

# Naturetrek

## Bargain Kruger Birding Tour

### South Africa

8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007

## Trip Report



Lilac-breasted Roller, with hairy caterpillar

## Tour Summary

### Tour Participants:

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### Photo Acknowledgments:

Leon Marais

### Total Distance Travelled:

1700 km

### Temperature Range:

10° – 37°

### Altitude Variation:

260 – 2100 meters above sea level

### Total Number of Birds Seen:

313

### Total Number of Mammals Seen:

42

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Dullstroom

Route: Johannesburg International Airport to Dullstroom.

Distance: 350 km.

Weather: Warm and clear.

Temperature range: 12° - 25°

### Day 2: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Dullstroom

Route: Dullstroom area.

Distance: 110 km.

Weather: Mild morning, becoming hot in the afternoon

Temperature range: 10° - 27°

### Day 3: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Blyde

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

Distance: 190 km.

Weather: Clear and hot.

Temperature range: 13° - 32°

### Day 4: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

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

Distance: 215 km.

Weather: Partly cloudy and hot.

Temperature range: 15° - 34°.

### Day 5: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

Route: Satara, Tshokwane and on to Skukuza Rest Camp.

Distance: 150 km.

Weather: Clear and very hot.

Temperature range: 15° - 37°

### Day 6: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

Route: Skukuza region.

Distance: 85 km.

Weather: Clear and sunny to hot.

Temperature range: 15° - 37°

### Day 7: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Pretoriuskop, Kruger National Park

Route: Skukuza to Pretoriuskop.

Distance: 100 km.

Weather: Sunny and hot

Temperature range: 14° - 34°

### Day 8: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Departure

Route: Pretoriuskop to Malelane, Nelspruit and Johannesburg

Distance: 500 km.

Weather: Clear and sunny.

Temperature range: 13° - 30°

## TRIP REPORT

### Day 1: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Dullstroom

After bags had been recovered from the airport and customs cleared we all met up in the arrivals hall at O. R. Tambo Int. and promptly got underway with the first day of the tour. It was an unusually early start, and it boded well for a full first day of South African birding. Half-an-hour out of the airport we pulled off the main highway for a short stop at a small irrigation dam. The water levels were quite high however, meaning that the birdlife was not as prolific as usual. We did manage to list Grey and Black-headed Herons, Sacred, Glossy and Hadedda Ibises, African Spoonbill, Grey-headed Gull and common terrestrial birds such as Speckled Pigeon, Red-eyed, Cape Turtle and Laughing Doves, Dark-capped Bulbul and Levillant's Cisticola. Afterwards we got underway again and turned off an hour or so later and drove about 10 kilometres south to a large pan for some more waders and water birds. Among those recorded here were Lesser Flamingo, African Snipe, Long-tailed Widowbird, Cape Wagtail, African Pipit, South African Cliff-Swallow, Black-throated Canary, Common Waxbill, Black-winged Stilt, Three-banded Plover, Wood and Marsh Sandpipers. We then continued on to Dullstroom, where we had some lunch before a late afternoon drive. We drove out to the Lakenvlei Forest Lodge property, where we cruised slowly through the grasslands and stands of pines searching for highveld species. Those seen included White-throated Swallow, Orange-breasted Waxbill, Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk, Cape Crow, Kurrichane Thrush, Buff-streaked and Southern Ant-eating Chats, Very Common African Stonechat, Cape Robin-Chat, Drakensberg Prinia, Cape Longclaw, Pied Starling and Cape Sparrow. There were also some bodies of water along the route, and the day ended with a very impressive tally of teal, duck and goose species: Egyptian Goose, White-backed, Maccoa, Yellow-billed and African Black Ducks, Cape, Hottentot and Red-billed Teals, Cape Shoveler and Southern Pochard. With the light waning we set off for the Cape Eagle-Owl stakeout at the municipal dams, but unfortunately we didn't find the owl. We did however see Half-collared Kingfisher and a few other birds to end off the day. After some time to freshen-up and relax we walked over to Fib's Restaurant for a superb evening meal and a chance to get to know each other better.

Daily Total: 86.

Trip Total: 86.

Bird of the day: Orange-breasted Waxbill.

Mammal total for the day: 4.

### Day 2: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Dullstroom

Day 2 began with an early 6:00 AM departure, with several hours of fine grassland birding awaiting us. We drove out of town, quiet and deserted at this hour, and out onto the Velorenvlei / Die Berg road, a district road that leads up to the highest point in the province. September is still a very dry month, with virtually no greenery to be seen at all, but the promise of coming rain (the area gets a lot of it) meant that the birds were beginning to take an interest in breeding and thus the birding was significantly better than the previous month. On this route we recorded Jackal Buzzard, Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk (one vehicle had missed it the previous afternoon), Grey-winged Francolin, Wattled Lapwing, Eastern Long-billed and Red-capped Larks, Sentinel Rock-thrush, Mountain Wheatear, Buff-streaked Chat, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Bokmakierie, Red-winged Starling, Malachite Sunbird, Cape Canary and Cape Bunting, among others, as well as a pair of Side-striped Jackals, Mountain Reedbuck and Grey Rhebok. It was still a bit too dry for some of the larger birds such as Denham's Bustard and Blue Crane, but one vehicle did spot a Secretarybird next to the road on the return to town. We arrived back for a hearty breakfast and a little relaxation before heading out again on a district road to the south-west of the town. This area wasn't very productive however, though we did see Plain-backed Pipit, Helmeted Guineafowl, Crowned Lapwing and a few other species. After arriving back in town in time for lunch and some foot-up time we embarked on a long afternoon session to Tonteldoos, a very small town east of Dullstroom and circled back via the Velorenvlei Road. Specials seen included Southern Bald Ibis and a flock of about 15 Grey Crowned Cranes, as well as others such as Alpine Swift, Spike-heeled Lark, Rock Kestrel, Black Swift, Natal Francolin and Swainson's Spurfowl. We arrived back at dusk and an hour later drove out of town to the Mayfly Restaurant for a fine meal and a discussion of the day's events.

Daily Total: 75.

New Birds: 31.

Trip Total: 117.

Birds of the day: Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk; Grey Crowned Crane.

Mammal total for the day: 8.

Day 3: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Blyde River Canyon.

We left Dullstroom at 6:00 AM, and headed straight on to Mount Sheba resort on the edge of the escarpment, passing through the town of Lydenberg on the way. On Robber's Pass we spotted some Gurney's Sugarbirds next to the road, and had good views of these endemic birds, as well as Red-throated Wryneck, Cape White-eye, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Sombre Greenbul and Long-billed Pipit. Further on we encountered Red-winged Francolin, Cape Grassbird and Samango Monkey before arriving at the resort. We promptly got ready and headed into the forest. It was alive with birds, and we soon listed Narina Trogon, Olive Woodpecker, Cape Batis, Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler, Knysna Turaco, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Chorister Robin-Chat and a most stunning White-starred Robin that kept us captivated for ten minutes as it flitted around right in front of us. We enjoyed a lovely Mount Sheba breakfast and then headed on to the next destination. Birding en-route was not too productive, and after checking in at the resort we took some time out to relax. The birds had other plans for us however and soon most of us were gathered outside the chalets where we saw Verreaux's Eagle flying overhead, White-throated Robin-Chat, Olive Bush-Shrike, Yellow-fronted Canary, Greater Double-collared and White-bellied Sunbirds, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Black-collared Barbet, Southern Boubou and Familiar Chat, among others. We then embarked on an afternoon trip to the Three Rondavels View Site close by, spotting a Black-bellied Bustard on the way. At the view site we saw Shelley's Francolin, Neddicky, Lazy Cisticola and a fantastic pair of White-necked Ravens perched on a rock ledge on the sheer cliff below us (one of the highlights of the tour for some of the participants). With the sun setting on yet another great day we drove back to the resort, where three Yellow-throated Longclaws were strutting around on the lawn. A bit later we met up later for a lovely buffet dinner before calling it a night.

Daily Total: 92.

New Birds: 48.

Trip Total: 165.

Birds of the day: White-starred Robin; White-necked Raven.

Mammal total for the day: 7.

Day 4: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

A morning walk in the resort grounds was the pre-breakfast activity for the day. We walked slowly up the main access road to the upper view site, where we spent a half-hour or so enjoying the spectacular misty view of the Blyde River Canyon. Birds listed for the morning included Swee Waxbill, Peregrine Falcon, Speckled Mousebird, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Brown-backed Honeybird, White-crested Helmet-Shrike, Southern Black Tit, Cape Rock Thrush, Mocking Cliff-Chat, White-browed Scrub-Robin, Striped Pipit, Scarlet-chested Sunbird and others. We ended up at the breakfast venue and, after eating, packed the vehicles and headed down the escarpment to the Kruger National Park. En-route we stopped off on the Abel Erasmus pass to have a look at the Taita Falcons that nest on the cliff. According to Michael, the local site-guide, they are in the early phases of nesting. After a short detour into the town of Hoedspruit to fix a punctured tyre we continued on to Orpen Gate. On the road we came across a flight of circling vultures, which gave us some good views of the endemic Cape Vulture, as well as White Backed Vultures and Marabou Storks and Southern White-crowned Shrike hunting insects from a fence next to the road. We entered the park and then began the slow drive to camp, racking up a good bird list for the day. Some of the more notable species seen included Tawny, Wahlberg's and African Fish Eagle, Bateleur, Brown and Black-chested Snake Eagles, Gabar Goshawk – a sample of the superb raptor-viewing in the park – Red Crested Korhaan, Water Thick-knee, Lilac-breasted Roller, Green Wood-Hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, Golden-tailed and Bearded Woodpeckers, Red-breasted and Lesser Striped Swallows, Marico Flycatcher, Green-winged Pytilia, Jameson's Firefinch and Golden-breasted Bunting. We arrived at the camp in the late afternoon and decided to have some personal time before meeting for dinner at 7:00 PM.

Daily Total: 114.

New Birds: 57.

Trip Total: 222.

Birds of the day: Striped Pipit; Brown-backed Honeybird.

Mammal total for the day: 17.

#### Day 5: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

We began the morning with a superb drive to the north-west of the camp, where the terrain becomes flat and especially arid at this time of the year. On the way we passed a herd of Elephants, and on the dirt road we became surrounded by a herd of 500+ Cape Buffalo. This provided spectacular viewing, with large flocks of Grey-backed Sparrowlarks, Larklike Buntings, Red-billed Quelea, African Quail Finch and White-winged Widows flying to and fro. African Pipits were present in profusion, Chestnut-backed Sparrowlarks were also seen, and the six Kori Bustards and three Ostriches we saw were another highlight. Other notable species included Temminck's Courser, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Namaqua Dove, Saddle-billed Stork, Purple Roller, Yellow and Red-billed Hornbills, Desert Cisticola, Burchell's Coucal and Grey Go-away Bird. Giraffe, Blue Wildebeest, Burchell's Zebra, Steenbok and Impala were also scattered around across the plain. We arrived back at the camp for breakfast and then headed south towards Skukuza, stopping off at the Tshokwane picnic site for a break and a stretch of the legs. Onwards it was, and the heat was so oppressive that every bit of substantial shade (fortunately a few of the trees such as Sjambok Pod and Sausage Tree have lush new growth at this time of the year) seemed to be crowded with Impala, Kudu, Zebra, Giraffe and Elephant.

We arrived in the mid-afternoon, and five members of the group opted for a sunset drive with the Park's guide and vehicle. The rest of the group had a walk around the camp, listing camp specials such as Bearded Scrub-Robin, White-browed Robin-Chat, Purple-crested Turaco and Collared Sunbird, among others. With the extreme heat of the day finally dissipating we met for dinner at 7:00 PM, and learned that the sunset / night drive had produced both lion and leopard. All in all not a bad introduction to the Kruger National Park!

Daily Total: 114.

New Birds: 34.

Trip Total: 256.

Bird of the day: Kori Bustard.

Mammal total for the day: 20.

#### Day 6: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

We met up for coffee and tea at 5:45 AM and at 6:00, as the gates opened, we exited the camp for an exciting morning along the Sabie River. Our plan was to have breakfast at Lower Sabie, the next camp down along the river. The birding was fair, and we recorded species such as African Green Pigeon, White-fronted Bee-eater, African Fish Eagle, African Harrier-Hawk, Hamerkop, Black and Woolly-necked Storks, White-crowned Lapwing, Little Stint, Giant and Pied Kingfishers, Lesser Honeyguide, Cardinal Woodpecker, Wire-tailed and Mosque Swallows, Long-billed Crombec, African Jacana, African Hawk-Eagle, Osprey and White-headed Vulture, among others. These were somewhat overshadowed by the big cats – two male lions and a female lying in the sand of a dry riverbed and a leopard up in a tree right next to the road. The leopard eventually got restless and descended, giving us great views as he did so. We made it just in time for breakfast at Lower Sabie, after which, with the steadily rising mercury, we drove back to Skukuza for an afternoon in the coolness of our huts. We then met up just before 5:00 PM for the sunset drive, which produced lions on a zebra kill among other things.

Daily Total: 108.

New Birds: 28.

Trip Total: 284.

Bird of the day: White-crowned Lapwing.

Mammal total for the day: 21.

#### Day 7: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Pretoriuskop, Kruger National Park

We opted for a morning walk-about-camp for the start of the seventh day. The slightly cool, overcast conditions made a welcome change. We saw Terrestrial Brownbul, Sombre Greenbul, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Trumpeter Hornbill, Spectacled Weaver, Purple-crested Turaco and other camp birds. We then had breakfast, and afterwards took a slow drive down to Pretoriuskop in the south-west corner of the park. We recorded several new species on the way, including Bushveld Pipit, Retz's Helmet-Shrike, Greater Honeyguide, Striped Kingfisher, Rufous-naped Lark, Grey Penduline Tit, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Fiscal Flycatcher, Cinnamon-breasted Bunting and a well-camouflaged Spotted Eagle Owl resting in a tree in the bowl formed by a large branch breaking off the main trunk. The whole south-western region of the

park had been burned during severe winter fires, so mammals were fairly few and far between, but the birding was rather good. We arrived at the camp in the early afternoon and, after checking-in listed several new species such as Bennett's Woodpecker, Red-headed Weaver and Brown-headed Parrot. A bit later on we took a drive through the burned areas around the camp, seeing a large herd of Cape Buffalo, as well as Dark Chanting Goshawk and Lizard Buzzard as new raptors for the trip. We returned in the early evening for a final dinner and made plans for the following day.

Daily Total: 118.

New Birds: 16.

Trip Total: 300.

Bird of the day: Bushveld Pipit.

Mammal total for the day: 21.

#### Day 8: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007 ~ Departure

We had a stroll around the camp before a 7:00 AM breakfast and departure, recording Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher and Cape Batis, two forest species that move down to lower altitudes during dry winters, as well as Green-capped Eremomela. We then drove straight south through the park, seeing five or six Spotted Hyena feeding on a Kudu carcass on the way. We exited at Malelane Gate, and had a quarter of an hour on the bridge over the Crocodile River, watching the activities of Saddle-billed Storks, Great-white Egrets, Green-backed Herons, Goliath and Purple Herons, Giant and Pied Kingfishers, Reed Cormorants and Nile Crocodiles as they competed for fish in the shallow waters. We then exited the park and drove east towards the Swaziland / Mozambique borders. Here we visited a large sugar cane irrigation dam, where we saw several new and exciting species such as Painted Snipe, Collared Pratincole, Lesser Jacana and Pygmy Goose. This provided a nice final birding experience, and after an hour or so at the dam we headed back to Johannesburg, on the way seeing a Long-crested Eagle as our final new bird for the tip. We arrived at O. R. Tambo International at 5:00 PM, where it all began eight days ago.

Daily Total: 109.

New Birds: 13.

Trip Total: 313

Bird of the day: Lesser Jacana.

Mammal total for the day: 13.

Total endemics / near endemic birds: 39.

Total Mammal species: 42.

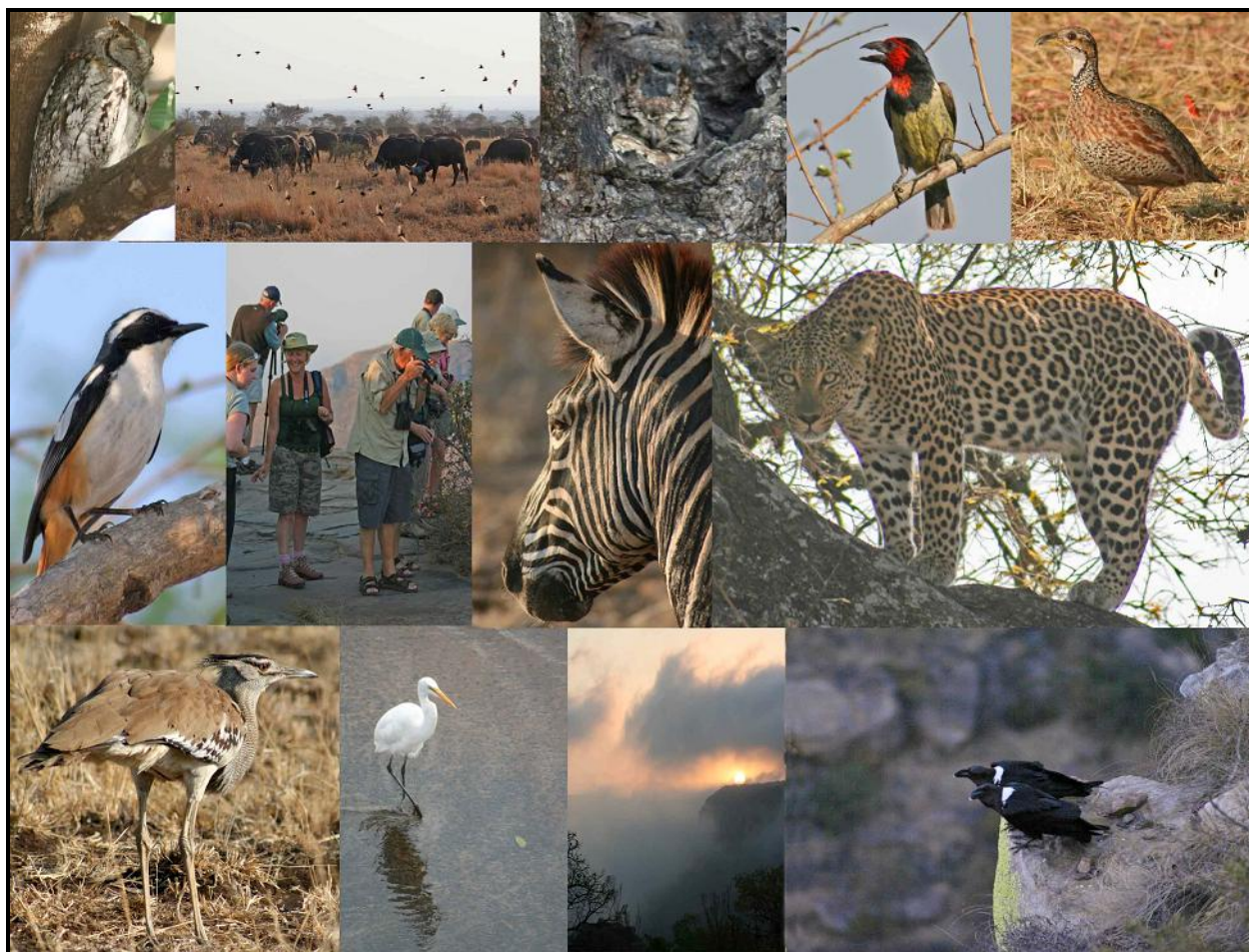


Photo captions, from left to right in rows from the top: Scops Owl, Satara; Buffalo herd and Grey-backed Sparrowlarks, Satara; Spotted Eagle Owl, Pretoriuskop; Black-collared Barbet, Blyde Canyon; Shelley's Francolin, Three Rondavels View Site; White-throated Robin-chat, Blyde Canyon; The group, Three Rondavels View Site; Burchell's Zebra, KNP; Leopard, near Lower Sabie; Kori Bustard, Satara, Great White Egret, Crocodile River; Sunrise, Blyde Canyon; White-necked Ravens; Blyde Canyon.

## Checklist of Birds Seen and Heard

	COMMON NAMES	8 – Sept07	9 – Sept07	10 – Sept07	11 – Sept07	12 – Sept07	13 – Sept07	14 – Sept07	15 – Sept07	TOTAL DAYS SEEN	SCIENTIFIC NAMES
1	Common Ostrich					X				1	Struthio camelus
6	Great Crested Grebe	X								1	Podiceps cristatus
8	Little Grebe	X	X							2	Tachybaptus ruficollis
55	White-breasted Cormorant		X	X						2	Phalacrocorax carbo
58	Reed Cormorant	X	X			X	X	X	X	6	Phalacrocorax africanus
62	Grey Heron	X				X		X	X	4	Ardea cinerea
63	Black-headed Heron	X	X	X	X	X				4	Ardea melanocephala
64	Goliath Heron					X	X		X	3	Ardea goliath
65	Purple Heron								X	1	Ardea purpurea
66	Great Egret						X		X	2	Casmerodius albus
67	Little Egret						X			1	Egretta garzetta
68	Yellow-billed Egret	X								1	Egretta intermedia
71	Cattle Egret	X		X	X	X	X		X	5	Bubulcus ibis
72	Squacco Heron						X			1	Ardeola ralloides
74	Green-backed Heron					X	X		X	3	Butorides striatus
81	Hamerkop	X	X	X			X	X		5	Scopus umbretta
84	Black Stork						X			1	Ciconia nigra
86	Woolly-necked Stork						X			1	Ciconia episcopus
88	Saddle-billed Stork					X	X		X	3	Ephippiorynchus senegalensis
89	Marabou Stork				X		X			2	Leptoptilos crumeniferus
90	Yellow-billed Stork						X			1	Mycteria ibis
91	Sacred Ibis	X	X							2	Threskiornis aethiopicus
92	Southern Bald Ibis (E)		X							1	Geronticus calvus
93	Glossy Ibis	X							X	2	Plegadis falcinellus
94	Hadedda Ibis	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	6	Bostrychia hagedash
95	African Spoonbill	X					X			2	Platalea alba
97	Lesser Flamingo	X								1	Phoeniconaias minor
99	White-faced Duck								X	1	Dendrocygna viduata
101	White-backed Duck	X							X	2	Thalassornis leuconotus
102	Egyptian Goose	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	Alopochen aegyptiacus
104	Yellow-billed Duck	X	X	X						3	Anas undulata
106	Cape Teal (E)	X								1	Anas capensis
107	Hottentot Teal	X								1	Anas hottentota
108	Red-billed Teal	X							X	2	Anas erythrorhyncha
112	Cape Shoveler (E)	X								1	Anas smithii
113	Southern Pochard	X								1	Netta erythrophthalma
116	Spur-winged Goose		X						X	2	Plectropterus gambensis
117	Maccoa Duck	X								1	Oxyura maccoa
118	Secretarybird		X							1	Sagittarius serpentarius
122	Cape Vulture (E)			X	X					2	Gyps coprotheres
123	White-backed Vulture				X	X	X	X	X	5	Gyps africanus
125	White-headed Vulture						X			1	Trigonoceps occipitalis
127	Black-shouldered Kite	X	X	X		X				4	Elanus caeruleus

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131	Verreaux's Eagle			X	X					2	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
132	Tawny Eagle				X					1	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
135	Wahlberg's Eagle				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
139	Long-crested Eagle								X	1	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
142	Brown Snake Eagle				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
143	Black-chested Snake Eagle				X	X		X		3	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
146	Bateleur				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle	X			X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)		X	X						2	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
154	Lizard Buzzard		X					X	X	1	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
155	Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk	X	X							2	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>
160	African Goshawk					X				1	<i>Accipter tachiro</i>
161	Gabar Goshawk				X					3	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
163	Dark Chanting Goshawk							X		1	<i>Melierax metabates</i>
169	African Harrier-Hawk						X			1	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
172	Peregrine Falcon				X					1	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
176	Taita Falcon				X					1	<i>Falco fasciinucha</i>
181	Rock Kestrel		X	X	X					3	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
189	Crested Francolin				X		X			2	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
196	Natal Francolin		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Francolinus natalensis</i>
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)	X	X		X	X	X			5	<i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>
203	Helmeted Guineafowl	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	7	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
209	Grey Crowned Crane (E)		X							1	<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>
213	Black Crake	X				X	X	X		4	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
223	African Purple Swampphen	X							X	2	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
226	Common Moorhen	X							X	2	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
228	Red-knobbed Coot	X								1	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
230	Kori Bustard					X				1	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
237	Red-crested Korhaan (NE)				X			X		2	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>
238	Black-bellied Bustard			X						1	<i>Eupodotis melanogaster</i>
240	African Jacana					X	X	X		3	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
241	Lesser Jacana								X	1	<i>Microparra capensis</i>
242	Greater Painted Snipe								X	1	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
248	Kittlitz's Plover								X	1	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
249	Three-banded Plover	X			X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing	X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
260	African Wattled Lapwing	X	X					X	X	4	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
264	Common Sandpiper					X	X			2	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper	X			X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
269	Marsh Sandpiper	X								1	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
270	Common Greenshank								X	1	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
274	Little Stint								X	1	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
286	African Snipe	X								1	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
295	Black-winged Stilt	X					X			2	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
298	Water Thick-knee				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>

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300	Temminck's Courser					X				1	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>
304	Collared Pratincole								X	1	<i>Glaeola pratincola</i>
315	Grey-headed Gull	X							X	1	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
338	Whiskered Tern								X	1	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
348	Rock Dove		X	X						2	<i>Columba livia</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon	X	X	X	X					4	<i>Columba guinea</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove	X				X	X			3	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
353	African Mourning Dove				X	X				2	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</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	X	7	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
361	African Green-Pigeon						X	X	X	2	<i>Treron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot							X	X	2	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
370a	Knysna Turaco (E)			X						1	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco					X		X	X	2	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey Go-away Bird				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (E)				X	X	X			3	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
396	African Scops-Owl				X	X				2	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
398	Pearl-spotted Owlet					X	X			2	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
401	Spotted Eagle Owl							X		1	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
405	Fiery-necked Nightjar					X	X			2	<i>Caprimulgus nectoralis</i>
412	African Black Swift		X	X						2	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
415	White-rumped Swift	X			X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Apus caffer</i>
417	Little Swift	X			X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Apus affinis</i>
418	Alpine Swift		X	X	X					3	<i>Apus melba</i>
421	African Palm Swift			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird					X		X	X	3	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
427	Narina Trogon			X						1	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher	X	X			X	X	X	X	6	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher						X			1	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
430	Half-collared Kingfisher	X								1	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>
431	Malachite Kingfisher						X			1	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher			X	X	X	X			4	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher							X	X	2	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
443	White-fronted Bee-eater						X		X	2	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
444	Little Bee-eater				X		X	X		3	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
449	Purple Roller					X	X	X		3	<i>Coracias naevia</i>
451	African Hoopoe		X		X	X		X		4	<i>Upupa africana</i>
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe					X		X	X	3	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitarbill				X		X	X		3	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
457	Grey Hornbill				X	X		X	X	4	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
458	Red-billed Hornbill				X	X				2	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
464	Black-collared Barbet			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>

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465	Acacia Pied Barbet (NE)					X				1	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
470	Yellow-fronted Tinker Bird			X	X					2	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
473	Crested Barbet				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
474	Greater Honeyguide							X		1	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
476	Lesser Honeyguide						X			1	<i>Indicator minor</i>
478	Brown-backed Honeybird				X					1	<i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker				X		X			2	<i>Campthera abingoni</i>
481	Bennett’s Woodpecker							X		2	<i>Campthera bennettii</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker						X	X	X	3	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
487	Bearded Woodpecker				X		X			2	<i>Thripias namaquus</i>
488	Olive Woodpecker			X						1	<i>Mesopicos griseacephalus</i>
489	Red-throated Wryneck			X						1	<i>Jynx fuficollis</i>
494	Rufous-naped Lark							X		1	<i>Mirafrā africana</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)					X				1	<i>Mirafrā sabota</i>
506	Spike-heeled Lark		X							1	<i>Chesomanes albofasciata</i>
515	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark					X				1	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
520	White-throated Swallow	X	X	X					X	4	<i>Hirundo albicularis</i>
522	Wire-tailed Swallow			X		X	X	X	X	5	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
524	Red-breasted Swallow				X	X	X			3	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>
525	Mosque Swallow						X			1	<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>
526	Greater Striped Swallow (NE)			X						1	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
528	South African Cliff Swallow	X								1	<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>
529	Rock Martin	X	X	X						3	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
533	Brown-throated Martin	X							X	2	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
533	Brown-throated Martin		X						X	2	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
536	Black Saw-wing			X						1	<i>Psali dopenocne holomelas</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
545	Black-headed Oriole		X	X	X	X	X	X		6	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
547	Cape Crow	X	X	X						3	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
550	White-necked Raven			X	X					2	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
554	Southern Black Tit				X	X	X	X	X	5	<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	8	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
569	Terrestrial Brownbul						X	X		2	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
570	Yellow-streaked Greenbul			X						1	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul			X		X	X	X		4	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
574	Yellow-bellied Greenbul						X			1	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
576	Kurrichane Thrush	X					X	X		3	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
580	Groundscraper Thrush	X	X					X		3	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
581	Cape Rock Thrush (E)			X	X					2	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
582	Sentinel Rock Thrush (E)		X							1	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
586	Mountain Wheatear (NE)		X							1	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
588	Buff-streaked Chat (E)	X	X							2	<i>Oenanthe bifasciata</i>
589	Familiar Chat			X	X					2	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>

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593	Mocking Cliff-Chat			X	X					2	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
595	Ant-eating Chat (E)	X	X							2	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
596	African Stonechat	X	X	X	X	X			X	6	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
599	White-browed Robin-Chat					X	X	X		3	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
601	Cape Robin-Chat	X	X	X						3	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
602	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)			X	X			X		3	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
606	White-starred Robin			X						1	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>
613	White-browed Scrub-Robin				X		X			2	<i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i>
617	Bearded Scrub-Robin						X	X		2	
635	Lesser Swamp-Warbler	X								1	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
644	Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler			X						1	<i>Phylloscopus ruficapillus</i>
645	Bar-throated Apalis			X	X					2	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
653	Yellow-bellied Eremomela							X		1	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
655	Green-capped Eremomela								X	1	<i>Eremomela scotopus</i>
656	Burnt-necked Eremomela					X				1	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
661	Cape Grassbird (E)			X						1	<i>Sphenoæacus afer</i>
664	Zitting Cisticola		4							1	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
665	Desert Cisticola					X				1	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
667	Wing-snapping Cisticola		X							1	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
670	Wailing Cisticola			X						1	<i>Cisticola lais</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
677	Levaillant's Cisticola	X	X							2	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
679	Lazy Cisticola			X	X					2	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
681	Neddicky			X				X		2	<i>Cisticola fulvicapillus</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia			X	X	X	X	X		5	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
686b	Drakensberg Prinia (E)	X	X							2	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
691	Ashy Flycatcher					X		X		2	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
693	Grey Tit-Flycatcher							X	X	2	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
694	Southern Black Flycatcher				X			X	X	3	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
695	Marico Flycatcher (NE)				X					1	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
698	Fiscal Flycatcher							X			<i>Sigelus silens</i>
700	Cape Batis (E)			X					X	2	<i>Batis capensis</i>
701	Chinspot Batis			X	X		X	X		4	<i>Batis molitor</i>
710	African Paradise-Flycatcher					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
711	African Pied Wagtail					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
713	Cape Wagtail	X	X	X	X					4	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
716	African Pipit	X	X		X	X			X	5	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
717	Long-billed Pipit			X						1	<i>Anthus similis</i>
718	Plain-backed Pipit		X							1	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
720	Striped Pipit				X					1	<i>Anthus lineiventris</i>
723	Bushveld Pipit							X		1	<i>Anthus caffer</i>
727	Cape Longclaw (E)	X	X							2	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw			X				X		2	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
732	Common Fiscal	X	X	X	X					4	<i>Lanius collaris</i>

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735	Magpie Shrike				X	X		X	X	4	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)			X	X	X		X		4	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
740	Black-backed Puffback				X		X	X		3	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru				X					1	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra				X	X				2	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra				X	X		X		3	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
746	Bokmakierie (E)		X							1	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush Shrike					X		X		2	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
750	OLice Bush Shrike			X						1	<i>Telophorus olivaceus</i>
751	Grey-headed Bush Shrike		X							1	<i>Malacanotus blanchoti</i>
753	White-crested Helmetshrike			X	X			X		3	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
754	Retz's Helmetshrike						X	X		2	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
756	Southern White-crowned Shrike (NE)				X				X	2	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
758	Common Myna	X	X	X						3	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
759	Pied Starling (E)	X	X	X						3	<i>Spreeo bicolor</i>
760	Wattled Starling	X			X					2	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)				X	X		X	X	4	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
764	Cape Glossy Starling (NE)			X	X	X				3	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling					X	X	X		3	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling		X	X	X					3	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
774	Gurney's Sugarbird (E)			X						1	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>
775	Malachite Sunbird		X	X						2	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
779	Marico Sunbird						X	X		2	<i>Nectarinia mariquensis</i>
783	Southern Double-collared Sunbird E			X						1	<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>
785	Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)		X	X	X					3	<i>Nectarinia afra</i>
787	White-bellied Sunbird			X	X	X	X	X		5	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>
791	Scarlet-chested Sunbird				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Nectarinia senegalensis</i>
792	Amethyst Sunbird			X						1	<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>
793	Collared Sunbird					X		X		2	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>
796	Cape White-eye (E)	X		X	X			X	X	5	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
798	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver				X	X				2	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
801	House Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X			X	6	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
803	Cape Sparrow (NE)	X							X	2	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow			X	X	X		X		4	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	Yellow-throated Petronia					X		X	X	3	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver			X	X				X	3	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
811	Village Weaver					X		X		2	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
813	Cape Weaver	X	X	X						3	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked Weaver	X	X		X					2	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
815	Lesser Masked Weaver					X		X		2	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
816	Golden Weaver								X	1	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
819	Red-headed Weaver							X	X	2	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea				X	X		X	X	4	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
828	Fan-tailed Widowbird								X	1	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird					X	x	X	X	4	<i>Euplectes axilaris</i>

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831	Red-collared Widowbird			X			X			2	Euplectes ardens
832	Long-tailed Widowbird	X	X	X					X	4	Euplectes progne
834	Green-winged Pytilia				X	X				2	Pytilia melba
841	Jameson's Firefinch				X					1	Lagonosticta rhodopareia
842	Red-billed Firefinch					X	X			2	Lagnostica senegala
844	Blue Waxbill				X	X	X	X		4	Uraeginthus angolensis
846	Common Waxbill	X		X		X		X	X	5	Estrilda astrild
850	Sweet Waxbill (E)				X					1	Estrilda melanotis
852	African Quail Finch				X	X				2	Ortygospiza artocollis
854	Orange-breasted Waxbill	X				X				2	Sporaeognithus subflavus
857	Bronze Mannikin						X		X	2	Spermestes cucullatus
860	Pin-tailed Whydah	X	X					X	X	4	Vidua macroura
869	Yellow-fronted Canary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	Serinus mozambicus
870	Black-throated Canary	X								1	Serinus artocularis
872	Cape Canary	X	X							2	Serinus canicollis
881	Streaky-headed Seed-eater	X		X	X					3	Serinus gularis
884	Golden-breasted Bunting				X	X		X	X	4	Emberiza flaviventris
885	Cape Bunting		X	X						2	Emberiza capensis
886	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting							X		1	Emberiza tahapisi
887	Lark-like Bunting				X	X				2	Emberiza impetuani

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1	Baboon, Chacma			X	X	X	X			4	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
3	Bat, Fruit (Peter's Epauletted)					X	X	X		3	<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		2	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
16	Duiker, Red			X						1	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>
17	Duiker, Common			X			X	X	X	3	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
18	Eland			X						1	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
19	Elephant, African				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
20	Genet, Large-spotted					X				1	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>
21	Genet, Small-spotted						X			1	<i>Genetta genetta</i>
22	Giraffe				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
24	Hare, Scrub				X		X			2	<i>Lepus saxatalis</i>
25	Rabbit, Natal Red Rock		X							1	<i>Pronolagus sp.</i>
26	Hyena, Spotted				X		X		X	3	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
27	Hippopotamus				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
29	Impala				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
30	Jackal, Side-striped		X							1	<i>Canis adustus</i>
31	Klipspringer					X	X			2	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
32	Kudu, Greater				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
33	Leopard					X	X			2	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
34	Lion					X	X			2	<i>Panthera leo</i>
35	Mongoose, Banded							X		1	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
36	Mongoose, Dwarf				X			X	X	3	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
37	Mongoose, White-tailed					X				1	<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>
39	Mongoose, Slender					X	X			2	<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		4	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
44	Nyala						X	X		2	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
45	Oribi	X		X						2	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>
46	Reedbuck, Common							X		1	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
48	Reedbuck, Mountain		X							1	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>
49	Rhebok, Grey		X	X						2	<i>Palea capreolus</i>
51	Rhinoceros, White					X		X	X	3	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
54	Springbok	X	X							2	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
55	Squirrel, Tree				X			X	X	3	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
56	Steenbok	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
57	Shrew, Rock Elephant				X					1	<i>Elephantulus myurus</i>
60	Warthog					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
61	Waterbuck, Common				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>

62	Wildebeest, Blue			X	X		X		3	Connochaetes taurinus
64	Zebra, Burchell's			X	X		X	X	4	Equus burchelli

TOTAL SPECIES SEEN

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