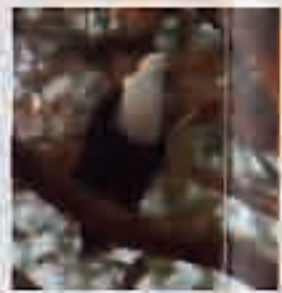


# Akagera National Park

The acacia savanna is host to 525 species and 4 endemics, most notable of which is the very rare and highly sought after Shoebill Stork. This area supports many broadly distributed African birds such as Bennett's Woodpecker, Black-headed Chat, White/Black-collared Barbet, Tabora Cisticola and Miombo Wren-warbler. Akagera is probably the best site in which to look for the very rare Ring-necked Francolin. The highly localised acacia specialist the Red-faced Barbet can be sought around the Akagera Game Lodge grounds, as can the rare Souza's Shrike. Also worth looking for are the Bare-faced Go-away Bird, Brown Parrot, White-winged Black Tit and Sooty-Chat.

Apart from rare Shoebill, other papyrus swamp specialists include the Swamp Flycatcher, Carruther's Cisticola, the elusive White-winged Warbler, and the stunning Papyrus Gonolek. At the water's edge, look for the localised Brown-chested Lapwing and the attractive, widely distributed Long-toed Lapwing.



# Water Birds

Sizeable flocks of resident as well as migrant birds are attracted by the seasonal fluctuations in the water levels. Among the endemic species, there are the Ibis, Jacanas, Herons, Plovers, Sandpipers and many others. Flotillas of Pelicans sail ponderously across the open water, majestic Crowned Cranes preen their golden crests in surrounding swamps, while jewel-like Malachite Kingfishers hawk silently above the shores.



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