



Chisamba IBA

Endemic Zambian Barbets

Day and Overnight package



Dates: any time of year

Number of people: flexible

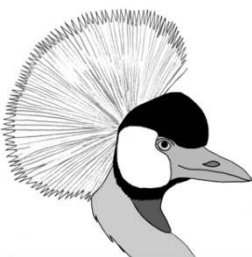
Your guide: Leslie Reynolds or Frank Willems

Package type: Birds and Bush guided safari

Package price: from \$186 pp

Included are transport, expert guiding, drinks and snacks, catering and accommodation (where applicable). Details depending on package. The rate applies to BirdWatch Zambia members only. Non-members pay an additional \$25 with which comes BWZ membership.

For each booking, a donation will be made to BirdWatch Zambia



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Introduction

The Chisamba area is among Zambia’s most birded Important Bird Areas, and for very good reasons. Large farms dominate the landscape, providing not only food for millions of Zambian people, but also offering effective protection for hundreds of bird species. Zambian or Chaplin’s Barbet, Zambia’s best known endemic which features on the kwacha coin, is the IBA’s flagship species. But this is only one cherry on an impressive cake. Almost all of Zambia’s raptors can be seen here. Satellite tracking and wingtags have revealed that Chisamba’s “vulture restaurants” attract vultures from all over the south-eastern half of Africa. White-backed, Hooded and Lappet-faced Vulture all occur in healthy numbers, in contrast to the rapid continental declines which has led to classification as Endangered or Critically Endangered, while several Cape Vultures were recorded in 2022. Furthermore, extensive miombo woodlands hold a great diversity of the Zambezian specials typical for this habitat, while wetlands and grasslands add yet another whole suite of birds.

Birding Zambia offers day and overnight (weekend) trips led by top birding guides that have intimate knowledge of the places to find the birds you’re after, many of which are not opened to the wider public.

Suggested trips

- (1) Day visit Chisamba: early morning pick-up by your guide, drive for an hour to Chisamba. Expect to see not only Zambia’s best-known endemic (alongside Crested, Black-backed and Black-collared Barbet) but also a range of miombo birds including Racket-tailed Roller and Arnot’s Chat. Regularly encountered species on this route include raptors like Crowned and Ayres’s Hawk Eagle.

Zambian Barbet Day		pax	pp
	1-3		
6.00-18.00	seats	1	\$ 331
		2	\$ 215
		3	\$ 186

- (1) Overnight visit: same as above but with an overnight at Fringilla Lodge, which has its own marabou and vulture feeding site. The next day you will visit Sable Farm, an 8,000 hectares estate with productive miombo woodlands here, which hold among others Souza’s Shrike, Yellow-bellied Hyliota, Arnot’s Chat and Miombo Rock Thrush. This will be followed by a visit to the hills, dam, thickets and grasslands in the southern section, where we have a chance of finding Secretarybird and Crowned Eagle among others. Large numbers of mammals as well as Ostrich are guaranteed to be enjoyed throughout this day. Afternoon return to Lusaka.

Zambian Barbet Overnight (sharing)		pax	pp
	1-3		
6.00 to next day 18.00	seats	1	\$ 565
		2	\$ 421
		3	\$ 374
single supplement			\$ 27