

NatureUganda and Fort Portal Birders trip to Kluge's Guest Farm

Situated some fifteen kilometre's in a south westerly direction from Fort Portal, Kluge's Guest Farm



has one of the last remaining forest patches in the vicinity and a reminder that this whole area was once part of the Ruwenzori forest range.

This unique forest was visited on 2nd April by members of **NatureUganda** and Fort Portal Birders association. Sixteen keen participants were treated to a wealth of birds and mammals with a large troop of Black-and-White Colobus Monkeys cavorting in the trees with uncommon bird species such as Blue-shouldered and Grey-

winged Robin Chats, Pale-breasted Illadopsis, Banded Prinia and White-browed Crombec, the latter a Albertine Rift Endemic and indicative of the close relationship with the Rwenzori's Forest



Blue-mantled Crested-flycatcher



Black-billed Weaver

One of the members, Roger Skeen, a trained bird ringer from the United Kingdom had brought some mist nets and erected some the previous evening, opening them in the morning just before the birders arrived. We were treated to close up views of skulking Illadopsis and Greenbul's and were shown specific identification features, such as eye colour and length of wings, subtle differences which are often not seen in field views.

There was so much to see that it was after mid-day before we drew to a close and were then treated to tea, coffee and snacks by our hosts Stevan and Mariam Kluge. We all agreed this is an exceptional place for not only birding but for relaxing and a place we hope to visit again.

Roger Q Skeen, **NatureUganda**