

12 DAYS BIRD WATCHING IN UGANDA

Important Birding Areas

- *Mabamba swamp, Uganda's best site for the shoebill stork and swamp specials
- * Murchison Falls park best place for Rock pratincole
- * Budongo forest reserve: search for kingfishers(dwarf, pygmy, chocolate, blue breasted) Ituri batis, Sabine spinetail, crowned eagle
- * Kibale National park, hotspot for Green breasted pitta, African pitta, Abyssinian ground Thrush
- *Queen Elizabeth Park, Uganda's birding haven with over 580 bird species
- *Bwindi National park, richest rain forest with 24 bird species of Albertine Rift endemics, globally threatened species (African Green broadbill / Shelly's crimsonwing), Mountain gorillas, tree species and butterflies
- * Lake Mburo Park, hotspot to see the southern savannah species and Papyrus endemics

Introductory birding Uganda

Birders fly into Entebbe early morning, Meet and Greet by company guides transfer to booked hotel for refreshments and later an introductory birding in the botanical gardens and along the shores of Lake Victoria.O/N: Imperial Botanical Hotel /Anna's Guest house B/B

GO1: Birding Mabamba Bay – Masindi Town

Early pick up from hotel transfer to Mabamba Wetland located on the fringes of Lake Victoria a hotspot for swamp birds, jump into a hand paddled canoe for a 2-3 hours' search for the elegant shoebill stork and papyrus species. Paddle out and drive to Masindi Town

O/N: Kabalega Resort F/B

Birds in Mabamba wetland: Lesser Jacana, Blue Swallow, Black-Shouldered kite, Blue Breasted Bee-eater, Papyrus Gonolek, White Winged warbler, Carruther's Cisticola ,Papyrus Gonolek, Swamp Flycatcher, ducks, plovers, gulls, egrets, Malachite and Pied Kingfishers

GO:2 Birding Budongo Forest

Early rise for the royal mile enjoy half day birding along the forest road ending at the Forest Bridge. Transfer to Murchison fall via the top of the falls to search for the Rock Pratincole

O/N: Murchison River lodge F/B

Birds of Budongo forest: Ituri Batis, Nahan's francolin, Chocolate backed king fisher, Brown twin spot, White spotted fluff tail, Jameson's wattle eye, white breasted negro finch, Grey headed sunbird, Red headed bluebill, Green sunbird, Little green sunbird.

GO3: Birding Murchison falls National park with boat cruise to the base of the falls

O/N: Murchison River lodge F/B

GO 4: Birding Kibale Forest

Transfer to Kibale forest, birding enroute for Turaco(Great Blue and Ross's)

O/N Isunga Lodge/ Chimpanzee Guest house F/B

GO 5: Birding Kibale forest for Green breasted pitta

Two full days birding Kibale forest a hot spot for the Green Breasted pitta and home to over 325 bird species. Early start to Kanyachu tourist center meet site bird guides to lead you to nesting areas and search for the Green Breasted Pitta .

O/N: Isunga lodge/ Chimpanzee Guest houseF/B

GO 6: Green Breasted Pitta –Kibale Forest Park.

Second day birding for the Green breasted pitta, visit Bigodi sanctuary in the afternoon.

O/N: IsungaLodge/ chimpanzee Guest houseF/B

Birds of Kibale forest: Black billed Turaco ,Uganda woodland warbler, Grey headed Olive back, Masked and Black capped Apalises, White naped pigeon, Red winged Francolin, Joyful greenbul

GO7: Transfer to Queen Elizabeth park

Transfer to Queen Elizabeth Park with afternoon boat cruise on Kazinga channel where you will see varieties of birds and wildlife. O/N: Park view hotel/ Buffalo safari lodge F/B

GO:8 Birding in Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth

Birding gallery forest of Ishasha leave hotel and proceed to Ishasha birding enroute and along the Ishasha river the sector famous for a number of raptors, beautiful topis& tree climbing lion.

O/N: Ejonjo lodge F/B

Birds of Ishasha sector: Grey crowned crane, Yellow Throated leaflove, Grey capped warbler, White browed robin chat, Grey apalis, Black bee- eater, Broad billed roller, Cassin's Grey flycatcher, White backed vulture, Martial Eagle, Brown chested plover etc

GO 9: Birding Bwindi Impenetrable Forest Park

Drive to Bwindi- Ruhija birding the Neck en route looking for Black bee-eaters, woodpeckers Greenbuls, Cassin' grey flycatcher. Arrive to Ruhija in the afternoon to bird the surroundings.

O/N: Trekker's Traven F/B

GO10: Birding Albertine Rift Valleys, African Green BroadBill

Whole day explore the highland forest of Ruhija 800M higher than Buhoma with perfect views of the Virunga's mountains on a clear day. It has a dramatically different nature and avifauna and an area with the most sightings for Albertine endemics. Mubwindi trail reveal some of the most difficult of all rift-endemics including the mythical African Green Broadbill. Please note this trail is strenuous and requires one to be fit but taken slowly its quite manageable.

Birds of Mubwindi trail: Graur's Rush Warbler, Grauer's Warbler, Carruther's Cisticola, Collared Apalis, Rwenzori Hill Babbler, Shelly's Crimsonwing, Dusky Crimsonwing, Archer's Robin-chat, Regal Sunbird, Blue-headed Sunbird, Dwarf Honey guide and many others. O/N: Ruhija Gorilla/Agandi Eco lodge/ Trekkers Traven F/B

GO11: Birding Lake Mburo

Transfer to Lake Mburo for an evening boat cruise

Birds in Lake in Lake Mburo : papyrus gonelek, Rufous bellied heron, long tailed cisticola, Red faced barbet, and Yellow breasted apalis. African fin foot, White backed heron and other birds. O/N: Kaazi Resort Beach /Anna's Guest house B/B

GO12: Guided walk in Lake Mburo Transfer to EBB

Morning guided walk and transfer to Entebbe via the equator monument