



BIRDLIFE SOUTH AFRICA FLOCK IN KRUGER

10-13 March 2016

By Jason Boyce – Birding Ecotours



Many **African Harrier-Hawks** were seen during the course of Flock - Photo Dylan Vasapoli

OVERVIEW

BirdLife South Africa have done us all proud once again by hosting a truly fantastic Flock event in *Skukuza, Kruger National Park*. The 2016 event included the incredibly popular LAB and Layman's LAB (Learn about birds) as well as the Annual General Meeting. Both LAB and Layman's LAB had attractive programs for the delegates, including a whole host of speakers and some very interesting topics and courses – these were all well attended and thoroughly enjoyed

Skukuza offers a high diversity of not only avian but all forms of fauna, and coupled with high quality conference facilities, it made the perfect venue for this year's Flock event. Birding Ecotours were more than happy to assist with some of the organized guided tours during the course of the long weekend. Guided walks through the camp and the Golf Course as well as guided game drives were enjoyed by the delegates on the mornings of Flock. So, you may be asking what were some of the birds and animals that were seen?

TOUR ITINERARY

10 March	Skukuza, Kruger National Park
11 March	Skukuza, Kruger National Park
12 March	Skukuza, Kruger National Park
13 March	Skukuza, Kruger National Park

FLOCK BIRDING

Thursday 10 March

The morning was overcast but both the walks around camp as well as the walks on the Skukuza Golf Course weighed in with some great birds. Dylan Vasapolli and John Kinghorn led two separate walks around camp; some highlights were **Bearded Scrub Robin, African Green Pigeon, Purple-crested Turaco, Crowned Hornbill, White-crowned Lapwing, African Goshawk, and Grey-rumped Swallow**. The golf course had its fill of excitement when two spotted hyenas were seen prancing around on the fairways! The birding was pretty good too; highlights were **Purple Heron, African Jacana, Wahlberg's Eagle, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Scarlet-chested and Collared Sunbirds**, a very confiding **Stierling's Wren-Warbler**, and the stunning **Broad-billed Roller**. There was some excitement when an **African Barred Owlet** was heard briefly – unfortunately no one was able to pin it down for any visuals.



White-crowned Lapwing – Photo Melissa Whitecross

“Did someone just say **Sooty Falcon**?” What, near the Lake Panic turn-off? Let’s go! Chaos hit Flock 2016 with rumors that a Sooty Falcon was reported near the Lake Panic turn-off. Jason was close by and arrived soon to report the good news! The falcon was perched up nicely and looked really relaxed – good visuals were had by most of the keen birders over the course of the day. What a bird! Well done to Duncan Mckenzie for re-finding the bird that morning and reporting it.



The **Sooty Falcon** – Distant, but what a bird, just look at the incredibly long wing projection
- Photo Dylan Vasapolli

Friday 11 March

The following morning eight open game drive vehicles departed Skukuza camp, each with 10-15 participants, as well as a guide and driver. The vehicles are a lot higher than a normal car, and so game viewing can be really great. The morning produced some incredible birding. **Martial, Tawny and Wahlberg's Eagles** were all on display, favoring the larger dead trees. The woodland species were very vocal and didn't take long to become active, often forming small 'bird parties', some of these included **Southern Black Tit, White-crested** and **Retz's Helmetshrikes, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Chinspot Batis, Black Cuckooshrike, Green-backed Camaroptera**, and the occasional **Yellow-throated Petronia**, as well as **Green-winged Pytilia**. The recent rains meant that the birding near the rivers, such as from the low- or high-water bridges became rather productive. Some of the aquatic species recorded were **Water Thick-knee, Striated, Goliath, and Grey Herons**, and **African Openbill, Saddle-billed, Woolly-necked, and White Storks** were all present. **Giant, Pied, and Malachite Kingfishers** were as stunning as usual, and there were also a few waders bobbing around, **Three-banded Plovers** the most numerous but also a few **Common** and **Wood Sandpipers** as well as **Common Greenshank**. The game viewing was also superb – most vehicles reporting either wild dog or leopard sightings this morning. Lance Robinson and his vehicle had a special morning, which started off with an African civet and later added lion, leopard, wild dog, and African buffalo!



The stunning **Retz's Helmetshrike** – what a great bird! - Photo Dylan Vasapolli



A **Woolly-necked Stork** strutting across the road – Photo Melissa Whitecross

Saturday 12 March

The morning started off with a great bird for one or two of the game drives, a **Bronze-winged Courser** in the headlights of the vehicle for a couple seconds before flying off – a lifer for some! Things seemed to clear up a little this morning, and after the rains the hirundines and swifts took to the wing in good numbers. They included six species of swallow, **Lesser Striped, Barn, Wire-tailed, Red-breasted, and Grey-rumped Swallows** and, slightly surprisingly, **Mosque Swallow** as well. **Common House Martins** were plenty, while the swifts that were present were **Little and White-rumped Swifts** and **African Palm Swift**. Most of the usual woodland birds were reported during the course of the morning, some of the highlights though were **Red-capped and White-throated Robin-Chats, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Klaas's Cuckoo, Eurasian Golden Oriole, Red-crested Korhaan, Grey Penduline Tit, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Red-headed Weaver**, and both male and female **Black Cuckooshrikes**, with the males showing the stunning yellow shoulder patch that is more often absent than present. There were a couple of species that prefer the more open savanna reported today as well, some of these were **Southern White-crowned, Lesser Grey and Magpie Shrikes, Long-tailed Paradise Whydah, Senegal Lapwing**, and all four possible **Rollers**, namely **Purple, Lilac-breasted, European, and Broad-billed**.

Some other interesting observations over the course of the event:

All locally occurring **Firefinches (African, Red-billed, and Jameson's)** were present as well as all their corresponding parasites, **Dusky, Village, and Purple Indigobirds!** Another awesome achievement was recording a whole family endemic to Africa, the oxpeckers (Buphagidae): Both **Red-billed and Yellow-billed Oxpeckers** were being

recorded over the course of the weekend, the latter being the more uncommon of the two. Of course both **Secretarybird** – VU (Sagittariidae) and **Hamerkop** (Scopidae) fall into the same category. Paul Kruger Gate’s long-staying celebrity, **Mountain Wagtail**, was showing ever so well over the whole weekend (except for Saturday, much to the disgust of some twitchers). As was to be expected, birders scattered on Sunday morning to different gates, some moving south, some east, and others to the north. This brought about a few additions to the weekend’s species list. Some of these new additions on the final day were **Red-collared Widowbird**, **Croaking Cisticola**, **Green-capped Eremomela**, **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**, and **Pallid Harrier** (nice one, Philip Calinikos!).



The incredibly tame **Mountain Wagtail** at Paul Kruger Gate - Photo John Kinghorn



The **Birding Ecotours Team** (from left; Jason Boyce, John Kinghorn, Dylan Vasapolli, Justin Nicolau) with Hanneline Smit-Robinson, Juniour Gabela, and Lance Robinson - Photo Eelco Meyjes

The positive feedback that has been given about the event has been excellent, and I am sure that I speak on behalf of all that participated in the event: It was a fantastic long weekend with brilliant birds and great company. Thank you once again to BirdLife South Africa for completely outdoing themselves once again!

***The full species list can be seen below

Happy Birding,

Jason Boyce and the Birding Ecotours Team!

Full Species List – Flock in Kruger 2016 (9-13 March 2016)

Common name

Scientific name

Ostriches (Struthionidae) - 1 / 2

Common Ostrich

Struthio camelus

Ducks, Geese and Swans (Anatidae) - 6 / 173

White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>

Guineafowl (Numididae) - 1 / 6

Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
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Pheasants and allies (Phasianidae) - 4 / 183

Coqui Francolin	<i>Peliperdix coqui</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
Natal Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>

Grebes (Podicipedidae) - 1 / 23

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
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Storks (Ciconiidae) - 7 / 19

Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Woolly-necked Stork - VU	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>

Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae) - 4 / 36

African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>

Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae) - 13 / 72

Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
Dwarf Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sturmii</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>

Hamerkop (A55:B56) - 1 / 1

Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
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Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae) - 2 / 41

Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>

Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae) - 1 / 4

African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
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Secretarybird (Sagittariidae) - 1 / 1

Secretarybird - VU *Sagittarius serpentarius*

Kites, Hawks and Eagles (Accipitridae) - 28 / 256

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
 African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*
 European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*
 Hooded Vulture - CR *Necrosyrtes monachus*
 White-backed Vulture - CR *Gyps africanus*
 Cape Vulture - EN *Gyps coprotheres*
 White-headed Vulture - CR *Trigonoceps occipitalis*
 Lappet-faced Vulture - EN *Torgos tracheliotos*
 Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*
 Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*
 Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*
 Martial Eagle - VU *Polemaetus bellicosus*
 Lesser Spotted Eagle *Clanga pomarina*
 Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraaetus wahlbergi*
 Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*
 Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*
 Steppe Eagle - EN *Aquila nipalensis*
 African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*
 Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*
 Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*
 Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*
 African Goshawk *Accipiter tachiro*
 Shikra *Accipiter badius*
 Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus*
 Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*
 Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius*

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

Bustards (Otididae) - 3 / 26

Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori*

Red-crested Korhaan *Lophotis ruficrista*

Black-bellied Bustard *Lissotis melanogaster*

Rails, Crakes and Coots (Rallidae) - 1 / 157

Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra*

Buttonquail (Turnicidae) - 1 / 17

Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus*

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae) - 2 / 10

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus*

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*

Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae) - 1 / 10

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Plovers (Charadriidae) - 7 / 67

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus*

White-crowned Lapwing *Vanellus albiceps*

Senegal Lapwing *Vanellus lugubris*

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*

Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae) - 1 / 3

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*

Jacanas (Jacanidae) - 1 / 8

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae) - 6 / 96

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

Courasers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae) - 2 / 17

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii*

Bronze-winged Courser *Rhinoptilus chalcopterus*

Gulls, Terns and Skimmers (Laridae) - 2 / 101

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae) - 7 / 334

Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens*

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*

Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola*

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos*

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus*

Turacos (Musophagidae) - 2 / 23

Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>

Cuckoos (Cuculidae) - 7 / 149

Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>

Barn Owls (Tytonidae) - 1 / 19

Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
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Owls (Strigidae) - 5 / 225

African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>

Nightjars (Caprimulgidae) - 2 / 98

Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>

Swifts (Apodidae) - 5 / 106

African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
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Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
Mousebirds (Coliidae) - 2 / 6	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Rollers (Coraciidae) - 4 / 12	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae) - 8 / 114	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae) - 4 / 27	
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>

Hoopoes (Upupidae) - 1 / 4

African Hoopoe

*Upupa africana***Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae) - 2 / 9**

Green Wood Hoopoe

Phoeniculus purpureus

Common Scimitarbill

*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas***Ground Hornbills (Bucorvidae) - 1 / 2**

Southern Ground Hornbill - VU

*Bucorvus leadbeateri***Hornbills (Bucerotidae) - 5 / 59**

Southern Red-billed Hornbill

Tockus rufirostris

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill

Tockus leucomelas

Crowned Hornbill

Lophoceros alboterminatus

African Grey Hornbill

Lophoceros nasutus

Trumpeter Hornbill

*Bycanistes bucinator***African Barbets (Lybiidae) - 5 / 42**

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird

Pogoniulus bilineatus

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird

Pogoniulus chrysoconus

Acacia Pied Barbet

Tricholaema leucomelas

Black-collared Barbet

Lybius torquatus

Crested Barbet

*Trachyphonus vaillantii***Honeyguides (Indicatoridae) - 3 / 17**

Brown-backed Honeybird

Prodotiscus regulus

Lesser Honeyguide

Indicator minor

Greater Honeyguide

Indicator indicator

Woodpeckers (Picidae) - 4 / 234

Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>

Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae) - 5 / 67

Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>
Sooty Falcon	<i>Falco concolor</i>
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>

African & New World Parrots (Psittacidae) - 1 / 179

Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
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Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae) - 1 / 33

Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
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Helmetshrikes (Prionopidae) - 2 / 8

White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>

Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae) - 8 / 49

Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
Gorgeous Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus viridis</i>
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>

Southern Boubou *Laniarius ferrugineus*

Brubru *Nilaus afer*

Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae) - 1 / 92

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*

Shrikes (Laniidae) - 4 / 33

Magpie Shrike *Urolestes melanoleucus*

Southern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus anguitemens*

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*

Figbirds, Orioles (Oriolidae) - 2 / 38

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*

Drongos (Dicruridae) - 1 / 25

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*

Monarchs (Monarchidae) - 1 / 101

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*

Tits, Chickadees (Paridae) - 1 / 64

Southern Black Tit *Melaniparus niger*

Penduline Tits (Remizidae) - 1 / 11

Grey Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus caroli*

Larks (Alaudidae) - 6 / 97

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis*

Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>
Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>
Monotonous Lark	<i>Mirafra passerina</i>

Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae) - 4 / 151

Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>

Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae) - 9 / 88

Grey-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>

Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae) - 1 / 18

Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
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Leaf Warblers and allies (Phylloscopidae) - 1 / 77

Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
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Reed Warblers and allies (Acrocephalidae) - 4 / 61

Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>

Cisticolas and allies (Cisticolidae) - 14 / 160

Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythropis</i>
Lazy Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
Stierling's Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>

Laughingthrushes (Leiothrichidae) - 1 / 133

Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
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White-eyes (Zosteropidae) - 1 / 127

Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>
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Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae) - 7 / 123

Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>

Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>

Oxpeckers (Buphagidae) - 2 / 2

Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>

Thrushes (Turdidae) - 2 / 167

Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>

Chats, Old World Flycatchers (320) (Muscicapidae) - 12 / 321

Bearded Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>

Sunbirds (Nectariniidae) - 5 / 143

Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
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Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>

Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae) - 3 / 51

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>

Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae) - 10 / 109

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>

Waxbills, Munias and allies (Estrildidae) - 8 / 142

Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>

Bronze Mannikin

*Lonchura cucullata***Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae) - 6 / 20**

Village Indigobird

Vidua chalybeata

Purple Indigobird

Vidua purpurascens

Dusky Indigobird

Vidua funerea

Pin-tailed Whydah

Vidua macroura

Shaft-tailed Whydah

Vidua regia

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah

*Vidua paradisaea***Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae) - 7 / 66**

Cape Wagtail

Motacilla capensis

Mountain Wagtail

Motacilla clara

African Pied Wagtail

Motacilla aguimp

Yellow-throated Longclaw

Macronyx croceus

African Pipit

Anthus cinnamomeus

Buffy Pipit

Anthus vaalensis

Bushveld Pipit

*Anthus caffer***Finches (Fringillidae) - 1 / 225**

Streaky-headed Seedeater

*Crithagra gularis***Buntings, New World Sparrows and allies (Emberizidae) - 2 / 180**

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

Emberiza tahapisi

Golden-breasted Bunting

*Emberiza flaviventris***Species: 299****Total sightings recorded on
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