



# UGANDA: THE PEARL OF AFRICA

A Tropical Birding  
Custom Birding with a Camera Tour

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## TOUR SUMMARY

This was a custom BwC tour designed to give chances to photograph as many bird species as possible, on a route similar to the typical Tropical Birding set-departure tour. We succeeded in achieving this goal, photographing well over 400 of the 529 total species that we recorded, including hear-only birds. The photos obtained varied from fairly good to excellent, but all of these 400+ were better than mere “record shots”. Of course, one of these hundreds of photographed birds was Uganda’s top avian draw card, the one-of-a-kind Shoebill. But there were so many other photographic highlights, including African Finfoot, Heuglin’s Spurfowl, Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill, Grauer’s Broadbill, and Jameson’s Antpecker, to name just a few. The mammal watching and photography were also excellent, headlined of course by the great apes: Mountain Gorilla and Chimpanzee. But there was also a range of other primates, and typical “safari fare” such as



African Elephant, Giraffe, and African Buffalo. Uganda is a wonderful trip for birding, and equally impressive for a “Birding with a Camera” trip, with a bounty of approachable birds and a wide variety of habitats.

For an immersive experience of this trip’s highlights, check out the 7-minute video trip report:

[VIDEO TRIP REPORT on YouTube: ADD LINK](#)

## ITINERARY

July 9	Arrival in Entebbe. Visit to Botanical Garden.
July 10	Entebbe to Mabamba Swamp to Lake Mburo NP.
July 11	Mburo NP to Ruhija sector, Bwindi NP.
July 12-14	Ruhija, Bwindi NP.
July 15	Ruhija to “The Neck” to Buhoma, Bwindi NP.
July 16	Buhoma, Bwindi NP.
July 17	Buhoma to Queen Elizabeth NP.
July 18	Queen Elizabeth NP.
July 19	Queen Elizabeth NP to Kibale NP.
July 20-21	Kibale NP.
July 22	Kibale to Masindi.
July 23	“Royal Mile” Budongo Forest.
July 24	Masindi to Murchison Falls NP.
July 25-26	Murchison Falls NP.
July 27	Murchison Falls NP to Entebbe.
July 28	Entebbe Botanical Garden. Departure.

## PHOTO GALLERY

A full [Flickr gallery](#) of photos from this trip, organized chronologically, is on Ken’s Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/kbehrens/albums/72177720310610859>

## BIRD LIST

The full list, including numbers and many other details, can be see as part of the [eBird trip report](#) for this trip: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/147908>

# MAMMAL LIST

Elephants		
EN	African Bush Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Primates		
	Greater Galago	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
NT	Patas Monkey	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>
	Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
	Red-tailed Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus ascanius</i>
VU	L'Hoest's Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus lhoesti</i>
	Blue Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
	Olive Baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>
	Mantled Guereza (E. Black-and-white colobus)	<i>Colobus guereza</i>
EN	Ashy (Ugandan) Red Colobus	<i>Piliocolobus tephrosceles</i>
EN	Eastern Mountain Gorilla*	<i>Gorilla beringei beringei</i>
EN	Common Chimpanzee	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>
Rodents		
	Striped Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus erythropus</i>
	Carruther's Mountain Squirrel*	<i>Funisciurus carruthersi</i>
	Red-legged Sun Squirrel	<i>Heliosciurus rufobrachium</i>
	Ruwenzori Sun Squirrel*	<i>Heliosciurus ruwenzorii</i>
	Boehm's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus boehmi</i>
	Forest Giant Squirrel	<i>Protoxerus stangeri</i>
Bats		
NT	African Straw-coloured Fruit Bat	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>
	Yellow-winged Bat	<i>Lavia frons</i>
Carnivores		
	Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
	Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
	Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
	Side-striped Jackal	<i>Canis adustus</i>
Odd-toed Ungulates		
NT	Maneless Zebra	<i>Equus quagga borensis</i>
Even-toed Ungulates		
	Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
	Giant Forest Hog	<i>Hylochoerus meinertzhageni</i>
VU	Common Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibious</i>
VU	Rothschild'S Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi</i>
EN	Lelwel Hartbeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus lelwel</i>
	Oribi	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>
NT	African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
	Common Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
	Nile Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
EN	Rwenzori Red Duiker*	<i>Cephalophus nigrifrons rubidus</i>
	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>

NT	Defassa Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus defassa</i>
	Uganda Kob	<i>Kobus kob thomasi</i>
	Bohor Reedbuck	<i>Redunca redunca</i>

NT – Near-Threatened  
VU – Vulnerable  
EN – Endangered  
\* - Albertine Rift Endemic