



Lusaka day and overnight packages

Dates: any time of year

Number of people: flexible

Your guide: Leslie Reynolds or Frank Willems

Package type: flexible

Accommodation type: flexible

Package price: from \$115,- pppd

*Included are transport, guiding services, catering, tea & coffee, accommodation (where applicable).
Details depending on package.*

Discounts for children are available.

*The rate applies to BirdWatch Zambia members only. Non-members pay an additional \$25 with
which comes BWZ membership for 2020 and 2021.*

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



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Introduction

If you're in town for business with a day spare, or just looking for something to do over the weekend, these packages are for you.

Despite the high human population, Lusaka Province holds many interesting birding areas. The endemic Chaplin's Barbet and many miombo birds – including Bar-winged Weaver, Souza's Shrike and Racket-tailed Roller to name a few - can be found within a good hour's drive from the city centre. African Pitta, Livingstone's Flycatcher and Pel's Fishing Owl are among sought-after species occurring within 4 hours driving from town.

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

From the long list of options, these are our personal favourites:

- Chaplin's Barbet and the Chisamba area (day trip or overnight): at an hour from town, 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.
- Miombo birds (day trip): on the south-eastern outskirts of town, a number of private properties still hold primary miombo woodland. You're guaranteed to see a good list of miombo birds, likely to include Souza's Shrike, Spotted Creeper, Rufous-bellied and Miombo Grey Tit, Miombo Rock Thrush and Yellow-bellied Hyliota. Bar-winged Weaver is the most sought-after species here but not always seen. The afternoon can be dedicated to enjoying some wetter areas which may produce the likes of White-backed Duck and Half-collared Kingfisher.
- Middle Zambezi Valley (1 or 2 night(s)): this scenic area between Lake Kariba and Lower Zambezi NP is a stronghold for African Pitta, chances of which are best late November to early January, when elusive species like Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo and River Warbler may also be encountered. Pel's Fishing Owl is almost guaranteed to be seen year-round when boating the right stretch of river, a worthwhile experience on its own. Livingstone's Flycatcher and Eastern Nicator are among resident species. Easily combined with a visit to the bird and megafauna-rich Lower Zambezi NP.

