The Mara records over five hundred bird species, which surprises travellers who come only for mammals. Raptors dominate: tawny and martial eagles, bateleur, augur buzzard, and six vulture species.

Riverine forest holds turacos, barbets and kingfishers. Grassland species such as secretarybird masai mara flying safari and ostrich are easy in the open.

Migration season brings palearctic migrants between November and March. Carry binoculars and ask for a guide who knows calls. Birding itineraries are **short flight to Masai Mara** at %LINK%.

