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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 losing 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 (*pirogue*) 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.



When the entrance fee (2,000 CFA) was paid, I could enter Djoudj NP. Immediately after the entrance, the Biological Station is found to the left. In the bushy area between the entrance and the Station, birds like Wryneck, River Prinia and Zebra Waxbill were found.

Summary of birding

Seawatching:

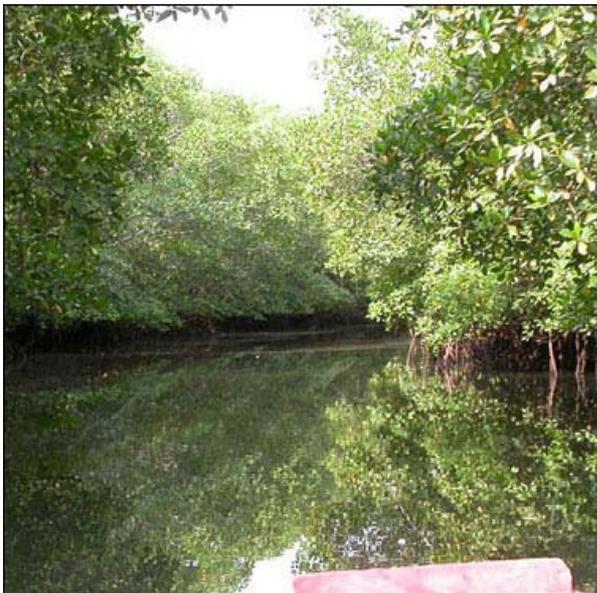
Through a phone call I had received news from the Swedish birders, who had visited Senegal the week before my arrival. They had observed an impressive numbers of Skuas, but few Storm Petrels. My first day in N'Gor the passage of birds was quite amazing, but the following days birds occurred in lower 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 Routière* (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 Linnell 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!

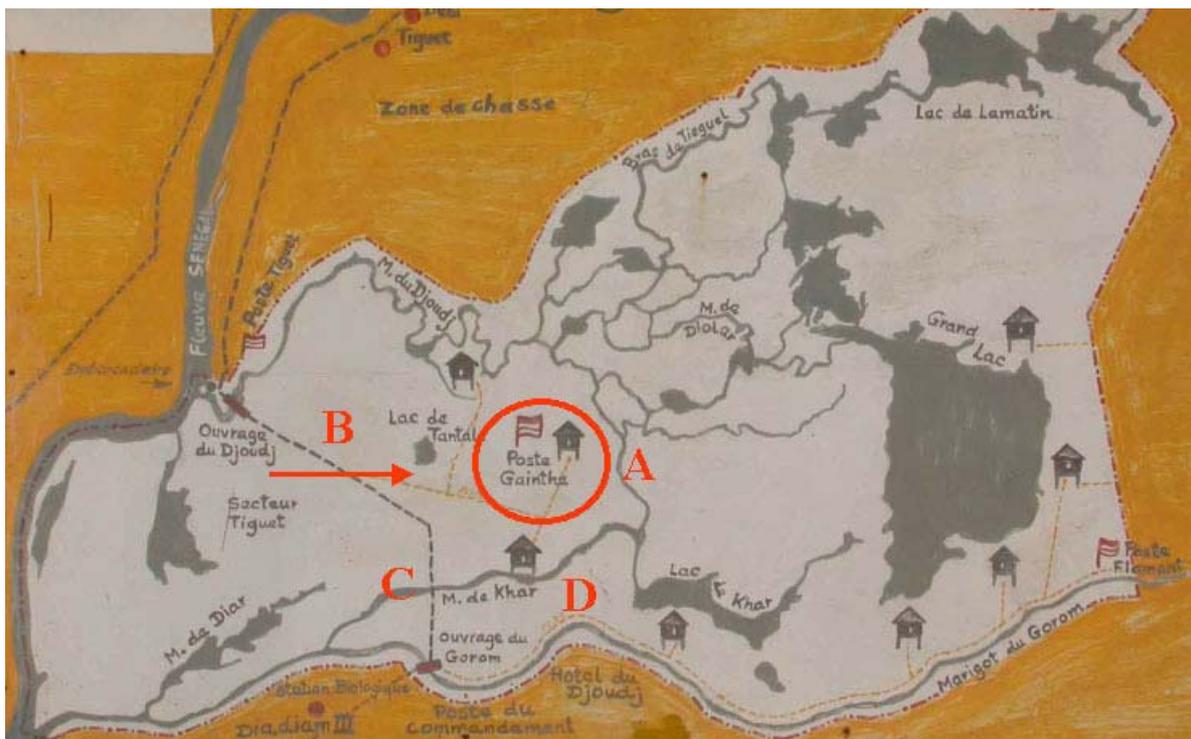
Djoudj:

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 & Linnell 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 Tantal: 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. Glossy 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 Plain-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 Dakar, 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



Rufous-crowned Roller was fairly common 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

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 Colubus

Several Gîte du Bandiala, Missira

African Warthog

Several near Gîte du Bandiala and fairly common at Djoudj



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



African Warthog near Ganthie in Djoudj.