



Larger Mammals of Meru National Park

Carnivores			
English	Latin	Swahili	Comments
Dogs and allies			
Jackals, wild dog, bat-eared fox, foxes			
<u>jackal</u>			
side-striped jackal	canis adustus	mbweha	Rare
black-backed jackal, silver-backed jackal	canis mesomelas	mbweha nyekundu	
<u>wild dog</u>			
wild dog, hunting dog	lycaon pictus	mbwa mwitu	Occasional
Hyaenids			
Hyaenas, aardwolf			
<u>hyena</u>			
spotted hyena, laughing hyena	crocuta crocuta	nyangao, fisi	
striped hyena	hyaena hyaena	fisi	Nocturnal
<u>aardwolf</u>			
aardwolf	proteles cristatus	fisi ya nkole, fisi ndogo	Rare and nocturnal
Cats			
Lion, leopard, cheetah & small cats			
<u>cheetah</u>			
cheetah	acinonyx jubatus	duma	
<u>lion</u>			
lion	panthera leo	simba	Common
<u>leopard</u>			



leopard, panther (incl. black panther)	panthera pardus	chui	
<u>smaller cats</u>			
caracal	felis caracal, caracal caracal	simba mangu	
serval cat	felis serval, felis servalina, felis brachyura, leptailurus serval	mondo	Common
wild cat, African wild cat	felis sylvestris (lybica)	paka, mwitu, kimburu, paka pori	
Mustelids			
Weasels, honey badgers, otters etc			
<u>weasel</u>			
zorilla	ictonyx striatus	kicheche	
	i.s. striatus		
ratel, honey badger	mellivora capensis	nyegere	Rare
<u>otter</u>		fisi maji	
African clawless otter, Cape clawless otter	aonyx capensis	fisi maji kubwa	
Mongoosees			
<u>mongoose</u>			
marsh mongoose	atilax paludinosus	nguchiro wa maji	
dwarf mongoose	helogale parvula	kitafe	
ichneumon, Egyptian mongoose, large grey mongoose	herpestes ichneumon	nguchiro	
banded mongoose	mungos mungo	nkuchiro	
Viverridae			
<u>civet</u>			
African civet	civettictis civetta	fungo	
<u>genet</u>			



common genet, small-spotted genet	genetta genetta	kanu	
blotched genet, large-spotted genet, rusty-spotted genet	genetta tigrina	kanu	
Herbivores and Insectivores			
Hoofed mammals – ungulates			
Proboscids			
<u>elephant</u>			Up to 800
African elephant, savanna elephant, bush elephant	loxodonta africana	ndovu, tembo	
Hyraxes			
Tree, bush and rock hyraxes			
<u>tree hyrax</u>			
eastern tree hyrax	dendrohyrax validus	perere	
<u>bush hyrax</u>			Localised
yellow-spotted bush hyrax	heterohyrax brucei	perere mawe	
<u>Rock hyrax</u>			
Cape rock hyrax	procavia capensis		
aardvark			
aardvark, ant bear	orycteropus afer	muhanga, kukukifuku	Rarely seen
Odd-toed ungulates			
<u>Zebras, rhinoceros, wild asses</u>			
Grevy zebra	equus grevyi	punda milia somali	
Burchell's zebra	e.q. burchelli		
<u>rhinoceros</u>			
black rhinoceros, browse rhinoceros	diceros bicornis	kifaru, faru	
white rhinoceros, grass rhinoceros	ceratotherium simum	kifaru, kiaru ya majani	Easily seen



Even-toed ungulates			
Hippopotamus, pigs, chevrotains, deer, giraffes, buffalo, antelopes, duikers, gazelles, goats & sheep			
<u>hippopotamus</u>			
hippopotamus	hippopotamus amphibius	kiboko	
pig			
common warthog, savanna warthog	phacandoerus africanus	ngiri, mbango	
bush pig, savanna bush pig	potamandoerus larvatus	nguruwe	
<u>giraffes</u>			
reticulated giraffe	g.c. reticulata		Ke:northern
<u>buffalo</u>			
buffalo, African buffalo	syncerus caffer	mbogo, nyati	Common
<u>antelopes</u>			
impala	aepyceros melampus	swala pala	Common
kongoni, hartebeest	alcelaphus buselaphus	kongoni	
waterbuck	kobus ellipsiprymnus	kuru, kobu	Common
beisa oryx	oryx beisa	choroa, bara bara	
beisa oryx	o.b. beisa		Ke:north of Tana River
Bohor reedbuck	redunca redunca	forhi, tohe	
<u>spiral-horned bovines</u>			
Derby's eland, giant eland	taurotragus derbianus, tragelaphus derbianus		
lesser kudu	tragelaphus imberbis	tandala ndogo	
bushbuck	tragelaphus scriptus	pongo, mbawala	
greater kudu	tragelaphus strepsiceros	tandala, tandala mkubwa	
<u>duikers</u>			



blue duiker	cephalophus monticola	ndimba, chesi	
bush duiker, common duiker	sylvicapra grimmia	nsya	
<u>dwarf antelopes</u>			
Kirk's dikdik	madoqua kirkii	suguya, digidigi	
sunii	neotragus moschatus	sunii, paa mwekundu	
oribi	ourebia ourebi	taya	
<u>gazelles</u>			
Grant's gazelle	gazella granti	swala granti	
gerenuk	litocranius walleri	swala twiga, njonga	
Primates – monkeys, apes etc			
<u>galago</u>			
greater galago, thick-tailed bushbaby	otolemur crassicaudatus	komba ya miombo	Nocturnal
northern lesser bushbaby	g.s. braccatus		
<u>savannah monkey</u>			
vervet monkey, black-faced vervet monkey	cercopithecus (aethiops) pygerythrus	tumbili	
Syke's monkey	c.(n.)m. albogularis		
<u>Baboons</u>			
olive baboon	papio anubis	nyani	
Porcupines			
brush-tailed porcupine	atherurus africanus	njiko	
ground pangolin, Cape pangolin, lesser ground pangolin	smutsia temminckii, manis temminckii	kakakuona	
Pangolins			
ground pangolin, Cape pangolin, lesser ground pangolin	smutsia temminckii, manis temminckii	kakakuona	Rare



Rhino River Camp birds check-list

Latin Name	English	Italiano
<i>Struthionidae</i>		
Struthio molybdophanes	Somali Ostrica	Struzzo somalo
<i>Anhingidae</i>		
Anhinga rufa	African Darter	Aninga africana
<i>Ardeidae</i>		
Ardea cinerea	Grey Heron	Airone cenerino
Ardea melanocephala	Black-headed Heron	Airone testanera
Casmerodius albus	Great Egret	Airone bianco maggiore
Egretta intermedia	Yellow-billed Egret	Garzetta intermedia
Bubulcus ibis	Cattle Egret	Airone guardabuoi
Ixobrychus sturmii	Dwarf Bittern	Tarabusino nano africano
<i>Ciconiidae</i>		
Ciconia ciconia	White Stork	Cicogna bianca
<i>Threskiornithidae</i>		
Bostrychia olivacea	African Green Ibis	Ibis olivaceo
Bostrychia hagedash	Hadada Ibis	Ibia hadada
<i>Anatidae</i>		
Plectropterus gambensis	Spur-winged Goose	Oca dallo sperone
<i>Accipitridae</i>		
Pernis apivorus	Eurasian Honey-buzzard	Falco pecchiaiolo
Elanus caeruleus	Black-shouldered Kite	Nibbio bianco
Terathopius ecaudatus	Bateleur	Falco giocoliere
Circus aeruginosus	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	Falco di palude euroasiatico
Circus ranivorus	African Marsh-Harrier	Falco di palude africano
Circus macrourus	Pallid Harrier	Albanella pallida
Circus pygargus	Montagu's Harrier	Albanella minore
Polyboroides typus	African Harrier-Hawk	Sparviero serpentario africano
Kaupifalco monogrammicus	Lizard Buzzard	Falco monogrammico
Melierax poliopterus	Eastern Pale Chanting Shikra	Goshawk Astore canoro orientale
Accipiter badius	Shikra	Shikra
Accipiter minullus	Little Sparrowhawk	Sparviero minore africano
Aquila pomarina	Lesser Spotted Eagle	Aquila anatraia minore
Aquila rapax	Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapace
Aquila nipalensis	Steppe Eagle	Aquila delle steppe
Aquila wahlbergi	Wahlberg's Eagle	Aquila di Wahlberg's
Lophaelix occipitalis	Long-crested Eagle	Aquila dal lungo ciuffo



Stephanoaetus coronatus
Falco naumanni
Falco tinnunculus

African Crowned Eagle
Lesser Kestrel
Common Kestrel

Aquila coronata
Grillaio
Gheppio

Phasianidae

Francolinus sephaena
Francolinus leucoscepus

Crested Francolin
Yellow-necked Spurfowl
Francolino crestato
Francolino collogiallo

Numididae

Numida meleagris
Acryllium vulturinum

Helmeted Guineafowl
Vulturine Guineafowl
Faraona comune
Faraona vulturina

Gruidae

Balearica regulorum

Grey Crowned Crane
Gru coronata

Charadriidae

Vanellus tectus
Vanellus spinosus
Vanellus coronatus

Black-headed Plover
Spur-winged Plover
Crowned Plover
Pavoncella testanera africana
Pavoncella spinosa
Pavoncella coronata

Scolopacidae

Gallinago gallinago
Limosa limosa
Tringa ochropus
Actitis hypoleucos

Common Snipe
Black-tailed Godwit
Green Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Beccaccino comune
Pittima reale
Piro piro boschereccio
Piro piro piccolo

Pteroclididae

Pterocles decoratus

Black-faced Sandgrouse
Grandule faccianera

Columbidae

Streptopelia decipiens
Streptopelia semitorquata
Streptopelia capicola
Streptopelia senegalensis
Turtur tympanistria
Turtur chalcospilos
Oena capensis
Treron calva

African Mourning Dove
Red-eyed Dove
Ring-necked Dove
Laughing Dove
Tambourine Dove
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove
Namaqua Dove
African Green Pigeon
Tortora lamentosa Africana
Tortora dal semicollare
Tortora del capo
Tortora del Senegal
Tortora tamburina
Tortora macchiata di smeraldo
Tortora maschera di ferro
Piccione verde africano

Psittacidae

Poicephalus rufiventris

African Orange-bellied Parrot
Pappagallo rufiventre

Musophagidae

Corythaixoides leucogaster

White-bellied Go-away-bird
Turaco ventrebianco



Cuculidae

Cuculus clamosus	Black Cuckoo	Cuculo nero
Cuculus gularis	African Cuckoo	Cuculo africano
Centropus superciliosus	White-browed Coucal	Cuculo fagiano dai sopraccigli bianchi

Caprimulgidae

Caprimulgus nubicus	Nubian Nightjar	Succiacapre della Nubia
Caprimulgus donaldsoni	Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar	Succiacapre di Donaldson
Caprimulgus clarus	Slender-tailed Nightjar	Succiacapre di Reichenow
Caprimulgus nubicus	Nubian Nightjar	

Apodidae

Schoutedenapus myoptilus	Scarce Swift	Rondone dello Shoa
Telacanthura ussheri	Mottled Spinetail	Rondone codaspinosa di Ussher
Cypsiurus parvus	African Palm-Swift	Rondone delle palme africano
Apus barbatus	African Black Swift	Rondone nero africano
Apus affinis	Little Swift	Rondone indiano

Coliidae

Colius striatus	Speckled Mousebird	Uccello topo macchiettato
Urocolius macrourus	Blue-naped Mousebird	Uccello topo nucablu

Alcedinidae

Haleyon chelicuti	Striped Kingfisher	Martin pescatore striato
Alcedo cristata	Malachite Kingfisher	Martin pescatore malachite
Megaceryle maxima	Giant Kingfisher	Martin pescatore gigante
Ceryle rudis	Pied Kingfisher	Martin pescatore bianco e nero

Meropidae

Merops revoilii	Somali Bee-eater	Gruccione della Somalia
Merops albicollis	White-throated Bee-eater	Gruccione golabianca
Merops superciliosus	Madagascar Bee-eater	Gruccione dai sopraccigli bianchi
Merops apiaster	Eurasian Bee-eater	Gruccione europeo

Coraciidae

Coracias caudatus	Lilac-breasted Roller	Ghiandaia marina pettolilla
Coracias garrulus	Eurasian Roller	Ghiandaia marina europea
Eurystomus glaucurus	Broad-billed Roller	Euristomo africano

Upupidae

Upupa africana	African Hoopoe	Upupa Africana
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Phoeniculidae

Phoeniculus purpureus	Green Wood-hoopoe	Upupa arboricola purpurea
Phoeniculus somaliensis	Black-billed Woodhoopoe	Upupa arboricola della Somalia



Phoeniculus damarensis	Violet Wood Hoopoe	Upupa arboricola violetta
<i>Bucerotidae</i>		
Tockus alboterminatus	Crowned Hornbill	Bucero codabianca
Tockus nasutus	African Grey Hornbill	Bucero nasuto
Tockus erythrorhynchus	Red-billed Hornbill	Bucero beccorosso
Tockus flavirostris	Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	Bucero beccogiallo orientale
Tockus deckeni	Von der Decken's Hornbill	Bucero di Von der Decken's
Bycanistes bucinator	Trumpeter Hornbill	Bucero trombettiere
<i>Capitonidae</i>		
Stactolaema leucotis	White-eared Barbet	Barbuto orecchie bianche
Pogoniulus pusillus	Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Barbatula fronterossa
Tricholaema lachrymosa	Spot-flanked Barbet	Barbuto fianchimacchiati
<i>Indicatoridae</i>		
Indicator variegatus	Scaly-throated Honeyguide	Indicatore golamacchiata
Indicator indicator	Greater Honeyguide	Indicatore golanera
<i>Picidae</i>		
Campethera nubica	Nubian Woodpecker	Picchio di Nubia
Dendropicops fuscescens	Cardinal Woodpecker	Picchio cardinale
<i>Passeriformes</i>		
<i>Alaudidae</i>		
Mirafrua rufocinnamomea	Flappet Lark	Allodola di Salvadori
Calendulauda poecilosterna	Pink-breasted Lark	Allodola pettorosa
Calendulauda africanoides	Fawn-colored Lark	Allodola castana
Eremopterix signatus	Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark	Allodola testacastana
<i>Hirundinidae</i>		
Riparia riparia	Sand Martin	Topino
Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	Rondine comune
Hirundo aethiopica	Ethiopian Swallow	Rondine etiopica
Ptyonoprogne fuligula	Rock Martin	Rondine rupestre africana
Delichon urbicum	Common House-Martin	Balestruccio
Cecoprnis abyssinica	Lesser Striped Swallow	Rondine dell'Abissinia
Cecoprnis senegalensis	Mosque Swallow	Rondine del Senegal
Cecoprnis daurica	Red-rumped Swallow	Rondine rossiccia
<i>Motacillidae</i>		
Anthus cinnamomeus	Grassland Pipit	Calandro africano
Macronyx croceus	Yellow-throated Longclaw	Zampagrossa golagiulla
Macronyx aurantiigula	Pangani Longclaw	Zampagrossa del Pangani
Motacilla aguimp	African Pied Wagtail	Ballerina nera Africana
Motacilla flava	Yellow Wagtail	Cutrettola



Motacilla clara	Mountain Wagtail	Ballerina codalunga
<i>Campephagidae</i>		
Campephaga flava	Black Cuckoo-Shrike	Mangiabruchi nero
<i>Pycnonotidae</i>		
Pycnonotus barbatus	Common Bulbul	Bulbul golanera
Andropadus importunus	Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul	Bulbul di Zanzibar
Phyllastrephus strepitans	Northern Brownbul	Bulbul chiassoso
<i>Turdidae</i>		
Cichladusa guttata	Spotted Morning Thrush	Cantore maculato
Cossypha natalensis	Red-capped Robin-Chat	Pettirosso del Natal
Erythropygia leucophrys	Red-backed Scrub Robin	Usignolo d'Africa dai sopraccigli bianchi
Oenanthe oenanthe	Northern Wheatear	Culbianco
Oenanthe pleschanka	Pied Wheatear	Monachella dorsonero
Oenanthe isabellina	Isabelline Wheatear	Culbianco isabellino
<i>Muscicapidae</i>		
Bradornis microrhynchus	African Grey Flycatcher	Pigliamosche grigio
Melaenornis pammelaina	Southern Black Flycatcher	Pigliamosche nero sudafricano
Muscicapa striata	Spotted Flycatcher	Pigliamosche europeo
Muscicapa caerulescens	Ashy Flycatcher	Pigliamosche cenerino
Myioparus plumbeus	Lead-coloured Flycatcher	Pigliamosche plumbeo
<i>Platysteiridae</i>		
Batis molitor	Chin-spot Batis	Pigliamosche mugnaio
Batis perkeo	Pygmy Batis	Pigliamosche pigmeo
<i>Monarchidae</i>		
Terpsiphone viridis	African Paradise Flycatcher	Pigliamosche del paradiso africano
<i>Cisticolidae</i>		
Prinia subflava	Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia fianchifulvi
Prinia somalica	Pale Prinia	Prinia della Somalia
Cisticola nana	Tiny Cisticola	Beccamoschino nano
Apalis flavida	Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apale pettogiallo
Camaroptera brachyura	Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camarottera dorsoverde
Calamonastes simplex	Grey Wren Warbler	Camarottera grigia
<i>Sylviidae</i>		



Melocichla mentalis	African Moustached Warbler	Melocicla dai mustacchi
Hippolais pallida	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	Canapino pallido
Hippolais olivetorum	Olive-tree Warbler	Canapino levantino
Hippolais languida	Upcher's Warbler	Canapino di Upcher
Phylloscopus trochilus	Willow Warbler	Lui grosso
Sylvietta isabellina	Somali Long-billed Crombec	Silvietta somala beccolungo
<i>Timaliidae</i>		
Turdoides rubiginosus	Rufous Chatterer	Garrulo rossiccio africano
<i>Paridae</i>		
Parus thruppi	Northern Grey Tit	Cincia somala
<i>Nectariniidae</i>		
Anthreptes orientalis	Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	Nettarinia dorsoviola del Kenya
Cyanomitra olivacea	Olive Sunbird	Nettarinia violacea
Chalcomitra senegalensis	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Nettarinia pettirossa
Chalcomitra hunteri	Hunter's Sunbird	Nettarinia di Hunter
Cinnyris mariquensis	Marico Sunbird	Nettarinia di Mariqua
Cinnyris nectarinioides	Black-bellied Sunbird	Nettarinia piccola pettonero
Cinnyris venustus	Variable Sunbird	Nettarinia variabile
<i>Zosteropidae</i>		
Zosterops abyssinicus	Abyssinian White-eye	Occhialino pettobianco
<i>Oriolidae</i>		
Oriolus oriolus	Eurasian Golden-Oriole	Rigogolo europeo
Oriolus auratus	African Golden-Oriole	Rigogolo giallo africano
Oriolus larvatus	Black-headed Oriole	Rigogolo testanera africano
<i>Laniidae</i>		
Lanius isabellinus	Red-tailed Strike	Averla isabellina
Lanius minor	Lesser Grey Strike	Averla cenerina
Lanius cabanisi	Long-tailed Fiscal	Averla dorsonero
Lanius dorsalis	Taita Fiscal	Averla taita
<i>Malaconotidae</i>		
Telophorus sulfureopectus	Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike	Averla di macchia pettosulfureo
Laniarius aethiopicus	Tropical Boubou	Averla di macchia etiopica
Laniarius funebris	Slate-coloured Boubou	Averla di macchia near
Dryoscopus cubla	Black-backed Puffback	Dorsopiumoso dorsonero
<i>Prionopidae</i>		
Prionops plumatus	White-crested Helmet-shrike	Prionope crestalunga
Prionops retzii	Retz's Helmet-Shrike	Prionope beccorosso di Retz



Eurocephalus rueppelli	Northern White-crowned Strike	Averla di Ruppel
<i>Dicruridae</i>		
Dicrurus adsimilis	Common Drongo	Drongo codaforcuta
<i>Corvidae</i>		
Corvus albus	Pied Crow	Corvo bianconero
<i>Sturnidae</i>		
Poeoptera kenricki	Kenrick's Starling	Storno di Kenrick
Lamprotornis corruscus	Black-bellied Starling	Storno splendente ventrenero
Lamprotornis chalybaeus	Greater Blue-eared Starling	Storno orecchie blu maggiore
Lamprotornis regius	Golden-breasted Starling	Storno reale africano
Lamprotornis shelleyi	Shelley's Starling	Storno di Shelley
Lamprotornis hildebrandti	Hildebrandt's Starling	Storno di Hildebrandt
Lamprotornis superbus	Superb Starling	Storno superbo
Spreo fischeri	Fischer's Starling	Storno di Fischer
Buphagus africanus	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Bufaga beccogiallo
Buphagus erythrorhynchus	Red-billed Oxpecker	Bufaga beccorosso
<i>Passeridae</i>		
Passer griseus	Grey-headed Sparrow	Passero testagrigia
Passer emimibey	Chestnut Sparrow	Passero castano
Petronia pyrgita	Yellow-spotted Petronia	Passera lagia golagialla
<i>Ploceidae</i>		
Bubalornis niger	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	Tessitore dei bufali beccorosso
Dinemellia dinemelli	White-headed Buffalo-Weaver	Tessitore dei bufali testabianca
Plocepasser mahali	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Passero tessitore mahali
Pseudonigrita cabanisi	Black-capped Social-Weaver	Tessitore sociale caponero
Sporopipes frontalis	Speckle-fronted Weaver	Tessitore frontesquamosa
Amblyospiza albifrons	Grosbeak Weaver	Tessitore beccogrosso
Ploceus nigricollis	Black-necked Weaver	Tessitore giallo e nero
Ploceus subaureus	African Golden Weaver	Tessitore dorato
Ploceus xanthops	Holub's Golden-Weaver	Tessitore dorato di Holub
Ploceus bojeri	Golden Palm Weaver	Tessitore dorato delle palme
Ploceus intermedius	Lesser Masked Weaver	Tessitore mascherato minore
Ploceus velatus	Vitelline Masked Weave	Tessitore mascherato africano
Ploceus cucullatus	Village Weaver	Gendarme
Ploceus rubiginosus	Chestnut Weaver	Tessitore castano
Anaplectes rubriceps	Red-headed Weaver	Tessitore testarossa
Quelea cardinalis	Cardinal Quella	Quelea cardinale
Quelea quella	Red-billed Quella	Quelea beccorosso
<i>Estrildidae</i>		
Pytilia melba	Green-winged Pytilia	Melba
Hypargos niveoguttatus	Peters's Twinspot	Amaranto fiammante



Lagonosticta senegala
 Estrilda rhodopyga
 Estrilda astrild
 Estrilda charmosyna
 Uraeginthus cyanocephalus
 Uraeginthus ianthinogaster
 Lonchura cantans
 Lonchura griseicapilla
 Lonchura cucullata
 Lonchura bicolor
 Lonchura fringilloides
 Amadina fasciata

Red-billed Firefinch
 Crimson-rumped Waxbill
 Common Waxbill
 Black-cheeked Waxbill
 Blue-capped Cordon-bleu
 Purple Grenadier
 African Silverbill
 Grey-headed Silverbill
 Bronze Mannikin
 Black and White Mannikin
 Magpie Mannikin
 Cut-throat Finch

Amaranto beccorosso
 Astrilde groppone rosso
 Astrilde commune
 Astrilde ventrerosato
 Cordon blu dal cappuccio
 Granatino purpureo
 Becco d'argento africano
 Becco d'argento testagrigia
 Cappuccino bronzato
 Cappuccino bicolore
 Cappuccino maggiore
 Golatagliata

Fringillidae

Serinus reichenowi
 Serinus sulphuratus

Yellow-rumped Seedeater
 Brimstone Canary

Verzellino di Reichenow
 Canarino solforato

Emberizidae

Emberiza poliopleura

Somali Golden-breasted Bunting

Zigolo pettodorato della Somalia