

Egypt

winter birding in the Nile valley

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trip report summary



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cover photos: Nilotic landscape in Aswan, by Tomas Axén Haraldsson, and Striated Heron, Purple Swamphen and African Pied Wagtail by Uno Unger

Welcome to the English summary of a winter birding trip to southern Egypt. This was a nature-and-culture type tour run by the Swedish nature tour operator AviFauna and with the planning, arrangements and leading by me. It draws on my vast experience of both birding and doing birding trips to Egypt where I spent years during the 2002-2006 period and several group trips ever since.

Bird tourism to Egypt has still not recovered from the years around the "Arab Spring" in 2011 but the wonderful winter climate, the rich bird life, the legendary historical monuments and the hospitable Egyptians are still there ☺

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Itinerary

This program focused on the rich winter time bird life in the Nile valley. The navigable stretch of the river (or where tourism cruise ships are permitted for "security reasons") is the distance between Luxor and Aswan, some 280km. We chose to do it upstream/southwards which means slower going = more time to scan the wetlands and lagoons from the moving ship. But any trip here needs to calculate with both the flight times and dates, cruise ship departure days and other factors.

- 2/12 flights from Scandinavia through Cairo to Luxor, arrival at midnight. Three nights at hotel in Luxor.
- 3/12 birding at Crocodile Island and visit at the temples of Karnak
- 4/12 full day on the West Bank (Valley of the Kings, some desert birds, temples)
- 5/12 desert birding east of Luxor and cultural visits in the afternoon. Check-in to cruise ship, four nights onboard the top-rated Amarco I.
- 6/12 morning birding on the Nile, cruise ship departs at noon.
- 7/12 full day cruising and birding on the Nile. Visits at Edfu and Kom Ombo.
- 8/12 full day birding in Aswan (Gebel Shisha, High Dam and felucca on the Nile)
- 9/12 homebound flights



Winter birding in the Nile valley – Painted Snipes, Long-legged Buzzard and Night Heron. Photos by Hans Vallin

Short daily accounts

2 December

Flights with Egypt Air departing Scandinavia at noon, three hours transit in Cairo and then the last hour domestic flight to Luxor. Arriving just after midnight and bus transfer to centrally located 5*****-hotel Sonesta St George.

3 December

Short morning drive south from the city to Crocodile Island and birding here until lunch. A pleasant area, walking around in company of the local bird guide Abdou Yousef in exotic settings with date palms, sugar cane fields and the lagoons and wetlands of the river. Great birding with Purple Herons, Little Bitterns, Striated Heron, Purple (African) Swamphen, large raft of Ferruginous Duck, Glossy Ibises, Marsh Sandpipers, White-breasted Kingfisher (recent expansion southwards from lower Egypt) and much more. A single and discreet Senegal Thick-knee was detected and also brief views of two males Nile Valley Sunbird although in less colorful winter plumage.

Lunch in the city before moving to the huge Karnak temple complex for an afternoon of pharaonic power and galore. Blue Rock Thrush and Rock Martin among the temple walls and colonnades.

4 December

The historical sites, present day villages and desert edge areas across the river west of Luxor is known as the West Bank. Here one can spend days visiting tombs, funeral temples, craftsmens shops and other sites. We devoted a full day and started out in the Valley of the Kings as one of very few tour groups there. Pharaonic burial chambers are an incredible experience and the barren desert gorge is a fitting scenery. Mourning Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush and finally also a male Hooded Wheatear as well as a Booted Eagle drifting by.

The photogenic temple of Hatshepsut was visited just before lunch with another view of the Booted Eagle as well as another Hooded Wheatear, a Little Owl and a Long-legged Buzzard. Local lunch with lentil soup and grilled fish from Lake Nasser was a great experience and also included a *maurus* Siberian Stonechat on a nearby field. Some more sightseeing before

returning to our hotel in Luxor with both senses and memory cards filled to the brim. Doing the species check list on the hotel terrace overlooking the Nile is a superb way of wrapping up the day. Night Heron, wailing Senegal Thick-knees and a Barn Owl sitting on the hotel facade.



Sunrise over the eternal river. Photo by Tomas Axén Haraldsson

5 December

Half day birding at the desert edges east of the city accompanied by Abdou again. Sewage treatment ponds and dry cultivations as the river valley gives in to the sandy desert results in an interesting selection of species with Ruddy Shelduck, Booted Eagle, Black-shouldered Kites, Desert and Isabelline Wheatears, Tawny Pipits, Trumpeter Finches, Indian Silverbills, Rock Martins and more.

Upon return to the hotel we checked out and moved over to our cruise ship, MS Amarco I, moored along the corniche. After lunch we relaxed on sun deck and settled down at this new base for the coming four days. Afternoon walk in the Luxor bazaar was a classic experience, the majestic Luxor Temple as well, smoking water pipe and spices shopping. A huge squadron of White Pelicans passed slowly through the city and was almost missed by us on the streets.

6 December

With the cruise ship departing southwards at noon we had the morning hours for birding. A small motor boat is an excellent way to get close to the lagoons and shallow shorelines and we did an incredibly good 3-hour trips just in the southern outskirts of Luxor, mainly following the west bank in excellent light conditions. All kinds of herons, Whiskered and Gull-billed Terns, our first White-tailed Lapwings, six amazing Painted Snipes feeding in the open, a close encounter with a Little Bittern and in the same patch of reed also our only

Clamorous Reed Warbler for the trip. Lots other stuff as well and a probable Pallid Harrier soaring in the distance.



Purple Heron and White-tailed Lapwing. Photos by Uno Unger

The cruiser then headed south, upstream and we could settle into the mellow and extremely comfortable birding life on the Nile. In the shade on the sun deck, cold drinks or coffee available, scanning the endless marsh lands along the river and trying to count birds and pick out goodies as we went along. Hundreds of egrets, herons, Pied Kingfishers, Glossy Ibises, White-winged Black Terns, Moorhens and Ferruginous Ducks with smaller numbers of Spoonbills, Great White Egrets, Egyptian Geese, Marsh Sandpipers, Black-tailed Godwits and Garganeys. The sunsets over the Nile are always a daily highlight and an atmosphere to remember.

7 December

Morning visit at the magnificent and intact temple in Edfu where the cruise ship was moored overnight, some 100km south of Luxor. As the cruise continued we settled again on sun deck with binoculars and drinks at the ready, enjoying more of the species and numbers from yesterday. Shouts and an intense moment when a Greater Spotted Eagle was found sitting on a small bank in the river. Afternoon visit at Kom Ombo where we skipped the temple and did a short walk in the village seeing Indian Silverbills, Nile Valley Sunbirds and local farm life.. Later in the evening we arrived at Aswan.

8 December

Full day of exploring the lovely and scenic southern city of Aswan. We were accompanied by two Egyptian birders as well as a Dutch semi-expat and enjoyed the rich bays and lagoons of the "lake", or actually the stretch of river, between the Old dam and the High dam just southeast of the city. Here we found lots of waders, ducks and herons, eight (!) Painted Snipes again feeding in the open, our first Brown-necked Ravens, White-crowned Wheatear, another Greater Spotted Eagle and an excellent pair of African Pied Wagtails at probable breeding site! They seem to have expanded northwards from Abu Simbel just in recent years according to the local birders.

We returned to the city for riverside lunch and enjoyed again lentil soup, sallads and grilled meat overlooking the Nile, just opposite Elephantine Island. The lunch was brutally interrupted as I discovered an adult Pallas's Gull heading south on the sky above but fortunately stopped and soared for a few minutes, enough for all to see it. Great!



Swedish, Egyptian and the odd Dutch birder having a good time at Gebel Shisha outside Aswan. Photos by Tomas Axén Haraldsson

Our final hours of birding were enjoyed in a felucca, slowly gliding on the river around the islands and rocks with birds all around; Striated Heron, Purple Herons, Senegal Thick-knee, Gull-billed Terns and much more. One of the local Barbary Falcons was discovered perched on a roof top in the city centre and then came chasing by us.

9 December

(Very) early morning departure from the cruise ship to be at Aswan airport for the 6am flight to Cairo. A few hours transit there and back in Scandinavia in the afternoon. Thank you dear Egypt and the mighty Nile for a great week! We'll be back ☺

Species list

Generated through the iGoTerra system and with checklist: Clements (Birds) 6.8.

Species name in **English** *Latin* and (Swedish). Comments in Swedish and also in English on the more interesting species.

- 1 **Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca* (Nilgås)
1 Luxor East 5.12, 4 The Upper Nile 7.12, 35 Aswan 8.12 och 1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 2 **Gadwall** *Anas strepera strepera* (Snatterand)
1 Luxor East 5.12 och 2 Luxor 6.12
- 3 **Eurasian Wigeon** *Anas penelope* (Bläsand)
30 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt

- 4 **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* (Skedand)
20 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 300 Luxor East 5.12. Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 5 **Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta* (Stjärtand)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 3 Luxor East 5.12, 2 Luxor 6.12 och 5 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 6 **Garganey** *Anas querquedula* (Årta)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 Luxor 6.12, 4 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 3 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 7 **Eurasian Teal** *Anas crecca crecca* (Kricka)
15 Luxor East 5.12 och 30 The Upper Nile 7.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 8 **Common Pochard** *Aythya ferina* (Brunand)
4 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 Luxor 6.12 och 2 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 9 **Ferruginous Duck** *Aythya nyroca* (Vitögd dykand)
180 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 2 Luxor East 5.12, 50 Luxor 6.12, 250 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 50 Aswan 8.12
- 10 **Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula* (Vigg)
6 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 Luxor 6.12, 40 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 100 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 11 **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* (Smådopping)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 3 Luxor East 5.12, 1 Luxor 6.12 och 10 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 12 **Black-necked Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis nigricollis* (Svarthalsad dopping)
6 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 13 **White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia ciconia* (Vit stork)
1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 14 **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* (Bronsibis)
60 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 121 Luxor 4.12 och 250 Luxor 6.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 15 **Eurasian Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia leucorodia* (Skedstork)
6 The Upper Nile 6.12, 5 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 5 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 16 **Eurasian Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris stellaris* (Rördrom)
1 The Upper Nile 6.12

- 17 **Little Bittern** *Ixobrychus minutus minutus* (Dvärgörördrom)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 2 Luxor 6.12
- 18 **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax* (Natthäger)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 Luxor 4.12, 2 Luxor 6.12 och 5 Aswan 8.12
- 19 **Striated Heron** *Butorides striata brevipes* (Mangrovehäger)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 Luxor 5.12, 2 Luxor 6.12, 2 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 4 Aswan 8.12
- 20 **Squacco Heron** *Ardeola ralloides* (Rallhäger)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 21 **Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* (Kohäger)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
Talrik karaktärsfågel i Nildalen.
- 22 **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea cinerea* (Gråhäger)
5 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 23 **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea purpurea* (Purpurhäger)
8 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 50 The Upper Nile 6.12 och 75 The Upper Nile 7.12.
Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 24 **Great Egret** *Ardea alba alba* (Ägretthäger)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 2 Luxor 5.12, 3 Luxor 6.12 och 3 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 25 **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta garzetta* (Silkeshäger)
2 Gebel Shisha 8.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
Vanligaste hägern, hundratals längs floden.
- 26 **Great White Pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* (Vit pelikan)
250 Luxor 6.12 och 1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
Large flock migrating south, low over the river through central Luxor.
- 27 **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo carbo* (Storskarv)
7 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 150 Luxor 6.12. Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 28 **Western Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus haliaetus* (Fiskgjuse)
1 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 3 Gebel Shisha 8.12

- 29 **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus caeruleus* (Svartvingad glada)
2 Luxor 4.12, 3 Luxor East 5.12, 5 The Upper Nile 6.12, 8 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 30 **Greater Spotted Eagle** *Clanga clanga* (Större skrikörn)
1 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 31 **Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus* (Dvärgörn)
1 West Bank 4.12, 1 Luxor East 5.12 och 1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 32 **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus nisus* (Sparvhök)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 The Upper Nile 6.12 och 1 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 33 **Western Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus* (Brun kärrhök)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 Luxor East 5.12, 1 Luxor 5.12, 4 Luxor 6.12 och 10 The Upper Nile 7.12. Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 34 **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans migrans* (Brun glada)
20 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 75 Luxor East 5.12, 5 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 50 Gebel Shisha 8.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 35 **Yellow-billed Kite** *Milvus aegyptius aegyptius* (Gulnäbbad glada)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 2 Gebel Shisha 8.12
Säkert dolde sig fler bland brungladorna...
- 36 **Long-legged Buzzard** *Buteo rufinus cirtensis* (Örnvråk)
1 West Bank 4.12 och 1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 37 **Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo vulpinus* (Ormvråk)
1 Luxor East 5.12 och 2 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 38 **African Swamphen** *Porphyrio madagascariensis* (Afrikansk purpurhöna)
10 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 2 Luxor 5.12, 50 The Upper Nile 6.12 och 100 The Upper Nile 7.12. Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 39 **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus chloropus* (Rörhöna)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 40 **Eurasian Coot** *Fulica atra atra* (Sothöna)
200 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 41 **Senegal Thick-knee** *Burhinus senegalensis* (Senegaltjockfot)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 2 Luxor 4.12, 4 The Upper Nile 6.12, 1 hörd The Upper Nile 7.12, 1 Gebel Shisha 8.12 och 1 Aswan 8.12

- 42 **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* (Styltlöpare)
3 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 43 **Spur-winged Lapwing** *Vanellus spinosus* (Sporrvipa)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 44 **White-tailed Lapwing** *Vanellus leucurus* (Sumpvipa)
3 Luxor 6.12 och 3 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 45 **Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula* (Större strandpipare)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 46 **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius curonicus* (Mindre strandpipare)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 5 The Upper Nile 6.12 och 3 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 47 **Greater Painted-snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis* (Rallbeckasin)
6 Luxor 6.12 och 8 Gebel Shisha 8.12
Två av resans höjdare, öppet födosökande på nära håll!
- 48 **Jack Snipe** *Lymnocyptes minimus* (Dvärgbeckasin)
2 Luxor 6.12
Öppet födosökande på dybank i floden.
- 49 **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago gallinago* (Enkelbeckasin)
30 Gebel Shisha 8.12. Observerad 3 dagar totalt
- 50 **Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa limosa* (Rödspov)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 50 Luxor 6.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 51 **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus* (Svartsnäppa)
3 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 52 **Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus totanus* (Rödbena)
3 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 53 **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* (Dammsnäppa)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 3 Luxor 6.12, 5 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 2 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 54 **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* (Gluttsnäppa)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt

- 55 **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* (Skogssnäppa)
2 Luxor East 5.12, 2 Luxor 6.12 och 1 Aswan 8.12
- 56 **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* (Grönbena)
5 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 57 **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* (Drillsnäppa)
1 Luxor 5.12, 5 Luxor 6.12 och 2 The Upper Nile 7.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 58 **Little Stint** *Calidris minuta* (Småsnäppa)
25 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 10 Luxor 5.12. Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 59 **Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii* (Mosnäppa)
2 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 60 **Dunlin** *Calidris alpina alpina* (Kärrensäppa)
1 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 61 **Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax* (Brushane)
20 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 50 The Upper Nile 6.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 62 **Black-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* (Skrattmås)
3 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 250 Aswan 8.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 63 **Pallas's Gull** *Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus* (Svarthuvad trut)
1 Aswan 8.12
Adult fågel i vinterdräkt mot söder längs floden.
- 64 **Caspian Gull** *Larus cachinnans* (Kaspisk trut)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 2 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 65 **Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica* (Sandtärna)
4 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 3 Luxor 4.12, 10 Luxor 5.12 och 50 The Upper Nile 6.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 66 **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida hybrida* (Skäggtärna)
10 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 4 dagar totalt
- 67 **White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus* (Vitvingad tärna)
20 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 20 Luxor 4.12 och 15 Luxor 5.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt

- 68 **Rock Dove** *Columba livia livia* (Klippduva)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
Huvudsakligen "tamduvor" men även rent tecknade sedda i klipp-biotop på Västbanken.
- 69 **Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto decaocto* (Turkduva)
2 Luxor East 5.12
- 70 **Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis aegyptiaca* (Palmduva)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 71 **Western Barn Owl** *Tyto alba* (Tornuggla)
1 Luxor 4.12
Jagande vid hotellet efter skymningen.
- 72 **Little Owl** *Athene noctua* (Minervauggla)
1 West Bank 4.12
- 73 **Pallid Swift** *Apus pallidus pallidus* (Blek tornseglare)
100 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 200 Luxor 6.12. Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 74 **White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis* (Smyrnakungsfiskare)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12
- 75 **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis atthis* (Kungsfiskare)
1 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12
- 76 **Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis rudis* (Gråfiskare)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
Karaktärsfågel längs floden.
- 77 **Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis cleopatra* (Grön dvärgbiätare)
10 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 15 Luxor 5.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 78 **Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops epops* (Härfågel)
7 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 3 Luxor 4.12, 5 Luxor East 5.12 och 20 Luxor 6.12.
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 79 **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus rupicolaeformis* (Tornfalk)
5 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt

- 80 **Barbary Falcon** *Falco pelegrinoides pelegrinoides* (Berberfalk)
1 Aswan 8.12
Sittande på höghustak i centrala Aswan, sedd från feluccan!
- 81 **Hooded Crow** *Corvus cornix pallescens* (Gråkråka)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 82 **Brown-necked Raven** *Corvus ruficollis* (Ökenkorp)
2 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 83 **Crested Lark** *Galerida cristata brachyura* (Tofslärka)
Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 84 **Common Bulbul** *Pycnonotus barbatus arsinoe* (Trädgårdsbulbyl)
Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 85 **Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia riparia* (Backsvala)
1 Luxor 6.12
- 86 **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* (Ladusvala)
rustica: Observerad 6 dagar totalt
savignii: Observerad 1 dag totalt
- 87 **Pale Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne obsoleta obsoleta* (Blek klippsvala)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 5 Luxor East 5.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
- 88 **Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica rufula* (Rostgumpsvala)
4 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12
- 89 **Common Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita* (Gransångare)
5 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 West Bank 4.12, 3 Luxor East 5.12 och 10 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 90 **Clamorous Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus stentoreus brunnescens* (Papyrussångare)
1 Luxor 6.12
Sedd från båtturen på morgonen
- 91 **Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis juncidis* (Grässångare)
Observerad 3 dagar totalt
- 92 **Graceful Prinia** *Prinia gracilis* (Streckig prinia)
Observerad 3 dagar totalt

- 93 **Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca curruca* (Ärtsångare)
5 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 West Bank 4.12, 1 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 3 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 94 **Sardinian Warbler** *Sylvia melanocephala momus* (Sammethätta)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 6 Luxor East 5.12 och 2 hörda Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 95 **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica cyanecula* (Blåhake)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 West Bank 4.12, 1 Luxor East 5.12, 3 Luxor 6.12 och 1 Aswan 8.12
- 96 **Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros* (Svart rödstjärt)
1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 97 **Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius longirostris* (Blåtrast)
2 Luxor 3.12, 1 West Bank 4.12, 1 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 1 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 98 **European Stonechat** *Saxicola rubicola rubicola* (Svarthakad buskskvätta)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 1 Luxor East 5.12 och 1 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 99 **Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus* (Vitgumpad buskskvätta)
1 West Bank 4.12
- 100 **Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina* (Isabellastenskvätta)
1 Luxor East 5.12
- 101 **Hooded Wheatear** *Oenanthe monacha* (Munkstenskvätta)
2 West Bank 4.12 och 1 The Upper Nile 7.12
- 102 **Desert Wheatear** *Oenanthe deserti* (Ökenstenskvätta)
3 Luxor East 5.12
- 103 **White-crowned Wheatear** *Oenanthe leucopyga* (Vitkronad stenskvätta)
5 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 104 **Mourning Wheatear** *Oenanthe lugens* (Sorgstenskvätta)
6 West Bank 4.12 och 1 Luxor East 5.12
- 105 **Nile Valley Sunbird** *Hedydipna metallica* (Nilsolfågel)
2 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12 och 2 The Upper Nile 7.12
Liten, diskret och inte alldeles lättsedd! Hanarna i eklipsdräkt under vintern.
- 106 **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus niloticus* (Gråsparv)
Observerad 6 dagar totalt

- 107 **Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava amandava* (Röd tigerfink)
1 West Bank 4.12, 10 Luxor 6.12 och 10 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 108 **Indian Silverbill** *Euodice malabarica* (Indisk silvernäbb)
5 Luxor East 5.12, 10 The Upper Nile 7.12 och 5 Gebel Shisha 8.12
- 109 **Western Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava* (Gulärkla)
5 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 15 Luxor East 5.12 och 5 hörda Gebel Shisha 8.12.
Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 110 **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba alba* (Sädesärkla)
300 Aswan 8.12. Observerad 6 dagar totalt
Hundratals mot nattkvist i Aswan.
- 111 **African Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla aguimp vidua* (Brokärkla)
2 Gebel Shisha 8.12
Ett par vid pipelinen/båtplatsen, Gebel Shisha. Öväntat!
- 112 **Tawny Pipit** *Anthus campestris* (Fältpiplärka)
5 Luxor East 5.12
- 113 **Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus* (Rödstrupig pipilärka)
5 Crocodile Island, Luxor 3.12, 5 Luxor East 5.12, 20 Luxor 6.12 och 3 hörda Gebel Shisha 8.12. Observerad 5 dagar totalt
- 114 **Trumpeter Finch** *Bucanetes githagineus* (Ökentrumpetare)
13 Luxor East 5.12

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- 1 **Nile Monitor** *Varanus niloticus* (Nilvaran)
2 Luxor 5.12 och 1 The Upper Nile 6.12

