

# SOUTH AFRICA: 8-DAY WESTERN CAPE TOUR AND16-DAY SUBTROPICAL SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

# TRIP REPORT: 9-16 October and 16-31 October 2016

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Blue Crane (Anthropoides paradiseus), South Africa's national bird

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# **TOUR ITINERARY**

## Destination

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Day 1 – Welcome to South Africa	Mariner Guest House, Simonstown
Day 2 – False Bay, Penguins and Fynbos	Mariner Guest House, Simonstown
Day 3 – Cape Peninsula and Strandfontein	Mariner Guest House, Simonstown
Day 4 – West Coast National Park	Le Mahi Guest House, Langebaan
Day 5 – Langebaan to the Karoo	Sothemba Lodge, Tankwa Karoo
Day 6 – The Karoo	Sothemba Lodge, Tankwa Karoo
Day 7 – The Karoo to Cape Town	Fernwood Manor, Newlands
Day 8 – Cape Town to Durban	Gateway Country Lodge, Umhlanga Rocks
Day 9 – Umhlanga to Underberg	Sani Valley Lodge, Himeville
Day 10 – Sani Pass	Sani Valley Lodge, Himeville
Day 11 – Drakensberg to Eshowe	Birds of Paradise B&B, Eshowe
Day 12 – Eshowe, Dlinza and Amatikulu	Birds of Paradise B&B, Eshowe
Day 13 – Eshowe to St Lucia	Ndiza Lodge, St Lucia
Day 14 – St Lucia Wetland Park	Ndiza Lodge, St Lucia
Day 15 – St Lucia to Mkhuze	Mantuma Camp, Mkhuze
Day 16 – Mkhuze Game Reserve	Mantuma Camp, Mkhuze
Day 17 – Mkhuze to Wakkerstroom	Wetlands Country House, Wakkerstroom
Day 18 – Wakkerstroom	Wetlands Country House, Wakkerstroom
Day 19 – Wakkerstroom to Skukuza	Skukuza Rest Camp, Kruger National Park
Day 20 – Skukuza, Kruger National Park	Skukuza Rest Camp, Kruger National Park
Day 21 – Skukuza to Dullstroom	Linger Longer, Dullstroom
Day 22 – Dullstroom to Rust de Winter	Zenzele River Lodge, Rust de Winter
Day 23 – Rust de Winter to Johannesburg	End of tour

**Overnight** 

# **OVERVIEW**

This was a tour with incredible diversity, varying habitats, enjoyable company, and a host of endemic southern African bird species. A brilliant first eight days of the tour were spent traversing the Western Cape, a truly fantastic birding region and endemics hotspot. Cape Point, the world-renowned Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, penguins, and semi-desert landscapes were all part of the Western Cape tour, while the sixteen-day Subtropical South Africa leg gave higher species numbers as well as extraordinary scenery and national parks. A total of 474 avian species were recorded on the tour, 106 of them being endemic to the southern African subregion.

# Day 1, 9 October - Welcome to South Africa

The greater Cape Town area has many estuaries and river systems, which allow for good waterfowl in and around the city, and a few of the more common city birds were also seen while traveling to and from the guest house and the airport. Some of these were **Kelp Gull**, **Hartlaub's Gull**, **African Sacred Ibis**, **Red-eyed Dove**, **Rock Kestrel**, and **Pied Crow**.

The world-renowned Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden serves as a brilliant introduction to birding the cape of South Africa. The fynbos floral kingdom is a really special biome and is home to many endemic bird species. We acquainted ourselves with southern African endemics such as Cape Sugarbird, Cape Canary, Cape Batis, Orange-breasted and Southern Double-collared Sunbirds, Jackal Buzzard, Cape Spurfowl, Cape Bulbul, and Cape Robin-Chat. The garden is also home to a family of Spotted Eagle-Owls, which



can be spotted in some of the trees near the entrance. They had recently had a chick, which was very obliging for photographs. Other species that we encountered at the garden included **Brown-backed Honeybird**, **Black Saw-wing**, **Helmeted Guineafowl**, **Lemon Dove**, **Speckled Pigeon**, **Speckled Mousebird**, **Swee Waxbill**, and the entertaining **Hadada Ibis**.



Cape Sugarbird

# Day 2, 10 October – False Bay, rockjumpers, and penguins

Unfortunately, due to very strong winds our scheduled pelagic trip for today was canceled; we hoped that by tomorrow the winds had calmed down. So we decided that after spending some time on day one to come to grips with Cape Town's avifauna we were ready to target some of the trickier birds that the Fynbos Biome has to offer. After breakfast a scenic drive to Rooi-Els with a couple of stops en route was the order of the morning. **Cape Rock Thrush**, **Karoo Prinia**, and **Cape Bunting** gave us some fantastic looks at a roadside stop, while a pair of **African Oystercatchers** were sitting pretty on a local beachside near our destination. Rooi-Els, one of the most famous birding sites on the Cape Town birding map, was as beautiful as ever, and birding was a pleasure. We kicked things off with a pair of **Cape Siskins**, which we soon followed up with sightings of **Neddicky**, **Orange-breasted Sunbird**, and **Yellow Bishop**. The resident **Cape Rockjumpers** didn't take too long to find, and once we located them we really did have nice, long looks. **African Black Swift**, **Rock Kestre**, **Jackal Buzzard**, a few more **Cape Sugarbirds**, **Rock Martin**, and **Grey-backed Cisticola** were all encountered on the way back to the car. On our way back to Simonstown we stopped at the colony of **African Penguins** at Betty's Bay and enjoyed their great antics.

## Day 3, 11 October - Cape Peninsula and Strandfontein

Sadly for the group our pelagic was called off completely, and we were only left dreaming about what could have been. Instead of heading out for the pelagic we birded both the Strandfontein sewage works and the Cape Point section of Table Mountain National Park. The famous sewage works were in form once again and produced some fantastic waterfowl for the group to enjoy. A mixed flock of aerial-feeding species greeted us in the open grassy section on the way in; **Banded** and **Brown-throated Martins**, **Pearl-breasted**, **Greater Striped**, **White-throated**, and **Barn Swallows** as well as **White-rumped**, **African Palm**, and **Little Swifts** were all in attendance. **Little Rush Warbler** showed well in a small pool alongside us. Arguably the most amazing sightings were the flamboyance of both **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos** taking flight alongside us. Some of the common waterfowl were **Spur-winged Goose**, **Cape Teal**, **Little Grebe**, **Red-knobbed Coot**, **Yellow-billed Duck**, and **Common Moorhen**, while **Red-billed Teal**, **Southern Pochard**, **White-faced** 



Whistling Duck, Black-winged Stilt, and Pied Avocet were around in smaller numbers. We encountered both thick-knee species, Spotted and Water Thick-knees. Waders were also encountered in decent numbers; the likes of Common Ringed and Three-banded Plovers were running around on their short legs, while Common Greenshank and Bar-tailed Godwit were 'standing tall'. Others included Ruddy Turnstone, Curlew Sandpiper, and Little Stint. Cape Point was as beautiful as ever in the afternoon light. In addition to the beauty of Cape Point highlights included Cape Gannet, White-chinned Petrel, Cape fur seal, and a very confiding Cape Grassbird.

# Day 4, 12 October – Cape Town to the West Coast

Traveling up the West Coast brings a large number of exciting species into the fray. En route to the West Coast National Park, via Darling, we made a number of stops to enjoy a few excellent species, including Southern Black Korhaan, a displaying Cape Clapper Lark, Bokmakierie, Malachite Sunbird, and European Bee-eater. Once again the beautiful West Coast National Park really gave a good showing of birds, starting with a few Great White Pelicans soaring overhead in the morning light. African Marsh Harrier also cruised over, while the Abrahamskraal waterhole delivered African Spoonbill, Cape Weaver, Southern Red Bishop, Yellow and White-throated Canaries, and Black-winged Kite. The Geelbek area was enjoyable, and the gardens gave us sightings of Southern Fiscal as well as Cardinal Woodpecker. We encountered a few other terrestrial species such as Cape Spurfowl and the gigantic Common Ostrich, which were great to see in their natural environments. The Seeberg hide produced a few brilliant coastal species, which included hundreds of Common Terns, a few Caspian Terns, Whimbrel, Sanderling, Ruff, and Grey, White-fronted, and Kittlitz's Plovers. A Black Harrier finally showed itself toward the end of the afternoon much to the delight of everyone in the group -a brilliant end to a cracking day!

## Day 5, 13 October - Langebaan to the Karoo

Starting things nice and early in Langebaan with a packed breakfast and a **Grey-winged Francolin** shouting at us from across the road, we headed up to do some birding in the Vredenburg area. Our main targets for the early morning would be **Cape Long-billed Lark**, **Sickle-winged Chat**, **Capped Wheatear**, and **Blue Crane**. We managed to find all of them, including truly stunning sightings of the tricky **Cape Long-billed Lark** as well as South Africa's national bird, **Blue Crane**. Other species we saw were **African Stonechat**, **Anteating Chat**, and **Pied Starling**. The Velddrif salt pans were our next stop, where **South African Shelduck** showed well, while all the usual waders were also present. The highlights of the pans were a couple of the near-endemic **Chestnut-banded Plovers** that enjoy the salinity of the pans in this area. After lunch we started our journey east through the mountains of Ceres and into the 'Klein (small) Karoo', as it is called. Here we would stay south of the Tankwa Karoo National Park for two days. Arriving in the Karoo late that afternoon, we already started to pick up a few species typical of this area; these were **Namaqua Warbler**, **Pale-chanting Goshawk**, and **Karoo Scrub Robin**.

# Day 6, 14 October - Full day birding the Tankwa Karoo area

A beautiful, cool morning in the Karoo can't really be described, not a cloud in the sky and hardly a sound can be heard. A walk before breakfast gave us nice views of the tricky **Karoo Eremomela** as well as **Karoo Chat**, **Large-billed Lark**, and **Bokmakierie**. After breakfast we birded the greater Tankwa area. **Pale-chanting Goshawks** were one of the more common raptors, while the open, semi-arid landscape was home to many different larks, chats, and other terrestrial species. We found the likes of **Tractrac Chat**, **Red-capped**, **Spike-heeled**,



and Karoo Larks, and Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark. Dusky Sunbird and Rufous-eared Warbler were hopping about among some of the small scrub alongside the road. A picnic area next to the road was a pretty decent spot to keep an eye open for the likes of Fairy Flycatcher, Pririt Batis, White-throated Canary, and White-backed Mousebird. These all showed well, while Layard's Warbler was giving us a runaround.

## Day 7, 15 October - Karoo to Cape Town

A final morning in these semi-arid parts of South Africa was to be one of the best mornings of the Western Cape leg of the tour. This being mostly a travel day we didn't have too much time, but we did well with the time we had. The highlights of the morning were a couple of **Namaqua Sandgrouse** coming in to drink at a nearby waterhole and a pair of **Karoo Korhaans** crossing the road in front of us – both equally special and a perfect Karoo send-off! Some of the group caught up with **Layard's Warbler** at one of the picnic spots on the way back towards Ceres, while the incredible Bainskloof Pass gave us some opportunities to get our eyes on the Cape endemic **Victorin's Warbler**. The last birding spot of the day was the Paarl Mountain Local Nature Reserve, where **Cape Sugarbird**, **Swee Waxbill**, **Streaky-headed Seedeater**, and the sought-after **Protea Canary** were all seen. The sighting of the latter was unfortunately very brief, which left only unsatisfactory views for some.



Karoo Korhaan

# Day 8, 16 October – Cape Town to Durban

The Subtropical South Africa leg of our South African tour was about to get under way; it was a hop, skip, and a jump across to Durban by plane, and in terms of birds it would almost feel like we were in a different country. Our overnight accommodation was in Umhlanga Rocks, north of Durban and an area with some pretty decent birds. We decided to spend some time birding the gardens that afternoon and really did start to acquaint ourselves with some eastern South African species. White-eared Barbet, African Paradise Flycatcher, Violet-backed and Black-bellied Starlings, Bronze Mannikin, Fork-tailed Drongo, Red-capped Robin-Chat, and Golden-tailed Woodpecker were all around to keep us occupied for the whole afternoon.

# Day 9, 17 October – Travel to Sani Valley Lodge

Breakfast birding was done at the stunning Oribi Gorge. A cracking little African Pygmy Kingfisher got our birding underway. We grabbed some nice visuals of Forest Canary as well as Olive Sunbird and Cape Batis during breakfast. A brief walk along the beautiful

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forested trails gave us the opportunity to see the likes of **Dark-backed Weaver**, **Square-tailed Drongo**, **Green Wood Hoopoe**, and the fabulous **Narina Trogon**. **Knysna Turaco** proved to be a little trickier, and we only managed to get some of the group to see this South African endemic. Later that morning we were rewarded with stunning looks at no less than four **Blue Swallows** at a mist belt grassland location on the way to Underberg. We also stopped at the Ingeli Forest to target a few more forest species before the day was done. We managed to pick up **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler**, **Grey Cuckooshrike**, **African Dusky Flycatcher**, and the sought-after **Orange Ground Thrush**. **White-stared Robin** was glimpsed crossing the road, but no perched visuals were had.

## Day 10, 18 October – Sani Pass

One of the most enjoyable days of the tour was the day when we were going up the Sani Pass into Lesotho. With the professional services of Stuart Mclean we not only managed to connect with all of our targets for the day but had a great time learning about Lesotho and the southern Drakensberg. We started off the birding on the South African side of the border and connected with the likes of Red-necked Spurfowl, Buff-streaked Chat, Cape Grassbird, and the tricky Bush Blackcap. The latter (pictured below), being one of South Africa's endemics, absolutely loves the oldwood tree. We stopped at the foot of the Sani Pass to enjoy some coffee and breakfast while on the lookout for Gurney's Sugarbird. We found the sugarbird as well as Wailing Cisticola, Sentinel Rock Thrush, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, and Long-billed Pipit. We started our ascent, and soon we were half way up and the view was already breathtaking. We pulled off a few times on the way up in search of more targets. Drakensberg Siskin as well as Drakensberg Rockjumper were both very confiding, and amazing sightings of both these endemics were thoroughly enjoyed. Once we had arrived at the summit and entered into Lesotho proper we encountered White-necked Raven, Ground Woodpecker, and Southern Bald Ibis, and it didn't take long to pick up Mountain Pipit. Bearded Vulture, however, required us to drive a fair distance into Lesotho on some really windy and steep roads – but once we found the vulture it was definitely worth it. We were also rewarded with a nice sighting of African Rock Pipit as well as Grey Tit on the way back towards South Africa. Later that afternoon, once back in South Africa, we gave Barratt's Warbler one more go and finally got some decent visuals of this ultimate skulker. We came across a few nice mammals throughout the day as well - all seen on the South African side of the pass: grey rhebok, southern reedbuck, common eland, red hartebeest, blesbok, and chacma baboon.



Bush Blackcap



## Day 11, 19 October - Underberg to Eshowe

We enjoyed a restful start this morning with a walk around the Sani Valley Lodge grounds. Wing-snapping Cisticolas were calling all over while a stunning pair of Grey-crowned Cranes landed nearby. Long-tailed Widowbird, Pied Starling, and Intermediate, Great, and Little Egrets were all common around the beautiful lodge grounds. Then we headed east to the town of Eshowe, obviously with many stops along the way. One of our first stops was to pick up Wattled Crane, which occurs sparsely in the Himeville area. We managed to locate a pair with a chick and then were rewarded with a Secretarybird sighting as well. Our next stop was Bulwer, where we picked up lunch and visited the Marutswa Forest. This forest is home to a really good variety of forest and mixed woodland species, and even though we only had a short amount of time here we managed visuals of a few goodies. We could hear the calls of Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Terrestrial Brownbul, and Sombre Greenbul from the forest trail, and with some patience we got some enjoyable visuals of all of them. The highlight of Marutswa Forest was seeing a group of five Cape Parrots flying around the tops of the tall trees, squawking away. Before we left we picked up Goldenbreasted Bunting and had a quick African Harrier-Hawk sighting.

## Day 12, 20 October - Birding Ongoye, Mtunzini, and Amatikulu

We headed off to Ongoye Forest fairly early that morning with packed breakfasts in search of some of the trickier forest species, including Green Barbet. Unfortunately we were hit with a morning of bad weather and had to bird in rainy and misty conditions for a little while before things cleared. One of the most enjoyable birds of the day showed really early on, Purplecrested Turaco. We decided to explore some of the open grassland and forest fringes at the top of Ongoye Forest, hoping things would clear in the forest. Barn and Lesser Striped Swallows, Common House Martin, Striped Pipit, Buff-streaked Chat, and White-necked Raven all showed well. A pair of Yellow-throated Longclaws flitted across the road in front of us in the misty conditions. We also birded one of the nearby bridges to the north of the forest itself and picked up some lowveld species, which included Yellow-bellied Greenbul, White-browed Scrub Robin, Amethyst and White-bellied Sunbirds, and Black-backed Puffback. Green Barbet did eventually play ball once the mist had cleared, as too did the stunning Chorister Robin-Chat. We then headed toward the coast for lunch at Mtunzini and managed to pick up Palm-nut Vulture at the big raffia palms on the way. A local guide, Junior Gabela, spent the afternoon showing us the hotspots in the Amatikulu Nature Reserve. We did well, connecting with Swamp Nightjar as well as the likes of African Green Pigeon, White-fronted Bee-eater, Yellow-fronted Canary, and both Croaking and Palecrowned Cisticolas.

# Day 13, 21 October – Eshowe to St Lucia

We spent one more morning in Eshowe, exploring the Dlinza Forest Aerial Boardwalk, which is located right in the town itself. This is a beautiful forest that holds great bird species. However, the canopy tower area was definitely on the quiet side in terms of movement and activity, and unfortunately we only managed to record **Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon** on call. But we did have cracking views of **Spotted Ground Thrush**, feeding and preening mere meters from us on the forest floor. What a bird for the morning! Other species recorded that morning included **Yellow-billed Kite**, **Cape Batis**, **African Emerald Cuckoo**, **Trumpeter Hornbill**, **Lemon Dove**, **Dark-capped Bulbul**, **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**, **Grey-headed Bushshrike**, **Green-backed Camaroptera** (or 'Camera operator', as it was commonly referred to on the tour), and **Woolly-necked Stork**. We departed for St Lucia, another coastal location that offers excellent birding along its estuary, the coastline, and small patches of



thickets and woodland. The first stop was at the bridge over the estuary as you enter the town; here we picked up some new species for our trip, including a good few weavers. The smartlooking **Southern Brown-throated Weaver** along with **Lesser Masked Weaver** showed well in full display while building their nests. We picked up a few nice swifts and swallows too, namely **Lesser Striped Swallow**, **White-rumped Swift**, **Little Swift**, and **African Palm Swift**. The mouth of the estuary was also enjoyable, where **African Fish Eagle** and **African Pied Kingfisher** were catching fish while a small tern roost nearby held **Greater Crested**, **Sandwich**, **Caspian**, **Common**, and **Little Terns**. We were lucky enough to pick up **Western Osprey** scouring the area. Some other species on site were **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Pink-backed Pelican**, **African Spoonbill**, and the bizarre-looking **Hamerkop**.



Spotted Ground Thrush

## Day 14, 22 October – iSimangaliso Wetland Park

An early morning walk around town and the iGwala Gwala Trail produced some real treats. Amazing sightings were had of Livingstone's Turaco clambering around above us in a fig tree. Nearby we also recorded Violet-backed Starling, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Lesser Honeyguide, and Spectacled Weaver. Both Yellow-breasted and Rudd's Apalises had been recorded on the day before, but we added them to today's list as well with enjoyable sightings on the iGwala Gwala Trail. The trail also produced Square-tailed Drongo, Eastern Nicator, Crowned Hornbill, Dark-backed Weaver, and a brilliant Crested Guineafowl. Then we entered the iSimangaliso Wetland Park for a day's birding as the day was heating up. Raptors, enjoying the heat, were out in good numbers. In addition to Yellow-billed Kite and Common Buzzard at one point there were three 'Red Data' species above us, Crowned Eagle, Martial Eagle, and Southern Banded Snake Eagle. The park was dry, but we did manage to locate Woodward's Batis, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Red-backed Mannikin, and a troop of banded mongooses that seemed to be in a hurry to get somewhere.





Southern Banded Snake Eagle

## Day 15, 23 October – St Lucia to Mkhuze Game Reserve

One could easily spend a few days around St Lucia town as well as the estuary, as there is really some great birding and much to see. There were a number of shorebirds and terns at the estuary, including White-fronted Plover, Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, Caspian Tern, and Whiskered Tern. The surrounding thickets and forest patches turned up Grey Sunbird, Black-bellied Starling, and another Southern Banded Snake Eagle directly over our accommodation as we were pulling out en route north to Mkhuze Game Reserve. We stopped off at the Muzi pans on the way north. The pans themselves were still fairly empty, but birding was good; Collared Pratincole, Wire-tailed Swallow, Knob-billed Duck, Black, Squacco, and Goliath Herons, Lesser Flamingo, African Openbill, and Diederik Cuckoo were all on display. One of the last species that we picked up that day was the larger-than-life Trumpeter Hornbill.

# Day 16, 24 October - Mkhuze Birding

One of my personal favorite birding locations in South Africa is Mkhuze Game Reserve. It offers extremely good mixed woodland, thicket, and sand forest habitat and has a bird species list of over 440 species to date. A bit of rain around here, though, meant that we couldn't quite fit in the kind of birding that we wanted to, but still we recorded the likes of **Crested Guineafowl**, **Crested Francolin**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Sabota Lark**, **Tawny** and **Wahlberg's Eagles**, **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**, and the raucous Green Wood Hoopoe. Acacia Pied Barbet and Red-chested Cuckoo were nice distractions on the way into town for lunch. Our lunch spot had some decent birding to keep us occupied, including a lovely African Paradise Flycatcher on a nest, **Purple-banded Sunbird**, and Blue Waxbill. Our afternoon was spent visiting some of the bird hides in Mkhuze, although rain did hamper our progress again. But we did enjoy African Pygmy Kingfisher, Green-winged Pytilia, and Cape Starling as well as White-crested Helmetshrike.

## Day 17, 25 October – Mkhuze to Wakkerstroom

The year 2016 had brought some rather serious drought to many parts of South Africa, but we were lucky enough to have rain while we were in Mkhuze. The big pan in the southern part of the reserve, Nsumo Pan, started to fill up and provided us with an interesting morning's birding. On the way to the pan we bumped into a family of **Senegal Lapwing** and had our first elephant sightings of the tour. After some searching we located a single **Pel's Fishing** 



**Owl** in one of the large fever trees surrounding the pan. Other species here were **Marabou Stork**, **Western Osprey**, **Emerald Spotted Wood Dove**, and **Kittlitz' Plover**. We didn't spend too much time here, as we had a fair way to travel to the rolling grasslands of Wakkerstroom. Searches for Denham's Bustard en route proved fruitless.

## Day 18, 26 October – Wakkerstroom Birding

Today we had an early start with a full day's birding ahead. With the help of our specialist BirdLife South Africa-qualified guide, Norman, we did well early on to locate **Yellowbreasted Pipit** in full display to the south of Wakkerstroom town. We added a few others along our way, including **Long-tailed Widowbird**, **Ant-eating Chat**, **African Stonechat**, **Pied Starling**, and **Malachite Sunbird**, heading north to some of the known locations for the trickier lark species that were big targets for the day. Both **Rudd's** and **Botha's Larks** were found surprisingly easily and were real highlights for the morning. **Rudd's Lark** had been giving many birders the slip over the last few days, but we found the bird and were able to get prolonged views. **Botha's Lark** was a special sighting as the bird had three chicks, and we could watch them feed for a few minutes. Other targets for the day included **White-bellied Bustard**, **Southern Bald Ibis**, and **Red-winged Francolin**. We found all of these as well as the likes of **Lanner Falcon**, **Spotted Eagle-Owl**, and **Swainson's Spurfowl**.



Rudd's Lark

## Day 19, 27 October – Wakkerstroom to Kruger

Today was a travel day as we drove from Wakkerstroom down the escarpment to Kruger National Park. We entered Kruger at the Malelane Gate, where we spent quite a bit of time birding from the bridge. The bridge is always a brilliant spot to pick up herons, egrets, and storks and, of course, also hippopotamus, African elephant, and Nile crocodile. A pair of **Saddle-billed Storks** were standing handsomely in great light for all to see, while **Striated Heron**, **Pied Kingfisher**, and **Grey Heron** were all attempting successfully to catch a few fish. The bridge provided a nice vantage point, and we really did see a good number of bird species: **Great**, **Little**, and **Western Cattle Egrets**, **Water Thick-knee**, **African Spoonbill**, **Black-headed Heron**, **Common Sandpiper**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, and **African Stonechat**. Later in the afternoon on the way to Skukuza Rest Camp we encountered a few acacia species, namely **Magpie Shrike**, **Burchell's Starling**, and the brightly-colored **Lilac-breasted Roller**.



# Day 20, 28 October – Kruger National Park

Today we enjoyed a full day's birding of the greater Skukuza area of the Kruger National Park in an open safari vehicle. We set off at 6 a.m. this morning in order to really get the best out of this amazing area. A few of the more common species that we would see throughout the day started things off; these included Greater Blue-eared Starling, White-browed Scrub Robin, Rattling Cisticola, Marico Sunbird, and Golden-breasted Bunting. Mosque Swallow was a nice species to pick up in southern Kruger, while good numbers of Vultures, including Hooded, White-backed and Lappet-faced, were all around along the Sabie River east of the rest camp. We slowly but surely kept adding new species to our tally, mostly mixed-woodland-loving passerines such as Brown-crowned Tchagra, Long-billed Crombec, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, and Chinspot Batis. Both Sunset Dam and the Lower Sabie region were productive and allowed sightings of African Darter, Natal Spurfowl, Black Stork, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Bateleur, White-headed Vulture, Red-faced Cisticola, and Wahlberg's Eagle. A real treat was bumping into four Southern Ground Hornbills; these birds were calm and not too irritated by our presence. Mammals also play a huge role in a visit to the Kruger National Park - today we enjoyed a really good number of mammals, which included African elephant, plains zebra, hippopotamus, giraffe, African buffalo, common duiker, bushbuck, waterbuck, greater kudu, lion, slender mongoose, chacma baboon, and vervet monkey.

# Day 21, 29 October - Kruger National Park to Dullstroom.

We spent a final morning birding in the brilliant Skukuza grounds, picking up the likes of **Klaas's Cuckoo**, **Bearded Scrub Robin**, **Ashy Flycatcher**, **Scarlet-chested** and **Collared Sunbirds**, **Crowned Hornbill**, and a few more **Southern Black Tits**, as well as **White-browed Robin-Chat**. **Brown-headed Parrot** and **Purple-crested Turaco** showed well around Skukuza as well, both very enjoyable to watch feeding on some of the berries of the tall trees. A few other new trip species that morning before we left Kruger included **African Grey Hornbill**, **Purple Roller**, and the large **Bearded Woodpecker**. A drive through the scenic escarpment to the highveld grasslands of Dullstroom brought quite a change in climate from the warm, dry Kruger National Park. Dullstroom, being at a much higher altitude, is often colder and misty and certainly brings more than a handful of new bird species. We didn't have much time to bird around Dullstroom before it got dark, but we did put in some time around town and the Dullstroom Nature Reserve. **Long-tailed Widowbird**, **Yellow-billed Duck**, **Hamerkop**, and a few **Blue Cranes** were highlights for us before the sun set on an excellent day.

# Day 22, 30 October - Dullstroom to Rust de Winter

Before leaving Dullstroom we picked up **Olive Thrush** and got visuals of the **African Olive Pigeons** that live in the lodge grounds. The De Berg Road was enjoyable as usual, and **Eastern Long-billed Lark, Yellow-breasted Pipit, Red-winged Francolin**, and **Redcollared Widowbirds** were easy to come by, while a single **Wattled Crane** was special. Later in the day we stopped at several spots closer to Pretoria. These included Mabusa Nature Reserve, which is a stunning reserve with broad-leafed woodland habitat. Here we were rewarded with sightings of **Ovambo Sparrowhawk, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Short-toed Rock Thrush**, and **Green-capped Eremomela**. The reserve holds a few special birds too, such as **Half-collared Kingfisher** and White-backed Night Heron, but we were unfortunately not able to connect with the latter. The kingfisher showed well to the whole group, and we enjoyed perched views and several flybys. We arrived safely at Zenzele River Lodge after picking up **Namaqua Dove, Blue Waxbill, Red-billed Firefinch, Burnt-necked Eremomela**, and the stunning **Burchell's Starling**.

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## Day 23, 31 October - Rust de Winter - Johannesburg, flight home

Our last day of the tour was to be spent in an area that traditionally produces the goods. We birded both the Rust de Winter roadside routes and the Zaagkuildrift Road and Kgomo-Kgomo floodplain. We managed to notch up a number of good new species for the trip, including some acacia specials: **Red-headed Weaver**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **Marico Flycatcher**, and a smart **Little Sparrowhawk** in the large acacias near the lodge. Some fun additions were **Brown Snake Eagle**, **Northern Black Korhaan**, **Desert Cisticola**, and the absolutely gorgeous **Crimson-breasted Shrike**. A brilliant morning to end the intense birding for the tour! We finished with a lovely lunch at the Pretoria National Botanical Garden before heading to the airport for our international flights.



Pink-throated Twinspot, seen at Mkhuze Game Reserve

WESTERN CAPE AND SUBTRO	PICAL SOUTH AFRICA BIRD LIST O 2016	CTOBER
Bole	d = country endemic	
Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU	U = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered, CE = Cr.	itically
	Endangered	
Common name (IOC 6.4)	Scientific name (IOC 6.4)	Trip
	STRUTHIONIFORMES	
Ostriches	Struthionidae	
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Anatidae	
White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	1
White-backed Duck	Thalassornis leuconotus	1
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	1
Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	1
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos	1
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	1



South African Shelduck	Tadorna cana	1
Cape Teal	Anas capensis	1
African Black Duck	Anas sparsa	1
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1
Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata	1
Cape Shoveler	Anas smithii	1
Red-billed Teal	Anas erythrorhyncha	1
Hottentot Teal	Anas hottentota	1
Southern Pochard	Netta erythrophthalma	1
Maccoa Duck - NT	Oxyura maccoa	1
	GALLIFORMES	
Guineafowl	Numididae	
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	1
Crested Guineafowl	Guttera pucherani	1
Pheasants and allies	Phasianidae	
Grey-winged Francolin	Scleroptila afra	1
Red-winged Francolin	Scleroptila levaillantii	1
Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena	1
Cape Spurfowl	Pternistis capensis	1
Natal Spurfowl	Pternistis natalensis	1
Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis afer	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	Pternistis swainsonii	1
	SPHENISCIFORMES	
Penguins	<u>Spheniscidae</u>	
African Penguin - EN	Spheniscus demersus	1
	PROCELLARIIFORMES	
Petrels, Shearwaters	Procellariidae	
White-chinned Petrel - VU	Procellaria aequinoctialis	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
Grebes	<b>Podicipedidae</b>	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	1
Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	1
Black-necked Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	1
	PHOENICOPTERIFORMES	
<u>Flamingos</u>	<b>Phoenicopteridae</b>	
Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	1
Lesser Flamingo - NT	Phoeniconaias minor	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
<u>Storks</u>	Ciconiidae	
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	1
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus	1
Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	1



Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus	1
Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis	1
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
Ibises, Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	1
Southern Bald Ibis - VU	Geronticus calvus	1
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	1
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	1
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba	1
<u>Herons, Bitterns</u>	Ardeidae	
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	1
Striated Heron	Butorides striata	1
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides	1
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	1
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	1
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	1
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath	1
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	1
Great Egret	Ardea alba	1
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia	1
Black Heron	Egretta ardesiaca	1
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	1
<u>Hamerkop</u>	<u>Scopidae</u>	
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	1
Pelicans	<b>Pelecanidae</b>	
Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	1
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens	1
	SULIFORMES	
Gannets, Boobies	<u>Sulidae</u>	
Cape Gannet - VU	Morus capensis	1
Cormorants, Shags	<b>Phalacrocoracidae</b>	
Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus	1
Crowned Cormorant - NT	Microcarbo coronatus	1
Bank Cormorant - EN	Phalacrocorax neglectus	1
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus	1
Cape Cormorant - EN	Phalacrocorax capensis	1
Anhingas, Darters	Anhingidae	
African Darter	Anhinga rufa	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
<u>Secretarybird</u>	<u>Sagittariidae</u>	
Secretarybird - VU	Sagittarius serpentarius	1



<u>Ospreys</u>	<b>Pandionidae</b>	
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1
Kites, Hawks and Eagles	Accipitridae	
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	1
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus	1
Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis	1
Bearded Vulture - NT	Gypaetus barbatus	1
Hooded Vulture - CE	Necrosyrtes monachus	1
White-backed Vulture - CE	Gyps africanus	1
Cape Vulture - EN	Gyps coprotheres	1
White-headed Vulture - CE	Trigonoceps occipitalis	1
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	Torgos tracheliotos	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis	1
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	1
Southern Banded Snake Eagle - NT	Circaetus fasciolatus	1
Bateleur - NT	Terathopius ecaudatus	1
Crowned Eagle - NT	Stephanoaetus coronatus	1
Martial Eagle - VU	Polemaetus bellicosus	1
Long-crested Eagle	Lophaetus occipitalis	1
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi	1
Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	1
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	1
Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar	1
Pale Chanting Goshawk	Melierax canorus	1
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro	1
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus	1
Ovambo Sparrowhawk	Accipiter ovampensis	1
African Marsh Harrier	Circus ranivorus	1
Black Harrier - VU	Circus maurus	1
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	1
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	1
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1
Jackal Buzzard	Buteo rufofuscus	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
Bustards	<u>Otididae</u>	
White-bellied Bustard	Eupodotis senegalensis	1
Blue Korhaan - NT	Eupodotis caerulescens	1
Karoo Korhaan	Eupodotis vigorsii	1
Southern Black Korhaan - VU	Afrotis afra	1
Northern Black Korhaan	Afrotis afraoides	1
Black-bellied Bustard	Lissotis melanogaster	1
	GRUIFORMES	



<u>Flufftails</u>	Sarothruridae	
Red-chested Flufftail	Sarothrura rufa	1
<b>Rails, Crakes and Coots</b>	Rallidae	
African Rail	Rallus caerulescens	1
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra	1
African Swamphen	Porphyrio madagascariensis	1
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	1
Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata	1
Cranes	Gruidae	
Grey Crowned Crane - EN	Balearica regulorum	1
Blue Crane - VU	Grus paradisea	1
Wattled Crane - VU	Grus carunculata	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
<u>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</u>	<b>Burhinidae</b>	
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus	1
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis	1
<u>Oystercatchers</u>	Haematopodidae	
African Oystercatcher - NT	Haematopus moquini	1
Stilts, Avocets	Recurvirostridae	
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	1
Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta	1
<u>Plovers</u>	Charadriidae	
Blacksmith Lapwing	Vanellus armatus	1
White-crowned Lapwing	Vanellus albiceps	1
Senegal Lapwing	Vanellus lugubris	1
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus	1
African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus	1
Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	1
Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula	1
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius	1
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris	1
White-fronted Plover	Charadrius marginatus	1
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	Charadrius pallidus	1
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<u>Jacanas</u>	<u>Jacanidae</u>	
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus	1
<u>Sandpipers, Snipes</u>	<b>Scolopacidae</b>	
African Snipe	Gallinago nigripennis	1
Bar-tailed Godwit - NT	Limosa lapponica	1
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	1
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	1
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	1



Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	1
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	1
Sanderling	Calidris alba	1
Little Stint	Calidris minuta	1
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	Calidris ferruginea	1
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	1
Coursers, Pratincoles	Glareolidae	
Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola	1
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers	Laridae	
Grey-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus	1
Hartlaub's Gull	Chroicocephalus hartlaubii	1
Kelp Gull	Larus dominicanus	1
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	1
Greater Crested Tern	Thalasseus bergii	1
Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis	1
Little Tern	Sternula albifrons	1
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	1
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	1
	PTEROCLIFORMES	
<u>Sandgrouse</u>	<b><u>Pteroclidae</u></b>	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	Pterocles namaqua	1
	COLUMBIFORMES	
Pigeons, Doves	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Rock Dove	Columba livia	1
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	1
African Olive Pigeon	Columba arquatrix	1
Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon	Columba delegorguei	Н
Lemon Dove	Columba larvata	1
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	1
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	1
Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	1
Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria	1
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	1
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus	1
	MUSOPHAGIFORMES	
Turacos	Musophagidae	
Livingstone's Turaco	Tauraco livingstonii	1
Knysna Turaco	Tauraco corythaix	1
Dymple exected Typese	Tauraco porphyreolophus	1
Purple-crested Turaco	Corythaixoides concolor	-



	CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	Cuculidae	
Burchell's Coucal	Centropus burchellii	1
Green Malkoha	Ceuthmochares australis	1
Levaillant's Cuckoo	Clamator levaillantii	1
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus	1
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	1
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas	1
African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus	1
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
<u>Owls</u>	<u>Strigidae</u>	
Spotted Eagle-Owl	Bubo africanus	1
Pel's Fishing Owl	Scotopelia peli	1
African Wood Owl	Strix woodfordii	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet	Glaucidium perlatum	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
<u>Nightjars</u>	<b>Caprimulgidae</b>	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	Caprimulgus rufigena	1
Fiery-necked Nightjar	Caprimulgus pectoralis	1
Swamp Nightjar	Caprimulgus natalensis	1
	APODIFORMES	
Swifts	Apodidae	
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	1
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba	1
African Black Swift	Apus barbatus	1
Little Swift	Apus affinis	1
Horus Swift	Apus horus	1
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	1
	COLIIFORMES	
<u>Mousebirds</u>	Coliidae	
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	1
White-backed Mousebird	Colius colius	1
Red-faced Mousebird	Urocolius indicus	1
	TROGONIFORMES	
Trogons	Trogonidae	
Narina Trogon	Apaloderma narina	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
Rollers	Coraciidae	
Purple Roller	Coracias naevius	1
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus	1
Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus	1



Kingfishers	Alcedinidae	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	Halcyon albiventris	1
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti	1
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta	1
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus	1
Half-collared Kingfisher	Alcedo semitorquata	1
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	1
Bee-eaters	<u>Meropidae</u>	
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus	1
White-fronted Bee-eater	Merops bullockoides	1
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	1
	BUCEROTIFORMES	
Hoopoes	<u>Upupidae</u>	
African Hoopoe	Upupa africana	1
Wood Hoopoes	<b>Phoeniculidae</b>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus	1
Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas	1
Ground Hornbills	<b>Bucorvidae</b>	
Southern Ground Hornbill - VU	Bucorvus leadbeateri	1
<u>Hornbills</u>	Bucerotidae	
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus rufirostris	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	Tockus leucomelas	1
Crowned Hornbill	Lophoceros alboterminatus	1
African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus	1
Trumpeter Hornbill	Bycanistes bucinator	1
	PICIFORMES	
African Barbets	<u>Lybiidae</u>	
White-eared Barbet	Stactolaema leucotis	1
Green Barbet	Stactolaema olivacea	1
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus bilineatus	1
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus pusillus	1
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus	1
Acacia Pied Barbet	Tricholaema leucomelas	1
Black-collared Barbet	Lybius torquatus	1
Crested Barbet	Trachyphonus vaillantii	1
<u>Honeyguides</u>	<b>Indicatoridae</b>	
Brown-backed Honeybird	Prodotiscus regulus	1
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor	1
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	Indicator variegatus	1
Woodpeckers	Picidae	
Red-throated Wryneck	Jynx ruficollis	1
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	Campethera abingoni	1



Ground Woodpecker	Geocolaptes olivaceus	1
Bearded Woodpecker	Chloropicus namaquus	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens	1
Olive Woodpecker	Dendropicos griseocephalus	1
	FAKCONIFORMES	
<u>Caracaras, Falcons</u>	Falconidae	
Rock Kestrel	Falco rupicolus	1
Greater Kestrel	Falco rupicoloides	1
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus	1
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	1
	PSITTACIFORMES	
African & New World Parrots	<b>Psittacidae</b>	
Cape Parrot	Poicephalus robustus	1
Brown-headed Parrot	Poicephalus cryptoxanthus	1
Old World Parrots	<b>Psittaculidae</b>	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
<u>Wattle-eyes, Batises</u>	<b><u>Platysteiridae</u></b>	
Cape Batis	Batis capensis	1
Woodward's Batis	Batis fratrum	1
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor	1
Pririt Batis	Batis pririt	1
<u>Helmetshrikes</u>	<b>Prionopidae</b>	
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus	1
Bushshrikes	Malaconotidae	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti	1
Olive Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus olivaceus	1
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus	1
Gorgeous Bushshrike	Telophorus viridis	1
Bokmakierie	Telophorus zeylonus	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus	1
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla	1
Southern Boubou	Laniarius ferrugineus	1
Crimson-breasted Shrike	Laniarius atrococcineus	1
Brubru	Nilaus afer	1
<u>Cuckooshrikes</u>	<u>Campephagidae</u>	
Grey Cuckooshrike	Coracina caesia	1
Black Cuckooshrike	Campephaga flava	1
Shrikes	<u>Laniidae</u>	
Magpie Shrike	Urolestes melanoleucus	1
Southern Fiscal	Lanius collaris	1



Figbirds, Orioles	<u>Oriolidae</u>	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	1
Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus	1
Drongos	Dicruridae	
Square-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus ludwigii	1
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	1
Monarchs	Monarchidae	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	Trochocercus cyanomelas	1
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	1
Crows, Jays	<u>Corvidae</u>	
Cape Crow	Corvus capensis	1
Pied Crow	Corvus albus	1
White-necked Raven	Corvus albicollis	1
<b>Rockjumpers</b>	<u>Chaetopidae</u>	
Cape Rockjumper	Chaetops frenatus	1
Drakensberg Rockjumper	Chaetops aurantius	1
Fairy Flycatchers	<u>Stenostiridae</u>	
Fairy Flycatcher	Stenostira scita	1
<u>Tits, Chickadees</u>	<b>Paridae</b>	
Southern Black Tit	Melaniparus niger	1
Grey Tit	Melaniparus afer	1
Nicators	<u>Nicatoridae</u>	
Eastern Nicator	Nicator gularis	1
Larks	Alaudidae	
Spike-heeled Lark	Chersomanes albofasciata	1
Eastern Long-billed Lark	Certhilauda semitorquata	1
Cape Long-billed Lark	Certhilauda curvirostris	1
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix verticalis	1
Sabota Lark	Calendulauda sabota	1
Karoo Lark	Calendulauda albescens	1
Rudd's Lark - VU	Heteromirafra ruddi	1
Eastern Clapper Lark	Mirafra fasciolata	1
Cape Clapper Lark	Mirafra apiata	1
Rufous-naped Lark	Mirafra africana	1
Botha's Lark - EN	Spizocorys fringillaris	1
Large-billed Lark	Galerida magnirostris	1
Red-capped Lark	Calandrella cinerea	1
Bulbuls	<b>Pycnonotidae</b>	
Cape Bulbul	Pycnonotus capensis	1
Dark-capped Bulbul	Pycnonotus tricolor	1
Sombre Greenbul	Andropadus importunus	1
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	Chlorocichla flaviventris	1



Terrestrial Brownbul	Phyllastrephus terrestris	1
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	Phyllastrephus flavostriatus	1
<u>Swallows, Martins</u>	Hirundinidae	
Black Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne pristoptera	1
Brown-throated Martin	Riparia paludicola	1
Banded Martin	Riparia cincta	1
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	1
White-throated Swallow	Hirundo albigularis	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	1
Blue Swallow - VU	Hirundo atrocaerulea	1
Pearl-breasted Swallow	Hirundo dimidiata	1
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	1
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	1
Greater Striped Swallow	Cecropis cucullata	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	1
Red-breasted Swallow	Cecropis semirufa	1
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis	1
South African Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon spilodera	
Crombecs, African Warblers	Macrosphenidae	
Cape Grassbird	Sphenoeacus afer	1
Long-billed Crombec	Sylvietta rufescens	1
Victorin's Warbler	Cryptillas victorini	1
Leaf Warblers and allies	Phylloscopidae	
Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler	Phylloscopus ruficapilla	1
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	1
<b>Reed Warblers and allies</b>	Acrocephalidae	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris	1
African Yellow Warbler	Iduna natalensis	1
Grassbirds and allies	Locustellidae	
Little Rush Warbler	Bradypterus baboecala	1
Barratt's Warbler	Bradypterus barratti	1
Fan-tailed Grassbird	Schoenicola brevirostris	1
Cisticolas and allies	<u>Cisticolidae</u>	
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops	1
Lazy Cisticola	Cisticola aberrans	1
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana	1
Grey-backed Cisticola	Cisticola subruficapilla	1
Wailing Cisticola	Cisticola lais	1
Levaillant's Cisticola	Cisticola tinniens	1
Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis	1
Neddicky	Cisticola fulvicapilla	1
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	1



Desert Cisticola	Cisticola aridulus	1
Pale-crowned Cisticola	Cisticola cinnamomeus	1
Wing-snapping Cisticola	Cisticola ayresii	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava	1
Black-chested Prinia	Prinia flavicans	1
Karoo Prinia	Prinia maculosa	1
Drakensberg Prinia	Prinia hypoxantha	1
Namaqua Warbler	Phragmacia substriata	1
Bar-throated Apalis	Apalis thoracica	1
Rudd's Apalis	Apalis ruddi	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida	1
Rufous-eared Warbler	Malcorus pectoralis	1
Green-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura	1
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler	Euryptila subcinnamomea	1
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	Eremomela icteropygialis	1
Green-capped Eremomela	Eremomela scotops	1
Karoo Eremomela	Eremomela gregalis	1
Burnt-necked Eremomela	Eremomela usticollis	1
Laughingthrushes	<b>Leiothrichidae</b>	
Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii	1
Southern Pied Babbler	Turdoides bicolor	1
Sylviid Babblers	<u>Sylviidae</u>	
Bush Blackcap - NT	Lioptilus nigricapillus	1
Chestnut-vented Warbler	Sylvia subcaerulea	1
Layard's Warbler	Sylvia layardi	1
<u>White-eyes</u>	<b>Zosteropidae</b>	
Cape White-eye	Zosterops virens	1
<u>Sugarbirds</u>	<b>Promeropidae</b>	
Cape Sugarbird	Promerops cafer	1
Gurney's Sugarbird	Promerops gurneyi	1
<u>Starlings, Rhabdornis</u>	Sturnidae	
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	1
Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	1
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea	1
Black-bellied Starling	Notopholia corrusca	1
Cape Starling	Lamprotornis nitens	1
Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus	1
Burchell's Starling	Lamprotornis australis	1
Pied Starling	Lamprotornis bicolor	1
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	1
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio	1
<u>Oxpeckers</u>	<b>Buphagidae</b>	



Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorynchus	1
<u>Thrushes</u>	Turdidae	
Orange Ground Thrush	Geokichla gurneyi	1
Spotted Ground Thrush - EN	Geokichla guttata	1
Groundscraper Thrush	Turdus litsitsirupa	1
Kurrichane Thrush	Turdus libonyana	1
Olive Thrush	Turdus olivaceus	1
Karoo Thrush	Turdus smithi	1
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae	
Karoo Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas coryphoeus	1
Bearded Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas quadrivirgata	1
Kalahari Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas paena	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	1
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	Myioparus plumbeus	1
Southern Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis pammelaina	1
Pale Flycatcher	Melaenornis pallidus	1
Marico Flycatcher	Melaenornis mariquensis	1
Fiscal Flycatcher	Melaenornis silens	1
Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens	1
African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta	1
Cape Robin-Chat	Cossypha caffra	1
White-throated Robin-Chat	Cossypha humeralis	1
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini	1
Red-capped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis	1
Chorister Robin-Chat	Cossypha dichroa	1
White-starred Robin	Pogonocichla stellata	1
Cape Rock Thrush	Monticola rupestris	1
Sentinel Rock Thrush	Monticola explorator	1
Short-toed Rock Thrush	Monticola brevipes	1
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	1
Buff-streaked Chat	Campicoloides bifasciatus	1
Sickle-winged Chat	Emarginata sinuata	1
Karoo Chat	Emarginata schlegelii	1
Tractrac Chat	Emarginata tractrac	1
Ant-eating Chat	Myrmecocichla formicivora	1
Mountain Wheatear	Myrmecocichla monticola	1
Capped Wheatear	Oenanthe pileata	1
Familiar Chat	Oenanthe familiaris	1
Sunbirds	Nectariniidae	
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris	1
Orange-breasted Sunbird	Anthobaphes violacea	1
Olive Sunbird	Cyanomitra olivacea	1



Grey Sunbird	Cyanomitra veroxii	1
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	1
Malachite Sunbird	Nectarinia famosa	1
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris chalybeus	1
Neergaard's Sunbird - NT	Cinnyris neergaardi	1
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	Cinnyris afer	1
Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis	1
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus	1
White-bellied Sunbird	Cinnyris talatala	1
Dusky Sunbird	Cinnyris fuscus	1
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches	Passeridae	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali	1
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	1
Cape Sparrow	Passer melanurus	1
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer diffusus	1
Yellow-throated Petronia	Gymnoris superciliaris	1
Weavers, Widowbirds	<u>Ploceidae</u>	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis niger	1
Scaly-feathered Weaver	Sporopipes squamifrons	1
Thick-billed Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons	1
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis	1
Cape Weaver	Ploceus capensis	1
Eastern Golden Weaver	Ploceus subaureus	1
Holub's Golden Weaver	Ploceus xanthops	1
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus xanthopterus	1
Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius	1
Southern Masked Weaver	Ploceus velatus	1
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus	1
Dark-backed Weaver	Ploceus bicolor	1
Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps	1
Red-headed Quelea	Quelea erythrops	1
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea	1
Southern Red Bishop	Euplectes orix	1
Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis	1
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris	1
White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albonotatus	1
Red-collared Widowbird	Euplectes ardens	1
Long-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes progne	1
Waxbills, Munias and allies	<b>Estrildidae</b>	
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba	1
Green Twinspot	Mandingoa nitidula	1



Pink-throated Twinspot	Hypargos margaritatus	1
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala	1
African Firefinch	Lagonosticta rubricata	1
Blue Waxbill	Uraeginthus angolensis	1
Swee Waxbill	Coccopygia melanotis	1
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild	1
Bronze Mannikin	Lonchura cucullata	1
Red-backed Mannikin	Lonchura nigriceps	1
Indigobirds, Whydahs	Viduidae	
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura	1
Wagtails, Pipits	Motacillidae	
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis	1
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	1
Cape Longclaw	Macronyx capensis	1
Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus	1
African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus	1
Mountain Pipit	Anthus hoeschi	1
Long-billed Pipit	Anthus similis	1
Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys	1
Striped Pipit	Anthus lineiventris	1
African Rock Pipit	Anthus crenatus	1
Bushveld Pipit	Anthus caffer	1
Yellow-breasted Pipit - VU	Anthus chloris	1
Finches	Fringillidae	
Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	1
Forest Canary	Crithagra scotops	1
Lemon-breasted Canary	Crithagra citrinipectus	1
Yellow-fronted Canary	Crithagra mozambica	1
Cape Siskin	Crithagra totta	1
Drakensberg Siskin	Crithagra symonsi	1
Yellow Canary	Crithagra flaviventris	1
Streaky-headed Seedeater	Crithagra gularis	1
White-throated Canary	Crithagra albogularis	1
Protea Canary	Crithagra leucoptera	1
Cape Canary	Serinus canicollis	1
Buntings, New World Sparrows	Emberizidae	
Lark-like Bunting	Emberiza impetuani	1
Cape Bunting	Emberiza capensis	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris	1
TOTAL	· · ·	474



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	CHIROPTERA	<b>r</b>
	Pteropodidae	
Egyptian fruit bat	Rousettus aegyptiacus	1
	RODENTIA	
	Muridae	
Sloggett's vlei rat	Otomys sloggetti	1
Four-striped grass mouse	Rhabdomys pumilio	1
	Sciuridae	
Red bush squirrel	Paraxerus palliatus	1
Smith's bush squirrel	Paraxerus cepapi	1
	LAGOMORPHA	
	Leporidae	
Scrub hare	Lepus saxatilis	1
	HYRACOIDEA	
	Procaviidae	
Rock hyrax	Procavia capensis	1
	PRIMATES	
	Galagidae	
Thick-tailed greater galago	Otolemur crassicaudatus	1
	Cercopithecidae	
Chacma baboon	Papio ursinus	1
Vervet monkey	Chlorocebus pygerythrus	1
Samango monkey	Cercopithecus mitis labiatus	1
	CARNIVORA	
	Felidae	
Lion	Panthera leo	1
	Canidae	
Black-backed jackal	Canis mesomelas	1
	Herpestidae	
Meerkat	Suricata suricatta	1
Yellow mongoose	Cynictis penicillata	1
Banded mongoose	Mungos mungo	1
Common slender mongoose	Herpestes sanguineus	1
Cape grey mongoose	Herpestes pulverulentus	1
	Otariidae	
Cape fur seal	Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus	1
	PROBOSCIDEA	
	Elephantidae	
African elephant	Loxodonta africana	1



	PERISSODACTYLA	
	Equidae	
Plains zebra	Equus quagga	1
	Rhinocerotidae	
White rhinoceros	Ceratotherium simum	1
	CETARTIODACTYLA	
	Suidae	
Common warthog	Phacochoerus africanus	1
	Bovidae	
African buffalo	Syncerus caffer	1
Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus	1
Impala	Aepyceros melampus	1
Common eland	Tragelaphus oryx	1
Blue wildebeest	Connochaetes taurinus taurinus	1
Red hartebeest	Alcelaphus buselaphus caama	1
Oribi	Ourebia ourebi	1
Bontebok	Damaliscus pygargus pygargus	1
Blesbok	Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi	1
Natal red duiker	Cephalophus natalensis	1
Common duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia	1
Springbok	Antidorcas marsupialis	1
Steenbok	Raphicerus campestris	1
Grey rhebok	Pelea capreolus	1
Greater kudu	Tragelaphus strepsiceros	1
Nyala	Tragelaphus angasii	1
Southern reedbuck	Redunca arundinum	1
Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus	1
	Hippopotamidae	
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius	1
	Giraffidae	
Giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis	1
TOTAL		43

