

AVIAN ADVENTURES

“Best of the Cape”

17 – 30 September 2006

Trip Report



Cape Rock-Thrush, *Monticola rupestris*

Tour Summary

Tour Participants:

Ian and Gillian Flinn
Kenneth and Hilary Fullard
George Richardson

Total Distance Travelled:

2852 kilometres.

Temperature Range:

14-25 degrees Celsius.

Total Mammals Seen:

21 species

Total Birds Seen:

245 species. 85 endemics/near-endemics.

[This was an impressive total for this tour considering we did not do a pelagic trip on this specific itinerary.]

Birds of the Trip : (In no specific order)

- Knysna Woodpecker
- Cape Penduline-Tit
- Victorin's Warbler
- Cinnamon-breasted Warbler
- Karoo Eremomela
- Black-eared Sparrowlark
- Cape Rock-Jumper
- Cape Sugarbird
- Cape Siskin
- Red Lark
- Hottentot Buttonquail
- Karoo Korhaan
- Black Harrier
- Ground Woodpecker
- Grey Cuckooshrike
- African Black Oystercatcher

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Note:

Please refer to the detailed checklists at end of the report for all species seen on this specific tour.

This exciting itinerary covers great birding areas throughout the Western and Northern Cape provinces of South Africa, providing a host of endemics and near endemics.

Day 1: Sunday 17 September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

Group checked through customs at Cape Town International around 11am where they were met by specialist local bird guide, Martin Benadie. From here we transferred to Afton Grove Guest House located in Noordhoek. The afternoon was spent birding and admiring the local botany at the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, with Table Mountain providing an impressive backdrop. A leisurely walk was undertaken through the well maintained gardens and adjacent indigenous forest.

Day 2: Monday 18 September 2006 ~ Cape Peninsula

Today we explored the Cape Peninsula, one of Africa's premier tourist destinations, and one of the most scenic stretches of landscape in the world. Select 'fynbos', wetland and coastal localities were visited today. After an early breakfast our first stop was at the Strandfontein Sewage Works, which provided a vast array of waterbirds. From here we crossed over to Boulders Beach, famous for the African Penguin colony. Our route then took us to the Cape Peninsula National Park (Cape of Good Hope) at the south-western most tip of the peninsula. Here large flowering patches, rocky areas and coastal thicket was explored for birds and provided some beautiful scenery. We then returned to Afton Grove via Red Hill road which afforded beautiful views back over False Bay and the naval base of Simon's Town.

Day 3: Tuesday 19 September 2006 ~ Langebaan

Early departure again from Cape Town to avoid the rush hour traffic. Today we travelled up the western seaboard of South Africa with endless beaches and spectacular wildflower displays. Time was spent at wetlands just north of Cape Town, before entering the wheatlands and 'strandveld' patches around Darling with stops at some scenic wildflower reserves. Arrived Langebaan village late afternoon.

Day 4: Wednesday 20 September 2006 ~ Langebaan

Entire day spent exploring the West Coast National Park, which is centred around the spectacular Langebaan lagoon. A diverse array of coastal strandveld, wetland and coastal bird species was seen. Time was also spent at two hides overlooking extensive mudflats for a variety of migrant waders and resident shorebirds.

Day 5: Thursday 21 September 2006 ~ Lambert's Bay

After breakfast continued north up the west coast. Our first stop was at the town of Velddrift at a saltworks and at a hide overlooking mudflats of the Breede River. Still further north stopped again at a large freshwater marsh which was very productive. From Elands Bay we hugged the coast all the way up to Lambert's Bay arriving early afternoon. The late afternoon was spent at Bird Island, home a large breeding colony of Cape Gannets and marine cormorants.

Day 6: Friday 22 September 2006 ~ Lambert's Bay

We spent the day birding in and around the Lambert's Bay district looking for the various bird specials of the area.

Day 7: Saturday 23 September 2006 ~ Calvinia

From Lamberts we headed east to Clanwilliam where a short diversion was made to Kransvleikloof for the localised Protea Seed-eater, a tricky endemic. We then headed north again into Namaqualand and then east to Calvinia via Vanrhynsdorp, the dramatic Vanrhyns Pass and Nieuwoudtville. On route several stops were made for both birds and wildflowers. A stop at the Olifants River was also productive for African Reed-Warbler, Namaqua Warbler and Giant Kingfisher. Once in Calvinia, we settled into our excellent accommodation, and then later set off for the nearby Akkerendam Nature Reserve set amongst the spectacular Hantam Mountains. The star bird here was a nice flock of the uncommon Karoo Eremomela.

Day 8: Sunday 24 September 2006 ~ Calvinia

The entire day was spent birding north of Calvinia, primarily around the Brandvlei district. Today was Karoo birding at its best, set in vast open karroid landscapes dotted with the odd lone windmill and small rocky outcrops. Recent good rains had filled several of the seasonal pans in the area, adding another suite of birds to this otherwise arid landscape. The day produced many new endemic species like Black-eared Sparrowlark, Red Lark, Namaqua Sandgrouse by their hundreds, Dusky Sunbird, South African Cliff Swallow and many more.

Day 9: Monday 25 September 2006 ~ Matjiesfontein

Today we headed south through beautiful karoo scenery, mountain passes and on into the Tanqua Karoo with lots of birding stops on route. Our lunch break at a rocky hillside produced some great birds including the very difficult Cinnamon-breasted Warbler of which we all got amazing views. From here we proceeded to the historical village of Matjiesfontein, a wayside station set in the wilds of the little karoo. Some opted for a pre-dinner walk around town, which dates back for over a century.

Day 10: Tuesday 26 September 2006 ~ Anysberg Nature Reserve, Laingsburg district

Today we undertook an excursion to the nearby Anysberg Nature Reserve set amongst Karoo plains and rugged mountains with steep gorges. The drive to the reserve via Laingsburg traversed some of the most striking scenery in the Karoo and had some great birding. Highlights today included African Black Duck, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Cardinal Woodpecker and Karoo Korhaan. All was in agreement this was one of the best days of the tour. Late afternoon we headed back to Matjiesfontein, and had another dinner at the eccentric Lord Milner Hotel.

Day 11: Wednesday 27 September 2006 ~ Swellendam

Today we travelled to Swellendam, the oldest town in South Africa, our base for the last three nights. Our route took us through the scenic Tradouw's Pass. After a pleasant lunch at Honeywood Farm we spent the afternoon doing some forest birding at Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve. This indigenous forest is the most noteworthy in the southwestern Cape and the largest remaining example in the Langeberg. Early evening we headed to our comfortable guesthouse nestled in the heart of Swellendam.

Day 12: Thursday 28 September 2006 ~ Swellendam

We spent the entire day exploring De Hoop Nature Reserve, a large area of lowland fynbos, coastal dunes, milkwood thickets and a coastal lagoon. The drive to the reserve passed through some interesting habitats which provided non-stop birding action. Highlights included Denham's Bustard, hunting Black Sparrowhawk, Agulhas Clapper & Long-billed Larks, several Blue Cranes and a host of other species. Whilst crossing the Breede River at Malgas on the last hand-pulled pont in South Africa we were treated to great flyover views of the impressive Cape Vulture.

Day 13: Friday 29 September 2006 ~ Swellendam

After a great breakfast it was decided to explore the wetlands and forest patches around the pleasant historical missionary village of Suurbraak, as well as the mountain fynbos and rocky habitats found on the spectacular Tradouw's Pass. Good birds were Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Forest Buzzard, Red-chested Cuckoo and Black Saw-wing. The pass itself delivered Victorin's Warbler, Ground Woodpecker and Cape Rock-Thrush. After lunch back in Swellendam and a siesta the afternoon was spent at the nearby Bontebok National Park, where a Secretarybird was one of the stars of the afternoon.

Day 14: Saturday 30 September 2006 ~ Departure

We left Swellendam early to make the most of our last day. Our first stop was close to the village of Kleinmond, where a walk in some restioid grassland flushed Hottentot Buttonquail twice. Our next stop was at the small coastal village of RooiEls where a walk in a rocky area produced great views of Cape Rock-Jumper, arguably the Cape's most desirable endemic and providing a fitting end to a great tour. After a last lunch and checklists we undertook a uneventful drive back to the airport.

BIRD CHECKLIST

	17 Sept'06	18 Sept'06	19 Sept'06	20 Sept'06	21 Sept'06	22 Sept'06	23 Sept'06	24 Sept'06	25 Sept'06	26 Sept'06	27 Sept'06	28 Sept'06	29 Sept'06	30 Sept'06	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Common Ostrich		X		X								X	X		<i>Struthio camelus</i>
African Penguin (E)		X													<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
Great Crested Grebe		X	X		X							X		X	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Black-necked Grebe		X													<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Little Grebe		X	X	X	X		X		X			X	X		<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
White-Chinned Petrel						X									<i>Procellaria aequi noctialis</i>
Sooty Shearwater		X													<i>Puffinus griseus</i>
Great White Pelican		X	X	X	X									X	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Cape Gannet (E)		X		X	X	X						X			<i>Morus capensis</i>
White-breasted Cormorant		X		X	X							X			<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
Cape Cormorant (E)		X			X	X									<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>
Bank Cormorant (E)		X													<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>
Reed Cormorant		X			X		X			X	X	X	X		<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
Crowned Cormorant (E)		X		X	X	X									<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>
African Darter		X	X		X								X		<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Grey Heron		X			X			X	X	X		X			<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Black-headed Heron		X	X	X		X	X					X	X	X	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Purple Heron		X			X										<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Little Egret		X	X	X	X										<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Cattle Egret		X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X		<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron										X					<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Hamerkop										X		X	X		<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
African Sacred Ibis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Glossy Ibis		X			X										<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Hadeda Ibis	X	X	X		X	X			X		X	X	X		<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
African Spoonbill				X	X							X			<i>Platalea alba</i>
Greater Flamingo					X			X							<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
Lesser Flamingo				X	X										<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
Egyptian Goose	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
South African Shelduck (E)			X	X	X			X	X	X	X				<i>Tadorna cana</i>
Yellow-billed Duck		X			X	X						X	X		<i>Anas undulata</i>
African Black Duck										X					<i>Anas sparsa</i>
Cape Teal		X		X	X			X							<i>Anas capensis</i>
Red-billed Teal		X											X		<i>Anas erythrorhynchos</i>
Cape Shoveler (E)		X	X		X			X				X			<i>Anas smithii</i>
Southern Pondich		X													<i>Nettion erythrophthalma</i>
Spur-winged Goose		X	X				X	X	X			X	X		<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Maccoa Duck		X							X						<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
Secretarybird													X		<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
Cape Vulture (E)												X			<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
Yellow-billed Kite			X	X	X	X	X								<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
Black-shouldered Kite		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X		<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Verreaux's Eagle					X		X		X	X					<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
Booted Eagle						X	X		X	X					<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>

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COMMON NAME															
Martial Eagle								X	X						<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
African Fish Eagle	X	X					X						X		<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Steppe Buzzard													X		<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Forest Buzzard (E)													X		<i>Buteo trizonatus</i>
Jackal Buzzard (E)			X				X		X			X	X		<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
Black Sparrowhawk												X			<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk (NE)					X	X		X	X	X					<i>Melierax canorus</i>
African Marsh-Harrier		X		X	X										<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
Black Harrier (E)			X	X	X						X		X		<i>Circus maurus</i>
Peregrine Falcon		X													<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Rock Kestrel				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				<i>Falco rupicolis</i>
Greater Kestrel							X	X	X		X				<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
Grey-winged Francolin (E)			X	X								X			<i>Scleroptila africanus</i>
Cape Francolin (E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X		<i>Pternistes capensis</i>
Red-necked Spurfowl											X				<i>Pternistes afer</i>
Helmeted Guineafowl	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X		<i>Numida melea gris</i>
Hottentot Buttonquail (E)														X	<i>Turnix hottentotta</i>
Blue Crane (E)			X									X			<i>Anthropoides par adiseus</i>
Black Crake										X			X		<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
African Purple Swamphen		X	X		X							X			<i>Porphyrio ma dagascariensis</i>
Common Moorhen		X	X		X						X	X	X		<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Red-knobbed Coot		X	X	X	X			X	X			X			<i>Fulica cristata</i>
Denham's Bustard												X	X		<i>Neotis denhami</i>
Ludwig's Bustard (NE)								X	X						<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>
Karoo Korhaan (E)										X		X			<i>Eupodotis vigorsii</i>
Southern Black Korhaan (E)			X	X											<i>Eupodotis afra</i>
African Black Oyster catcher (E)		X	X	X	X	X						X			<i>Haematopus moquini</i>
Common Ringed Plover				X											<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
White-fronted Plover				X	X	X						X			<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover					X										<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
Kittlitz's Plover				X	X			X	X			X			<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Three-banded Plover				X	X			X	X	X			X		<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
Grey Plover			X	X	X										<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Crowned Lapwing			X	X	X						X	X	X		<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Blacksmith Lapwing	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Ruddy Turnstone				X											<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Marsh Sandpiper					X			X							<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Common Greenshank			X	X	X										<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Red Knot				X											<i>Calidris canutus</i>
Curlew Sandpiper				X	X										<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Little Stint				X	X										<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Sanderling		X		X								X			<i>Calidris alba</i>
Ruff					X										<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit				X											<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Common Whimbrel				X											<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Pied Avocet				X	X			X	X	X					<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>

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Black-winged Stilt		X		X	X	X		X	X						<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Spotted Thick-knee		X													<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
Water Thick-Knee												X			<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Cape Gull		X	X	X	X	X	X					X			<i>Larus vetula</i>
Grey-headed Gull					X			X							<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
Hartlaub's Gull (E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								<i>Larus hartlaubii</i>
Caspian Tern				X	X							X			<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Swift Tern		X		X	X	X									<i>Sterna bergii</i>
Sandwich Tern		X		X											<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
Common Tern		X		X	X										<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Namaqua Sandgrouse (NE)								X	X						<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>
Rock Dove		X			X			X	X	X					<i>Columba livia</i>
Speckled Pigeon		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		<i>Columba guinea</i>
African Olive-Pigeon	X										X				<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
Red-eyed Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X		<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Cape Turtle-Dove	X	X	X	X		X	X				X	X	X		<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Laughing Dove	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Namaqua Dove				X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		<i>Oena capensis</i>
Lemon Dove											X				<i>Aplopelia larvata</i>
Red-chested Cuckoo													X		<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo												X			<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
Diderick Cuckoo												X	X		<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
African Black Swift			X		X					X	X	X	X		<i>Apus barbatus</i>
White-rumped Swift		X						X		X		X	X		<i>Apus caffer</i>
Little Swift			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			<i>Apus affinis</i>
Alpine Swift					X				X				X		<i>Apus melba</i>
Speckled Mousebird	X		X								X	X	X		<i>Colius striatus</i>
White-backed Mousebird (E)			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird										X		X			<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Pied Kingfisher					X										<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Giant Kingfisher							X								<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
Malachite Kingfisher								X							<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
Brown-hooded Kingfisher													X	X	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
European Bee-eater			X		X	X	X		X						<i>Merops apiaster</i>
African Hoopoe						X		X	X			X	X		<i>Upupa africana</i>
Acacia Pied Barbet (NE)			X					X				X	X		<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
Lesser Honeyguide			X												<i>Indicator minor</i>
Ground Woodpecker (E)													X	X	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>
Knysna Woodpecker (E)												X			<i>Campethera notata</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker										X					<i>Dendropicops fuscescens</i>
Olive Woodpecker											X				<i>Dendropicops griseacephalus</i>
Cape Clapper Lark (E)						X									<i>Mirafra apiata</i>
Agulhas Clapper Lark (E)												X	X		<i>Mirafra marjoriae</i>
Agulhas Long-billed Lark (E)												X			<i>Certhilauda brevirostris</i>
Karoo Long-billed Lark (E)								X		X					<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>
Cape Long-billed Lark (E)					X	X									<i>Certhilauda curvirostris</i>

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Karoo Lark (E)				X	X	X			X	X					<i>Certhilauda albescens</i>
Red Lark (E)								X							<i>Calendulauda burra</i>
Spike-heeled Lark								X							<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Red-capped Lark			X		X	X		X	X			X	X		<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
Large-billed Lark (E)			X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X		<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>
Grey-backed Sparrowlark (NE)							X	X	X						<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Black-eared Sparrowlark (E)								X	X						<i>Eremopterix australis</i>
White-throated Swallow		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Pearl-breasted Swallow			X										X		<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
Greater Striped Swallow (E)		X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
South African Cliff-Swallow (E)								X							<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>
Rock Martin				X	X	X	X		X	X		X			<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
Brown-throated Martin		X		X	X		X			X		X	X		<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Banded Martin			X		X	X									<i>Riparia cincta</i>
Black Saw-wing											X		X		<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>
Grey Cuckoo-shrike											X				<i>Coracina caesia</i>
Fork-tailed Drongo											X	X	X		<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Cape Crow							X	X	X		X	X	X		<i>Corvus capensis</i>
Pied Crow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						<i>Corvus albus</i>
House Crow	X														<i>Corvus splendens</i>
White-necked Raven		X			X				X	X	X				<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
Grey Tit (E)					X	X		X							<i>Parus afer</i>
Cape Penduline Tit (NE)				X				X							<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
Cape Bulbul (E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul											X				<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
Sombre Greenbul	X											X			<i>Andropodus importunus</i>
Olive Thrush	X										X		X		<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
Karoo Thrush (E)					X	X	X	X	X	X					<i>Turdus smithi</i>
Cape Rock-Thrush (E)													X		<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
Mountain Wheat ear (NE)					X		X	X	X						<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
Capped Wheatear			X		X	X	X		X			X	X		<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
Familiar Chat					X	X	X	X	X	X					<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>
Tractrac Chat (NE)								X	X						<i>Cercomela tractrac</i>
Sickle-winged Chat (E)					X				X						<i>Cercomela sinuata</i>
Karoo Chat (NE)								X	X	X					<i>Cercomela schlegelii</i>
Ant-eating Chat (E)					X	X	X								<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
African Stone chat			X	X	X	X					X	X	X		<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
Cape Robin-Chat	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
Cape Rock-Jumper (E)														X	<i>Chaetops frenatus</i>
Karoo Scrub-Robin (E)			X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		<i>Erythropygia coryphoeus</i>
Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler (NE)			X	X	X	X									<i>Parisoma subcaeruleum</i>
Layard's Tit-babbler (E)					X	X	X		X						<i>Parisoma layardi</i>
African Red-Warbler							X								<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
Lesser Swamp-Warbler		X													<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
Little Rush-Warbler		X													<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
Victorin's Warbler (E)													X		<i>Bradypterus victorini</i>

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Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler											X				<i>Phylloscopus ruficapillus</i>
Bar-throated Apalis				X							X	X	X		<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
Long-billed Crombec				X		X			X	X			X		<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela										X					<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Karoo Eremomela (NE)							X	X		X					<i>Eremomela gregalis</i>
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler (E)									X						<i>Eurypytila subcinnamea</i>
Cape Grassbird (E)			X	X									X		<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
Zitting Cisticola													X		<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Cloud Cisticola			X										X		<i>Cisticola texrix</i>
Grey-backed Cisticola (NE)			X	X	X	X	X	X				X			<i>Cisticola subruficapillus</i>
Levaillant's Cisticola		X	X	X	X	X							X		<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
Neddicky											X				<i>Cisticola fulvicapillus</i>
Karoo Prinia (E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>
Namaqua Warbler (E)							X			X					<i>Phragmacia substriata</i>
Rufous-eared Warbler (E)						X	X								<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>
African Dusky Flycatcher	X												X		<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
Chat Flycatcher								X							<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>
Fiscal Flycatcher (E)			X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		<i>Sigelus silens</i>
Cape Batis (E)	X										X		X	X	<i>Batis capensis</i>
Pirit Batis (NE)							X		X						<i>Batis pirit</i>
Fairy Flycatcher (E)						X			X	X					<i>Stenostira scita</i>
African Paradise Flycatcher											X	X	X		<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
Cape Wagtail	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
African Pipit		X	X	X	X	X						X			<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Long-billed Pipit							X								<i>Anthus similis</i>
Plain-backed Pipit											X		X		<i>Anthus leucophris</i>
Cape Longclaw (E)				X									X		<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
Common Fiscal		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Southern Boubou (E)												X			<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
Bokmakierie (E)			X	X	X	X			X			X	X		<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
Common Starling	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Pied Starling (E)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
Wattled Starling				X											<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
Red-winged Starling	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
Cape Sugarbird (E)		X													<i>Promerops cafer</i>
Malachite Sunbird	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
Orange-breasted Sunbird (E)	X	X													<i>Nectarinia violacea</i>
Southern Double-collared Sunbird (E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X			<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>
Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)											X		X		<i>Nectarinia afra</i>
Dusky Sunbird (NE)								X	X						<i>Nectarinia fusca</i>
Cape White-eye (E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
House Sparrow		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Cape Sparrow (NE)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		<i>Passer melanurus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow									X	X	X				<i>Passer diffusus</i>
Cape Weaver (E)			X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
Southern Masked-Weaver		X			X	X	X		X	X		X	X		<i>Ploceus velatus</i>

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Southern Red Bishop			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		<i>Euplectes orix</i>
Yellow Bishop		X	X	X		X	X		X			X	X		<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
Common Waxbill	X	X				X	X					X	X		<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Swee Waxbill (E)	X										X				<i>Estrilda mela notis</i>
Pin-tailed Whydah			X	X	X						X	X	X		<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Common Chaffinch	X														<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Cape Canary	X		X				X				X	X	X		<i>Serinus ca nicollis</i>
Forest Canary (E)	X														<i>Serinus scotops</i>
Cape Siskin (E)		X													<i>Pseudochloroptila totta</i>
Black-headed Canary (E)							X		X	X					<i>Serinus alario</i>
Brimstone C anary	X										X	X	X		<i>Serinus sulphuratus</i>
Yellow Canary (NE)			X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X		<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>
White-throated Can ary (NE)			X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			<i>Serinus albogularis</i>
Protea Seed-Eater (E)							X								<i>Serinus leucopterus</i>
Streaky-headed Seed-Eater												X	X		<i>Serinus gularis</i>
Cape Bunting (NE)		X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X			<i>Emberiza cape nsis</i>
Lark-like Bunting (NE)							X	X	X	X					<i>Emberiza impetu ani</i>

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Baboon, Chacma	<i>Papio ursin us</i>
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus dorcas dorcas</i>
Bushrat, Karo o	<i>Otomys unisulcat us</i>
Dassie, Rock (Hyrax)	<i>Procavia cape nsis</i>
Duiker, Common	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
Fox, Bat-eared	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>
Gemsbok (Oryx)	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Hartebeest, Red	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>
Mongoose, Large Grey	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>
Mongoose, Small Grey	<i>Galerella pulverulenta</i>
Mongoose, Yellow	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Mouse, Striped	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>
Rhebok, Grey	<i>Palea capreolus</i>
Seal, Cape Fur	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsu pialis</i>
Squirrel, Grey	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus ca mpestris</i>
Whale, Southern Right	<i>Balaena glacialis</i>
Wildebeest, Blue	<i>Connoch aetes taurin us</i>
Zebra, Cape Mountain	<i>Equus zebra zebra</i>