. Family: Psittacidae

Parrots are small to large birds with a characteristic curved beak shape. Their upper mandibles have slight mobility in the joint with the skull and they have a generally erect stance. All parrots are zygodactyl, having the four toes on each foot placed two at the front and two back. There are 335 species worldwide and 6 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*
- Red-headed Lovebird *Agapornis pullarius*
- Black-winged Lovebird *Agapornis taranta*
- Meyer's Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri*
- Red-bellied Parrot *Poicephalus rufiventris*
- Yellow-fronted Parrot *Poicephalus flavifrons* (E)

#### 45. Turacos

Order: Cuculiformes. Family: Musophagidae

The turacos, plantain eaters and go-away birds make up the bird family Musophagidae. They are medium-sized arboreal birds. The turacos and plantain eaters are brightly coloured birds, usually blue, green or purple. The go-away birds are mostly grey and white. There are 23 species worldwide and 5 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- White-cheeked Turaco *Tauraco leucotis*
- Prince Ruspoli's Turaco *Tauraco ruspolii* (E)
- Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus*
- White-bellied Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides leucogaster*
- Eastern Plantain-eater *Crinifer zonurus*

#### 46. Cuckoos and anis

Order: Cuculiformes. Family: Cuculidae

The family Cuculidae includes cuckoos, roadrunners and anis. These birds are of variable size with slender bodies, long tails and strong legs. Unlike the cuckoo species of the Old World, North American cuckoos are not brood parasites. There are 138 species worldwide and 15 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Pied Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*
- Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii*
- Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*
- Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*
- Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus*
- Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*
- African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis*
- Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*
- African Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx cupreus*
- Dideric Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*
- Yellowbill *Ceuthmochares aereus*
- Black Coucal *Centropus grillii*
- Blue-headed Coucal *Centropus monachus*
- Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*
- White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus*

#### 47. Barn owls

Order: Strigiformes. Family: Tytonidae

Barn owls are medium to large sized owls with large heads and characteristic heart-shaped faces. They have long strong legs with powerful talons. There are 16 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- African Grass-Owl *Tyto capensis*
- Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

#### 48. Typical owls

Order: Strigiformes. Family: Strigidae

Typical owls are small to large solitary nocturnal birds of prey. They have large forward-facing eyes and ears, a hawk-like beak, and a conspicuous circle of feathers around each eye called a facial disk. There are 195 species worldwide and 16 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- African Scops Owl *Otus senegalensis*
- European Scops Owl *Otus scops*
- Northern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis leucotis*
- Southern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis granti*
- Pharaoh Eagle-Owl *Bubo ascalaphus*
- Cape Eagle-Owl *Bubo capensis*
- Spotted Eagle Owl *Bubo africanus*
- Greyish Eagle Owl *Bubo cinerascens*
- Verreaux's Eagle Owl *Bubo lacteus*
- Pel's Fishing Owl *Scotopelia peli*
- African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii*
- Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*
- Little Owl *Athene noctua*
- African Long-eared Owl *Asio abyssinicus*
- Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*
- Marsh Owl *Asio capensis*

#### 49. Nightjars

Order: Caprimulgiformes. Family: Caprimulgidae

Nightjars are medium-sized nocturnal birds with long wings, short legs and very short bills that usually nest on the ground. Most have small feet, of little use for walking, and long pointed wings. Their soft plumage is camouflaged to resemble bark or leaves. There are 86 species worldwide and 17 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Eurasian Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*
- Sombre Nightjar *Caprimulgus fraenatus*
- Egyptian Nightjar *Caprimulgus aegyptius*
- Nubian Nightjar *Caprimulgus nubicus*
- Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar *Caprimulgus donaldsoni*
- Fiery-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus pectoralis*
- Abyssinian Nightjar *Caprimulgus poliocephalus*
- Swamp Nightjar *Caprimulgus natalensis*
- Plain Nightjar *Caprimulgus inornatus*
- Star-spotted Nightjar *Caprimulgus stellatus*
- Nechisar Nightjar *Caprimulgus solala* (E)
- Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma*
- Long-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus climacurus*
- Slender-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus clarus*
- Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii*
- Pennant-winged Nightjar *Macrodipteryx vexillarius*
- Standard-winged Nightjar *Macrodipteryx longipennis*

#### 50. Swifts

Order: Apodiformes. Family: Apodidae

Swifts are small aerial birds, spending the majority of their lives flying. These birds have very short legs and never settle voluntarily on the ground, perching instead only on vertical surfaces. Many swifts have long swept-back wings that resemble a crescent or a boomerang. There are 98 species worldwide and 10 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Scarce Swift *Schoutedenapus myoptilus*
- African Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*
- Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*
- Mottled Swift *Tachymarptis aequatorialis*

- Common Swift *Apus apus*
- Nyanza Swift *Apus niansae*
- Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*
- Little Swift *Apus affinis*
- Horus Swift *Apus horus*
- White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*

## 51. Mousebirds

Order: Coliiformes. Family: Coliidae

The mousebirds are slender greyish or brown birds with soft, hairlike body feathers and very long thin tails. They are arboreal and scurry through the leaves like rodents in search of berries, fruit and buds. They are acrobatic, and can feed upside down. All species have strong claws and reversible outer toes. They also have crests and stubby bills. There are 6 species worldwide and 3 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*
- White-headed Mousebird *Colius leucocephalus*
- Blue-naped Mousebird *Urocolius macrourus*

## 52. Trogons and Quetzals

Order: Trogoniformes. Family: Trogonidae

The family Trogonidae includes trogons and quetzals. Found in tropical woodlands worldwide, they feed on insects and fruit, and their broad bills and weak legs reflect their diet and arboreal habits. Although their flight is fast, they are reluctant to fly any distance. Trogons have soft, often colourful, feathers with distinctive male and female plumage. There are 33 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*

## 53. Kingfishers

Order: Coraciiformes. Family: Alcedinidae

Kingfishers are medium-sized birds with large heads, long pointed bills, short legs, and stubby tails. There are 93 species worldwide and 10 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata*
- Malachite Kingfisher *Alcedo cristata*
- African Pygmy-Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*
- Grey-headed Kingfisher *Halcyon leucocephala*
- Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*
- Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica*
- Striped Kingfisher *Halcyon chelicuti*
- Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*
- Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maximus*
- Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

## 54. Bee-eaters

Order: Coraciiformes. Family: Meropidae

The bee-eaters are a group of near passerine birds in the family Meropidae. Most species are found in Africa but others occur in southern Europe, Madagascar, Australia and New Guinea.

They are characterised by richly coloured plumage, slender bodies and usually elongated central tail feathers. All are colourful and have long downturned bills and pointed wings, which give them a swallow-like appearance when seen from afar. There are 26 species worldwide and 11 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Red-throated Bee-eater *Merops bulocki*
- Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*
- Blue-breasted Bee-eater *Merops variegatus*
- Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus*
- Somali Bee-eater *Merops revoilii*
- White-throated Bee-eater *Merops albicollis*
- Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*
- Blue-cheeked Bee-eater *Merops persicus*
- Madagascar Bee-eater *Merops superciliosus*
- European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*
- Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus*

## 55. Typical rollers

Order: Coraciiformes. Family: Coraciidae

Rollers resemble crows in size and build, but are more closely related to the kingfishers and bee-eaters. They share the colourful appearance of those groups with blues and browns predominating. The two inner front toes are connected, but the outer toe is not. There are 12 species worldwide and 5 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- European Roller *Coracias garrulus*
- Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinica*
- Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudata*
- Rufous-crowned Roller *Coracias naevia*
- Broad-billed Roller *Eurystomus glaucurus*

## 56. Hoopoes

Order: Coraciiformes. Family: Upupidae

Hoopoes have black, white and orangey-pink colouring with a large erectile crest on their head. There are 2 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006).

- Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

## 57. Woodhoopoes

Order: Coraciiformes. Family: Phoeniculidae

The woodhoopoes are related to the kingfishers, rollers and hoopoe. They most resemble the last species with their long curved bills, used for probing for insects, and short rounded wings. However, they differ in that they have metallic plumage, often blue, green or purple, and lack an erectile crest. There are 8 species worldwide and 5 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Green Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus*
- Violet Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus damarensis*
- Black-billed Woodhoopoe *Phoeniculus somaliensis*
- Black Scimitar-bill *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*
- Abyssinian Scimitar-bill *Rhinopomastus minor*

## 58. Hornbills

Order: Coraciiformes. Family: Bucerotidae

Hornbills are a group of birds whose bill is shaped like a cow's horn, but without a twist, sometimes with a casque on the upper mandible. Frequently, the bill is brightly coloured. There are 57 species worldwide and 9 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus erythrorhynchus*
- Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus flavirostris*
- Jackson's Hornbill *Tockus jacksoni*
- Von der Decken's Hornbill *Tockus deckeni*
- Crowned Hornbill *Tockus alboterminatus*
- Hemprich's Hornbill *Tockus hemprichii*
- African Gray Hornbill *Tockus nasutus*
- Silvery-cheeked Hornbill *Ceratogymna brevis*
- Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill *Bucorvus abyssinicus*

## 59. Barbets

Order: Piciformes. Family: Lybiidae

The barbets are plump birds, with short necks and large heads. They get their name from the bristles which fringe their heavy bills. Most species are brightly coloured. African barbets belong to the Lybiidae family. There are 42 species of African barbets and 11 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*
- Red-fronted Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus pusillus*
- Red-fronted Barbet *Tricholaema diademata*
- Black-throated Barbet *Tricholaema melanocephala*
- Banded Barbet *Lybius undatus*
- Vieillot's Barbet *Lybius vieilloti*
- Black-billed Barbet *Lybius guifsobalito*
- Double-toothed Barbet *Lybius bidentatus*
- Yellow-breasted Barbet *Trachyphonus margaritatus*
- Red-and-yellow Barbet *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*
- D'Arnaud's Barbet *Trachyphonus darnaudii*

## 60. Honeyguides

Order: Piciformes. Family: Indicatoridae

Honeyguides are among the few birds that feed on wax. They are named for the behaviour of the Greater Honeyguide which leads large animals to bees' nests and then feeds on the wax once the animal has broken the nest open to get at the honey. There are 17 species worldwide and 6 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006).

- Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*
- Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*
- Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*
- Cassin's Honeyguide *Prodotiscus insignis*
- Green-backed Honeyguide *Prodotiscus zambesiae*
- Wahlberg's Honeyguide *Prodotiscus regulus*

## 61. Woodpeckers and allies

Order: Piciformes. Family: Picidae

Woodpeckers are small to medium sized birds with chisel like beaks, short legs, stiff tails and long tongues used for capturing insects. Some species have feet with two toes pointing forward, and two backward, while several species have only three toes. Many woodpeckers have the habit of tapping noisily on tree trunks with their beaks. There are 218 species worldwide and 10 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*
- Rufous-necked Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis*
- Nubian Woodpecker *Campethera nubica*
- Green-backed Woodpecker *Campethera cailliautii*
- Abyssinian Woodpecker *Dendropicos abyssinicus*
- Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*
- Bearded Woodpecker *Dendropicos namaquus*
- Grey Woodpecker *Dendropicos goertae*
- Grey-headed Woodpecker *Dendropicos spodocephalus*
- Brown-backed Woodpecker *Dendropicos obsoletus*

## 62. Pittas

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Pittidae

Pittas are medium-sized by passerine standards, and stocky, with fairly long, strong legs, short tails and stout bills. Many, but not all, are brightly coloured. They are spending the majority of their time on wet forest floors, eating snails, insects and similar invertebrate prey which they find there. There are 32 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (EWNHS, 1996).

- African Pitta *Pitta angolensis*

## 63. Larks

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Alaudidae

Larks are small terrestrial birds with often extravagant songs and display flights. Most larks are fairly dull in appearance. Their food is insects and seeds. There are 91 species worldwide and 29 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014; Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Singing Bushlark *Mirafra cantillans*
- White-tailed Lark *Mirafra albicauda*
- Friedmann's Lark *Mirafra pulpa*
- Red-winged Lark *Mirafra hypermetra*
- Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana*
- Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*
- Collared Lark *Mirafra collaris*
- Gillett's Lark *Mirafra gilletti*
- Degodi Lark *Mirafra degodiensis* (E)
- Pink-breasted Lark *Calendulauda poecilosterna*
- Fawn-colored Lark *Calendulauda africanoides*
- Foxy Lark *Calendulauda alopex*
- Archer's Lark *Heteromirafra archeri* (A)
- Sidamo Lark *Heteromirafra sidamoensis* (E)
- Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis*
- Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix nigriceps*
- Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix signata*
- Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti*
- Greater Hoopoe-Lark *Alaemon alaudipes*
- Bimaculated Lark *Melanocorypha bimaculata*

- Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*
- Blanford's Lark *Calandrella blanfordi*
- Erlanger's Lark *Calandrella erlangeri* (E)
- Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*
- Somali Short-toed Lark *Calandrella somalica*
- Masked Lark *Spizocorys personata*
- Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*
- Thekla Lark *Galerida theklae*
- Short-tailed Lark *Pseudalaemon fremantlii*

#### 64. Swallows and martins

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Hirundinidae

The Hirundinidae family is a group of passerines characterized by their adaptation to aerial feeding. Their adaptations include a slender streamlined body, long pointed wings and short bills with wide gape. The feet are designed for perching rather than walking, and the front toes are partially joined at the base. There are 75 species worldwide and 19 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971; Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*
- Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola*
- Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*
- Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga*
- Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris*
- Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula*
- Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
- Red-chested Swallow *Hirundo lucida*
- Ethiopian Swallow *Hirundo aethiopica*
- Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*
- White-tailed Swallow *Hirundo megaensis* (E)
- Lesser Striped-Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*
- Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*
- Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*
- Red Sea Swallow *Petrochelidon perdita*
- Red-throated Swallow *Petrochelidon rufigula*
- House Martin *Delichon urbica*
- White-headed Sawwing *Psalidoprocne albiceps*
- Blue Sawwing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*

#### 65. Wagtails and pipits

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Motacillidae

The Motacillidae are a family of small passerine birds with medium to long tails. They include the wagtails, longclaws and pipits. They are slender, ground feeding insectivores of open country. There are 54 species worldwide and 15 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*
- African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*
- Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*
- Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
- Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara*
- Golden Pipit *Tmetothylacus tenellus*
- Abyssinian Longclaw *Macronyx flavicollis* (E)
- Plain-backed Pipit *Anthus leucophrys*
- Buffy Pipit *Anthus vaalensis*
- African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*

- Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*
- Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*
- Bush Pipit *Anthus caffer*
- Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*
- Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

#### 66. Cuckoo-shrikes

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Campephagidae

The cuckoo-shrikes are small to medium-sized passerine birds. They are predominantly greyish with white and black, although some species are brightly coloured. There are 82 species worldwide and 4 species which occur in Ethiopia (EWNHS, 1996; Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina pectoralis*
- Gray Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina caesia*
- Black Cuckoo-shrike *Campephaga flava*
- Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike *Campephaga phoenicea*

#### 67. Bulbuls

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Pycnonotidae

Bulbuls are medium-sized songbirds. Some are colourful with yellow, red or orange vents, cheeks, throat or supercilia, but most are drab, with uniform olive brown to black plumage. Some species have distinct crests. There are 130 species worldwide and 4 species which occur in Ethiopia (EWNHS, 1996; Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- Common Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus*
- Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus*
- Yellow-throated Greenbul *Chlorocichla flavicollis*
- Northern Brownbul *Phyllastrephus strepitans*

#### 68. Grey Hypocolius

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Hypocoliidae

The Grey Hypocolius is a small Middle Eastern bird. They are mainly a uniform grey color, with males having a black triangular mask around the eyes, and with the shape and soft plumage of the waxwings (EWNHS, 1996; Alkinson *et al.*, 2006).

- Hypocolius *Hypocolius ampelinus*

#### 69. Thrushes and allies

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Turdidae

The thrushes are a group of passerine birds that occur mainly in the Old World. They are plump, soft plumaged, small to medium-sized insectivores or sometimes omnivores, often feeding on the ground. Many have attractive songs. There are 335 species worldwide and 9 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis*
- Little Rock Thrush *Monticola rufocinereus*
- Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*
- Abyssinian Ground Thrush *Zoothera piaggiae*
- Groundscraper Thrush *Psophocichla litsipsirupa*
- Abyssinian Thrush *Turdus abyssinicus*
- African Thrush *Turdus pelios*

- African Bare-eyed Thrush *Turdus tephronotus*
- Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

## 70. Cisticolas and allies

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Cisticolidae

The Cisticolidae are warblers found mainly in warmer southern regions of the Old World. They are generally very small birds of drab brown or grey appearance found in open country such as grassland or scrub. There are 111 species worldwide and 26 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythropus*
- Singing Cisticola *Cisticola cantans*
- Chubb's Cisticola *Cisticola chubbi*
- Boran Cisticola *Cisticola bodessa*
- Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana*
- Ashy Cisticola *Cisticola cinereolus*
- Red-pate Cisticola *Cisticola ruficeps*
- Winding Cisticola *Cisticola galactotes*
- Stout Cisticola *Cisticola robustus*
- Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis*
- Siffling Cisticola *Cisticola brachypterus*
- Foxy Cisticola *Cisticola troglodytes*
- Tiny Cisticola *Cisticola nana*
- Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*
- Desert Cisticola *Cisticola aridulus*
- Black-necked Cisticola *Cisticola eximius*
- Pectoral-patch Cisticola *Cisticola brunnescens*
- Graceful Prinia *Prinia gracilis*
- Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava*
- Pale Prinia *Prinia somalica*
- Red-winged Prinia *Prinia erythroptera*
- Cricket Longtail *Spiloptila clamans*
- Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flava*
- Red-fronted Warbler *Urorhipis rufifrons*
- Green-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brachyura*
- Gray Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes simplex*

## 71. Old World warblers

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Sylviidae

The family Sylviidae is a group of small insectivorous passerine birds. The Sylviidae mainly occur as breeding species, as the common name implies, in Europe, Asia and, to a lesser extent Africa. Most are of generally undistinguished appearance, but many have distinctive songs. There are 291 species worldwide and 51 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014; Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- African Bush-Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala*
- Bamboo Scrub-Warbler *Bradypterus alfredi*
- Cinnamon Bracken-Warbler *Bradypterus cinnamomeus*
- Moustached Grass-Warbler *Melocichla mentalis*
- Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*
- River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis*
- Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides*
- Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
- Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*
- African Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus baeticatus*

- Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*
- Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*
- Clamorous Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus*
- Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis*
- Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*
- Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Hippolais pallida*
- Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida*
- Olive-tree Warbler *Hippolais olivetorum*
- Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*
- African Yellow Warbler *Chloropeta natalensis*
- Buff-bellied Warbler *Phyllolais pulchella*
- Yellow-vented Eremomela *Eremomela flavicrissalis*
- Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*
- Senegal Eremomela *Eremomela pusilla*
- Green-backed Eremomela *Eremomela canescens*
- Northern Crombec *Sylvietta brachyura*
- Short-billed Crombec *Sylvietta philippae*
- Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii*
- Somali Crombec *Sylvietta isabellina*
- Brown Woodland-Warbler *Phylloscopus umbrovirens*
- Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*
- Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*
- Western Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus bonelli*
- Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis*
- Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
- Yellow-bellied Hylia *Hylia flavigaster*
- Fan-tailed Grassbird *Schoenicola brevirostris*
- Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*
- Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*
- Greater Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*
- Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*
- African Desert Warbler *Sylvia deserti*
- Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*
- Western Orphee Warbler *Sylvia hortensis*
- Red Sea Warbler *Sylvia leucomelaena*
- Rueppell's Warbler *Sylvia rueppelli*
- Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans*
- Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala*
- Menetries's Warbler *Sylvia mystacea*
- Brown Warbler *Parisoma lugens*
- Banded Warbler *Parisoma boehmi*

## 72. Old World flycatchers

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Muscicapidae

Old World flycatchers are a large group of small passerine birds native to the Old World. They are mainly small arboreal insectivores. The appearance of these birds is very varied, but they mostly have weak songs and harsh calls. There are 274 species worldwide and 52 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Avibase, 2014).

- Silverbird *Empidonax semipartitus*
- Pale Flycatcher *Bradornis pallidus*
- African Grey Flycatcher *Bradornis microrhynchus*
- Abyssinian Slaty-Flycatcher *Melaenornis chocolatinus*
- Northern Black-Flycatcher *Melaenornis edolioides*
- Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*
- Gambaga Flycatcher *Muscicapa gambagae*

- African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta*
- Gray Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus*
- European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*
- Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis*
- Semicollared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*
- Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia*
- Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*
- Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*
- White-throated Robin *Irania gutturalis*
- Rueppell's Robin-Chat *Cossypha semirufa*
- White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini*
- Red-capped Robin-Chat *Cossypha natalensis*
- Snowy-crowned Robin-Chat *Cossypha niveicapilla*
- White-crowned Robin-Chat *Cossypha albicapilla*
- Spotted Morning-Thrush *Cichladusa guttata*
- White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*
- Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas galactotes*
- Black Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas podobe*
- Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*
- Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*
- Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*
- European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*
- African Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*
- White-tailed Wheatear *Oenanthe leucopyga*
- Somali Wheatear *Oenanthe phillipsi*
- Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*
- Mourning Wheatear *Oenanthe lugens*
- Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka*
- Cyprus Wheatear *Oenanthe cypriaca*
- Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica*
- Red-tailed Wheatear *Oenanthe xanthopyrmyna*
- Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti*
- Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina*
- Red-breasted Wheatear *Oenanthe bottae*
- Heuglin's Wheatear *Oenanthe heuglini*
- Familiar Chat *Cercomela familiaris*
- Brown-tailed Chat *Cercomela scotocerca*
- Sombre Chat *Cercomela dubia*
- Blackstart *Cercomela melanura*
- Moorland Chat *Cercomela sordida*
- Rueppell's Chat *Myrmecocichla melaena*
- White-fronted Black-Chat *Myrmecocichla albifrons* (A)
- Mocking Cliff-Chat *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*
- White-winged Cliff-Chat *Thamnolaea semirufa*

### 73. Wattle-eyes

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Platysteiridae

The wattle-eyes or puffback flycatchers are small stout passerine birds of the African tropics. They get their name from the brightly coloured fleshy eye decorations found in most species in this group. There are 31 species worldwide and 4 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- Brown-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira cyanea*
- Gray-headed Batis *Batis orientalis*
- Black-headed Batis *Batis minor*
- Pygmy Batis *Batis perkeo*

### 74. Monarch flycatchers

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Monarchidae

The monarch flycatchers are small to medium-sized insectivorous passerines, which hunt by flycatching. There are 99 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- White-tailed Crested-Flycatcher *Elminia albonotata*
- African Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*

### 75. Babblers

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Timaliidae

The babblers or timaliids are somewhat diverse in size and coloration, but are characterised by soft fluffy plumage. There are 270 species worldwide and 11 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- African Hill Babbler *Illadopsis abyssinica*
- Fulvous Chatterer *Turdoides fulvus*
- Scaly Chatterer *Turdoides aylmeri*
- Rufous Chatterer *Turdoides rubiginosus*
- Dusky Babbler *Turdoides tenebrosus*
- Black-lored Babbler *Turdoides sharpei*
- Scaly Babbler *Turdoides squamulatus*
- White-rumped Babbler *Turdoides leucopygius*
- Cretzschmar's Babbler *Turdoides leucocephalus*
- Brown Babbler *Turdoides plebejus*
- Abyssinian Catbird *Parophasma galinieri* (E)

### 76. Chickadees and titmice

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Paridae

The Paridae are mainly small stocky woodland species with short stout bills. Some have crests. They are adaptable birds, with a mixed diet including seeds and insects. There are species 59 worldwide and 4 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006).

- White-winged Black Tit *Melaniparus leucomelas*
- White-shouldered Black Tit *Melaniparus guineensis*
- White-backed Black Tit *Melaniparus leuconotus*
- Somali Tit *Melaniparus thruppi*

### 77. Treecreepers

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Certhiidae

Treecreepers are small woodland birds, brown above and white below. They have thin pointed down-curved bills, which they use to extricate insects from bark. They have stiff tail feathers, like woodpeckers, which they use to support themselves on vertical trees. There are 6 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- Spotted Creeper *Salpornis spilonotus*

### 78. Penduline tits

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Remizidae

The penduline tits are a group of small passerine birds, related to the true tits. They are insectivores. There are 13 species worldwide and 2 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006).

- Sennar Penduline-Tit *Anthoscopus punctifrons*
- Mouse-colored Penduline-Tit *Anthoscopus musculus*

## 79. Sunbirds and Spiderhunters

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Nectariniidae

The sunbirds and spiderhunters are very small passerine birds which feed largely on nectar, although they will also take insects, especially when feeding young. Flight is fast and direct on their short wings. Most species can take nectar by hovering like a hummingbird, but usually perch to feed. There are 131 species worldwide and 23 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei*
- Kenya Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes orientalis*
- Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*
- Pygmy Sunbird *Hedydipna platura*
- Nile Valley Sunbird *Hedydipna metallica*
- Eastern Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*
- Western Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra obscura*
- Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina*
- Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*
- Hunter's Sunbird *Chalcomitra hunteri*
- Tacazze Sunbird *Nectarinia tacazze*
- Bronze Sunbird *Nectarinia kilimensis*
- Malachite Sunbird *Nectarinia famosa*
- Olive-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris chloropygius*
- Beautiful Sunbird *Cinnyris pulchellus*
- Mariqua Sunbird *Cinnyris mariquensis*
- Red-chested Sunbird *Cinnyris erythrocerca*
- Black-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris nectarinioides*
- Purple-banded Sunbird *Cinnyris bifasciatus*
- Tsavo Sunbird *Cinnyris tsavoensis*
- Shining Sunbird *Cinnyris habessinicus*
- Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*
- Copper Sunbird *Cinnyris cupreus*

## 80. White-eyes

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Zosteropidae

The white-eyes are small and are mostly of undistinguished appearance, the plumage above being generally either some dull color like greenish olive, but some species have a white or bright yellow throat, breast or lower parts, and several have buff flanks. As their name suggests many species have a white ring around the eyes. There are 96 species worldwide and 3 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- African Yellow White-eye *Zosterops senegalensis*
- Montane White-eye *Zosterops poliogastrus*
- White-breasted White-eye *Zosterops abyssinicus*

## 81. Old World orioles

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Oriolidae

The Old World Orioles are colourful passerine birds. They are not related to the New World orioles. There are 29 species worldwide and 4 species which occur in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*
- African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus*
- Dark-headed Oriole *Oriolus monacha*
- African Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*

## 82. Shrikes

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Laniidae

Shrikes are passerine birds known for their habit of catching other birds and small animals and impaling the uneaten portions of their bodies on thorns. A typical shrike's beak is hooked, like a bird of prey. There are 31 species worldwide and 11 species which occur in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*
- Rufous-tailed Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*
- Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis*
- Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*
- Gray-backed Fiscal *Lanius excubitoroides*
- Taita Fiscal *Lanius dorsalis*
- Somali Fiscal *Lanius somalicus*
- Common Fiscal *Lanius collaris*
- Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus*
- Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*
- White-rumped Shrike *Eurocephalus rueppelli*

## 83. Bushshrikes and allies

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Malaconotidae

Bushshrikes are similar in habits to shrikes, hunting insects and other small prey from a perch on a bush. Although similar in build to the shrikes, these tend to be either colourful species or largely black; some species are quite secretive. There are 46 species worldwide and 13 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- Brubru *Nilaus afer*
- Northern Puffback *Dryoscopus gambensis*
- Pringle's Puffback *Dryoscopus pringlii*
- Marsh Tchagra *Tchagra minuta*
- Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegala*
- Three-streaked Tchagra *Tchagra jamesi*
- Red-naped Bushshrike *Laniarius ruficeps*
- Tropical Boubou *Laniarius aethiopicus*
- Black-headed Gonolek *Laniarius erythrogaster*
- Slate-colored Boubou *Laniarius funebris*
- Rosy-patched Bushshrike *Rhodophoneus cruentus*
- Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike *Telophorus sulfureopectus*
- Gray-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti*

## 84. Helmetshrikes

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Prionopidae

The helmetshrikes are similar in build to the shrikes, but tend to be colourful species with distinctive crests or other head ornaments, such as wattles, from which they get their name.

There are 12 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Avibase, 2014).

- White Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus*

## 85. Drongos

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Dicuridae

The drongos are mostly are black or dark grey in colour, sometimes with metallic tints. They have long forked tails, and some Asian species have elaborate tail decorations. They have short legs and sit very upright whilst perched, like a shrike. They flycatch or take prey from the ground. There are 24 species worldwide and 1 species which occurs in Ethiopia (Alkinson *et al.*, 2006; Avibase, 2014).

- Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*

## 86. Crows, jays, ravens and magpies

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Corvidae

The Corvidae family includes crows, ravens, jays, choughs, magpies, treepies, nutcrackers, and ground jays. Corvids are above average in size for the bird order Passeriformes. Some of the larger species show high levels of learning behavior. There are 120 species worldwide and 10 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- Stresemann's Bush-Crow *Zavattariornis stresemanni* (E)
- Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*
- Piapiac *Ptilostomus afer*
- House Crow *Corvus splendens*
- Cape Crow *Corvus capensis*
- Pied Crow *Corvus albus*
- Brown-necked Raven *Corvus ruficollis*
- Somali Crow *Corvus edithae*
- Fan-tailed Raven *Corvus rhipidurus*
- Thick-billed Raven *Corvus crassirostris*

## 87. Starlings

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Sturnidae

Starlings are small to medium-sized passerine birds. Their flight is strong and direct, and they are very gregarious. Their preferred habitat is fairly open country. They eat insects and fruit. Plumage is typically dark with a metallic sheen. There are 125 species worldwide and 25 species which occur in Ethiopia (Dickinson, 2003; Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*
- Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*
- Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*
- Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis chloropterus*
- Splendid Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis splendidus*
- Rueppell's Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis purpuropterus*
- Long-tailed Glossy Starling *Lamprotornis caudatus*
- Golden-breasted Starling *Lamprotornis regius*
- Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus*
- Shelley's Starling *Lamprotornis shelleyi*
- Chestnut-bellied Starling *Lamprotornis pulcher*
- Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*
- African Pied Starling *Spreo bicolor*

- Fischer's Starling *Spreo fischeri*
- White-crowned Starling *Spreo albicapillus*
- Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio*
- Slender-billed Starling *Onychognathus tenuirostris*
- Somali Starling *Onychognathus blythii*
- Bristle-crowned Starling *Onychognathus salvadorii*
- White-billed Starling *Onychognathus albirostris*
- Stuhlmann's Starling *Poeoptera stuhlmanni*
- Sharpe's Starling *Pholia sharpii*
- Magpie Starling *Speculipastor bicolor*
- Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*
- Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus*

## 88. Weavers and allies

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Ploceidae

The weavers are small passerine birds related to the finches. They are seed-eating birds with rounded conical bills. The males of many species are brightly coloured, usually in red or yellow and black, some species show variation in colour only in the breeding season. There are 116 species worldwide and 39 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Avibase, 2014).

- White-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis albirostris*
- Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger*
- White-headed Buffalo Weaver *Dinemellia dinemellia*
- Speckle-fronted Weaver *Sporopipes frontalis*
- White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*
- Chestnut-crowned Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser superciliosus*
- Donaldson-Smith's Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser donaldsoni*
- Gray-headed Social-Weaver *Pseudonigrita arnaudi*
- Black-capped Social-Weaver *Pseudonigrita cabanisi*
- Baglafaecht Weaver *Ploceus baglafaecht*
- Little Weaver *Ploceus luteolus*
- Lesser Masked-Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*
- Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocellaris*
- Black-necked Weaver *Ploceus nigricollis*
- Golden Palm Weaver *Ploceus bojeri*
- Rueppell's Weaver *Ploceus galbula*
- Northern Masked Weaver *Ploceus taeniopterus*
- Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus*
- Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*
- Speke's Weaver *Ploceus spekei*
- Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus*
- Salvadori's Weaver *Ploceus dichrocephalus*
- Chestnut Weaver *Ploceus rubiginosus*
- Compact Weaver *Pachyphantes superciliosus*
- Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps*
- Cardinal Quelea *Quelea cardinalis*
- Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythrops*
- Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*
- Yellow-crowned Bishop *Euplectes afer*
- Black Bishop *Euplectes gierowii*
- Black-winged Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus*
- Orange Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*
- Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*

- Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*
- Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*
- Yellow-shouldered Widowbird *Euplectes macrourus*
- White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus*
- Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens*
- Grosbeak Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons*

## 89. Waxbills and allies

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Estrildidae

The estrildid finches are small passerine birds of the Old World tropics and Australasia. They are gregarious and often colonial seed-eaters with short thick but pointed bills. They are all similar in structure and habits, but have a wide variation in plumage colours and pattern. There are 28 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971; Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010).

- Orange-winged Pytilia *Pytilia afra*
- Red-billed Pytilia *Pytilia lineata* (E)
- Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*
- Green-backed Twinspot *Mandingoa nitidula*
- Abyssinian Crimsonwing *Cryptospiza salvadorii*
- Bar-breasted Firefinch *Lagonosticta rufopicta*
- Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*
- African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricata*
- Jameson's Firefinch *Lagonosticta rhodopareia*
- Black-faced Firefinch *Lagonosticta larvata*
- Red-cheeked Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus bengalus*
- Blue-capped Cordonbleu *Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*
- Purple Grenadier *Uraeginthus ianthinogaster*
- Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Coccyzygia quartinia*
- Fawn-breasted Waxbill *Estrilda paludicola*
- Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga*
- Black-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda troglodytes*
- Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*
- Black-faced Waxbill *Estrilda erythronotos*
- Red-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda chamosyna*
- Zebra Waxbill *Amandava subflava*
- African Quailfinch *Ortygospiza fuscoerissa*
- African Silverbill *Euodice cantans*
- Gray-headed Silverbill *Odontospiza griseicapilla*
- Bronze Mannikin *Spermestes cucullatus*
- Black-and-white Mannikin *Spermestes bicolor*
- Magpie Mannikin *Spermestes fringilloides*
- Cut-throat *Amadina fasciata*

## 90. Indigobirds

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Viduidae

The indigobirds are finch-like species which usually have black or indigo predominating in their plumage. All are brood parasites, which lay their eggs in the nests of estrildid finch species. There are 20 species worldwide and 9 species which occur in Ethiopia (Urban and Brown, 1971).

- Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*
- Baka Indigobird *Vidua larvaticola*
- Pale-winged Indigobird *Vidua wilsoni*
- Steel-blue Whydah *Vidua hypocherina*

- Straw-tailed Whydah *Vidua fischeri*
- Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*
- Eastern Paradise-Whydah *Vidua paradisaea*
- Northern Paradise-Whydah *Vidua orientalis*
- Cuckoo Finch *Anomalospiza imberbis*

## 91. Buntings, sparrows, seedeaters and allies

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Emberizidae

The emberizids are a large family of passerine birds. They are seed-eating birds with a distinctively shaped bill. In Europe, most species are named as buntings. In North America, most of the species in this family are known as Sparrows, but these birds are not closely related to the Old World sparrows which are in the family Passeridae. Many emberizid species have distinctive head patterns. There are species 275 worldwide and 8 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Avibase, 2014).

- Cinereous Bunting *Emberiza cineracea*
- Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*
- Cretzschmar's Bunting *Emberiza caesia*
- House Bunting *Emberiza striolata*
- Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi*
- Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*
- Somali Bunting *Emberiza poliopleura*
- Brown-rumped Bunting *Emberiza affinis*

## 92. Siskins, crossbills and allies

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Fringillidae

Finches are seed-eating passerine birds, that are small to moderately large and have a strong beak, usually conical and in some species very large. All have 12 tail feathers and 9 primaries. These birds have a bouncing flight with alternating bouts of flapping and gliding on closed wings, and most sing well. There are 137 species worldwide and 20 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Avibase, 2014).

- Ankober Serin *Carduelis ankoberensis* (E)
- Cape Canary *Serinus canicollis*
- Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex*
- Abyssinian Siskin *Serinus nigriceps* (E)
- African Citril *Serinus citrinelloides*
- Southern Citril *Serinus hypostictus*
- White-rumped Seedeater *Serinus leucopygius*
- Yellow-throated Serin *Serinus flavigula* (E)
- Salvadori's Serin *Serinus xantholaemus* (E)
- Black-throated Canary *Serinus atrogularis*
- Reichenow's Seedeater *Serinus reichenowi*
- Yellow-rumped Serin *Serinus xanthopygius*
- Yellow-fronted Canary *Serinus mozambicus*
- Northern Grosbeak-Canary *Serinus donaldsoni*
- White-bellied Canary *Serinus dorsostriatus*
- Reichard's Seedeater *Serinus reichardi*
- Streaky-headed Seedeater *Serinus gularis*
- Brown-rumped Seedeater *Serinus tristriatus*
- Yemen Serin *Serinus menachensis*
- Streaky Seedeater *Serinus striolatus*

### 93. Sparrows

Order: Passeriformes. Family: Passeridae

Sparrows are small passerine birds. In general, sparrows tend to be small, plump, brown or grey birds with short tails and short powerful beaks. Sparrows are seed-eaters, and they also consume small insects. There are 35 species worldwide and 11 species which occur in Ethiopia (Spottiswoode *et al.*, 2010; Avibase, 2014).

- Somali Sparrow *Passer castanopterus*
- Shelley's Rufous Sparrow *Passer shelleyi*
- Gray-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus*
- Swainson's Sparrow *Passer swainsonii*
- Parrot-billed Sparrow *Passer gongonensis*
- Sudan Golden-Sparrow *Passer luteus*
- Arabian Golden-Sparrow *Passer euchlorus*
- Chestnut Sparrow *Passer eminibey*
- Yellow-spotted Petronia *Petronia pyrgita*
- Bush Petronia *Petronia dentata*
- Pale Rockfinch *Carpospiza brachydactyla*

#### Endemic birdspecies of Ethiopia

1. Abyssinian catbird (*Parophasma galinieri*)
2. Abyssinian Salty flycatcher (*Melaenornis chocolatinus*)
3. Abyssinian longclaw (*Macronyx flavicollis*)
4. Abyssinian Woodpecker (*Dendropicus abyssinicus*)
5. Abyssinian Bush-crow (*Zavattariornis stresemanni*)
6. Ankober Serin (*Serinus ankoberensis*)
7. Black-headed Siskin (*Serinus nigriceps*)
8. Black-winged Lovebird (*Agapornis taranta*)
9. Blue-winged Goose (*Cyanochen cyanoptera*)
10. Degodi lark (*Mirafra degodiensis*)
11. Harwood's francolin (*Francolinus hardwoodi*)
12. Nechisar nightjar (*Caprimulgus nechisarensis*)
13. Prince Ruspoli's Turaco (*Tauraco ruspolii*)
14. Salvadori's serin (*Serinus xantholaema*)
15. Sidamo Long-clawd Lark (*Heteromirafra sidamoensis*)
16. Spot-breasted Lapwing (*Vanellus melanocephalus*)
17. Thick-billed Raven (*Corvus crassirostris*)
18. White-collard Pigeon (*Columba albitorques*)
19. Wattled ibis (*Bostrychia carunculata*)
20. White-winged cliff-chat (*Myrmecocichla semirufa*)
21. White-tailed swallow (*Hirundo megaensis*)
22. Yellow-fronted parrot (*Poicephalus flavifrons*)
23. Yellow-throated serin (*Serinus flavigula*)
24. Rouget's rail (*Ralbus rougetii*)

#### Endemic Birds of Ethiopia and Eritrea

1. Wattled Ibis *Bostrychia carunculata*
2. Blue-winged Goose *Cyanochen cyanopterus*
3. Rouget's Rail *Rougetius rougetii*
4. White-collared Pigeon *Columba albitorques*
5. Black-winged Lovebird *Agapornis taranta*
6. Banded Barbet *Lybius undatus*
7. White-winged Cliff Chat *Myrmecocichla semirufa*
8. Ruppell's Chat *Myrmecocichla melaena*
9. Abyssinian Slaty Flycatcher *Melaenornis chocolatinus*
10. White-backed Black Tit *Parus leuconotus*

11. Black-headed Forest Oriole *Oriolus monacha*
12. Thick-billed Raven *Corvus crassirostris*
13. White-billed Starling *Onychognathus albirostris*
14. White-throated Serin *Serinus xanthopy*

#### Globally threatened species found in Ethiopia

There are 31 globally threatened species recorded from Ethiopia. Ethiopia holds 5 (*Sarothrura ayresii*, *Tauraco ruspolii*, *Heteromira frasideoensis*, *Serinus flavigula*, *Serinus ankoberensis*) are classified as endangered, 12 (*Aythya nyroca*, *Aquila clanga*, *A. heliaca*, *Falco naumanni*, *F. fasciinucha*, *Francolinus harwoodi*, *Grus carunculatus*, *Crex crex*, *Mirafra degodiensis*, *Hirundo megaensis*, *Serinus xantholaema*, *Zavattariornis stresemanni*) as vulnerable and 14 are near threatened species (*Balaeniceps rex*, *Phoenicopterus minor*, *Circus macrourus*, *Rougetius rougetii*, *Eupodotis humilis*, *Gallinago media*, *Glareola nordmanni*, *Streptopelia reichenowi*, *Mirafra pulpa*, *Macronyx flavicollis*, *Cercomela dubia*, *Acrocephalus griseldis*, *Sylvietta philippae* and *Emberiza cineracea*). From the above list, *A. nyroca*, *A. clanga*, *A. heliaca*, *F. naumanni*, *C. crex*, *C. macrourus*, *G. media*, *G. nordmanni* and *A. griseldis* are non-breeding migrants from the Palearctic while *Phoenicopterus minor* is a non-breeding visitor from elsewhere in the Afrotropics; the remainder are resident (Tilahun *et al.*, 1996).

#### A) Endangered

1. White-winged Fluff tail
2. Prince Ruspoli's Turaco
3. Sidamo Long-clawed Lark
4. Yellow-throated Serin
5. Ankober Serin

#### B) Vulnerable

1. Ferruginous Duck
2. Great spotted Eagle
3. Imperial Eagle
4. Lesser Kestrel
5. Taita Falcon
6. Harwood's Francolin
7. Wattled Crane
8. Corn Crake
9. Degodi Lark
10. White-tailed Swallow
11. Salvadori's Seed-eater
12. Abyssinian Bush crow

#### C) Near threatened

1. Shoebill
2. Lesser flamingo
3. Pallid Harrier
4. Rouget's Rail
5. Little Brown Bustard
6. Great Snipe
7. Black-winged Collared Dove
8. Friedmann's Lark
9. Abyssinian Longclaw
10. Somber Rock Chat
11. Basra Reed Warbler
12. Somali Short-billed Crombec

## 13. Cinereous Bunting

**Conclusion**

This paper has reviewed the complete annotated checklist birds of Ethiopia that helps to advocate efforts on sound science to make decisions in favor of the diversity of birds in respect to their zoogeography. The intention of Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute is to improve the conservation outcomes by engaging with key decision makers, land managers and the media. Our conservation submissions and campaigns are underpinned by strong, credible policies.

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