



SOSIAN

LODGE

KENYA



————— **Checklist** —————
of the Birds of Sosian

Notes

Introduction

Sosian Ranch is a 24,000-acre working livestock ranch in the centre of the vast Laikipia plateau. Laikipia is at the forefront of conservation in East Africa and one of the few areas left in Africa where wildlife outside parks and reserves is actually increasing. The area supports a number of rare northern species, such as the endemic Jackson's hartebeest, Grevy's zebra and reticulated giraffe.

Sosian Ranch is home to a wide diversity of wildlife, including four of the 'Big Five' and endangered species such as cheetah and wild dog, once thought to be extinct from Laikipia. Sosian is a member of the Laikipia Wildlife Forum, working to protect Laikipia's wildlife through sustainable land use and is encouraging the return of wild game to the area by removing its fences to allow wildlife to move freely.

Approximately 70 species of mammals can be found on Sosian. The source for the classification, nomenclature and grouping of the mammal list is *The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals* (Jonathan Kingdon, 1997).

Over 300 species of bird have been identified on Sosian Ranch. The classification, nomenclature and grouping of the bird list come from *Birds of Kenya and Northern Tanzania* (Zimmerman, Turner and Pearson, 1996).

Sosian is home to over 30 species of reptiles and the source for the classification, nomenclature and grouping of the reptile list is *A Field Guide to the Reptiles of East Africa* (Spawls, Howell, Drewes and Ashe, 2002).

Sosian, Laikipia, Kenya

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Birds of Sosian Ranch

OSTRICHES

- Common Ostrich

GREBES

- Little Grebe (Dabchick)

PELICANS

- Great White Pelican

CORMORANTS

- Great Cormorant (White-breasted Cormorant)
 Long-tailed Cormorant (Reed Cormorant)

HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNS

- Goliath Heron
 Black-Crowned Night Heron
 Cattle Egret
 Little Egret
 Great Egret
 Green-backed Heron (Striated Heron)
 Yellow-billed Egret
 Grey Heron
 Little Bittern
 Black-headed Heron

HAMERKOP

- Hamerkop

STORKS

- European White Stork
 Marabou Stork
 Abdim's Stork (White-bellied Stork)
 Yellow-billed Stork
 African Open-billed Stork
Black Stork
Saddle bill Stork

IBISES & SPOONBILLS

- Sacred Ibis
 Hadada Ibis
 African Spoonbill

DUCKS & GEESE

- White-faced Whistling Tree Duck
 Spurwing Goose
 Egyptian Goose
 Knob-billed Duck

Struthionidae

Struthio camelus

Podicipedae

Tachybaptu ruficollis

Pelecanidae

Pelecanus onocrotalus

Phalacrocoracidae

Phalacrocorax carbo

Phalacrocorax africanus

Ardeidae

Ardea Goliath

Nycticorax nycticorax

Bubulcus i. Ibis

Egretta garzetta

Casmerodius albus melanorhynchus

Butorides striatus

Mesophoyx intermedia

Ardea cineria

Ixobrychus minutus

Ardea melancephala

Scopidae

Scopus umbretta

Ciconiidae

Ciconia ciconia

Leptoptilus crumeniferus

Ciconia abdimii

Mycteria ibis

Anastomus lamelligerus

Ciconia nigra

Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis

Threskiornithidae

Threskiornis aethiopicus

Bostrychia hagedash

Platalea alba

Anatidae

Dendrocygna viduata

Plectropterus gambensis

Alopochen aegyptiacus

Sarkidiornis melanotos

Birds of Sosian Ranch

- African Black Duck
- Yellow-billed Duck
- Ferruginous Duck
- Red-billed Teal
- Hottentot Teal
- Northern Shoveler

SECRETARYBIRD

- Secretary bird

VULTURES, EAGLES, HAWKS

- Black-shouldered Kite
- Black Kite
- African Swallow-tailed Kite
- Egyptian Vulture
- Hooded Vulture
- African White-backed Vulture
- Ruppell's Griffon Vulture
- Lappet-faced Vulture
- Black-chested Snake Eagle
- Brown Snake Eagle
- Bateleur
- African Harrier Hawk (Gymnogene)
- Montagu's Harrier
- Pallid Harrier
- Gabar Goshawk
- Eastern Chanting Goshawk
- African Goshawk
- Shikra (Little Banded Goshawk)
- Little Sparrowhawk
- Common or Steppe Buzzard
- Augur Buzzard
- African Fish Eagle
- Tawny Eagle
- Steppe Eagle
- Wahlberg's Eagle
- Verraux's Eagle
- African Hawk Eagle

- Anas sparsa*
- Anas undulata*
- Aythya nyroca*
- Anas erythrorhyncha*
- Anas erythrorhyncha*
- Anas clypeata*

Sagittariidae

- Sagittarius serpentarius*

Accipitridae

- Elanus oeruleus*
- Milvus migrans*
- Chelictinia riocourii*
- Neophron peronoptreus*
- Necrosyrtes monachus*
- Gyps Africana*
- Gyps rueppellii*
- Torgos trachiliotos*
- Circaetus pectoraiis*
- Circaetus pectoralis*
- Terathopus ecaudatus*
- Polybroides typus*
- Circus pygargus*
- Circus macrourus*
- Meleirax gabar*
- Melierax poliopterus*
- Accipiter tachiro sparsimfasciatus*
- Accipiter badius sphenurus*
- Accipiter minuallus*
- Buteo buteo*
- Buteo rufofuscus*
- Haliaeetus vocifer*
- Aquila rapax*
- Aquila nepalensis orientalis*
- Aquila wahlbergi*
- Aquila verreauxii*
- Hieraaetus spilogaster*

Birds of Sosian Ranch

- Booted Eagle
- Long-crested Eagle
- Martial Eagle

FALCONS

- Lanner Falcon
- Peregrine Falcon
- Amur Falcon
- Eurasian Hobby
- Common Kestrel
- Greater Kestrel
- Pygmy Falcon
- Lesser Kestrel

QUAILS and FRANCOLINS

- Harlequin Quail
- Common Quail
- Stone Partridge
- Crested Francolin
- Scaly Francolin
- Shelly's Francolin
- Yellow-necked Spurfowl

GUINEAFOWLS

- Vulturine Guineafowl
- Helmeted Guineafowl

CRAKES, RAILS & COOTS

- Black Crake
- Red-knobbed Coot

CRANES

- Grey Crowned Crane (Crowned Crane)

BUSTARDS

- Kori Bustard
- White-bellied Bustard
- Black-bellied Bustard
- Buff Crested Bustard

AVOCETS and STILTS

- Black-Winged Stilt

PAINTED-SNIPES

- Greater Painted-Snipe

Hieraaetus pennatus
Lophaetus occipitalis
Polemaetus bellicosus

Falconidae

Falco biarmicus
Falco peregrinus
Falco amurensis
Flaco subbuten
Flaco tinnunculus
Falco rupicoloides
Polihierax semitorquatus
Falco naumanai

Phasianidae

Coturnix delegorguei
Coturnix coturnix erlangeri
Ptilopachus petrosuseri
Francolinus saphaena
Francolinus squamatus maranensis
Francolinus shelleyi uluensis
Francolinus leucosceptus

Numididae

Acryllium vulturinum
Numida meleagris

Rallidae

Limnocorax flavirosta
Fulica cristata

Baearicidae

Belearica regulorum

Otididae

Ardeotis kori
Eupodotis senegalensis
Eupodotis melanogaster
Eupodotis gindiana

Recurvirostridae

Himantopus himantopus

Rostratulidae

Rostratula benghalensis

Birds of Sosian Ranch

THICK-KNEES

- Spotted Thick-knee (Spotted Dikkop)

PLOVERS & LAPWINGS

- Three-banded Plover
 Kittlitz's Plover
 Blacksmith Plover
 Crowned Plover
 Spur-winged Plover

SANDPIPERS & RELATIVES

- Curlew Sandpiper
 Common Snipe
 Spotted Redshank
 Common Greenshank
 Green Sandpiper
 Wood Sandpiper
 Common Sandpiper
 Little Stint
 Marsh Sandpiper

COURSERS & PRATINCOLES

- Heuglin's Courser (Three Banded)
 Temmink's Courser

GULLS & TERNS

- Grey-headed Gull

SANDGROUSE

- Lichtensteins Sandgrouse
 Chestnut-Bellied Sandgrouse
 Black-faced Sandgrouse
 Four-banded Sandgrouse

PIGEONS & DOVES

- Emerald-spotted Wood Dove
 Namaqua Dove
 Speckled Pigeon
 Red-eyed Dove
 Ring-necked Dove
 Dusky Turtle Dove
 Laughing Dove

Burhinidae

Burhinus capensis

Charadriidae

Charadrius tricollar
Charadrius pecuarius
Vanellus armatus
Vanellus coronatus
Vanellus spinosus

Scelopacidae

Calidris ferruginea
Gallinago gallinago
Tringa erythropus
Tringa nebularia
Tringa ochropus
Tringa glareola
Actitis hypoleucos
Calidris minuta
Tringa stagnatilis

Glariolidae

Rhinoptilus cinctus
Cursorius temminckii

Laridae

Larus cirrocephalus

Pteroclididae

Pterocles lichtensteinsi sukensis
Pterocles exustus olivascens
Pterocles decoratus
Pterocles quadricinctus

Columbidae

Turtur chalcospilos
Oena capensis
Columba guinea
Streptopelia semitorquata
Streptopelia capicola
Streptopelia lugens
Streptopelia senegalensis

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African Mouring Dove

African Green Pigeon

PARROTS

Brown Parrot

TURACOS

Hartlaub's Turaco

White-bellied Go-away-bird

CUCKOOS & COUCALS

Black-and-White Cuckoo (Jacobin Cuckoo)

Levillant's Cuckoo

Klaas's Cuckoo

Red-chested Cuckoo

Black Cuckoo

Common or Eurasian Cuckoo

African Cuckoo

Great Spotted Cuckoo

African Diederik Cuckoo

White-browed Coucal

OWLS

African Scops Owl

Spotted Eagle-owl

African Grass Owl

Verraux's Eagle-owl

Pearl-spotted Owlet

White-Faced Scops Owl

NIGHTJARS

Eurasian Nightjar

Montane Nightjar

Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar

Nubian Nightjar

Plain Nightjar

Dusky Nightjar

SWIFTS

Horus Swift

European or Common Swift

Nyanza Swift

White-rumped Swift

Little Swift

Alpine Swift

Streptopelia d. perspicillata

Treron calva gibberifrons

Psittacidae

Poicephalus meyeri

Musophagidae

Tauraco hartlabi

Corythaixoides leucogaster

Cuculidae

Cuculus jacobinus

Cuculus levillantii

Chrysococcyx klaas

Cuculus solitarius

Cuculus clamosus

Cuculus canorus

Cuculus gularis

Clamatorgladius Oxylophus

Chrysococcyx caprius

Centropus superciliosus

Strigidae

Otus senegalensis

Bubo africanus

Tyto capensis

Bubo lacteus

Glaucidium perlatum

Otus Leucotus

Caprimulgidae

Caprimulgus europeus

Caprimulgus poliocephalus

Caprimulgus donaldsoni

Caprimulgus nubicus torridus

Caprimulgus inornatus

Caprimulgus fraenatus

Apodidae

Apus h. hours

Apus aapus

Apus niansae

Apus caffer

Apus apus affinis

Apus melba africanus

Birds of Sosian Ranch

MOUSEBIRDS & COLIES

- Speckled Mousebird
- Blue-naped Mousebird

KINGFISHERS

- Grey-headed Kingfisher
- Striped Kingfisher
- Malachite Kingfisher
- Pied Kingfisher
- Giant Kingfisher

BEE-EATERS

- Eurasian Bee-eater
- Somali Bee-eater
- Little Bee-eater
- White-Throated Bee-eater
- Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater

ROLLERS

- Eurasian Roller
- Lilac-breasted Roller
- Rufous-crowned or Purple Roller

HOOPoes

- African Hoopoe
- European Hoopoe

WOOD-HOOPOES & SCIMITARBILLS

- Green Wood-Hoopoe
- Common Scimitarbill
- Abyssinian Scimitarbill

HORNbILLS

- Red-billed Hornbill
- African Grey Hornbill
- Eastern yellow billed hornbill
- Von der Deckens's Hornbill
- Crowned Hornbill

BARBETS & TINKERBIRDS

- Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird
- Red-fronted Tinkerbird
- Red-fronted Barbet
- Spot-flanked Barbet
- Red and Yellow Barbet
- D'Arnaud's Barbet

Coliidae

- Colius striatus*
- Colius macrourus*

Alcedinidae

- Halcyon leucocephala*
- Halcyon chelicuti*
- Alcedo cristata*
- Ceryle rudis*
- Megaceryle maxima*

Meropidae

- Merops apiaster*
- Merops revollii*
- merops pusillus*
- Merops albicollis*
- Merops oreobates*

Coraciidae

- Coracias garrulus*
- Coracias caudata*
- Coracias naevia*

Upupidae

- Upupa africana*
- Upupa epops*

Phoeniculidae

- Phoeniculus purpureus*
- Phoeniculus cyanamelas*
- Rhinpomastus minor cabanisi*

Bucerotidae

- Tockus erythrorhynchus*
- Tockus nasutus*
- Tochus flavirostris*
- Tockus deckeni*
- Tockus alboterminatus*

Capitonidae

- Pogoniulus lbilineatus*
- Pogoniulus pusillus*
- Tricholaema diadematum*
- Tricholaema lacrymosum*
- Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*
- Trachyphonus darnaudii*

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HONEYGUIDES

- Scally-throated Honeyguide
- Greater Honeyguide
- Lesser Honeyguide
- Pallid Honeyguide

WOODPECKERS

- Nubian Woodpecker
- Cardinal Woodpecker
- Bearded Woodpecker
- Grey Woodpecker

LARKS

- Rufous-naped Lark
- Fischer's Sparrow-Lark
- Red-Capped Lark
- Fawn-colored Lark
- Flappet Lark

SWALLOWS & MARTINS

- Plain Martin
- Barn Swallow
- Angola Swallow
- Ethiopian swallow
- Red-rumped Swallow
- Mosque Swallow
- Lesser Striped Swallow
- African Rock Martin
- Common House Martin
- Wire-tailed Swallow
- Black Saw-wing Swallow

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

- African Pied Wagtail
- Cape Wagtail
- Yellow Wagtail
- Grassland Pipit
- Long-billed Pipit
- Plain-backed Pipit

Indicatoridae

- Indicator variegatus*
- Indicator indicator*
- Indicator minor*
- Indicator meliphilus*

Picidae

- Campethera nubica*
- Dendropicus fuscescens*
- Thripias namaquus*
- Mesopicus goertae*

Alaudidae

- Mirafra africana*
- Eremopterix Leucopareia*
- Calandrella cinerea*
- Mirafra africanoidens*
- Mirafra rufocinnamomea*

Hirundinidae

- Riparia paludicola*
- Hirundo rustica*
- Horundo angolensis*
- Hirundo aethiopica*
- Hirundo daurica*
- Hirundo senegalensis*
- Hirundo abyssinica*
- Hirundo fuligula*
- Delichon urbIca*
- Hirundo smithii*
- Psalidoprocne holomelaenas*

Motacillidae

- Motacilla aguimp*
- Motacilla capensis*
- Motacilla flava*
- Antus novaeseelandiae*
- Anthus similis*
- Anthus leucophrys*

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- European Tree Pipit
- Yellow-throated Longclaw
- Rosy-Breasted Longclaw

BULBULS

- Common Bulbul

BABLERS, CHATTERERS & ALLIES

- Black-lored Babbler
- Rufous Chaterer
- Brown Babbler
- Arrow-marked Babbler

THRUSHES, WHEATEARS, CHATS

- Cape Robin Chat
- White-browed Robin Chat
- Spotted Morning Thrush
- White-browed Scrub Robin
- Northern Wheatear (European)
- Pied Wheatear
- Cliff Chat
- Common Rock Thrush
- Olive Thrush
- African Thrush
- Little Rock Trush
- Isabelline Wheatear

FLYCATCHERS

- Spotted Flycatcher
- African Dusky Flycatcher
- White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher
- Southern Black Flycatcher
- Pale Flycatcher
- African Grey Flycatcher

WARBLERS

- Olivaceous Warbler
- Blackcap
- Willow Warbler
- Grey-Backed Camaroptera
- Zitting Cisticola

Anthus trivialis
Macronyx c. croceus
Macronyx ameliae wintoni

Pycnonotidae

Pycnonotus barbatus

Timalidae

Turdoides sharpei
Turdoides rubiginosus
Turdoides plebejus cinereus
Turdoides jardineii

Turididae

Cossypha caffra
Cossypha heuglini
Cichladusa guttata
Cercotrichas leucophrys
Oenanthe oenanthe
Oenanthe p. pleschanka
Thamnolea cinnamomeiventris
Monticola saxatilis
Turdus olicaceus
Turdus pelios centralis
Monticola r. rufocnereus
Oenanthe isabellina

Muscicapidae

Muscicapa striata
Muscicapa adjusta
Melaenornis fischeri
Melaenornis pammelaina
Bradornis pallidus
Bradornis microrhynchus

Sylviidae

Hippolais paliida
Sylvia atricapilla
Phylloscopus trochilus
Camaroptera c. brachyura
Cisticola junctis uropygialis

Birds of Sosian Ranch

- Ashy Cisticola
- Boran Cisticola
- Tiny Cisticola
- Pectoral-patch Cisticola
- Siffling Cisticola
- Tawny-flanked Prinia
- Pale Prinia
- Grey Wren Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Apalis
- Northern Crombec
- Red-faced Crombec
- Buff-bellied Warbler
- Banded Parisoma
- Common Whitethroat

WHITE-EYES

- Yellow White-eye

TITS

- White-bellied Tit
- Mouse-colored Penduline Tit

MONARCH FLYCATCHERS

- African Paradise Flycatcher

BATISES AND WATTLE-EYES

- Chin-spot Batis

HELMET SHRIKES

- White-crested Helmet-shrike

SHRIKES

- Isabelline Shrike
- Common Fiscal Shrike
- Taita Fiscal Shrike
- Red-backed Shrike
- Brubru
- Brown-crowned tchagra
- Three-streaked tchagra
- Sulphur-breasted Bush Shrike
- Grey-headed Bush Shrike

Cisticola cinereolus
Cisticola bodessa
Cisticola nanus
Cisticola brunnescens
Cisticola brachypterus
Prinia subflava
Prinia somalica
Camaroptera simplex
Apalis flavida
Sylvietta brachyura
Sylvietta whytil
Phyllolais pulchella
Parisoma bohmi
Sylvia communis
Zosteropidae
Zosterops senegalensis
Paridae
Parus albivenetris
Remiz musculus
Monarchidae
Terpsiphone viridis
Platysteiridae
Batis molitor
Prionopidae
Prionops plumatus
Laniidae
Lanius isabellinus
Lanius collaris
Lanius dorsalis
Lanius Collurio
Nilaus afer minor
Tchagra australis
Tchagra j. jamesi
Malaconotus sulphureopectus
Malaconotus blanchoti

Birds of Sosian Ranch

- Rosy-patched Bush Shrike
- Tropical Boubou
- Slate-colored Boubou
- Northern Puffback
- Northern White-crowned Shrike
- Rosy-Patched Bush Shrike

CUCKOO SHRIKES

- Black Cuckoo-shrike
- Purple-throated Cuckoo-shrike

DRONGOS

- Common Drongo

ORIOLES

- Black-headed Oriole
- Eurasian Golden Oriole

RAVENS & CROWS

- Pied Crow
- Fan-tailed Raven

STARLINGS & OXPECKERS

- Red-winged Starling
- Blue-eared Starling
- Bristle-Crowned Starling
- Waller's Starling
- Hildebrandt's Starling
- Shelly's Starling
- Superb Starling
- Violet Backed Starling
- Wattled Starling
- Ruppell's Long-tailed Starling
- Golden-breasted Starling
- Red-billed Oxpecker
- Yellow-billed Oxpecker

SUNBIRDS

- Amethyst Sunbird
- Hunter's Sunbird
- Scarlet-chested Sunbird
- Variable Sunbird

Rhodophoneus cruentus
Laniarius aethiopicus
Laniarius funebris
Dryoscopus gambensis
Eurocephalus rupelli
Rhodophoneus cruentus

Campephagidae

Campephaga flava
Campephaga quicalina martini

Dicruridae

Dicruruus adsimilis

Oriolidae

Oriolus larvatus rolleti
Oriolus o. oriolus

Corvidae

Corvus albus
Corvus rhipidurus

Sturnidae

Onychognathus morio
Lamprotornis chalybaeus
Onychognathus salvadorii
Onychognathus walleri
Lamprotornis hilderbrandti
Lamprotornis shelleyi
Lamprotornis superbus
Cinnyricinclus leucogaster
Creatophora cinerea
Lamprotornis purpuropterus
Cosmopsarus regius
Buphagus erythrorhynchus
Buphagus africanus

Nectariniidae

Nectarinia amethystina
Nectarinia hunteri
Nectarinia senegalensis
Nectarinia venusta

Birds of Sosian Ranch

Marico Sunbird (Mariqua Sunbird)

Bronze Sunbird

Golden-winged Sunbird

WEAVERS, SPARROWS, WHYDAHs

Rufous Sparrow

Chestnut Sparrow

Somali Sparrow

Baglafaecht Weaver

White-browed Sparrow Weaver

Grey-headed Sparrow

Speckled-fronted Weaver

Black-necked Weaver

Speke's Weaver

Vitelline Masked Weaver

Chestnut Weaver

Red-headed Weaver

Yellow Bishop

Long-tailed Widowbird

Red-collared Widowbird

Jackson's Widowbird

White-winged Widowbird

Pin-tailed Whydah

Straw-tailed Whydah

Red-billed Quela

Yellow-spotted Petronia

Grey-Capped Social Weaver

Red-billed Buffalo-weaver

Common Indigobird

Purple Indigobird

WAXBILLS

Red-billed Firefinch

African Firefinch

Common Waxbill

Crimson-rumped Waxbill

Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu

Purple Grenadier

Quail Finch

Grey-headed Silverbill

Nectarinia mariquensis

Nectarinia kilimensis

Nectarinia reichenowi

Ploceidae

Passer griseus

Passer emini

Passer castanopterus fulgens

Ploceus baglafaecht

Plocepasser mahali

Passer griseus

Sporopipes frontalis

Ploceus nigricollis melanoxanthus

Ploceus spekei

Ploceus velatus

Ploceus rubiginosus

Anaplectes rubriceps

Euplectes capensis

Euplectes progne

Euplectes ardens

Euplectes jacksoni

Euplectes alborotatus eques

Vidua macroura

Vidua fischeri

Quela quela aethiopica

Petronia pyrgita

Pseudonigrita arnaudi

Bulbalornis niger intermedius

Vidua chalybeata

Vidua purpurascens

Estrilidae

Lagonosticta senegala

Lagonosticta rubricata

Estrilda astrild

Estrilda rhodopyga centralis

Uraeginthus bengalis

Uraeginthus ianthinogaster

Ortygospiza atricollis

Lonchura griseicapilla

Birds of Sosian Ranch

FINCHES

- Brimstone Canary
- White-bellied Canary
- Yellow-rumped Seedeater
- Streaky Seedeater

BUNTINGS

- Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting
- Golden-breasted Bunting

OTHERS

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Fringillidae

- Serinus sulphuratus*
- Serinus dorsostriatus*
- Serinus reichenowi*
- Serinus s. striolatus*

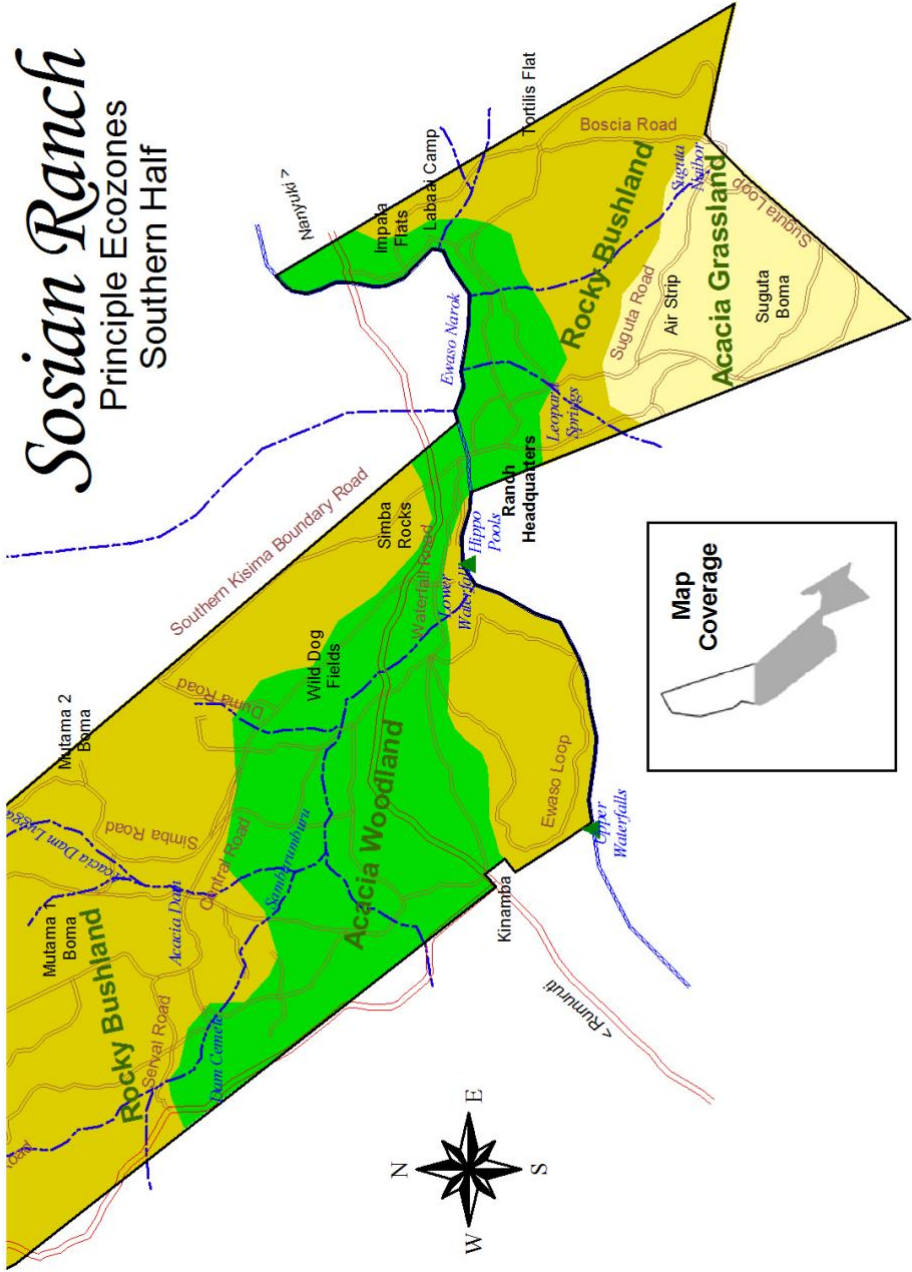
Emberizidae

- Emberizia tahapisi*
- Emberizia flaviventris*

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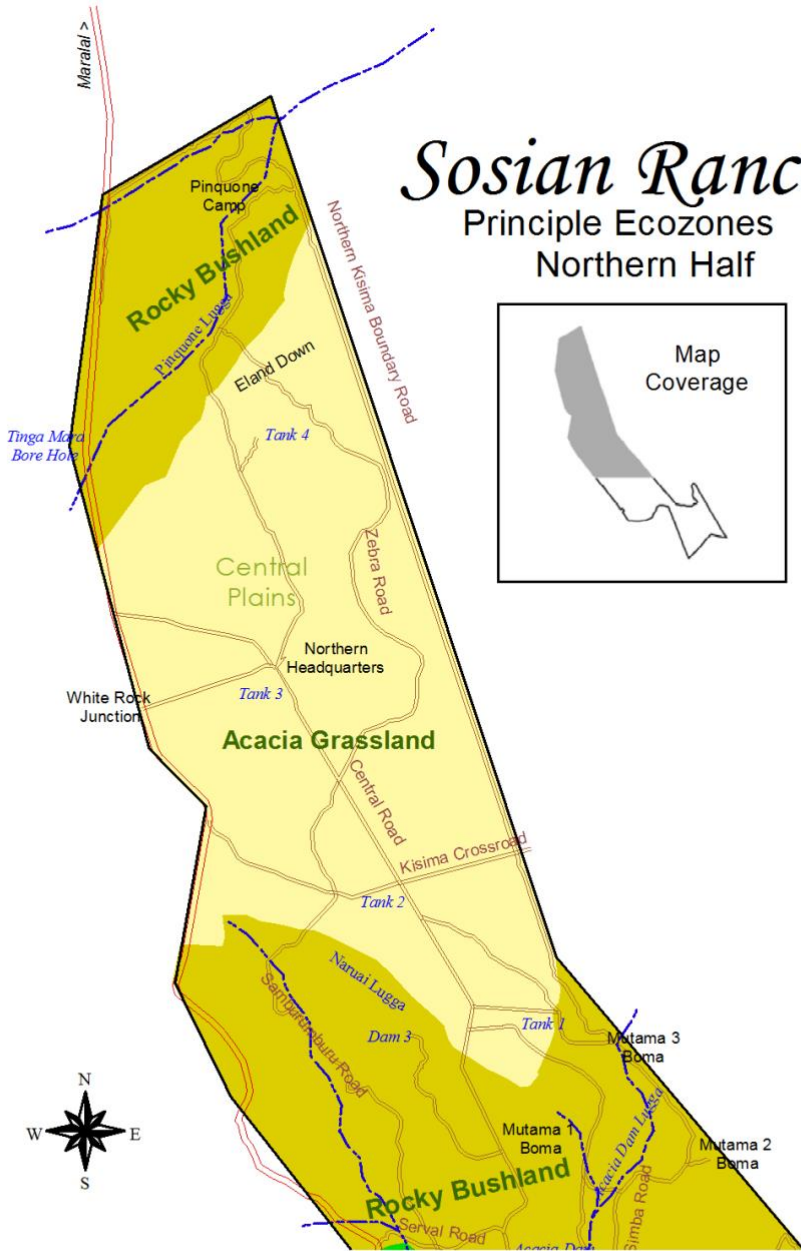
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Principle Ecozones
Southern Half



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Northern Half



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