

Zululand and Wakkerstroom Birding Tour

3rd - 10th March 2007

Trip Report



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Tour Summary

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Total Distance Travelled:

1800 kilometres

Temperature Range:

9 to 35 degrees Celsius

Total Birds Seen:

260

Total Mammals Seen:

26

Birds of the Trip:

Southern Banded Snake Eagle, Blue Crane and Pink-throated Twinspot

Trip Report Compiled By:

Leon Marais

Note:

The species mentioned in the report are only some of the species seen at each locality. Please refer to detailed checklists at end of the report for all species seen on this specific tour.

Trip Breakdown

Day 1: Saturday 3rd March 2007 ~ JHB to Mkhuze Game Reserve

Route: Johannesburg to Mkhuze Game Reserve

Distance: 540 kilometres

Weather: Clear and warm

Temperature range: 16 – 34 degrees Celsius

Day 2: Sunday 4th March 2007 ~ Mkhuze Game Reserve

Route: game and birding drives within the reserve

Distance: 60 kilometres

Weather: Hot and humid

Temperature range: 18 – 26 degrees Celsius

Day 3: Monday 5th March 2007 ~ Mkhuze to Ndumo Game Reserve

Route: Mkhuze town, north along the N2 to Jozini and on to Ndumo

Distance: 162 kilometres

Weather: partly cloudy and warm to hot

Temperature range: 18 – 35 degrees Celsius

Day 4: Tuesday 6th March 2007 ~ Ndumo Game Reserve

Route: game and birding drives within the reserve

Distance: 48 kilometres

Weather: Cool and overcast with slight drizzle

Temperature range: 15 – 24 degrees Celsius

Day 5: Wednesday 7th March 2007 ~ Ndumo to Wakkerstroom

Route: Ndumo Game Reserve to Wakkerstroom town, via Pongola and Piet Retief

Distance: 362 kilometres

Weather: clear, windy and warm to start, becoming cloudy and cool in the afternoon

Temperature range: 18 – 30 degrees Celsius

Day 6: Thursday 8th March 2007 ~ Wakkerstroom district

Route: Road-side birding in the Wakkerstroom district

Distance: 110 kilometres

Weather: cold with solid overcast, clearing partly in the late afternoon

Temperature range: 10 – 26 degrees Celsius

Day 7: Friday 9th March 2007 ~ Wakkerstroom district

Route: Road-side birding in the Wakkerstroom district

Distance: 85 kilometres

Weather: clear and cool

Temperature range: 9 – 19 degrees Celsius

Day 8: Saturday 10th March 2007 ~ Wakkerstroom to Johannesburg

Route: Wakkerstroom to Johannesburg, via Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve

Distance: 433 kilometres

Weather: clear and mild

Temperature range: 11 – 27 degrees Celsius

Trip Report

Day 1: Saturday 3rd March 2007 ~ JHB to Mkhuze Game Reserve

The trip began reasonably early with an initial meeting at the Birchwood Hotel in JHB, where we all got acquainted with each other and then set off for Mkhuze Game Reserve, some seven hour's drive away. Not much birding was done on the trip, though we did see some typical highveld species such as Amur Flacon, Speckled Pigeon, Hadedda Ibis and White Stork. We arrived at the reserve in the mid-afternoon and, after a break to unwind from the travels we embarked on a short afternoon excursion. We saw plenty of impala and Nyala, the dominant antelope in the reserve, and birds such as White-backed Vulture, Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Yellow-breasted Apalis, White-crested Helmet-Shrike, Yellow-throated Petronia and Long-tailed Paradise Whydah, adding up to a total of 39 species for the day. In the evening we enjoyed a good South African braai of boerewors (traditional sausage), chicken kebabs and a fine white wine under a full moon before completing our lists and retiring in anticipation of the first full day out in the Mkhuze bush.

Birds of the Day: Long-tailed Paradise Whydah

Daily Total: 39

Trip Total: 39

Day 2: Sunday 4th March 2007 ~ Mkhuze Game Reserve

We rose early and left camp at around 5:30 AM, heading out into the Sandforest areas to look for some of the regional specials. Although the morning started off rather slowly (in terms of the birding) we began to have some luck and recorded European Hobby Falcon, Bateleur, African Green Pigeon, Purple-crested Turaco, Black-crowned Tchagra, Burchell's Coucal, Speckled and Red-faced Mousebirds, Woodland and Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Common Scimitarbill, Trumpeter and Crowned Hornbills, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Rudd's Apalis, Broad-billed Roller, Pale Flycatcher and Violet-backed Starling, among others. At the huge Nsumo Pan we recorded an African Crowned Eagle and a Tawny Eagle soaring high up above us, some water-associated species such as African Jacana, Black-winged Stilt, Blacksmith Lapwing and Common Greenshank and spent a good while observing the chaos of a huge Pink-backed Pelican, Yellow-billed Stork, Grey and Black-headed Heron, Great Egret and Reed Cormorant breeding colony in the Fever Trees along the edge of the pan. We then headed back to the Mantuma Tented Camp and had a light and healthy breakfast before succumbing to the rising heat. We opted for a few hours of siesta before meeting in the mid-afternoon to plan the rest of the day. We decided to head out to some of the hides to see if the heat and dryness would coax any birds and animals out of the bush. The water at the hide was rather stagnant however and animal activity was limited to a few Burchell's Zebra, some Blue Wildebeest and a few Impala. Birds included Yellow-throated Petronia, Dusky Indigobird, Cape Glossy Starling, Red-eyed and Cape Turtle Doves and of course the ubiquitous Dark-capped Bulbul. We could hear the elusive Pink-throated Twinspots in the surrounding bush, but once again failed to locate them. After some time at the hide we drove around for an hour or two, recording Yellow-fronted Canary, Green-winged Pytilia, Blue Waxbill, Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike, Grey Penduline Tit, Sombre Greenbul, Yellow-throated Longclaw and others before heading back to camp. We enjoyed another nice meal together, again under a beautiful full moon, with a Fiery-necked Nightjar calling from the deep of the bush, before completing our lists and saying our good nights.

Birds of the Day: Rudd's Apalis

Daily Total: 81

New birds: 66

Trip Total: 105

Day 3: Monday 5th March 2007 ~ Mkhuze to Ndumo Game Reserve

We met early for a cup of coffee and some delicious rusks before heading out for a last morning drive in Mkhuze. We came across some fresh elephant dung, followed soon thereafter by the depositors – a small breeding herd of African Elephants. After observing them for a while we continued with the birding and recorded Lemon-breasted Canary, Golden-breasted Bunting, Brubru, Willow Warbler, Long-billed Crombec, the vociferous Rattling Cisticola, Chinspot Batis, African Paradise Flycatcher, Black

Cuckoo-Shrike, White-throated Robin-Chat, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Green Wood-Hoopoe and others, as well as a small herd of Giraffe. We tracked a pack of Wild Dogs that appeared to have passed through during the night, but lost their tracks when they eventually left the road and headed off into the bush. We also came across fresh leopard and White rhino tracks, but that was as much as we saw of them. We headed back to camp with some satisfying birding under our belts for an early breakfast and departure, eventually leaving at around 10:00 AM. Our route for the day took us through the town of Mkuze, over the wall of the huge Pongolapoort / Josini Dam and into the flat lands beyond the Lebombo Mountains. We arrived at Ndumo Game Reserve in the mid-afternoon and checked in before taking a short break. We then headed down to some hides on Nyamithi Pan. The first was a long walk away and not too productive, though we did come across some large Nile crocodiles waiting for passing fish below a causeway over the river. They were not too perturbed by us and we managed to get some excellent views, without getting too close, of course! The second hide was more productive, and we recorded White-faced and Fulvous Ducks by the thousand, Pied Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Goliath Heron, Yellow-billed Stork, Great, Little and Yellow-billed Egrets, Glossy Ibis, Malachite Kingfisher and countless waders such as Ruff, Common Greenshank and Little Stint. With dusk approaching we headed back to camp in the vehicle, encountering two White rhino on the way. They headed off into the sunset to the west and inadvertently drew our attention to a large raptor sitting in a tree, which turned out to be a Palmnut Vulture – a fitting end to a great day. Back at camp we met in the evening for another braai, which was well complimented by a good bottle of South African Pinotage.

Birds of the Day: Palmnut Vulture
Daily Total: 85
New birds: 37
Trip Total: 142

Day 4: Tuesday 6th March 2007 ~ Ndumo Game Reserve

Day four promised a full day in the renowned Ndumo Game Reserve. It dawned cool and cloudy with the threat of imminent rain. We decided to head to the other side of the reserve, to visit the Dipini Hide, Shokwe Pan and Red Cliffs on the Usutu River that forms the border with Mozambique.

This route took up the entire morning and produced some good birding and mammal viewing, including Southern Banded Snake-Eagle (with snake), African Cuckoo Hawk, Blue-mantled Crested-Flycatcher, Pink-throated Twinspot (finally!), Saddle-billed Stork, Crested Francolin, Tambourine Dove, Wire-tailed Swallow, Eurasian Golden Oriole, European and Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, African Fish Eagle, White-eared Barbet, Square-tailed Drongo, Crested Guineafowl, Terrestrial Brownbul, African Pied Wagtail and others. Mammals included a large White rhino bull, nyala, warthogs, impala, giraffe, vervet monkey and red duiker. After a nice stop for coffee at Red Cliffs and with the morning drawing on we made our way back to camp for a late breakfast. A usual siesta was had in the afternoon and then we drove down to the first hide at Nyamithi Pan, where we spent the rest of the afternoon watching the waterside action. Although new species were not forthcoming the sheer scale, beauty and abundance kept us captivated for hours, watching the birds feeding; a crocodile catch a large tigerfish and the ensuing attack from the others intent on pirating his prize; herons, storks, pelicans and ibises coming and going in great flocks; avocets, stints, plovers and other waders marching through the shallows; hippo, warthogs, nyala and monkeys feeding on the banks...true, unrivalled African splendour. Back at camp we had the last of our self-made meals, completed lists and called it a day, and a good one at that!

Birds of the Day: Pink-throated Twinspot, Southern Banded Snake-Eagle
Daily Total: 84
New birds: 23
Trip Total: 165

Day 5: Wednesday 7th March 2007 ~ Ndumo to Wakkerstroom

We began day 5 with a walk along the Pongola River floodplain, accompanied by an armed guide from the Park's Board. We set off with high hopes of finding a roosting Pel's Fishing Owl, and, despite intense efforts and the perfect habitat, we did not manage to locate one. We did come across a huge female Nile crocodile on a nest in the sand, a water monitor resting up in a tree, and new birds in the form of Black Saw-wing,

African Openbill, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Common House Martin and Yellow-bellied Greenbul. After a most enjoyable morning we arrived back at camp at 9:00 AM, after which we had breakfast, packed and got on the road to Wakkerstroom. The drive was rather uneventful and we arrived at our destination at around 15:00. The weather was decidedly cooler than when we started at Ndumo and provided a welcome change. For the afternoon we decided to embark on a short walk from the Inn down to the bridge over the wetland at the edge of town. This wetland area teems with birds and soon we were racking up new species by the dozen. These included Grey-crowned Crane (with young), Cape Shoveler, Hottentot Teal, South African Shelduck, Yellow-billed Duck, Common Moorhen, African Purple Swamphen, Hamerkop, White-rumped and Horus Swifts, White-throated, South African Cliff and Greater Striped Swallows, Banded Martin, Levallant's Cisticola, Common, Red-winged and Pied Starlings, Amethyst Sunbird, Cape and Southern Masked Weavers, among others. We then headed back to the Inn, with a cool evening settling around us. We met at 19:30 for dinner in the restaurant, which included a pleasant choice of dishes (most of us opted for the prawns). After the meal we completed our lists and headed off to bed.

Birds of the Day: Grey-crowned Crane
Daily Total: 99
New birds: 35
Trip Total: 200

Day 6: Thursday 8th March 2007 ~ Wakkerstroom district

We began at the usual time of 05:30, but were forced to sit in the gloom for a while for it was still very dark at that time, due to the overcast and the fact that Wakkerstroom is much further west than Ndumo and Mkhuze. As it began to get light enough to see we headed out of town on the Amersfoort Road to some of the better birding spots in the district. Birds for the morning included hundreds of Amur Falcons, Blue Korhaan, Spike-heeled and Red-capped Larks, Blue and Grey-crowned Cranes, Fan-tailed and Long-tailed Widowbirds, African Pipit, Southern Bald Ibis, Montagu's Harrier, Red-winged Francolin, Buff-streaked Chat, Southern Ant-eating Chat, African Stonechat, Black-winged Lapwing, Diederick Cuckoo, Pied Kingfisher, Cape Crow, Bokmakierie, Cape Sparrow and Orange-breasted Waxbill, among others. After some really productive birding we made our way back to the Wakkerstroom Country Inn for a hearty breakfast (which was so big as to be un-finishable!).

We then took a rest, and in the afternoon Eva and I went out into the district again while, Larry and Nicky had a look around town and did some garden birding. For the afternoon we recorded a single Red-footed Falcon in among all the Amur Falcons, Mountain Wheatear, Drakensberg Prinia, Sentinel Rock-Thrush, African Harrier Hawk, Cape Bunting, Wing-snapping and Zitting Cisticola, African Wattled Lapwing, Africa Quail Finch and Spotted Thick-Knee, among others. We arrived back at the Inn at dusk, and then met up for another lovely dinner. As usual we did our homework before retiring for the night, with full stomachs and tired limbs.

Birds of the Day: Blue Korhaan, Orange-breasted Waxbill
Daily Total: 97
New birds: 36
Trip Total: 236

Day 7: Friday 9th March 2007 ~ Wakkerstroom district

The seventh day was our last full day of the tour. We decided to try the Flufftail Hide on the far side of the wetland reserve, which unfortunately proved to be rather unproductive, as there was no water in the vicinity. We then headed out on the Paulpietersburg Road to see if we could locate the Yellow-breasted Pipit. We found a good area on top of the mountain, where permission is not required to walk around beyond the fences. We flushed many African Pipits and Cape Longclaws, and two Yellow-breasted Pipits, which unfortunately flew off and we were not able to get any descent views. Nevertheless the scenery was spectacular, with the town bathed in full morning sunlight in the valley far below. We investigated an old rock quarry, and saw Ground Woodpecker, Lazy Cisticola, Buff-streaked Chats, Horus Swifts and Pied Starlings. We then made our way slowly back down to town for breakfast. After the meal we had a few hours of relaxation and personal time before heading out on a final afternoon drive. Just before leaving

we drove over to the local Catholic Church, where Eva had discovered two roosting Spotted Eagle Owls. We observed one for a while and then continued with the drive out to the Zaaihoek Dam. Although we were experiencing decreasing marginal returns as far as new birds went (which included only Rock Kestrel, Rock Martin and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting), we had a lovely afternoon out in the country. After arriving back at the Inn we had time to relax, and some drove down to the Mucky Duck, which has the distinction of being the oldest pub in the town (and one of the smallest in the country!). We then met up for a final dinner, before list-duties and heading to bed.

Birds of the Day: Ground Woodpecker, Southern Bald Ibis
Daily Total: 77
New birds: 10
Trip Total: 246

Day 8: Saturday 10th March 2007 ~ Wakkerstroom to Johannesburg

For the final morning Eva and I went out on a drive while Larry and Nicky decided to have a sleep in. Eva and I had some good birding on a beautiful sunny morning, recording Marsh Owl, Jackal Buzzard, Steppe Buzzard, African Quail Finch (our first views of them on the ground), Blue Crane, Denham's Bustard and the usual plethora of widowbirds, whydahs and longclaws. Back at the lodge we had a last breakfast before heading on to Johannesburg and the end of the trip. We did have a few hours left over for the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve not far from Johannesburg. The more arid grasslands and thornveld produced a few new species, despite the heat of the day. These included Kalahari Scrub-Robin, Familiar Chat, Red-billed Firefinch, Fiscal Flycatcher, Black-chested Prinia, Rufous-naped Lark, Black-throated Canary, Red-collared Widowbird, Streaky-headed Seed-Eater, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver and Cape Grassbird, and new mammals such as Eland, Springbuck and Black Wildebeest. These were the final birds and animals for the trip and an hour and a half later we had said our goodbye's at the official ending of the tour.

Birds of the Day: Marsh Owl.
Daily Total: 90
New birds: 14
Trip Total: 260

Checklist of Birds Seen

	COMMON NAME	03-Mar-07	04-Mar-07	05-Mar-07	06-Mar-07	07-Mar-07	08-Mar-07	09-Mar-07	10-Mar-07	Total Days Seen	SCIENTIFIC NAME
8	Little Grebe					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
50	Pink-backed Pelican		X	2						2	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
55	White-breasted Cormorant		X			X	X	X		4	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
58	Reed Cormorant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
60	African Darter		8							1	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
62	Grey Heron		1	3	5	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63	Black-headed Heron		3			X	X	X	X	5	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
64	Goliath Heron			2	1			1		3	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
65	Purple Heron				1	1	1		2	4	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
66	Great Egret		X	X	X					3	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
67	Little Egret		1	8	X	X				4	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
68	Yellow-billed Egret			1		X	X	X	X	5	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
71	Cattle Egret	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
74	Green-backed Heron				2					1	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
76	Black-crowned Night-Heron					2		1		2	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
81	Hamerkop		2	1	3	2	1		1	6	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
83	White Stork	1					4	2	1	4	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
87	African Openbill			8		X				2	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
88	Saddle-billed Stork				1					1	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
90	Yellow-billed Stork		X	X	X	X				4	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
91	African Sacred Ibis				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
92	Southern Bald Ibis (E)						X	X	X	3	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>
93	Glossy Ibis	X		X	X	X	X			5	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
94	Hadedda Ibis	X			X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
95	African Spoonbill			9	X		1			3	<i>Platalea alba</i>
99	White-faced Duck			X	X				2	3	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
100	Fulvous Duck			X	X				8	3	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
102	Egyptian Goose		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
103	South African Shelduck (E)					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
104	Yellow-billed Duck					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Anas undulata</i>
105	African Black Duck						1			1	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
923	Mallard								5	1	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
107	Hottentot Teal			X	X	X	X	X		5	<i>Anas hottentota</i>
108	Red-billed Teal								3	1	<i>Anas erythrorhynchos</i>
112	Cape Shoveler (E)					5				1	<i>Anas smithii</i>
113	Southern Pond Duck	3								1	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose			X	X	X	X	X		5	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
118	Secretarybird						2	2		2	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
126b	Yellow-billed Kite			4	1		1			3	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
127	Black-shouldered Kite	3		1			X	X	X	5	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
128	African Common Hawk				4					1	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>
132	Tawny Eagle		1							1	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
135	Wahlberg's Eagle			1						1	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>

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141	African Crowned Eagle		1							1	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>
144	Southern Banded Snake-Eagle				3	1				2	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>
146	Bateleur		1							1	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
147	Palm-Nut Vulture			1						1	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
148	African Fish Eagle		2		4	1				3	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
149	Steppe Buzzard	X		X		X	X	X	X	6	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)						1	1	3	3	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
166	Montagu's Harrier						2		1	2	<i>Circus pygargus</i>
169	African Harrier-Hawk						1			1	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
173	Eurasian Hobby		1							1	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
179	Red-footed Falcon						1			1	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>
180	Amur Falcon	X				X	X	X	X	5	<i>Falco amurensis</i>
181	Rock Kestrel							1	2	2	<i>Falco rupicolis</i>
189	Crested Francolin				1					1	<i>Peliperdix sephaena</i>
192	Red-winged Francolin						5		6	2	<i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)					2	2		3	3	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>
203	Helmeted Guineaf owl	X							X	2	<i>Numina melea gris</i>
204	Crested Guineaf owl			X	X	X	X			4	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>
208	Blue Crane (E)						3		2	2	<i>Anthropoides parvifrons</i>
209	Grey Crowned Crane					8	8	4	4	4	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
223	African Purple Swamphen					2	4	X	X	4	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
226	Common Moorhen					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
228	Red-knobbed Coot	X				X	X	X	X	5	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
231	Denham's Bustard						3		1	2	<i>Neotis denhami</i>
234	Blue Korhaan (E)						4		H	1	<i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i>
240	African Jacana		4							1	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
245	Common Ringed Plover			X						1	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
248	Kittlitz's Plover				X					1	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
249	Three-banded Plover				3					1	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing					X	X		X	3	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
257	Black-winged Lapwing						1			1	<i>Vanellus melanocephalus</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
260	African Wattled Lapwing							2	1	2	<i>Vanellus senegalensis</i>
264	Common Sandpiper				2					1	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper						1			1	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
270	Common Greenshank			X	X					2	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
274	Little Stint				6					1	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
284	Ruff			X	X					2	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
294	Pied Avocet			X	X					2	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
295	Black-winged Stilt		X	X	X					3	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
297	Spotted Thick-knee					2		1	2	3	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
298	Water Thick-knee		1	5						2	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
315	Grey-headed Gull	1							1	2	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
338	Whiskered Tern		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
348	Rock Dove							1		1	<i>Columba livia</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon	X				X	X	X	X	5	<i>Columba guinea</i>

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352	Red-eyed Dove	X	X		X	X	X			5	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
354	Cape Turtle-Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
355	Laughing Dove	X		X		X	X	X	X	6	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
359	Tambourine Dove				2	1				2	<i>Turtur tympanistris</i>
361	African Green-Pigeon		1		4					2	<i>Treron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot	H	H								<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco		1			1				2	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey Go-away-bird	2								1	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
382	Jacobin Cuckoo			1						1	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
386	Diderick Cuckoo			1		1	2	1		4	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)		1							1	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
395	Marsh Owl								3	1	<i>Asio capensis</i>
401	Spotted Eagle-Owl							1	2	2	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
405	Fiery-necked Nightjar		H								<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
415	White-rumped Swift					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Apus caffer</i>
416	Horus Swift					X		X	X	3	<i>Apus horus</i>
417	Little Swift	X	X	X	X			X	X	6	<i>Apus affinis</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	7	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird		X	X	X	X				4	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher			X	X	X	X			4	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher				1					1	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
431	Malachite Kingfisher			1	2	2	3			4	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
433	Woodland Kingfisher		1							1	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher		2							1	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher			1						1	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
438	European Bee-eater		X	X	X	X	X			2	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
440	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater			X	X	X	X	X		4	<i>Merops persicus</i>
443	White-fronted Bee-eater			7						1	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
444	Little Bee-eater			1						1	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller			3		2				2	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
450	Broad-billed Roller		4							1	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe			X						1	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitarbill		2	1						2	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
455	Trumpeter Hornbill		X	X	X	X				4	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	4								1	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
460	Crowned Hornbill		X	X	X	X				4	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>
464	Black-collared Barbet	3		2		1			1	4	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
466	White-eared Barbet				1	4				2	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>
469	Red-fronted Tinkerbird			1		1				2	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>
471	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird					2				1	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
473	Crested Barbet	2					1		1	3	<i>Trachypodon vaillantii</i>
480	Ground Woodpecker (E)							4		1	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker		H	H							<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker		2							1	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
494	Rufous-naped Lark								1	1	<i>Miafra africana</i>

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506	Spike-heeled Lark						4	3	5	3	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
507	Red-capped Lark						X	X	X	3	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
518	Barn Swallow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
520	White-throated Swallow					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
522	Wire-tailed Swallow				4					1	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
526	Greater Striped Swallow (E)					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow			X	X					2	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
528	South African Cliff-Swallow (E)	X				X				2	<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>
529	Rock Martin							2		1	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
530	Common House Martin					X		X		2	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
533	Brown-throated Martin			1						1	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
534	Banded Martin					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
536	Black Saw-wing					X				1	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>
538	Black Cuckooshrike			1						1	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo	X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
542	Square-tailed Drongo				X	X				2	<i>Dicrurus ludwigi</i>
543	Eurasian Golden Oriole				3					1	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
545	Black-headed Oriole		1		1		1			3	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
547	Cape Crow						X	X	X	3	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
548	Pied Crow					1				1	<i>Corvus albus</i>
552	Ashy Tit (E)		2							1	<i>Parus cinerascens</i>
554	Southern Black Tit	X	X	X	X					4	<i>Parus niger</i>
558	Grey Penduline Tit		1		5					2	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>
567	African Red-eyed Bulbul (NE)						1		7	2	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>
568	Dark-capped Bulbul	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
569	Terrestrial Brownbul				1					1	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul		2	4	1					3	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
574	Yellow-bellied Greenbul					3				1	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
576	Kurrihan Thrush			1	2					2	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
580	Groundscraper Thrush					1				1	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
582	Sentinel Rock-Thrush (E)						2			1	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
586	Mountain Wheatear (NE)						2	4	X	3	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
588	Buff-streaked Chat (E)						7	9		2	<i>Oenanthe bifasciata</i>
589	Familiar Chat								1	1	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>
595	Ant-eating Chat (E)					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
596	African Stone chat						X	X	X	3	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
601	Cape Robin-Chat						1		4	2	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
602	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)			1	1					2	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
615	Kalahari Scrub-Robin (NE)								1	1	<i>Erythropygia paena</i>
635	Lesser Swamp-Warbler				1			1		2	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
643	Willow Warbler		2	3						2	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis	1	1	1	2	3				5	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
649	Rudd's Apalis (E)			3	H	H				1	<i>Apalis ruddi</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec		2	1	5					3	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
656	Burnt-necked Eremomela	1	2							2	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
657a	Green-backed Camaroptera		2							1	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>

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661	Cape Grassbird (E)								1	1	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
664	Zitting Cisticola						1			1	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
667	Wing-snapping Cisticola						X			1	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola		X	X	X					3	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
674	Red-faced Cisticola				H						<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
677	Levaillant's Cisticola					2	X	X		3	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
679	Lazy Cisticola							2		1	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia		2			1				3	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
685	Black-chested Prinia (NE)								5	1	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>
686b	Drakensberg Prinia (E)						1	2		2	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
689	Spotted Flycatcher		X	X	X				X	4	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
690	African Dusky Flycatcher	1								1	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
691	Ashy Flycatcher		2							1	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
693	Grey Tit-Flycatcher		2							1	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
696	Pale Flycatcher		2	1						3	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
698	Fiscal Flycatcher (E)								8	1	<i>Sigelus silens</i>
701	Chin-spot Batis			X						1	<i>Batis molitor</i>
708	Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher				2	1				3	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
710	African Paradise Flycatcher		1	1	2					3	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
711	African Pied Wagtail				3					1	<i>Motacilla alpestris</i>
713	Cape Wagtail						X	X	X	3	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
716	African Pipit						X	X	X	3	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
719	Buff Pipit						1			1	<i>Anthus vaalensis</i>
725	Yellow-breasted Pipit (E)							2		1	<i>Hemimacronyx chloris</i>
727	Cape Longclaw (E)						X		X	2	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw		1	1						2	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
732	Common Fiscal	X				X	X	X	X	5	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
733	Red-backed Shrike		X	X	X	X	X		X	6	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)				1					1	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
740	Black-backed Puffback		3	2	2	1				4	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru		1							1	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra		1							1	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra			4						1	<i>Tchagra senegalensis</i>
746	Bokmakierie (E)						1		1	2	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
747	Gorgeous Bush-Shrike	H	H								<i>Telophorus quadricolor</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike		1							1	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
753	White-crested Helmet-Shrike	X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
757	Common Starling					4				1	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
758	Common Myna	X				X	X	X		4	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
759	Pied Starling (E)					X	X	X		3	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
761	Violet-backed Starling		4							1	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
764	Cape Glossy Starling		5			4			2	3	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
768	Black-bellied Starling				X	X				2	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker		1							1	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>

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775	Malachite Sunbird						1		1	2	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
787	White-bellied Sunbird		1		1					2	<i>Nectarinia tal atala</i>
791	Scarlet-chested Sunbird			2						1	<i>Nectarinia senegalensis</i>
792	Amethyst Sunbird					1				1	<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>
793	Collared Sunbird		1	2		1				3	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>
796	Cape White-eye (E)					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
799	White-browed Sparrow w-Weaver								2	1	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
801	House Sparrow	X								1	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
803	Cape Sparrow (NE)						X	X	X	3	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow			1		2				3	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	Yellow-throated Petronia	X	X	X						3	<i>Petronia sulphurata</i>
808	Dark-backed Weaver		3		X	X				3	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
813	Cape Weaver (E)					X	X	X		3	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked-Weaver					2		1	3	3	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
819	Red-headed Weaver		6							1	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
824	Southern Red Bishop					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
827	Yellow Bishop							X		1	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
828	Fan-tailed Widowbird					X				1	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird								X	1	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
831	Red-collared Widowbird								X	1	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>
832	Long-tailed Widowbird					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia		3							1	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
838	Pink-throated Tinspot (E)				1					1	<i>Hypargypha maritima</i>
842	Red-billed Firefinch								2	1	<i>Lagonosticta senegalensis</i>
844	Blue Waxbill		X	X						2	<i>Uraegina angolensis</i>
846	Common Waxbill			X				X		2	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
852	African Quailfinch						X	X	X	3	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
854	Orange-breasted Waxbill						3			1	<i>Sporaeornis subflavus</i>
860	Pin-tailed Whydah		X			X	X		X	4	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
862	Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah	1								1	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
864	Dusky Indigobird		1	1						2	<i>Vidua funerea</i>
869	Yellow-fronted Canary		X	X		X				3	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
870	Black-throated Canary								2	1	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>
871	Lemon-breasted Canary (NE)			2						1	<i>Serinus citrinpectus</i>
872	Cape Canary						X	X	X	3	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
881	Streaky-headed Seed-Eater								1	1	<i>Serinus gularis</i>
884	Golden-breasted Bunting		3	2	2					3	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
885	Cape Bunting (NE)						2		1	3	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>
886	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting							1	4	2	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
	Total Birds for the Day	39	81	85	84	99	97	77	90		
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2	Baboon, Chacma		H						X	1	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
6	Blesbok	X				X	X	X		4	<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi</i>
8	Bushbaby, Thick-tailed		H								<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
9	Bushbuck					1				1	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
15	Dassie, Rock (Hyrax)						X	X		2	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
17	Duiker, Common		1	1	1					3	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
18	Duiker, Red				1	1				2	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>
19	Eland								X	1	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
20	Elephant, African			7						1	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
23	Giraffe, Southern			4	1	2				3	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
24	Hare, Scrub				1					1	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
26	Hippopotamus		X	X	X					3	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
28	Impala	X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
34	Mongoose, Banded				X					1	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
36	Mongoose, Slender		1	1	1				1	4	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
39	Mongoose, Yellow						5	2		2	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
40	Monkey, Samango					X				1	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
41	Monkey, Vervet		X	X	X					3	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
44	Nyala	X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
55	Rhinoceros, White			2	1					2	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
58	Springbok						X		X	2	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
62	Suricate (Meerkat)	X								1	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>
63	Warthog			X	X					2	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
64	Waterbuck, Common					3				1	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
67	Wildebeest, Black								X	1	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>
68	Wildebeest, Blue		X	X	X	X				4	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
69	Zebra, Burchell's		X						X	2	<i>Equus burchelli</i>
	Total: 26 species seen.										

Reptiles seen:

Nile Crocodile
 Leopard Tortoise
 Nile Monitor
 Southern Tree Agama
 Velvet Gecko
 Marsh Terrapin