



Lawson's Birding Tours

Western Cape and Namaqualand

28th August – 11th September 2006

Trip Report



Tour Summary

Tour Participants:

Howard Nicholls
Sylvia Pugh

Photo acknowledgments:

Peter Lawson (flowers / landscapes)
Howard Nicholls (birds)

Total Distance Travelled:

2045 kilometres

Temperature Range:

5°C – 29°C

Total Birds Seen:

240

Total Birds Heard Only:

7

Total Mammals Seen:

22

Birds of the Trip:

Red Lark

Sclater's Lark

Lemon Dove

Shy Albatross

Trip Report Compiled By:

Peter Lawson

Trip Breakdown

Day 1: Monday 28th August 2006 ~ Augrabies Falls

Route: Upington to Augrabies
Distance: 128 kms
Weather: Cloudless, warm to hot but windy
Temperature range: 27°

Day 2: Tuesday 29th August 2006 ~ Augrabies Falls

Route: Game area - Augrabies
Distance: 72 kms
Weather: Cool to cold at time, windy, overcast in the morning and clearing later
Temperature range: 11° - 17°

Day 3: Wednesday 30th August 2006 ~ Augrabies Falls

Route: Morning walk to camp area, afternoon drive – Augrabies all day
Distance: 40 kms
Weather: Clear skies, no wind at first, but cold
Temperature range: 5° - 19°

Day 4: Thursday 31st August 2006 ~ Kamieskroon

Route: Augrabies via Droegrond Road, Pofadder, Springbok to Kamieskroon. Deviation at Aggeneys to Koa dunes
Distance: ±300 kms
Weather: Chilly, no clouds, cold wind all day
Temperature range: 6° - 21°

Day 5: Friday 1st September 2006 ~ Kamieskroon

Route: Kamieskroon to Skilpad Flower Reserve, Soebatsfontein and return to hotel
Distance: 97 kms
Weather: Warm to hot – windy most of the day, but not unpleasant
Temperature range: 17° - 26°

Day 6: Saturday 2nd September 2006 ~ Clanwilliam

Route: Kamieskroon, up the N7. Deviations at Groenrivier and Douse the Glim. Lunch at Van Rhynsdorp, then on to Clanwilliam, arriving at 4.30pm
Distance: 288 kms
Weather: Fine, sunny and no wind
Temperature range: 11° - 28°

Day 7: Sunday 3rd September 2006 ~ Clanwilliam

Route: Clanwilliam to Kransvleiport and Ramskop Flower Reserve
Distance: 35 kms
Weather: Partially cloudy, but warm and pleasant. No wind
Temperature range: 13° - 26°

Day 8: Monday 4th September 2006 ~ Langebaan

Route: Clanwilliam to Lambert's Bay, thru Velddrif onto Langebaan
Distance: 206 kms
Weather: Partially cloudy, warm to hot. No wind
Temperature range: 14° - 29°

Day 9: Tuesday 5th September 2006 ~ Langebaan

Route: Western Cape National Park, including Postberg
Distance: 98.5 kms
Weather: Partially cloudy, warm (pleasant). No wind
Temperature range: 14° - 28°

Day 10: Wednesday 6th September 2006 ~ Boulders

Route: Langebaan, Yzerfontein, Darling, Blaauwbergstrand and onto Boulders
Distance: 210 kms
Weather: Cloudy all day, light wind at times. Warm and pleasant.
Temperature range: 17° - 24°

Day 11: Thursday 7th September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

Route: Boulders area
Distance: 205 kms
Weather: Overcast, strong wind. Some rain before dawn and the wind stopped later.
Temperature range: 20° - 26°

Day 12: Friday 8th September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

Route: To Cape Point and to Noordhoek via Kommetjie. Finally Lodge at Noordhoek.
Distance: 195 kms
Weather: Partially overcast, windy at times, but not strong. Warm to mild.
Temperature range: 14° - 26°

Day 13: Saturday 9th September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

Route: To Simon's Town for pelagic trip on "Obsession". Lakeside at Noordhoek late afternoon.
Distance: 25 kms
Weather: No wind but overcast, clearing partially. Pleasant and cool but not
Temperature range: 14° - 24°, (±15° - 17° at sea)

Day 14: Sunday 10th September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

Route: Rondevlei, Tokai, Constantia Greenbelt (De Hel). Lakeside late afternoon
Distance: 100 kms
Weather: Cool, windy and cloudy in the morning, clearing later
Temperature range: 12° - 21°

Day 15: Monday 11th September 2006 ~ Departure

Route: Kirstenbosch to Airport
Distance: 45 kms
Weather: Cool to warm, windy later. Cloudy and clearing partially at times.
Temperature range: 13° - 24°

TRIP REPORT

Day 1: Monday 28th August 2006 ~ Upington to Augrabies Falls

I flew from Johannesburg to Upington and arrived 2 hours before Howard and Sylvia flew in from Cape Town. After collecting luggage and getting prepared for our journey we drove straight to Augrabies National Park with some short birding stops for roadside birds. We did stop at a lovely little roadside stall where we bought a few goodies and saw Brubru and our first Red-eyed Bulbul and Cape Sparrow.

There were three Ostrich close to the road and along the way many White-browed Sparrow-Weaver nests and Sociable Weavers on telegraph poles.

On arrival at Augrabies we walked down to see the falls. The Orange River was very full and very impressive. On the way, we encountered Dassies (Rock Hyrax), Klipspringer, standing like statues for all to view, distant Chacma Baboons, Grey Mongoose and also very colourful Broadleys Flat Lizards.

There were Alpine Swifts and Rock Martins flying all over the gorge, Southern Masked Weavers breeding, Little Rush Warbler calling in the reedbeds and flocks of Orange-River White-eyes.

We had dinner in the camp restaurant and then it was early to bed.

Bird of the Day: Brubru

Daily Total: 27

Trip Total: 27

Day 2: Tuesday 29th August 2006 ~ Augrabies Fall

Howard and I started with an early morning drive in the game area. As it was overcast and cold, with the wind picking up later, the birds were very quiet. We returned for breakfast, picked up Sylvia and the rest of the day was spent back in the game area.

Verreaux's Eagle was on a nest in the gorge. A small chick could be seen through the scope. Another eagle pair was at a different view site. We saw them on the ground at first and checked the site on our return drive and found a dead Dassie. The nesting pair was chased by a Peregrine Falcon. It was a most spectacular sight.

There were plenty of Karoo Larks and other good birds including Namaqua and Rufous-eared Warblers, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater.

Hartman's Mountain Zebra was a big surprise.

There was wonderful scenery throughout and some interesting wildflowers.

Bird of the Day: Verreaux's Eagle

Daily Total: 50

New Birds: 31

Trip Total: 58

Day 3: Wednesday 30th August 2006 ~ Augrabies Falls

A cold early walk around the camping and picnic area produced new birds such as Golden-tailed and Cardinal Woodpecker, Lesser Honeyguide, Ashy Tit, Karoo Thrush, Lesser Swamp Warbler, African Reed Warbler, Black Stork flying over and Cape Glossy Starling.

In the afternoon we had another drive in the game area. New birds were Eastern Clapper Lark, Goliath Heron and Little Egret and at Echo Corner we got Yellow-bellied Eremomela.

On the return drive we saw a superb perched Peregrine Falcon.

Some Springbok and a small Grey Mongoose were the only mammals to be seen.

Bird of the Day: Peregrine Falcon
Daily Total: 51
New Birds: 17
Trip Total: 75

Day 4: Thursday 31st August 2006 ~ Augrabies to Kamieskroon

We departed after breakfast and the Droegrond Road was excellent with sightings of Fawn-coloured Lark, Trac-trac Chat, Black-eared Sparrowlark and Namaqua Sandgrouse. The road was rough and sandy at times but our 4 x 4 handled it well. The Koa dunes near Aggenuys were full of flowers as well as Red Lark which was our target bird.

Pofadder produced Sclater's Lark and Burchell's Courser at the stakeout known to us, exactly where they were supposed to be. A surprise was a Marabou Stork at Springbok, way out of range.

Arrival at Kamieskroon was late afternoon and we checked into our rooms at this quaint old hotel. Dinner was delicious with traditional Northern Cape cooking.

Birds of the Day: Red Lark, Sclater's Lark and Burchell's Courser
Daily Total: 56
New Birds: 23
Trip Total: 98

Day 5: Friday 1st September 2006 ~ Kamieskroon

Wonderful flowers today and a great number of species. We had a slow drive to Skilpad in the Namaqualand National Park and returned via a different route. The flowers were spectacular which necessitated numerous stops.

Also good birds, including Karoo and Large-billed Lark, Malachite Sunbird, Booted eagle. Most of the day we spent photographing the wonderful flowers though, as opposed to concentrating on birds.

Bird of the Day: Booted Eagle
Daily Total: 48
New Birds: 20
Trip Total: 118

Day 6: Saturday 2nd September 2006 ~ Kamieskroon to Clanwilliam

We drove south on the N7 with a deviation on the Groenrivier Road to look for Ludwig's Bustards. Sylvia saw the only one in the distance, but we could not pick it up again when it landed. Super wildflowers again but only just opening at this venue due to cloud cover. Later we had many stops to photograph them. There were plenty of new species.

Another deviation at Douse the Glim for succulents. Aloe variegata was a highlight, in full flower. Not many birds on the whole drive but we did get a few new ones.

Arrival at Clanwilliam was at 4.30pm and we checked into the comfortable Blommenberg Guest House. Sylvia went for a refreshing swim whilst Howard and I went for a walk.

Dinner in the evening was at Olifants Huis, a house built in 1825, the house being more impressive than the meal.

Bird of the Day: Ludwig's Bustard (Sylvia only)
Daily Total: 56
New Birds: 15
Trip Total: 133

Day 7: Sunday 3rd September 2006 ~ Clanwilliam

We had good birding in the morning at Kransvleiport, with our target bird, Protea Seedeater, showing well eventually. Also Ground Woodpecker, Fairy Flycatcher, Little Rush Warbler and a single male Cape Sugarbird amongst others.

To Ramskop Flower Reserve in the afternoon where the flowers were superb once again and many photographs were taken. Early return to Blommenberg and Sylvia spent some time examining and photographing a superb collection of antique plates and crockery at the Guest House to document it for the owners. Dinner was at a different, and excellent, restaurant which made up for the previous evening.

Bird of the Day: Protea Seedeater
Daily Total: 53
New Birds: 13
Trip Total: 146

Day 8: Monday 4th September 2006 ~ Clanwilliam to Langebaan

We left early after breakfast and drove straight to Bird Island at Lambert's Bay for Cape Gannets – 12,000 pairs have returned after predating Cape Fur Seals had caused them to vacate. They are now carefully monitored and guarded. Spotted Thick-knee was at Jakkalsvlei, but sadly not in a position to be photographed by Howard.

Good roadside flowers again. Lunch at Elands Bay Hotel. White-chinned Petrel seen offshore.

Cape Long-billed Lark was called up at the toll road wetland with Cape Longclaw also seen. A train with 220 cars of iron-ore on the way to Saldanha Bay was a highlight deviation from birding.

We arrived at Falcon's Rest Guest House late afternoon and had a superb dinner together with the other Lawson's tour travelling at the same time on a similar route.

Birds of the Day: Spotted Thick-knee and Cape Long-billed Lark
Daily Total: 86
New Birds: 31
Trip Total: 177

Day 9: Tuesday 5th September 2006 ~ Langebaan

The day was spent at the West Coast Cape National Park where we had a picnic lunch. The Seeberg and Geelbek Hides were good but the tide was not right at Seeberg. A Blue Crane was a surprise find by Howard and I on a walk behind the Geelbek Visitors Centre.

In the late afternoon we visited the Postberg section of the Park and good mammals were seen. We also had an early Steppe Buzzard, which confused some other birders whom we assisted.

Bird of the Day: Blue Crane
Daily Total: 83
New Birds: 15
Trip Total: 192

Day 10: Wednesday 6th September 2006 ~ Langebaan to Boulders Beach, Simon's Town

We started with a visit to a Gypsum mine at Yzerfontein where we had a long search for Chestnut-banded Plovers which were eventually found by Sylvia at the far side of a large salt pan. They were duly photographed by Howard. Then to the coast for Black Oystercatchers, Bank and Crowned Cormorants and then to the Tiennie Versveld Reserve where Howard got a good shot of Cloud Cisticola complete with worm. Sylvia enjoyed the botany.

We met up with the other group again in Darling at the Marmalade Cat Coffee Shop for lunch. Further on our journey we deviated at Blaauwbergstrand to photograph Table Mountain across Table Bay. It stood out proud with wild flowers in the foreground for a stunning picture.

Arrival at Boulders Beach Lodge was in the late afternoon. Some African Penguins were in the car park to greet us.

Bird of the Day: Chestnut-banded Plover
Daily Total: 69
New Birds: 8
Trip Total: 200

Day 11: Thursday 7th September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

We started with a walk to the African Penguin breeding colony before breakfast. There was wonderful light and no other tourists about as we were early. This was a good tactic and heaps of photos were taken.

After breakfast we went to Strandfontein for the rest of the morning which was most enjoyable with plenty of birds. From there we continued to Rooiels but had a lunch stop at a Wimpy on our way. Cape Rockjumper was eventually found with difficulty. This was a target bird.

Southern Right Whales were seen on the return drive and we watched them for some time.

This was an excellent day, although long, but we enjoyed it to the full.

Bird of the Day: Cape Rockjumper
Daily Total: 74
New Birds: 11
Trip Total: 211

Day 12: Friday 8th September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

We had a super day in Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve where Cape Siskins were seen at the Point. We went up to the Point in the Funicular in super weather with only a light breeze.

Humpback Whales were seen on the return drive which was via Kommetjie. This was a good choice as both birds and flowers showed well and the scenery was stunning. At Kommetjie all four marine cormorants were together on one rock.

We moved from Boulders Beach to Afton Grove Guest House in Noordhoek, also on the Peninsula.

Bird of the Day: Cape Siskin
Daily Total: 56
New Birds: 4
Trip Total: 215

Day 13: Saturday 9th September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

We started with a very early breakfast before driving to Simon's Town where we boarded the "Obsession" for a pelagic birding trip which was excellent although no trawlers could be found. Skipper Dave, worked hard chumming and fishing to attract birds. He caught a Long-fin Tunny which was cut up to feed to the birds and it was truly amazing how numerous species appeared out of the blue when food was offered. The weather was good and the sea was calm and these conditions allowed birds to settle on the water just a few metres from us. The food fed to the birds also attracted Blue and Makko Sharks, both are seldom seen deep-water sharks.

Dalton Gibbs was our excellent guide.

On our return to base in the afternoon we visited Lakeside in Noordhoek where a surprise sighting was a Marsh Owl. This is a rare bird for the Cape.

Birds of the Day: Shy, Black and Indian Yellow-nosed Albatrosses
Daily Total: 36
New Birds: 13
Trip Total: 228

Day 14: Sunday 10th September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

We drove to Rondevlei Nature Reserve after breakfast and met up with Dalton Gibbs again. He is the warden of this excellent wetland reserve. Dalton took us on a boat ride to see breeding Sacred Ibis, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, African Spoonbill, Glossy Ibis, Purple Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Grey Heron and Black-headed Heron. Pelicans are problem as they eat the chicks of the breeding birds. A solitary Goliath Heron was a surprise so far south. Later we visited some hides but did not stay long as it was very windy and unpleasant in the hides.

Afterwards we drove to Tokai where we got our first Cape Batis as well as a Forest Buzzard in flight. We also saw Black Saw-wing and Cape Siskin for the second time. Lunch was at Lister's Place in the garden where there were many noisy children on a Sunday outing. A troop of Baboons that made an appearance were better behaved.

After lunch we moved to another part of the Tokai forests and found a partially melanistic Black Sparrowhawk. Howard took an excellent photo as it sat out in the open for us.

Birds of the Day: Black Sparrowhawk and Forest Buzzard

Daily Total: 58

New Birds: 7

Trip Total: 235

Day 15: Monday 11th September 2006 ~ Departure

On our final day we spent all morning in Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens where we had lunch at the upper restaurant. The flowers were superb and birds were also good. Specials included a Lemon Dove pair on the ground, Forest Canaries, Red-chested Sparrowhawk (but shy and difficult to see), and Black Sparrowhawk flying overhead. Cape Sugarbird and Southern Double-collared Sunbirds posed well for photos.

We left the Gardens at 3pm and drove to the Airport where, as usual, House Crow was the final bird on an excellent trip.

Birds of the Day: Lemon Dove

Daily Total: 30

New Birds: 5

Trip Total: 240

Acknowledgements

Thanks to Sylvia and Howard for making this a most enjoyable bird, wildflower and photographic tour. I enjoyed their company immensely and their enthusiasm and interest made this tour more like a holiday than work for me. I hope to be with them on a photo-holiday to some other locality in the not too distant future.

Checklist of Bird Seen

No of Days Recorded Number = how many days species were sighted
 Abundance Scale (maximum for one day)
 1 = 1 – 4
 2 = 5 – 9
 3 = 10 – 99
 4 = 100 – 999
 H = Heard only

	COMMON NAME	Abundance Scale	Number of Days Recorded	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1	Common Ostrich	2	4	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
3	African Penguin (E)	3	3	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
6	Great Crested Grebe	1	6	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
7	Black-necked Grebe	3	3	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
8	Little Grebe	2	4	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
11	Shy Albatross	3	1	<i>Thalassarche caudata</i>
12	Black-Browed Albatross	2	1	<i>Thalassarche melanophrys</i>
	Indian Yellow-Nosed Albatross	1	1	<i>Thalassarche carteri</i>
17	Southern Giant-Petrel	1	1	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>
18	Northern Giant-Petrel	1	1	<i>Macronectes halli</i>
21	Pintado Petrel	3	1	<i>Daption capense</i>
32	White-Chinned Petrel	4	2	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>
35	Great Shearwater	1	1	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>
37	Sooty Shearwater	1	1	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>
44	Wilson's Storm-Petrel	3	1	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>
49	Great White Pelican	2	5	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
53	Cape Gannet (E)	4	3	<i>Morus capensis</i>
55	White-breasted Cormorant	3	9	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
56	Cape Cormorant (E)	4	7	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>
57	Bank Cormorant (E)	2	3	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>
58	Reed Cormorant	1	8	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
59	Crowned Cormorant (E)	2	2	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>
60	African Darting	2	4	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
62	Grey Heron	2	6	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63	Black-headed Heron	2	5	<i>Ardea melanoleuca</i>
64	Goliath Heron	1	2	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
65	Purple Heron	2	4	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
67	Little Egret	1	4	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
71	Cattle Egret	3	7	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
76	Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	2	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
84	Black Stork	1	1	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
89	Marabou Stork	1	1	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
91	African Sacred Ibis	3	8	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
93	Glossy Ibis	3	2	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
94	Hadedda Ibis	2	8	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>

	COMMON NAME	Abundance Scale	Number of Days Recorded	SCIENTIFIC NAME
95	African Spoonbill	2	6	<i>Platalea alba</i>
96	Greater Flamingo	3	1	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
97	Lesser Flamingo	2	2	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
102	Egyptian Goose	3	14	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
103	South African Shelduck (E)	2	6	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
104	Yellow-billed Duck	1	5	<i>Anas undulata</i>
105	African Black Duck	H	1H	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
923	Mallard	2	1	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
106	Cape Teal	3	4	<i>Anas capensis</i>
108	Red-billed Teal	3	2	<i>Anas erythrorhynchos</i>
112	Cape Shoveler (E)	2	4	<i>Anas smithii</i>
113	Southern Pochard	3	2	<i>Netta erythroptera</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose	2	3	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
117	Maccoa Duck	1	1	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
126b	Yellow-billed Kite	2	5	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
127	Black-shouldered Kite	1	5	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
131	Verreaux's Eagle	1	4	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
136	Booted Eagle	1	2	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle	1	1	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
149	Steppe Buzzard	1	1	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
150	Forest Buzzard	1	1	<i>Buteo trizonatus</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)	1	4	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
155	Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk	1	1	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>
158	Black Sparrowhawk	1	2	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
162	Southern Pale Chantrelle Goshawk (NE)	2	5	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
165	African Marsh-Harrier	1	3	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
168	Black Harrier (E)	1	1	<i>Circus maurus</i>
171	Peregrine Falcon	1	3	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
172	Lanner Falcon	1	2	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
181	Rock Kestrel	2	9	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
182	Greater Kestrel	2	1	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
190	Grey-winged Francolin (E)	1	1	<i>Scleroptila africana</i>
195	Cape Francolin (E)	2	9	<i>Pternistes capensis</i>
200	Common Quail	H	1H	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
203	Helmeted Guineafowl	2	8	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
208	Blue Crane (E)	1	1	<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>
210	African Rail	H	1H	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
213	Black Crake	1	1	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
223	African Purple Swamp hen	1	1	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
226	Common Moor hen	2	4	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
228	Red-knobbed Coot	2	10	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
232	Ludwig's Bustard (NE)	1	1	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>
239a	Southern Black Korhaan (E)	1	3	<i>Eupodotis afra</i>
239b	Northern Black Korhaan (E)	1	1	<i>Eupodotis afroides</i>
244	African Black Oystercatcher (E)	3	3	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>
246	White-fronted Plover	2	3	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>

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247	Chestnut-banded Plover	1	1	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
248	Kittlitz's Plover	2	4	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
249	Three-banded Plover	1	3	<i>Charadrius tricoloris</i>
254	Grey Plover	2	1	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing	1	4	<i>Vanelus coronatus</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	2	9	<i>Vanelus armatus</i>
262	Ruddy Turnstone	1	1	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
269	Marsh Sandpiper	1	2	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
270	Common Greenshank	2	3	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
272	Curlew Sandpiper	3	2	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
274	Little Stint	2	2	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
284	Ruff	1	1	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
289	Eurasian Curlew	1	1	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
290	Common Whimbrel	2	1	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
294	Pied Avocet	3	4	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
295	Black-winged Stilt	3	4	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
297	Spotted Thick-knee	1	1	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
299	Burchell's Courser (NE)	1	1	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>
301	Double-banded Courser	1	1	<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>
310	Subantarctic Skua	3	1	<i>Catharacta antarctica</i>
312	Cape Gull	4	8	<i>Larus vetula</i>
315	Grey-headed Gull	1	1	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
316	Hartlaub's Gull (E)	3	7	<i>Larus hartlaubii</i>
322	Caspian Tern	1	1	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
324	Swift Tern	3	4	<i>Sterna bergii</i>
326	Sandwich Tern	2	2	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
327	Common Tern	2	3	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
328	Arctic Tern	1	2	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
329	Antarctic Tern	1	1	<i>Sterna vittata</i>
344	Namaqua Sandgrouse (NE)	3	2	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>
348	Rock Dove	2	6	<i>Columba livia</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon	3	12	<i>Columba guinea</i>
350	African Olive-Pigeon	1	1	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove	2	9	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
354	Cape Turtle-Dove	3	5	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
355	Laughing Dove	3	13	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
356	Namaqua Dove	1	2	<i>Oena capensis</i>
360	Lemon Dove	1	1	<i>Aplopelia larvata</i>
385	Klaas's Cuckoo	1	1	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)	H	1H	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
395	Marsh Owl	1	1	<i>Asio capensis</i>
401	Spotted Eagle-Owl	1	1	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
412	African Black Swift	3	1	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
415	White-rumped Swift	1	1	<i>Apus caffer</i>
417	Little Swift	4	8	<i>Apus affinis</i>
418	Alpine Swift	4	5	<i>Apus melba</i>

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421	African Palm Swift	1	1	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird	2	1	<i>Colius striatus</i>
425	White-backed Mousebird (E)	2	7	<i>Colius colius</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird	2	2	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher	1	3	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
445	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	2	2	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>
451	African Hoopoe	1	2	<i>Upupa africana</i>
465	Acacia Pied Barbet (NE)	1	2	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
476	Lesser Honeyguide	1	1	<i>Indicator minor</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker	1	1	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker	1	1	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
495c	Eastern Clapper Lark (E)	1	1	<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>
497	Fawn-coloured Lark	1	1	<i>Mirafra africanoides</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)	2	3	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>
500	Cape Long-billed Lark (E)	1	1	<i>Certhilauda curvirostris</i>
500	Karoo Long-billed Lark (E)	1	2	<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>
502	Karoo Lark (E)	1	1	<i>Certhilauda albescens</i>
504	Red Lark (E)	1	1	<i>Certhilauda burra</i>
506	Spike-heeled Lark	1	3	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
507	Red-capped Lark	2	5	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
510	Sclater's Lark (E)	1	1	<i>Spizocorys sclateri</i>
512	Large-billed Lark (E)	2	4	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>
516	Grey-backed Sparrowlark (NE)	3	2	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
517	Black-eared Sparrowlark (E)	1	2	<i>Eremopterix australis</i>
520	White-throated Swallow	1	6	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
523	Pearl-breasted Swallow	2	2	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
526	Greater Striped Swallow (E)	1	1	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
529	Rock Martin	3	11	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
533	Brown-throated Martin	2	3	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
534	Banded Martin	1	1	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
536	Black Saw-wing	1	1	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>
547	Cape Crow	2	1	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
548	Pied Crow	3	12	<i>Corvus albus</i>
549	House Crow	1	2	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
550	White-necked Raven	2	5	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
551	Grey Tit (E)	H	1H	<i>Parus afer</i>
552	Ashy Tit (E)	1	1	<i>Parus cinerascens</i>
566	Cape Bulbul (E)	2	7	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>
567	African Red-eyed Bulbul (NE)	4	4	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul	1	2	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
577	Olive Thrush	1	2	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
577	Karoo Thrush (E)	1	2	<i>Turdus smithi</i>
581	Cape Rock-Thrush (E)	1	1	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
583	Short-toed Rock-Thrush (NE)	1	1	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>
586	Mountain Wheatear (NE)	2	4	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
587	Capped Wheatear	2	4	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>

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589	Familiar Chat	1	6	<i>Cercomela fami liaris</i>
590	Tractrac Chat (NE)	1	1	<i>Cercomela tractrac</i>
591	Sickle-winged Chat (E)	1	2	<i>Cercomela sin uata</i>
592	Karoo Chat (NE)	1	2	<i>Cercomela schlegelii</i>
595	Ant-eating Chat (E)	1	3	<i>Myrmecoci chla formicivo ra</i>
596	African Stonechat	1	3	<i>Saxico la torquata</i>
601	Cape Robin-Chat (Robin)	2	11	<i>Cossyph a caffra</i>
611	Cape Ro ck-Jumper (E)	1	1	<i>Chaet ops fren atus</i>
614	Karoo S crub-Robin (E)	2	7	<i>Erythro pygia coryphoeus</i>
615	Kalahari Scr ub-Robin (NE)	1	1	<i>Erythro pygia paena</i>
621	Chestnut-vented T it-babbler (NE)	1	3	<i>Parisom a subcaeru leum</i>
622	Layard's Tit-babbler (E)	1	1	<i>Parisom a layardi</i>
631	African Reed -Warbler	2	1	<i>Acrocephal us baet icatus</i>
635	Lesser Swamp-Warbler	1	3	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostr is</i>
638	Little Rush-Warbler	2	2	<i>Bradypterus b aboecal a</i>
640	Knysna Wa rbler (E)	H	1H	<i>Bradypterus sylvatic us</i>
645	Bar-throated Apal is	1	1	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec	1	3	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
653	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	1	2	<i>Eremomela ictero pygialis</i>
661	Cape Grassb ird (E)	1	2	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
666	Cloud Cisticola	1	1	<i>Cisticol a tatrix</i>
669	Grey-backed Cist icola (NE)	2	5	<i>Cisticol a subrufic apillus</i>
677	Levaillant's Cisticola	2	6	<i>Cisticol a tinniens</i>
685	Black-chested Prinia (NE)	1	3	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>
686a	Karoo Prinia (E)	2	9	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>
687	Namaqua Wa rbler (E)	1	2	<i>Phra gmaci a substriata</i>
688	Rufous-eared Wa rbler (E)	2	1	<i>Malc orus pect oralis</i>
690	African Dus ky Flycatcher	1	2	<i>Muscica pa adusta</i>
697	Chat Flycat cher	2	3	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>
698	Fiscal Flycat cher (E)	1	2	<i>Sigelus silens</i>
700	Cape Batis (E)	2	1	<i>Batis capensis</i>
703	Pirit Batis (NE)	1	1	<i>Batis pririt</i>
713	Cape Wagtail	2	14	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
716	African Pipit	1	5	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
727	Cape Long claw (E)	1	3	<i>Macro nyx cape nsis</i>
732	Common Fiscal	2	13	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)	H	2H	<i>Laniarius ferru gineus</i>
741	Brubru	1	3	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
746	Bokmakierie (E)	1	6	<i>Telophorus zeylo nus</i>
757	Common Starl ing	3	10	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
759	Pied Starl ing (E)	2	4	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
764	Cape Glossy Star ling	1	1	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
769	Red-winged Star ling	3	8	<i>Onycho gnathus morio</i>
770	Pale-winged Starl ing (NE)	3	5	<i>Onychog nathus nabouroup</i>
773	Cape Sugarb ird (E)	2	3	<i>Promerops c afer</i>
775	Malachite Sun bird	1	6	<i>Nectarini a famosa</i>

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777	Orange-breasted Sunbird (E)	2	2	<i>Nectarinia violacea</i>
783	Southern Double-collared Sunbird (E)	2	8	<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>
788	Dusky Sunbird (NE)	2	5	<i>Nectarinia fusca</i>
796	Cape White-eye (E)	2	7	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
796	Orange River White-eye (E)	3	4	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
799	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	2	4	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
800	Sociable Weaver (E)	2	3	<i>Philetairus socius</i>
801	House Sparrow	2	8	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
803	Cape Sparrow (NE)	3	11	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	1	1	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
806	Scaly-feathered Finch (NE)	2	1	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>
813	Cape Weaver (E)	3	8	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked-Weaver	2	8	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea	3	2	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
824	Southern Red Bishop	3	5	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
827	Yellow Bishop	1	5	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
846	Common Waxbill	2	5	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
856	Red-headed Finch (NE)	2	1	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>
860	Pin-tailed Whydah	1	3	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
868	Common Chaffinch	1	1	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
870	Black-throated Canary	1	2	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>
872	Cape Canary	2	8	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
873	Forest Canary (E)	1	1	<i>Serinus scotops</i>
874	Cape Siskin (E)	1	2	<i>Pseudochloroptila totta</i>
878	Yellow Canary (NE)	1	3	<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>
879	White-throated Canary (NE)	2	6	<i>Serinus albogularis</i>
880	Protea Seed-Eater (E)	1	1	<i>Serinus leucopterus</i>
881	Streaky-headed Seed-Eater	1	1	<i>Serinus gularis</i>
885	Cape Bunting (NE)	2	5	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>
887	Lark-like Bunting (NE)	2	4	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>

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Baboon, Chacma	4	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
Bontebok	3	<i>Damaliscus dorcas dorcas</i>
Dassie, Rock (Hyrax)	5	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
Eland	1	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
Gemsbok (Oryx)	2	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Hare, Scrub	1	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
Klipspringer	3	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
Mongoose, Slender	1	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
Mongoose, Small Grey	6	<i>Galerella pulverulenta</i>
Mongoose, Yellow	1	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Monkey, Vervet	2	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
Rat, Vlei	1	<i>Otomys irroratus</i>
Seal, Cape Fur	3	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>
Springbok	3	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Squirrel, Ground	4	<i>Xerus inauris</i>
Steenbok	2	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Whale, Humpback	1	<i>Magaptera novaeangliae</i>
Whale, Southern Right	2	<i>Balaena glacialis</i>
Wildebeest, Black	1	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>
Wildebeest, Blue	1	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Zebra, Cape Mountain	2	<i>Equus zebra zebra</i>
Zebra, Hartmann's Mountain	1	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>