



9-DAY WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA, CUSTOM TOUR

24 April - 2 May 2017

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Denham's Bustard – *Neotis denhami*

Itinerary

Date	Location	Overnight
24-Apr-17	Cape Town	Fernwood Manor Boutique Guest House
25-Apr-17	West Coast	Le Mahi Guest House, Langebaan
26-Apr-17	Tankwa Karoo	Sothemba Lodge, Ceres
27-Apr-17	Tankwa Karoo	Sothemba Lodge, Ceres
28-Apr-17	Cape Peninsula	Calders Hotel, Fish Hoek
29-Apr-17	Pelagic/Cape Town	Calders Hotel, Fish Hoek
30-Apr-17	Cape Peninsula	Calders Hotel, Fish Hoek
1-May-17	Agulhas Plains	Mudlark Riverfront Lodge, Infanta
2-May-17	Cape Town for Departure	Departure day

Overview

This trip was a 9-day/8-night tour focusing on the Western Cape Province of South Africa. We started in the world famous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, made our way up to the West Coast, and from there transferred into the endemic rich Tankwa Karoo. After some great birding in this semi-arid desert we made our way back to the Cape Town area for some Cape Peninsula birding and our scheduled pelagic trip. For our last night we went to the Agulhas Plains around the southernmost tip of Africa and managed to get some more specials. The weather varied, but we mostly had good birding weather. Spending time with the birds and photographing them really well was the order of the day.

Day 1: 24 April 2017 – Cape Town birding

Today we started with an early pickup from the hotel and a straight bearing to the Strandfontein Sewage Works. Here we immediately connected with **Black-headed Heron**, **Western Cattle Egret**, **Cape Wagtail**, and **Blacksmith Lapwing**. We stopped at the first pond and soon got great views of **Cape Teal**, **Yellow-billed Duck**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **Cape Shoveler**, **Red-knobbed Coot**, and **Intermediate Egret**.

As we continued we saw countless **Kelp** and **Hartlaub's Gulls**, **Little Grebe**, and a few **White-breasted Cormorants**. Before stopping and scanning through a shallow pond we had great views of **Lesser Swamp Warbler** and **Levaillant's Cisticola**. At a shallow pond we managed to find **Ruff**, **Little Stint**, **Three-banded Plover**, **African Sacred**, **Glossy**, and **Hadada Ibises**, **Hottentot Teal**, **Pied Avocet**, and a great group of **Black-winged Stilts**. We also saw a fair amount of **African Swamphens** as we navigated the maize of ponds as well as **Common Moorhen**. Stopping at the tern roost we were pleased to find **Greater Crested**, **Sandwich**, and **Caspian Terns**. Here we also recorded **Grey-headed Gull**, **Grey Plover**, **Great White Pelican**, **Lesser and Greater Flamingos**, and **Red-billed Teal**. Other highlights in the area were **African Marsh Harrier**, **White Stork**, **African Spoonbill**, **Southern Pochard**, **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **Cape Sparrow**, **Yellow Bishop**, and **White-necked Raven**.



Little Stint – *Calidris minuta*

After dropping our luggage off at the guest house, which is a stone throw away from Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, we made our way straight to the botanical garden. After entering we were soon pleased to see **Olive Thrush**, **Sombre Greenbul**, **Southern Double-collared Sunbird**, **Cape White-eye**, and **African Dusky Flycatcher**. We meandered along the pretty, busy garden and entered the forested section, where we soon found **Lemon Dove**, **Brimstone Canary**, a brief visual of **Forest Canary**, **Cape Robin-Chat**, and **Cape Spurfowl**. We walked along the flower gardens and further recorded **Orange-breasted Sunbird**, **Sweet Waxbill**, **Karoo Prinia**, **Cape Batis**, and **Helmeted Guineafowl**. Other species here included **Red-eyed Dove**, **Red-winged Starling**, **Cape Wagtail**, **Fiscal Flycatcher**, and **Black Saw-wing**.

Day 2: 25 April 2017 – West Coast birding

Today we started before dawn and made our way up the western coast of South Africa. Our destination was the well-known and very popular West Coast National Park. With its fynbos-covered sand dunes, mix of fresh- and salt water, and some great variation in plants, West Coast National Park is well worth a visit by any bird lover. Before we reached the park we stopped along the way to get great views of **Blue Crane**, **Martial Eagle**, **Wattled** and **Pied Starlings**, **Capped Wheatear**, and **Bokmakierie**, while **Red-capped** and **Large-billed Larks** were calling out of sight. As soon as we entered the park we recorded **Karoo Scrub Robin**, **Cape Bulbul**, **Yellow Canary**, and **Black-winged Kite**. We made our way straight for the fresh water hide at Abrahamskraal and en route saw **Jackal Buzzard**, **Cape Canary**, **White-backed Mousebird**, and **Chestnut-vented Warbler**.

While sitting in the hide we managed to have great views of **Yellow-billed Duck**, **Little Grebe**, **Cape Shoveler**, **African Sacred Ibis**, and **Common Moorhen**. We spent time scanning through the pool and sat, waiting for something interesting to come out, and further recorded **Red-knobbed Coot**, **Black Crake**, and **Black Harrier** while focusing also on **Cape Sparrow**, **Cape Bunting**, and **White-throated Canaries** in the trees to our right. We sat for a while, hoping that we might get lucky with African Rail. We eventually gave up and prepared to leave, when we took one last glance out of the hide and there it was, right in the open, **African Rail**. There further were **Common Ostrich** and **Cape Spurfowl** throughout

the whole park to entertain us when we weren't looking at the likes of **Karoo Prinia**, **Southern Fiscal**, **Speckled Mousebird**, and **Cape Robin-Chat**.

We soon entered another hide on the lagoon and here recorded shorebirds such as **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Grey**, **Common Ringed**, and **Chestnut-banded Plovers**, **Whimbrel**, **Bar-tailed Godwit**, and **Sanderling** among **Pied Avocet** and **Black-winged Stilt**. We were constantly pleasantly entertained by flying **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos** all around the hide. While we were having lunch we managed to have great views of **Cape Weaver**.

Our last hide before leaving the park produced **Sandwich** and **Greater Crested Terns**, **White-fronted** and **Kittlitz's Plovers**, **Kelp** and **Hartlaub's Gulls**, **Grey Heron**, and **Cape Cormorant**. We ended the day with **Verreaux's Eagle**, **Grey-backed Cisticola**, **Rock Kestrel**, **Crowned Lapwing**, and **Rock Martin**. Mammals for the day included common eland, springbok, chacma baboon, and large grey mongoose.



Chestnut-banded Plover – *Charadrius pallidus*

Day 3: 26 April 2017 – Transfer to the Tankwa Karoo

Today saw us traveling from Langebaan on the west coast towards the southeast, inland, to the Tankwa Karoo beyond the well-known town of Ceres. We first started the day by going to the small town of Vredenburg, and here we connected with **Large-billed**, **Red-capped**, and **Cape Long-billed Larks**, **Bokmakierie**, **Sickle-winged Chat**, **Capped Wheatear**, and **Cape Sparrow**. We soon made our way to some salt pans just south of Velddrif, where we had great views of **Great Crested** and **Black-necked Grebes**, **Cape Shoveler**, **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos**, **White-breasted** and **Reed Cormorants**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Little Stint**, and the two greatest highlights for the area, **Chestnut-banded Plover** and **Red-necked Phalarope**.

After some great photos of the plover we made our way through Velddrif and passed the small fishing docks along the extensive wetlands. Here we managed to get spectacular views of **Great White Pelican** (feeding a mere six feet from us), **Pied Kingfisher**, **Kelp**, **Grey-headed**, and **Hartlaub's Gulls**, **Grey Heron**, **Little Egret**, and **Laughing Dove**. As we drove along for about three hours we recorded **Rock Kestrel**, **Jackal Buzzard**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **African Sacred Ibis**, and **Crowned Lapwing**. We hit some rain just before and through the town of Ceres and after a hearty lunch carried on to the Karooport area. En route we saw **Blue Crane**, **White-necked Raven**, **African Stonechat**, and **Helmeted Guineafowl**. There was quite a bit of traffic on the main road through the Tankwa Karoo

(because of a festival called “Africa Burning” further north), and as a result we didn’t see too much along the dusty main road as we made our way to the lodge. As soon as we got off the main road we managed to lay eyes on **Karoo** and **Tractrac Chats**, **Spike-heeled Lark**, and bat-eared foxes feeding really close to us.



Bat-eared Fox – *Otocyon megalotis*

After dropping off our luggage we went to an area known as the Skitterykloof and connected with **Mountain Wheatear**, **White-throated Canary**, **Karoo Prinia**, **Pied Starling**, and **Cape Bunting**, while we had **Red-chested Flufftail** calling in the marshy area behind us. We managed to get a few glimpses of the main special that we were looking for in this specific valley, **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler**, while the sun set behind the mountainside. This was a great way to end the day, leaving us with a spectacular, golden sunset. Mammals for the day included springbok, yellow mongoose, bat-eared fox, and steenbok.

Day 4: 27 April 2017 – Full day Tankwa Karoo birding

We started the day looking for **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler** behind our lodge. Without too much difficulty the bird came right down from the mountainside to almost our feet, and we managed to get cracking views of it. With a great smile of success we started birding along the main road traveling through the Tankwa Karoo. We stopped at a clump of sweet thorn (*Acacia karoo*) and managed to record **Pirit Batis**, **White-backed** and **Red-faced Mousebirds**, **Namaqua Warbler**, **Karoo Lark**, **Karoo Scrub Robin**, and **Karoo Prinia**.

While we were birding car after car was passing us, all heading to the “Africa Burning” festival. They were kicking up so much dust that we could hardly tell the difference between an ostrich and a sparrow; nevertheless we persevered. We decided to push through all the dust and eventually turned off the main road and headed north along a not-so-busy road. We almost immediately found **Karoo Chat** and **Large-billed Lark**. After a few minutes we also encountered **Tractrac Chat**, **Bokmakierie**, **Southern Fiscal**, **Red-capped Lark**, **Rufous-eared Warbler**, **Greater Kestrel**, and, after some effort, **Karoo Eremomela**. We stopped, scanned through a watery stretch, and found **Three-banded Plover**, **White-throated** and **Yellow Canaries**, **Fairy Flycatcher**, **Cape Weaver**, **Common Ostrich**,

Common Waxbill, and **Grey-backed Cisticola**. Soon we entered the Tankwa Karoo National Park, and here we connected with **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Capped Wheatear**, **Pale Chanting Goshawk**, and **Jackal Buzzard**. We had quite a bit of time in the park, so we headed for Oudebaaskraal Dam and there found **South African Shelduck**, **Maccoa Duck**, **Great Crested**, **Little**, and **Black-necked Grebes**, **Greater Flamingo**, **Reed Cormorant**, and **Black-winged Stilt**. Before exiting the park we had tremendous views of **Grey-backed Sparrow-Larks** drinking in a pan filled with water from the previous night's rain. Before ending the day we managed to have great views of **Spike-heeled Lark**. All in all it was a great day of Karoo birding, and we saw a majority of the specials continuously. Mammals for the day included gemsbok, steenbok, and springbok.

Day 5: 28 April 2017 – Transfer to Fish Hoek (Cape Town)

Today we started with an early breakfast, and after a great sunrise we set out to do a little of Karoo birding before continuing on to Cape Town for the next couple of days. We first recorded **Familiar Chat**, **Pied Starling**, and **House Sparrow** before we left the lodge. As we were creeping by at a good pace through the Tankwa Karoo area we recorded **Karoo Eremomela**, **Karoo** and **Tractrac Chats**, **White-throated** and **Yellow Canaries**, and **Cape Sparrow** en route. Before leaving the Karoo we also connected with **Large-billed** and **Spike-heeled Larks**, **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Pale Chanting Goshawk**, and **Southern Black Korhaan**. Some of the birds we recorded on our drive toward Cape Town were **Pale-winged Starling**, **Grey Heron**, **African Sacred Ibis**, **Fiscal Flycatcher**, **Black-winged Kite**, and **Cape Spurfiowl**.

We arrived in the Cape Town area around mid-day and soon found **Greater Flamingo**, **Cape** and **White-breasted Cormorants**, **Kelp**, **Grey-headed**, and **Hartlaub's Gulls**, **Black-headed Heron**, **African Oystercatcher**, **Rock Martin**, **Speckled Pigeon**, and **Cape Wagtail**. The rest of the afternoon was spent gift-shopping (on clients' request) and resting for the pelagic trip the next day.



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Rufous-eared Warbler – *Malcorus pectoralis*

Day 6: 29 April 2017 – Pelagic off the coast of Cape Town

(Guided by Vincent Ward and Wian van Zyl; pelagic report by Vincent Ward)

We departed Simonstown Harbor in perfect sea conditions on the “Bateleur”. The day’s species list started with the common coastal seabird species, including **Kelp** and **Hartlaub’s Gulls**, **Greater Crested Terns**, **Cape Gannets**, and several cormorants. Just offshore of Boulders Beach several groups of **African Penguins** were seen going out to feed. The trip down to Cape Point was fast, and we did the obligatory photo stop before turning southwest into the deep ocean. **White-chinned Petrel** and **Sooty Shearwater** were the first two pelagic species seen, followed quickly by our first albatross for the day, **Shy Albatross**. Our excellent skipper, Dave, located several working trawlers with the associated spectacle that defines the Cape pelagics.

Over the next hour the pelagic species list grew to include **Southern Giant Petrel**, **Great Shearwater**, and **Wilson’s Storm Petrel**. Cape fur seals were common around the trawler, feeding on discarded fish scraps. Several **Brown Skuas** made some close passes of our boat before watching the show from the stern of the trawler. A particular treat was a juvenile **Northern Giant Petrel** that sat right next to our boat. We also recorded **Indian Yellow-nosed** and **Black-browed Albatrosses** among the feeding frenzy following the stern of the fishing vessel. The return trip was a feast of marine mammals. We saw our first Bryde’s whale just seaward of Cape Point, and it was quickly followed by a further three in False Bay. The final stop for the day was at the Partridge Point cormorant colonies. There were several active **Bank Cormorant** nests along with roosting **African Oystercatchers** and **Cape** and **White-breasted Cormorants**. We rounded out the marine cormorants with a **Crowned Cormorant** on our return to the harbor.

It was a great day out at sea; the weather conditions were perfect with glass-like water, and the birds were showing in their thousands.



Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross – *Thalassarche carteri*

Day 7: 30 April 2017 – Full day Cape Peninsula birding

After a hearty breakfast we made our way straight for a little village on the eastern side of False Bay called Rooiels. Here we looked for **Cape Rockjumper**. We ended up searching for the better part of three hours before eventually connecting with both a male and a female. There were some other birders who spotted it before us, and some more birders who set us astray, but we managed to have great views in the end. Here we also had **Cape Rock Thrush**, **Rock Martin**, **Verreaux’s Eagle**, **Cape Siskin**, **Karoo Prinia**, and **Fiscal Flycatcher**.

As soon as we had our fill we continued along the Whale Coast Route, leading to the next village, Betty's Bay, where we visited the Stony Point African Penguin colony. Besides getting magnificent views of **African Penguins** we managed to get all four marine cormorant species, namely **Bank, Cape, Crowned**, and, the largest of all, **White-breasted Cormorant**. The weather wasn't too great with a light shower every now and then and gusts of gale force winds pushing through every couple of minutes. We stuck it out as long as we could manage and eventually decided to make our way to Harold Porter National Botanical Garden for lunch and great birding.

As expected, lunch was good and the birding even better; being in a valley between two great mountains the garden is quite sheltered from the elements. We soon connected with **Sombre Greenbul, Cape Bulbul, Familiar Chat, Southern Double-collared, Orange-breasted**, and **Malachite Sunbirds**, and **Cape Wagtail**. A walk up the Disa Kloof leading to the waterfall provided us with **Cape Robin-Chat, Fork-tailed Drongo, African Black Duck, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Sweet Waxbill**, and **Cape White-eye**. We spent a bit of time hunting down **Cape Sugarbird** for some better photo opportunities and managed to get some before the rain started falling again. Before leaving the garden we further managed to see **Cape Weaver, White-necked Raven, Speckled Pigeon**, and **Cape Spurfowl**.

After the garden we stopped at Strandfontein Sewage Works to target a few birds missed on our first day there and managed to record **Southern Pochard, Little Rush Warbler, Cape Longclaw, African Fish Eagle**, and **White-winged Tern**, which was new to the list. We also managed to have great views of **Cape and Red-billed Teals, Cape Shoveler, Great White Pelican, Common Moorhen, Red-knobbed Coot, Blacksmith Lapwing, Little Egret**, and **African Marsh Harrier**. All in all it ended up being a great day, considering we were facing constant gale force gusts and rainy downpours every now and then.

Day 8: 1 May 2017 – Agulhas Plains

We started nice and early in the morning, making our way to the Agulhas Plains from Fish Hoek. En route we stopped at Sir Lowry's Pass to look for **Victorin's Warbler**, of which, however, we only got a few unsatisfying glimpses as it was calling loudly within the fynbos thickets, a mere three feet from where we were standing.

En route we further recorded **Jackal Buzzard, Black Harrier, Cape Sparrow, Blue Crane, African Stonechat, African Sacred and Hadada Ibises, Egyptian and Spur-winged Geese**, and a fair amount of **Pied** and **Common Starlings**. We stopped at the southernmost tip of Africa to admire the view and the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans. Here we recorded **Cape Wagtail, African Oystercatcher**, and **House Sparrow**. At lunch we had **Little Swift** entertain us. Then we made our way to De Mond Nature Reserve and managed to record **Cape Canary, Blue Crane, Denham's Bustard**, and **Crowned Lapwing** before arriving at the reserve. As soon as we arrived we recorded **African Dusky Flycatcher, Red-eyed Dove, Kelp Gull, Little Egret, White-fronted Plover**, and, after some effort, **Southern Boubou**, which in the end gave us some great views before we left the reserve. We traveled from Bredasdorp to Infanta on a gravel road and recorded **Grey-winged Francolin, African Spoonbill**, a magnificent **Secretarybird**, some more **Jackal Buzzards**, and a calling **Agulhas Long-billed Lark**, but we still have to get views of this little guy.

Before arriving at our lodge we managed to see **African Fish Eagle, Yellow-billed Duck, South African Shelduck, Red-knobbed Coot, Common Moorhen, African Pipit**, and a whole lot of **Cape Bulbuls**. We came around a bend and had great views and photos of **Bokmakierie** posing and calling from a perch not too far from us with the sun exposing its truly spectacular golden coloration! After checking in we decided to just have a walk around

the lodge, and here we managed to record **Streaky-headed Seedeater**, **Cape Weaver**, **Southern Double-collared Sunbird**, a very curious **Cardinal Woodpecker**, **Fiscal Flycatcher**, an obliging **Bar-throated Apalis**, and **Cape Bunting**. Other species included **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Whimbrel**, **Yellow Bishop**, **Cape Robin-Chat**, and **Cape Sparrow**.



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Secretarybird – *Sagittarius serpentarius*

Day 9: 2 May 2017 – Transfer to Cape Town International Airport and departure

We started the day by leaving the lodge after breakfast before daybreak. Our aim was to get to De Hoop Nature Reserve as early as we could in order to maximize our time in the reserve. We noted **Jackal Buzzard**, **Ring-necked Dove**, **Secretarybird**, **Denham's Bustard**, **Helmeted Guineafowl**, and **African Sacred Ibis** among other things en route to the reserve. Upon entering De Hoop we recorded **Cape Bulbul**, **Cape Grassbird**, **Cape Sugarbird**, **Orange-breasted**, **Southern Double-collared**, and **Malachite Sunbirds**, **Cape Spurfowl**, and **Bokmakierie**. We also managed great views of common eland, bontebok, and Cape mountain zebra, which was one of our main aims for the morning.

After walking around the camp ground and chalet area we managed to find **Speckled** and **Red-faced Mousebirds**, **Fiscal Flycatcher**, **Cape Sparrow**, **Black-headed Heron**, **Crowned Lapwing**, **Southern Boubou**, **Cape Weaver**, and one of our main targets for the camp, the elusive endemic **Southern Tchagra**. We had quite a bit of driving ahead of us and didn't want to be late for the clients' flight. We left the reserve quite satisfied and managed to record **Black-winged Kite**, **Black Harrier**, **Egyptian** and **Spur-winged Geese**, **Hadada Ibis**, **Cape** and **Pied Crows**, **White-necked Raven**, and **Kelp Gull** en route to the airport.



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Southern Tchagra – *Tchagra tchagra*

In conclusion, the tour turned out to be successful and very enjoyable. For the most part the weather played along and we had beautiful days in the field, we were offered some really spectacular photographic opportunities, and we managed to see a majority of the specials and endemics multiple times. The Western Cape Province never ceases to amaze, and we ended up recording 193 bird species, of which 15 were endemics and only two were only heard. Our mammal list contained 16 species, which included two marine mammals.

BIRD LIST - WESTERN CAPE APRIL 2017		
Bold = Country endemic		
Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered		
Common Name (IOC 7.3)	Scientific Name (IOC 7.3)	Trip
	STRUTHIONIFORMES	
<u>Ostriches</u>	<u>Struthionidae</u>	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
<u>Ducks, Geese and Swans</u>	<u>Anatidae</u>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	1
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	1
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	1
Hottentot Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>	1
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</i>	1
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	1
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	1
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	1
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	1
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	1
Maccoa Duck - NT	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>	1
	GALLIFORMES	

<u>Guineafowl</u>	<u>Numididae</u>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
<u>Pheasants and allies</u>	<u>Phasianidae</u>	
Grey-winged Francolin	<i>Scleroptila afra</i>	1
Cape Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis capensis</i>	1
	SPHENISCIFORMES	
<u>Penguins</u>	<u>Spheniscidae</u>	
African Penguin - EN	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>	1
	PROCELLARIIFORMES	
<u>Austral Storm Petrels</u>	<u>Oceanitidae</u>	
Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	1
<u>Albatrosses</u>	<u>Diomedidae</u>	
Black-browed Albatross - NT	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>	1
Shy Albatross	<i>Thalassarche cauta</i>	1
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross - EN	<i>Thalassarche carteri</i>	1
<u>Petrels, Shearwaters</u>	<u>Procellariidae</u>	
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	1
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	1
White-chinned Petrel - VU	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	1
Sooty Shearwater - NT	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	1
Great Shearwater	<i>Ardenna gravis</i>	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
<u>Grebes</u>	<u>Podicipedidae</u>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	1
	PHOENICOPTERIFORMES	
<u>Flamingos</u>	<u>Phoenicopteridae</u>	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	1
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
<u>Storks</u>	<u>Ciconiidae</u>	
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
<u>Ibises, Spoonbills</u>	<u>Threskiornithidae</u>	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	1
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	1
<u>Herons, Bitterns</u>	<u>Ardeidae</u>	
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1

Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	1
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	1
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
<u>Hamerkop</u>	<u>Scopidae</u>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1
<u>Pelicans</u>	<u>Pelecanidae</u>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1
	SULIFORMES	
<u>Gannets, Boobies</u>	<u>Sulidae</u>	
Cape Gannet - VU	<i>Morus capensis</i>	1
<u>Cormorants, Shags</u>	<u>Phalacrocoracidae</u>	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	1
Crowned Cormorant - NT	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>	1
Bank Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>	1
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	1
Cape Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	1
<u>Anhingas, Darters</u>	<u>Anhingidae</u>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
<u>Secretarybird</u>	<u>Sagittariidae</u>	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	1
<u>Kites, Hawks and Eagles</u>	<u>Accipitridae</u>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
Cape Vulture - EN	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	1
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	1
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	1
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	1
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	1
Black Harrier	<i>Circus maurus</i>	1
African Fish Eagle - VU	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
<u>Bustards</u>	<u>Otididae</u>	
Denham's Bustard - NT	<i>Neotis denhami</i>	1
Southern Black Korhaan - VU	<i>Afrotis afra</i>	1
	GRUIFORMES	
<u>Flufftails</u>	<u>Sarothruridae</u>	
Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>	H
<u>Rails, Crakes and Coots</u>	<u>Rallidae</u>	
African Rail	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>	1

Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	1
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	1
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	1
<u>Cranes</u>	<u>Gruidae</u>	
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
<u>Oystercatchers</u>	<u>Haematopodidae</u>	
African Oystercatcher - NT	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>	1
<u>Stilts, Avocets</u>	<u>Recurvirostridae</u>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	1
<u>Plovers</u>	<u>Charadriidae</u>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	1
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	1
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	1
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	1
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	1
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	1
<u>Sandpipers, Snipes</u>	<u>Scolopacidae</u>	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1
Bar-tailed Godwit - NT	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	1
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	1
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	1
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	1
<u>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</u>	<u>Laridae</u>	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	1
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	1
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	1
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	1
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	1
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	1
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	1
<u>Skuas</u>	<u>Stercorariidae</u>	
Brown Skua	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>	1
	PTEROCLIFORMES	
<u>Sandgrouse</u>	<u>Pteroclididae</u>	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	1

	COLUMBIFORMES	
<u>Pigeons, Doves</u>	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	1
Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</i>	1
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	1
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	1
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1
	APODIFORMES	
<u>Swifts</u>	<u>Apodidae</u>	
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1
	COLIIFORMES	
<u>Mousebirds</u>	<u>Coliidae</u>	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	1
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	1
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indica</i>	1
	CORACIFORMES	
<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Alcedinidae</u>	
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1
	BUCEROTIFORMES	
<u>Hoopoes</u>	<u>Upupidae</u>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1
	PICIFORMES	
<u>African Barbets</u>	<u>Lybiidae</u>	
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	1
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	<u>Picidae</u>	
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
<u>Caracaras, Falcons</u>	<u>Falconidae</u>	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	1
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
<u>Wattle-eyes, Batises</u>	<u>Platysteiridae</u>	
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	1
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>	1
<u>Bushshrikes</u>	<u>Malaconotidae</u>	
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	1
Southern Tchagra	<i>Tchagra tchagra</i>	1
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	1
<u>Shrikes</u>	<u>Laniidae</u>	
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	1
<u>Drongos</u>	<u>Dicruridae</u>	

Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1
<u>Monarchs</u>	<u>Monarchidae</u>	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>	1
<u>Crows, Jays</u>	<u>Corvidae</u>	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	1
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	1
<u>Rockjumpers</u>	<u>Chaetopidae</u>	
Cape Rockjumper	<i>Chaetops frenatus</i>	1
<u>Fairy Flycatchers</u>	<u>Stenostiridae</u>	
Fairy Flycatcher	<i>Stenostira scita</i>	1
<u>Larks</u>	<u>Alaudidae</u>	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	1
Cape Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda curvirostris</i>	1
Agulhas Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda brevirostris</i>	H
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	1
Karoo Lark	<i>Calendulauda albescens</i>	1
Large-billed Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>	1
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	1
<u>Bulbuls</u>	<u>Pycnonotidae</u>	
Cape Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>	1
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	1
<u>Swallows, Martins</u>	<u>Hirundinidae</u>	
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	1
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	1
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	1
<u>Crombecs, African Warblers</u>	<u>Macrosphenidae</u>	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	1
Victorin's Warbler	<i>Cryptillas victorini</i>	1
<u>Reed Warblers and allies</u>	<u>Acrocephalidae</u>	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	1
<u>Grassbirds and allies</u>	<u>Locustellidae</u>	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	1
<u>Cisticolas and allies</u>	<u>Cisticolidae</u>	
Grey-backed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>	1
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	1
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>	1
Namaqua Warbler	<i>Phragmacia substriata</i>	1
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>	1
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>	1
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler	<i>Euryptila subcinnamomea</i>	1
Karoo Eremomela	<i>Eremomela gregalis</i>	1

<u>Sylviid Babblers</u>	<u>Sylviidae</u>	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>	1
<u>White-eyes</u>	<u>Zosteropidae</u>	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>	1
<u>Sugarbirds</u>	<u>Promeropidae</u>	
Cape Sugarbird	<i>Promerops cafer</i>	1
<u>Starlings, Rhabdornis</u>	<u>Sturnidae</u>	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	1
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	1
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>	1
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	1
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus naboroupp</i>	1
<u>Thrushes</u>	<u>Turdidae</u>	
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	1
<u>Chats, Old World Flycatchers</u>	<u>Muscicapidae</u>	
Karoo Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>	1
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>	1
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	1
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	1
Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>	1
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	1
Sickle-winged Chat	<i>Emarginata sinuata</i>	1
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>	1
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>	1
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	1
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>	1
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	1
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	1
<u>Sunbirds</u>	<u>Nectariniidae</u>	
Orange-breasted Sunbird	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>	1
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	1
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>	1
<u>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches</u>	<u>Passeridae</u>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	1
<u>Weavers, Widowbirds</u>	<u>Ploceidae</u>	
Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	1
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	1
<u>Waxbills, Munias and allies</u>	<u>Estrildidae</u>	
Swee Waxbill	<i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i>	1
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	1
<u>Wagtails, Pipits</u>	<u>Motacillidae</u>	

Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>	1
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Finches	Fringillidae	
Forest Canary	<i>Crithagra scotops</i>	1
Cape Siskin	<i>Crithagra totta</i>	1
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	1
Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>	1
Brimstone Canary	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>	1
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>	1
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	1
Buntings, New World Sparrows	Emberizidae	
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	1
TOTAL		191

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Common Name (IUCN)	Scientific Name (IUCN)	Trip
	RODENTIA	
	Muridae	
Four-striped grass mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>	1
	HYRACOIDEA	
	Procaviidae	
Rock hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	1
	PERISSODACTYLA	
	Equidae	
Cape mountain zebra	<i>Equus zebra zebra</i>	1
	CETARTIODACTYLA	
	Bovidae	
Red hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>	1
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>	1
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	1
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	1
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	1
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	1
	Balaenopteridae	
Bryde's whale	<i>Balaenoptera edeni</i>	1
	CARNIVORA	
	Canidae	
Bat-eared fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	1
	Herpestidae	
Yellow mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	1
Large grey mongoose	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>	1

Cape grey mongoose	<i>Herpestes pulverulentus</i>	1
	Otariidae	
Cape fur seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus</i>	1
	PRIMATES	
	Cercopithecidae	
Chacma baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	1
TOTAL		16