

**DAY 1** arrival-add ebb if necessary stay at Lake Victoria view guest house

**DAY2:** birding Mabamba and lake Mburo onwards stay at eagle's nest/rwakobo rock camp 2nights.

Early after breakfast, carry along with our packed lunch and drive to western part of Entebbe to Mabamba, a distance of about 50km. Mabamba is one of a few remaining productive wetland in Uganda protected by the local communities. extensive papyrus swamps with labyrinth's channels and lagoons, classified as an important bird area (IBA), it's a home of multiple **Shoebills**-Uganda's most famous avian resident and the only representative in its family, is the amongst most sought after birds in the whole African continent! Its only traced by canoeing through the channels with a wooden boat. Other likes of Mabamba include; **Papyrus Gonolek, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Lesser Jacana, African Jacana, White-winged Black Tern, Grey-headed Gull, African skimmers, Little Egret, Long-toed Lapwing, Spur-winged Lapwing, African Fish-eagle, Goliath Heron, Purple Heron, Common Squacco Heron, Striated Heron, Blue-headed Coucal, Malachite Kingfisher, Black Crake, Hamerkop, African Marsh-harrier, Yellow-billed Duck, Hadada Ibis, White-browed Scrub-Robin, Swamp Flycatcher, Vanga Flycatcher, Weyn's Weaver, Eastern Grey Plantain-eater, Sedge Warbler, Wood Sandpiper, Pied Kingfisher, Cape Wagtail, Rufous-Napped Lark, Green Backed Heron, African Snip, Croaking Cisticola, White-faced Whistling Duck, Spur-winged Goose, Black-crowned Waxbill, Scarce Swift, Bern Swallow, African-Dusky Flycatcher, African Yellow Warbler, Collard-Sunbird** etc. After lunch, when time allows we may stroll along the edges of the wetland and try our luck for what we have missed at the boat. Transfer to lake Mburo national park later in the afternoon, stopover at the equator, stretch legs and take photographs.

**DAY3:** birding lake Mburo national park

After breakfast report to the park entrance meet our sight guide, and a short briefing. Lake Mburo national park is one of the best birding destinations to see the acacia associated bird species among other national parks in Uganda. It is home of about 320 species of birds recorded making it a good place to look for the likes of **African-Grey Hornbill, Black-Loard Babbler, Red-Headed Weaver, Greater Blue-Eared Starling, Trilling Cisticola, Green-Wood Hoopoe, Brown-Chested Lapwing, Scaly-Throated Honeyguide, Lesser-Masked Weaver, White-Backed Vulture, Tabora Cisticola, Crestd-Spurfowl, Red-Faced Barbet, Little Bee-Eater, Green-Caped Eremomera, Black-Throatd Barbet, Black-Collard Barbet, Southern Ground Hornbill, Rufous-Bellied Night Heron.** Of special interest to birders are the swamps, in which six papyrus endemics are resident including; **Papyrus Gonolek, Blue-Headed Coucal,** and the highly localized **White-Winged**

and **Papyrus Yellow Warblers**, the last record nowhere else in Uganda! Later retreat to the comp for dinner and overnight.

**DAY4:** transfer birding to Bwindi impenetrable national park (Albertine Rift Area) stay at broad bill forest comp 2nights.

After morning breakfast, transfer birding to the misty mountainous areas of Kigezi and Kisoro region in the southwestern Uganda, lunch break along Ntugamo. This journey being a bit long, it takes more hours of this day.

**DAY5:** whole day birding to Mubwindi swamp (east Bwindi).

after breakfast pack our picnic gear and start birding to Mubwindi swamp. Bwindi is home of about 350 species of birds including 23 Albertine rift endemics! And at least 14 species recorded nowhere else in Uganda! And ranks one of the best forest birding destinations in Africa with local bird guides most of them capable of identifying most species by call, and even calling up the more responsive species by their lips whistles! The likes in this forest (Albertine rift endemics) include; **Red-throated Alethe, Archer's Robin-chat, Yellow-Eyed Flycatcher, Chapin's Flycatcher, Blue-headed Sunbird, Regal Sunbird, Rockefeller's Sunbird, Purple-breasted Sunbird, Strange Weaver, Dusky Crimson-wing, Red-collard Mountain Babbler, Chapin's Mountain Babbler, Grauer's Warbler, Neumann's' Warbler, Prigogine's Greenbul, Black-faced Apalis, Collard Apalis, Stripe-breasted Tit, Grauer's Cukooshrike, Red-Billed Helmet shrike, Ruwenzori Batis, African Green Broadbill, Dwarf Honeyguide, Prigogin's Nght-jar, Albertine Owlet, Congo Bay-owl, Ruwenzori Turaco, Handsome Francolin** and other birds. Later do birding back to the comp for dinner and overnight.

**DAY6:** transfer birding to Queen Elizabeth National Park stay at Bush lodge/kataara lodge/enganzi lodge 2nights.

Early after breakfast, with picnic lunch we start birding to queen Elizabeth national park through Kanungu area where chances abound to trace for rarity of **Rufous-Breasted Wryneck** in this area, continue birding to the southern sector of queen Elizabeth where we can't miss the likes of **Whinchats, Greater Scimitarbill, Black Kit, Superb Sunbird**, still on a way in ishasha area **Little Button, Blue, Common, Harlequin Quails** skulk in short grasses along the way. A couple of mammals like **Cape Buffalo, Lions, Elephants, Uganda Kobs, Waterbacks** etc thrill in this area. chances abound to find the **lions** of Ishasha sheltering from the fierce rift valley sun on the boughs of ancient fig trees!

**DAY7:** whole day birding in QENP, morning game drive and late afternoon boat cruise along Kazinga channel.

Queen Elizabeth national park is the second largest after Murchison falls national park with 95 mammal species the highest for any Ugandan national park! and about 610 bird species a truly remarkable figure for a reserve that is relatively smaller by continental standards. The likes in this park include; **Broad Tailed Warbler, Martial Eagle, African Skimmer, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, Amur Falcon, African Skimmer, Striated Heron, African Spoonbill, Water Thick-Knee, Three-banded Plover, Marsh, Green, Wood and Common Sandpiper, Gray-headed Gull, Plain Martin, Lesser Swamp-Warbler, White-Winged Warbler, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, Ovambo Sparrowhawk, Secretarybird, Caruther's Cisticola, African Skimmers, Black-Headed Gonolek, Papyrus Gonolek, Red-Faced Cisticola, Red-Chested Cuckoo, Northern Puffback, Tropica Boubou, Diederik, Klaas's, African-Emerald Cuckoos, Little Stint, Temminck's Stint, African-Wood Owl, Black-Shouldered Night-Jar, Yellow-Throated Long-Claw, East-African Swee, Common Waxbill, Crimson-Rumped Waxbill, Fawn-Brested Waxbill, Zebra Waxbill and Yellow-billed Ox-pecker** etc. Later do birding getting back to the lodge for refreshment and overnight.

**DAY8:** transfer birding to Entebbe stopover at Igongo cultural resort for lunch, rest at Lake Victoria view guest house. End of 8 days full Uganda birding safari. late night flight back home.