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Itinerary
1/11 Late arrival in Dakar, check-in at Club Calao, N´Gor.
2/11 Seawatching, N´Gor (8 hours 20 min). Moderate winds from North.
3/11 Seawatching, N´Gor (8 hours 15 min). Moderate winds from North.
4/11 Seawatching, N´Gor (40 min). Transport to Gîte du Bandiala, Missira.
5/11 Missira.
6/11 Missira.
7/11 Transport to Dakar, seawatching, N´Gor (3 hours 10 min). Light winds from North.
8/11 Transport to Djoudj.
9/11 Djoudj.
10/11 Transport to Dakar, seawatching, N´Gor (20 min) – not a single seabird! Calm sea.
11/11 Leaving Dakar.

General Info
Currency rate: 1 Euro = 655.96 CFA (“seefa”).

Language: French (often with an accent of Wolof – difficult to understand sometimes), English worked near Dakar. In Karang (a village at the border to Gambia) where I arrived by mistake (details below), only a few people spoke a limited French.

Literature: I used Birds of Western Africa (Borrow&Demey) as a field guide – heavy but well worth the extra load! I tried Le Petit Futé Guide of Senegal (in French) for general travel info. It was half the price of a Lonely Planet Guide – but also half as good. I really missed the detailed maps that you find in the LP Guides.

I travelled with Alitalia from Marseilles (482 Euros for a return ticket) and stayed at Club Calao, N´Gor when visiting Dakar (27,600 CFA for a bungalow – no single person alternatives). N´Gor is very close to the International Airport but the taxi ride from the airport to Calao seems to be fixed to 10 Euros. From Calao I could get a taxi to the airport for 2,000 CFA. When leaving Dakar for Djoudj or Sine Saloum I took a taxi for 3,500 CFA from Calao to Gare Routière (bus station) where further transport could be arranged.

While travelling in Senegal was fairly easy, I was harassed by a scavenger in Dakar. This guy showed up at the Airport after arrival, calling himself Abdoulaye N´Diaye, a professional thief (he had companions as well) searching for an easy prey. Apparently I was naive this time, because I had difficulties getting rid of this guy without loosing all my money. Be aware of anyone being too friendly, that´s all, it is a classic mistake not being stern (but in a friendly manner).

I tried to combine some good seawatching at Cap Vert, Dakar with inland birding in two National Parks; Djoudj near the border to Mauretania in the north and the Delta of Saloum in the vicinity of the small village Missira, close to the border of Northern Gambia. This was, however, not an easy task. The peak of seawatching is without doubt in September-October, but the peak season for inland birding is in January-February.
The Djoudj Park does not open officially until Nov 1st. It is possible to enter the park in October as well, but in that case you have to ask the Commendant/Captain for permission (which you are likely to get if he is around). The office of the Commendant is located at the Biological Station near the entrance of the Park. The Park is closed from sometime in April.

The reason why you want to go to Gîte du Bandiala near the village of Missira in the southern part of Sine Saloum NP is because it is a suitable base for exploring a very interesting area. From here you can take a boat-ride (pirouge) in the mangroves, visit the Fatala Forest Reserve (with good birds like Grey-headed Bristlebill) or do birdwatching in the open forest landscape further north of the village. Note that the official entrance to the Forest Reserve is from the main road between Kaolack-Banjul (in Gambia) while Bandiala is located on the other side of the forest. When I visited the area, the grass had grown 2-3 m tall making birding rather difficult or sometimes impossible. In the grass vegetation a biting insect (moche) apparently had found a thriving niche. They were found in billions and it takes some mental force to ignore these bastards when trying to locate birds in trees barely seen behind the tall grass! But in January, when the grass has been burnt, the insects disappear and birding is excellent!

I still enjoyed the birds a lot, but for anyone thinking of inland birdwatching far from the Dakar area, it is highly recommended to rent a car or at least arrange transports with taxis for a day or two. Car rental is apparently very expensive, but it is also quite frustrating to travel with taxi-brousse (Peugeot 504 carrying seven passengers) or crowded buses not being able to stop at good spots. It takes time to travel with local transports, but if time is available, you can do most transports with the cheaper alternatives.

Summary of birding
Seawatching:
Through a phone call I had received news from the Swedish birders, who had visited Senegal the week before my arrival. They had observed an impressive numbers of Skuas, but few Storm Petrels. My first day in N’Gor the passage of birds was quite amazing, but the following days birds occurred in lower numbers. I spent a few hours on Ile N’Gor on the second day but had no Storm Petrels at all from there. The only identified Storm Petrel was seen one afternoon when the sea was calm and the bird was easily seen for a while. The best memory was, however, the adult Sabine’s Gulls migrating in small groups.
Missira/Sine Saloum:

It took about 10 hrs to travel from Dakar to the village of Missira. First, I took a taxi-brousse to Kaolack (3,500 CFA), where I had to take a taxi to another Gare Routiére (1,000 CFA) in town. From there, I got a taxi-brousse towards Toubakouta (2,500 CFA). During the travel from Kaolack to the village of Sokone, we passed through a dry area, which looked very good for raptors. Juha Honkala & Veronica Limnell visited Foundiougne further north in December 2000 and saw some really good species near the village (see report on this website). Unfortunately, I did not realise that my driver did not stop at Toubakouta before we had reached the Gambian border (Karang). There I had to wait for a pick-up that was supposed to go to Missira one hour later. When the pick-up finally arrived, the first 10 kms were achieved in about an hour. By then, at least 25 adults and some children and a few chickens were crammed in the vehicle together with bags of whatever. Not to mention the heavy load at the roof of the pick-up. We managed to reach Missira and I started to walk towards the Gîte du Bandiala (21,000 CFA/night including three excellent meals), located about 2 kms northeast of the village. Luckily, the lodge-owners (Eric & Katja) picked me up along the route and I did have enough time before dusk to enjoy my first Blackcap Babblers.

The following two days the birding was carried out mainly along the route to Bandiala, one morning with a pirogue in the mangroves (20,000 CFA for a half-day shared by four persons) and an afternoon near a marshy area by a small river. I have forgotten the name of the nearest village but this site is about 7 kms from Bandiala along the route to Toubakouta. This last site was really good and I stayed there until dusk as I had arranged with Eric (the lodge-owner) to pick me up. Shortly before dusk I spotted a Nile Crocodile in the river (rarely seen at this site according to Eric). Another rarely seen reptile was a Python that was trapped in a dwell since last rainy season! It was kept alive by a chicken provided by the lodge every second or third week! In general, birding was rewarding all over the area, but the tour in the mangrove was a bit slow. The transport back to Dakar was easy and comfortable because I joined a French family who had spent a couple of days at Bandiala. The return trip to Dakar took 6 hrs including several stops producing e.g. Abyssinian Ground Roller.

If you are short of time, Ndangane, seems to be a good locality to delve into the birds of Sine Saloum. This locality should be reached within 3-4 hrs from Dakar. I have no further details about this site.

Few birds but impressive mangrove forest near Missira 6/11.

The grass in Missira grew frustratingly tall!
Djoudj:
Marvellous site that should be explored by a vehicle! The bird travel agency Birdwatching Breaks (www.birdwatchingbreaks.com) organise tours to Djoudj and other localities in northern Senegal. In this area, some really good range-restricted Sahel species can be found. If you are willing to pay the cost for an organised trip or by exploring the region yourself you might see species like Arabian, Denham’s and Savile’s Bustard, River Prinia, African Reed Warbler and why not Cricket Warbler! Among those species, I managed to see River Prinia (fairly common near reedbeds). I reached this site by taking a taxi-brousse from Dakar to St-Louis (3,900 CFA, 4 hrs) and from St-Louis a taxi to Djoudj (15,000 CFA, 2 hrs). The start of the dirt track to Djoudj from the main road towards Richard Toll and Dagana is well signed.

There are two possibilities for lodging at the entrance of the Park; L’Hostellerie du Djoudj or the Biological Station. The latter one is cheaper (15,000 CFA/night and three meals per day) and offers small cabins to public as well. Most, if not all, tourists arrange with L’Hostellerie to join a tour with a pirogue to see the Pelicans. I had hoped that I could rent a bicycle at the hotel, but alas, all bicycles had broken down! Therefore, I walked as far as I managed in one day. The map in the report by Honkala & Limnell is not only out of scale but it is also incorrect. They certainly have mixed localities up! The distance to the tower at Grand Lac is not 4 kms but more likely 16 kms. At Djoudj, you should definitely try to reach a site called Ganthie. Here, I saw lots of tracks most likely from Arabian Bustard, and also a few Rufous-fronted Gazelles (rare in Senegal) and a Common Jackal. I hitchhiked back to St-Louis with a French group and I paid my share of the trip cost by finding two Crowned Cranes at close range!

Birding areas:
A. Ganthie: Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse, Kittlitz Plover
B. Near Lac de Tantala: African Fish Eagle, African Jacana, Black Crowned Crane
C. Main route to Senegal River: Yellow-billed Stork, African Fish Eagle, ducks, waders, Black-crowned Sparrow Lark
D. Route to Lac Khar: Yellow-billed Stork, Black Stork, Marsh Sandpiper, Rufous Bush Robin, River Prinia
E. South of Djoudj: Collared Pratincole, River Prinia, African Quailfinch
**Bird List**

1. **Little Grebe**  
   6 Djoudj

2. **African Darter**  
   3 Missira, fairly common Djoudj

3. **Long-tailed Cormorant**  
   Few seen along routes from Dakar, 2 Missira, fairly common Djoudj

4. **Great Cormorant**  
   Few Dakar and along routes from Dakar, fairly common Djoudj

5. **Great White Pelican**  
   Very common Djoudj

6. **Pink-backed Pelican**  
   4 near Kaolack, 11 Missira, 50 Djoudj-Saint Louis

7. **Cory’s/Cape Verde Shearwater**  
   In total 2845 N’Gor: 1180 2/11, 675 3/11, 120 4/11, 870 7/11. The few identified individuals were Cape Verde Shearwaters

8. **Sooty Shearwater**  
   In total 74 N’Gor: 30 2/11, 29 3/11, 2 4/11, 13 7/11

9. **Manx Shearwater**  
   3 N’Gor 2/11 and 2 N’Gor 3/11

10. **Wilson’s Storm-Petrel**  
    1 probable N’Gor 2/11 and 1 N’Gor 7/11

11. **Northern Gannet**  
    In total 34 N’Gor: 1 almost ad+5 juv 2/11, 7 juv 3/11, 21 juv 7/11.

12. **Grey Heron**  
    Seen most days, fairly common Djoudj

13. **Purple Heron**  
    4 Missira, 40 Djoudj

14. **Goliath Heron**  
    5 Missira

15. **Black-crowned Night Heron**  
    1 juv Djoudj

16. **Squacco Heron**  
    25 Djoudj

17. **Western Reef Egret**  
    5 Djoudj

18. **Black Heron**  
    3 by a river near Djoudj

19. **Cattle Egret**  
    Fairly common and widespread

20. **Little Egret**  
    50 Djoudj

21. **Great Egret**  
    20 Djoudj

22. **Hamerkop**  
    5 in a marshy area near Missira

23. **Green-backed Heron**  
    1 Missira

24. **Yellow-billed Stork**  
    10 Djoudj

The impressive Yellow-billed Stork was easily seen in Djoudj.

25. **Black Stork**  
    4 Djoudj

26. **Eurasian Spoonbill**  
    20 Djoudj

27. **African Spoonbill**  
    4 Djoudj

28. **Greater Flamingo**  
    40 south of Dakar, 100 near Kaolack, 50 Djoudj

29. **Gloosy Ibis**  
    20 Djoudj

30. **White-faced Whistling Duck**  
    2 between Dakar-Kaolack, 200 Djoudj

31. **Spur-winged Goose**  
    30 Djoudj

32. **Egyptian Goose**  
    4 Djoudj
33. **Northern Shoveler**
30 Djoudj

34. **Garganey**
200 Djoudj

35. **African Fish Eagle**
4-5 Djoudj

36. **Osprey**
10 Missira, 10 Djoudj

37. **Palm-nut Vulture**
2 near Missira

38. **African Harrier Hawk**
5 near Missira

39. **Hooded Vulture**
Widespread and fairly common

40. **African White-backed Vulture**
200+ along routes from Dakar

41. **Rüppell’s Griffon Vulture**
Only a few identified between Dakar- Kaolack and Dakar-St-Louis

42. **Lappet-faced Vulture**
1 seen at ground near carcass between Saint Louis and Dakar

43. **Yellow-billed Kite**
Common in Dakar area, few in other parts

44. **Eurasian Marsh Harrier**
10 Djoudj

45. **Pallid Harrier**
1 male Djoudj

46. **Montagu’s Harrier**
1 male Djoudj

**Pallid/Montagu’s Harrier**
2 female type near Kaolack

47. **Brown Snake Eagle**
2 Missira

48. **Western Banded Snake Eagle**
1 near Missira

49. **Shikra**
5 Missira

50. **Lizard Buzzard**
1 near Missira

51. **Dark Chanting Goshawk**
1 Missira

52. **Grasshopper Buzzard**
3-5 Missira

53. **Wahlberg’s Eagle**
1-2 Missira

54. **Long-crested Eagle**
2 Missira

55. **Common Kestrel**
1 Djoudj

56. **Grey Kestrel**
Few Missira

57. **Red-necked Falcon**
1 near Missira

58. **Double-spurred Francolin**
Seen in pairs or small groups near Gîte du Bandiala

59. **Stone Partridge**
A party near Gîte du Bandiala

60. **Black Crake**
Few Djoudj

61. **Purple Swamphen**
5 Djoudj

62. **African Jacana**
6 in a small marshy area near Missira, 10 Djoudj

63. **Black Crowned Crane**
2 seen and 2 heard near Ganthie at Djoudj, 2 seen at close distance when driving from Djoudj. A magnificent species!

(Arabian Bustard)
Impressive footprints found in the sand in Djoudj were most likely from this species. Djoudj NP might be the only locality within the species’ range where it is protected.

64. **Senegal Thick-knee**
Fairly common near Missira and at Djoudj

65. **Oystercatcher**
18 N’Gor, 5 near Missira

66. **Black-winged Stilt**
1 N’Gor, 1 south of Dakar, 75 Djoudj

67. **Red Phalarope**
16 N’Gor 2/11, 3 N’Gor 3/11

68. **Common Snipe**
4 Djoudj

69. **Collared Pratincole**
25 Djoudj
70. **Black-headed Lapwing**  
   2 seen from the *taxi-brousse* south of Saint Louis

71. **Spur-winged Lapwing**  
   10 N’Gor, 2 near Missira, 15 Djoudj

72. **African Wattled Lapwing**  
   3 near Missira, 1 Djoudj

73. **Ruddy Turnstone**  
   17 N’Gor, 10 near Missira

74. **Kittlitz’s Plover**  
   15 Djoudj

75. **Common Ringed Plover**  
   7 N’Gor, 2 near Missira, 50 Djoudj

76. **Kentish Plover**  
   25 Djoudj

77. **Little Ringed Plover**  
   5 Djoudj

78. **White-fronted Plover**  
   3 near Missira

79. **Grey Plover**  
   1 N’Gor, 10 near Missira, 2 Djoudj

80. **Black-tailed Godwit**  
   6 Djoudj

81. **Bar-tailed Godwit**  
   10 near Missira, 2 Djoudj

82. **Whimbrel**  
   1 N’Gor, 10 near Missira

83. **Little Stint**  
   150 Djoudj

84. **Dunlin**  
   25 Djoudj

85. **Curlew Sandpiper**  
   1 N’Gor

86. **Green Sandpiper**  
   4 Djoudj

87. **Wood Sandpiper**  
   20 N’Gor

88. **Common Sandpiper**  
   10 N’Gor, 5 near Missira, 15 Djoudj

89. **Ruff**  
   30 Djoudj

90. **Common Redshank**  
   3 near Missira, 3 Djoudj

91. **Spotted Redshank**  
   2 Djoudj

92. **Common Greenshank**  
   3 near Missira, 15 Djoudj

93. **Marsh Sandpiper**  
   15 Djoudj

94. **Long-tailed Skua**  
   2 juv N’Gor 2/11 and 1 juv 3/11

95. **Arctic Skua**  
   In total 68 N’Gor: 23 2/11, 28 3/11, 1 4/11, 16 7/11.

96. **Pomarine Skua**  
   In total 150 N’Gor: 106 2/11, 39 3/11, 5 4/11, 3 7/11.

97. **Catharacta sp.**  
   5 N’Gor 2/11, 5 N’Gor 3/11, 2 N’Gor 4/11, 3 N’Gor 7/11.

98. **Sabine’s Gull**  
   In total 323 N’Gor: 170 2/11, 153 3/11.

99. **Lesser Black-backed Gull**  
   1 almost ad N’Gor 3/11

100. **Grey-headed Gull**  
   Fairly common Missira, near Kaolack and at Djoudj

101. **Black-headed Gull**  
   2 ad Saint Louis

102. **Audouin’s Gull**  
   1 ad+3 juv N’Gor 2/11

103. **Common Tern**  
   Fairly common N’Gor but not counted

104. **Arctic Tern**  
   Fairly common N’Gor but in lower numbers than Arctic Tern

105. **Little Tern**  
   N’Gor: 2 3/11, 1 4/11

106. **Whiskered Tern**  
   100+ Djoudj

107. **Black Tern**  
   N’Gor: 59 2/11, 221 3/11, 1 4/11, 81 7/11. Few at Djoudj

108. **Gull-billed Tern**  
   1 near Missira, 3 Djoudj
109. **Sandwich Tern**  
Fairly common N’Gor, 20 near Missira

110. **Lesser Crested Tern**  
Several daily at N’Gor

111. **Royal Tern**  
Several daily at N’Gor

112. **Caspian Tern**  
2 near Missira, 20 Djoudj

113. **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse**  
15 Djoudj

114. **Four-banded Sandgrouse**  
2 were seen in flight at dusk near Missira

**African/Bruce’s Green Pigeon**  
2 seen poorly near Missira could not be identified

115. **Speckled Pigeon**  
Fairly common in most places

116. **Rock Dove**  
Few seen in towns and villages

117. **African Mourning Dove**  
20 near Missira, common Djoudj

118. **Red-eyed Dove**  
Fairly common Missira

119. **Vinaceous Dove**  
Common Missira

120. **Laughing Dove**  
Common

121. **Namaqua Dove**  
Fairly common Kaolack-Missira and Djoudj

122. **Black-billed Wood Dove**  
Fairly common near Missira

123. **Senegal Parrot**  
Common Missira

124. **Rose-ringed Parakeet**  
Fairly common Missira

125. **Western Grey Plaintain-eater**  
10 seen and others heard Missira

126. **Senegal Coucal**  
Fairly common Missira, several Djoudj

127. **Pearl-spotted Owlet**  
1 heard near Missira

128. **African Scops Owl**  
Several heard and 1 seen Gîte du Bandiala

129. **White-faced Owl**  
1-2 heard Gîte du Bandiala

**Long-tailed Nightjar**  
1 seen at dusk near Missira probably this species

130. **Mottled Spinetail**  
2 Missira

131. **Little Swift**  
Common Missira, several nest colonies were seen under bridges at different localities

132. **African Palm Swift**  
5 Missira

133. **Blue-naped Mousebird**  
Few at Calao, N´Gor and Djoudj

134. **Malachite Kingfisher**  
Few Missira and Djoudj

135. **Pied Kingfisher**  
10 near Missira, 15 Djoudj

136. **Woodland Kingfisher**  
2 near Missira

137. **Grey-headed Kingfisher**  
1 near Missira

138. **Blue-breasted Kingfisher**  
1 Gîte du Bandiala and 1 in mangroves near Missira

139. **Striped Kingfisher**  
2 near Missira

140. **Little Bee-eater**  
4 near Missira, 10 Djoudj

141. **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**  
3 near Missira

142. **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater**  
200+ Missira, 100+ Djoudj

143. **Broad-billed Roller**  
10 near Missira

144. **Rufous-crowned Roller**  
Fairly common near Missira and along roads to and from Dakar

145. **Abyssinian Roller**  
Common in some areas, obvious on telephone lines near roads in open areas
146. **Green Wood-Hoopoe**  
10 near Missira

147. **Black Wood-Hoopoe**  
5 near Missira

148. **Hoopoe**  
2 seen near roads to and from Dakar

149. **Red-billed Hornbill**  
Common in Missira and fairly common Djoudj

150. **Abyssinian Ground Hornbill**  
4 between Kaolack and Fatick

151. **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**  
Fairly common Missira

152. **Vielliot’s Barbet**  
1 N’Gor, 5 Missira, 2 Djoudj

153. **Bearded Barbet**  
10 Missira

154. **Greater Honeyguide**  
1 Gîte du Bandiala

155. **Fine-spotted Woodpecker**  
4 Missira

156. **Cardinal Woodpecker**  
1 near Gîte du Bandiala

157. **Grey Woodpecker**  
5 near Missira

158. **Wryneck**  
1 Djoudj

159. **Crested Lark**  
Common and widespread

160. **Black-crowned Sparrow Lark**  
3 Djoudj, 1 south of St-Louis

161. **Common Sand Martin**  
Fairly common near Missira and at Djoudj

162. **Barn Swallow**  
Few near Missira and at Djoudj

163. **Red-chested Swallow**  
25 near Missira

164. **Mosque Swallow**  
5 near Missira, 1 near Djoudj

165. **Common House Martin**  
Fairly common near Missira

166. **White Wagtail**  
2 Missira, 20 Djoudj

167. **Yellow Wagtail**  
1 near Missira, several thousands flying to night roosts Djoudj

168. **Common Bulbul**  
Fairly common

169. **African Thrush**  
2 Missira

170. **White-crowned Robin Chat**  
Several tame individuals at Gîte du Bandiala where also a nest was found

171. **Common Redstart**  
6 Missira, 1 Djoudj

172. **Rufous Scrub Robin**  
1 Djoudj

173. **Northern Wheatear**  
15 Djoudj area

174. **Whinchat**  
Few Missira and Djoudj

175. **Northern Anteater Chat**  
6 in the outskirts of Missira

176. **Sedge Warbler**  
1 Djoudj

177. **Great Reed Warbler**  
1 seen and 1 heard singing Djoudj

178. **European Reed Warbler**  
1 seen and many other heard Djoudj

179. **Olivaceous Warbler**  
Fairly common Djoudj
180. Melodious Warbler
   1 Missira

181. Blackcap
   2 Djoudj

182. Subalpine Warbler
   Common Djoudj

183. Willow Warbler
   1 Djoudj

184. Chiffchaff
   20 Djoudj

185. Grey-backed Camaroptera
   Few N’Gor, Missira and Djoudj

186. River Prinia
   Fairly common Djoudj where seen singly or in small parties. Responded quickly to tape lure and started to sing as well.

187. Tawny-flanked Prinia
   Fairly common Missira

188. Zitting Cisticola
   5 Missira, 15 Djoudj

189. Pied Flycatcher
   1 Gîte du Bandiala

190. Blackcap Babbler
   Obvious at Gîte du Bandiala

191. Brown Babbler
   Fairly common near Gîte du Bandiala

192. Brown Sunbird
   Common in mangroves near Missira but very difficult to see well

193. Pygmy Sunbird
   Fairly common near Missira, few Djoudj

194. Collared Sunbird
   2 Gîte du Bandiala

195. Scarlet-chested Sunbird
   2 Gîte du Bandiala

196. Beautiful Sunbird
   10 near Missira, 1 male Djoudj

197. Woodchat Shrike
   1 Missira, fairly common Djoudj

198. Southern Grey Shrike
   1 Djoudj

199. Yellow-billed Shrike
   1 Missira

200. White Helmet-Shrike
   7 Missira

201. Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike
   1 heard singing Missira

202. Northern Puffback
   5 Missira

203. Yellow-crowned Gonolek
   Fairly common near Missira, very vocal

204. Brubru
   1 female Missira

205. African Golden Oriole
   Fairly common Missira

206. Fork-tailed Drongo
   10 near Missira including one bird with a tail similar to Square-tailed Drongo

207. Pied Crow
   Common near human settlements

(Brown-necked Raven)
   1 seen east of St-Louis probably this species

208. Purple Glossy Starling
   Fairly common near Missira

209. Yellow-billed Oxpecker
   5 near Djoudj

210. Chestnut-bellied Starling
   Fairly common near Djoudj and near villages south of St-Louis

211. Greater Blue-eared Starling
   Fairly common near Missira and at Djoudj

212. Lesser Blue-eared Starling
   Fairly common near Missira and at Djoudj

213. Long-tailed Glossy Starling
   Fairly common

214. House Sparrow
   Common

215. Northern Grey-headed Sparrow
   10 N’Gor, fairly common Missira

216. Sudan Golden Sparrow
   10 Calao, N’Gor and fairly common Djoudj

217. Village Weaver
   Common near Missira
218. **Black-headed Weaver**  
Common Djoudj

219. **White-billed Buffalo Weaver**  
Fairly common

220. **Red-billed Quelea**  
Fairly common N’Gor, Missira and Djoudj

221. **Northern Red Bishop**  
5 N’Gor and fairly common near Missira

222. **Lavender Waxbill**  
10 Gîte du Bandiala, Missira

223. **Red-cheeked Cordon-Bleu**  
Several N’Gor and near Missira

224. **African Quailfinch**  
1 female Djoudj

225. **Zebra Waxbill**  
3 near the Biological Station, Djoudj

226. **Red-billed Firefinch**  
20 N’Gor, fairly common near Gîte du Bandiala and at Djoudj

227. **African Silverbill**  
25 N’Gor

228. **Village Indigobird**  
10 N’Gor

229. **Yellow-fronted Canary**  
10 Dakar, 5 near Missira

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**Mammal list**

- **Common Jackal**  
  1 Ganthie, Djoudj

- **Red-fronted Gazelle**  
  3 Ganthie, Djoudj

- **Patas Monkey**  
  Several near Gîte du Bandiala, Missira

- **Tantalas Monkey**  
  Several Gîte du Bandiala, Missira

- **Pennart’s Bay Columbus**  
  Several Gîte du Bandiala, Missira

- **African Warthog**  
  Several near Gîte du Bandiala and fairly common at Djoudj

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This Python was trapped in a dwell near Gîte du Bandiala since the last rainy season.

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African Warthog near Ganthie in Djoudj.