

Greetings to all,

With another guest season well underway and having already received several visitors since re-opening in early November, we are having a busy but rewarding time.

The rains over the summer and autumn were heavy and frequent so everywhere was green and verdant on our return...with even some late rains during our first week, which kept the humidity high. Not ideal for bird watching treks so we were glad when the 'normal' weather conditions returned on Nov 15th.

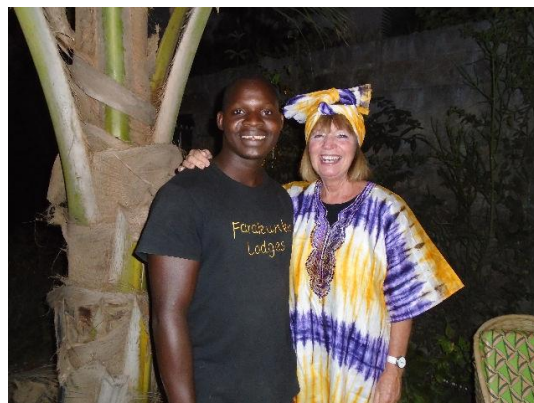
The tree sanctuary (created 3 years ago) is now beginning to look like a forest and is attracting many birds. Current guests are recording many species in there...around 50 in and around Farakunku alone.



We had a busy summer in UK this year and managed to sell our flat, buy a new property and move in, all within our short 5 month time frame. The house is now occupied by tenants until our return next summer, so we look forward to enjoying it properly then, as we only had 10 days to move in and get organised before packing up to leave for Gambia!

It is lovely to see so many repeat guests returning to Farakunku this season and we are especially looking forward to seeing them again. New couples have found us this year, thanks to many personal recommendations as well as the annual Birdfair promotion. We are very pleased to meet so many interesting people.

All our staff have stayed with us, so no big changes this time. We had the usual gang of workers here in the 2 weeks before re-opening: painters, carpenters, mason, plumber, solar technician etc so that everywhere was tip top again. One of our guests was given a locally made dress as a gift ...here she is like an African queen with Sekouba our groundsman.



Here's hoping that 2016 brings you health and happiness.

Our best wishes

Heather and Moses

