

## **Birds in magoroto**

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All the birds in the list were observed in the area of Magoroto –Mlinga, but most of my bird observations consists mainly the area of Magoroto estate HQ. The estate HQ is good place to watch birds because there is good selection of many different habitats e.g. bushes, forest edges, deep forest, open areas, cultivations, human settlements and so on. There are also few big and dead trees for bigger birds to roost.

Bigger birds like vultures, hawks and hornbills are easy to recognize by sight as they fly pass the residence. But the forest contains also many small birds that are very difficult to see. These birds rely on their loud and clear voice and this is how they avoid exposing themselves to danger. Observing these small birds needs some patient but knowing some main calls of the common forest birds will help you to make good sights.

Many predators can be found in nearby villages because of the food available, small chickens and ducks. The biggest bird in Magoroto area is Palm-nut Vulture (*Gypohierax angolensis*). Because of its main diet, the seeds of oil palm, these very big birds of prey can be found in large numbers around Magoroto estate. Other common birds that can be found in Magoroto area are Hornbills, Silvery-cheeked Hornbill (*Ceratogymna brevis*) and Trumpeter Hornbill (*Ceratogymna bucinator*). Their loud far-carrying braying calls are unmistakable.

The most interesting bird in Magoroto is endemic to coastal forest of East-Afirca and it is called Ficher's Turaco (*Tauraco fischeri*). It is rarely seen, but the voice that resembles departing steam train can be heard around Magoroto estate HQ every day.

For example Doves, Citril Finches, Wagtails, Swallows, Bulbuls and Sunbirds are also birds that you will hear every day in Magoroto estate HQ garden. There are also birds that are rather sitting in a perch and observing the surroundings than making any voice, like Brown-hooded Kingfisher (*Halcyon albiventris*)

One of the top moments for birdwatchers is during rainy season. This is the time when termites began to swarm. They rise up from the depths of the ground gathering on top of the trees. Birds from vultures to hornbills and falcons to waxbills are trying to catch these termites. Teem of these bird is humongous and everyone is feasting as long as there are termites left.

Species list:

Scientific name	Common name in English	Common name in Finnish		
<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Shikra	arvarpushaukka	OC	x
<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	Great Sparrow Hawk	mustakanahaukka	OC	
<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	African Goshawk	afrikanlintuhaukka	OC	
<i>Anthreptes neglectus</i>	Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird	isoviolettimedestäjä	OC	x
<i>Bubo africanus</i>	Spotted Eagle Owl	täplähuhkaja	FQ	x
<i>Buteo augur</i>	Augur Buzzard	afrikanhiirihaukka	FQ *	
<i>Campephaga flava</i>	African Black Cuckoo Shrike	akaasiakäpinkäinen	OC	x
<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	White-browed Coucal	puputtajakukaali	CM	x
<i>Ceratogymna brevis</i>	Silvery-cheeked Hornbill	hopeasarvinokka	CM	x
<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>	Trumpeter Hornbill	trumpettisarvinokka	CM	x
<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Violet Starling	orvokkikottarainen	OC	
<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	African White-necked Raven	valkoniskakorppi	CM	x
<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	African Palm Swift	afrikanpalmukiihtäjä	CM	x
<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Fork-tailed Drongo	sieppodrongo	OC	
<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	Black-backed Puffback	huiskulepinkäinen	OC	
<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Common Waxbill	vahanokka	FQ	x
<i>Euplectes hordeacea</i>	Red-crowned Bishop	tulikauluspiispa	OC	
<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Lanner Falcon	keltapäähaukka	FQ	x
<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>	Palm-nut Vulture	palmukorppikotka	CM	x
<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	Brown-hooded Kingfisher	savupääkalastaja	FQ	x
<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>	Lesser Striped Swallow	viirupääsky	FQ	x
<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>	African Rock Martin	afrikankalliopääsky	CM	x
<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>	Mosque Swallow	isoruostepääsky	CM	x
<i>Lonchura bicolor</i>	Black & White Mannikin	seepramanikki	CM	x
<i>Machaerhamphus alcinus</i>	Bat Hawk	lepakkohaukka	FQ	x
<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	African Pied Wagtail	afrikanvästäräkki	CM	x
<i>Motacilla clara</i>	Mountain Wagtail	koskivästäräkki	OC	
<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>	Amethyst Sunbird	samettimedestäjä	FQ	x
<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Helmeted Guinea fowl	helmikana	OC	
<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	African Red-winged Starling	kalliorakkeli	FQ	x
<i>Oriolus auratus</i>	African Golden Oriole	afrikankuhankeittäjä	FQ	x
<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>	Forest Weaver	metsäkutoja	OC	x
<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>	Black-headed Weaver	mustapääkutoja	OC	x
<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	kultaperäseppä	CM	x
<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	African Harrier Hawk	rosvohaukka	OC	x
<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Tawny-flanced Prinia	tuhkapriinia	CM	x
<i>Psaldiprocne pristoptera</i>	Black Saw-wing	sininokipääsky	CM	x
<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Common Bulbul	kyläbulbuli	CM	x
<i>Serinus citrinelloides</i>	African Citril Finch	afrikansitruunahemppo	CM	x
<i>Smilorhis leucotis</i>	White-eared Barbet	valkokulmaseppä	FQ	x
<i>Spizaetus occipitalis</i>	Long-crested Eagle	töyhtökotka	OC	x
<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Red-eyed Dove	savannitururikyhy	CM	x
<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	African Wood Owl	afrikanpöllö	FQ	x
<i>Tauraco fischeri</i>	Fischer's Turaco	punatöyhtöturako	CM	x
<i>Terpsiphona viridis</i>	African Paradise Flycatcher	afrikanparatiisimonarkki	OC	
<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>	Crowned Hornbill	kruunutoko	CM	x
<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	Arrow-marked Babbler	nuolitimali	OC	
<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	Tambourine Dove	tamburiinikyhy	CM	x

\* CM = Common, recorded daily, FQ = Frequent, recorded on more than half the survey days, OC = Occasional few records, recorded on less than half of the survey days, x = Observed in Magotho estate HQ