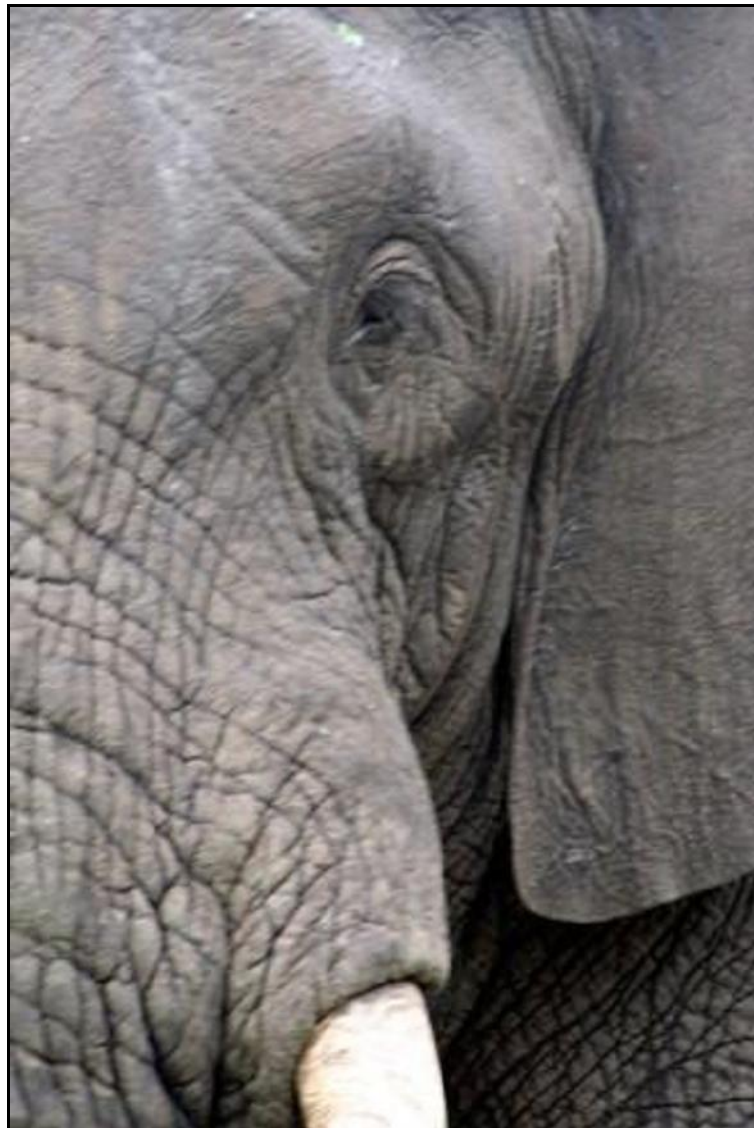


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Mpumalanga Birding Tour

1st – 15th February 2006

Trip Report



Trip Report By: Bruce Lawson

Tour Summary

Tour Participants:

Barry Hough and Margaret Smith
David Coe
Rosemary Cook
Leslie Johnson

Photo acknowledgments:

Bruce Lawson and Dee Todd

Total Distance Traveled:

2208 km

Temperature Range

15 – 34 Degrees Celsius

Total Birds Seen

348

Birds Seen but not well enough by Group

7

Total Birds Heard Only

20

Total Mammals Seen

36

Total Reptiles Identified

13

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Trip Breakdown:

Day 1: Wednesday 1st February 2006

JHB International east along N4 to via Middleburg Ultra City and Belfast to Dullstroom – 246km

Weather: Partly cloudy and sunny with late afternoon thundershowers

18 – 25 Degrees Celsius

Day 2: Thursday 2nd February 2006

Around Dullstroom village. Steenkampsburg road in the morning and Kruisfontein Road in the afternoon - 112km

Weather: Cloudy and overcast in the morning with very cold temperatures. Afternoon sunny and warm.

10 – 24 Degrees Celsius

Day 3: Friday 3rd February 2006

Dullstroom to Lydenburg over Longtom Pass to Misty Mountain through Sabie and Graskop down Vaalhoek Road to Mount Sheba Forest Lodge - 243 km

Weather: Clear and crisp morning to sunny and hot during the day.

12 – 30 Degrees Celsius

Day 4: Saturday 4th February 2006

Mount Sheba over Robbers Pass down Vaalhoek Road to Blyderiviersport Resort - 75km

Weather: Partly cloudy and hot with evening thundershowers.

16 – 32 Degrees Celsius

Day 5: Sunday 5th February 2006

Blyde to Gods Window, Graskop back to Blyde - 80km

Weather: Clear to partly cloudy and hot with evening thunder showers.

16 – 32 Degrees Celsius

Day 6: Monday 6th February 2006

Blyde via Abel Erasmus Pass to Strydon Tunnel to Orpen Gate into the Kruger to Satara Rest Camp - 203km

Weather: Cloudy, cool and overcast in the morning getting a bit warmer with thick cloud and rain during the day. Humid and warm afternoon.

15 – 29 Degrees Celsius

Day 7: Tuesday 7th February 2006

Drive in the Satara area - 50km

Weather: Overcast and rainy on and off throughout the day.

20 – 25 Degrees Celsius

Day 8: Wednesday 8th February 2006

Satara to Tshokwane onto Lower Sabie - 104km

Weather: Overcast morning with high humidity - Thunder showers during the afternoon.

20 – 34 Degrees Celsius

Day 9: Thursday 9th February 2006

Drive in the Lower Sabie area - 35km

Weather: Wet rainy and very humid morning clearing in the afternoon to partly cloudy and very hot.

20 – 35 Degrees Celsius

Day 10: Friday 10th February 2006

Lower Sabie to Crocodile Bridge to Swaziland Border, Mananga via Big Bend to Lavumisa to Mvubu Lodge - 304km

Weather: Overcast and rainy.

18 – 25 Degrees Celsius

Day 11: Saturday 11th February 2006

Around the Pongola Game Reserve - 10km

Weather: Clear to partly cloudy with hot weather cooling later in the afternoon.

22 – 28 Degrees Celsius

Day 12: Sunday 12th February 2006

Mvubu Lodge to Piet Retief to Wakkerstroom - 240km

Weather: Clear to partly cloudy with hot weather cooling later in the afternoon.

22 – 28 Degrees Celsius

Day 13: Monday 13th February 2006

Wakkerstroom area - 110km

Weather: Partly cloudy and cool to overcast with light showers.

16 – 25 Degrees Celsius

Day 14: Tuesday 14th February 2006

Wakkerstroom area - 116km

Weather: Cloudy and overcast with mist to partly cloudy and sunny in the afternoon.

20 – 27 Degrees Celsius

Day 15: Wednesday 15th February 2006

Wakkerstroom via Volksrust through Standerton onto the N3 at Heidelberg around Suikerbosrand Game Reserve onto Johannesburg International Airport - 360km

Weather: Clear and sunny with some cloud in the afternoon.

20 – 32 Degrees Celsius

TRIP REPORT

Day 1: Wednesday 01st February 2006

After a late arrival we departed east down the N4 towards Belfast. Birds seen while traveling down the highway included Sacred Ibis, Cattle Egret and Glossy Ibis. About 40 minutes from the airport just inside the Mpumalanga boundary, we stopped at a small dam to do some early birding. Black-headed Heron was the first bird seen but was soon followed by Red-knobbed Coot, White-breasted Cormorant, Southern Red Bishop, Yellow-crowned Bishop, Cape Weaver, African Purple Swamphen, White-winged Turn and some Maccoa Duck.

We stopped at the Middleburg Ultra City for lunch then were on the road again. Amur Falcon and Black-shouldered Kite were showing on the wires as we went past and once we turned off the highway we started seeing Steppe Buzzards. We stopped at a small dam just before Dullstroom and got White-backed Duck, Yellow-billed Egret, Fantailed and Long-tailed Widowbirds, Pintailed Whydah, White-throated Swallow, Greater-striped Swallow and Little Grebe. Some Spur-winged Goose and Egyptian Goose were showing well on a dam wall, as were Black-smith lapwings.

After checking into our accommodation at the Dullstroom Inn, we went for a short walk around the town. Speckled Pigeon were first on the list soon followed by Laughing Dove, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Southern Masked Weaver, Cape White-eye, Red-chested Cuckoo, Amethyst Sunbird and a calling Cape Batis. At the Dullstroom dam some of us got a fleeting glimpse of a Cape Robin-Chat whilst Cattle Egret and Barn Swallows were flying above. A Speckled Mousebird shot past and landed giving us a brief but exciting view.

All in all a good start to a good birding holiday.

Daily Total: 56

Day 2: Thursday 2nd February 2006

We left the Inn at 06H00 and headed out of town towards the Steenkampsburg Mountains. Before leaving town however, we spotted Hadedda Ibis and Common Myna. Still on the main road before turning off we got Steppe Buzzard, Natal Francolin and a calling Red-winged Francolin.

Once we turned off the main road onto the dirt we slowed down with many stops. First on the list was Swainson's Spurfowl, Cape Longclaw, Cape Canary and a Wailing Cisticola. Stone Chat, Olive Pigeon, Long-tailed Whidowbirds and Common Waxbills were added. At a small dam in the freezing cold we saw an African Black Duck on the water with Red Bishop, Cape Weavers, African Wattled Lapwing and a Black-headed Heron on the sides.

Further up the hill at a large stand of Proteas we managed to spot a Gurney's Sugarbird in the distance and a male Malachite Sunbird up close. Red-winged Starling were flying around on the hillside. Next on the list were Banded Martin and a surprise Denham's Bustard.

We stopped for a tea break and found 2 Blue Cranes in the distance with numerous Cape Crows. Wing-snapping Cisticola were showing all around us while having tea. We returned to the Inn for breakfast along the same road.

After breakfast we headed out on the same road in search of some new species missed in the cold during the early morning. First up were a juvenile African Fish Eagle and a Yellow-billed Kite closely followed by a Jackal Buzzard once we had turned off the main road onto the dirt. The Gurney's Sugarbird was showing a lot better than earlier so some time was spent admiring him. On the slope opposite were 3 Grey Rhebok and not far off was a lone Mountain Reedbuck.

The 2 Blue Cranes were still showing on the same spot and a little further on we spotted a Secretary Bird striding through the long grass. We turned at the end of the road and headed back to the village for some lunch at the Duck and Trout restaurant. While having lunch we saw an adult African Fish Eagle and some White-rumped Swifts.

Later in the afternoon we headed in a different direction and went down the Kruisfontein Road. Buff-streaked Chat was first on the list. A distant African Pipit had us thinking it was an Eastern Long-billed Lark for awhile but there was no mistaking the Black Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest and Springbok on

the slope opposite.

Cape Grassbird, Pintailed Wydah, Red-collared Widowbird were soon added to the growing list. Heading back towards the village in the late afternoon we got loads of Amur Falcons on the telephone wires next to the road. Also on the wires and hovering around were Black-shouldered Kites. Back on the tar we spotted a distant flock of about 50 Southern Bald Ibis. Hopefully a closer view will present itself.

Daily Total: 79

New Birds for the day: 41

Trip Total: 97

Day 3: Friday 3rd February 2006

We left Dullstroom at 06H00 and headed towards Lydenburg. Not far out of Dullstroom we saw some White Storks in a field. Steppe Buzzards were on post as we drove past and a Helmeted Guineafowl was also seen.

In Lydenburg we filled up with fuel while being watched by a White-throated Swallow and some Barn Swallows. House Sparrow were all around the filling station. In a suburb of Lydenburg on the way out of town we stopped to view a couple of White-browed Sparrow-Weavers, the eastern most of their range. Travelling out of Lydenburg over the Devil's Knuckles we got views of Black-shouldered Kite and Amur falcons on the wires. White-necked Ravens were at the top of the pass as was a Jackal Buzzard. We descended to Misty Mountain Retreat where we stopped for breakfast.

While having breakfast Olive Pigeons flew over and a Greater Double-collared Sunbird kept flitting about, just to fast for a good view. After breakfast we headed up the grassy slopes in search of the very rare and endangered Blue Swallow. Black Saw-wings were soaring around over the dams and African Black Swift, Alpine Swift and Common House Martin were soaring high above. A female Pin-tailed Whydah and male Greater Double-collared Sunbird showed themselves nicely on a bush before ascending the slope.

In the grasslands we got both Levillant's and Wailing Cisticola and eventually after we crested the slope a brief but excellent view of a female Blue Swallow. We descended the mountain on the same route as going up and saw Neddicky and Drakensberg Prinia on the way down.

We headed into Sabie and went down the river towards some waterfall. On the road we stopped and managed to get Dark-capped Yellow Warbler, Red-backed Manikin, Sombre Greenbul, Lesser Swamp Warbler and heard a Little Rush Warbler. Unfortunately no Mountain Wagtails were showing on the river but a brief glimpse of an African Goshawk was seen.

Lunch was in Sabie after which we headed for Graskop and the turn off to Pilgrims rest. Due to the heavy rains earlier in the week the road over the mountain was washed away so we had to make a detour via Bourke's Luck and the Vaalhoek Road up to Mount Sheba Forest Resort. We eventually arrived, none the worse for wear, and after checking in we went down to the swimming Pool area for tea.

Familiar Chat, Cape Wagtail, Red-winged Starling and Cape Robin-Chat were showing while having tea. After tea we went on a stroll around the hotel grounds and got Cape White-eye, Olive Bush-Shrike, Bar-throated Apalis, Sombre Greenbul, Cape Batis and brief glimpses of a single Grey Cuckoo-Shrike in the distance. Rock Martin and Greater-Striped Swallow were flying around above the grounds.

We had dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Daily Total: 62

New Birds for the day: 25

Trip Total: 122

Day 4: Saturday 4th February 2006

We met at six outside the hotel for a walk. Birds on the lawn were Pin-tailed Whydah, Familiar Chat and Greater-striped Swallow. We headed off into the forest and before entering the forest we saw an Olive Bush-Shrike and a Knysna Turaco. The forest proved very quiet and birds were hard to come by and took a lot of work to find. However, we did get Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler, Bar-throated Apalis, Olive Woodpecker, Yellow-streaked Greenbul and Cape Batis. On the way

back out the forest we had a brief glimpse of an Orange Ground-Thrush and some other birders spotted a Narina Trogon which we all got to see. A fleeting glimpse of a Chorister Robin was seen by a few but no amount of calling would call out an Orange Ground-Thrush.

After breakfast we headed back the way we had come yesterday, stopping en route to view some Common Waxbills and Cape Canary. On the Vaalhoek Road we stopped at all the river crossings looking for Half-collared Kingfisher but to no avail. We did however see Neddicky, Amur Falcon, Speckled Pigeon, African Paradise Flycatcher and an Amethyst Sunbird.

We stopped at the Bourke's Luck Potholes for some lunch before which we went on a walk down to view the potholes and the junction of the 2 rivers, Blyde and the Truer. In the parking lot were both Cape and African Pied Wagtails and on the way down we found a calling Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting which we managed to get in the scope. The rivers were both flowing strongly after the recent rain but this did not deter the Rock Martins which were flying up and down the cliffs. A Half-collared Kingfisher was spotted in the river but took awhile for all to see as it would keep ducking into cover. The final view was well worth waiting for, as the kingfisher caught a fish in the fast flowing waters and proceeded to smack it on the rocks before devouring its lunch.

After lunch we headed to the Blyde Canyon viewing sites and had splendid views on the canyon. A Verreaux's Eagle made a brief appearance before swooping away below the lip of the canyon. A Lazy Cisticola was also out calling for all to see. On the telephone poles along the road were both Rock Kestrel and Black-shouldered Kite.

After checking in at the Blydepoort Aventura we went for a short walk round the extensive grounds. A calling Green-backed Camaroptera was the first bird that got our attention but unfortunately was not seen. Southern Grey-headed Sparrow was seen as well as greater Double-Collared Sunbird, a displaying Black-backed Puffback, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird and a brief view of a White-throated Robin-Chat.

We had dinner at the Resort restaurant.

Daily Total: 59

New Birds: 18

Trip Total: 140

Day 5: Sunday 5th February 2006

Tea was served at 06H00 outside Bruce's chalet after which we went for a walk around the extensive grounds. New birds were plentiful and included White-throated Robin-Chat, Mocking Cliff-Chat, Yellow-fronted Canary, Black-crowned Tchagra, Southern Black Tit, Chin-spot Batis, Blue Waxbill, Spectacled Weaver, White-winged Widowbird, Cape Rock-Thrush and a big surprise in a Southern Tchagra.

After breakfast we went for a drive to God's Window Lookout over the escarpment towards the Lowveld bush below. At the Lowveld Lookout a European Hobby came cruising past a few times giving us great views. At God's Window we called up a shy and elusive Barratt's Warbler which displayed for us so all could get a great view of this shy and secretive bird.

Lunch was in Graskop at Harry's Pancakes and was enjoyed by all. Some curio shopping followed then a speedy trip back to the resort for an afternoon siesta.

A walk around the gardens after tea at 16H30 was a cracker and produced even more new and special species. Southern Boubou, Sweet Waxbill, White-browed Scrub-Robin, Black-backed Puffback, Yellow-breasted Apalis and numerous Cape Wagtails.

Dinner once again was in the Resort restaurant.

Daily Total: 59

New Birds for the day: 16

Trip Total: 156

Day 6: Monday 6th February 2006

We had a 07H00 sleep-in this morning then headed to breakfast. At breakfast we spotted an Ashy Flycatcher, Familiar Chat, Red-winged Starlings, Mocking Cliff-Chat, Rock martin and Barn Swallows.

We departed Blydepoort and headed down the escarpment towards the Lowveld. En route down we saw Rock Kestrel, European Bee-eater, White-winged and Red-collared Widowbird. We stopped at the Taita Falcon site and were joined by Michael the local custodian of the falcons. Unfortunately after a lot of searching and waiting for the falcons to return we did not get to see them. We also searched for Mountain Wagtail in the stream close by but once again luck was not on our side.

After winding our way down the escarpment we stopped to view the Cape Vulture nesting colonies on the cliffs. In a tree above us was a Red-billed Buffalo Weavers nest and one bird was present. Frequent spots were made to view birds along the way which included Lesser Striped-Swallow, Brown Snake-Eagle, Rattling Cisticola, Jacobin Cuckoo and Little Swifts.

We stopped for an early lunch at the Cotton Club and immediately were swamped by new birds. Spotted Thick-knee, Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah, Common Scimitar, Green-winged Pytilia, Acacia Pied Barbet were added before lunch and African Paradise Flycatcher, Blue Waxbill and Red-billed Firefinch while having lunch.

The rain came down soon after we left the Cotton Club but lifted enough for us to get a great View of a Black-chested Snake-Eagle in flight. The road was very wet all the way to Orpen but as we entered the gate we got Burchell's Zebra, Impala and Blue Wildebeest which lifted the spirits. Check-in at Orpen Gate was quick and we headed down the road to Satara camp. The rain lifted and birds started coming in thick and fast. Crested and Natal Francolin, Swainson's Spurfowl, Southern Carmine Bee-eaters, Magpie Shrike, Tawny, Lesser-spotted, Bateleur and Wahlberg's Eagle, White backed, Hooded and Lappet-faced Vulture were all added to the fast growing list. Shortly before reaching Satara camp we came across a large bull Elephant next to the road and a couple of Marabou Storks flying over.

In the camp while checking-in we added African Mourning Dove, African Green Pigeon, Crested Barbet and African Scops Owl to the now impressive list.

Dinner was in the Satara restaurant.

Daily Total: 106

New Birds for the day: 59

Trip Total: 215

Day 7: Tuesday 7th February 2006

Tea at 06H00 and Bruce's Chalet then we went out on a drive. The first birds seen were in the garden and were African Hoopoe and Crested Francolin. Once out of the camp we went north towards Olifants camp then turned east on the dirt S90. Birds seen included Sabota Lark, Desert Cisticola, Red-backed Shrike, Wahlberg's Eagle, Lesser-grey Shrike, Long-billed Crombec, Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark, Red-capped Lark and Montague's Harrier.

The rain came down so we turned and headed for home after having a brief view of a Corn Crane flitting above the grass. As it was still coming down after breakfast we decided to forgo the walk that was planned and head out for another drive. This time we went south, then east on the S100.

Birds seen included Grey-headed Bush-Shrike, Red-faced Cisticola, Klaas's Cuckoo, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Red-breasted Swallow, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Malachite Kingfisher, Black Crane, African Barred Owllet and Cinnamon-breasted Rock-Bunting. On the return to camp for lunch we spotted a Black-headed Oriole, European Golden Oriole and Carmine Bee-eaters. While having lunch we were entertained by Lesser Masked-Weavers on the nest and a couple of Natal Francolin having a battle on the lawn.

Tea was had at 16H00 after which we went for a walk around the camp grounds. African Hoopoe, Woodland Kingfisher, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Marico Sunbird, Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike, Burchell's, Cape Glossy and Greater Blue-eared Starlings, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Pearl-spotted Owllet, African Scops Owl, Hadedda Ibis, Crested Barbet, African Green Pigeon, Diderick Cuckoo, Brown-headed Parrot, Groundscraper Thrush, Bennett's Woodpecker, Little Swift and Long-billed Crombec were soon added to our daily and total list.

Unfortunately rain stopped play so we called off until dinner at 19H00.

Daily Total: 98

New Birds for the day: 35

Trip Total: 250

Day 8: Wednesday 8th February 2006

After early morning tea outside Bruce's hut we went for a walk around the camp grounds. Mourning Dove was the first for the list with a calling Woodland Kingfisher a close second. Burchell's Starling, African Hoopoe, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow and Little Swift soon followed. The Groundscraper Thrush was back on the lawn and the Southern Masked-Weavers were still busy building their nests. We eventually found, and got onto a Grey Tit-Flycatcher and soon after that another new one, Black Cuckoo-Shrike. Kurrichane Thrush and Yellow-bellied Eremomela were 2 more new additions to our rapidly growing list. African Scops-Owl, Brown-headed Parrot and Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver were tallied up for the day list.

After breakfast we headed south for Tshokwane picnic site where we had lunch. En route saw a couple of old Buffalo bulls, a breeding herd of Elephant, Kudu, Impala, Waterbuck, Blue Wildebeest and Hippo. Birds along the route included Willow Warbler, Chin-spot Batis, Southern Ground-Hornbill, White-headed Vulture, Red-backed and Lesser Grey Shrike, Grey Heron, Black Crake, Green-backed Heron, Wood Sandpiper and Water Thick-knee.

When we got to Tshokwane for lunch it was really hot with a very high humidity. We ordered lunch and it started to rain, cooling down considerably. A Black Cuckoo was calling at lunch but unfortunately we could not find it. We left under hot skies once again and soon turned off to Lower Sabie. The road goes over some high ground with an excellent view over extensive basalt plains. At the top we were greeted by a very large Giant Plated Lizard that kept a close eye on us while we were up there. We spotted 8 Ostrich out on the plains as well as 4 White Rhino and a couple of bull Elephants.

The rain drove us into the vehicle once again, so we headed off down to Lower Sabie. Closer to LS we stopped along the plains to try call up Croaking Cisticola which we got a distant view of but also got a rare Black Coucal. This bird does not normally occur here but due to the heavy recent rains it has moved into the area. We also managed to call up a Black-bellied Bustard which flew over and disappeared, on landing in the long grass.

At the bridge over the Sabie River at Lower Sabie camp we picked up Wire-tailed Swallow on the wall and a Goliath Heron fishing in the rapids. At Sunset Dam we got Yellow-billed Stork, Greenshank, Wood and Common Sandpiper, African Pied Wagtail, Thick-billed Weaver and numerous large crocodiles.

Daily Total: 115

New Birds for the day: 26

Trip Total: 276

Day 9: Thursday 9th February 2006

It was pouring with rain when we came out for coffee at 06H00 but it slowed to a steady drizzle as the morning progressed. None-the-less, we braved the rain and set off for Sunset Dam and beyond, heading west towards Skukuza camp.

The rain did not deter the birds and Diderick Cuckoo, Lesser-Masked and Village Weaver were out. Birds at Sunset Dam included Greenshank, Black-crowned Night Heron, Wood and Common Sandpiper, Giant Kingfisher, Water Thick-knee and Marabou Stork. Hippo's and Crocodile were all over in the water.

Traveling down the Sabie River we saw Great Reed-Warbler, Red-backed Shrike, Hooded Vulture, Three-banded Plover, Steppe Eagle, Purple-crested Turaco, White-browed Robin-Chat and Red-headed Weaver. On our return to the camp for breakfast White-fronted Bee-eaters were at the entrance to greet us. From the deck we spotted a White-crowned Lapwing on an island with Blacksmith Lapwings surrounded by Hippo. Also from the breakfast deck we got Southern Red Bishop, Thick-billed Weaver, White-winged Widowbird and Fan-tailed Widowbird.

After breakfast we went for a stroll around the camp grounds, adding Grey-headed Bush-Shrike, Lesser-striped Swallow, Barn Swallow, Spotted Flycatcher, Lesser-spotted, Wahlberg's and Bateleur Eagle's, Yellow-billed Kite, Bronze Mannikin and Burnt-necked Eremomela to our daily list. We culminated the walk back on the deck for lunch while being watched by Lesser-masked Weavers who wanted to share our food with us.

In the late afternoon we went for a very hot drive and checked Sunset Dam once again. Marsh Sandpiper, White-fronted Plover and Malachite Kingfisher were added to the list. A very nervous White Rhino was spotted in the thick bush but made off in a flash. Giraffe were literally everywhere and

we also saw a large herd of Impala and some Zebra. We stopped off at Sunset Dam again, before heading into camp but the only new spots were about 20 tourist vehicles.

Daily Total: 109
New Birds for the day: 16
Trip Total: 292

Day 10: Friday 10th February 2006

Left Lower Sabie after morning coffee for Crocodile Bridge which had now opened its gates after being flooded. We had a quick look at Sunset Dam before heading south and got Black-crowned Night Heron, Common Sandpiper, Yellow-billed Stork, Giant and Pied Kingfisher.

On the dirt road south we stopped for birds all along the route and got new species such as Grey-rumped Swallow and Trumpeter Hornbill. We further added species such as Barn Swallow, European and Carmine Bee-eaters, Southern Yellow-billed, Red-billed and African Grey Hornbill, Rattling Cisticola and Red-backed Shrike.

A large Elephant came sauntering down the road towards us and when we stopped and switched off the engine, it strolled past, not more than a couple of meters from us. An African Crake came strolling across the road giving all of us an awesome view and a 'lifer' for Bruce. More excitement was generated when a lioness and 4 cubs crossed the road in front of us. They unfortunately went into some thick vegetation close to the road which made viewing very difficult. At least we had been through Kruger without not seeing a lion!!!

We had breakfast at Crocodile Bridge with an African Paradise-Flycatcher looking down at us from its nest above. A White-bellied Sunbird was also flitting round in the trees for us all to see. Crossing the bridge over the Crocodile River created some excitement as the water was over the bridge so all that could be seen was the side rails. We managed to get through with no problem, unlike some other vehicles that were sitting bonnet up next to the road.

The trip to the Swaziland border was uneventful as was the crossing but the rain came down for much of the journey through Swaziland. We stopped for lunch at Big Bend then carried on the short distance to the Lavumisa Border post in the rain. Shortly after crossing the border we turned off into the Pongola Game Reserve to our lodge where we were staying for the next 2 nights, Mvubu Lodge.

After check-in and a quick turn around, we were on the open vehicle heading for the jetty and an afternoon boat cruise on the Pongola River. Our first Nyala antelope were spotted on the way to the jetty as were a couple of Warthog and Kudu. The boat was a large flat bottomed barge with a roof over our heads and nice comfortable seats to sit on..... It even had a toilet on board.....

We chugged up the river slowly scanning the banks for anything that moved. Wildebeest, Impala, Nyala and Kudu were grazing the lush vegetation on the bank and African Jacana, Black Crake and Purple Heron were on the waters edge. A Malachite Kingfisher was spotted and remained where it was, for us to get a good clear and close view. A number of African Darter were seen on waterlogged perches as were a lot of Reed Cormorants. Green-backed Heron and Hadedda Ibis were also present but not in such large numbers. African Pied and Giant Kingfishers were present all along the waters edge and a lot of White-faced Duck and Egyptian Geese were along the banks. 6 White Rhino were grazing on the bank and we got close in the boat and sat watching them for a long while. While there, a couple of Black Herons were spotted and a couple of Great Egrets flew past. Cattle Egrets by their hundreds came flying past on their way to roosting sites. The trip back was a bit quicker but no less enjoyable.

Dinner was served in the boma at the lodge, after which we completed the compulsory bird list.

Daily Total: 105
New Birds for the day: 11
Trip Total: 303

Day 11: Saturday 11th February 2006

We started out just after 06H00 on an open land rover for a morning drive. It soon became apparent that we would not be traveling any great distance due to the amount of birds calling. We had soon seen Cape Glossy Starling with Burchell's, Greater Blue-eared and Violet-backed Starling following shortly.

A calling Eastern Nicator created a stir, but unfortunately would not budge out of its place of hiding. The same went for a Black Cuckoo however, we did add Cardinal and Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Petronia, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Southern Black Tit, Rattling Cisticola, African Grey and Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill's, White-backed Vulture, Steppe Buzzard, Golden-breasted Bunting and a distant calling Gorgeous Bush-Shrike.

We stopped at a high vantage point that gave us a spectacular view over the whole reserve and a large part of the Pongola dam. Breakfast come brunch was had in the lodge after which followed a siesta break.

We met again for a high tea on the deck where we did some good birding. From the deck we managed to see Green-backed Camaroptera, Black Cuckoo, Black-backed Puffback, Southern Boubou, White-throated Robin-Chat, Arrow-marked Babblers, Tawny-flanked Prinia, White-bellied Sunbird, Lesser-striped Swallow and White-rumped Swift. After tea we went for a walk. The weather was extremely hot so we took it very slow and some birds seen were Black Cuckoo-Shrike, Southern Black Tit, a flash of a Striped Kingfisher, then Purple-crested Turaco, Southern Grey Headed Sparrow and a calling but not seen, Eastern Nicator.

Back at the deck just before dinner we managed to call out a Fiery-necked Nightjar but it was too dark to see anything other than a shape so it was not counted on the list. It did however, call all through dinner as did an African Scops-Owl.

Dinner was once again in the boma but this time under a clear sky and full moon.

Daily Total: 74

New Birds for the day: 10

Trip Total: 313

Day 12: Sunday 12th February 2006

After morning tea on the deck we went for a short walk along the same route as yesterday afternoon. Birds were calling all about and displaying well. Purple-crested Turaco responded well to its call and came to investigate giving us all superb views. A European Golden-Oriole flashed its brilliant yellow at us and a European Hobby was found perched on a dead tree. Arrow-marked Babblers displayed nicely for us as did White-throated Robin-Chat. Other birds seen were Southern Black Tit, Red-eyed Dove and Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Fork-tailed Drongo, Dark-capped Bulbul, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Black-crowned Tchagra, White-backed Vulture and Red-chested Cuckoo.

After breakfast we packed the vehicle and headed for Wakkerstroom. The trip was slowed by extensive road works but this did give us an opportunity to do some birding. Birds seen were Red-collared, Long-tailed, Fan-tailed and White-winged Widowbirds, Pin-tailed Whydah, Common Waxbill, White and Black Stork.

We reached the small village of Wakkerstroom in time for lunch which we had on the outside patio. In the church yard across the road were African Pied Starlings, European Starling, Red-winged Starling and Cape Sparrow, while from a garden, a calling Bokmakierie was seen.

After a siesta we met up and headed down to the wetland reserve for a quick look at what was around. The water level was very high so not a lot was present but we did manage to get great views of a Little Rush-warbler, Grey-crowned Crane, Maccoa Duck, Red-knobbed Coot and both Reed and White-breasted Cormorant. Heading up the Ossewakop hill behind the town we met up with an old friend, Cape Longclaw.

We stopped on the border of Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal and went for a short walk in a field searching for Yellow-breasted Pipit. We eventually found a couple of birds but it took awhile to get good views as they would always land and disappear in the long grass. However, we did manage to find one on a rock that let us set up the telescope and everybody got great views. While walking around we flushed numerous Common Quail and a Quail Finch which did not give us any time at all for a decent look. The field was also full of Wing-snapping Cisticola and a few African Pipits.

We had a cuppa to celebrate, then headed off to try find the Ground Woodpecker and African Rock Pipit. Unfortunately due to heavy rains the tracks were impassable and took some careful driving to get out again. A Spotted Thick-knee was in the church yard when we returned to the hotel.

Daily Total: 96
New Birds for the day: 6
Trip Total: 319

Day 13: Monday 13th February 2006

Left the Hotel at 06H00 and headed to the wetland for a quick look before heading for the grasslands. Hundreds of Cattle Egrets were in the trees in the wetland and mixed with them were a few Reed Cormorants and Black-headed Herons. In the reeds below the bridge we managed to call up and see a Lesser Swamp Warbler amongst the many Southern Red Bishops. Little and White-rumped Swifts were also cruising in, under and out of the bridge, at speed. A Grey-crowned Crane was also spotted in the field close to the water.

Out on the road heading towards Volksrust we started picking up grasslands birds. Long-tailed Widowbird, Yellow-crowned Bishop, Cape Longclaw, African Pipit, Amur Falcon, Black-shouldered Kite and Wing-snapping Cisticola were but to name a few. Once out into the country proper we started checking every lark on the road and soon picked up Red-capped Lark. In one of the many water courses we crossed, were a pair of African Snipe. We stopped at a small marshy area and called up Pale-crowned Cisticola which came and landed on the fence for all to see well.

We pulled over next to a grassland known for Rudd's and Botha's Lark and went searching for them on foot. Unfortunately the grass is very long there so finding birds proved really difficult. We did however manage to flush Spike-heeled Lark which gave us some excellent aerial views. One Rudd's Lark shot up from under foot and disappeared over the horizon never to be seen again. A distant Eastern Clapper Lark was seen displaying as was a Cloud Cisticola. In the field opposite were 3 Blue Korhaans and later on another 2 were also seen in the same field.

After breakfast we headed out in the opposite direction to some rocky areas in search of Ground Woodpecker. A stop to view the Zaihoek Dam produced some Southern Bald Ibis perched on the waters edge and in the field opposite was a huge flock of about 100 Amur Falcons, hawking insects. White-throated Swallow and Banded Martin were also seen on wires along the roads. A Sentinel Rock-Thrush was in field close to the road giving us superb views. Unfortunately the Ground Woodpeckers were not about, but we did manage to get Cape Bunting and Cape Grassbird. Rock Hyrax was a new mammal tick for us and a old friend from Dullstroom the Mountain Reedbuck was also seen.

We had lunch at a little Italian Café after which we had a siesta.

We ventured passed the marsh in the afternoon without stopping and headed for the well wooded escarpment in search of a Bush Black-cap. En route we stopped a couple of times to scan the country side and picked up Secretary Bird, White Stork, Hadedda Ibis, some Red-knobbed Coots on a dam, Egyptian Geese and a couple of Spur-winged Geese.

We got to the wooded valley and parked the car on the side of the road. In a tree across from us was a Cape Rock-Thrush and on playing the Bush Blackcap call the bird popped out and landed in full view. We all got excellent views of this shy and elusive endemic. En route back a thunderstorm closed in and we got caught in a down pour. We spent some time between down pours searching round town for a Red-throated Wryneck but unfortunately had no luck.

Dinner was in the hotel restaurant once again.

Daily Total: 85
New Birds for the day: 12
Trip Total: 331

Day 14: Tuesday 14th February 2006

Left the hotel at 06H00 in clear skies but as we got out the gate it got all misty with very low cloud cover. We went past the marsh towards Amersfort and once again turned off towards Volksrust in search of those elusive larks. We stopped often on the very wet and sticky road to scan the horizons and check out all the LBJ's. Numerous White Storks were seen feeding all over the fields. Long-tailed Widowbirds, Southern Red Bishops and Pin-tailed Whydahs were also present everywhere. As we started getting closer to the "lark fields" we started seeing many birds on the road sides. These included African Pipit, Wing-snapping, Wailing and Zitting Cisticola, Cape Longclaw and Amur Falcons. Spike Heeled and Red-capped Lark showed up nicely on the road giving us better views

than yesterday. 4 Red-winged Francolin popped out on the road in front of the vehicle and amazingly stayed long enough for us all to get brilliant views. The grey form of Mountain Chat was out on display and we managed to get the scope on it. A distant view of an Eastern Long-billed Lark was also scoped, but alas was too far for anybody to tick it.

Once again Rudd's and Botha's Lark proved to be elsewhere but a good morning was had anyway. On the return journey we stopped at a Suricate (Meercat) home and viewed about 16 of the little animals that were out sunning themselves.

After breakfast we headed out towards Piet Retief to look for Cape Grassbird which was seen yesterday but not well enough for people to tick, and also to search for what is proving to be an exceptionally elusive Ground Woodpecker. The road went over some flooded ground from the storm yesterday afternoon and with the area being so flooded, water was everywhere. An adult Malachite Kingfisher with 2 chicks was on the wall over looking some shallow water. White-throated Swallow and Banded Martin were flying round close by and a surprise, Western Marsh-Harrier was quartering over the flooded landscape. Further up the road we got an excellent view of a Bokmakierie and managed to get an equally good view of a Cape Grassbird, to everybody's satisfaction. Back in town we had lunch at the Wakkerstroom Hotel out on the patio in lovely sunshine.

We went back towards the Zaaihoek Dam to look for the Ground Woodpeckers. En route we stopped at a couple of likely places but to no avail. At one of the road side cutting we got 2 African Rock Pipits and a couple of African Pipits at other places. Southern Bald Ibis were in a field feeding in a mixed flock of Hadedda Ibis giving us great comparisons. Further on we saw a lot of Egyption Geese and also got Buff-streaked Chat on some rocks.

At the dam wall we searched for the Ground Woodpeckers but they were just not visible. African Black Duck were in the river below and on the rocks above was a Cape Bunting and Cape Canary. Eventually after 20mins of searching Bruce spotted some Ground Woodpeckers way up on a hillside directly into the sun. It took a lot of maneuvering and walking up the hill before a countable sight was obtained in the telescope. 3 Birds were on a rock sunning themselves and preening in the late afternoon sun! We were all well chuffed with the achievement but not to be outdone, 6 Horus Swifts gave us excellent views as they swooped and dived right over our heads.

It was a great end to a great day.

Daily Total: 79

New Birds for the day: 7

Trip Total: 337

Day 15: Wednesday 15th February 2006

After breakfast and settling up the bills, we left Wakkerstroom and headed for the Suikerbosrand Game Reserve close to Johannesburg. We headed west towards Volksrust and along the way spotted Black-shouldered Kite and Amur Falcons on the telephone wires along the road. Long-tailed Widowbirds and Pintailed Whydahs were also in the grass along the road side. Passing through Standerton we stopped at a petrol station to get ice and swarms of Amur Falcon were swirling around above the station. We tried to estimate how many birds there were but just gave up and decided on at least 2000 individuals!

We turned of the secondary road close to Hiedelburg and headed down the N3 toll towards Johannesburg for a short way before turning off towards Suikerbosrand. Suikerbosrand is a small reserve situated about 40km south of Johannesburg. The reserve covers a wide range of habitats from mountain grasslands to dry bushveld and is the eastern most limit for many dry western species. Rufous-naped Lark, Pied Starling, Southern Masked-Weaver, Barn Swallows, Greater Striped-Swallow and a single Sand Martin were seen before entering the reserve. Once in the reserve we traveled a short distance to the picnic sight at the entrance for "elevensis". Tea was interrupted by Red-eyed Bulbul calling from a tree close by. It was interrupted again by Ant-eating Chats on the fence close by and Bar-throated Apalis in one of the acacia's above.

We capitulated and packed up tea and went for a short walk round the grounds. First up was a flock of Red-faced Mousebirds feeding in the tree all around. Yellow Canary was seen perched on a tree calling away and stayed long enough for us to get a telescope on it. Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler was called up seen by all as was a small flock of Black-throated Canary. Back at he car, we headed off on our drive into the Suikerbos Mountains. Heading up the hill we stopped to call up a Black-chested Prinia which responded well. Mountain Wheatears were literally everywhere and both the grey and

black form were seen well. A Brown Snake-Eagle was seen perched on top of a electricity pylon eating what looked like a large cobra. As we wound around the top of the mountains we had distant views of Black Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest, Burchell's Zebra and Blesbok. Yellow Bishop, Red Collared and Long-tailed Widowbird, Wailing Cisticola and African Pipit were up in the mountains. Dropping off the plateau into the Lowveld bushlands the temperature increased and we had a large Puff Adder crossing the road in front of the vehicle obviously pleased with the heat.

We stopped for lunch at a picnic sight in the reserve and enjoyed sandwiches and cake prepared for us by the Wakkerstroom Inn. White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Cape Robin-Chat and Neddicky kept us entertained during lunch. The excitement was produced by a Red-throated Wryneck that came and perched while calling literally in the tree above us. We had excellent scope views of this amazing species.

After departing the picnic sight we traveled a bit faster to get to the airport on time for the 5pm check-in. Unfortunately we did not count on afternoon rush hour traffic jams and spent 45minutes traveling only but a couple of kilometers down the highway. Eventually we made it through and got to the airport, where we bid final farewells.

Daily Total: 65

New Birds for the day: 11

Trip Total: 348

Checklist of Birds Seen During Tour

No of Days Recorded Number = how many days species were sighted
 Number and H = how many times the species were heard only

Abundance Scale (maximum for one day)

1 = 1 – 4
 2 = 5 – 9
 3 = 10 – 99
 4 = 100 – 999
 5 = 1000+

COMMON NAME	Number of Days Recorded	Abundance Scale	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1 Common Ostrich	1	2	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
8 Little Grebe (Dab chick)	7	3	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
55 White-breasted Cormorant	5	3	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
58 Reed Cormorant	9	3	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
60 African Darter	2	3	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
62 Grey Heron	6	3	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63 Black-headed Heron	7	3	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
64 Goliath Heron	2	1	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
65 Purple Heron	5	2	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
66 Great (White) Egret	1	1	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
68 Yellow-billed Egret	3	1	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
69 Black Heron (Egret)	1	1	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
71 Cattle Egret	11	4	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
74 Green-backed Heron	3	2	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
76 Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	1	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
81 Hamarokop	5	2	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
83 White Stork	4	4	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
84 Black Stork	1	1	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
86 Woolly-necked Stork	1	1	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
89 Marabout Stork	4	3	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
90 Yellow-billed Stork	2	2	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
91 African Sacred Ibis	5	3	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
92 Southern Bald Ibis (E)	4	3	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>
94 Hada Ibis	13	3	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
99 White-faced Duck	6	3	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
101 White-backed Duck	1	1	<i>Thalassornis leucotis</i>
102 Egyptian Goose	9	3	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
104 Yellow-billed Duck	5	3	<i>Anas undulata</i>
105 African Black Duck	3	2	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
112 Cape Shoveler (E)	1	1	<i>Anas smithii</i>
115 Comb (Knob-billed) Duck	2	1	<i>Sarkidornis melanotos</i>
116 Spur-winged Goose	4	3	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
117 Maccoa Duck	2	2	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
118 Secretarybird	2	1	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
121 Hooded Vulture	2	1	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
122 Cape Vulture (E)	2	3	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
123 (African) White-backed Vulture	7	3	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
124 Lappet-faced Vulture	1	1	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
125 White-headed Vulture	1	1	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
126b Yellow-billed Kite	8	3	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
127 Black-shouldered Kite	9	3	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
131 Verreaux's Eagle	1	1	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
132 Tawny Eagle	3	2	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
133 Steppe Eagle	1	1	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
134 Lesser Spotted Eagle	3	2	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>
135 Wahlberg's Eagle	3	2	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
139 Long-crested Eagle	2	1	<i>Lophaelix occipitalis</i>

141	African Crowned Eagle	1H		<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>
142	Brown Snake-Eagle	3	1	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
143	Black-chested (Black-breasted) Snake-Eagle	1	1	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
146	Bateleur	4	3	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle	4	3	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
149	Steppe Buzzard	11	3	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)	7	3	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
155	Rufous-chested (Red-breasted) Sparrowhawk	1	1	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>
158	Black Sparrowhawk	1	1	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
160	African Goshawk	2	1	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
164	Eurasian (European) Marsh-Harrier	1	1	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
165	African Marsh-Harrier	2	1	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
166	Montagu's Harrier	1	1	<i>Circus pygargus</i>
169	African Harrier-Hawk (Gymnogene)	2	1	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
170	Osprey	1	1	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
172	Lanner Falcon	2	1	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
173	Eurasian (European) Hobby	2	1	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
180	Amur (Eastern Red-footed) Falcon	12	5	<i>Falco amurensis</i>
181	Rock Kestrel	3	2	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
188	Coqui Francolin	1H		<i>Peliperdix coqui</i>
189	Crested Francolin	4	2	<i>Peliperdix sephaena</i>
190	Grey-winged Francolin (E)	1	1	<i>Scleroptila africana</i>
191	Shelley's Francolin	1H		<i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>
192	Red-winged Francolin	1	1	<i>Scleroptila lewallaniana</i>
196	Natal Francolin (NE)	6	3	<i>Pternistes natalensis</i>
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (Francolin) (NE)	6	3	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>
200	Common Quail	1	2	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
203	Helmeted Guinea fowl	7	3	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
208	Blue Crane (E)	1	2	<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>
209	Grey (Southern) Crowned Crane	4	2	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
211	Corn Crane	1	1	<i>Crex crex</i>
212	African Crane	1	1	<i>Crecopsis egregia</i>
213	Black Crane	4	2	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
223	African Purple Swamphe n (Purple Gallinule)	2	1	<i>Porphyrion madagascariensis</i>
226	Common Moorhen	2	1	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
228	Red-knobbed Coot	5	3	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
231	Denham's (Stanley's) Bustard	1	1	<i>Neotis denhami</i>
234	Blue Korhaan (E)	1	2	<i>Eupodotis caerulea</i>
237	Red-crested Korhaan	2	1	<i>Eupodotis ruficristata</i>
238	Black-bellied Bustard (Korhaan)	2	1	<i>Eupodotis melanogaster</i>
240	African Jacana	4	3	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
246	White-fronted Plover	1	1	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
249	Three-banded Plover	4	3	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing (Plover)	6	3	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
256	Senegal Lapwing (Lesser Black-winged Plover)	2	2	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing (Plover)	11	3	<i>Vanellus amatus</i>
259	White-crowned Lapwing (Plover)	1	1	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>
260	African Wattled Lapwing (Plover)	2	1	<i>Vanellus senegalensis</i>
264	Common Sandpiper	5	2	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper	2	1	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
269	Marsh Sandpiper	1	1	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
270	Common Green shank	3	1	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
286	African (Ethiopian) Snipe	1	1	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
297	Spotted Thick-knee (Dikkop)	3	1	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
298	Water Thick-Knee (Dikkop)	4	3	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
339	White-winged Tern	1	3	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
348	Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)	6	3	<i>Columba livia</i>
349	Speckled (Rock) Pigeon	7	3	<i>Columba guinea</i>
350	African Olive-Pigeon (Rameron Pigeon)	2	3	<i>Columba aquatrix</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove	5	2	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
353	African Mourning Dove	3	3	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
354	Cape Turtle-Dove	12	3	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
355	Laughing Dove	12	3	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
356	Namaqua Dove	2	1	<i>Oena capensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted (Green-spotted) Wood-Dove	5	2	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>

359	Tambourine Dove	1	1	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
360	Lemon (Cinnamon) Dove	1	1	<i>Aplopelia larvata</i>
361	African Green-Pigeon	5	3	<i>Treron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot	3	2	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
370a	Knysna Turaco (Lourie) (E)	1	1	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco (Lourie)	3	2	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey Go-away-bird (Lourie)	6	3	<i>Corythoichthya concolor</i>
374	Common (European) Cuckoo	1	1	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
377	Red-chested Cuckoo	3	1	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
378	Black Cuckoo	1	1	<i>Cuculus damosus</i>
381	Levaillant's (Striped) Cuckoo	3	1	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
382	Jacobin Cuckoo	4	2	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
384	African Emerald Cuckoo	1H		<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>
385	Klaas's Cuckoo	1	1	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
386	Diderick Cuckoo	8	3	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
388	Black Coucal	1	1	<i>Centropus grillii</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)	5	2	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
392	Barn Owl	1H		<i>Tyto alba</i>
394	African Wood-Owl	1H		<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
395	Marsh Owl			<i>Asio capensis</i>
396	African Scops-Owl	3	2	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
397	Southern White-faced Scops-Owl	1	1	<i>Ptilopsis granti</i>
399	African Barred Owllet	1	1	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>
402	Verreaux's (Giant) Eagle-Owl	1H		<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
405	Fiery-necked Nightjar	1H		<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
408	Freckled Nightjar	1	1	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
411	Common (European) Swift	1	1	<i>Apus apus</i>
412	African Black Swift	4	3	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
415	White-rumped Swift	9	3	<i>Apus caffer</i>
416	Horus Swift	1	3	<i>Apus horus</i>
417	Little Swift	8	3	<i>Apus affinis</i>
418	Alpine Swift	3	3	<i>Apus melba</i>
421	African Palm Swift	3	3	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird	11	3	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird	7	3	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
427	Narina Trogon	1	1	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher	3	2	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher	3	2	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
430	Half-collared Kingfisher	1	1	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>
431	Malachite Kingfisher	4	2	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
433	Woodland Kingfisher	4	3	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
435	Brown-headed Kingfisher	3	1	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
436	Grey-headed (Greyhooded) Kingfisher	1	1	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher	1H		<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
438	European Bee-eater	4	3	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
441	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	5	3	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>
443	White-fronted Bee-eater	2	3	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
446	European Roller	6	3	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller	6	3	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
451	African Hoopoe	4	3	<i>Upupa africana</i>
452	Green (Redbilled) Wood-Hoopoe	1	1	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common (Greater) Scimitarbill	2	1	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
455	Trumpeter Hornbill	1	1	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
457	African Grey Hornbill	7	3	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
458	Red-billed Hornbill	3	2	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	6	3	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
463	Southern Ground-Hornbill	1	1	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
464	Black-collared Barbet	4	2	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
465	Acacia Pied Barbet (NE)	1	1	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
470	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird (Tinker Barbet)	1	1	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
471	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (Goldenrumped Tinker Barbet)	1H		<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
473	Crested Barbet	6	3	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
474	Greater Honeyguide	1	1	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
476	Lesser Honeyguide	1H		<i>Indicator minor</i>
480	Ground Woodpecker (E)	1	1	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>

481	Benne tt's Woodpe cker	2	1	<i>Camp ethera bennettii</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpe cker	2	1	<i>Camp ethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpe cker	1	1	<i>Dend ropicos fuscescens</i>
487	Bearded Woodpecker	1H		<i>Dend ropicos nam aquus</i>
488	Olive Woodpecker	1	1	<i>Dend ropicos griseace phalus</i>
489	Red -throated Wryneck	1	1	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>
494	Rufous-nape d Lark	5	3	<i>Mirafra africana</i>
495c	Eastern Clapper Lark (E)	1H		<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>
496	Flappet La rk	2	1	<i>Mirafra rufo cinnamomea</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)	3	1	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>
500	Eastern Long-billed Lark (E)	1	1	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>
506	Spike-heeled Lark	2	3	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
507	Red -capped Lark	3	3	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
515	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark (Finchlar k)	1	2	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
518	Barn (European) Swallow	15	5	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
520	White -throated Swallow	6	3	<i>Hirundo albicularis</i>
521	Blue Swallow	1	1	<i>Hirundo atrocaerulea</i>
522	Wire-tailed Swallow	3	3	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
524	Red -breasted Swallow	4	3	<i>Hirundo seminufa</i>
526	Greater Striped Swallow (E)	10	3	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow	6	3	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
528	South African Cliff-Swallow (E)	1	3	<i>Hirundo spilo dera</i>
529	Rock Martin	6	3	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
530	Common House Ma rtin	5	3	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
531	Grey-rumped Swallow	1	1	<i>Pseudhinundo griseopyga</i>
532	Sand Martin	1	1	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
534	Banded Martin	4	3	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
536	Black Sa w-wing (Swallow)	1	3	<i>Psaldiproctne holomelas</i>
538	Black Cuckooshrike	3	1	<i>Camp ephaga flava</i>
540	Grey Cuckooshrike	1	1	<i>Coracina caesia</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo	6	3	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
543	Eurasian (European) Golde n Oriole	2	1	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
545	(Easte m) Black-head e d Oriole	3	1	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
547	Cape (Black) Crow	5	3	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
548	Pied Crow	2	2	<i>Corvus albus</i>
552	Ashy Tit (E)	1H		<i>Parus cinerascens</i>
554	Southern Black Tit	6	3	<i>Parus niger</i>
560	Arrow-marked Babbler	6	3	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
565	Bush Blackcap (E)	1	1	<i>Lioptilus nigricapillus</i>
567	African Red-eye d Bulbul (NE)	1	1	<i>Pycnon otus nigricans</i>
568	Dark-capped (Blackeyed) Bulbul	15	4	<i>Pycnon otus barbatus</i>
569	Terrestrial Bro wnbul (Bulbul)	1H		<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
570	Yellow -streaked Greenbul (Bulbul)	1	1	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul (Bulbul)	5	3	<i>Androp adus importunus</i>
575	Eastern (Yellowspotted) Nicator	1H		<i>Nicator gularis</i>
576	Kurrichane Thrush	1	1	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
577	Olive Thrush	2	1	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
579	Orange Grou nd-Thrush	1	1	<i>Zoothera gurneyi</i>
580	Groundscraper Thrush	2	1	<i>Turdu s litsitsirupa</i>
581	Cape Rock-Thrush (E)	3	2	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
582	Sentinel Rock-Thrush (E)	1	1	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
586	Moun tain Wheate ar (Chat) (NE)	2	3	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
588	Buff-stre aked Chat (E)	6	3	<i>Oenanthe bifasciata</i>
589	Familiar Chat	5	3	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>
593	Mocking Cliff-Chat	5	3	<i>Tham no laea cinnamomeiventris</i>
595	(Southern) Ant-ea ting Chat (E)	4	3	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
596	African (Common) Stone chat	7	3	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
598	Choriste r Ro bin-Chat (Robin) (E)	1H		<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
599	White -browed Robin-Chat (Heuglin's Ro bin)	1	1	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
601	Cape Ro bin-Chat (Robin)	5	2	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
602	(African) White -throated Robin-Chat (Ro bin) (E)	5	3	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
613	White -browed Scrub-Ro bin (Ro bin)	4	2	<i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i>
615	Kalahari Scrub-Ro bin (Robin) (NE)	1	1	<i>Erythropygia paena</i>
621	Chestnut-ven t e d Tit-babbler (NE)	1	1	<i>Parisoma subcaeruleum</i>
628	Great Reed-Warbler	1	1	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>

631	African (Marsh) Reed -Warbler	2	1	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
633	(European) Marsh-Warbler	1H		<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
635	(Cape Reed) Lesser Swamp-Warbler	2	1	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
637	Dark-capped (African) Yellow Warbler	1	1	<i>Chloropeta natalensis</i>
638	(African Sedge) Little Rush-Warbler	1	1	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
639	Barratt's Warbler (E)	1	1	<i>Bradypterus barratti</i>
643	Willow Warbler	7	2	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
644	Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler	1	1	<i>Phylloscopus nuficapillus</i>
645	Bar-throated Apalis	3	2	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis	2	1	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec	2	2	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
653	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	2	1	<i>Eremomela icteropygia</i>
656	Burnt-necked Eremomela	3	3	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
657a	Green-backed Camaroptera (Bleating Warbler)	4	2	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
659	Stierling's (Barred) Wren-Warbler	1H		<i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>
661	Cape Grassbird (E)	3	1	<i>Sphenoecus afer</i>
664	Zitting (Fan-tailed) Cisticola	5	3	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
665	Desert Cisticola	1	1	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
666	Cloud Cisticola	1H		<i>Cisticola textrix</i>
667	Wing-snapping (Ayres') Cisticola	3	3	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
668	Pale-crowned Cisticola (NE)	1	1	<i>Cisticola cinamomeus</i>
670	Wailing Cisticola	6	3	<i>Cisticola lais</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola	7	3	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
674	Red-faced Cisticola	2	1	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
677	Levaillant's Cisticola	2	1	<i>Cisticola timiens</i>
678	Croaking Cisticola	1	1	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
679	Lazy Cisticola	3	2	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
681	Nedicky	4	2	<i>Cisticola fulvicapillus</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia	6	3	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
685	Black-chested Prinia (NE)	1	1	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>
686b	Drakensberg Prinia (E)	4	2	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
689	Spotted Flycatcher	12	3	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
690	African Dusky Flycatcher	1	1	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
691	Ashy (Blue grey) Flycatcher	3	2	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
693	Grey Tit-Flycatcher (Fan-tailed Flycatcher)	2	1	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
694	Southern Black Flycatcher	4	2	<i>Melaenomis pammelaina</i>
696	Pale (Mousecoloured) Flycatcher	1	1	<i>Melaenomis pallidus</i>
698	Fiscal Flycatcher (E)	1	1	<i>Sigelus silens</i>
700	Cape Batis (E)	2	2	<i>Batis capensis</i>
701	Chin-spot Batis	8	3	<i>Batis molitor</i>
710	African Paradise Flycatcher	6	3	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
711	African Pied Wagtail	4	3	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
713	Cape Wagtail	10	3	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
716	African (Grassveld) Pipit	6	3	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
717	Long-billed Pipit	1	1	<i>Anthus similis</i>
721	Yellow-tufted (African Rock) Pipit (E)	1	1	<i>Anthus crenatus</i>
723	Bushveld Pipit	1	1	<i>Anthus caffer</i>
725	Yellow-breasted Pipit (E)	1	2	<i>Hemimacronyx chloris</i>
727	Cape (Orangethroated) Longclaw (E)	5	3	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw	2	2	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
731	Lesser Grey Shrike	2	1	<i>Lanius minor</i>
732	Common Fiscal (Fiscal Shrike)	9	3	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
733	Red-backed Shrike	8	3	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
735	Magpie (African Longtailed) Shrike	3	2	<i>Lanius souzai</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)	3	2	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
740	Black-backed Puffback	9	3	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru	4	2	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
742	Southern Tchagra (E)	1	1	<i>Tchagra tchagra</i>
743	Brown-crowned (Threestreaked) Tchagra	1	1	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra	3	2	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
746	Bokmakierie (E)	3	2	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
747	Gorgeous Bush-Shrike	1H		<i>Telophorus quadricolor</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike	2	1	<i>Telophorus sulfurepectus</i>
750	Olive Bush-Shrike	2	1	<i>Telophorus olivaceus</i>
751	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike	3	1	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>

753	White-crested (White) Helmet-Shrike	2	3	<i>Prionosp plumatus</i>
757	Common (European) Starling	3	3	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
758	Common (Indian) Myna	9	3	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
759	(African) Pied Starling (E)	5	4	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
760	Wattle Starling	2	1	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
761	Violet-backed (Plumcoloured) Starling	4	3	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)	6	3	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
764	Cape Glossy Starling	6	3	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling	5	3	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling	10	3	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker	4	3	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
774	Gurney's Sugarbird (E)	1	1	<i>Promeropis gurneyi</i>
775	Malachite Sunbird	6	3	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
779	Marico Sunbird	3	1	<i>Nectarinia mariquensis</i>
783	Southern (Lesser) Double-collared Sunbird (E)	1	1	<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>
785	Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)	3	3	<i>Nectarinia afra</i>
787	White-bellied Sunbird	2	1	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>
792	Amethyst (African Black) Sunbird	4	2	<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>
793	Collared Sunbird	1H		<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>
796	Cape White-eye (E)	7	3	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
798	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	4	3	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
799	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	1	1	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
801	House Sparrow	8	3	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
803	Cape Sparrow (NE)	3	1	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	13	3	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	(African) Yellow-throated Petronia (Sparrow)	2	1	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>
807	Thick-billed Weaver	2	2	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver	2	1	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
811	Village (Spotted-backed) Weaver	4	3	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
813	Cape Weaver (E)	9	3	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked-Weaver	6	3	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
815	Lesser Masked-Weaver	4	3	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
816	Golden Weaver	1H		<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
817	Yellow Weaver	1	1	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>
819	Red-headed Weaver	1	1	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea	3	5	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
824	Southern Red Bishop	9	3	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
826	Yellow-crowned (Golden) Bishop	5	3	<i>Euplectes afer</i>
827	Yellow Bishop (Yellow-rumped Widow)	3	3	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
828	Fan-tailed Widowbird (Red-shouldered Widow)	7	3	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird (Widow)	5	3	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
831	Red-collared Widowbird (Widow)	8	3	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>
832	Long-tailed Widowbird (Widow)	6	3	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia (Melba Finch)	3	1	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
841	Jameson's Firefinch	1	1	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
842	Red-billed Firefinch	3	2	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
844	Blue Waxbill	8	3	<i>Uraegintus angolensis</i>
846	Common Waxbill	7	3	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
850	Sweet Waxbill (E)	1	3	<i>Estrilda melanotis</i>
852	African Quailfinch	1H		<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
856	Red-headed Finch (NE)	1	1	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>
857	Bronze Mannikin	1	1	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
858	Red-backed Mannikin	1	1	<i>Spermestes nigriceps</i>
860	Pin-tailed Whydah	9	3	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
862	Long-tailed (Eastern) Paradise-Whydah	2	1	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
867	Village Indigobird (Steelblue Widowfinch)	2	1	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
869	Yellow-fronted (Yellow-eyed) Canary	8	3	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
870	Black-throated Canary	1	2	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>
872	Cape Canary	5	3	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
878	Yellow Canary (NE)	1	1	<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>
881	Streaky-headed Seed-Eater (Canary)	2	2	<i>Serinus gularis</i>
884	Golden-breasted Bunting	5	2	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
885	Cape Bunting (NE)	3	1	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>
886	Cinnamon-breasted (Rock) Bunting	3	1	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>

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Baboon, Chacma	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus phillipsi</i>
Buffalo, Cape	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Caracal	<i>Felis caracal</i>
Dassie, Rock (Hyrax)	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
Duiker, Common	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
Elephant, African	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Genet, Large Spotted	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
Hare, Scrub	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
Hartebeest, Red	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Impala, Common	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Jackal, Black-backed	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Kudu, Greater	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
Mongoose, Banded	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
Mongoose, Dwarf	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
Mongoose, Slender	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
Mongoose, Yellow	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Monkey, Samango	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
Monkey, Vervet	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
Reedbuck, Mountain	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
Reedbuck, Common	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>
Rhebok, Grey	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>
Rhinoceros, White	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Squirrel, Tree	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Suricate	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>
Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
Waterbuck, Common	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Wildebeest, Black	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>
Wildebeest, Blue	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Zebra, Burchell's	<i>Equus burchellii</i>

Checklist of Reptiles Seen During Tour

Crocodile, Nile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Water Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Lizard, Giant Plated	<i>Gerrhosaurus validus</i>
Lizard, Drakensberg Crag	<i>Pseudocordylus melanotus</i>
Agama, Southern Tree	<i>Acanthocercus atricollis</i>
Agama, Southern Rock	<i>Agama atra</i>
Skink, Striped	<i>Mabuya striata</i>
Chameleon, Flapneck	<i>Chamaeleo dilepsis</i>
Adder, Puff	<i>Bitis arietans</i>
Cobra, Mozambique Spitting	<i>Naja mossambica</i>
Terrapin, Marsh	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>
Tortoise, Bell's Hinged	<i>Kinixys belliana</i>
Toad, Red	<i>Schismaderma carens</i>