

Cameroon March 2003

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Introduction

In March 2003, the three of us spent three weeks of birding in Cameroon. The aim of this report is to provide an update on some of the more comprehensive trip reports e.g. by Richard Webb (1994) and Jan Vermeulen (1997) that we found still to be mostly accurate and very useful. Descriptions, including maps, of all sites visited are well documented in these reports and are not included in this text.

Compared to countries in eastern and southern Africa, Cameroon is still visited by relatively few birders, despite the fact that it is one of the most accessible countries in West Africa and the birding can be very rewarding. Gambia and the northern part of Cameroon to a large extent share the same avian fauna, but many birds that are difficult or impossible in Gambia are in fact easily seen in Cameroon. On a personal level, we could add several species that we had missed in Gambia the year before. In the south, however, as the climate changes so do the birds. The (mountain) rainforests on the border to Nigeria constitutes an EBA (Endemic Bird Area) and (holds) a number of (specialities) including 7 species endemic to Cameroon.

Since this was our first trip to the country and we only had three weeks to spend, we played it safe and visited only well-known localities. In three weeks we visited Korup NP, Mt Kupé NP, Bafut-Nguemba, Benoue NP and the Ngaoundaba Ranch. We saw or heard 438 species but a trip further north (e.g. Waza) would certainly add several species to the list. In order to get all the endemics a trip to the Mt Cameroon area is required.

Taken together, the three weeks in Cameroon was a great experience for all of us, both in terms of good birding as well as the whole adventure itself. We can only recommend other birders to have a try for themselves!

Birding

The most enjoyable birding we did at the Ngaoundaba Ranch and at Mt Kupé, in both cases since the climate was pleasant and the birds came in both great numbers and variety. The only "disappointment" was Bafut-Nguemba FR which has been the most accessible site to see the Bamenda Highland endemics. Although we did see most of the target birds, many of the species appear to be living on borrowed time. We found the reserve to be a disaster with very little primary forest left, mainly around Lake Awing. If not on a very tight time schedule the better alternative would probably be to opt for Mt Oku instead, where there is supposed to be some forest left. In Korup, birding was slower than expected, probably as a result of the very dry conditions during our stay. We did, however, see the almost mythical Grey-necked Rockfowl and some other really good birds so we hardly consider ourselves unfortunate!

Generally, the bird activity is highest in the early morning and during the warmest hours birding can be very slow. In the evenings, activity again is increased and birding around e.g. the Crater lake at Ngaoundaba Ranch, where many birds came in to roost, was very good. In the north widows, weavers and bishops etc. were out of breeding plumage

while being in breeding plumage in the south. In the south many birds appeared to have bred recently since we often saw fledglings of several species. Search for bird-waves can be a valuable strategy, although we found these to be less intense compared to what we have experienced in Asia. As always it is an enormous advantage if you know at least some calls, and the CD:s “Birds of Western Africa” by Chappuis are very useful if you want to prepare yourself.

Itinerary

March 1st: Transport Stockholm-Brussels-Douala 7.00 am - 5.50 pm.

2: Six hour drive to Bamenda.

3: Bafut-Nguemba FR.

4: Return to Douala. Flight to Garoua at 4.00 pm.

5: Delayed in Garoua, leaving at 2.30 pm. Night in Ngaoundéré.

6: Ngaoundaba Ranch.

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9: Early departure. Short stop at Dang lake. By noon at Capement du Buffle Noir.

10: Benoue NP.

11: Four hour drive to Garoua. Flight at 7.00 pm for Douala.

12: Six hour of transport Douala - Kumba - Mundemba.

13: Delayed, then birding Korup and Picathartes knoll. Night at Rengo camp.

14: Korup (Rengo Rock). Night at (Ibene Irene Camp).

15: Korup (Waterfall trail). Night in Mundemba.

16: Five hour transport to Nyasoso.

17: Mt Kupé.

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19: Mt Kupé.

20: Mt Kupé.

21: Morning in the farmbrush at Nyasoso, then back to Douala.

22: Morning at Sanaga river near Edea. Afternoon visit to Centre Artisanal de Douala.

23: 0.55 am flight Douala – Brussels – Stockholm. Back in Sweden at 1.40 pm.

Visa

A visa is required to access Cameroon. Although the visa is valid for three months, we were advised to wait until 2-3 weeks before departure to apply. The cost was 575 SEK (~70 Euro) at the Cameroon Consulate in Stockholm and the service was very swift.

Flights

We travelled from Stockholm via Brussels to Douala with Sabene Airlines, the round-trip being 7,370 SEK (~890 Euro) including taxes.

To save time, we choose to take a domestic round-trip flight between Douala and Garoua (Air Cameroon). This was booked in advance in Sweden at a cost of 1,282 SEK (~160 Euro). Apparently it is not uncommon that the domestic flight schedule is changed, so it might be worth double-checking a couple of days in advance.

In our case both the international and the internal flights were on time and we did not experience any trouble. Be sure to check the flight schedule and to confirm all flights

at least 72 hours in advance. When leaving Cameroon, remember to keep CFA 10,000 for the airport tax. For domestic flights the corresponding amount was CFA 750.

Money

The currency used in Cameroon (and some of the (neighbouring) countries) is the Central African Franc (CFA). The currency to bring, however, is Euro that can be exchanged to CFA at the airport and in banks as well as on the black market. We always used CFA, but according to others, the Euro is widely accepted if necessary. The exchange rate at the time of our visit was 690-700 CFA to 1 Euro. We brought cash, but travellers cheques apparently are accepted in the major banks although rates are lower and the procedure is said to be very time consuming. Except in the larger cities and companies, credit cards are usually not accepted, although we managed to withdraw money with our VISA cards from an ATM outside a bank in Garoua.

Language

Apart from about 240 tribal languages spoken, Cameroon is a bilingual country. In Bamenda, Mundemba and Nyasoso English was the main language while in Douala and in the north most people spoke French. Peter knew some French which was particularly useful in the north, although you could probably get by on English and sign language.

Accommodation

Most hotels where we stayed were quite basic, but all had working toilets and were with one or two exceptions quite clean.

Some prices and comments:

Hotel Foyer du Marin, Douala. CFA 23,000 for 1 double and 1 single room. The place has decent rooms with a basic restaurant and a nice garden with flowering trees attracting sunbirds. This is a very popular hotel among foreigners and sailors that definitely has to be booked in advance.

Hotel Mondial, Bamenda. A good hotel, but a bit sleepy since it was off-season and almost all rooms were vacant. A double room with extra mattress was CFA 14,000 and the restaurant offered basic meals.

Auberge Hiala village, Garoua. Clean room with A/C and two beds and a mattress for CFA 15,000. The hotel also had a basic restaurant.

Auberge Pousada Style, Ngaoundéré. Whatever "Pousada style" means it should be avoided at any times. This unplanned stay turned out to be one of the more unpleasant hotel experiences ever. At least it was cheap, only CFA 9,000 for three people.

Ngaoundaba Ranch. Very comfortable stay with good meals. CFA 16,000 for a 3-bed boukarou. Breakfast was CFA 1,500 and meals CFA 4,500 excluding drinks. Only a few other guests at the time of our stay.

Campement du Buffle Noir. CFA 18,000 for a 3-bed (cabin) in good condition. Breakfast was CFA 1,800 and meals CFA 6,000 excluding drinks.

Korup Park Hotel, Mundemba. A "new" place that turned out to be quite dull without a restaurant. CFA 10,000 for a room with three beds.

Hotel Iyaz, Mundemba. The better alternative in Mundemba with a restaurant (as it appeared the only one in this part of Mundemba) and good birding in the close vicinity. CFA 8,000 for a double and CFA 5,000 for a single.

Womens Collective Centre, Nyasoso. We were assigned to this place by the (coordinator) (responsible) for the WWF Mt Kupé project. A basic, but still pleasant, stay for only CFA 3,000/person. The woman running the place also prepared all the meals for a cheap price.

Catholic mission, Doula. Just a few blocks from Foyer du Marin, this was a similar standard place run by European missionaries. A triple room was CFA 18,000 with an additional CFA 1,000 /person for breakfast. No restaurant, but several are found in the nearby area.

Meals and water

Generally, we did not find the cooking to be very exciting, but still acceptable. Most of our hotels had a basic restaurant serving breakfast (white bread with jam or cheese, omelette/pancakes, juice and tea/coffee) for CFA 1-2000 and meals (various meat and sometimes fish dishes, omelettes, vegetarian meals and fries) for between CFA 2-6000. Drinks and beers were CFA 500-1000 and a bottle of water CFA 800-1200.

In Douala, Nyasoso and Garoua we did not have any trouble getting bottled water and small snacks like bananas and crackers but in Mundemba it was a bit harder. At the time of our visit the local supply of bottled water and also other things was very limited. During the days inside Korup we therefore had to drink boiled water from the streams near the camps. According to the local WWF representative from Britain this water was safe and, except for the genuine bad taste after boiling the water over open fire, we did not experience any health problems afterwards. To be on the safe side an alternative would be to bring some iodine for the water. When going to Mundemba, it might therefore be worth while bringing some water and snacks from Ekondo Titi or Kumba.

Transportation.

Hard negotiations are necessary to get a decent price for the bush-taxi rides. Since our patience was limited at times we probably (paid) too much for some of the rides. The paved roads were generally in a good state, especially in the south. Even the notorious dirt road between Kumba and Mundemba was fairly easy to travel with a bush-taxi, although it got rougher after Ekondo Titi. It should however be noted that there had been no rains for several weeks at the time of our visit. To go to Mundemba earlier in the season probably requires a 4WD. The stretch between Tombel and Nyasoso was probably the worst and our small bush-taxi barely made it.

In Garoua, AVIS were out of vehicles and we therefore had to turn to a local firm (B.A.O.) to get a car with a driver. The price for a Landrover was outrageous so we had to settle for a small Peugeot (CFA 20,000/day, CFA 150/km and CFA 5,000/ day for the driver). Although we were lucky and made the 900 km without any serious trouble, the car was definitely not suitable for the purpose. In retrospect, although a 4WD is not necessary, we strongly recommend to put some extra money on a reliable car in the north especially since distances between villages is greater. The dirt road between Ngaoundéré and Ngaoundaba Ranch as well as the 32 km between Banda and Campement du Buffle Noir in Benoue NP definitely require a robust car.

Some prices and driving-time of bush-taxis:

- Douala (Foyer du Marin) – Loum – Bamenda: CFA 100,000 (highly over-priced). Time 6 hrs.
- Bamenda – Douala airport: CFA 65,000. Time 6h15.
- Garoua – Ngaoundéré. Time 5 hrs.
- Ngaoundaba Ranch – Banda – Campement du Buffle Noir. Time 6 hrs.
- Douala (Bonberry) – Kumba: CFA 30,000 (minibus). Time 2h30.
- Kumba – Ekondo Titi – Mundemba: CFA 30,000. Time 2h30.
- Kumba – Nyasoso: CFA 40,000. Time 1h30.
- Loum junction – Douala (Foyer du Marin): CFA 30,000. Time 2 hrs.

All prices included fuel (dieseloil). The cost for this was anything from CFA 380 to 450 per litre (cheaper in the countryside).

National Park Fees

In Bafut-Nguemba FR and Ngaoundaba Ranch there were no entrance fees or guides. In Korup NP and at Mt Kupé guides are compulsory. In the National Parks the costs were as follows:

- Benoue NP: Entrance fee CFA 5000/day/person. Camera CFA 2000/day.
- Korup NP: Entrance fee CFA 5000/day/pers. Camping fee CFA 3000/night/pers. Guide fee CFA 4000/day + 1000 CFA extra each night in the park. Porter 2500 CFA/day + CFA 1000 extra for each night. Transportation to the park from Mundemba CFA 8000 return.
- Mt Kupé: Forest fee CFA 2000/day/pers. Guide fee CFA 5000/day.

Safety

We found the enthusiasm in previous reports to be truly accurate! Cameroon is a very friendly country, still pretty much devoid of tourists and we found it very safe to get around, especially in the countryside. Most people are very polite (except in the bush-taxi stands and at the airport) and we were never bothered in the streets or while birding. As always the roads are the big safety concern. We did see some quite nasty accidents and we constantly had to instruct the driver to slow down. Apart from a shorter delay near Loum, we did not experience any trouble with the reputedly annoying police checkpoints that are fairly common in the south. On a few occasions we had to show our passports and sometimes the driver had to pay a small fine/bribe. Just be polite and keep your camera out of sight. Other than this we were not bothered by the police or other officials and saw nothing of the bribery system described by others.

Health

Except for Fredrik's one-day upset belly in Nyasoso and some mild (stomach) problems we all stayed healthy during the stay.

We all had the appropriate vaccinations before going. Remember to bring a Yellow fever certificate since this is required to enter and leave Cameroon. We used mefloquine as malaria (prophylaxis) but overall saw very few (mosquitoes). It was, however, drier than normal at the time of our stay. Nonetheless, we used mosquito nets every night. In Nyasoso, the small bees (non-stingers though) in the farmbrush could be quite annoying at

times and along the Sanaga River there were some very aggressive biting flies that made us wish that we would have worn long trousers.

The heat was really only a problem inside Korup, where the long walks and the primitive living added to make things a bit strenuous albeit far from insupportable for a short stay like we had.

Weather and climate

March is the dry season and except for some showers at Mt Kupé weather was dry and sunny pretty much all the time. Although Benoue was hot, this was nothing compared to the pressing heat and humidity in the Korup rainforest. Although still rather warm during the days, due to the altitude, both Nyasoso and Ngaoundaba Ranch were the most pleasant places to stay.

Equipment

Fredrik brought his MD-player and the discs of West African Birds by Chappuis. This was found to be very useful for attracting some of the more unwilling calling birds. A flashlight was particularly useful when going back from Picathartes knoll at dusk and to go down town in Nyasoso after dark. A scope is of great help at most places although quite cumbersome to bring into Korup and useless along the steep trails at Mt Kupé. An altimeter was good to have at Mt Kupé. Long trousers are to prefer in the dense undergrowth at Mt Kupé and Korup. Photography can be quite rewarding especially in the north.

Addresses

Cameroon Consulate in Stockholm.

Address: Consulate General, Box 26032, SE-10041 Stockholm.

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Hotel Foyer du Marin, Douala:

E-mail: douala@seemannsmission.org

(Hotel) Catholic Mission, Douala.

Address: Missions Catholiques, Rue Franqueville, B.P. 5280 DOUALA.

Tel: 422797, Fax: 427337.

Mondial Hotel, Bamenda

Address: P.O. Box 9, BAMENDA. Tel: 361832, Fax: 362884.

Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP:

Address: Campement du Buffle Noir, B.P. 165 GAROUA. Tel/Fax: 273275.

Ngauondaba ranch.

Address: Ranch de Ngaoundaba, B.P. 3 NGAOUNDERÉ. The place is run by Francine Chalons who can be reached by e-mail cha.bodo@wanadoo.fr and telephone 7410740 (mob.) or 9761615 for reservations. Another number that may work is 2252469 or 9993468.

WWF, Korup NP.

Address: WWF Korup National Park, PO Box 36 MUNDEMBA.

E-mail: korup@wwf.cm

Tel: 00871761617083, Fax: 00871761617084.

Homepage: www.wwfcameroon.org

Nomenclature

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Further questions

If you have any questions or want further details do not hesitate to contact us.

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DAILY LOG

Saturday, March 1st. Departure at 7:00 am from Stockholm, transit in Brussels and arriving in Douala on time at dusk. In the crowds at the airport we managed to confirm our domestic flight to Garoua and to get a taxi to Hotel Foyer du Marin. We had pre-booked rooms but since they were already let out by mistake the owner let us stay in their apartment.

Sunday, March 2nd. Up at dawn to explore the garden. The fruiting trees attracted several species of sunbirds including a GREEN-THROATED and a REICHENBACH'S SUNBIRD. At 8.30 am we started an overpriced journey to Bamenda. One flat tire and a boiling engine later we arrived at 2.30 pm to a deserted Hotel Mondial in Bamenda. From the balcony overlooking a ravine we added several new species including a BAGLAFECHT'S WEAVER, a few SPLENDID GLOSSY STARLINGS, a COPPER SUNBIRD, 2-3 SINGING CISTICOLAS, a singing SNOWY-CROWNED ROBIN-CHAT and the first MOUSEBIRDS.

Monday, March 3rd. A car, arranged the previous night, brought us to Bafut-Nguemba at 6.30 am. The road to lake Awing was in a very poor state so we had to do a 30 minutes walk through some farmland to reach the metal poles mentioned in previous reports and the Eucalyptus forest. This generated CABANI'S BUNTING, a singing AFRICAN YELLOW WARBLER and a few singing PECTORAL PATCH CISTICOLAS. The "reserve" appeared to be in an even worse state than described in previous reports. The forest was more or less replaced by Eucalyptus trees and the undergrowth was often burnt down. Only occasional native trees could be found dispersed along the way to the lake and even here, there was not much native forest to mention. The best area for birds was no doubt around the lake and here we found a BANNERMAN'S TURACO and later heard 5-6 calling at a distance. Other good birds found in the area were an AFRICAN BLACK DUCK with 2 juveniles, ORIOLE FINCH, BLACK-COLLARED APALIS, a female TULLBERG'S WOODPECKER, 2 WHITE-RUMPED SWIFTS, 2 adult RÜPPEL'S VULTURES, a group of WHITE-THROATED BEE-EATERS, several BAWANGA FOREST WARBLERS, MOUNTAIN ROBIN-CHATS and YELLOW-BREASTED BOUBOUS, a BLACK SPARROWHAWK and a few BANNERMAN'S WEAVERS. Another speciality of the Bamenda highlands, the BANDED WATTLE-EYE, we unfortunately missed. By 4.00 pm we got picked up by the taxi and returned for another night at Hotel Mondial.

Tuesday, March 4th. Marked by the taxi-ride to Bamenda which included several stops to repair the car, we decided to take an early leave to the airport to avoid the risk of missing the flight. This bush-taxi was however in a much better state and we arrived at 1.00 pm, leaving us with time to have a meal at the airport restaurant and to confirm our flights back to Stockholm. The flight left on time at 4.10 pm and after a stop in Yaoundé we arrived in Garoua two hours later. We took a taxi to Auberge Hiala Village close to the main street and the AVIS office. In the Hotel restaurant we had the standard meal (omelette and fries) and enjoyed a few beers with a guy from Scotland who was on his way to Tchad.

Wednesday, March 5th. Despite several attempts to send e-mails and to make phone calls from Sweden we did not manage to get in touch with the AVIS office in Garoua, and when we arrived in the morning they did not have any cars left. Finding a car turned out to be easier said than done. Finally we found a local firm (B.A.O) and after vivid price negotiations, we managed to hire a small Peugeot with a driver. The car was really too small for the four of us and our backpacks, but since it was already afternoon and we were eager to

get to Ngaoundaba Ranch the same day we decided to continue despite the discomfort. By 7.00 pm we had only made it as far as Ngaouderé and our attempts to get in touch with the Ngaoundaba Ranch by phone to get rooms had again failed. Since we knew that the by this time completely dark road to the ranch could be in a poor state we thought that to continue there the same night was perhaps pushing our luck too much. In stead, our driver directed us to a what turned out to be an all time low standard hotel where we stayed the night.

Thursday, March 6th . After a banana-breakfast, our suspicions that the upcoming one-hour journey could be a considerable challenge to the Peugeot were soon confirmed. Travelling the dirt road in the tiny Peugeot felt more like passing an extremely long and bumpy washboard. What was the most surprising, the fact that the car made it all the way to and from the ranch or that the ever so calm Hakan managed to sleep the whole ride, can be discussed. Once we were assured that there were rooms available at the Ngaoundaba ranch we could go back to birding mode and with the adrenaline already flowing from the earlier experience we were soon on our way to explore the surroundings on the southern (?) side of the lake (we never checked the directions properly; “southern” meaning on the left hand side when you standing at the ranch entry facing the buildings with the lake behind). Our high expectations of the place were soon realized and during the rest of the day many nice birds were added including WHITE-BREASTED and RED-SHOULDERED CUCKOO-SHRIKE, WHITE-COLLARED STARLING, GREY-WINGED ROBIN-CHAT, BAMENDA APALIS, THRUSH BABBLER, DYBOWSKI'S TWINSPOUT and PLAIN-BACKED PIPIT. The day was crowned with a BAT-HAWK seen at dusk over the Crater Lake while scoping for the many birds coming in to roost by the lake.

Friday, March 7th . Breakfast at 6.00 am and then birding along the Y-shaped twin gully close to the main road to Ngaouderé locating a pair of RED-HEADED WEAVER, BROWN-BACKED WOODPECKER, WHITE-SHOULDERED TIT and later along the stream, a pair of THRUSH BABBLER, GREY-WINGED ROBIN CHAT, ORIOLE WARBLER and LEAF-LOVES. We continued with a fruitless search for BROWN-CHESTED LAPWING and SCHLEGEL'S FRANCOLIN in the grassland further towards the main road. An overhead BLACK STORK was a surprise and other birds seen were a flushed SPOTTED THICK-KNEE, several SUN LARKS and some ETHIOPIAN SWALLOWS. Lunch at 1.00 pm. Birding around the lake in the afternoon and evening generated WHITE-SPOTTED FLUFFTAIL at the little stream between the lake and the camp. A BROWN-HEADED GULL at the lake probably felt a bit lost and at dusk the BAT-HAWK performed again.

Saturday, March 8th . Morning first spent in the fields near the ranch where we had 3 YELLOW-THROATED LONGCLAWS, BROWN TWINSPOUT and MOUSTACHED GRASS WARBLER and then along the stream(s) on the southern side of the lake. Highlights here were a SHINING-BLUE KINGFISHER and finally good views of TROPICAL BOUBOU. Extra beer in the evening to celebrate Fredrik's 30th birthday!

Sunday, March 9th . After breakfast at 6.45 am we headed for Ngaouderé for fuel and 45 minutes of scoping at Dang lake north of the town. Several YELLOW-BILLED DUCKS, SPUR-WINGED GEESE and GARGANEYS as well as an unexpected FERRUGINOUS POCHARD were found but no LESSER JACANAS. In Banda a new challenge to the car (and our nerves) was presented at the 32 km long dirt road to Campement du Buffle Noir in Benoue NP. Arrival at noon and after a meal and a great view of an AYRES'S HAWK-EAGLE flying over the camp, we birded along the river close to the Hippo pools. The water was very low, but Hakan managed to find a drowsy HIPPOPOTAMUS among the rocks

along with a group of EGYPTIAN GEESE. A SULPHUR-BREASTED BUSH-SHRIKE was seen while singing and to everyones delight Fredrik found a nesting SPOTTED CREEPER just outside the camp. Just before dusk a calling turtle dove was heard but not seen.

Monday, March 10th. Fredrik and Hakan went back to the Hippo pools to look for the turtle dove and soon had reason to come back for Peter who stayed behind locating a GREY-HEADED OLIVEBACK among the finches and weavers along the river below the camp. The ADAMAWA TURTLE DOVE heard yesterday had responded to tape and sat exposed on the opposite side of the river. An EGYPTIAN PLOVER and 2 WHITE-HEADED LAPWINGS were seen at close range and a BLACK-CROWNED GONOLEK provided excellent views after responding to tape. For economical reasons and since birding around the camp and along the river was quite productive we decided to skip the tour in the park. A band of BABOONS raided the camp as we were scoping for raptors. A couple of BATELEURS past by and suddenly an adult MARTIAL EAGLE appeared. A WHOLLY-NECKED STORK was seen soaring and a group of HELMETED GUINEA FOWLS came down to drink by the river.

Tuesday, March 11th. Little after 6.00 am we began the journey back to Garoua. On the dirt road to Banda the car hit a stone which ruined the air-condition and an hour later the left front wheel exploded. In 30 minutes the tire was changed but unfortunately there had been some damage to the suspension and the steering wheel started to vibrate at higher speeds. After that maximum speed was firmly set at no more than 80 km/h. A short stop by an insel mountain 20 km south of Garoua produced the only FOX KESTREL and another break by the Benoue river yielded some new trip waders and a group of OPENBILL STORKS, a YELLOW-BILLED STORK, 5 EGYPTIAN PLOVERS and a HIPPOPOTAMUS. Despite the state of the car we were back already by 10.30 am and spent the rest of the day waiting for our flight back to Douala at 7.00 pm. After a trouble-free flight we took a taxi to Foyer du Marin where we had pre-booked rooms for the night.

Wednesday, March 12th. In the morning we hired a taxi to the Bonberry bush-taxi stand to get a lift to Kumba. By 10.00 am we were on our way in a minibus arriving at 12.30 pm. After half an hour we had found a new taxi that brought us all the way to Mundemba. The road was better than expected and we arrived at 3.30 pm. We checked into hotel Korup and made some (arrangements) for our hike into the Korup forest the next day. In the evening we could not find a single restaurant that served food, and therefore had to return to the hotel for a much maigre meal of some crackers and bananas.

Thursday, March 13th. The morning started with a vivid dispute between the local chief Joseph, that was supposed to act as our guide, and the WWF representative from Britain. After this the chief refused to enter the forest and we had to wait for more than two hours before a new guide and a porter was eventually found. Finally, we made the 30 minutes drive in the landrover to the suspension bridge over Mana River. Here we soon spotted some ROCK PRATINCOLES in the river. On our way to Rengo camp we soon found a bird-wave with many FIRE-CRESTED and a BROWN-CHESTED ALETHE all feeding on a big swarm of ants along the trail. An unidentified small hornbill was also briefly seen. After this birding got really slow and all of us were quite taken by the heat. Well at the Rengo camp, we had an hour of rest before heading for the Picathartes knoll. After inspecting the impressive rocks where the birds breed, we sat down nearby waiting for the show to begin. After more than an hour, we were getting a bit anxious. But suddenly, out of nowhere, one of the GREY-NECKED ROCKFOWLS appeared and we had good views of the single bird for

a couple of minutes before it disappeared for good that evening. On the way back, the struggles earlier during the day were completely forgot and soon three (Swedish) birders with quite silly smiles on their faces fell asleep exhausted on the wooden benches in the camp.

Friday, March 14th. We were woken by 2 NKULENGUE RAILS giving their strange, mammal-like calls just (before) dawn. Activity was (disappointingly) low around the camp so we set off for Rengo Rock. About 1 km from the camp Hakan was the only one lucky enough to see a group of BLACK GUINEAFOWLS disappearing into the undergrowth. Peter and Fredrik soon got even with glimpses of a male LATHAM'S FOREST FRANCOLIN with chicks. A group of 3-4 GREAT BLUE TURACOS and a YELLOW-CREASTED WOODPECKER was seen before reaching the Rock. The rock itself is a (huge) flat black stone surface which is quite impressive. Here you have a great over-view of the surrounding canopy, and this may well be a good spot to look for bird-waves earlier in the morning. Activity low here also, but among other birds we saw several species of SUNBIRDS, a groups of SPOTTED BULBULS, a GABON WOODPECKER and 2 PURPLE-HEADED GLOSSY STARLINGS.

Saturday, March 15th. We woke up at dawn and started out by scanning the canopies around the camp. Rather little activity to our disappointment. 3 SABIN'S SPINETAILS flew past and at last a BLUE CUCKOO-SHRIKE perched high in a nearby tree giving good scope views. We decided to have a try along the Waterfall Trail but activity was as frustratingly low as ever. A flock of 7 YELLOW-CASQUED HORNBILLS crossed the river. After a long walk we finally got to the waterfall seeing just a pair of CASSIN'S FLYCATCHER and some SPOTTED BULBULS. On our way back to the camp we decided to leave for Mt Kupé the next day, one day earlier than planned. At the drinking spot just at the camp we found a mixed feeding flock containing another MAXWELL'S BLACK WEAVER, Peter saw a YELLOW LONGBILL and Fredrik found 2 FRASER'S FOREST FLYCATCHERS. When we got back to the Mana bridge two adult HONEY BUZZARDS flew past much to Hakans joy. We were dropped at the office and walked up to Iyaz Hotel which was decidedly better than Korup Park Hotel, at least able to produce a dinner. 2 BLACK-BELLIED SEEDCRACKERS passed overhead and a gathering of more than 40 WHITE-THROATED BEE-EATERS in a high tree at a distance was a nice ending of the day.

Sunday, March 16th. Today was mostly a travel day but we got up at about 6.00 am and birded around the hotel till 9.00 am. Two male WESTERN BLUEBILLS were seen and two LONG-LEGGED PIPITS flew past calling. The taxi was delayed 30 min but the travel to Kumba was uneventful. Changing taxis was swift and except for the stretch through Tombel the road to Nyasoso was OK. We were dropped at the WWF office and the manager Theophilus soon came by and arranged rooms and guide for the next morning. He had got the mail that we had sent from Sweden and since it was forwarded from his coordinator he thought we were Swedish WWF staff. We soon (had straighten) things out and got settled at the (Women's)Collective Center.

Monday, March 17th. Setting off on the Max's Trail for our first day of birding on the mountain. A lot of birds in the farmbush including PETIT'S CUCKOO-SHRIKE, EMERALD CUCKOO and a male SPLENDID SUNBIRD. Once in the primary forest birding got quite slow, the trail was steep in places but not worse than expected. At 1,250 m we got stunning views of a male BLACK-FACED RUFOUS WARBLER. At Max's Camp we found a flock of LITTLE OLIVEBACKS and a WHITE-BELLIED ROBIN-CHAT. After a brake we continued up to 1,600 m, hoping for WHITE-THROATED MOUNTAIN-

BABBLER, and at last finding a mixed flock containing at least 4-5 birds. The way back was mostly uneventful except for a YELLOW-BELLIED and a BLACK-NECKED WATTLE-EYE. In the farmbush activity was on top. A pair of handsome BLACK-THROATED APALIS and a male and a juvenile WOODHOUSE'S ANTPECKER gleaning the foliage in a low tree were among the high-lights. A wonderful day ended in style (with) a family of 2 adult and 2 juvenile BLACK BEE-EATERS in a clearing.

Tuesday, March 18th. Today we chose easy (bird watching) in the farmbush. We started out on the Nature Trail at 6.30 am. But already in Nyasoso we saw a pair and one more LÜHDER'S BUSH-SHRIKES. A bird wave produced a BLACK CUCKOO but it was generally very calm and we found out that the Nature trail starts climbing the mountain after the huge boulders and eventually meet the Shrike Trail, being at least as steep as the latter. We turned back and went to Max's Trail finding a PREUSS'S GOLDEN-BACKED WEAVER in a tall tree. Hakan and Peter spotted an AFRICAN PICULET while Fredrik caught a glimpse of a GREY-HEADED BROADBILL. Birding was a bit slow but just before entering the forest a MASKED APALIS was singing and responded to tape. We turned at the demarcation sign and the only bird of notice on the way back was a CASSIN'S HONEYBIRD which gave good views. In the late afternoon we joined Theophilus from WWF attending the Wildlife Club at the secondary school in Nyasoso hoping to encourage the preservation of Mt Kupé.

Wednesday, March 19th. Leaving at 6:00 for Shrike Trail to have a try at the Mt Kupé Bush Shrike. Hopes not too high but since Nik Borrow had scored a few days earlier there seemed to be a slim chance. The trail is supposed to be very steep and so it was, especially in the beginning. At about 1,000 m still almost dark our first broadbill was heard a couple of 100 m away. After another short climb a bird was heard right at the trail, and Fredrik found that his speaker was dead! Trying to find the broadbill did not succeed. A CROSSLEYS GROUND THRUSH heard before reaching the best shrike-altitude (1,200m). Trying at a spot shown by the guide but nothing happened and there were few birds around. Hearing another broadbill further up the slope we decided to have a go on that one. A singing BOCAGE'S AKALAT was heard but we concentrated on the broadbill which was taped in (Hakan sacrificing his camera batteries) but annoyingly kept out of sight. Finding the gully by the giant strangler fig, a good vantage point, we sat down seeing nothing special but a male YELLOW-BELLIED WATTLE-EYE. The broadbill started displaying just behind our backs and so Peter was concentrating on that when two birds came in just 10 m away, and seconds later jumped into full view and turned out to be two fantastic MT KUPÉ BUSH-SHRIKES! Seen well for about a minute they flew up the ravine and were only heard once more. After this we continued up to about 1,500 m where a mixed flock gave good views of MOUNTAIN-BABBLER and an ELLIOT'S WOODPECKER. Fredrik had a slight nausea coming up so we turned back, once more stopping at the fig-gully. Here we found a BOCAGE'S AKALAT feeding nestlings that could be (heard) and another CROSSLEY'S GROUND-THRUSH was not all that distant but not tape responsive. At 1,200 m a male NARINA'S TROGON was calling and then seen. Our climb back down was rather uneventful except for Fredrik's intensified nausea. Hakan and Peter spent the evening visiting a local beekeeper (!) after an invitation from Theophilus, who was eager to show some of the local activities that was sponsored by the (Swedish) WWF project at Mt Kupé.

Thursday, March 20th. Hakan and Peter left at 6:00 leaving Fredrik behind after a night spent mostly in the bathroom. Climbing Max's Trail to 1,600 m. Disappointingly the forest was swept in clouds this day and so bird activity was not on its top. The rain also made the trail

slippery at times. Still, a CROSSLEY'S GROUND THRUSH was heard and another splendid display by a GREY-HEADED BROADBILL was seen. Other additions were SABIN'S PUFFBACK and a female BUFF-THROATED APALIS. On the way back a female PURPLE-THROATED CUCKOO-SHRIKE and re-runs of the BLACK BEE-EATERS and the PREUSS'S WEAVER were recorded in the farmbush. At 4:00 pm Fredrik decided to try his strength and made for the farmbush at Max's Trail and was rewarded with a GREATER SWAMP WARBLER and 2-3 CHESTNUT-BREASTED NEGROFINCHES.

Friday, March 21st. Final day at Kupé. Birding the farmbush along Max's Trail again. Some fruiting trees about midway held many barbets and bulbuls as well as a HONEYGUIDE BULBUL and a RED-HEADED MALIMBE as a nice addition to the list. At the forest demarcation line Hakan and Peter turned back again, while Fredrik continued up to about 1150 m, finding a BLUE-HEADED CRESTED FLYCATCHER in a mixed flock. A rather distant OLIVE LONG-TAILED CUCKOO was calling at about 1100 m. Just after entering the farmbush on the way back Fredrik discovered a small dark dove that perched just a few meters away in the understorey. It turned out to be an unexpected LEMON DOVE! Together again we found the BLACK BEE-EATER family again. Fredrik found a pair of MANY-COLOURED BUSH-SHRIKE. Unfortunately Hakan left just a minute before for some photographing in Nyasoso. The bush-shrikes became a nice ending of our Kupé stay as we left for Douala just after lunch. We got a ride with the WWF-project vehicle to the Loum junction and negotiated a cab to take us to Douala. No rooms available at Foyer du Marin so in stead we were directed to the Catholic Mission a few blocks away.

Saturday, March 22nd. After breakfast at the Mission we arranged with a car to go to Sanaga River. A few small patches of forest remained along the road and an unidentified *Eurystomus*-roller was seen in flight. There was no trouble in finding the road along the riverbank. The first stop gave a pair of WHITE-THROATED BLUE SWALLOWS and 2 SKIMMERS. We drove a further km and found some good sandbars with a dozen of GREY PRATINCOLES, lots of SKIMMERS and a WHITE-FRONTED PLOVER. A female SLENDER-BILLED WEAVER and a large flock of at least 50 GREY PARROTS were also nice. The afternoon was spent at the Centre Artisanal de Douala in search of suitable souvenirs from Cameroon to bring back to Sweden.

Sunday, March 23rd. Flight departure 0.55 from Douala on time. Stop-over in Brussels, arriving at Arlanda, Stockholm 1.40 pm.

TRIP LIST

LITTLE GREBE, *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

2 Lake Awing, Bafut-Nguemba FR and 4-5 Dang Lake.

LONGTAILED CORMORANT, *Phalacrocorax africanus*

Recorded in small numbers at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch; Mana River, Korup NP and in Sanaga River near Edea.

AFRICAN DARTER, *Anhinga rufa*

1 seen at Mana River, Korup NP.

SPUR-WINGED GOOSE, *Plectropterus gambensis*

100+ at Dang Lake and 4 in Sanaga River.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE, *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

3 seen on two dates, Benoue river at the Campement du Buffle Noir.

AFRICAN PYGMY GOOSE, *Nettapus auritus*

About 20 birds seen at Dang Lake.

YELLOW-BILLED DUCK, *Anas undulata*

25+ at Dang Lake.

AFRICAN BLACK DUCK, *Anas sparsa*

An adult with 2 juveniles in a stream close to Lake Awing at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

GARGANEY, *Anas querquedula*

50 at Dang Lake.

FERRUGINOUS POCHARD, *Athya nyroca*

1 at Dang Lake was an unexpected finding.

LITTLE EGRET, *Egretta garzetta*

Recorded in in small numbers at most places visited.

INTERMEDIATE EGRET, *Egretta intermedia*

1 at the Crater lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GREAT EGRET, *Egretta alba*

A few at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch and in Douala.

GREY HERON, *Ardea cinerea*

1 at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BLACK-HEADED HERON, *Ardea melanocephala*

1 Ngaoundaba Ranch.

PURPLE HERON, *Ardea purpurea*

1 at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch, 3-4 Dang Lake.

CATTLE EGRET, *Bubulcus ibis*

Common throughout.

SQUACCO HERON, *Ardeola ralloides*

Recorded in small numbers in Douala and at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

STRIATED HERON, *Butorides striatus*

1 Douala, 1 at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch and 1 Mana River, Korup NP.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON, *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Daily 50+ at dusk coming out from roost at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

HAMERKOP, *Scopus umbretta*

Small numbers at most places visited.

HADADA IBIS, *Bostrychia hagedash*

Not uncommon in the north.

SACRED IBIS, *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

30+ daily at dusk coming in to roost at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

YELLOW-BILLED STORK, *Mycteria ibis*

1 seen at Benoue river just south of Garoua.

AFRICAN OPENBILL, *Anastomus lamelligerus*

20+ seen at Benoue river just south of Garoua.

BLACK STORK, *Ciconia nigra*

1 at Ngaoundaba Ranch was unexpected.

ABDIM'S STORK, *Ciconia abdimii*

1 over the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

WOOLLY-NECKED STORK, *Ciconia episcopus*

1 soaring near Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

EUROPEAN HONEY-BUZZARD, *Pernis apivoris*

2 adults Mana River, Korup. 1 2nd cy light morph in Nyasoso.

BAT HAWK, *Macheiramphus alcinus*

An older bird seen passing briefly over the Crater Lake at dusk (between 6.20 and 6.40 pm) three evenings in a row at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE, *Elanus caeruleus*

Small numbers in the north and in the southwest.

BLACK KITE, *Milvus migrans*

The most common bird of prey observed during our trip. In the Bamenda highlands the species was only recorded in small numbers.

AFRICAN FISH-EAGLE, *Haliaeetus vocifer*

1 adult Ngaoundaba ranch. 1 adult Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue.

PALM-NUT VULTURE, *Gypohierax angolensis*

Rather common in the southwest.

HOODED VULTURE, *Necrosyrtes monachus*

At least 7 birds recorded in Garoua.

WHITE-BACKED VULTURE, *Gyps africanus*

2 at Ngaoundaba ranch.

RUEPPELL'S GRIFFON, *Gyps rueppellii*

2 adults at Bafut-Nguemba.

BROWN SNAKE-EAGLE, *Circaetus cinereus*

2 adults seen en route near Ngaouanderé.

WESTERN BANDED SNAKE-EAGLE, *Circaetus cinerascens*

1 adult at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba ranch, 1 adult Benoue NP.

BATELEUR, *Terathopius ecaudatus*

1 + 1 adults en route along Benoue NP. 4 sightings of 2-4 birds both adults and subadults during 2 hrs of scoping at the Campement du Buffle Noir.

MARTIAL EAGLE, *Polemaetus bellicosus*

1 adult at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue.

WESTERN MARSH-HARRIER, *Circus aeruginosus*

At least 4 birds both older and young birds over the marshes at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba ranch.

MONTAGU'S HARRIER, *Circus pygargus*

1 adult male + 1 2nd cy bird over the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba ranch and 1 2nd cy male Ngaoudaba ranch-Ngaouanderé.

AFRICAN HARRIER-HAWK, *Polyboroides typus*

One of the most common birds of prey throughout in the country.

LIZARD BUZZARD, *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*

Rather common throughout.

DARK CHANTING-GOSHAWK, *Melierax metabates*

At least 4 birds en route Garoua-Ngaouanderé.

AFRICAN GOSHAWK, *Accipiter tachiro*

1 adult bird seen briefly in the farmbush (Max's trail), Nyasoso.

SHIKRA, *Accipiter badius*

A few records in all kinds of habitats on the Adamawa plateau and in the western and southwestern part of the country.

BLACK SPARROWHAWK, *Accipiter melanoleucus*

1 adult male soaring at Bafut-Nguemba, 1 along the road Bamenda-Luom, 1 adult female hunting in the evening at Mundemba.

GRASSHOPPER BUZZARD, *Butastur rufipennis*

Rather common en route Garoua-Ngaoundéré and in the Ngaoundaba ranch area.

RED-NECKED BUZZARD, *Buteo auguralis*

A rather common species both in the southwest, during transport Garoua-Ngaoundéré and in the Ngaoundaba ranch area.

WAHLBERG'S EAGLE, *Aquila wahlberg*

One older light morph at Ngaoundaba ranch.

LONG-CRESTED EAGLE, *Lophaetus occipitalis*

1 adult en route close to Loum, at least 2 adults in Nyasoso and 2 adults near Benoue river, S Garoua.

AYRES'S HAWK-EAGLE, *Hieraaetus ayresii*

Great views of an adult bird over Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

AFRICAN HAWK-EAGLE, *Hieraaetus spilogaster*

One pair soaring over the lake at the Ngaoundaba ranch.

EURASIAN KESTREL, *Falco tinnunculus*

4-5 birds KemKem-Bamenda.

FOX KESTREL, *Falco alopex*

1 adult about 13 km south the bridge over Benoue river, on the way to Garoua.

GREY KESTREL, *Falco ardosiaceus*

1 bird identified and a few possibles en route south of Garoua.

RED-NECKED FALCON, *Falco chicquera*

1 at Campement du Buffle Noir, a few possibles en route south of Garoua.

LANNER FALCON, *Falco biarmicus*

2 birds KemKem, S Bamenda, 2-3 daily at Nyasoso and 1 bird Sanaga River. All adults except 1 bird in Nyasoso.

PEREGRINE FALCON, *Falco peregrinus*

An adult female of local race *minor* seen from the hotel balcony with a captured *Apus sp.* on the last evening in Douala. Also seen briefly the morning after.

HELMETED GUINEAFOWL, *Numida meleagris*

Race *galeata*. Two groups of 8 and 15 birds seen coming to drink in the river near Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

BLACK GUINEAFOWL, *Agelastes niger*

A group of 4-6 birds seen in Korup NP.

LATHAM'S FOREST FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus lathamii*

One male with ~10 chicks seen along Rengo Trail, Korup NP.

DOUBLE-SPURRED FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus bicalcaratus*

Recorded in small numbers at the Ngaoundaba Ranch and close to Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

SCALY FRANCOLIN, *Francolinus squamatus*

A group of 3-5 birds en route near Loum.

STONE PARTRIDGE, *Ptilopachus petrosus*

Seen a number of times with up to 10 birds close to Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

WHITE-SPOTTED FLUFFTAIL, *Sarothrura pulchra*

A female together with a second bird by the stream at the Crater Lake below the ranch, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

NKULENGU RAIL, *Himantornis haematopus*

2 heard at dawn near Rengo Camp, Korup NP.

BLACK CRAKE, *Amaurornis flavirostra*

1 juvenile at Dang Lake, 2-3 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch and 1 in the outskirts of Ngaoundéré.

AFRICAN JACANA, *Actophilornis africanus*

1 near Douala, 2 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch and 100+ at the Dang Lake.

COMMON GREENSHANK, *Tringa nebularia*

4 birds at Benoue river just south of Garoua.

GREEN SANDPIPER, *Tringa ochropus*

Small numbers in Douala and at Dang Lake.

WOOD SANDPIPER, *Tringa glareola*

3 at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

COMMON SANDPIPER, *Tringa hypoleucos*,

1 in Douala, a few by Benoue river just south of Garoua.

RUFF, *Philomachus pugnax*

500+ at Benoue river just south of Garoua.

BLACK-WINGED (COMMON) STILT, *Himantopus himantopus*

1 at Benoue river just south of Garoua

SPOTTED THICK-KNEE, *Burhinus capensis*

1 flushed in the grassland near the main road at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

EGYPTIAN PLOVER, *Pluvianus aegyptius*

5 at Benoue river just south of Garoua. 2-4 birds at the Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

ROCK PRATINCOLE, *Glareola nuchalis*

Up to 4 birds on three occasions at the rocks in the Mana River at Korup NP.

GREY PRATINCOLE, *Glareola cinerea*

8 at Sanaga River near Edea.

WHITE-FRONTED PLOVER, *Charadrius marginatus*

1 at the Sanaga River.

SPUR-WINGED PLOVER, *Vanellus spinosus*

5+ at Dang Lake, 2 at Benoue river south of Garoua

WHITE-HEADED LAPWING, *Vanellus albiceps*

2 + 2 at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

WATTLED LAPWING, *Vanellus senegallus*

2 + 2 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 at Dang Lake.

GREY-HEADED GULL, *Larus cirrocephalus*

1 adult one evening over the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch, was a highly unexpected record.

AFRICAN SKIMMER, *Rynchops flavirostris*

80+ at the Sanaga River.

SANDWICH TERN, *Sterna sandvicensis*

1 in Douala.

FERAL PIGEON, *Columba livia*

Fairly common in towns.

SPECKLED PIGEON, *Columba guinea*

5+ birds in the north.

ADAMAWA TURTLE-DOVE, *Streptopelia hypopyrrha*

1 heard and eventually taped in at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

LAUGHING DOVE, *Streptopelia senegalensis*

Common in the north.

AFRICAN MOURNING DOVE, *Streptopelia decipiens*

Recorded in the north.

VINACEOUS DOVE, *Streptopelia vinacea*

Common in the north.

RED-EYED DOVE, *Streptopelia semitorquata*

Widespread and common throughout.

BLACK-BILLED WOOD-DOVE, *Turtur abyssinicus*

2 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BLUE-SPOTTED WOOD-DOVE, *Turtur afer*

Small numbers in the south.

TAMBOURINE DOVE, *Turtur tympanistria*

1 male in the farmbush at Nyasoso unexpectedly was the only record.

BLUE-HEADED WOOD-DOVE, *Turtur brehmeri*

3 brief sightings at Korup NP.

LEMON DOVE, *Aplopelia larvata*

1 in the farmbush (Max's trail) was a good finding.

BRUCE'S GREEN-PIGEON, *Treron waalia*

Not uncommon at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

AFRICAN GREEN-PIGEON, *Treron calva*

Recorded in small numbers at most places visited, fairly common in the farmbush in Nyasoso.

GREY PARROT, *Psittacus erithacus*

A total of 60+ birds recorded in Douala, at the Sanaga River near Edea, in Korup NP and en route in the south.

SENEGAL PARROT, *Poicephalus senegalus*

10+ Ngaoundaba Ranch, 2 at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

RED-HEADED LOVEBIRD, *Agapornis pullarius*

2 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

SPECKLED MOUSEBIRD, *Colius striatus*

Common in Mundemba, Bafut-Nguemba FR, Ngaoundaba Ranch and Nyasoso. Not recorded in Korup NP nor in Benoue NP.

BANNERMAN'S TURACO, *Tauraco bannermani*

One splendid observation of a flushed bird and up to 5 calling birds by Lake Awing, Bafut-Nguemba FR. Quite amazing considering the fact that the reserve is now virtually devoid of primary forest.

YELLOW-BILLED TURACO, *Tauraco macrorhynchos*

Commonly heard and seen at Mt Kupé NP.

WHITE-CRESTED TURACO, *Tauraco leucolophus*

Fairly numerous (seen and heard calling) at the Ngaoundaba Ranch and 5+ birds seen at Benoue NP.

VIOLET TURACO, *Musophaga violacea*

10+ birds seen at Benoue NP and more heard.

ROSS'S TURACO, *Musophaga rossae*

Similar numbers as *T. leucolophus* at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

WESTERN GREY PLANTAIN-EATER, *Crinifer piscator*

Recorded in small numbers at most places visited.

GREAT BLUE TURACO, *Corythaeola cristata*

1 en route in the south near Loum, 3-4 birds seen about 1 km from Rengo Camp and 1 seen and probably a second bird heard Rengo Rock, Korup NP.

LEVAILLANT'S CUCKOO, *Oxylophus levaillantii*

1 in the farmbush at Max's trail, Mt Kupé NP. 1 bird seen en route south of Garoua was probably this species although Jacobin Cuckoo *Oxylophus jacobinus* could not be ruled out.

RED-CHESTED CUCKOO, *Cuculus solitarius*

3 identified and 2-3 probables in the farmbush at Nyasoso.

AFRICAN CUCKOO, *Cuculus gularis*

2 seen and heard calling at Bafut-Nguemba FR, a few heard and seen Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BLACK CUCKOO, *Cuculus clamosus*

A brief sighting of 1 bird at the Nature trail, Mt Kupé NP.

OLIVE LONG-TAILED CUCKOO, *Cercococcyx olivinus*

One heard Max's Trail, at about 1100 m, Mt Kupé NP.

KLAAS' CUCKOO, *Chrysococcyx klaas*

2 sightings at the Ngaoundaba Ranch. A few birds heard calling at Campement du Buffle Noir, Nyasoso and Ngaoundaba Ranch.

AFRICAN EMERALD CUCKOO, *Chrysococcyx cupreus*

8+ in the farmbush at Nyasoso.

DIDERIC CUCKOO, *Chrysococcyx caprius*

1 in Mundemba and 1 in Nyasoso.

YELLOWBILL, *Ceuthmochares aereus*

3 in Korup NP and 3 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

SENEGAL COUCAL, *Centropus senegalensis*

1-2 birds recorded at most places visited.

AFRICAN SCOPS OWL, *Otus senegalensis*

2 heard calling at night at the Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

SABINE'S SPINETAIL, *Rhapidura sabini*

1+3 seen at Iriba Ibene Camp, Korup NP.

AFRICAN PALM-SWIFT, *Cypsiurus parvus*

Common throughout the country.

COMMON SWIFT, *Apus apus*

Common in Mundemba and in Korup NP.

LITTLE SWIFT, *Apus affinis*

Common and widespread

HORUS SWIFT, *Apus horus*

Only 1 en route Garoua - Ngaoundéré.

WHITE-RUMPED SWIFT, *Apus caffer*

2 identified at the Bafut-Nguemba FR.

BATES' SWIFT, *Apus batesi*

1 seen from the largest bridge a few kilometers before Mundemba.

NARINA'S TROGON, *Apaloderma aequatoriale*

1 calling male together with a possible second bird were seen on Shrike Trail (1,100m), Mt Kupé NP.

SHINING-BLUE KINGFISHER, *Alcedo quadribrachys*

Good views of a perched bird in a stream in the gallery forest at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

MALACHITE KINGFISHER, *Alcedo cristata*

1 at Sanaga River near Edea.

AFRICAN PYGMY-KINGFISHER, *Ispidina picta*

Recorded in small numbers at most places visited.

GREY-HEADED KINGFISHER, *Halcyon leucocephala*

Not uncommon in the south.

WOODLAND KINGFISHER, *Halcyon senegalensis*

Not uncommon in the south.

BLUE-BREASTED KINGFISHER, *Halcyon malimbica*

1 in Korup NP and 1 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

STRIPED KINGFISHER, *Halcyon chelicuti*

A pair at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GIANT KINGFISHER, *Megaceryle maxima*

2 at Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 Mana River, Korup NP.

PIED KINGFISHER, *Ceryle rudis*

A pair at the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1-2 Dang Lake.

BLACK BEE-EATER, *Merops gularis*

A family group of 2 adults and 2 young seen repeatedly in the farmbush (Max's trail) at Mt Kupé NP.

RED-THROATED BEE-EATER, *Merops bulocki*

Common at the Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP. Also fairly numerous en route between Garoua and Benoue NP.

LITTLE BEE-EATER, *Merops pusillus*

1 Mundemba, 2-3 Bafut-Nguemba FR.

WHITE-THROATED BEE-EATER, *Merops albicollis*

A group of 15+ birds at Bafut-Nguemba FR, a group of 50 birds Ibene Irene Camp gathering in the evening and another group of 40+ in Mundemba.

NORTHERN CARMINE BEE-EATER, *Merops nubicus*

4 + 2 en route just south of Garoua.

ABYSSINIAN ROLLER, *Coracias abyssinica*

Several en route in the north.

BROAD-BILLED ROLLER, *Eurystomus glaucurus*

2 + 2 Ngaoundaba Ranch. 1 unidentified *Eurystomus*-roller en route to Sanaga River.

AFRICAN HOOPOE, *Upupa africana*

1 heard calling at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GREEN WOODHOOPOE, *Phoeniculus purpureus*

A few birds in the north.

BLACK WOOD-HOOPOE, *Rhinopomastus aterrimus*

1 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

RED-BILLED DWARF HORNBILL, *Tockus camurus*

1 seen at Hunters Cave West, heard several times, Korup NP.

AFRICAN PIED HORNBILL, *Tockus fasciatus*

The most widespread hornbill. Recorded in Korup NP, Nyasoso and at the Sanaga River.

AFRICAN GREY HORNBILL, *Tockus nasutus*

A few in the north.

PIPING HORNBILL, *Ceratogymna fistulator*

3 + 2 at Korup NP, ca 10 Mundemba and 3 en route to Sanaga River.

WHITE-THIGHED HORNBILL, *Ceratogymna albotibialis*

2 + 2 en route in the south near Loum.

BLACK-AND-WHITE-CASQUED HORNBILL, *Ceratogymna subcylindricus*

2-3 en route in the south near Loum.

YELLOW-CASQUED HORNBILL, *Ceratogymna elata*

1 male in the forest and a group of 7 crossing the Mana River were the only birds identified, but large hornbills were seen briefly and heard at numerous occasions in Korup NP.

NAKED-FACED BARBET, *Gymnobucco calvus*

Common in the farmbush at Mount Kupé.

BRISTLE-NOSED BARBET, *Gymnobucco peli*

Common in the farmbush at Mount Kupé.

SPECKLED TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus scolopaceus*

2 in the farmbush (Max's trail), Mt Kupé NP, 1 Rengo Rock, Korup NP and 1 Mundemba.

WESTERN GREEN-TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus coryphaeus*

This species was heard on one occasion just below Max's camp at Mt Kupé NP.

RED-RUMPED TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus atroflavus*

5+ sightings in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP.

YELLOW-THROATED TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus subsulphureus*

Commonly heard in Korup NP and Nyasoso/Mt Kupé NP but strangely enough never sighted. According to "Birds of Western Africa" the white-throated race *chrysohyga* should not occur in the area. We did, however, see a few white-throated birds thought to be *B. bilineatus* in areas (especially in Korup NP) where we mostly heard *P. subsulphureus*.

YELLOW-RUMPED TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus bilineatus*

1 or 2 heard Bafut-Nguemba FR, several heard and a few seen Ngaoundaba Ranch. Commonly heard at most places in the south. See also discussion on previous species.

YELLOW-FRONTED TINKERBIRD, *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*

Heard in Garoua. Several heard and seen at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

YELLOW-SPOTTED BARBET, *Buccanodon duchaillui*

Commonly heard, but only 1 seen, in Korup NP. Commonly heard at all elevations Mt Kupé NP, several seen in the farmbush.

VEILLOT'S BARBET, *Lybius vieilloti*

4-5 birds Ngaoundaba Ranch. 1 calling bird observed at the Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

WHITE-HEADED BARBET, *Lybius leucocephalus*

1 en route south of Garoua.

DOUBLE-TOOTHED BARBET, *Lybius bidentatus*

2 + 2 at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BEARDED BARBET, *Lybius dubius*

2 at the Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

YELLOW-BILLED BARBET, *Trachyphonus purpuratus*

Heard daily at Mt Kupé NP, one seen in the Farmbush (Max's trail).

GREATER HONEYGUIDE, *Indicator indicator*

2 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

LESSER HONEYGUIDE, *Indicator minor*

1 singing bird seen and one more heard at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

WILLCOCK'S HONEYGUIDE/LEAST HONEYGUIDE, *Indicator willcocksi/exilis*

1 bird seen briefly in the farmbush along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé. Most likely to have been the former species but the observation was too short to exclude a juvenile *exilis*.

CASSIN'S HONEYBIRD, *Prodotiscus insignis*

1-2 birds seen on three dates in the farmbush (Max's trail) at Mt Kupé NP.

AFRICAN PICULET, *Sasia africana*

1 in the farmbush (Max's trail) at Mt Kupé NP.

GREEN-BACKED WOODPECKER, *Campethera cailliautii*

2-3 birds Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP.

TULLBERG'S WOODPECKER, *Campethera tullbergi*

A single bird at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

BUFF-SPOTTED WOODPECKER, *Campethera nivosa*

1 close to Rengo Rock, Korup NP. 1 along Shrike Trail and another along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

ELLIOT'S WOODPECKER, *Dendropicos elliotii*

1 at Max's trail above 1600 m. Race probably *elliotii*.

CARDINAL WOODPECKER, *Dendropicos fuscescens*

5+ at Bafut-Nguemba FR and 1 in the farmbush, Mt Kupé NP. Also recorded in the north.

GABON WOODPECKER, *Dendropicos gabonensis*

Race *reichenowi*. 1 Rengo Rock, Korup NP. Several in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP.

YELLOW-CROWNED WOODPECKER, *Dendropicos xantholophus*

A single bird at Korup NP.

GREY WOODPECKER, *Dendropicos goertae*

Seen at Bafut-Nguemba FR, at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, in Benoue NP and in Douala

BROWN-BACKED WOODPECKER, *Dendropicos obsoletus*

1 at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GOLDEN-TAILED WOODPECKER

1 sighting of a male at the Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

GREY-HEADED BROADBILL, *Smithornis sharpei*

The displays by 2 males (Shrike and Max's trails) were among the highlights of the trip. In addition, 1 bird seen just above Max's camp, 1 bird in the farmbush (Max's trail) and up to 8 more broadbills heard in early morning on both Shrike and Max's trails.

AFRICAN BLUE FLYCATCHER, *Elminia longicauda*

Fairly common. Recorded at most places visited.

WHITE-BELLIED CRESTED FLYCATCHER, *Trochocercus albiventris*

Not uncommon at Mt Kupé NP at altitudes up to 1600 m..

BLUE-HEADED CRESTED FLYCATCHER, *Trochocercus nitens*

1 male in Korup NP and a female at Max's trail, Mt Kupé NP.

RED-BELLIED PARADISE-FLYCATCHER, *Terpsiphone rufiventer*

Race *neumanni* seen in small numbers at Korup NP and Mt Kupé NP.

RUFOUS-VENTED PARADISE-FLYCATCHER, *Terpsiphone rufocinerea*

5+ birds at Mt Kupé NP.

AFRICAN PARADISE-FLYCATCHER, *Terpsiphone viridis*

Common Bafut-Nguemba FR and at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

SQUARE-TAILED DRONGO, *Dicrurus ludwigii*

4 + 2 at Mt Kupé NP (Shrike trail).

SHINING DRONGO, *Dicrurus atripennis*

Recorded in small numbers in Korup NP.

FORK-TAILED DRONGO, *Dicrurus adsimilis*

Recorded at the Ngaoundaba Ranch and at Benoue NP.

VELVET-MANTLED DRONGO, *Dicrurus modestus*

5+ at Korup NP.

PIAPIAC, *Ptilostomus afer*

1 Ngaoundaba Ranch.

PIED CROW, *Corvus albus*

Recorded in small numbers at most places visited.

AFRICAN GOLDEN-ORIOLE, *Oriolus auratus*

1-3 seen daily at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

WESTERN BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE, *Oriolus brachyrhynchus*

Race *laetior* (yellow mantle). 1 Korup NP, 5+ in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP.

BLACK-WINGED ORIOLE, *Oriolus nigripennis*

Only 1 bird identified above Max's camp at Mt Kupé NP, but several Orioles heard at this altitude were probably of this species.

WHITE-BREASTED CUCKOO-SHRIKE, *Coracina pectoralis*

2 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GREY CUCKOO-SHRIKE, *Coracina caesia*

3 at Mt Kupé NP, all in the primary forest at higher altitudes.

BLUE CUCKOO-SHRIKE, *Coracina azurea*

1 great observation at Iriba Ibene Camp, Korup NP and one overflying in farmbush at Mt Kupé NP.

PETIT'S CUCKOO-SHRIKE, *Campephaga petiti*

6+ in farmbush, Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

RED-SHOULDERED CUCKOO-SHRIKE, *Campephaga phoenicea*

1 male Ngaoundaba Ranch.

PURPLE-THROATED CUCKOO-SHRIKE, *Campephaga quiscalina*

Only 1 female identified at Mt Kupé NP.

MACKINNON'S SHRIKE, *Lanius mackinnoni*

Recorded in small numbers at Bafut-Nguemba FR and Nyasoso.

COMMON FISCAL, *Lanius collaris*

Not uncommon Bafut-Nguemba FR and 1 Ngaoundaba Ranch.

WOODCHAT SHRIKE, *Lanius senator*

4+ at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

YELLOW-BILLED SHRIKE, *Corvinella corvina*

Fairly common at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BRUBRU, *Nilaus afer*

2 at Ngaoundaba Ranch and 1 at the Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

NORTHERN PUFFBACK, *Dryoscopus gambensis*

2-3 at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

RED-EYED PUFFBACK, *Dryoscopus senegalensis*

10+ in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP.

PINK-FOOTED PUFFBACK, *Dryoscopus angolensis*

1 male + 1 female on separate occasions in the primary forest (Max's trail) at Mt Kupé NP.

LARGE-BILLED PUFFBACK, *Dryoscopus sabini*

1 + 1 females at Max's trail. Actually not as large-billed as depicted in the book.

BLACK-CROWNED TCHAGRA, *Tchagra senegala*

5+ at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, 2 en route south of Garoua.

LÜHDER'S BUSHSHRIKE, *Laniarius luehderi*

3 seen and one more heard Nyasoso, Mt Kupé NP.

TROPICAL BOUBOU, *Laniarius aethiopicus*

Frequently heard at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, 4-5 birds seen. Also heard at the Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

YELLOW-BREASTED BOUBOU, *Laniarius atroflavus*

Not uncommon at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

MOUNTAIN BOUBOU, *Laniarius poensis*

Fairly common in the primary forest at Mt Kupé NP, although more often heard than seen.

BLACK-CROWNED GONOLEK, *Laniarus erythrogaster*

1 male responded to tape and gave us good views at Campement du Buffle Noir.

SULPHUR-BREASTED BUSHSHRIKE, *Telophorus sulfureopectus*

1 singing male seen at Benoue NP.

MANY-COLOURED BUSHSHRIKE, *Telophorus multicolor*

1 pair, the female being of red-breasted morph, in the canopy in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP.

MT KUPÉ BUSHSHRIKE, *Telophorus kupeensis*

A pair seen briefly at 1250 m along the Shrike Trail, above the "camp" close to the big strangler fig mentioned in Richard Webb's trip report. This area seems to be one of the more reliable sites.

WHITE HELMETSHRIKE, *Prionops plumatus*

A group of 5+ birds at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

AFRICAN SHRIKE-FLYCATCHER, *Bias flammulatus*

1 female in farmbush, Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

BLACK-AND-WHITE SHRIKE-FLYCATCHER, *Bias musicus*

1 male and 1 pair on 2 dates, farmbush, Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

SENEGAL BATIS, *Batis senegalensis*

4-6 birds at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP and a male feeding a juvenile Ngaoundaba Ranch.

COMMON WATTLE-EYE, *Platysteira cyanea*

Seen at most places visited except for the Bamenda area.

CHESTNUT WATTLE-EYE, *Platysteira castanea*

About 10 birds seen Korup NP, and seen twice Mt Kupé NP

BLACK-NECKED WATTLE-EYE, *Platysteira chalybea*

1 bird at 1100m along Max's Trail.

YELLOW-BELLIED WATTLE-EYE, *Platysteira concreta*

1 male seen at about 1200m Max's Trail and a family with juvenile at 1250 m Shrike Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

WHITE-TAILED ANT-THRUSH, *Neocossyphus poensis*

1 bird seen briefly along Rengo Camp Trail, Korup NP and one flying past us in farmbush Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

AFRICAN THRUSH, *Turdus pelios*

Common throughout.

BROWN-CHESTED ALETHE, *Alethe poliocephala*

1 bird in the flock at the antswarm and 1 more seen in a mixed flock at Rengo River, Korup NP.

FIRE-CRESTED ALETHE, *Alethe castanea*

Race *castanea*. 10-15 birds including juveniles attending an antswarm close to the Mana bridge, Korup NP. Apart from these birds only one was seen in Korup NP.

NARROW-TAILED STARLING, *Poeoptera lugubris*

Up to 40 birds in the farmbush Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

WHITE-COLLARED STARLING, *Grafisia torquata*

Seen almost every day with groups of up to 5 birds, including juveniles, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

CHESTNUT-WINGED STARLING, *Onychognathus fulgidus*

About 10 birds close to Lake Awing, Bafut-Nguemba FR.

PURPLE-HEADED GLOSSY-STARLING, *Lamprotornis purpureiceps*

2 birds in flight at Rengo Rock, Korup NP.

PURPLE GLOSSY-STARLING, *Lamprotornis purpureus*

Common Ngaoundaba Ranch and Benoue NP.

GREATER BLUE-EARED GLOSSY-STARLING, *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

Common around Ngaoundaba Ranch.

LESSER BLUE-EARED GLOSSY-STARLING, *Lamprotornis chloropterus*

A few identified Ngaoundaba Ranch.

SPLENDID GLOSSY-STARLING, *Lamprotornis splendidus*

Small numbers at the Ngaoundaba Ranch. 4 close to Hotel Mondial, Bamenda and a few Nyasoso.

VIOLET-BACKED STARLING, *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

Up to 30 a day at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

PALE FLYCATCHER, *Bradornis pallidus*

2 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

NORTHERN BLACK-FLYCATCHER, *Melaenornis edolioides*

Seen at Bamenda, Ngaoundaba ranch and Benoue NP.

AFRICAN FOREST FLYCATCHER, *Fraseria ocreata*

2 seen in a birdwave close to Iriba Ibene Camp, Korup NP.

WHITE-BROWED FOREST-FLYCATCHER, *Fraseria cinerascens*

One seen along the trail to Rengo Camp, Korup NP.

LITTLE GREY FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa epulata*

Common at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

YELLOW-FOOTED FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa sethsmithi*

Up to 5 a day from farmbush upwards, Mt Kupé NP.

DUSKY-BLUE FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa comitata*

1 + 1 in the farmbush at Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

SOOTY FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa infuscata*

Up to 5 a day in the farmbush, Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

CASSIN'S FLYCATCHER, *Muscicapa cassini*

2 seen at the Waterfall and 1 juv close to Mana suspension bridge, Korup NP.

EUROPEAN PIED FLYCATCHER, *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Noted at Bafut-Nguemba FR, Ngaoundaba and Benoue NP. Most birds in non-breeding plumage.

BOCAGE'S AKALAT, *Sheppardia bocagei*

1 bird singing and perhaps same bird attending a nest at 1250 m Shrike Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

MOUNTAIN ROBIN-CHAT, *Cossypha isabellae*

5-6 birds seen at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

WHITE-BELLIED ROBIN-CHAT, *Cossypha roberti*

1-2 around Max's Camp and 1 at 1250 m on Shrike Trail.

GREY-WINGED ROBIN-CHAT, *Cossypha polioptera*

Singles recorded at three places around Ngaoundaba Ranch.

SNOWY-CROWNED ROBIN-CHAT, *Cossypha niveicapilla*

1 seen close to Hotel Mondial, Bamenda. Also recorded at the Ngaoundaba ranch.

WHITE-CROWNED ROBIN-CHAT, *Cossypha albicapilla*

Common Ngaoundaba Ranch, a few seen Korup NP.

WHINCHAT, *Saxicola rubetra*

Common around Ngaoundaba Ranch and in Mundemba.

COMMON STONECHAT, *Saxicola torquata*

Race *salax* common at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

HEUGLIN'S WHEATEAR, *Oenanthe heuglini*

10+ birds Ngaoundaba Ranch at open ground close to main road 1 bird seen Benoue NP and 2 birds seen en route Benoue NP-Garoua while changing tyres.

FAMILIAR CHAT, *Cercomela familiaris*

2 birds seen Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 bird en route Ngaouderé-Benoue NP. 2 birds at Campement du Buffle Noir.

SOOTY CHAT, *Myrmecocichla nigra*

1 bird seen close to Ngaoundaba Ranch along the Ngaouderé road 1 pair seen north of Ngaouderé.

CROSSLEY'S GROUND THRUSH, *Zootera crossleyi*

3 singing along Shrike Trail, none tape responsive. 1 singing Max's Trail.

SPOTTED CREEPER, *Salpornis spilonotus*

A single bird at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP. Later seen at a cup-shaped nest in the outskirts of the campement.

HOUSE MARTIN, *Delichon urbica*

Singles at Bafut-Nguemba FR and Benoue NP.

GREY-RUMPED SWALLOW, *Pseudohirundo griseopyga*

2 birds seen en route Garoua-Ngaoundere, 1 bird Ngaoundaba and about 10 seen around Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

BARN SWALLOW, *Hirundo rustica*

Common throughout.

RUFIOUS-CHESTED SWALLOW, *Hirundo semifufa*

Common in Mundemba.

ETHIOPIAN SWALLOW, *Hirundo aethiopica*

4-6 birds Ngaoundaba Ranch and at least 3 birds Hotel Iyaz, Mundemba.

WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW, *Hirundo smithii*

Common Benoue NP.

WHITE-THROATED BLUE SWALLOW, *Hirundo nigrita*

At least 1 pair, Sanaga River.

LESSER STRIPED-SWALLOW, *Hirundo abyssinica*

Common in Benoue NP, Mundemba and Nyasoso.

MOSQUE SWALLOW, *Hirundo senegalensis*

Only a few birds identified close to Sanaga River on our last day.

PREUSS' CLIFF SWALLOW, *Hirundo preussi*

Seen at most sites both in the north and the south. Most numerous at Bafut-Nguemba FR and Benoue NP.

ROCK MARTIN, *Hirundo fuligula*

1 identified close to Hotel Mondial, Bamenda.

FOREST SWALLOW, *Hirundo fuliginosa*

Up to 10 a day at Mt Kupé NP.

PETIT'S (BLACK) SAW-WING, *Psalidoprocne (pristoptera) petiti*

Saw-wings were surprisingly difficult to identify. Race *petiti* (with white underwing-coverts) were common at Ngaoundaba Ranch. Birds seen at Bafut-Nguemba FR and Mt Kupé NP had duller underwing-coverts and were first thought to be Mountain Saw-Wing, *P. fuliginosa*, but may have been the race *chalybea*.

COMMON BULBUL, *Pycnonotus barbatus*

Common throughout. Race *tricolor* around Ngaoundaba Ranch.

CAMEROON MOUNTAIN GREENBUL, *Andropadus montanus*

Only 3 birds seen Bafut-Nguemba FR.

LITTLE GREENBUL, *Andropadus virens*

Seen at Ngaoundaba Ranch, Korup NP and Mt Kupé NP.

LITTLE GREY GREENBUL, *Andropadus gracilis*

Only 2 birds identified, Nature Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

CAMEROON SOMBRE GREENBUL, *Andropadus curvirostris*

5-10 birds seen along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

SLENDER-BILLED GREENBUL, *Andropadus gracilirostris*

1 seen at a flowering tree Rengo Rock, Korup NP.

YELLOW-WHISKERED GREENBUL, *Andropadus latirostris*

Up to five birds a day, mainly in the farmbush, along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

WESTERN MOUNTAIN GREENBUL, *Andropadus tephrolaemus*

Several Bafut-Nguemba FR, rather commonly seen in primary forest up to 1650 m, Mt Kupé NP.

GOLDEN GREENBUL, *Calyptocichla serina*

1 seen in farmbush, Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

HONEYGUIDE GREENBUL, *Baeopogon indicator*

2 heard singing and one seen in farmbush, Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

SIMPLE LEAFLOVE, *Chlorocichla simplex*

One seen in the farmbush in Nyasoso, probables Ngaoundaba Ranch.

YELLOW-THROATED LEAF-LOVE, *Chlorocichla flavicollis*

Race *soror*. Noted several times a day, Ngaoundaba Ranch. 1 observation Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

LEAF-LOVE, *Phyllastrephus scandens*

2 + 4 birds seen at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

CAMEROON OLIVE-GREENBUL, *Phyllastrephus poensis*

Only seen for sure once on Shrike Trail (1,250m).

GREY-HEADED GREENBUL, *Phyllastrephus poliocephalus*

Seen several times on Max's and Shrike Trail, more common at higher altitudes.

ICTERINE GREENBUL, *Phyllastrephus icterinus*

This species together with the next were commonly seen in Korup NP. A few also seen on Mt Kupé NP. A few individuals identified by call.

XAVIER'S GREENBUL, *Phyllastrephus xavieri*

See above. A few identified by call.

RED-TAILED BRISTLEBILL, *Bleda syndactyla*

2-3 birds attending an ant swarm close to the Mana bridge, Korup NP.

LESSER BRISTLEBILL, *Bleda notata*

Seen three times in Korup NP, twice close to Rengo Camp.

EASTERN BEARDED GREENBUL, *Criniger chloronotus*

Up to 5 seen a day in Korup NP.

RED-TAILED GREENBUL, *Criniger calurus*

This and the next species were commonly seen in Korup NP. Only a few identified by call.

WHITE-BEARDED GREENBUL, *Criniger ndussumensis*

A few positively identified by call, Korup NP.

SPOTTED GREENBUL, *Ixonotus guttatus*

A flock of nearly 20 birds at a flowering tree, Rengo Rock and 3 birds at the Waterfall, Korup NP.

AFRICAN YELLOW WHITE-EYE, *Zosterops senegalensis*

Recorded in small numbers throughout.

PECTORAL-PATCH CISTICOLA, *Cisticola brunnescens*

3-4 heard, 1 eventually taped in, in the farmland at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

SIFFLING (SHORT-WINGED) CISTICOLA, *Cisticola brachypterus*

1 bird seen twice, Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

WHISTLING CISTICOLA, *Cisticola lateralis*

About 5 observations around Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BROWN-BACKED CISTICOLA, *Cisticola discolor*

Common at the Bafut-Nguemba FR.

SINGING CISTICOLA, *Cisticola cantans*

2-3 heard at Hotel Mondial, Mundemba, 1 seen Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

CHATTERING CISTICOLA, *Cisticola anonymus*

Common in Mundemba and a few Nyasoso.

CROAKING CISTICOLA, *Cisticola natalensis*

1 bird seen en route Ngaouderé-Garoua.

TAWNY-FLANKED PRINIA, *Prinia subflava*

A few in farmland at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

WHITE-CHINNED PRINIA, *Prinia leucopogon*

2 observations Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 bird Mundemba and twice in elephant grass Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

BANDED PRINIA, *Prinia bairdii*

Several pairs seen and heard in farmbush, mostly along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

GREEN LONGTAIL, *Urolais epichlora*

Three groups of 5-10 birds seen, twice on Max's Trail and once on Shrike Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

AFRICAN YELLOW WARBLER, *Chloropeta natalensis*

1 bird heard singing and then seen in the farmland at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

BLACK-COLLARED APALIS, *Apalis pulchra*

About 10 birds heard, 4-5 birds seen, Bafut-Nguemba FR. Far more beautiful than depicted in the fieldguide. Responded well to tape, as did all the *Apalis*-species.

BLACK-CAPPED APALIS, *Apalis nigriceps*

A few birds seen most days in farmbush, Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

BLACK-THROATED APALIS, *Apalis jacksoni*

Up to 4 birds seen 3-4 times in farmbush along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

MASKED APALIS, *Apalis binotata*

1 bird seen in farmbush just below the forest demarcation line, Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

YELLOW-BREASTED APALIS, *Apalis flavida*

1 bird seen by the lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BUFF-THROATED APALIS, *Apalis rufogularis*

1 female seen along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

BAMENDA APALIS, *Apalis bamendae*

Heard at 3 different places, about 5 birds seen, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GREY APALIS, *Apalis cinerea*

3 Bafut-Nguemba FR, about 5 heard along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

GREY-BACKED CAMAROPTERA, *Camaroptera brevicaudata*

Recorded in small numbers throughout.

OLIVE-GREEN CAMAROPTERA, *Camaroptera chloronota*

Race *chloronota*. 2 heard Mundemba, several heard and 2 seen, up to 1450 m Mt Kupé NP.

YELLOW-BROWED CAMAROPTERA, *Camaroptera superciliaris*

2 heard Korup NP, 1 seen Mundemba. 1 seen in farmbush Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

ORIOLE WARBLER, *Hypergerus atriceps*

2 + 2 Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BANGWA FOREST-WARBLER, *Bradypterus bangwaensis*

About 20 birds heard, 1 pair seen well with the aid of tape, Bafut-Nguemba FR.

BLACK-FACED RUFOUS WARBLER, *Bathmocercus rufus*

1 pair in the farmbush, Max's Trail, 1 male at about 1300 m Max's Trail and a pair at Max's camp, Mt Kupé NP.

MOUSTACHED GRASS-WARBLER, *Melocichla mentalis*

1 bird seen well while singing, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

EURASIAN REED WARBLER, *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

2 birds seen were thought to be this species, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GREATER SWAMP WARBLER, *Acrocephalus rufescens*

1 bird seen in elephant grass at the beginning of Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP, and one bird singing and seen at Sanaga River.

SENEGAL EREMOMELA, *Eremomela pusilla*

A few seen Ngaoundaba Ranch and Benoue NP.

RUFOUS-CROWNED EREMOMELA, *Eremomela badiceps*

Small parties of 4-5 birds seen a few times in the beginning of Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

NORTHERN CROMBEC, *Sylvietta brachyura*

2-3 seen at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GREEN CROMBEC, *Sylvietta virens*

2 seen in Mundemba, several heard and a few seen in Nyasoso.

YELLOW LONGBILL, *Macrosphenus flavicans*

1 bird seen in a mixed flock close to Iriba Ibene Camp, Korup NP. 3-4 heard and one seen along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

GREEN HYLIA, *Hylia prasina*, *Hylia*

Heard frequently in Korup NP and several heard at Mt Kupé NP. Only one bird was actually seen – frustrating!.

BLACK-CAPPED WOODLAND-WARBLER, *Phylloscopus herberti*

Commonly heard from 1000m upwards, but only 5 birds seen, Mt Kupé NP.

WILLOW WARBLER, *Phylloscopus trochilus*

A few Bafut-Nguemba FR, several Ngaoundaba Ranch

WOOD WARBLER, *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Small numbers in Mundemba and fairly common in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP

YELLOW-BELLIED HYLIOTA, *Hyliota flavigaster*

2 pairs at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BLACKCAP, *Sylvia atricapilla*

About 5 birds seen Bafut-Nguemba FR

GARDEN WARBLER, *Sylvia borin*

1 Bafut-Nguemba FR, a few at the Ngaoundaba ranch.

AFRICAN HILL BABBLER, *Pseudoalcippe abyssinica*

A single bird (race *atriceps*) seen in one of the few native trees at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

BLACKCAP ILLADOPSIS, *Illadopsis cleaveri*

Only 1 bird seen at Hunters Cave West, Korup NP.

BROWN ILLADOPSIS, *Illadopsis fulvescens*

A few seen every day, and more heard, Korup NP.

THRUSH BABBLER, *Ptyrticus turdinus*

1 + 2 birds at the Ngaoundaba Ranch. Not shy but retiring.

BLACKCAP BABBLER, *Turdoides reinwardtii*

Not uncommon at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BROWN BABBLER, *Turdoides plebejus*

Not uncommon at the Ngaoundaba Ranch and in Benoue NP.

WHITE-THROATED MOUNTAIN-BABBLER, *Kupeornis gilberti*

Small conspicuous groups in mixed flocks seen three times above Max's Camp and once at 1500 m on Shrike Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

GREY-NECKED ROCKFOWL, *Picathartes oreas*

1 bird visiting nestsite in the evening at Picathartes Knoll, Korup NP. An unreal experience!

WHITE-SHOULDERED BLACK-TIT, *Parus guineensis*

Seen three times with up to 3 birds at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

SUN LARK, *Galerida modesta*

5 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 seen en route Ngaounderé-Garoua.

GREY-HEADED SPARROW, *Passer griseus*

Common around villages and cities.

BUSH PETRONIA, *Petronia dentata*

Common at the Ngaoundaba Ranch and a few Benoue NP

WOODHOUSE'S ANTPECKER, *Parmoptila woodhousei*

An ad. and a juvenile in the farmbush at Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

WHITE-BREASTED NEGROFINCH, *Nigrita fusconota*

Several in Mundemba and up to 4 in farmbus Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

PALE-FRONTED NEGROFINCH, *Nigrita luteifrons*

1 female Mundemba, and 1 bird Mt Kupé NP.

GREY-HEADED NEGROFINCH, *Nigrita canicapilla*

Common in Mundemba. Seen once at Rengo Rock, Korup NP. Fairly common at Mt Kupé NP.

CHESTNUT-BREASTED NEGROFINCH, *Nigrita bicolor*

1 + 2 in the beginning of Max's Trail.

FERNANDO PO (LITTLE) OLIVEBACK, *Nesocharis shelleyi*

10+ at Mt Kupé NP (Max's camp, 1,550m).

GREY-HEADED OLIVEBACK, *Nesocharis capistrata*

1 + 2 at the Campement du Buffle Noir.

RED-WINGED PYTILIA, *Pytilia phoenicoptera*

A pair seen once at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BLACK-BELLIED SEEDCRACKER, *Pyrenestes ostrinus*

2 overflying at Hotel Iyaz, Mundemba.

WESTERN BLUEBILL, *Spermophaga haematina*

Race *pustulata*. 2 males close to Hotel Iyaz, Mundemba. 1 male in elephant grass at the beginning of Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

BROWN TWINSPOUT, *Clytospiza mteiri*

Up to 4 a day at the Ngaoundaba Ranch.

DYBOWSKI'S TWINSPOUT, *Euschistospiza dybowskii*

Seen all days at Ngaoundaba Ranch, singles or pairs.

BAR-BREASTED FIREFINCH, *Lagonosticta rufopicta*

Seen a couple of times at Ngaoundaba Ranch, including a family with 4-5 recently fledged juveniles.

BLACK-BELLIED FIREFINCH, *Lagonosticta rara*

2-4 birds seen Campement du Buffle Noir.

AFRICAN FIREFINCH, *Lagonosticta rubricata*

2 seen in grassland by the lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

REDBILLED FIREFINCH, *Lagonosticta senegala*

A few birds seen around Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

RED-CHEEKED CORDONBLUE, *Uraeginthus bengalus*

Seen at Ngaoundaba Ranch, Benoue NP and Nyasoso.

ORANGE-CHEEKED WAXBILL, *Estrilda melpoda*

Fairly common throughout.

COMMON WAXBILL, *Estrilda astrild*

30-40 birds in farmland, Bafut-Nguemba FR.

BLACK-CROWNED WAXBILL, *Estrilda nonnula*

At least 4 birds seen in Mundemba.

BLACK-HEADED WAXBILL, *Estrilda atricapilla*

Fairly common at Bafut-Nguemba FR, Ngaoundaba Ranch and Nyasoso.

BRONZE MANNIKIN, *Lonchura cucullata*

A few at Foyer du Marin, Douala. Several in Mundemba and a few in Nyasoso.

BLACK-AND-WHITE MANNIKIN, *Lonchura bicolor*

Fairly common in the southern lowlands.

PIN-TAILED WHYDAH, *Vidua macroura*

Small numbers out of breeding plumage at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, 10+ , including 3-4 males in breeding plumage in Mundemba.

AFRICAN PIED WAGTAIL, *Motacilla aguimp*

1 at the Sanaga River, 3 at the river Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

YELLOW WAGTAIL, *Motacilla flava*

Common and widespread in grasslands.

MOUNTAIN WAGTAIL, *Motacilla clara*

2 pairs at Bafut-Nguemba FR, 1 bird at Water Catchment Area, Nyasoso.

YELLOW-THROATED LONGCLAW, *Macronyx croceus*

3 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 Dang Lake and 1 en route Garoua-Ngaoundéré.

PLAIN-BACKED PIPIT, *Anthus leucophrys*

1 bird carrying food in its bill Ngaoundaba Ranch.

LONG-LEGGED PIPIT, *Anthus pallivendris*

2 pipits seen and heard in flight close to Hotel Iyaz, Mundemba.

TREE PIPIT, *Anthus trivialis*

Common at Bafut-Nguemba FR and Ngaoundaba Ranch.

BANNERMAN'S WEAVER, *Ploceus bannermani*

5 birds seen at the Bafut-Nguemba FR.

BAGLAFECHE WEAVER, *Ploceus baglafecht*

1 Hotel Mondial, Bamenda, 2-3 Bafut-Nguemba FR and a few by the lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

SLENDER-BILLED WEAVER, *Ploceus pelzelni*

1 female at Sanaga River near Edea.

LITTLE WEAVER, *Ploceus luteolus*

About 5 seen at Campement du Buffle Noir. Out of breeding plumage.

AFRICAN MASKED WEAVER, *Ploceus velatus*

Common around Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP. Most birds out of breeding plumage.

SPECTACLED WEAVER, *Ploceus ocularis*

2 at Mt Kupé NP, 3 at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 pair Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP and 2 by the Sanaga River.

BLACK-NECKED WEAVER, *Ploceus nigricollis*

A few birds in the garden at Foyer du Marin seemed to be intermediates between race *brachypterus* and *nigricollis*.

DARK-BACKED WEAVER, *Ploceus bicolor*

Seen along Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP in primary forest up to 1,550 m. Singles or pairs with up to 6 a day. Sometimes in mixed flocks. Generally higher up in the vegetation than the next species.

BLACK-BILLED WEAVER, *Ploceus melanogaster*

Single birds seen three times in undergrowth in the clearing at Max's Camp, Mt Kupé NP.

VILLAGE WEAVER, *Ploceus cucullatus*

Common throughout. In breeding plumage only in the south.

VIEILLOT'S BLACK WEAVER, *Ploceus nigerrimus*

Fairly common throughout the southern lowlands. Race *nigerrimus*.

MAXWELL'S BLACK WEAVER, *Ploceus albinucha*

1-2 birds seen twice close to Iriba Ibene Camp, Korup NP.

PREUSS'S GOLDEN-BACKED WEAVER, *Ploceus preussi*

1 bird seen in the canopy on 2 dates in the beginning of Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

COMPACT WEAVER, *Ploceus superciliosus*

2 birds by the Crater Lake, Ngaoundaba Ranch.

GRAY'S MALIMBE, *Malimbus nitens*

Seen all days in Korup NP, 2-4 observations of singles or pairs each day. Keeps to dense understory.

CRESTED MALIMBE, *Malimbus malimbicus*

1 seen close to Rengo River, Korup NP.

RED-HEADED MALIMBE, *Malimbus rubricollis*

1 seen in farmbush on Max's Trail, Mt Kupé NP.

RED-HEADED WEAVER, *Anaplectes rubriceps*

A pair repairing a nest at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

YELLOW BISHOP, *Euplectes capensis*

20-30 birds, out of breeding plumage, seen in farmland Bafut-Nguemba FR

YELLOW-SHOULDERED WIDOWBIRD, *Euplectes macrourus*

Up to 200 birds, out of breeding plumage, seen at dusk the lake at Ngaoundaba Ranch.

FRASER'S SUNBIRD, *Deleornis fraseri*

Common in Korup NP, seen a few times at Mt Kupé NP up to about 1300 m.

WESTERN VIOLET-BACKED SUNBIRD, *Anthreptes longuemarei*

1 male Ngaoundaba Ranch, 3-4 observed around Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

GREEN SUNBIRD, *Anthreptes rectirostris*

Race *tephrolaemus*. About 20 birds at a flowering tree Rengo Rock, Korup NP. Common in the farmbush, Mt Kupé.

COLLARED SUNBIRD, *Hedydipna collaris*

Small numbers at Mt Kupé NP, 1 Ngaoundaba Ranch.

PYGMY SUNBIRD, *Hedydipna platura*

Common in the north.

REICHENBACH'S SUNBIRD, *Anabathmis reichenbachii*

About 5 birds in the garden at Foyer du Marin, Douala. Yellow rump diagnostic. Seemed to vary individually in size.

WESTERN OLIVE SUNBIRD, *Cyanomitra obscura*

Common in Korup NP and at lower elevations at Mt Kupé NP.

CAMEROON SUNBIRD, *Cyanomitra oritis*

Several at Bafut-Nguemba FR, common at Mt Kupé NP above 1100 m. Feeds in low vegetation, 1-2 m above ground, unlike other sunbirds.

GREEN-HEADED SUNBIRD, *Cyanomitra verticalis*

A few in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP, up to 4 a day at the Ngaoundaba Ranch. At least seen twice in Mundemba.

BLUE-THROATED BROWN SUNBIRD, *Cyanomitra cyanolaema*

1 male and 1 female in Rengo Rock area, Korup NP. 1 male Mundemba.

GREEN-THROATED SUNBIRD, *Chalcomitra rubescens*

1 male and 2 more birds at the Foyer du Marin, Douala. 1 male Hotel Iyaz, Mundemba. The male in Douala had a large green throatpatch and the male in Mundemba green whiskers, indicating race *rubescens*. According to the literature the race *crossensis* (green cap and dark throat) could also be expected in western Cameroon.

SCARLET-CHESTED SUNBIRD, *Chalcomitra senegalensis*

About 10 seen around Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

VARIABLE SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris venustus*

Fairly common at Ngaoundaba Ranch and a few seen at Benoue NP.

URSULA'S SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris ursulae*

A few birds seen on both Max's and Shrike Trails.

NORTHERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris reichenowi*

Several Bafut-Nguemba FR.

OLIVE-BELLIED SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris chloropygius*

Common at most places visited.

COPPER SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris cupreus*

1 Hotel Mondial, Bamenda and 1 Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

SPLENDID SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris coccinigaster*

Common Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 in the farmland at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

JOHANNA'S SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris johannae*

2 males and 1 female in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP.

SUPERB SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris superbus*

1 male in the farmbush at Mt Kupé NP. Considerably larger than the previous species.

BEAUTIFUL SUNBIRD, *Cinnyris pulchellus*

Common Campement du Buffle Noir.

YELLOW-FRONTED CANARY, *Serinus mozambicus*

Several at Bafut-Nguemba FR and at the Ngaoundaba Ranch, 1 Nyasoso.

THICK-BILLED SEEDEATER, *Serinus burtoni*

5+ at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

ORIOLE FINCH, *Linurgus olivaceus*

1 + 2 birds at Bafut-Nguemba FR.

CINNAMON-BREASTED BUNTING, *Emberiza tahapisi*

1 pair at Campement du Buffle Noir, Benoue NP.

CABANIS' BUNTING, *Emberiza cabanisi*

1 in the farmland Bafut-Nguemba FR.