

Naturetrek Bargain Birds Tour

South Africa

17th – 24th March 2009

Tour Summary



Above: Hamerkop, seen on the last morning

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Total Distance Travelled: 1700 km

Temperature Range: 13° – 31° Celsius

Altitude Variation: 260 – 2100 meters above sea level

Total Number of Birds Seen: 305

Total Number of Mammals Seen: 34

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 report as to all species seen on this specific tour.

Trip Breakdown

Day 1: Tuesday 17th March 2009 ~ Dullstroom.

Route: Johannesburg International Airport to Dullstroom.

Distance: 290 km.

Weather: Partly cloudy and Mild, some rain PM.

Day 2: Wednesday 18th March 2009 ~ Dullstroom

Route: Dullstroom area.

Distance: 100 km.

Weather: Overcast, mist and light rain.

Day 3: Thursday 19th March 2009 ~ Blyde

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

Distance: 200 km.

Weather: Partly cloudy and mild.

Day 4: Friday 20th March 2009 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

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

Distance: 205 km.

Weather: Overcast and warm.

Day 5: Saturday 21st March 2009 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

Route: Satara region.

Distance: 105 km.

Weather: Partly cloudy and mild.

Day 6: Sunday 22nd March 2009 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

Route: Satara to Skukuza via Tshokwane Picnic Site.

Distance: 170 km.

Weather: Clear and hot.

Day 7: Monday 23rd March 2009 ~ Pretoriuskop, Kruger National Park

Route: Skukuza to Pretoriuskop.

Distance: 128 km.

Weather: Clear and hot.

Day 8: Tuesday 24th March 2009 ~ Departure

Route: Pretoriuskop to Johannesburg

Distance: 502 km.

Weather: Clear and hot.

TRIP REPORT

Day 1: 17th March 2009: Dullstroom.

We began the trip with a reasonably early departure from the airport, with a first stop at a small dam alongside the main highway, which produced some nice water birds, and ducks most notably, that we wouldn't see again on the rest of the tour. These included Cape, Hottentot and Red-billed Teals, Fulvous Duck, Cape Shoveler, Maccoa Duck, Southern Pochard, Glossy Ibis, Marsh Sandpiper and Ruff. Not a bad start, I thought, and it

boded well for a highly successful tour. Moving on we stopped for a light lunch near Belfast before continuing on to Dullstroom. After checking in we headed out on an excursion into the surrounding countryside, this time pioneering a new route along the Uitvlugt Road. Birding in and around Dullstroom, as with much of South Africa, entails driving slowly and stopping as soon as a bird is spotted and, in the case of a worthwhile sighting or species, disembarking to set up the scopes and get better views. Our first bird was a Banded Martin, followed closely by several Southern Bald Ibis (one of the top birds for the area) in a field, and then the surprise sighting of a group of Blue Cranes, first in flight and then walking through an open field, and only the second time that I have recorded this species on a Bargain Birds tour. The group of Cape Vultures in flight overhead that we spotted while getting ready to embark on the afternoon excursion further added to the exciting start to the tour, and other species recorded included African Fish Eagle, Jackal Buzzard, Amur Falcon, African Olive Pigeon, Greater Striped Swallow, Black-headed Oriole, Ant-eating Chat, Cape Grassbird, Cape Longclaw, Pied Starling, Malachite Sunbird, Southern Red Bishop, Pin-tailed Whydah and Cape Canary, among others. In the late afternoon we stopped at the Cape Eagle Owl stake-out site near the municipal dams and tried to locate the elusive bird, but without success, and then headed back to town to freshen up (or continue birding) before dinner.

Daily Total: 63

Trip Total: 63

Mammal total for the day: 0

Bird of the day: Blue Crane

Day 2: 18th March 2009: Dullstroom.

We awoke to heavy mist and poor visibility, but nevertheless set off as planned at six o'clock for the Veloren Vale Nature Reserve. Birding was difficult to start, as we could only see fifty meters or so in any direction, but we managed to locate the odd bird such as Ground-scraper Thrush, Black-headed Heron, White Stork, Drakensberg Prinia, Amethyst Sunbird, Natal Francolin and a pair of Blue Cranes (left) on the way up. Also seen on the way up was a pair of Red Rock Rabbits (Smith's Red Rock Rabbit, according to distribution maps in Mammals of the Southern African Sub-region, by Skinner and Smithers), an animal not often seen, let alone in plain sight only meters away from the vehicle. On the very high ground the visibility wasn't any better, but we stopped for coffee on the upper plateau anyway. As I got out of the car a Denham's Bustard, initially unseen in the mist among some rocks, took flight and gave those



that got a chance to get on to it the only Denham's Bustard sighting for the trip. Not much else was seen during the break, besides the usual small herds of endemic Blesbok, and on the way down the mist had lifted somewhat and we were able to record a few more birds such as Mountain Wheatear, Buff-streaked Chat, Cape Robin-Chat, Zitting, Wailing and Levillant's Cisticolas, African and Buffy Pipits, Bokmakierie, Gurney's Sugarbird, Cape White-eye, Yellow Bishop and others. With some sun shining through we arrived in town for breakfast and then had a little time to get ready for an extended afternoon session. Once again Cape Vultures were circling quite low over the town, joined for a while by a flight of Southern Bald Ibis, and after viewing them we set off on the Tonteldoos Loop, first taking the same route followed in the morning but continuing to the tar road and circling back via Tonteldoos. Notable species seen included Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk, Greater Kestrel, Grey-winged Francolin, Grey Crowned Crane, Brown-backed Honeybird, Black Saw-wing and Red-collared Widowbird. Near the end of the loop we stopped and disembarked at a spot overlooking a stream, and had 45 minutes of superb birding, with birds such as Cape and Village Weaver, Malachite and Amethyst Sunbirds, Long-tailed Widowbird, Barn, Greater-striped and Lesser-striped Swallows, Cape Canary and Cape Robin-Chat seen, and at one point a termite emergence brought a swirling flock of Amur Falcons close in. We had good views of them hawking the insects in flight, and a single Lesser Kestrel was spotted in among them. With the sun light becoming horizontal it was time to head over to the Cape Eagle Owl roost for a final effort. As soon as we got out at the site we could hear one calling from somewhere on the rock face and it was soon found by John, calling from the entrance to a small cave in the rocks. We had great scope-views of this very special species before heading back to town for the evening and a wonderful dinner at Fib's Restaurant.

Daily Total: 81

New Birds: 43

Trip Total: 106

Mammal total for the day: 4

Bird of the day: Cape Eagle-Owl

Day 3: 19th March 2009: The Blyde River Canyon.

We left Dullstroom at six o'clock, headed for Mount Sheba on the edge of the escarpment. We arrived an hour and half later after a wonderful scenic drive, and after recording Red-necked Spurfowl on the entrance road got ready to head into the forest for some pre-breakfast birding. The forest seemed rather quiet to start with, which is not unusual, and it took some hard work to rack up the five forest species we had set as our goal. These included Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Cape Batis, Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler, Olive Woodpecker and Olive Bush-shrike. The reason for setting the five species as a goal is to keep expectations realistic, as these temperate forests don't hold as many species as more tropical forests, but have the same difficulties in terms of poor visibility and difficulty of actually locating birds. After breakfast we had another go in the forest and a walk in the hotel grounds, racking up other species such as Mountain Wagtail, Dusky Flycatcher, Red-winged Starling, Bar-throated Apalis, Rock Martin, Familiar Chat and African Goshawk as new birds for the list. Samango Monkey, a species restricted to our eastern forests, was also seen here. We then pushed on to the Blyde River Canyon via the historical mining town of Pilgrim's Rest. At the canyon we stopped at the Three Rondavels View Site, where we saw Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, Lazy Cisticola and Peregrine Flacon, and enjoyed the awe-inspiring views of the canyon and hazy savannah in the distance beyond. After checking in to the resort we had a short break and then met for a cup of tea before a birding walk. With a big thunderstorm rolling in from the east we headed towards the lower view-point, but virtually the only bird seen was Greater Double-collared Sunbird, so quiet was the afternoon. I was sure it would be better in the morning, which was in fact the case, and with the sun setting we ended up back at our chalets for some time to freshen up before dinner.

Daily Total: 56
New Birds: 24
Trip Total: 130
Mammal total for the day: 4
Bird of the day: Red-necked Spurfowl

Day 4: 20th March 2009: Kruger National Park, Satara.

We met up at quarter to six, slowly getting up earlier and earlier in preparation for the Kruger. A White-throated Robin-Chat showed up as everyone arrived, making for the first new bird for the day, with many more to come. After coffee we had a rather productive walk (pictured right) down to the lower view point, recording species such as Booted Eagle, Black-collared Barbet, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Black Cuckoo-Shrike, Mocking Cliff-Chat, White-browed Scrub-Robin, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Green-backed Cameroptera, Chinspot and Cape Batis, Southern Boubou, Black-backed Puffback, Collared Sunbird and African Firefinch. All in all a superb morning and after breakfast we made ready to depart, with a next stop on the Abel Erasmus Pass to view the resident Taita Falcons. On the way however we had a trio of awesome White-necked Ravens (below left) next to the road, and then had a quarter of an hour viewing the falcons, both of which were resting high up on the cliffs. We then pushed on to the Kruger Park, and had a virtual smorgasbord of new species to contend with. These included White-headed



before dinner in the camp's restaurant.

Daily Total: 113
New Birds: 71
Trip Total: 201
Mammal total for the day: 15

Bird of the day: Taita Falcon

Day 5: 21st March 2009: Kruger Park, Satara.

March is a wonderful time to be in the Kruger, as the gates open at 5: 30 AM but the sun only rises about fifteen to twenty minutes later, giving the opportunity to be out of camp while it is still quite dark. Thus we met for coffee at a quarter past five, and then headed



out as the gates opened, driving north to the arid Mavumbye Plains area. As we left camp we spotted an African Scops Owl (left) that had just returned to its day-time roosting spot outside my room, and we piled out of the van for a quick look before continuing. The birding was good and we recorded species such as Common Ostrich, Green-backed Heron, Hamerkop, Lanner Falcon (superb views of four birds perching and flying low and fast when on the hunt), Namaqua Dove, Purple Roller, Rufous-naped, Flappet and Sabota Larks, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark, Desert Cisticola, Black-crowned and Brown-crowned Tchagras, among others. We also encountered four individual White Rhino as well as a large bull Elephant who was in his musth cycle (the males' breeding phase) and was clearly in a funny mood. Luckily he decided not to come over to inspect us and after ten minutes of blocking the road sauntered off into the bush to take his frustrations out on some other poor creature. The way back to camp was remembered by large

herds of Burchell's Zebra with dozens of Marabou Storks in between, hunting grasshoppers, and a pair of Secretarybirds with Southern Carmine Bee-eaters following closely behind, picking off insects disturbed by the hunting birds. All in all a wonderful morning and after breakfast we had a walk around the camp, with good views of species such as the African Scops Owl outside my room, Crested Barbet, African Hoopoe, Bearded Woodpecker, Greater Blue-eared Starling, African Mourning Dove, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Village Indigobird, Cut-throat and Red-headed Finches (Red-headed Finch is in fact a species not usual for the Kruger National Park), among others. After stocking up on water we headed out on a long afternoon drive, which was followed closely by a sunset drive with a Park ranger. This drive produced three cat species – Lion, Leopard and African Wild Cat – as well as six Kori Bustards and Square-tailed Nightjar. The group returned to camp for dinner, tired but elated with a fantastic day of birding behind and several more still to come.

Daily Total: 106

New Birds: 45

Trip Total: 246

Mammal total for the day: 21

Bird of the day: Kori Bustard

Day 6: 22nd March 2009: Kruger Park, Skukuza.

With our bags packed, and after a cup of coffee of course, we left Satara and headed out towards Gudanzi Dam on the Open Gate Road. Birding-wise, the morning was dominated by huge flocks of Red-billed Queleas swarming



all over the place (left), often landing in the road ahead of us like locust plagues and then taking off again, almost as if each flock were a single creature. Other species for the morning included Golden-breasted Bunting, Wattled Starling, Red-billed Oxpecker, Arrow-marked Babbler, Red-faced Mousebird, African Grey, Red-billed and Southern Yellow-billed Hornbills, Swainson's Spurfowl, Lappet-faced Vulture and African Harrier-Hawk, among others. At Satara we had breakfast, with Lesser-masked Weavers and African Mourning Doves in close attendance, and then headed south on the 92

kilometre drive to Skukuza. Notable species seen en-route included good views of White-backed, Lappet-faced and White-headed Vultures gathering at a carcass hidden in the grass, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, and four top birds at Leeupan, namely Pygmy Goose, Allen's Gallinule, Lesser Moorhen and Yellow-crowned Bishop. We arrived at the Sabie River in the mid-afternoon and chose to have a break at the Nkuhlu Picnic Site before birding our way to camp. New birds recorded for the afternoon included African Jacana, Purple-crested Turaco, Alpine Swift, Common House Martin, White-fronted Bee-eater, Red-faced Cisticola, Tawny-flanked Prinia, African Pied Wagtail, White-bellied Sunbird and Spectacled Weaver. At camp we had an hour to unwind before heading over to the Selati Restaurant, housed in the old train station, for dinner and a well-deserved drink after a long, hot but wonderful day.

Daily Total: 109

New Birds: 20
Trip Total: 266
Mammal total for the day: 22
Bird of the day: Allen's Gallinule

Day 7: 23rd March 2009: Kruger Park, Pretoriuskop.

The morning routine was the same, i.e.: leaving camp with our luggage so as to maximise the time available for birding. We took a drive down to the High Water Bridge over the Sabie River, with the morning starting out wonderfully cool with mist hanging in the valleys, as is typical for the autumn and winter. The drive produced Black Stork, Hooded Vulture, Gabar and African Goshawks, Common and Wood Sandpipers, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Giant Kingfisher, Wire-tailed Swallow, Sombre Greenbul, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike, Thick-billed Weaver, Jameson's Firefinch and African Finfoot as new and notables for the morning. Back at camp we had breakfast and then embarked on a walk about camp, which produced the target birds such as White-browed Robin-Chat, Bearded Scrub-Robin and Collared Sunbird (a pair of which were seen feeding a baby Klaas's Cuckoo). After the walk we headed on to the Lake Panic Bird Hide, but found it to be fully occupied, so we headed over to the golf course to see what we could find there. No new birds were seen, though we did find a pair of roosting Mauritian Tomb Bats, and then headed back to the hide, which had thankfully



emptied out somewhat, and there found the three birds we were looking for – Goliath Heron, African Darter and Black Crake. We then pushed on to Pretoriuskop, our last camp for the tour. After checking in we had a short break and then headed out to Shabeni, a large granite dome that dominates the area. A pair of Klipspringer were spotted high up on the rocks, and new / notable birds for the afternoon included Striped Pipit, White-breasted Cormorant, Croaking Cisticola, Southern White-crowned Shrike, Grey-headed Bush-Shrike and Yellow-throated Petronia. While we were viewing the Striped Pipit we heard the alarm call of a posse of Banded Mongooses off in the grass to our right, and, wondering what they were alarmed about, I decided to drive down a small track leading off to the right. As we came around a bend we found a Lioness resting in the shade on some rocks (left), and had superb close-up views. A second Lioness suddenly appeared, just to make it even better and as good a sighting as one could wish for. So, with a full bird list for the day and elation at the close-up Lion encounter, we headed back to camp for a final dinner, though there would still be ample time for a last few new species the following morning.

Daily Total: 120
New Birds: 25
Trip Total: 291
Mammal total for the day: 20
Bird of the day: African Finfoot.

Day 8: 24th March 2009: Kruger Park, Departure.

Our final morning began as usual, this time however with the goal of seeing at least ten new species to give the total list a final boost. We set out in semi-darkness on the Fayi Loop road, and soon began recording new species. This is the beauty of moving to several different camps within the Kruger, as with the associated habitat change new species begin to turn up. On this morning they included Lizard Buzzard, Dark Canting Goshawk, Striped Kingfisher, Kurrichane Thrush, Green-capped Eremomela, Pale Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Violet-backed Starling and Fan-tailed Widowbird. That made for nine new species, and with the morning drawing on we headed back to camp for breakfast. Afterwards we had an hour-long walk around camp, and at 'Bennett's Bend' – a spot where three of the participants had seen a Bennett's Woodpecker the day before – we stopped to look for the elusive woodpecker for the benefit of those who hadn't yet seen it (Bennett's is the least common of the four woodpecker species in the park). While searching and viewing other birds, a knocking sound caught our attention, and there on top of a caravan was a female Bennett's Woodpecker. We were not sure why it would be tapping against the roof of a caravan, but it was a great sighting anyway. Soon it was time to leave the park, and on the way out we recorded two new species – Retz's Helmet-Shrike and Bushveld Pipit – and had a great close-up sighting of four Hamerkops at a stream crossing. Once out of the park the birding didn't come to a halt, and bird number 304 was a Long-crested Eagle seen in the town of White River (and four more individuals

seen on the journey), and bird number 305 came right at the last possible moment as we were dropping off a participant at a hotel near the airport when we spotted several groups of Cape Sparrows feeding beside the road.

Daily Total: 81.

New Birds: 14

Trip Total: 305

Mammal total for the day: 11

Bird of the day: Bushveld Pipit

Summary:

Total Bird Species: 305; Total endemics / near endemic birds: 31; Total Mammal species: 34

Wow, what a trip. With 305 bird species on the list a new personal record was set for this tour, with the all-time highest total (for the trips I've been involved with since September 2005) of 314 birds on a two-vehicle tour not far out ahead. There were 96 recorded mammal sightings and 729 recorded bird sightings for the tour, which gives you some idea of the numbers of birds and animals seen on a daily basis. Indeed, this was an incredible total, thanks to a lot of hard work put in by all, and it included some terrific and memorable moments and species. Of course it's impossible to see everything in a mere eight days, and although we missed some species that we should have seen, the unusual birds more than made up for this. So thanks to all participants for joining us on this wonderful tour, and I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Top ten birds for the tour: Blue Crane; Cape Eagle-Owl; Verreaux's Eagle-Owl; Red-necked Spurfowl; Taita Falcon; Allen's Gallinule; Lesser Moorhen; Pygmy Goose; African Finfoot; Lappet-faced Vulture.

Bird List

		17-Mar-09	18-Mar-09	19-Mar-09	20-Mar-09	21-Mar-09	22-Mar-09	23-Mar-09	24-Mar-09	Total	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1	Common Ostrich					X				1	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
6	Great Crested Grebe	X								1	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
7	Black-necked Grebe	X								1	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
8	Little Grebe	X					X			2	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</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		3	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63	Black-headed Heron	X	X	X					X	4	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
64	Goliath Heron							X		1	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
66	Great Egret						X			1	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
67	Little Egret						X			1	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
71	Cattle Egret	X	X	X	X			X	X	6	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
74	Green-backed Heron					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
81	Hamerkop					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
83	White Stork		X						X	2	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
84	Black Stork							X		1	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
86	Woolly-necked Stork				X		X			2	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
87	African Ope nbill					X				1	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
88	Saddle-billed Stor k					X	X	X		3	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
89	Marabou Stor k				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
91	African Sacred Ibis	X	X	X					X	4	<i>Threskiomis aethiopicus</i>
92	Southern Bald Ibis (E)	X	X	X	X					4	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>
93	Glossy Ibis	X								1	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
94	Haded a Ibis	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	7	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>

99	White-faced Duck		X		X		X	X	X	5	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
100	Fulvous Duck	X								1	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
102	Egyptian Goose		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
104	Yellow-billed Duck	X	X							2	<i>Anas undulata</i>
106	Cape Teal	X								1	<i>Anas capensis</i>
107	Hottentot Teal	X								1	<i>Anas hottentota</i>
108	Red-billed Teal	X								1	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
112	Cape Shoveler (E)	X								1	<i>Anas smithii</i>
113	Southern Pochard	X								1	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
114	African Pygmy-Goose						X			1	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
115	Comb Duck				X		X			2	<i>Sarkidomus melanotos</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose		X				X			2	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
117	Maccoa Duck	X								1	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
118	Secretarybird					X				1	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
121	Hooded Vulture							X		1	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
122	Cape Vulture (E)	X	X							2	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
123	White-backed Vulture				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
124	Lappet-faced Vulture					X	X			2	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
125	White-headed Vulture				X		X			2	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
127	Black-shouldered Kite	X	X		X	X	X		X	6	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
132	Tawny Eagle				X	X	X			3	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
135	Wahlberg's Eagle				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
136	Booted Eagle				X					1	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
139	Long-crested Eagle								X	1	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
140	Martial Eagle				X					1	<i>Polemaeus bellicosus</i>
142	Brown Snake-Eagle					X		X		2	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
146	Bateleur				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle	X				X	X	X		4	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
149	Steppe Buzzard		X	X					X	3	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)	X	X							2	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
154	Lizard Buzzard								X	1	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
155	Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk		X							1	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>
160	African Goshawk			X				X		2	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
161	Gabar Goshawk					X	X	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>
171	Peregrine Falcon			X						1	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
172	Lanner Falcon					X				1	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
176	Taita Falcon				X					1	<i>Falco fasciinucha</i>
180	Amur Falcon	X	X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Falco amurensis</i>
181	Rock Kestrel		X		X					2	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
182	Greater Kestrel		X							1	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
183	Lesser Kestrel		X							1	<i>Falco naumanni</i>
189	Crested Francolin				X		X			2	<i>Peliperdix sephaena</i>
190	Grey-winged Francolin (E)		X							1	<i>Scleroptila africanus</i>
192	Red-winged Francolin		H								<i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
196	Natal Francolin (NE)		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Pternistes natalensis</i>
198	Red-necked Spurfowl			X						1	<i>Pternistes afer</i>
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)		X		X	X	X			4	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>
201	Harlequin Quail					H					<i>Coturnix de gorguei</i>
203	Helmeted Guineafowl		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
208	Blue Crane (E)	X	X							2	<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>
209	Grey Crowned Crane		X							1	<i>Balea rica regulorum</i>
213	Black Crake							X		1	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>

224	Allen's Gallinule						X			1	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>
226	Common Moorhen	X								1	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
227	Lesser Moorhen						X			1	<i>Gallinula angulata</i>
228	Red-knobbed Coot	X	X							2	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
229	African Finfoot							X		1	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
230	Kori Bustard					X				1	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
231	Denham's Bustard		X							1	<i>Neotis denhami</i>
240	African Jacana						X	X		2	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
248	Kittlitz's Plover					X				1	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
249	Three-banded Plover	X			X		X	X	X	5	<i>Charadrius tricoloris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing		X		X	X	X	X		5	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
256	Senegal Lapwing				X					1	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	X	X		X		X	X		5	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
264	Common Sandpiper				X			X		2	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper				X		X	X		3	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
269	Marsh Sandpiper	X								1	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
284	Ruff	X								1	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
298	Water Thick-Knee				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
315	Grey-headed Gull	X							X	2	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
338	Whiskered Tern	X								1	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
339	White-winged Tern	X								1	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
348	Rock Dove								X	1	<i>Columba livia</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon	X	X		X					3	<i>Columba guinea</i>
350	African Olive-Pigeon	X	X							2	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove	X	X					X		3	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
353	African Mourning Dove				X	X	X			3	<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	6	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
356	Namaqua Dove					X				1	<i>Oena capensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove					X				1	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
361	African Green-Pigeon				X			X	X	3	<i>Treeron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot				X		X			2	<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	5	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
380	Great Spotted Cuckoo							X		1	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
381	Levaillant's Cuckoo				X		X			2	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
382	Jacobin Cuckoo				X		X	X		3	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
385	Klaas's Cuckoo							X		1	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
386	Diderick Cuckoo				X	X	X			3	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)				X		X	X		3	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
392	Barn Owl								H		<i>Tyto alba</i>
396	African Scops-Owl					X				1	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
400	Cape Eagle-Owl		X							1	<i>Bubo capensis</i>
402	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl						X			1	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
409	Square-tailed Nightjar					X				1	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
412	African Black Swift			X						1	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
415	White-rumped Swift		X	X	X	X		X		5	<i>Apus caffer</i>
417	Little Swift	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Apus affinis</i>
418	Alpine Swift						X			1	<i>Apus melba</i>
421	African Palm Swift			X			X	X		3	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird		X	X		X				3	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird						X	X	X	3	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher					X	X	X		3	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher							X		1	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>

431	Malachite Kingfisher					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
433	Woodland Kingfisher				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher					X		X		2	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher								X	1	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
438	European Bee-eater		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
441	Southern Carmine Bee-eater				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Merops nubicoides</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>
446	European Roller				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
449	Purple Roller					X	X			2	<i>Coracias naevia</i>
451	African Hoopoe					X				1	<i>Upupa africana</i>
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe				X			X		2	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitar bill					X		X	X	3	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
457	African Grey Hornbill				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
458	Red-billed Hornbill				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
463	Southern Ground-Hornbill				X					1	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
464	Black-collared Barbet				X	X		X	X	4	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
470	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird				X				X	2	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
473	Crested Barbet					X	X	X		3	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
478	Brown-backed Honeybird		X							1	<i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>
481	Bennett's Woodpecker							X	X	2	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker					X	X		X	3	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker							X		1	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
487	BearDED Woodpecker					X				1	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>
488	Olive Woodpecker		X							1	<i>Dendropicos griseacephalus</i>
494	Rufous-naped Lark					X			X	2	<i>Mirafr africana</i>
496	Flappet Lark					X				1	<i>Mirafr rufocinnamomea</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)					X				1	<i>Mirafr sabota</i>
515	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark					X				1	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
518	Barn Swallow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
520	White-throated Swallow	X	X	X						3	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
522	Wire-tailed Swallow				X		X	X		3	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
524	Red-breasted Swallow					X				1	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>
525	Mosque Swallow				X	X	X			3	<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>
526	Greater Striped Swallow (E)	X	X	X	X				X	5	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow		X	X		X	X	X	X	6	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
529	Rock Martin			X	X					2	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
530	Common House Martin							X		1	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
534	Banded Martin	X	X						X	3	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
536	Black Saw-wing		X	X						2	<i>Psaldoprocne holomelas</i>
538	Black Cuckooshrike				X					1	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo	X			X	X	X	X		5	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
545	Black-headed Oriole	X							X	2	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
547	Cape Crow	X	X							2	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
548	Pied Crow				X					1	<i>Corvus albus</i>
550	White-necked Raven				X					1	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
554	Southern Black Tit				X			X		2	<i>Parus niger</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	7	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
570	Yellow-streaked Greenbul			X						1	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul							X		1	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>

576	Kurrichane Thrush							X	1	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>		
580	Groundscraper Thrush		X		X	X	X	X	6	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>		
581	Cape Rock-Thrush (E)			X	X				2	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>		
586	Mountain Wheatear Chat (NE)		X						1	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>		
588	Buff-streaked Chat (E)		X						1	<i>Oenanthe bifasciata</i>		
589	Familiar Chat			X	X				2	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>		
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					3	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		
599	White-browed Robin-Chat							X	1	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>		
600	Red-capped Robin-Chat				X				1	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>		
601	Cape Robin-Chat		X	X					2	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>		
602	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)				X				1	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>		
613	White-browed Scrub-Robin				X			X	2	<i>Erythropgia leucophrys</i>		
617	Bearded Scrub-Robin							X	1	<i>Erythropgia quadrivirgata</i>		
625	Icterine Warbler							X	1	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		
643	Willow Warbler			X	X			X	3	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</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	2	<i>Apalis flavida</i>		
651	Long-billed Crombec					X	X	X	3	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>		
655	Green-capped Eremomela							X	1	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>		
656	Burnt-necked Eremomela					X		X	2	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>		
657a	Green-backed Camaroptera				X			X	2	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>		
661	Cape Grassbird (E)	X		X					2	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>		
664	Zitting Cisticola		X		X	X	X	X	5	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		
665	Desert Cisticola					X			1	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>		
670	Wailing Cisticola		X	X					2	<i>Cisticola lais</i>		
672	Rattling Cisticola				X	X	X	X	5	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>		
674	Red-faced Cisticola						X	X	2	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>		
677	Levaillant's Cisticola	X	X						2	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>		
678	Croaking Cisticola							X	X	2	<i>Cisticola natalensis</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	3	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
686b	Drakensberg Prinia (E)		X	X						2	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>	
689	Spotted Flycatcher			X	X	X		X	X	5	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	
690	African Dusky Flycatcher			X	X					2	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	
691	Ashy Flycatcher							X		1	<i>Muscicapa caeruleascens</i>	
693	Grey Tit-Flycatcher							X		1	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	
694	Southern Black Flycatcher			X				X	X	X	4	<i>Melaenomis pammelaina</i>
696	Pale Flycatcher								X		1	<i>Melaenomis pallidus</i>
700	Cape Batis (E)			X	X					2	<i>Batis capensis</i>	
701	Chinspot Batis				X			X		2	<i>Batis molitor</i>	
710	African Paradise Flycatcher				X					1	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	
711	African Pied Wagtail							X	X	2	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	
712	Mountain Wagtail			X						1	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	
713	Cape Wagtail			X	X					2	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	
716	African Pipit		X			X				2	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	
719	Buffy Pipit		X							1	<i>Anthus vaalensis</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	1	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
731	Lesser Grey Shrike			X	X	X			2	<i>Lanius minor</i>
732	Common Fiscal	X	X	X				X	4	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
733	Red-backed Shrike			X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
735	Magpie Shrike			X	X	X			3	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)			X					1	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
740	Black-backed Puffback			X	X		X	X	4	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru				X	X			2	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra				X		X	X	3	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra				X			X	2	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
746	Bokmakierie (E)	X	X	X					3	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike						X		1	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
750	Olive Bush-Shrike			X					1	<i>Telophorus olivaceus</i>
751	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike						X	X	2	<i>Malaconotus blanchoi</i>
754	Retz's Helmet-Shrike							X	1	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
756	Southern White-crowned Shrike (NE)						X		1	<i>Eurocephalus anguitemens</i>
758	Common Myna		X						1	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
759	Pied Starling (E)	X	X						2	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
760	Wattled Starling			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
761	Violet-backed Starling							X	1	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)			X	X	X			3	<i>Lamp rotornis australis</i>
764	Cape Glossy Starling			X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Lamp rotornis nitens</i>
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling				X	X	X	X	4	<i>Lamp rotornis chalybaeus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling	X		X	X				3	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker			X	X	X	X		4	<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	X	X	X	5	<i>Nectarinia mariquensis</i>
785	Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)			X	X				2	<i>Nectarinia afra</i>
787	White-bellied Sunbird						X	X	3	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>
792	Amethyst Black 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				3	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
798	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver			X	X	X			3	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
801	House Sparrow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
803	Cape Sparrow (NE)							X	1	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	Yellow-throated Petronia						X	X	2	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>
807	Thick-billed Weaver						X		1	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver						X		1	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
811	Village Weaver		X						1	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
813	Cape Weaver (E)		X						1	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked-Weaver	X	X						2	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
815	Lesser Masked-Weaver			X	X	X			3	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
816	Golden Weaver			X					1	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea			X	X	X			3	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
824	Southern Red Bishop	X	X						2	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
826	Yellow-crowned Bishop						X		1	<i>Euplectes afer</i>
827	Yellow Bishop		X						1	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
828	Fan-tailed Widowbird							X	1	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird			X			X		2	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
831	Red-collared Widowbird		X	X					2	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>
832	Long-tailed Widowbird	X	X	X				X	4	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia			X	X				2	<i>Pytilia melba</i>

840	African Firefinch				X			X		2	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
841	Jameson's Firefinch							X		1	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
842	Red-billed Firefinch					X				1	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
844	Blue Waxbill				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
846	Common Waxbill	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	7	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
855	Cut-throat Finch					X				1	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>
856	Red-headed Finch (NE)					X				1	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>
860	Pin-tailed Whydah	X	X	X						3	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
862	Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah				X	X	X			3	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
864	Dusky Indigobird					X				1	<i>Vidua funerea</i>
867	Village Indigobird					X		X		2	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
869	Yellow-fronted Canary	X		X	X	X		X		5	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
872	Cape Canary	X	X							2	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
884	Golden-breasted Bunting					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
886	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting			X	X					2	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
		63	81	56	113	106	109	120	81		
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Mammal List:

	COMMON NAME	17-Mar-09	18-Mar-09	19-Mar-09	20-Mar-09	21-Mar-09	22-Mar-09	23-Mar-09	24-Mar-09	Total	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1	Baboon, Chacma			X	X	X	X	X		4	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
2	Bat, Fruit (Peter's Epaulette d)							X		1	<i>Epomorphus crypturus</i>
3	Bat, Tomb							X		1	<i>Taphozous mauritanus</i>
4	Blesbok		X							1	<i>Damalixus dorcas philipsi</i>
5	Buffalo					X	X	X		3	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
6	Bushbaby, Thick-tailed							H			<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
7	Bushbuck						X	X		2	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
8	Dassie, Rock (Hyrax)				X					1	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
9	Duiker, Common					X	X		X	3	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
10	Elephant, African				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
11	Giraffe, Southern				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
12	Hippopotamus				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
13	Hyaena, Spotted					X	X			2	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
14	Impala				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
15	Jackal, Black-backed					X	X			2	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
16	Klipspringer							X		1	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
17	Kudu, Greater				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
18	Leopard					X				1	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
19	Lion					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Panthera leo</i>
20	Mongoose, Banded						X	X	X	3	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
21	Mongoose, Dwarf				X		X	X		3	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
22	Mongoose, Slender				X		X	X		3	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
23	Monkey, Samango			X						1	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
24	Monkey, Vervet			X	X	X		X		4	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
25	Porcupine							X		1	<i>Hystrix africaeustralis</i>
26	Rabbit, Smith's Red Rock		X							1	<i>Pronolagus saundersiae</i>
27	Reedbuck, Common		X							1	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
28	Rhinoceros, White					X	X			2	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>

29	Squirrel, Tree				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
30	Steenbok		X		X	X	X			4	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
31	Warthog			X		X	X	X	X	5	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
32	Waterbuck, Common				X	X	X		X	4	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
33	Wildebeest, Blue				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
34	Zebra, Burchell's				X	X	X			3	<i>Equus burchelli</i>
		0	4	4	15	21	22	20	11		
	TOTAL - 34										

Below: Woodland Kingfisher, Satara.



Below: Wire-tailed Swallow, Sabie River Bridge.



Below: Goliath Heron, Lake Panic Bird Hide.

