

Mkhuze, Kruger National Park and Dullstroom Birding Tour

9th to 20th April 2007

Trip Report



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Tour Summary

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Total Distance Travelled: 2400 kilometres

Temperature Range: 9 – 33°C

Total Birds Seen: 214

Total Mammals Seen: 33

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: Wednesday 9th April 2007 ~ JHB to Mkhuze Game Reserve

Route: N17 south-east from Johannesburg, N2 from Piet Retief to Mkhuze.

Distance: 540 kilometres.

Weather: Cool, partly cloudy becoming mild closer to the coast.

Temperature range: 11 – 24 °C.

Day 2: Thursday 10th April 2007 ~ Mkhuze Game Reserve

Route: roads in the reserve.

Distance: 55 kilometres.

Weather: cloudy with mist in the morning, clearing partly later on.

Temperature range: 16 – 29 °C.

Day 3: Friday 11th April 2007 ~ Mkhuze Game Reserve.

Route: Roads in the reserve.

Distance: 50 kilometres.

Weather: clear and hot.

Temperature range: 17 -31°C.

Day 4: Friday 12th April 2007 ~ Mkhuze Game Reserve to Kruger National Park.

Route: Mkhuze to Nelspruit via the western side of Swaziland, Nelspruit to KNP via Numbi Gate.

Distance: 452 kilometres.

Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain.

Temperature range: 14 – 24 °C.

Day 5: Friday 13th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park.

Route: Doispans Road and Voortrekker Dam area.

Distance: 107 Kilometres.

Weather: Cool and cloudy with rain in the morning.

Temperature range: 13 – 21 °C.

Day 6: Saturday 14th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park.

Route: Pretoriuskop to Satara in the morning, Nwanetsi River Road in the afternoon.

Distance: 173 kilometres.

Weather: Clear and hot.

Temperature range: 17 – 32 °C.

Day 7: Sunday 15th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park.

Route: Timbivati Picnic Site in the morning, evening sunset drive.

Distance: 80 kilometres.

Weather: Clear and hot.

Temperature range: 17 – 33 °C.

Day 8: Monday 16th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park.

Route: Nwanetsi River Road in the morning, Girivana Dam in the afternoon.

Distance: 103 kilometres.

Weather: Clear and hot.

Temperature range: 16 – 31 °C.

Day 9: Tuesday 17th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park to Klaserie Game Reserve.

Route: KNP to Klaserie Game Reserve, via Orpen Gate and Hoedspruit.

Distance: 174 kilometres.

Weather: Clear and hot, thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Temperature range: 15 – 30 °C.

Day 10: Wednesday 18th April 2007 ~ Klaserie Game Reserve.

Route: Roads within the reserve.

Distance: +- 30 kilometres.

Weather: Partly cloudy and warm.

Temperature range: 16 – 29 °C.

Day 11: Thursday 19th April 2007 ~ Klaserie Game Reserve to Dullstroom.

Route: Klaserie Game Reserve to Dullstroom.

Distance: 315 kilometres.

Weather: Clear and mild to start, heavy rain in the afternoon.

Temperature range: 15 – 29 °C.

Day 12: Friday 20th April 2007 ~ Dullstroom to Johannesburg.

Route: Dullstroom to Johannesburg

Distance: 350 kilometres.

Weather: Partly cloudy and cool.

Temperature range: 9 – 23 °C.

Trip Report

Day 1: Wednesday 9th April 2007 ~ JHB to Mkhuze Game Reserve

We began the first day at seven-thirty in Johannesburg, where we met, packed and began the journey towards Mkhuze Game Reserve, and arrived in the mid-afternoon some seven hours later. After settling in and meeting the catering team we took a drive out into the reserve to see the abundant herds and flocks around the Kumasinga Hide. Alas, the pan was nothing more than dry, crackling mud and there was nary a creature to be seen from the hide. We left somewhat disappointed, but were however rewarded with the sighting of a Gorgeous Bush Shrike on the way back to camp. Other birds for the day included Black-Headed Pterodactyl, or Heron I mean, Black-smith Lapwing, Grey-headed Gull, Speckled Mousebird, Little Swift, White-fronted Bee-eater, Black-collared Barbet, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Bearded Scrub-Robin, Ashy Flycatcher, Green-backed Cameroptera, Chinspot Batis and others. Mammals included red duiker, impala, kudu, nyala, vervet monkey and the diminutive suni antelope. With the sun setting on the first day we drove back to camp for some time to shower before having a drink and a fine meal prepared by the catering team. After dinner we went through the list and duly retired for the night.

Daily Total: 25

Trip Total: 25

Day 2: Thursday 10th April 2007 ~ Mkhuze Game Reserve

Early on the second morning we headed out into the reserve for an extended morning excursion, eventually arriving back at the camp for an 11:00 AM 'breakfast'. The morning's route took us via Nsumo Pan, where we saw abundant waterbirds such as African Darter, Pink-backed Pelican, White-breasted and Reed Cormorants, Goliath Heron, Great and Yellow-billed Egrets, Squacco Heron, Hamerkop, Black, Woolly-necked and Yellow-billed Storks, among others. Bushveld birds for the morning included White-backed Vulture, Southern Banded Snake-Eagle, Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Purple-crested Turaco, Burchell's Coucal, Little Bee-eater, Trumpeter Hornbill, Square-tailed Drongo, Pale and Paradise Flycatchers, Brown and Black-crowned Tchagras and Pink-throated Twinspot. After breakfast we walked along a short trail around the camp, though the heat meant that the birds were relatively inactive, but we did record several reptile species, such as Spotted Bush Snake. In the afternoon, after a light afternoon tea, we headed out once again into the reserve, heading along the airstrip road, where we encountered a rather large giraffe bull. Additional birds for the day included White-crested Helmet-Shrike, White-bellied Sunbird, Yellow-throated Petronia, Blue Waxbill, Cardinal Woodpecker, Black-backed Puffback, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Rattling Cisticola and others. With the sun setting we drove back into camp, and later had another fine meal prepared by Don and Mavourneen.

New birds for the Day: 63

Daily Total: 78

Trip Total: 88

Day 3: Friday 11th April 2007 ~ Mkhuze Game Reserve

This was another full day in the reserve, and once again we went out early and explored some of the further reaches of the reserve. We saw more giraffe, zebra and herds of cavorting blue wildebeest, as well as birds such as Long-billed Crombec, Southern Black Flycatcher, Rudd's Apalis and Grey Penduline Tit, and also had opportunity to study some leopard, hyena and elephant tracks in the soft sand on one of the roads. We ended up back at Nsumo Pan for a breakfast set up under the huge Fever Trees at the picnic spot on the northern shore where we spent an hour or two enjoying the scene and wonderful food (and being watched in turn by the local vervet monkeys). After the picnic we headed back to the rest camp for a bit of a siesta and personal time – birding for some and sleep for others. In the mid-afternoon we met for tea and then headed out on a final afternoon in the reserve. Additional birds for the day included Cuckoo Hawk, Little Sparrowhawk, Southern Black Tit, Sombre Greenbul, Crested Barbet, Green Wood-Hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, Red-eyed and Cape Turtle Doves, Helmeted Guineafowl

and Fork-tailed Drongo. Back at camp we enjoyed some South African wine and a traditional braai (or barbeque), completed lists and retired in anticipation of a full fourth day of the tour.

New Birds for the Day: 26

Daily Total: 79

Trip Total: 114

Day 4: Friday 12th April 2007 ~ Mkhuze Game Reserve to Kruger National Park.

After the usual departure time we embarked on a short morning excursion, due to a long drive to get to the next venue. The morning was shrouded in mist, and though the birds were not too cooperative, it was enjoyable nevertheless. Birds included Cattle Egret, Hadedea Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Lizard Buzzard, Crested Francolin, Three-banded Plover, Barn Swallow and Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike. After breakfast we departed, finally arriving at Pretoriuskop in the late afternoon. With the weather looking rather ominous we had an early dinner in darkness, before completing the rather sparse bird list and retiring after the long journey. Other birds seen en-route included White-necked Raven and Jackal Buzzard, spotted flying alongside the road on a mountain pass north-west of Swaziland.

New Birds for the Day: 7

Daily Total: 38

Trip Total: 121

Day 5: Friday 13th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park.

Our first day in the mighty Kruger National Park began with high expectations despite the heavy overcast and rain. We headed north from Pretoriuskop Rest Camp towards the Doispans Road, circling the Shabeni Koppie (rock outcrop) on the way. New birds included Bateleur, Brown Snake-Eagle, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Natal Francolin, Swainson's Spurfowl, Water Thick-Knee, Lilac-breasted Roller, Southern Ground Hornbill, Arrow-marked Babbler, Wattled Starling and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting. The big mammals however stole the limelight, and we saw our first African elephant (a single bull), Cape buffalo, white rhinoceros, klipspringer and a pair of side-striped jackals. With no signs of improvement in the weather we drove back to camp for a late breakfast, which was had in the one of the camp's communal kitchens to avoid the rain (and under the somewhat dubiously watchful eye of one of the cleaning staff). After a break in the early afternoon some of us donned rain-gear and took a walk around the camp, where we saw Brown-headed Parrot, Purple-crested Turaco, Scarlet-chested Sunbird (the three birds that this camp is best known for) and Black Flycatcher. By early afternoon the rain had eased off and we headed out into the reserve again, heading south-east from the camp along the old Voortrekker Road (used by the early pioneers as a trading route to Delgoa Bay on the Indian Ocean). Birds for the day included Hooded Vulture, Grey Go-away-bird, Pied Kingfisher, Cardinal Woodpecker, Black-headed Oriole, Ground-scraper Thrush, African Stonechat, African Pied Wagtail, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Magpie Shrike, White-crested Helmet-Shrike, Red-billed Oxpecker and Golden-breasted Bunting. Other mammals included common duiker, giraffe, hippopotamus, impala, kudu, slender and dwarf mongooses, tree squirrel, steenbok, common reedbuck, warthog, waterbuck, blue wildebeest and Burchell's zebra. We arrived back at camp in the late afternoon and met for a fine chicken sosatie (kebab) dinner, some red wine and a candlelit dinner, completed lists and retired for the evening.

New Birds for the Day: 23

Daily Total: 63

Trip Total: 144

Day 6: Saturday 14th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park.

We met up at a rather civil hour (7:30 AM!) for a quick breakfast and departure to the next port-of-call – Satara Rest Camp, some 140 kilometres to the north. Despite the fine weather (and a good gut-feeling) the animals were not forthcoming on the drive, though the scenery and sunshine made for a rather pleasant journey nevertheless. We took a detour via Skukuza Rest Camp to see the colony of Epauletted Fruit Bats that roost under the gazebos in the dining area, and then pulled in to

the day-visitors area outside the camp for breakfast, seeing White-browed Robin-Chat, Dark-capped Bulbul, several unidentified weavers while we ate. We then continued with the journey, with another break at the Tshokwane Picnic Site, where we saw Greater Blue-eared Starlings and marauding vervet monkeys. On we continued, finally arriving at Satara in the afternoon, and then embarking on a short excursion along the Nwanetsi River Road. Additional birds for the day included Burchell's Starling, White-winged Widowbird, Red-billed Quelea, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Lesser Masked-Weaver, Chinspot Batis, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Mosque Swallow, Common House Martin, African Hoopoe (Yay!), Little Bee-eater, Grey and Red-billed Hornbills, Wire-tailed Swallow, African Mourning Dove, African Green Pigeon, Tawny and Martial Eagles, Black-chested and Brown Snake-Eagles, Saddle-billed and Marabou Storks. Whew! Back at the camp we once again had a lovely braai, did our lists and duly hit the hay (though some opted for a night-time walk about in search of hyena and other nocturnal critters).

New Birds for the Day: 22

Daily Total: 71

Trip Total: 166

Day 7: Sunday 15th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park

On the morning of the 7th day of the tour we met up for a quick cup of coffee before heading out northwards from the camp to the Timbavati Picnic Site. There we had a cook-up breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausages and bacon while watching a herd of elephants in the riverbed beyond. Afterwards we headed back in the direction of Satara via the S39 route along the Timbavati River. Birds for the morning included Ostrich, Woolly-necked Stork, Egyptian Goose, Lappet-faced Vulture, African Hawk-Eagle, Bateleur, Fish Eagle, Namaqua Dove, Pearl-spotted Owllet, Woodland Kingfisher, Purple Roller, Bearded Woodpecker and Southern White-crowned Shrike, among others. We arrived back at camp late in the morning and opted for a walk-about-camp to find one of the Scops Owls that roost late in the large trees in the camp. We found one in a Knob-thorn Tree not far from our chalets. After a siesta the group met up for a sunset drive with a Kruger National Park guide (thus having a welcome break from their Lawson's guide...), which turned out to be rather exceptional (despite initial feedback of 'a hyena and an owl or two'). Sightings for the drive included lion, leopard, spotted hyena, honey badger, African wild cat and black-backed jackal. There was dinner waiting when the group arrived back in camp, after which we completed lists and said our goodnight's.

New Birds for the Day: 17

Daily Total: 68

Trip Total: 183

Day 8: Monday 16th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park

For the morning we headed south along the tar road and encountered our first big animals not too far from the camp. First up was a large troop of chacma baboons waltzing nonchalantly down the road. A little further on we came across a large herd of buffalo beside the road, who were soon joined by a breeding herd of elephants that came surging up from the riverbed to the west and crossed the road right in front of us to mingle with the buffalo. Soon thereafter two spotted hyena came trotting along and a huge elephant bull appeared out of the bush near the riverbed, obviously following in the wake of the herd. A few hundred metres on we then encountered a single lioness, adding up to a most exciting start to the day. We then drove on to the Nwanetsi Picnic Site where we had a coffee break overlooking the Gudzani River. Birds for the morning included Black Crake, Three-banded Plover, Blacksmith and Crowned Lapwings, European Bee-eater, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Flappet Lark, Barn Swallow, Long-billed Crombec, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Zitting Cisticola, Brubru, Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver and Green-winged Pytilia. In the afternoon we drove around the Girivana Waterhole loop, where notable birds included a roosting Verreaux's Eagle-Owl (well spotted by Phil), Marico Sunbird, Red-crested Korhaan, European Bee-eater, Comb Duck and Hamerkop. The evening routine was once again the same, with dinner and list-completion before retiring.

New Birds for the Day: 11
Daily Total: 75
Trip Total: 194

Day 9: Tuesday 17th April 2007 ~ Kruger National Park to Klaserie Game Reserve

On our last morning in the Kruger Park we drove out along the tar road towards Orpen Gate for a short drive before heading back to camp for breakfast and departure. We departed at mid-morning, exiting at Orpen Gate (and seeing another roosting Verreaux's Eagle-Owl on the way). We then made our way towards Hoedspruit and into the Klaserie Game Reserve. En-route to the lodge we encountered an elephant bull or two, and arrived in time for lunch...but what lunch? The catering team was delayed and so an eclectic serving of various odds, ends and leftovers was hastily assembled and laid out on the lovely little wooden deck on the riverbed in front of camp, only to be raided by a troop of vervet monkeys when no one was looking. Fortunately they only got away with some dry crackers and all was thus not lost. A large elephant bull arrived at the waterhole as we sat down and provided entertainment for the duration of the meal. After lunch we took a break and then met up for our first open-vehicle safari in the reserve, with our guide and tracker team. Lions were first up on the search-list and we drove out to where they had last been seen during the afternoon. After driving around for a while the guide and tracker got out to follow up on foot, and several lionesses promptly stood up out of the grass and bush some 100 yards away. We spent the next half-hour or so watching the pride of 6 lionesses and a rather shy male while an afternoon thunderstorm crackled all around (and typically did not release any of its precious load). Afterwards we drove on and encountered a herd of buffalo, followed by a brief sighting of a rather shy leopard, had some drinks and then began the night-drive. Birds for the day included Bronze-winged Courser, Double-banded Sandgrouse, White-faced Scops Owl, Square-tailed Nightjar, Sabota Lark and Yellow-fronted Canary. Back at the lodge there was a lovely dinner waiting for us in the boma (dining area), which we enjoyed before retiring for the night.

New Birds for the Day: 8
Daily Total: 64
Trip Total: 202

Day 10: Wednesday 18th April 2007 ~ Klaserie Game Reserve

We met up for a cup of coffee before heading out again with James and David. Once again we were on the search for the pride of lions and, after some tracking work by David, found them resting in a clearing in the bush, just off the road. The male was once again nervous of the vehicle and crept away behind the bushes upon our arrival. The females however were quite relaxed and took little notice of us human intruders. We spent a half-hour or so observing them (one young and playful female proceeded to tackle and maul a small bush) before heading off to see what else the morning would bring us. Other mammals (besides impala) were not really forthcoming, but it was enjoyable nevertheless and birds for the morning included Shikra, Red-crested Korhaan, Red-faced Mousebird, Grey, Red-billed and Yellow-billed Hornbills, Bearded Woodpecker, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Violet-backed, Burchell's and Greater Blue-eared Starlings and Yellow-throated Petronia. Back at camp we enjoyed yet another good, hearty breakfast, followed by a walk in the bush for those willing and able. The half-hour walk turned into a two-hour excursion, but was very interesting and enjoyable, giving us an opportunity to see the smaller things that are missed when driving around in a vehicle, such as African Monarch Butterflies, Golden-brown Baboon Spiders, granite and gneiss, giraffe droppings, dung beetles, spear grass, rhino rubbing-posts and marula trees, to mention but a few. Back at camp we had a welcome rest before some tea and snacks and a final afternoon drive. This time the lions were nowhere to be seen and we concentrated on trees and birds. These included Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike, White-crested Helmet-Shrike, Purple Indigobird, Magpie Shrike, Double-banded Sandgrouse (they visit the waterholes every evening to drink), Grey Heron, Crested and Natal Francolins and the unique, monotypic Hamerkop. Back at camp the routine was the same, with a great dinner and an early night.

New Birds for the Day: 2

Daily Total: 49

Trip Total: 204

Day 11: Thursday 19th April 2007 ~ Klaserie Game Reserve to Dullstroom.

We had our final morning in the game reserve and departed for Dullstroom mid-morning, seeing our last few giraffe, zebra and elephants on the way out. En-route to Dullstroom we stopped on the Abel Erasmus Pass to view the Taita Falcons that breed on the cliff above the road. We then drove on to the Three Rondavels View Site on the Blyde Canyon, where we saw cliff, rock and gorge species such as White-necked Raven, Mocking Cliff-Chat, Red-winged Starling and Speckled Pigeon. By the time we left the canyon our stomachs were feeling somewhat ignored and we made haste on to the town of Pilgrim's Rest, where we dined on delicious savoury pancakes at Scott's Café. The weather turned while we were eating and a heavy rainstorm broke, signalling an end to the sunny weather for the rest of the tour. After lunch and in continuing rain we drove on to Dullstroom and checked in to the Inn. After a short stroll around town we walked on to Fibs Restaurant, where we enjoyed a most delicious final dinner before completing our lists and retiring for the night.

New Birds for the Day: 10

Daily Total: 49

Trip Total: 214

Day 12: Friday 20th April 2007 ~ Dullstroom to Johannesburg

Day 12 of the trip was a non-day as far as birding was concerned, with the thick mist enshrouding the town precluding any early morning birding and no time to waste after breakfast in getting back to Johannesburg in time for flights to Accra, Accra, Accra!

Trip Total: 214

Checklist of Birds Seen

	COMMON NAME	09-Apr-07	10-Apr-07	11-Apr-07	12-Apr-07	13-Apr-07	14-Apr-07	15-Apr-07	16-Apr-07	17-Apr-07	18-Apr-07	19-Apr-07	20-Apr-07	Total Days Seen	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1	Common Os trich							X	X					2	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
8	Little Grebe					X	X							2	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
50	Pink-backed Pelican		X	X										2	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
55	White-breasted Cormorant		X	X										2	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
58	Reed Cormorant		X	X		X	X		X					5	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
60	African Darter			X										1	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
62	Grey Heron		X	X		X	X		X	X	X			7	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63	Black-headed Heron	X										X		2	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
64	Goliath Heron		X	X			X		X					4	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
66	Great Egret		X	X										2	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
67	Little Egret			X										1	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
68	Yellow-billed Egret		X											1	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
71	Cattle Egret				X				X			X		3	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
72	Squacco Heron		X	X										2	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
74	Green-backed Heron					X								1	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
81	Hamerkop		X						X	X	X			4	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
84	Black Stork		X											1	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
86	Woolly-necked Stork		X				X	X	X					4	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
88	Saddle-billed Stork						X	X						2	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
89	Marabou Stork						X	X	X	X				4	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
90	Yellow-billed Stork		X	X	X									3	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
91	African Sacred Ibis			X										1	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
93	Glossy Ibis		X	X										2	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
94	Hade da Ibis		X	X	X		X		X			X		6	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
95	African Spoonbill			X										1	<i>Platalea alba</i>
99	White-faced Duck			X		X								2	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
102	Egyptian Goose		X	X		X	X	X	X	X				7	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
108	Red-billed Teal			X		X								2	<i>Anas erythrorhynchos</i>
115	Comb Duck		X	X					X					3	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose		X	X										2	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
121	Hooded Vulture					X		X						2	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
122	Cape Vulture (E)											X		1	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
123	White-backed Vulture		X				X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
124	Lappet-faced Vulture							X						1	<i>Torgos trachelioides</i>
127	Black-shouldered Kite				X	X			X					3	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
128	African Cuckoo Hawk			X										1	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>
132	Tawny Eagle						X	X						2	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
137	African Hawk-Eagle							X						1	<i>Hieraetus fasciatus</i>
140	Martial Eagle						X					X		2	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
142	Brown Snake-Eagle					X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
143	Black-chested Snake-Eagle						X							1	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
144	Southern Banded Snake-Eagle		X											1	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>
146	Bateleur					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle			X			X	X	X					4	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)				X									1	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
154	Lizard Buzzard				X									1	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
157	Little Sparrowhawk		X											1	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
159	Shikra										X			1	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
160	African Goshawk									X				1	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>

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161	Gabar Goshawk								X			X		2	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
163	Dark Chanting Goshawk					X	X				X			3	<i>Melierax metabates</i>
176	Taita Falcon											X		1	<i>Falco fasciinucha</i>
189	Crested Francolin		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		8	<i>Peliperdix sephaena</i>
196	Natal Francolin (NE)					X	X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Pternistes natalensis</i>
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)					X	X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>
203	Helmeted Guineafowl		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
205	Kurrichane Buttonquail											X		1	<i>Turnix sylvatica</i>
213	Black Crake							X	X	X				3	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
237	Red-crested Korhaan								X		X			2	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>
240	African Jacana		X	X		X	X			X				5	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
249	Three-banded Plover				X	X		X	X	X	X			6	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing			X			X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X		8	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
264	Common Sandpiper							X						1	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper		X											1	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
270	Common Greenshank						X							1	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
295	Black-winged Stilt		X	X			X							3	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
298	Water Thick-Knee					X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
303	Bronze-winged Courser									X	X			2	<i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i>
315	Grey-headed Gull	X												1	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
339	White-winged Tern		X	X										2	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
347	Double-banded Sandgrouse (NE)									X	X			2	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon											X		1	<i>Columba guinea</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove		X	X	X									3	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
353	African Mourning Dove						X	X	X	X				4	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
354	Cape Turtle-Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		11	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
355	Laughing Dove						X	X	X	X		X		5	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
356	Namaqua Dove							X						1	<i>Oena capensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove		X	X	X	X	X		X		X			7	<i>Turtur chalcospilus</i>
361	African Green-Pigeon				X	X	X	X						4	<i>Treron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot					X			X	X				3	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco	X	X	X										3	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey Go-away-bird					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			9	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
396	African Scops-Owl								X					1	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
397	Southern White-faced Scops-Owl									X				1	<i>Otus leucotis</i>
398	Pearl-spotted Owllet							X				X		2	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
401	Spotted Eagle-Owl							X						1	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
402	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl								X	X				2	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
409	Square-tailed Nightjar									X	X			2	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
417	Little Swift	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				8	<i>Apus affinis</i>
418	Alpine Swift						X					X		2	<i>Apus melba</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird	X	X	X			X							4	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		10	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher				X		X	X		X				4	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher		X											1	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
433	Woodland Kingfisher							X	X					2	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher		X	X		X				X				4	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher		X	X										2	<i>Halcyon cheilicuti</i>

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443	White-fronted Bee-eater	X		X	X									3	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
444	Little Bee-eater		X	X		X	X	X	X	X				7	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
449	Purple Roller							X	X	X		X		4	<i>Coracias naevia</i>
451	African Hoopoe						X		X	X	X			4	<i>Upupa africana</i>
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe		X	X		X		X	X	X	X			7	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitarbill		X	X	X	X								4	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
455	Trumpeter Hornbill		X	X	X									3	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
457	African Grey Hornbill						X	X	X	X	X	X		6	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
458	Red-billed Hornbill						X	X	X	X	X	X		6	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
459	Yellow-billed Hornbill	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		10	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
460	Crowned Hornbill			X										1	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>
463	Southern Ground-Hornbill					X								1	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
464	Black-collared Barbet	X	X	X	X	X	X							6	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
465	Acacia Pied Barbet (NE)			X					X					2	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
466	White-eared Barbet			X	X									2	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>
469	Red-fronted Tinkerbird	X	X											2	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>
473	Crested Barbet		X	X	X	X			X	X	X			7	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
474	Greater Honeyguide			X										1	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker								X					1	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker		X			X						X		3	<i>Dendropicops fuscescens</i>
487	Red-billed Woodpecker							X			X			2	<i>Dendropicops namaquus</i>
496	Flappet Lark								X					1	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)			X						X				2	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>
518	Barn Swallow		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		10	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
522	Wire-tailed Swallow						X	X						2	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
524	Red-breasted Swallow									X				1	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>
525	Mosque Swallow						X							1	<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>
526	Greater Striped Swallow (E)											X		1	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow	X	X											2	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
530	Common House Martin						X							1	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
536	Black Saw-wing		X											1	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		11	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
542	Square-tailed Drongo		X	X	X									3	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>
545	Black-headed Oriole					X	X							2	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
548	Pied Crow											X		1	<i>Corvus albus</i>
550	White-necked Raven				X							X		2	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
554	Southern Black Tit			X		X	X			X	X	X		6	<i>Parus niger</i>
558	Grey Penduline Tit			X										1	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>
560	Arrow-marked Babbler					X		X	X	X	X			5	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
568	Dark-capped Bulbul	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		11	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul		X											1	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
574	Yellow-bellied Greenbul			X										1	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
576	Kurrichane Thrush			X		X								2	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
580	Groundscraper Thrush					X	X		X	X				4	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
593	Mocking Cliff-Chat											X		1	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
596	African Stonechat					X		X	X					3	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
599	White-browed Robin-Chat						X							1	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
601	Cape Robin-Chat											X		1	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
602	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)		X											1	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>

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613	White-browed Scrub-Robin		X											1	<i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i>
617	Bearded Scrub-Robin	X	X											2	<i>Erythropygia quadrivirgata</i>
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis		X	X							X			3	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
649	Rudd's Apalis			X										1	<i>Apalis ruddi</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec		X	X				X	X		X			5	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
656	Burnt-necked Eremomela								X					1	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
657a	Green-backed Camaroptera	X	X											2	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
664	Zitting Cisticola								X					1	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
665	Desert Cisticola							X						1	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola		X	X		X	X	X	X	X				7	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia						X		X					2	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
691	Ashy Flycatcher	X	X	X										3	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
694	Southern Black Flycatcher			X	X	X								3	<i>Melaenornis pammelina</i>
696	Pale Flycatcher		X	X		X								3	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
701	Chinspot Batis	X		X			X		X		X	X		6	<i>Batis molitor</i>
710	African Paradise Flycatcher		X											1	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
711	African Pied Wagtail		X			X			X					3	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
713	Cape Wagtail							X				X		2	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
716	African Pipit							X						1	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
719	Buffy Pipit			X				X						2	<i>Anthus vaalensis</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw			X		X								2	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
731	Lesser Grey Shrike									X				1	<i>Lanius minor</i>
732	Common Fiscal	X			X									2	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
733	Red-backed Shrike					X		X						2	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
735	Magpie Shrike					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Lanius souzae</i>
740	Black-backed Puffback		X	X	X	X		X			X			6	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru			X										1	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra			X										1	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra		X	X				X						3	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
747	Gorgeous Bush-Shrike	X												1	<i>Telophorus quadricolor</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike		X	X				X			X			4	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
753	White-crested Helmet-Shrike		X	X	X	X				X	X			6	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
756	Southern White-crowned Shrike							X				X		2	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
758	Common Myna	X												1	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
760	Wattled Starling					X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
761	Violet-backed Starling	X	X	X	X						X			5	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)						X	X	X	X	X	X		6	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
764	Cape Glossy Starling	X	X	X	X									4	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling											X		1	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		8	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
779	Marico Sunbird								X					1	<i>Nectarinia mariquensis</i>
787	White-bellied Sunbird		X			X								2	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>
791	Scarlet-chested Sunbird					X								1	<i>Nectarinia senegalensis</i>
793	Collared Sunbird		X											1	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>
798	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver							X	X	X	X	X		5	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
801	House Sparrow	X												1	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow						X	X	X	X				4	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	Yellow-throated Petronia		X	X	X	X	X				X			6	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver			X										1	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>

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815	Lesser Masked-Weaver						X							1	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea						X		X			X		3	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird						X							1	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia							X	X		X	X		4	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
838	Pink-throated Twinspot (E)		X											1	<i>Hypargos margaritatus</i>
844	Blue Waxbill		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		9	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
845	Violet-eared Waxbill (NE)											X		1	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>
857	Bronze Mannikin									X				1	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
865	Purple Indigobird										X			1	<i>Vidua purpurascens</i>
869	Yellow-fronted Canary		X			X				X	X			4	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
884	Golden-breasted Bunting	X	X	X		X				X		X		6	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
886	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting					X	X							2	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
	<i>New Birds for the Day</i>	2 5	6 3	2 6	2 7	2 3	2 2	1 7	1 1	8	2	1 0			
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2	Baboon, Chacma		X	X	X		X		X	X				6	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
3	Badger, Honey							X						1	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>
4	Bat, Fruit (Peter's)						X							1	<i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>
6	Buffalo					X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
9	Bushbuck						X	X						2	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
11	Cat, African Wild							X						1	<i>Felis lybica</i>
15	Duiker, Common		X	X	X	X	X			X	X			7	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
16	Duiker, Red	X			X									2	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>
18	Elephant, African					X	X	X	X	X		X		6	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
21	Giraffe, Southern		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		9	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
23	Hare, Scrub							X		X	X			3	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
25	Hippopotamus		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		8	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
26	Hyaena, Spotted						X	X	X					3	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
27	Impala	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		11	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
28	Jackal, Black-backed							X			X	X		3	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
29	Jackal, Side-striped					X								1	<i>Canis adustus</i>
30	Klipspringer					X								1	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
31	Kudu, Greater	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			10	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
32	Leopard							X		X				2	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
33	Lion							X	X	X	X			4	<i>Panthera leo</i>
35	Mongoose, Dwarf				X				X	X				3	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
36	Mongoose, Slender	X	X	X	X		X				X			6	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
40	Monkey, Vervet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			10	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
41	Nyala	X	X	X	X									4	<i>Tragelaphus angasi</i>
45	Reedbuck, Common					X								1	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
49	Rhinoceros, White					X	X			X				3	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
53	Squirrel, Tree					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
54	Steenbok				X	X		X	X	X	X			6	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
55	Suni	X												1	<i>Neotragus moschatus</i>
58	Warthog		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		8	<i>Phacocoercus aethiopicus</i>
59	Waterbuck, Common					X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
62	Wildebeest, Blue			X	X	X	X	X	X	X				6	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
63	Zebra, Burchell's			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		8	<i>Equus burchelli</i>
	TOTAL SPECIES	3	3												

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Day gecko
 Flap-necked chameleon
 Flat lizard sp.
 Giant plated lizard
 Leopard tortoise
 Marsh terrapin
 Nile crocodile
 Puff adder
 Rock agama
 Spotted bush snake
 Striped skink
 Tree agama
 Tropical house gecko
 Water monitor

Molluscs

Giant Land Snail