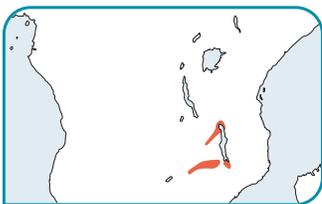


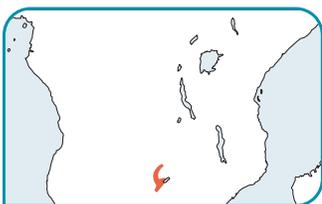
PLATE 69 AFRICAN LOVEBIRDS (in part)

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NYASA LOVEBIRD *Agapornis liliana* 14cm

Smaller than similar *A. fischeri*, and with green upper tail-coverts; forehead and throat orange-red, merging into salmon-pink on crown, face, and upper breast; bare white eye-ring; sexes alike, JUV duller with blackish suffusion on green cheeks; chattering likened to rattling of metal chain. Closely associated with mopane (*Colophospermum*) woodland. **DISTRIBUTION** discrete, separated

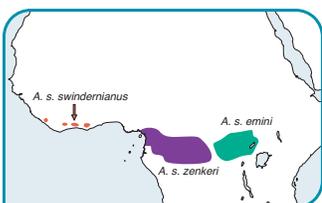
populations in southernmost Tanzania, Zambia–Zimbabwe border district, northwestern Moçambique, southern Malawi, and southeastern Zambia to northern Zimbabwe; also in Lundazi district, northeastern Zambia, where probably introduced, and records of aviary escapees in southern Namibia; up to 1000m; near-threatened. **LOCALITIES** Mana Pools National Park, Zimbabwe. South Luangwa National Park, Zambia.


BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRD
***Agapornis nigrigenis* 14cm**

Smaller than similar *A. personatus*, and with green upper tail-coverts; forehead and forecrown reddish brown; lores, throat, and cheeks brownish black; upper breast dull pink; bare white eye-ring; sexes alike, JUV resembles adults; high-pitched chattering. Closely associated with mopane (*Colophospermum*) woodland.

DISTRIBUTION southwestern Zambia, sporadically in northwestern Zimbabwe, and rarely reaching extreme northeastern Namibia and northernmost Botswana; mostly 600 to 1000m; vulnerable.

LOCALITY Kafue National Park (southern sector), Zambia.


BLACK-COLLARED LOVEBIRD
***Agapornis swindernianus* 13cm**

Unmistakable; smallest lovebird, and only species with black nuchal collar and black bill; sexes alike, JUV duller without black collar; twittering notes, shrill *chinga...chinga*. Feeds in upper stages of forest, mainly in *Ficus* trees, where detection difficult. **DISTRIBUTION** West and central Africa; up to 1800m, mostly below 800m; uncommon to

scarce and declining. **SUBSPECIES** two well-marked and one poorly differentiated subspecies.

1. *A. s. swindernianus* narrow black nuchal collar; neck below collar dull yellow; lower back to upper tail-coverts deep mauve-blue. *Range* disjunctly in Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Ghana. 2. *A. s. zenkeri* below black collar neck reddish brown, extending as suffusion on breast. *Range* central Africa, from southern Cameroon to Gabon and east to western Democratic Republic of Congo and southwestern Central African Republic. 3. *A. s. emini* like *zenkeri*, but less extensive reddish brown on neck and breast. *Range* central Democratic Republic of Congo to far western Uganda; may be isolated from *zenkeri*. **SIMILAR SPECIES** Red-faced Lovebird *A. pullarius* (plate 67) red or orange-red face and throat; red bill; prefers open country. **LOCALITIES** Bia National Park, Ghana. Yapo Forest and Azagny National Park, Ivory Coast. Makokou-Belingia district, northeastern Gabon.



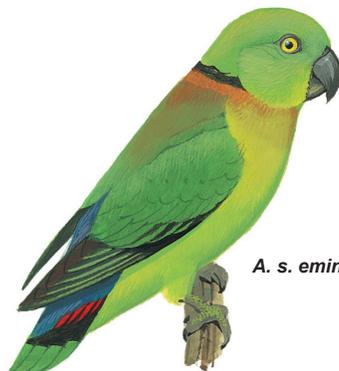
NYASA LOVEBIRD



BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRD



A. s. swindernianus



A. s. emini