

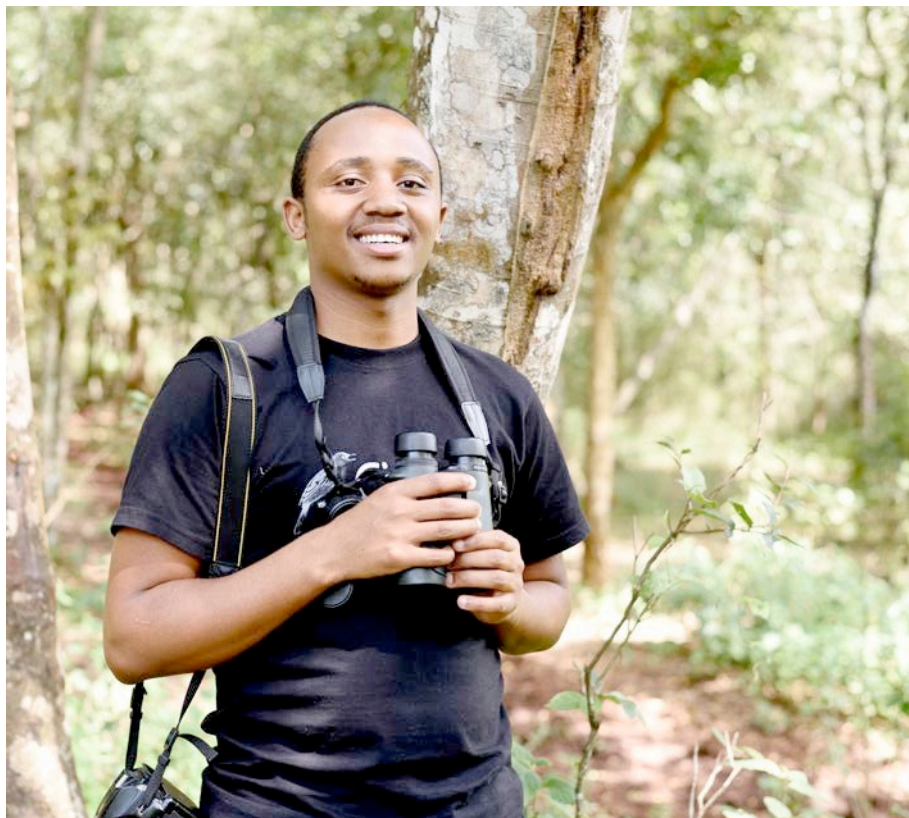
**A special Advanced course focused on BIRDS –May
2023**

**A three-day training course for Professional Safari Guides *and* anyone else with a
particular interest in knowing more about Ornithology**

22,23,24 of May at Suyian Soul, Laikipia.

The course will be taught by:

Washington Wachira who is one of the top ornithologists in East Africa; having led hundreds of birding expeditions, field courses and safaris across Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda. He studied his BSc from Kenyatta University, where he studied the feeding habits of sunbirds. He further started an MSc from the same university working on birds of prey ecology in Nairobi forests. He has co-authored several books and checklists on birds, in Kenya. He is a member of the East Africa Bird Rarities Committee. He is also a member of the Bird Committee of Nature Kenya, where he chairs the National Bird of Kenya Sub-committee. He is also a TED Speaker and a 2016 National Geographic Explorer.



Ornithology course outline

This advanced course is meant for birders who have already completed our introduction course. In the advanced course, we dive deeper into the concepts learnt during the introduction course and also introduce new topics to help you learn more about birds.

This exciting course covers topics such as: -

- 0 Habitat and distribution in birding
- 0 Bird calls and songs
- 0 Little Brown Jobs (LBJs) of Kenya – identifying difficult bird species and families
- 0 Raptors of Kenya – ID and Basic Biology
- 0 Nocturnal species
- 0 Evolution of birds and speciation; plus changes and trends in avian Taxonomy
- 0 Feet and bills – plus their role in bird ID and understanding of species
- 0 Flight and movement in birds
- 0 Bird migration

The course will focus on the birds of Kenya, with a few case examples of birds from other locations. Kenya has over 1100 species of birds, and we hope to learn about a good sample of the bird families represented in Kenya.

There will be enough classroom lectures and discussions, aided by projected power point presentations. This will help you visualize the art of birding and also get to refine your theoretical concepts.

Fieldwork consists of practical birding demonstrations and walks to learn about birds in the field. Illustrations and group assignments will also be applied during the course.

There will be a small test at the end but that will be very engaging too.

Training Schedule: 3 days ornithology with a maximum of 10 participants.

Cost: 48,000/= pp full board x 10 pax sharing (for guides and others staying in the lodge)

38,000/= pp full board for persons who will be bringing a tent and a bedroll and joining us for lodge meals.

18,000/= pp for guides who bring a tent and a bedroll but have separate meals.

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