

# Naturetrek Bargain Kruger Birding Tour South Africa

31<sup>st</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007

## Trip Report



## Tour Summary

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### Total Distance Travelled:

1744 km

### Temperature Range:

8° – 30°

### Altitude Variation:

350 – 2300 meters above sea level

Total Number of Birds Seen: 276

Total Number of Mammals Seen: 30

### Trip Report Compiled By:

Leon Marais on Behalf of Naturetrek

### 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 report as to all species seen on this specific tour.

## Trip Breakdown

### Day 1: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 ~ Dullstroom

Route: Johannesburg International Airport via the N4 through Witbank, Middelburg, Belfast to Dullstroom.

Distance: 350 km.

Weather: Warm and clear to start, heavy rain in the afternoon.

Temperature range: 12° - 23°

### Day 2: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 ~ Dullstroom

Route: Dullstroom area.

Distance: 110 km.

Weather: Clear crisp morning, sunny to warm in the afternoon

Temperature range: 8° - 24°

### Day 3: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007 ~ Blyde

Route: Dullstroom, Lydenburg, Mount Sheba, Pilgrim's Rest, Vaalhoek Road to Blyde Aventura.

Distance: 190 km.

Weather: Cool and clear to warm in the afternoon.

Temperature range: 9° - 24°

Day 4: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

Route: Blyde, Abel Erasmus Pass, Strydom Tunnel, Orpen Gate to Satara Rest Camp.

Distance: 215 kms

Weather: Clear all day, with cool morning to hot in the afternoon

Temperature range: 13° - 25°

Day 5: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

Route: Satara area.

Distance: 80 km.

Weather: Overcast and cool, intermittent rain all day.

Temperature range: 12° - 23°

Day 6: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

Route: Satara, Tshokwane and onto Skukuza Rest Camp.

Distance: 150 km.

Weather: Clear and sunny to hot.

Temperature range: 13° - 30°

Day 7: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007 ~ Pretoriuskop, Kruger National Park

Route: Skukuza to Pretoriuskop.

Distance: 199 km.

Weather: Sunny and hot

Temperature range: 14° - 30°

Day 8: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007 ~ Departure

Route: Pretoriuskop to Nelspruit and Johannesburg

Distance: 450 km.

Weather: Clear and sunny.

Temperature range: 13° - 25°

## TRIP REPORT

Day 1: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 ~ Dullstroom

After finishing up with the formalities at the airport we eventually began our eastward journey at mid-morning. First stop was at the Oliefantsfontein Pan, an irrigation dam just off the main highway that holds lots of waterbirds, many of which are not seen on the rest of the trip. These included White-breasted Cormorant, Grey, Purple and Black-headed Herons, Yellow-billed and Cattle Egrets, Hamerkop, Sacred Ibis, African Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Duck, Cape and Red-billed Teal, Cape Shoveler, Pied Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Grey-headed Gull, Whiskered and White-winged Terns, among others. We then continued with the journey, stopping off for a mediocre lunch on the way, and arrived in Dullstroom in the early afternoon. While checking in at the Old Transvaal Inn the group discovered some birds in a nearby garden, which included Speckled Mousebird, Greater Striped Swallow, Olive Pigeon, Dark-capped Bulbul, Cape Robin-Chat and superb views of a pair of Bokmakieries. After a short break we headed out in the vehicle along the Tontledoos Road, which heads westwards from Dullstroom to the 'town' (about four buildings worth) of Tontledoos. With heavy rain on and off we birded the first 15 kilometers of the road, recording Amur Falcon, Black-shouldered Kite, Fish Eagle, Jackal Buzzard, White-throated Swallow, Buff-streaked Chat, African Stonechat, Pied Starling, Malachite and Amethyst Sunbird, Yellow Bishop, Red-collared Widowbird, Common Waxbill, Cape Canary and Streaky-headed Seedeater. With a massive front of cloud and rain bearing down on us we turned around and headed back to town, with a final sighting of Southern Bald Ibis to end the day. In the evening we went to the Flying Dutchman for dinner, where we all became more acquainted with each other and enjoyed a fine meal (and sampled South African beer) before completing the first day's records and retiring in anticipation of a busy second day.

Daily Total: 59

Trip Total: 59

### Day 2: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 ~ Dullstroom

We started the day at 6 AM, heading out in the vehicle out of town and along the Velorenvlei Road, which winds up towards Die Berg and the highest point in the province. It is a lovely route, especially on a crisp autumn morning, with the sun rising to the east and ground fog lying thick in the valleys. On this route we recorded out-of-season Long-tailed Widowbirds, Red-winged Starling, Gurney's Sugarbird, Zitting, Wing-snapping and Levillant's Cisticolas, Cape Longclaw, Banded Martin, Cape Crow, Ground-scraper Thrush, Sentinel Rock-Thrush, Mountain Wheatear, Willow Warbler, Black-collared Barbet, Helmeted Guineafowl, Wattled Lapwing, Natal Francolin, Rock Kestrel, African Harrier-Hawk, Verreaux's Eagle and, on the high plateau, Secretarybird and Denham's Bustard. We returned to town for breakfast in the late morning, and then took a stroll, wandering up to the municipal dams on the edge of town, recording Black-headed Oriole, Hadeda Ibis, Yellow-billed Duck, Egyptian Goose, Little Grebe, Reed Cormorant and Common Moorhen, among others. After arriving back in town we had a short siesta, before heading out on a long afternoon excursion. This route took us all the way to Tontledoos, onto the Roosenekal Tar Road and back to Dullies (as Dullstroom is affectionately known) via the Velorenvlei / Die Berg Road. Notable species recorded included European Bee-eater, Southern Bald Ibis, Spur-winged Goose, Grey Crowned Crane (a flock of 16), Diederick Cuckoo, Cape and Cinnamon-breasted Buntings and, most significantly, Lark-like Bunting, a nomadic species that is normally found in arid regions far further west than Dullstroom. Back in town we stopped at the municipal dams to see if we could locate the resident pair of Cape Eagle-Owls, and were lucky enough to see one flying out to a perching spot and had good scope-views of this seldom-seen species.

Daily Total: 82  
New Birds: 48  
Trip Total: 107

### Day 3: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007 ~ Blyde

On this third morning of the tour we packed and departed early, with Mount Sheba as our first stop for the day. This resort is situated on the slopes of the escarpment, where warm air blowing up from the lowlands to the east creates heavy precipitation on the windward slopes and results in mist-belt forest in the valleys. The Mount Sheba grounds have some large patches of forest, and this is where we began our day's birding. With the sun's warming rays illuminating the tops of the trees the birds were unusually active (the most activity that I've seen in this particular forest). Although there were relatively few species involved, the numbers of birds involved were exceptional, and included Cape Batis, Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Terrestrial Brownbul, Olive Woodpecker, Bar-throat Apalis and countless Cape White-eyes. We also observed a troop of Smango Monkeys feeding up in the canopy. Around the hotel we saw Familiar Chat, Black Saw-wing, Southern and Greater Double-collared Sunbirds.

After a scrumptious breakfast we continued up and over Robber's Pass and onto the Vaalhoek Road and the Blyde River Canyon. The Vaalhoek Road was unusually quiet as far as birds were concerned, but we did record White Stork, Steppe and Jackal Buzzard, Rock Kestrel, Speckled Pigeon, White-rumped Swift, Malachite Kingfisher and Tawny-flanked Prinia. At the canyon we recorded typical species such as White-necked Raven, Cape Rock-Thrush and Mocking Cliff-Chat. After the canyon we drove on to the Adventura Resort, also on the edge of the canyon. After checking in and buying some snacks we met up for an afternoon walk around the resort grounds, recording new species (this area represents a transition zone between the grassland and bushveld species, with the rocky areas providing additional habitats) such as Chinspot Batis, Blue Waxbill, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Yellow-fronted Canary, Black-backed Puffback, White-bellied Sunbird, Little Bee-eater, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Rock Martin and Red-eyed Dove. In the evening we had a lovely buffet dinner in the resort's restaurant, completed our lists and called it a night.

Daily Total: 60  
New Birds: 30  
Trip Total: 137

### Day 4: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

We met up at 6 AM for an early walk around the grounds of the resort. We covered a lot of ground and recorded several worthwhile species, such as African Goshawk, Alpine Swift, Crested Barbet, Southern Black Tit, White-throated Robin-Chat, White-browed Scrub-Robin, Southern Boubou, Sweet Waxbill, Long-billed Crombec and Pied Wagtail. We had a rather productive quarter of an hour under a large fruiting fig

tree, which was full of Red-winged Starlings, Willow Wablers, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Crested and Black-collared Barbets. We ended up at the restaurant, where we had another fine breakfast before departing for the Kruger National Park. En-route we stopped on the Abel Erasmus Pass, where Michael (the falcon man) showed us the resident pair of Taita Falcons, where we also saw soaring Cape Vultures. We then proceeded down the pass and through to Orpen Gate and the Kruger, taking around 6 hours to cover the 50 kilometers between the gate and Satara Camp. We recorded a host of savannah species, such as Tawny Eagle, Bateleur, Martial Eagle, Southern Ground, Grey, Red-billed and Yellow-billed Hornbills, Purple and Lilac-breasted Rollers, Cardinal and Bearded Woodpeckers, Arrow-marked Babbler, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Rattling Cisticola, Marico Flycatcher, Green Wood-Hoopoe, Lesser Grey, Red-backed and Magpie Shrikes, Brubru, Burchell's and Greater Blue-Eared Starlings, Red-billed Oxpecker, Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver, Senegal Lapwing, Green-winged Pytilia and Blue Waxbill, to name but a few! Mammals included Cacca Baboon, Giraffe, Hippopotamus, Black-backed Jackal, Slender Mongoose, Vervet Monkey, Warthog, Blue Wildebeest and Burchell's Zebra. We arrived at the camp in the late afternoon, checked in and had some well-deserved rest before meeting for dinner in the camp's restaurant.

Daily Total: 99  
New Birds: 61  
Trip Total: 198

#### Day 5: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

On our first morning in the Park we met for coffee and risks at 5: 45 AM and then departed on the morning excursion as the gates opened at 6 AM. We took the S100 along the N'wanetsi River, and recorded Goliath Heron, Saddle-billed Stork, Wahlberg's Eagle, Crested and Natal Francolin, Swainson's Spurfowl, Black Crake, African Jacana, African Mourning Dove, Wattled Starling, Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, African Green Pigeon, Brown-headed Parrot, Grey Go-away-bird, Burchell's Coucal, Pearl-spotted Owllet, Red-faced Mousebird, Pied, Woodland and Grey-headed Kingfisher, Red-breasted and Mosque Swallow, Fork-tailed Drongo, Paradise Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Red-billed Quelea, and others. Soon it was time for breakfast and we headed back to Satara after a most satisfying morning. After breakfast we had a walk around the camp, where we found an African Scops-Owl roosting in a Knob Thorn tree in the camp, as well as Bennett's Woodpecker, Little Swift, Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow and Village Weaver. We then headed out on a long afternoon excursion, heading north and east through the scrubby basalt plains where we recorded many arid region species such as Ostrich, Kori Bustard, Sabota and Dusky Lark, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark, Lark-like Bunting (a nomadic bird and uncommon visitor to the Park), Buffy and African Pipits, Desert Cisticola, Southern Carmine and European Bee-eaters, European Roller, Lesser-grey and Red-backed Shrikes and others. We arrived back in time for the sunset drive, which departed at 4:30 PM and returned after dark at 7: 30 PM. The drive produced Fiery-necked and Square-tailed Nightjars. New mammals for the day were Buffalo, Elephant, Dwarf Mongoose, and White Rhinoceros.

Daily Total: 106  
New Birds: 37  
Trip Total: 235

#### Day 6: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

On this morning we continued the coffee-before-departure routine and headed out back towards Orpen Gate along the tar road. Mammals were unfortunately not forthcoming (except for the usual array of antelope, monkeys and baboons), and notable birds included Brown Snake-Eagle, Water Thick-Knee, Common Scimitarbill, Ground Hornbills, Sabota Lark and Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike. We returned for breakfast and departed for Skukuza shortly thereafter. It's a long drive to Skukuza, and en-route we recorded Rufous-naped Lark, Jacobin and Black Cuckoos, Comb Duck, Black-winged Stilt, Ruff, Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Three-banded Plover, Goliath Heron, Woolly-necked and Saddle-billed Storks and encountered a large herd of Elephants drinking at a waterhole, watched by several pods of Hippopotamus and numerous Nile Crocodiles. We continued on via the Sabi River Road, where we saw White-fronted Bee-eater (much to Trevor's and Carol's pleasure), Wire-tailed Swallow, Burchell's Coucal and other species. We had some time in camp after arrival, and then drove down to the Lake Panic bird hide, where we spent the afternoon photographing and observing birds such as Pied Wagtail, Pied Kingfisher,

Black-crowned Night Heron, Water Thick-knee, Green-backed Heron, Great White Heron, Little Egret, Purple Heron and Little Egret. There was, at one point, a commotion in the water at the top end of the dam (caused, we think, by a crocodile catching fish in the shallow water) which attracted the attentions of several large crocodiles, which all came cruising right past the front of the hide. At sunset we headed back to the camp, with a massive storm build-up to the west creating an imposing sunset. We walked down to the restaurant in the evening, where we had a nice meal and some good wine before completing the lists and heading to bed.

Daily Total: 101  
New Birds: 17  
Trip Total: 252

Day 7: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007 ~ Pretoriuskop, Kruger National Park

On the seventh day we left camp at the normal time, heading along the Sabie River once again, and returning via the Sand River. Although it was a beautiful morning, the birds and animals were less obvious than normal. We saw some Buffalo, and had an absolutely superb sighting of a huge Nile Monitor (also called Water Monitor) basking in the sun on the base of a large Jackal Berry tree (proving that every drive always has some kind of highlight!). Birds included the White-fronted Bee-eaters from day before, Black Stork, Green Pigeons, Purple-crested Turaco, Lesser Striped Swallow, Sombre Greenbul, White-browed Scrub-Robin and others. We returned for breakfast and departed shortly thereafter, taking a round-about route down to Pretoriuskop further to the south-west. En-route we saw Golden-breasted Bunting, Black Cuckoo-Shrike, a single Crested Guineafowl (a most unusual sighting for the area, as these birds are normally only found in the far north of the park), as well as Common House Martin, Striped Kingfisher, Black Flycatcher, Cardinal Woodpecker, Giant Kingfisher, Blacksmith Lapwing, White-backed Vulture, Tawny Eagle, Gabar Goshawk and White-faced Duck. We arrived at Pretoriuskop in the mid-afternoon, and, after a short rest, headed out on a drive, recording Dark Chanting Goshawk, Violet-backed Starling, Yellow-throated Petronia and White-crested Helmet-Shrike as a new species for the afternoon. We also attempted to track down some lions, but were unfortunately unsuccessful (they turned out to be too far away). We returned to camp just before the gates closed and then had a final dinner in the camp's restaurant.

Daily Total: 102  
New Birds: 18  
Trip Total: 270

Day 8: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007 ~ Departure

On the last morning, which began cool and grey, we headed out on some of the loop roads that criss-cross the area around the camp. We saw several White Rhinoceros, Elephant, Zebra, Giraffe and Kudu as some final mammals, and recorded five new species of birds: Lizard Buzzard, Greater Honeyguide, Kurrichane Thrush, Neddicky and Jameson's Firefinch. After a pleasant morning we headed back for breakfast and departed for Johannesburg. En-route we stopped for a lovely garden lunch and then drove on to the airport for farewells and final departures.

Daily Total: 42  
New Birds: 6  
Trip Total: 276



## Checklist of Birds Seen and Heard

	COMMON NAMES	31 - March	01 - April	02 - April	03 - April	04 - April	05 - April	06 - April	07 - April	TOTAL DAYS SEEN	SCIENTIFIC NAMES
1	Common Ostrich					2				1	Struthio camelus
8	Little Grebe	10	7				4			3	Tachybaptus ruficollis
55	White-breasted Cormorant	1								2	Phalacrocorax carbo
58	Reed Cormorant	7	2				X	X	X	5	Phalacrocorax africanus
62	Grey Heron	1					X	X		3	Ardea cinerea
63	Black-headed Heron	4	3							2	Ardea melanocephala
64	Goliath Heron					2	2	1		3	Ardea goliath
66	Great Egret							1		1	Casmerodius albus
67	Little Egret							1		1	Egretta garzetta
68	Yellow-billed Egret	7	2	3			1			4	Egretta intermedia
71	Cattle Egret	X	X	X	X					4	Bubulcus ibis
74	Green-backed Heron				1		3	2		3	Butorides striatus
76	Black-crowned Night Heron						1	1		2	Nycticorax nycticorax
81	Hamerkop	2	1				3	1		4	Scopus umbretta
83	White Stork			2						1	Ciconia ciconia
86	Woolly-necked Stork						2			1	Ciconia episcopus
88	Saddle-billed Stork					3	2			2	Ephippiorynchus senegalensis
89	Marabou Stork				X	X	X	X		4	Leptoptilos crumeniferus
91	Sacred Ibis	30	1							2	Threskiornis aethiopicus
92	Southern Bald Ibis (E)	7	X							2	Geronticus calvus
94	Hadedda Ibis		X	X	X	X	X	X		6	Bostrychia hagedash
95	African Spoonbill	6								1	Platalea alba
99	White-faced Duck						X	X		2	Dendrocygna viduata
102	Egyptian Goose		X		X	X	X	X		5	Alopochen aegyptiacus
104	Yellow-billed Duck	X	X							2	Anas undulata
106	Cape Teal (E)	6								1	Anas capensis
108	Cape Shoveler (E)	10								1	Anas smithii
112	Cape Shoveler (E)	2								1	Anas smithii
116	Spur-winged Goose		12							1	Plectropterus gambensis
115	Comb Duck						8			1	Sarkidiornis melanotos
118	Secretarybird		5							1	Sagittarius serpentarius
122	Cape Vulture (E)			X						1	Gyps coprotheres
123	White-backed Vulture			X	X	X				3	Gyps africanus
125	White-headed Vulture			1						1	Trigonoceps occipitalis
127	Black-shouldered Kite	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	6	Elanus caeruleus
131	Verreaux's Eagle		2							1	Aquila verreauxii
132	Tawny Eagle				4		2	1		3	Aquila rapax
135	Wahlberg's Eagle					2				1	Aquila wahlbergi
139	Long-crested Eagle		1							1	Lophaetus occipitalis
140	Martial Eagle				1	1				2	Polemaetus bellicosus
142	Brown Snake Eagle						3	1		2	Circaetus cinereus
146	Bateleur				X	X	X	X		4	Terathopius ecaudatus
148	African Fish Eagle	1			1		2	2		4	Haliaeetus vocifer

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149	Steppe Buzzard		1	1						2	Buteo buteo
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)	4	2	1						3	Buteo rufofuscus
154	Lizard Buzzard								1	1	Kaupifalco monogrammicus
160	African Goshawk				1					1	Accipter tachiro
161	Gabar Goshawk				1	1	1			3	Micronisus gabar
163	Dark Chanting Goshawk							2	1	2	Melierax metabates
169	African Harrier-Hawk		2							1	Polyboroides typus
176	Taita Falcon				2					1	Falco fasciinucha
180	Amur Falcon	X	X	X	X					4	Falco amurensis
181	Rock Kestrel		3	5						2	Falco tinnunculus
189	Crested Francolin				X	X	X	X	X	5	Francolinus sephaena
196	Natal Francolin *		1		X	X	X	X		5	Francolinus natalensis
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)				X	X	X	X		4	Francolinus swainsonii
200	Common Quail					1				1	Coturnix coturnix
203	Helmeted Guineafowl		X			X	X	X	X	5	Numida meleagris
204	Crested Guineafowl							1		1	Guttera pucherani
209	Grey Crowned Crane (E)		16							1	Anthropoides paradiseus
213	Black Crake					2	3	2		3	Amaurornis flavirostris
226	Common Moorhen	X	X							2	Gallinula chloropus
228	Red-knobbed Coot	X								1	Fulica cristata
230	Kori Bustard					2				1	Ardeotis kori
237	Red-crested Korhaan (NE)						1			1	Eupodotis ruficrista
240	African Jacana					X	X	X		3	Actophilornis africanus
249	Three-banded Plover				X	X	X	X		4	Charadrius tricollaris
255	Crowned Lapwing				X	X	X			3	Vanellus coronatus
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	X	X		X		X	X		5	Vanellus armatus
260	African Wattled Lapwing		1							1	Vanellus senegallus
264	Common Sandpiper						1	1		2	Actitis hypoleucos
266	Wood Sandpiper						2	1		2	Tringa glareola
270	Common Greenshank				1			1		2	Tringa nebularia
295	Black-winged Stilt	X					X			2	Himantopus himantopus
297	Spotted Thick-knee					1				1	Burhinus vermiculatus
298	Water Thick-knee				X	X	X	X		4	Burhinus vermiculatus
315	Grey-headed Gull	X								1	Larus cirrocephalus
338	Whiskered Tern	X								1	Chlidonias hybridus
347	Double-banded Sandgrouse (NE)				2					1	Pterocles bicinctus
348	Rock Dove	X								1	Columba livia
349	Speckled Pigeon	X	X	X	X					4	Columba guinea
350	African Olive-Pigeon	1								1	Columba arquatrix
352	Red-eyed Dove			X	X		X			3	Streptopelia semitorquata
353	African Mourning Dove					X				1	Streptopelia decipiens
354	Cape Turtle Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	Streptopelia capicola
355	Laughing Dove		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	Streptopelia senegalensis
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove				X	X	X	X	X	5	Turtur chalcospilos
361	African Green-Pigeon					X		X		2	Treron calva
363	Brown-headed Parrot				3	2				2	Poicephalus cryptoxanthus

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371	Purple-crested Turaco							1	1	2	Tauraco porphyreolophus
373	Grey Go-away Bird				X	X	X	X	X	5	Corythaixoides concolor
375	African Cuckoo					1				1	Cuculis gularis
378	Black Cuckoo						1			1	Cuculis clamosis
382	Jacobin Cuckoo						3			1	Clamator jacobinus
386	Diederick Cuckoo		1			1				2	Chrysococcyx caprius
391a	Burchell's Coucal (E)					X	X	X	X	4	Centropus burchellii
396	African Scops-Owl					1				1	Otus senegalensis
398	Pearl-spotted Owlet				1	2	1		1	4	Glaucidium perlatum
400	Cape Eagle Owl		1							1	Bubo africanus
405	Fiery-necked Nightjar					3				1	Caprimulgus nectoralis
409	Square-tailed Nightjar					2				1	Caprimulgus fossii
411	Common Swift	X								1	Apus barbatus
415	White-rumped Swift	X	X	X				X		4	Apus caffer
417	Little Swift		X			X	X	X		4	Apus affinis
418	Alpine Swift				2					1	Apus melba
421	African Palm Swift			X						1	Cypsiurus parvus
424	Speckled Mousebird	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	Colius striatus
426	Red-faced Mousebird				X			X		2	Urocolius indicus
428	Pied Kingfisher					X	X	X		3	Ceryle rudis
429	Giant Kingfisher			2			1	1		3	Ceryle maxima
431	Malachite Kingfisher			1	1			1		3	Alcedo cristata
433	Woodland Kingfisher					1	2			2	Halcyon senegalensis
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher			1		1	3			3	Halcyon albiventris
437	Striped Kingfisher							1	2	2	Halcyon chelicuti
438	European Bee-eater		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	Merops apiaster
441	Southern Carmine Bee-eater					X	X			2	Merops nubicoides
443	White-fronted Bee-eater						3	3		2	Merops bullockoides
444	Little Bee-eater			2		X	X	X		4	Merops pusillus
446	European Roller					X	X			2	Coracias garrulus
447	Lilac-breasted Roller				X	X	X	X	X	5	Coracias caudata
449	Purple Roller				X	X	X			3	Coracias naevia
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe					X		X	X	3	Phoeniculus purpureus
454	Common Scimitarbill				1		1			2	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas
457	Grey Hornbill				X	X	X	X	X	5	Tockus nasutus
458	Red-billed Hornbill				X	X	X	X		4	Tockus erythrorhynchus
459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill				X	X	X	X	X	5	Tockus leucomelas
463	Southern Ground Hornbill				1		4		3	3	Bucorvus leadbeateri
464	Black-collared Barbet		2		3			2	1	4	Lybius torquatus
470	Yellow-fronted Tinker Bird				1					1	Pogoniulus chrysoconus
473	Crested Barbet				1	X	X	X		4	Trachyphonus vaillantii
474	Greater Honeyguide								1	1	Indicator indicator
481	Bennett's Woodpecker					1			1	2	Campethera bennettii
486	Cardinal Woodpecker				1			2		2	Dendropicops fuscescens
487	Bearded Woodpecker				1	1	1		3	4	Thripias namaquus
488	Olive Woodpecker			5						1	Mesopicops griseacephalus

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494	Rufous-naped Lark						1			1	Mirafra africana
498	Sabota Lark (NE)					1	2			2	Mirafra sabota
505	Dusky Lark					1				1	Pinarocorys nigricans
518	Barn Swallow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	Hirundo rustica
520	White-throated Swallow	X		X						2	Hirundo albicularis
522	Wire-tailed Swallow						2	1		2	Hirundo smithii
524	Red-breasted Swallow					2				1	Hirundo semirufa
525	Mosque Swallow					2		2		2	Hirundo senegalensis
526	Greater Striped Swallow (NE)	X	X	X						2	Hirundo cucullata
527	Lesser Striped Swallow							2		2	Hirundo abyssinica
529	Rock Martin			X	X					2	Hirundo fuligula
530	Common House Martin							X	X	2	Delichon urbica
534	Banded Martin		5							1	Riparia cincta
533	Brown-throated Martin		1							1	Riparia paludicola
536	Black Saw-wing			3						1	Psali doprochne holomelas
538	Black Cuckooshrike							1		1	Campephaga flava
541	Fork-tailed Drongo				X	X	X	X	X	5	Dicrurus adsimilis
545	Black-headed Oriole		1			1		2	1	4	Oriolus larvatus
547	Cape Crow		2							1	Corvus capensis
550	White-necked Raven			2	2					2	Corvus albicollis
554	Southern Black Tit				X	X	X	X		4	Parus niger
560	Arrow-marked Babbler				X	X	X	X	X	5	Turdoides jardineii
568	Dark-capped Bulbul	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	Pycnonotus barbatus
569	Terrestrial Brownbul			2				2		2	Phyllastrephus terrestris
570	Yellow-streaked Greenbul			4						1	Phyllastrephus flavostriatus
572	Sombre Greenbul							1		1	Andropadus importunus
576	Kurrichane Thrush								1	1	Turdus libonyana
580	Groundscraper Thrush		4			2			2	3	Turdus litsitsirupa
581	Cape Rock Thrush (E)			2						1	Monticola rupestris
582	Sentinel Rock Thrush (E)		4							1	Monticola explorator
586	Mountain Wheatear (NE)		X							1	Oenanthe monticola
588	Buff-streaked Chat (E)	X	X							2	Oenanthe bifasciata
589	Familiar Chat			3	2					2	Cercomela familiaris
593	Mocking Cliff-Chat			1	2			1	4	4	Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris
595	Ant-eating Chat (E)		X							1	Myrmecocichla formicivora
596	African Stonechat	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	7	Saxicola torquata
599	White-browed Robin-Chat					1				1	Cossypha heuglini
601	Cape Robin-Chat	2	4	2	1					4	Cossypha caffra
602	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)				2	2				2	Cossypha humeralis
613	White-browed Scrub-Robin				1			1	1	3	Erythropygia leucophrys
635	Lesser Swamp-Warbler			1						1	Acrocephalus gracillirostris
643	Willow Warbler		1	1	2					3	Phylloscopus trochilus
644	Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler			7						1	Phylloscopus ruficapillus
645	Bar-throated Apalis			2						1	Apalis thoracica
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis				2	2	6	4		4	Apalis flavida
651	Long-billed Crombec				X	X	X	X		4	Sylvietta rufescens

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656	Burnt-necked Eremomela				1					1	Eremomela usticollis
661	Cape Grassbird (E)		1							1	Sphenoeacus afer
664	Zitting Cisticola		4							1	Cisticola juncidis
665	Desert Cisticola					1				1	Cisticola aridulus
667	Wing-snapping Cisticola		7							1	Cisticola ayresii
670	Wailing Cisticola		5	2						2	Cisticola lais
672	Rattling Cisticola				X	X	X	X	X	5	Cisticola chiniana
674	Red-faced Cisticola							4		1	Cisticola erythroptus
677	Levaillant's Cisticola		X							1	Cisticola tinniens
681	Neddicky								1	1	Cisticola fulvicapillus
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia		2	1		2		3		4	Prinia subflava
686b	Drakensberg Prinia (E)	1								1	Prinia hypoxantha
689	Spotted Flycatcher			1						1	Muscicapa striata
690	African Dusky Flycatcher			1	1					2	Muscicapa adusta
691	Ashy Flycatcher							1	1	2	Muscicapa caerulescens
693	Grey Tit-Flycatcher							2	1	2	Myioparus plumbeus
694	Southern Black Flycatcher							X	X	2	Melaenornis pammelaina
695	Marico Flycatcher (NE)				2					1	Melaenornis mariquensis
700	Cape Batis (E)			4						1	Batis capensis
701	Chinspot Batis				X	X	X	X		4	Batis molitor
710	African Paradise-Flycatcher					1	2	1		3	Terpsiphone viridis
711	African Pied Wagtail				2	1	2	2		4	Motacilla aguimp
712	Mountain Wagtail			1						1	Motacilla clara
713	Cape Wagtail		2	1	2					3	Motacilla capensis
716	African Pipit		1			X	X			3	Anthus cinnamomeus
719	Buffy Pipit		1			X	X			3	Anthus vaalensis
721	Yellow-tufted Pipit (E)		1							1	Anthus crenatus
727	Cape Longclaw (E)		X							2	Macronyx capensis
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw					2				1	Macronyx croceus
731	Lesser Grey Shrike				X	X	X	X		4	Lanius minor
732	Common Fiscal	X	X	X					X	4	Lanius collaris
733	Red-backed Shrike		1		X	X	X	X		5	Lanius collurio
735	Magpie Shrike				X	X	X			3	Corvinella melanoleuca
736	Southern Boubou (E)				2					1	Laniarius ferrugineus
740	Black-backed Puffback			X		X	X	X	X	5	Dryoscopus cubla
741	Brubru				2		1		1	3	Nilaus afer
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra				2					1	Tchagra australis
744	Black-crowned Tchagra			1	2	3	1		2	5	Tchagra senegala
746	Bokmakierie (E)	2	1							2	Telophorus zeylonus
748	Orange-breasted Bush Shrike						2	1		2	Telophorus sulfureopectus
753	White-crested Helmetshrike							X		1	Prionops plumatus
758	Common Myna	X	X							2	Acridotheres tristis
759	Pied Starling (E)	X	X	X						3	Spreo bicolor
760	Wattled Starling				X	X	X			3	Creatophora cinerea
761	Violet-backed Starling							X	X	2	Cinnyrinclus leucogaster
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)				X	X	X			3	Lamprotornis australis

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764	Cape Glossy Starling (NE)		X							1	Lamprotornis nitens
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling				X	X	X	X	X	5	Lamprotornis chalybaeus
769	Red-winged Starling		X	X	X					3	Onychognathus morio
772	Red-billed Oxpecker				X	X	X	X	X	5	Buphagus erythrorhynchus
774	Gurney's Sugarbird (E)		1							1	Promerops gurneyi
775	Malachite Sunbird	4	2							2	Nectarinia famosa
779	Marico Sunbird				1					1	Nectarinia mariquensis
783	Southern Double-collared Sunbird E			2						1	Nectarinia chalybea
785	Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)		X	X	X					3	Nectarinia afra
787	White-bellied Sunbird			1					1	2	Nectarinia talatala
791	Scarlet-chested Sunbird								1	1	Nectarinia senegalensis
792	Amethyst Sunbird	1		2						3	Nectarinia amethystina
793	Collared Sunbird				1			2		2	Anthreptes collaris
796	Cape White-eye (E)	X		X	X				X	4	Zosterops pallidus
798	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver				X	X	X	X		4	Bubalornis niger
801	House Sparrow	X			X	X				3	Passer domesticus
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	X	X		X	X		X		5	Passer diffusus
805	Yellow-throated Petronia							X	X	2	Petronia superciliiaris
811	Village Weaver					X				1	Ploceus cucullatus
813	Cape Weaver		6							1	Ploceus capensis
814	Southern Masked Weaver	X	X							2	Ploceus velatus
819	Red-headed Weaver						1			1	Anaplectes rubriceps
821	Red-billed Quelea					X	X			2	Quelea quelea
827	Yellow Bishop	X								1	Euplectes capensis
829	White-winged Widowbird					X				1	Euplectes albonotatus
831	Red-collared Widowbird	X								1	Euplectes ardens
832	Long-tailed Widowbird		X							1	Euplectes progne
834	Green-winged Pytilia				2	4				2	Pytilia melba
840	African Firefinch	1					2			2	Lagonosticta rubricata
841	Jameson's Firefinch								2	1	Lagonosticta rhodopareia
844	Blue Waxbill			X	X	X	X	X		5	Uraeginthus angolensis
846	Common Waxbill	X	X			X				3	Estrilda astrild
850	Sweet Waxbill (E)				2					1	Estrilda melanotis
860	Pin-tailed Whydah					X				1	Vidua macroura
867	Village Indigobird					1				1	Vidua chalybeata
869	Yellow-fronted Canary			X	X	X	X	X		5	Serinus mozambicus
872	Cape Canary	X	X							2	Serinus canicollis
881	Streaky-headed Seed-eater	X	X	X						3	Serinus gularis
884	Golden-breasted Bunting							1	2	2	Emberiza flaviventris
885	Cape Bunting		1	1						2	Emberiza capensis
886	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting		1			8				2	Emberiza tahapisi
887	Lark-like Bunting		1			2				2	Emberiza impetuani

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1	Baboon, Chacma			X	X	X	X	X		5	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
3	Bat, Fruit (Peter's Epauletted)					X		X		2	<i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>
4	Blesbok	X	X	X						3	<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi</i>
5	Buffalo					X	X	X		3	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
9	Bush Buck			X			X	X		3	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
17	Duiker, Common			X				X	X	3	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
18	Eland			X						1	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
19	Elephant, African					X	X		X	3	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
22	Giraffe				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
27	Hippopotamus				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
29	Impala				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
30	Jackal, Black-backed				X					1	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
31	Klipspringer			X				X	X	3	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
33	Kudu, Greater			X		X	X	X	X	5	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
36	Mongoose, Dwarf					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
38	Mongoose, Slender				X					1	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
41	Mongoose, Yellow		X							1	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
42	Monkey, Samango			X						1	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
43	Monkey, Vervet			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
44	Nyala						X	X		2	<i>Tragelaphus</i>
48	Reedbuck, Mountain		X							1	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>
49	Rhebok, Grey		X							1	<i>Palea capreolus</i>
51	Rhinoceros, White					X		X	X	3	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
54	Springbok	X								1	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
55	Squirrel, Tree			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
56	Steenbok		X		X	X	X	X		5	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
60	Warthog				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
61	Waterbuck, Common				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
62	Wildebeest, Blue				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
64	Zebra, Burchell's				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Equus burchelli</i>

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