

I and John Miskell went on a pleasant day-long trip through the Quol-Adey-Salahley- Balli Gubadle-Hargeisa loop. Here's the list of the birds we saw.

Balli Gubadle Trip Report.

Balli Gubadley trip – 15 May 2009

John Miskell & Abdi A. Jama

(order follows Ash & Miskell 1998)

Non-passerines:		19c	26a
1. Hamerkop	- one, and nest	o*	
2. Abdim's Stork	- one	x	
3. Egyptian Goose	- two	x	
4. Eastern Chanting Goshawk	- four	x	
5. Pygmy Falcon	- several	x	x
6. Helmeted Guineafowl	- three	o	
7. Crested Francolin	- two	x	
8. Crested Bustard	- several	x	
9. White-bellied Bustard	- one	x	
10. Spotted Thick-knee	- seen twice	x	
11. Somali Courser	- several times	x	
12. Double-banded Courser	- one	x	
13. Crowned Lapwing	- several	x	
14. Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	- one heard	x	
15. Namaqua Dove	- several pairs	x	
16. Speckled Pigeon	- one, twice	x	
17. Ring-necked Dove	- common	x	x
18. Laughing Dove	- fairly common	x	x
19. Orange-bellied Parrot	- several times	x	x
20. White-bellied Go-away Bird	- fairly common	x	
21. African Cuckoo	- one = 11 th record		o
22. Somali Bee-eater	- two		x
23. Lilac-breasted Roller	- one (<u>lorti</u>)		x
24. Abyssinian Scimitarbill	- several		x
25. Hoopoe	- several, feeding young	*	x
26. Yellow-billed Hornbill	- several	x	x
27. Nubian Woodpecker	- several times	x	
28. Cardinal Woodpecker	- twice	x	
Passerines:			
1. Gillett's Lark	- one	x	
2. Blanford's Lark	- several	x	
3. Somali Short-toed Lark	- several	x	
4. Thekla Lark	- several times	x	
5. Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark	- three	x	
6. Ethiopian Swallow	- common	x	
7. Barn Swallow	- one	x	
8. Grassland Pipit	- several	x	
9. Tawny Pipit	- several – displaying	x	

10. Common Bulbul	- several – <u>somaliensis</u>	x	
Common Bulbul	- one - <u>dodsoni</u>		x
11. White-browed Scrub Robin	- one		x
12. Pale Prinia	- two		o
13. Yellow-breasted Apalais	- two		o
14. Red-fronted Warbler	- one		x
15. Grey Wren-Warbler	- twice	x	
16. Northern Crombec	- three times	o	o
17. Banded Parisoma	- several times	x	x
18. African Grey Flycatcher	- common – 2 chicks in nest	x	*
19. Spotted Flycatcher	- twice	x	x
20. Grey-headed Batis	- once	x	
21. Northern Grey Tit	- twice – newly fledged	x	*
22. White-crested Helmet-Shrike	- five	x	
23. Northern White-crowned Shrike	- twice	x	
24. Red-backed Shrike	- very common	x	o
25. Isabelline Shrike	- several	x	o
26. Lesser Grey Shrike	- very common	x	x
27. Somali Fiscal	- several	x	x
28. Masked Shrike	- one	x	
29. Brubru	- several times	x	x
30. Rosy-patched Shrike	- common	x	x
31. Slate-coloured Boubou	- once	x	
32. Fork-tailed Drongo	- twice	x	
33. Somali Crow	- twice	x	
34. Blue-eared Glossy Starling	- several		o
35. Shelley's Starling	- one (Abdi Jama)	x	
36. Superb Starling	- common	x	x
37. Golden-breasted Starling	- one	x	
38. White-crowned Starling	- several times; young in nest	*	x
39. Wattled Starling	- common	x	x
40. Red-billed Oxpecker	- several times	x	
41. Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	- one pair	o	
42. Variable Sunbird	- one pair	x	
43. Marico Sunbird	- one pair	x	
44. White-headed Buffalo Weaver	- several times; young in nest	*	
45. Vitelline Masked Weaver	- 2 males		o
46. Speke's Weaver	- 2 small colonies with nests	x	
47. Swainson's Sparrow	- twice	x	
48. Yellow-spotted Petronia	- two		x
49. Blue-capped Cordon-bleu	- pair = 1 st record in north	o	
50. White-bellied Canary	- two	o	
51. Somali Golden-breasted Bunting	- two	x	

x = present o = new square record * = breeding record

79 species 14 new square records 6 breeding records