

Project Update: January 2015

The following activities were carried out between October and December 2014:

1. **Contribution to Science:** Team members (Martha, Isaac and Moses) took part in a conservation and education toolkit development and publication. The toolkit (Engaging Young People in Conservation and Education: A Toolkit for Site Support Groups), was published by Birdlife Africa Partnership Secretariat and offers activities, ideas, games and discussions about the natural world with a focus on three key habitats; wetlands, grasslands and forests. An online version of the toolkit is available for download at http://www.birdlife.org/sites/default/files/BL_Education-toolkit.pdf.
2. **Water quality testing analysis:** The team, in collaboration with the Water Resource Management Authority (WARMA), collected and tested the wetland water for chemicals to assess possible pollution and subsequent effect on wetland birds if any. The results are attached as a separate report.
3. **Monitoring and surveys:** The team continues to carry out monthly monitoring and survey activities at the wetland. During these we've added new biodiversity on ongoing biodiversity checklist development for instance the Eurasian migrant, the black-tailed godwit (*Limosa limosa*), added on bird checklist. Community members took part in the annual Rift Valley raptor surveys at Kerio Valley.
4. **Wetland Action Plan:** The team is currently developing a Wetland Action Plan for the swamp. It will be submitted as a separate report.



Figure 1- Black-tailed godwit (*Limosa limosa*), Sawaiti Wetland



Figure 2- Common pond-damsel (*Ceriagrion glabrum*), Sawaiti Wetland. Figure 3 - Knot Weed (*Persicaria pulchrum*), Sawaiti Wetland