

Kenya Birding & Wildlife Two Kenyan TOP birding Guides

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Come meet Timothy in the Artists for Conservation Foundation main exhibit area to discuss joining this first class birding and wildlife tour

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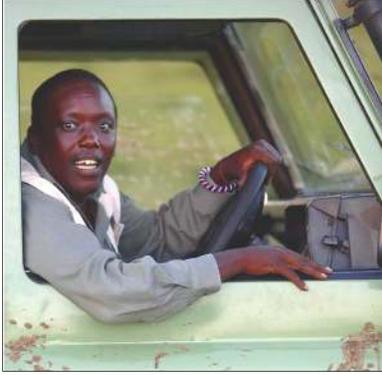
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SELEMPO EDWIN LESOINE



'Known as Selemo' for short. (pronounced - "Sell--em-po") Edwin is a Maasai, born on the 15th February 1971 in Narok, a highland area just to the north east of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve.

He was educated at The Nairobi School (formerly The Prince of Wales) in Nairobi, and his active involvement in the school's Ornithological Society earned him the position of resident Ornithologist with Savannah Camps and Lodges in 1989, a group of tented camps and bush lodges then operated by East African Ornithological Safaris

(now Origins Safaris).

As a Maasai Selemo is able to roam areas of southern Kenya and northern Tanzania generally inaccessible to others, and in 1992 was one of, if not the very first ornithologist to study the avifauna of the highland forests of northern Tanzania's Nguruman Escarpment - discovering new range extensions of several Kenyan and Tanzanian bird species.

During his time in Tsavo Selemo rediscovered The Taita Falcon - a beautiful bird of prey thought to have been extinct from Kenya for the last 60 years.

Until recently he was based at The Taita Discovery Centre in Tsavo: a wildlife field study centre and community development project funded by Origins Safaris and donors. Selemo was in charge of all the Environmental Utilization Projects at the centre, and received specialist training in entomology while working alongside scientists from the Royal African Museum- Belgium.



Selemo is one of Kenya's top ornithological guides with massive experience and knowledge of bird species in the more remote areas of East Africa; he currently leads birding safaris in Kenya and Rwanda. Additionally Edwin is an all round guide with great knowledge on the smaller creatures that are often ignored in the shadow of big game, reptiles, amphibians, dragonflies, butterflies and wild flowers.

Multi-talented, mild and a fascinating guide and raconteur, Selemo is also an extremely keen and talented artist and specializes in watercolours and also paints on paper made from the dung of the Taru Desert Elephants.

His artwork has featured in conservation publications, educational material as well as the books; important bird areas of Kenya and Uganda.

Selemo is one of the few Gold members of the Kenya Professional Guides Association (KPSGA).

And a member of the board of directors, he regularly sits on the examination committee to set and invigilate.

ZACHARY METHU MBUTHIA

Jr Zachary Methu Mbuthia was born on 3rd February 1964 at North Kinangop in a Village called Geta. His father worked for the Forestry Department in the Aberdare Rainforest and later Marumanet Forest in Laikipia.

Zachary's first job was a storekeeper in the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources based in the Marumanet Forest. The forest had a wonderful bird-life and it was here that he developed a very strong interest in birds and, encouraged by his uncle, he began bird watching – armed with his uncle's very small and old binoculars and a magazine on birds. Zachary developed interest in knowing and identifying the bird species of Laikipia. As his interest and knowledge grew, friends introduced him to ornithologists within Nature Kenya and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Zachary was invited to take part in the annual water-bird census and bird monitoring programs organized by them in Naivasha.

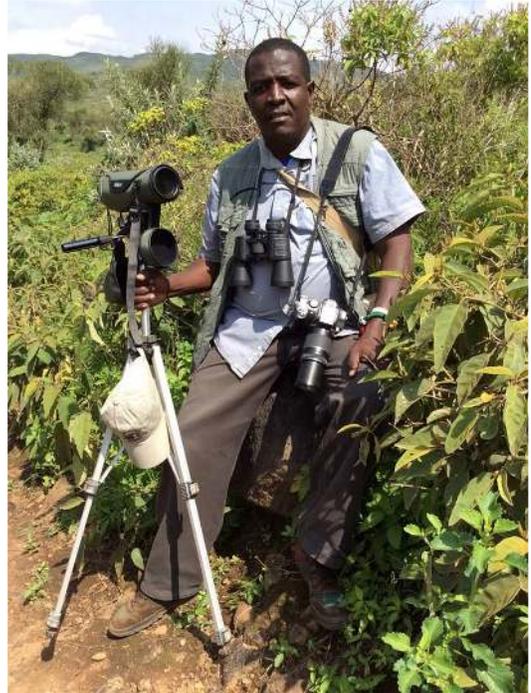
In 1991-1997 while working for a flower farm as a clerk, he started a conservation group called: Lake Naivasha Bird Trackers. He trained many people in bird watching, tree planting and environmental conservation. Nature Kenya supported the group with guidebooks and binoculars. In 1998 he successfully completed the Water-bird Identification and Counting Techniques Course with Netherlands Wetland Conservation and Training Programme through KWS in Tsavo West. During the course he was trained also in nature walk and bird watching Guiding Techniques. In 1999 he attended a course on Fundamentals of Ornithology at KWS in Naivasha by Nature Kenya.

In 1998 Zachary joined a local resort as Resident Ornithologist and a Guide for a period of five years where he was very instrumental in establishing a naturalist department. He then moved on to offer private guiding around the Naivasha area and its environs. He worked as a freelancer for a number of lodges and tour companies. He is a Kenya Professional Safari Guides Association (KPSGA) silver member. Zachary joined Origins Safaris in 2005 as an expert in ornithology and an accomplished all-round driver-guide. Due to Zachary's love and passion for nature, he has proved to be a wonderful guide in all the other areas of guiding, which include wildlife, culture and history of Kenya.

In May 2007 he successfully completed Emergency First Response Course with Emergency First Response Ltd and 4WD Off Road Course with Glen Edmunds Performance Driving School.

He is married to Pauline Njeri and they have two sons: Daniel Mbuthia and Francis Kinyua. During his free time Zachary enjoys bird watching and farming.

(On a side note Timothy Jackson met Zachary in 2000 up on Baboon Rocks, in Nakuru National Park, where they wrote to one another a few times and now connected again for this safari).



Itinerary at a glance

Day	Location	Accommodation	Meal Plan	Website
1	Nairobi, Kenya	Tamarind Tree	D-BB	http://tamarindtree-hotels.com/
2	Meru National Park	Rhino River Camp	LDBB	http://rhinorivercamp.com/
3	Meru National Park	Rhino River Camp	LDBB	
4	Meru National Park	Rhino River Camp	LDBB	
5	Mt. Kenya National Park	Serena Mountain Lodge	LDBB	https://www.serenahotels.com/
6	Lake Nakuru Nat. Park	The Cliff - Lake Nakuru	LDBB	http://thecliffkenya.com/
7	Lake Nakuru Nat. Park	The Cliff - Lake Nakuru	LDBB	
8	Lake Baringo	Baringo Island Camp	LDBB	http://islandcamp.com/
9	Lake Baringo	Baringo Island Camp	LDBB	
10	Kakamega Forest	Rondo Retreat Centre	LDBB	Facebook.com/RondoRetreatCentre/
11	Kakamega Forest	Rondo Retreat Centre	LDBB	www.RondoRetreat.com
12	Kakamega Forest	Rondo Retreat Centre	LDBB	
13	Masai Mara Game Res	Tangulia Mara Camp	LDBB	http://tanguliamara.com/
14	Masai Mara Game Res	Tangulia Mara Camp	LDBB	
15	Masai Mara Game Res	Tangulia Mara Camp	LDBB	
16	Nairobi, Kenya			

L-Lunch, D-Dinner, BB-Bed and breakfast, LDBB-Lunch, dinner, bed and breakfast

Optional Tsavo & Coast Extension

Day	Location	Supplier	MealPlan	Website
17	Taita Hills/Tsavo	Lions Bluff Lodge	LDBB	http://www.lionsblufflodge.com/
18	Taita Hills/Tsavo	Lions Bluff Lodge	LDBB	
19	Taita Hills/Tsavo	Lions Bluff Lodge	LDBB	
20	Malindi	Turtle Bay Beach Club	L-DBBL	http://www.turtlebaykenya.com/
21	Malindi	Turtle Bay Beach Club	DBBL	
22	Malindi	Turtle Bay Beach Club	DBBL	
23	Nairobi, Kenya		D-	

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The Adventure

Note this tour is currently priced for 8 paying clients, two vehicles, 4 people per vehicle; giving you the space and attention for a top quality experience. This tour is priced and proposed for the last two weeks of February into the first two weeks of March 2019. October 1st formal registration and based on discussions with the group, dates will be confirmed, flexibility is required over these 4 weeks while we confirm the space.

Day 1

Nairobi, Kenya

JKIA International Airport arrival you will clear immigration and collect your bags, where you will be met & transferred by private vehicle to your hotel to settle in.

Dinner at Tamarind Tree.

Tamarind Tree D-BB

<http://tamarindtree-hotels.com/>

***Anyone wanting an extra night in Nairobi and to take in some optional activities such as the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Giraffe centre please advise. Extra night at the Tamarind on Bed and Breakfast basis US\$150.00 per person sharing SRS US\$90.00**

Day 2

Nairobi - Meru National Park

After breakfast with your Tour Host Timothy Jackson, we will transfer to Wilson airport for a departure flight at 10.20 arriving around 11.30 in Meru. It is approximately one hour to Meru National Park which of all the Kenyan parks presents the widest variety of landscapes and habitats together with numerous animals and birds. We will be met on our arrival by our two professional bird guides Selempo & Zachary, who will as a team guide you for the duration of this adventure. We will have an introductory game drive en-route to camp arriving in time for lunch and a further afternoon game & birding drive to explore the local area of the park.

Rhino River Camp LDBB

<http://rhinorivercamp.com/index.php>

Days 3 & 4

Meru National Park

Full day of game drives & birding in Meru National Park; an arid park landscape but with an extensive network of rivers and streams. Daily discussions during the evening meal by your tour host Timothy Jackson and Selempo & Zachary, will prepare us for species and expectations for each day. Throughout the tour we will also include some more formal presentations on the work Selempo, Zachary and Timothy have been involved with both with birds and conservation in general.

Rhino River Camp LDBB

Day 5

Meru National Park - Mt. Kenya National Park

This morning the drive is around 4 hours to our hotel situated in the shadow of Mt Kenya, Kenya's highest mountain, arriving in time for lunch. We will spend the afternoon exploring & birding in the nearby forest. One night only here as this fits with the purpose of our visit giving us a full afternoon and the following morning to explore the forest.

Serena Mountain Lodge LDBB

<https://www.serenahotels.com/serenamountainlodge/en/default.html>

Day 6

Mt. Kenya National Park - Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast we set off for a full morning exploration on the Aberdare Moorlands, followed by a picnic lunch taking in the species not found elsewhere here. Next it is a three to four hour drive towards the Rift Valley floor and onto the famous Lake Nakuru National Park, renowned for its birdlife. Here we arrive in time to settle in and enjoy a sundowner before dinner overlooking the lake, and discuss tomorrow's birding and wildlife viewing in the park.

Lake Nakuru National Park, was home originally to the "greatest bird spectacle in the world". This internationally recognized catch phrase that was actually coined in 1960 by one of our first safari guests, American author, and Audubon Society naturalist, Roger Tory Peterson. Today the chemistry of Lake Nakuru is changing, from being the soda lake that attracted thousands of Flamingoes, to now just a handful. This change over the past 20 years will be discussed, and actually how much the landscape has actually changed over the last 100 years may surprise many. This park provides sanctuary for Rothschild giraffe, both black and white rhino and leopard, and during our time here there are many bird species to enjoy and observe. Timothy will share a photo the day he met Zachary overlooking Lake Nakuru back in 2000, where the lake literally looked pink with Flamingoes. There is we promise also positive news and we will share all this and how you can help and become informed during this adventure.

The Cliff - Lake Nakuru LDBB

<http://thecliffkenya.com/>

Day 7

Lake Nakuru National Park

A full day of exploring & birding, amongst the resident wildlife and becoming aware of the last 100 years of change in this eco-system.

The Cliff - Lake Nakuru LDBB

Day 8

Lake Nakuru National Park - Lake Baringo via Lake Bogoria

Today we will drive to Lake Baringo which lies in the semi-desert of the northern Rift Valley. It is a haven of peace and beauty and is an ornithologist's paradise. Here we will find a lake with large areas pink with Flamingoes and other birdlife. On our way to Baringo we pass through amazing volcanic landscapes and a rich habitat full of birdlife. We will take a short detour to the alkaline lake and hot springs of Lake Bogoria where we will also find Flamingoes and a plethora of other birdlife with interesting varied landscapes and interesting geology.

Baringo Island Camp LDBB

<http://islandcamp.com/>

Day 9

Lake Baringo

A full day of exploring Lake Baringo & all its birdlife and beauty.

Baringo Island Camp LDBB

Day 10

Lake Baringo - Kakamega Forest

We will leave after an early breakfast for a full-day scenic drive over the Tugen Hills, through the Kerio Valley and Serikwa plateau and finally onto Kakamega Forest arriving later afternoon. We stay at Rondo Retreat just inside the Forest. Originally a retreat for missionaries, this delightful haven is now open to other visitors: the peaceful gardens are an ornithologist's &

gardeners dream, alive with different species of birds. We spend our days here exploring Kakamega Forest National Reserve and enjoying a little downtime if needed, with nature and birdlife all around.

Rondo Retreat Centre LDBB

www.rondoretreat.com/

Days 11 & 12

Kakamega Forest

Two days of birding & enjoying all that Kakamega has to offer. You will have the chance to really explore and bird here in depth, or take some time out and pursue your own wishes. We will create some options here for you based on your key interests.

Rondo Retreat Centre LDBB

Day 13

Kakamega Forest - Masai Mara Game Reserve

We leave Kakamega after an early breakfast for a full day scenic drive stopping at Lake Victoria and onto the north west boundary of Kenya's famous Maasai Mara National Reserve, to arrive at Tangulia Mara Camp, owned and operated by Jackson Looseyia, a Maasai friend of Timothy's, who has spent many years guiding and driving for BBC & National Geographic, also a Big Cat Live series precentor in the past. Known as one of top 20 guides in Africa staying at his camp with our guides will be a great treat. The camp location gives us access to key forest areas on the edge of the Mara Reserve, as well as the game & birdlife rich Mara River fringes, and lastly to the open rolling plains of both the Mara Triangle and the Mara Game Reserve.

Jackson Looseyia time permitting will one evening give us some history on the Mara Reserve and the Maasai people and educate us on the challenges facing this eco-system, their people, and also share positive news happening within the region, that will hopefully create a future for all in these fragile eco-systems.

Tangulia Mara Camp LDBB

<http://tanguliamara.com/>

Day 14 & 15

Massai Mara Game Reserve & Mara Triangle

Two full days of birding & game-viewing in the Massai Mara. The Mara/Serengeti eco-system is perhaps the only region left in Africa where the visitor may see animals in excess of the super-abundance as existed a century ago. A large diversity of habitat and birdlife will be explored beyond what is normal for a Mara Game Reserve safari.

Tangulia Mara Camp LDBB

Day 16

Massai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi, Kenya

Today is the last morning in the Mara and we take the 11.00AM scheduled flight from the Mara back to Nairobi's Wilson airport. On arrival a transfer by private vehicle will be arranged according to whether you are joining the extension to Tsavo and the Coast, or departing from JKIA Nairobi International Airport this evening. Last minute shopping and transfer via a restaurant for those departing, a day room at the Tamarind is also available if you wish and for those continuing on the journey you have an overnight at the Tamarind where we started your great adventure, this cost is US\$150.00 per person sharing, SRS of US\$90.00 if single.

Cost of Adventure

US\$11,995.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement US\$1,200.00

***excluding night at Tamarind at tour end**

Includes

Accommodation as stated above
All land and domestic air as stated in the itinerary
Game & birding activities during the safari portions of the trip as stated
All meals as stated
Water, Soft drinks and local alcoholic beverages while at most safari camps

Excludes

International flights
Travel Insurance
Activities not mentioned
Items of a personal nature
Staff Gratuities
Visas for Kenya
Laundry and drinks while in Nairobi
*Optional village visits EG Maasai Mara will cost generally US\$30.00 per person paid direct to the village.

Tsavo & Coast Extension

Day 17

Nairobi - Taita Hills/Tsavo

This morning we will have an early departure from the Tamarind to Wilson airport for our departure at 07.30AM arriving around 8.20AM in Kilaguni, Tsavo West National Park, who's unparalleled diversity of habitats ranges from mountains, rocky ridges and outcrops, isolated hills, belts of riverine vegetation, palm thickets, mountain forest, open plains with savannah bush and semi-desert scrub, lakes and wooded grassland. We will be met again by our faithful guides Selempo & Zachary. We will drive onward 3-4 hrs to the Taita Hills, a privately owned wildlife sanctuary that is a model conservation area with its own warden and rangers. Time to settle in and enjoy the views before dinner and an insight into the coming two days.

Lions Bluff Lodge LDBB

<http://www.lionsblufflodge.com/>

Days 18 & 19

Taita Hills

These two days will be spent in the Taita Hills & Tsavo area exploring a whole new range of opportunities for new species and a diversity we must protect for all. With Selempo and Zachary sharing about their personal research projects they were involved with in Tsavo, we will have the opportunity for a valuable insight into this amazing area. One of the days we will explore the Lake Jipe area of Tsavo West.

Lions Bluff Lodge LDBB

Day 20

Taita Hills/Tsavo – Malindi (Coast)

Drive via Tsavo East to Watamu where our destination is a beach hotel to base ourselves from while exploring the local region for new species found on the coast. This evening we will learn about what is in store for the following two days.

Turtle Bay Beach Club L-DBBL

<http://www.turtlebaykenya.com/>

Days 21 & 22

Malindi

Two full days to explore the Sokoke, Mida Creek area for all the hidden Gems and species we hope to see.

Turtle Bay Beach Club DBBL

Day 23

Malindi - Nairobi, Kenya

Day in Watamu area exploring the last of our desired species and enjoying the last two days with Melemo & Zachary, having lunch (???). With a 16.00 scheduled flight Vipingo to Nairobi arriving around 18.00 this is certainly our longest flight. Upon arrival at Wilson we will transfer by private vehicle for Dinner at The Carnivore Restaurant before our final transfer to JKIA Nairobi International Airport for our departure home or onward journey. **Dinner at the Carnivore is included.**

Cost of Adventure Extension

US\$3,695.00 per person sharing

Single Supplement US\$150.00

Night of 16th at Tamarind on Bed and Breakfast basis

US\$150.00 per person sharing SRS US\$90.00

Includes

Accommodation as stated above

All land and domestic air as stated in the itinerary

Game & birding activities during the safari portions of the trip as stated

All meals as stated

Water, Soft drinks and local alcoholic beverages while on safari

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