



*Shoebill – Murchison Falls National Park*

## Birding Trails in The Albertine region

The Trail heads to birding through the Albertine rift valley takes us through different kinds of habitats thus searching for different species both wildlife and birds. It takes us through the places of endemism, in search of endemics and this at times depending on the number of days one has or certain specific species one has not seen yet after visiting the same region, Ranger Africa Safaris takes charge to arranging your life time safari experience.

### SAMPLE ITENERARY

**Day1;** Arrival at Entebbe International Airport and then Transfer to the Hotel around Lake Victoria the Second Largest Fresh water lake and relax.

**Day 2;** Early Breakfast and transfer to Mabamba bay for the shoebill, Lesser Jacana, white backed Duck, Blue-breasted Bee-eater, Great Blue Turaco. Among others. Have Lunch and transfer to Masindi Hotel.



**Great Blue Turaco**

**Day 3;** Whole day Birding the famous Royal Mile and return in the evening in time for the night jars and owls. This will overnight us in any hotel of any choice. For the Ituri Specials that only occurs at this corner in the entire East-Africa region.

**Day 4;** Road Transfer to Murchison Falls national park with a visit to the Top of the falls, the most powerful waterfall on the universe all with a slower pace birding and in search of the Abyssinian regional endemics. Like the Abyssinian Ground Thrush, Red-Winged Grey warbler, White crested Turaco among other species.

**Day 5;** Whole morning Birding in the open savanna and later in the afternoon boat trip and overnight at the same place of the choice.

**Day 6;** Birding and transfer to Kibale forest and overnight at a lodge of the choice. This trip to Kibale forest combines the search to both the Green-breasted pita and the Relatives of the human kind, the Chimpanzee. Among others, Kibale forest harbors more than 350 different species of birds and of those some are sought after birds on the Uganda list.

**Day 7;** Ealy morning walk for the Pita and later in the day relax, then afternoon head on to Bigodi wetland sanctuary and overnight.

**Day 8;** Breakfast at a relaxed pace and head on to the trailhead for the chimpanzee walk that(optional) will last

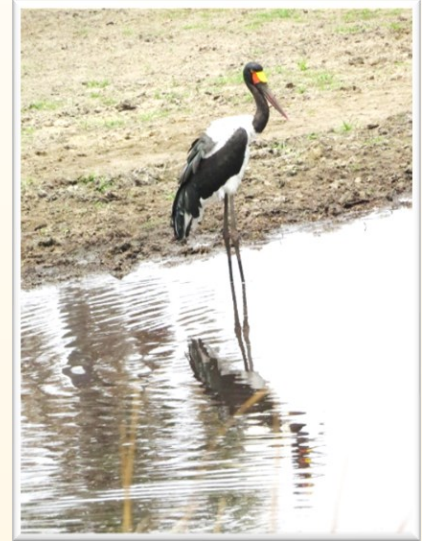


**Narina Trogon**



for one hour and get back to the lodge thus birding. This activity can be adjusted to suit the need of the participants in the group.

**Day 9;** Road transfer to Queen Elizabeth National park and overnights is an open savanna and makes us have a chance to try our luck on the Big game and the Birds and the Habitat is at Lower altitude in the middle of the Rift valley. It can be hot during the day and most of the time in the car, a part from the boat trips on the Kazinga Chanel.



*Saddle-billed stork  
Kazinga Channel*

We will divide this Ranger Africa safari nature venture into two segments, the morning and the afternoon. Of which the morning will be to take chances of the big game and the cats, then in the afternoon, we head on to sail on the Kazinga channel for the water birds and other Wildlife that is attracted to the natural fresh water canal that connects the two fresh water lakes George and Edward separated by the 40km canal.

**Day 10;** Road transfer to the southern sector of Queen Elizabeth National park and this day with packed Lunch as we will be birding as we transfer, journey of 70Km, might take us the whole day. Overnight at Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth National Park.

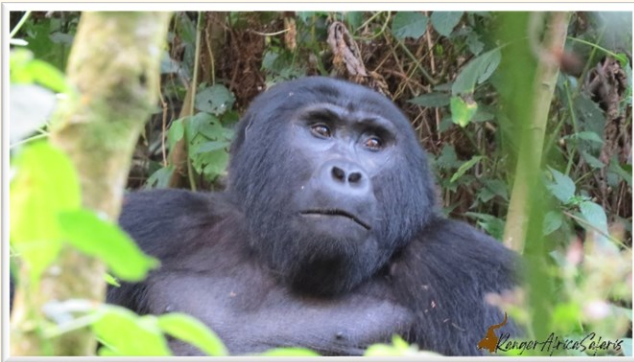
**Day 11;** Game drive and transfer to Buhoma thus birding on the way, birding the home of the tree climbing lions increases the chances of them up in the figs of the Ishasha sector of Queen Elizabeth national park. Tree climbing Lions are the highlight of this area. Overnight in Buhoma.



*Buhoma Bwindi  
Ranger Africa Safaris*

**Day 12;** Birding the Whole day and Overnight at the same place.

**Day 13;** Birding and Transfer to Ruhija, on the way we will be able to do birding at the Neck. This famous location hosts the medium altitude species and its one spot not to be missed. The highest altitude of the Entire forest and the main reason to why we intend to stay longer in this area is increasing the chances of the Albertine rift valley endemics as the concentration is at this location.



**Gorilla Tracking Bwindi N.Park**

**Day 14;** Whole day of the Gorilla Tracking and latter birding after the Gorilla activity and by any chances, coming back from Gorilla tracking(optional).

**Day 15;** Whole day descending to the Swamp in search for the localized Grauers broadbill, Grauers rush warbler, and more others on the Albertine rift endemic list. Yellow-eyed black Flycatcher, Rwenzori Batis, Mountain Masked Apalis, Red-Faced woodland warbler among others. Depending on the weather, we can try searching the nightlife species example being the Rwenzori Night Jar and more.

**Day 16;** Road Transfer to Kisoro and on the way birding at Lake Bunyonyi for swamp endemics such as the Papyrus swamp warbler, White-winged warbler, the Victoria masked weaver (a race that is still under research to be re-Included after getting recorded as extinct. Later head on to Kisoro as we are birding the environment. Overnight at Kisoro.



**Volcanoe Gorge walk  
Rwenzori Batis**

**Day 17;** Head on to the Virunga Volcanoes for more montane endemics. Gorge walk gets us to have another chance to see the Mountain Gorillas and the Golden Monkeys together with the Birds on target. Overnight again in Kisoro.

**Day 18;** Head out to Nyungwe Forest across the border and overnight there.

**Day 19;** Bird the Kamiranjojo Trail as it's the richest in the Albertine rift endemic list.

**Day 20;** Head out to another trail and overnight.

**Day 21;** Head on to Kigali International Airport for departure.

### ALBERTINE ENDEMICS EXTENTION:



***Regal Sunbird***

***Nyungwe forest-Rwanda***

**Day 1;** Head out to Congo across the borders and head Cyangungu and thereafter relax.

**Day 2;** Head on for the trail head with the Ranger for the Low land Gorilla tracking and head back and overnight at

Cyangugu as the only Town with-better services. (optional)it can be a birding day depending on the participants interests.

**Day 3;** Head on for a birding day in the Kahuzi base. And latter transfer to the lodge.

**Day 4:** Transfer to Biega for another trail head for other species and overnight.

**Day 5;** Transfer to Goma for the flight connection to Nairobi.