

An ornithological report on a short visit to Kangandala National Park and Loando Special Reserve, Angola

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During May 2012 I had the privilege of accompanying the Palanca Project Team to Malanje province, to visit Kangandala National Park and Loando Special Reserve. I'd like to thank the Ministry of the Environment for approving my visit and allowing me to join this trip.

During the short visit, a total of 151 species were recorded in the two conservation areas. Of the 103 species recorded in Kangandala (see list), 11 were new to the park list as given in Mills *et al.* (2008). At Loando, 85 species were recorded during an evening and single morning. The avifauna of this park is poorly known, so many of these records are likely to be new to the park.

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Travel log

3 May: drive Luanda to Kangandala

4 May: full day in Kangandala

5 May: 06h00-11h00 at Kangandala; 11h00-18h00 drive to Luando

6 May: 06h00-12h00 at Luando; 12h00-18h30 drive to Kangandala

7 May: full day in Kangandala

8 May: 06h00-09h30 in Kangandala; 09h30-18h00 drive to Luanda

On the associated checklist, days of the month on which species were recorded are followed by details of records in parentheses – either “+” for species seen or the number of individuals seen, or “h” for species only heard.

References

Mills MSL, Vaz Pinto P and Dean WRJ. 2008. The avifauna of Cangandala National Park, Angola. *Bulletin of the African Bird Club* 15:113-116.