

TANA RIVER – GAMBA TO WITU ROAD

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Names and sequence from *Check-list of the Birds of Kenya*, Third Edition, 1996
All numbers are estimates

1. 20 March 2008 TARDA camp, including TARDA Guest House ± 30 mins.

Woolly-necked Stork	Madagascar Bee-eater
Yellow-billed Stork	Carmine Bee-eater
Bateleur – flying over road	White-throated Bee-eater
Feral Pigeon	Lilac-breasted Roller
Ring-necked Dove	Barn Swallow
Striped Kingfisher	Lesser Striped Swallow

2. 20 March 2008 4 Pools by roadside, ± 20-30 km past turnoff to Garsen ± 1 hour

Pool 1 (many hippos)

Cattle Egret	20
Yellow-billed Egret	1
Grey Heron	1
Goliath Heron	1
Hamerkop	2
Hadada Ibis	1
African Jacana	20
Spur-winged Plover	5
Grey-headed Kingfisher	
Barn Swallow	
Rüppell's Long-tailed Starling	

Pool 4 (with open water)

Cattle Egret	
* Black Heron	
Common Squacco Heron	
African Open-billed Stork	
Sacred Ibis	
Little Swift	

* = species not recorded elsewhere in the Delta on this trip

Pool 2 (drying wetland covered with Nile Cabbage)

Cattle Egret	70
Yellow-billed Egret	2
Great Egret	2
Grey Heron	1
Goliath Heron	1
Hamerkop	1
Sacred Ibis	14
Glossy Ibis	10
African Jacana	6
* Whiskered Tern	40

Note: Saddle-billed Storks seen in Kipini Sanctuary just outside the Delta

Pool 3 (open water & open field)

Cattle Egret	300
Hamerkop	3
African Open-billed Stork	2
* Black-winged Stilt	1