



**SOUTH AFRICA, CUSTOM BIRDING TOUR**  
**Cleanup trip for a short list of target birds, Northern Cape to**  
**Zululand**

**TRIP REPORT 7 - 16 March 2016**

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**Pink-throated Twinspot** was one of the highlights on this tour.

## TOUR ITINERARY

7 March	Witsand Nature Reserve, Northern Cape
8 March	Pofadder, Northern Cape
9 March	Pofadder, Northern Cape
10 March	Port Nolloth, Northern Cape
11 March	Wakkerstroom, Mpumalanga
12 March	iSimangaliso (St Lucia) Wetland Park, KwaZulu Natal
13 March	Mkhuze Game Reserve, KwaZulu Natal
14 March	Mkhuze Game Reserve, KwaZulu Natal
15 March	Johannesburg south, Gauteng
16 March	Groblersdal to Zaagkuilsdrift, Mpumalanga and Limpopo

## OVERVIEW

This bespoke cleanup birding tour was especially designed to try and find a short list of difficult species (such as flufftails and coursers) and remote endemics (such as the Northern Cape larks), that Stephen still “needed” in South Africa (not many of those!). The trip focused on the Northern Cape, Wakkerstroom, and Zululand. The highveld around Johannesburg and bushveld north of Pretoria were also visited to find certain species.

While the focus of the trip was on a short wish-list of target birds, a total of 287 bird species was seen (and another 8 were heard only), and 31 mammals were encountered.

## THE TOUR

### Day 1 – Arrival in Upington and travel to Witsand Nature Reserve

Upon meeting Stephen in Upington in the Northern Cape, we immediately drove eastward to Witsand Nature Reserve. Our target birds here were three species of sandgrouse that could be seen in the area. What became evident as we drove was that this part of the region had received over 100mm of rainfall in the previous 24 hours. This would make our task of locating drinking sandgrouse at their regular haunts a very difficult one.

As we left the tarred roads we began to bird seriously. We managed to see a pair of **Dusky Sunbirds**, a target species for Stephen, of which many more sightings were had during the trip. Along the same stretch of road we obtained nice views of **Desert Cisticola** and the thick-billed form of **Sabota Lark**. We also sighted **Fawn-colored Lark**, **Yellow Canary**, **Cape Bunting**, **Ring-necked Dove**, **Laughing Dove**, **Pale Chanting Goshawk**, **Rock Kestrel**, **Fork-tailed Drongo**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Scaly-feathered Weaver**, **Sociable Weaver**, **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **White-backed Mousebird**, **Lesser Grey Shrike**, **Southern Fiscal**, and **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**. A foraging **Kori Bustard** close to the road gave us very good views.

We stopped for a single sandgrouse, which was spotted among the thorn thicket in the red dunes. Attempting to get a better view of the bird on foot, we flushed a **Burchell’s Sandgrouse**, one of our target species for the trip.

Arriving at the Witsand Nature Reserve, we checked in and planned to visit the well-known sandgrouse hide in the late afternoon. While at our chalet we had some lovely sightings of **African Red-eyed Bulbul**, **Spotted Flycatcher**, **Pririt Batis**, **Black-throated Canary**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Long-billed Crombec**, **Familiar Chat**, **Ashy Tit**, and **Chestnut-**

**vented Warbler**, and **Kalahari Scrub Robin** called in (whistling) while Stephen was imitating the call of Pearl-spotted Owllet.

At the sandgrouse hide we had lovely views of various canaries and **Namaqua Dove**, **Southern Red Bishop**, and **Southern Masked Weaver**. **Brubru** was heard but not seen. We sat in the hide for approximately two hours, anticipating the arrival of the sandgrouse and hoping for views of Double-banded Sandgrouse. Unfortunately no sandgrouse at all came to the waterhole, and we retired for the day.

### **Day 2 – Dawn at Witsand, travel to Pofadder in search of Northern Cape specials**

We arrived at the sandgrouse hide at first light, at 6:30 a.m. We heard a group of **Namaqua Sandgrouse** close by on the ground, but once again, sadly, no sandgrouse visited the water. We did obtain a lovely view of a sub-adult **Black Stork**, though, which stooped in for a drink and landed within five meters in front of us.

We departed the reserve and set off on our five-hour drive to the small town of Pofadder in the north-western part of the province. En route we saw **Pygmy Falcon**, **Pale-winged Starling**, **Barn Swallow**, **Blacksmith Lapwing**, **Common Ostrich**, **African Black Swift**, **Reed Cormorant**, **Common Waxbill**, **Western Cattle Egret**, and **Greater Striped Swallow**, among others.

Arriving in Pofadder we drove directly to the known sites we had planned to visit for our next target species. This involved watching known livestock watering points for drinking birds and scanning and listening in likely habitats for the birds we were after. Our drive took us over approximately 60 kilometers of gravel road through a beautiful part northern Bushmanland.

On this route we saw some prized birds, which included **Stark's Lark**, flocks of **Black-eared Sparrow-Lark**, and the highly-desirable **Red Lark**. Other species seen included **Bradfield's Swift**, **Spike-heeled Lark**, **Rock Dove**, **Cape Sparrow**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Little Swift**, **Rufous-eared Warbler**, **Capped Wheatear**, **Karoo Chat**, **Cape Teal**, **Egyptian Goose**, **Tractrac Chat**, and **Ant-eating Chat**; these were all added to our list. **Chat Flycatcher** was common, and **Northern Black Korhaan** and **Three-banded Plover** were also added to our steadily growing list.

### **Day 3 – Pofadder birding and travel to Springbok in Namaqualand**

After an early breakfast at the neat and tidy Pofadder Hotel we set out on a different road to search for new target birds. Reaching some open, sparsely vegetated plains, we stopped to scan for one of our main targets, **Burchell's Courser**. Almost immediately we located two birds and continued to obtain spectacular views of these uncommon and very difficult-to-locate desert nomads.

We then returned to the road that we had driven the previous day to resume our search for missing target species. We had great views of **Karoo Long-billed Lark**, another target bird. Sclater's Lark, a key species for us, was, however, missed on this day. But we did obtain more views of **Black-eared Sparrow-Lark** and other excellent birds.

We then left the area and took the two-hour drive to Springbok, where we would spend the night before commencing our search for Barlow's Lark on the Atlantic seaboard. En route we obtained views of numerous perched **Greater Kestrels**.



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One of two exquisite Burchell's Coursers that were seen in the Pofadder area

#### Day 4 – Springbok to Port Nolloth

We departed Springbok at 4:00 a.m. and took the two-hour drive to the seaside diamond mining town of Port Nolloth. This area is the southern limit for the highly localized, endemic Barlow's Lark. We drove 46 kilometers north of Port Nolloth, where we eventually located two stunning **Barlow's Larks**, foraging in the dunes alongside the road. The birds were very obliging, and we obtained lovely views of one individual. Of further interest was a good view of a Barlow's/Karoo Lark hybrid.

Other new birds for our trip list included **Karoo Lark**, **Karoo Scrub Robin**, **Jackal Buzzard**, two **Martial Eagles**, **Southern Double-collared Sunbird**, **African Stonechat**, **White-throated Canary**, and lovely views of **Cape Long-billed Lark**. Some brief birding along the seashore before departing back to Pofadder turned-up **Greater Flamingo**, **South African Shelduck**, breeding **Crowned Cormorant**, **Cape Cormorant**, **African Oystercatcher**, **White-fronted Plover**, **Sandwich Tern**, **Common Tern**, and **Hartlaub's and Kelp Gulls**.

On the five-hour trip back to Pofadder an un-planned detour on a dirt road into the Kammiesberge delivered nice views of **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler**.



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This Barlow's Lark was surprisingly redder than the sub-species *Calendulauda barlowi patei*, which is known from this area.

Another detour through the little town of Pella to the Orange River yielded **Goliath Heron, Mountain Wheatear, African Palm Swift, African Pied Wagtail, Cape Robin-Chat, Black-chested Prinia**, and a roosting female **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar**.

Back in Pofadder we made another attempt in the early evening to try and locate Sclater's Lark. We again were unsuccessful and established a new plan for the next day to try and see this bird.

#### **Day 4 - Pofadder to Upington, flight to Johannesburg and transfer to Wakkerstroom**

The next day we arrived back at the same drinking points we had sat at the evening before. Between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. we were treated to no less than eight individual **Sclater's Larks** flying in for a drink. The distinctive characteristics were well seen, and elated we set off for Upington to begin the next phase of our trip. En route we had magnificent views of a **Martial Eagle**, which was perched on a telephone pole.

We caught our flight to Johannesburg, and after collecting our rental car we set off for the highland town of Wakkerstroom in Mpumalanga, well-known for its brilliant grassland birding.

During the five-hour drive we added species such as **Long-tailed Widowbird** and **Yellow-crowned Bishop**. **Dark-capped Bulbul, African Wattled Lapwing, White-winged Tern, and Whiskered Tern** were also seen en route. **Pale-crowned Cisticola**, a target bird, was very well seen in damp rank grass on a secondary road in the late afternoon. We reached Wakkerstroom at 8.30 p.m. that night, and after a good meal at one of the local restaurants we checked into our accommodation and retired for the day.

#### **Day 5 – Birding in Wakkerstroom, drive to St Lucia in KwaZulu Natal**

The next morning we met with bird guide Norman Mncube at 6:00 a.m., who knows exactly where to find Rudd's Lark, our priority species for this morning.

While driving to the site and stopping to look at roadside birds we spotted **Swainson's Spurfowl, Blue Crane, Zitting Cisticola, Levaillant's Cisticola, Denham's Bustard, African Pipit, Yellow-billed Duck, White-rumped Swift, African Marsh Harrier, Cape Longclaw, and Hamerkop**.

After a 20-kilometer drive we arrived at the site, where we found three **Rudd's Larks** foraging in the damp grassland being grazed by cattle. We had amazingly good views of the birds and were very pleased with the sighting.

En route back to Wakkerstroom we saw **Grey Crowned Crane, White-throated Swallow, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Amur Falcon**, and the endemics **Blue Korhaan** and **Southern Bald Ibis**. We then obtained further views of **Pale-crowned Cisticola** and a single **Sand Martin**.

Leaving Wakkerstroom we set off on the five-hour drive to the town of St Lucia on the Indian Ocean seaboard. Two **Woolly-necked Storks** were seen en route foraging in a roadside wetland, but little birding was to be had during the drive.

On arriving in the subtropical town of St Lucia we managed views of **White-eared Barbet, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, and Water Thick-knee**. We spent the night in a comfortable guesthouse and planned to search for Southern Banded Snake Eagle the following morning.



The endemic Rudd's Lark in Wakkerstroom

### Day 6 – St Lucia and iSimangaliso Wetland Park to Mkhuzi Game Reserve

Our target bird **Southern Banded Snake Eagle** was located within half an hour of our search not far into the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. The eagle was perched approximately 400 meters from where we were positioned on a snag on the edge of the swamp forest it occupies. Through the spotting scope we were able to clearly pick out the key features of this target bird.

Other species seen during the morning in the park included **Yellow-throated Longclaw**, **Rufous-naped Lark**, **Banded Martin**, **Burchell's Coucal**, **African Green Pigeon**, **European Roller**, **Black-bellied Starling**, **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater**, **Rattling Cisticola**, **Willow Warbler**, **African Yellow Warbler**, **Square-tailed Drongo**, **Common Buzzard**, **Sombre Greenbul**, and **African Swamphen**. Another lovely surprise was a **Black Coucal** found sunning itself in a palm tree in the grasslands.

Thereafter we headed for our next destination, Mkhuzi Game Reserve, and arrived at approximately 1:00 p.m. After checking into our accommodation we searched for **Pink-throated Twinspot**. We quickly located a pair of these exquisite little birds, with the male giving us spectacular views. We then searched for Neergard's Sunbird, another target, which was briefly heard as it flew overhead, but unfortunately views were never had.

Other birds encountered during the afternoon included **Little Sparrowhawk**, **Chinspot Batis**, **Red-billed Quelea**, **Black-backed Puffback**, **Golden-breasted Bunting**, **Cape Starling**, **European and Little Bee-eaters**, **Yellow-fronted Canary**, **Orange-breasted Bushshrike**, **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove**, **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Wahlberg's Eagle** (the dark-headed form), **Burnt-necked Eremomela**, **Lanner Falcon**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, **Trumpeter Hornbill**, **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird**, **White-bellied Sunbird**, **Dark-backed Weaver**, and **Green Wood Hoopoe**, among others.

### Days 7 and 8 – Mkhuzi Game Reserve

We had two wonderful days in the beautiful Mkhuzi Game Reserve to search for a few remaining target birds. More amazing sightings of **Pink-throated Twinspot** were had at Khumasinga Hide, where we again searched for Neergard's Sunbird, sadly in vain. **Grey Penduline Tit** and **Yellow-breasted** and **Rudd's Apalises** were seen well. Other new birds for Stephen's growing trip list included **White-browed Scrub Robin**, **Purple-crested Turaco**, **Yellow-throated Petronia**, **Flappet Lark**, **White-backed Vulture**, **White-headed Vulture**, **Cape Vulture**, **Southern Black Tit**, **Violet-backed Starling**, **Red-backed Shrike**,

and **Black Saw-wing**. **Malachite Kingfisher** and **Wood Sandpiper** were seen near the Mkhuze River.



Rudd's Apalis is endemic to Northern Zululand in South Africa and to southern Mozambique.

In the last hours of one day we managed to squeeze in a quick visit to Nsumo Pan. En route we collected **Crested Guinea fowl** and **Grey Go-away-bird**. Nsumo Pan was alive with waterbirds, and within a very short period of time we managed to record **Red-billed Teal**, **Hottentot Teal**, **Knob-billed Duck**, **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Marabou**, **Saddle-billed**, and **Yellow-billed Storks**, **Glossy Ibis**, **Intermediate Egret**, and **Great Egret**. **African Openbills** were seen roosting in the fever trees at the pan's edge, while **Lesser Flamingo**, **Greater Flamingo**, **Great White Pelican**, and **Pink-backed Pelican** were seen feeding in the pan.

En route back to the camp, we heard and spotted a number of **Fiery-necked Nightjars** along the road, followed by two cheetah sitting guard near a recently-killed impala. Not ten minutes later we encountered a large male leopard as he strolled down the road, giving us uninterrupted views from only meters away, until he moved further off the road edge into the bush.

### Day 9 – Mkhuze to Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve in Gauteng

We left Mkhuze the next morning and added **African Hoopoe** and **Pale Flycatcher** to our list. We then began the seven-hour drive back to Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve in Gauteng, where we would rendezvous with Birding Ecotours guide Dylan Vasapolli, who would guide Stephen over the course of the next day before the tour ended. En route to Suikerbosrand we found **Black-winged Pratincole** and **Grey-headed Gull** near the town of Nigel.

We met Dylan shortly after 3:00 p.m., from where we proceeded to an area where he had located **Melodious Lark**, a target bird, which presented good views. **Pink-billed Lark** was also briefly seen in flight, along with other typical highveld grassland species, which included **White-winged** and **Long-tailed Widowbirds**, **Pin-tailed Whydah**, and **Spike-healed Lark**. From here on Dylan took over guiding the trip.

We (Dylan and Stephen) proceeded onwards to the first Red-chested Flufftail site, where the bird unfortunately could not be found, even after an extensive search in the area. While waiting for the flufftail to appear we were treated to views of numerous other waterbirds, which included **African Crake**, **African Snipe**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Fulvous Whistling Duck**, **Wood Sandpiper**, and **African Swamphen**. Several **Orange River Francolins**,

another target species, were vocal but always remained out of view. We tried to lure them into an opening, but this unfortunately wasn't successful. Attempting to stalk them resulted in a flushed view of a single bird as it flew away from us. All too soon the sun had set, and we were on the trail of African Grass Owl. We were treated to a good view of **Marsh Owl** before eventually finding **African Grass Owl**, which flew across our path.

### Day 10 – Groblersdal and Zaagkuilsdrift

We left early in the morning and made our way northwards to the Groblersdal area. We arrived at first light and tried for **Red-chested Flufftail** again. Almost immediately we had superb views of a male bird as it walked into a clearing, giving us brilliant views. Other species in this area included **Little Bee-eater**, **Great Reed Warbler**, **Banded Martin**, **Cape Crow**, **Malachite Kingfisher**, and a vocal **Cape Grassbird**.

We then headed off to try for broad-leaved woodland species such as Tinkling Cisticola and Bushveld Pipit. A few hours were spent birding a tract of woodland, but we found the bird activity to be quite low. A few bird parties were found, however, and the following species were seen: **Southern Black Tit**, **Brubru**, **Greater Honeyguide**, **Brown-backed Honeybird**, **Common Whitethroat**, **Streaky-headed Seedeater**, **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**, **Green-capped Eremomela**, and a calling **Common Buttonquail** was heard. We also enjoyed good views of perched **Pearl-breasted Swallows**. Just as we were about to give up we actually managed to find a **Bushveld Pipit**, but try as we might, we could not find the cisticola.

From here we set our sights for **White-backed Night Heron**, and after a long search eventually managed to find an individual. This site held other good birds, and we also found **Half-collared** and **Woodland Kingfishers**, **White-fronted Bee-eater**, and a pair of **Wahlberg's Eagles**.

We then headed for the Zaagkuilsdrift Road, where we tried for Olive-tree Warbler. But despite trying many different locations we were unable to find any warblers. We managed, though, to find the regular thornveld species, which included **Southern Pied Babbler**, **Magpie Shrike**, **Scaly-feathered Weaver**, **Marico Sunbird**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Chinspot Batis**, **Marico Flycatcher**, **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver**, **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**, **Desert Cisticola**, and **Jameson's Firefinch**.

A pair of **Great Sparrow** (a target species) was located during the late afternoon, providing great views. We then waited for Double-banded Sandgrouse to visit a regular drinking point, but heavy thundershowers unfortunately spoiled this plan.

This brought an end to a brilliant day, and we made our way toward Johannesburg, where I dropped Stephen off with his family.

NORTHERN CAPE TO ZULULAND SOUTH AFRICA CUSTOM TOUR BIRD LIST 7 - 16 MARCH 2016		
Bold = country endemic Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered		
Common Name (IOC 6.01)	Scientific Name (IOC 6.01)	Trip
	<b>SRUTHIONIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Struthionidae</u></b>	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	1
	<b>ANSERIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Anatidae</u></b>	



White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	1
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	1
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	1
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	1
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	1
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	1
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	1
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	1
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	1
	<b>GALLIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Numididae</u></b>	
Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>	1
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
	<b><u>Phasianidae</u></b>	
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	1
Orange River Francolin	<i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	1
	<b>PODICIPEDIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Podicipedidae</u></b>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1
	<b>PHOENICOPTERIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Phoenicopteridae</u></b>	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	1
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	1
	<b>CICONIIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Ciconiidae</u></b>	
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	1
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	1
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	1
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	1
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	1
	<b>PELECANIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Threskiornithidae</u></b>	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	1
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1
<b>Southern Bald Ibis - VU</b>	<b><i>Geronticus calvus</i></b>	1
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	1
	<b><u>Ardeidae</u></b>	

Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	1
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	1
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>	1
	<b><u>Scopidae</u></b>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1
	<b><u>Pelecanidae</u></b>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	1
	<b>SULIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Phalacrocoracidae</u></b>	
<b>Cape Cormorant - EN</b>	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	1
Crowned Cormorant - NT	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	1
Reed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	1
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	1
	<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Anhingidae</u></b>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	1
	<b><u>Accipitridae</u></b>	
Cape Vulture - VU	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>	1
White-backed Vulture - EN	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	1
White-headed Vulture - VU	<i>Trionoceph occipitalis</i>	1
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	1
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	1
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	1
Southern Banded Snake Eagle - NT	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>	1
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	1
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	1
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	1
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	1
	<b>OTIDIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Otididae</u></b>	
Denham's Bustard - NT	<i>Neotis denhami</i>	1
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	1

Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>	1
<b>Blue Korhaan - NT</b>	<i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i>	1
	<b>GRUIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Sarothruridae</u></b>	
Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>	1
	<b><u>Rallidae</u></b>	
African Crake	<i>Crex egregia</i>	1
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	1
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	1
	<b><u>Gruidae</u></b>	
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>	1
Grey Crowned Crane - EN	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	1
	<b>CHARADRIIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Turnicidae</u></b>	
Common Buttonquail	<i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>	H
	<b><u>Burhinidae</u></b>	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	1
	<b><u>Haematopodidae</u></b>	
African Oystercatcher - NT	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>	1
	<b><u>Recurvirostridae</u></b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
	<b><u>Charadriidae</u></b>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	1
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	1
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	1
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1
	<b><u>Scolopacidae</u></b>	
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	1
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	1
	<b><u>Glareolidae</u></b>	
Black-winged Pratincole - NT	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	1
Burchell's Courser	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>	1
	<b><u>Laridae</u></b>	
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	1
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	1
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	1
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	1
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	1
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	1

White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	1
	<b>PTEROCLIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Pteroclididae</u></b>	
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>	1
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	1
	<b>COLUMBIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Columbidae</u></b>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	1
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	1
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	1
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	1
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	1
	<b>MUSOPHAGIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Musophagidae</u></b>	
Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>	1
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	1
	<b>CUCULIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Cuculidae</u></b>	
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	H
Black Coucal	<i>Centropus grillii</i>	1
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>	1
	<b>STRIGIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Tytonidae</u></b>	
African Grass Owl	<i>Tyto capensis</i>	1
	<b><u>Strigidae</u></b>	
Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>	1
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	1
	<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Caprimulgidae</u></b>	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	1
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>	1
	<b>APODIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Apodidae</u></b>	
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	1
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>	1
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1

White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	1
	<b>COLIIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Coliidae</u></b>	
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	1
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	1
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	1
	<b>CORACIIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Coraciidae</u></b>	
European Roller - NT	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	1
	<b><u>Alcedinidae</u></b>	
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	1
Half-collared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>	1
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	1
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	1
	<b><u>Meropidae</u></b>	
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>	1
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	1
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	1
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	1
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	1
	<b>BUCEROTIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Upupidae</u></b>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1
	<b><u>Phoeniculidae</u></b>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	1
	<b><u>Bucerotidae</u></b>	
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>	1
	<b>PICIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Lybiidae</u></b>	
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	H
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	1
White-eared Barbet	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>	1
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	1
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	1
	<b><u>Indicatoridae</u></b>	
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>	1
Brown-backed Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>	1
	<b><u>Picidae</u></b>	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	H
	<b>FALCONIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Falconidae</u></b>	

Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	1
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	1
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	1
Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>	1
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	1
	<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>	
	<b><u>Platysteiridae</u></b>	
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	1
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>	1
	<b><u>Malaconotidae</u></b>	
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	1
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	1
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	1
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	H
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	1
	<b><u>Laniidae</u></b>	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>	1
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	1
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	1
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	1
	<b><u>Dicruridae</u></b>	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1
Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>	1
	<b><u>Monarchidae</u></b>	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	1
	<b><u>Corvidae</u></b>	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	1
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
	<b><u>Paridae</u></b>	
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>	1
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	1
	<b><u>Remizidae</u></b>	
Grey Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>	1
	<b><u>Alaudidae</u></b>	
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	1
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	1
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	1
Barlow's Lark	<i>Calendulauda barlowi</i>	1
Fawn-coloured Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>	1
<b>Karoo Lark</b>	<i>Calendulauda albescens</i>	1
Red Lark - VU	<i>Calendulauda burra</i>	1

Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>	1
Melodious Lark - NT	<i>Mirafra cheniana</i>	1
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>	1
<b>Cape Long-billed Lark</b>	<b><i>Certhilauda curvirostris</i></b>	1
Karoo Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>	1
Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>	1
<b>Rudd's Lark - VU</b>	<b><i>Heteromirafra ruddi</i></b>	1
Sclater's Lark - NT	<i>Spizocorys sclateri</i>	1
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>	1
Black-eared Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix australis</i>	1
Grey-backed Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	1
	<b><u>Pycnonotidae</u></b>	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	1
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	1
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	1
	<b><u>Hirundinidae</u></b>	
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	1
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	1
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	1
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	1
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	1
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	1
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	1
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	1
	<b><u>Macrosphenidae</u></b>	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	1
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	1
	<b><u>Phylloscopidae</u></b>	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	1
	<b><u>Acrocephalidae</u></b>	
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	1
African Yellow Warbler	<i>Iduna natalensis</i>	1
	<b><u>Cisticolidae</u></b>	
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	1
Wing-snapping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>	1
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1
Pale-crowned Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cinnamomeus</i>	1
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	1
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	1
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	1
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>	1

Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	H
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler	<i>Euryptila subcinnamomea</i>	1
Rudd's Apalis	<i>Apalis ruddi</i>	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	1
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>	1
Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	1
	<b><u>Leiothrichidae</u></b>	
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>	1
	<b><u>Sylviidae</u></b>	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	1
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcaerulea</i>	1
	<b><u>Sturnidae</u></b>	
Black-bellied Starling	<i>Notopholia corrusca</i>	1
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	1
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>	1
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>	1
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	1
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	1
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	1
	<b><u>Buphagidae</u></b>	
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	1
	<b><u>Muscicapidae</u></b>	
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	1
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>	1
Sickle-winged Chat	<i>Emarginata sinuata</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
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	1
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	1
Karoo Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	1
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	1
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>	1
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>	1
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>	1
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	1
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	1
	<b><u>Nectariniidae</u></b>	
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	H



Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	1
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>	1
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	1
Neergaard's Sunbird - NT	<i>Cinnyris neergaardi</i>	H
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	1
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	1
	<b><u>Passeridae</u></b>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>	1
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	1
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>	1
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	1
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	1
Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>	1
	<b><u>Ploceidae</u></b>	
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	1
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	1
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>	1
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	1
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	1
Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>	1
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	1
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	1
Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	1
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	1
	<b><u>Estrildidae</u></b>	
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	1
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	1
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	1
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>	1
Pink-throated Twinspot	<i>Hypargos margaritatus</i>	1
	<b><u>Viduidae</u></b>	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	1
	<b><u>Motacillidae</u></b>	
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	1
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>	1
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	1
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Bushveld Pipit	<i>Anthus caffer</i>	1
	<b><u>Fringillidae</u></b>	
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>	1

Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>	1
Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>	1
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	1
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	1
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	1
	<b>Emberizidae</b>	
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	1
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	1
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>287</b>

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	<b>RODENTIA</b>	
	<b>Sciuridae</b>	
South African ground squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>	1
	<b>LAGOMORPHA</b>	
	<b>Leporidae</b>	
Scrub hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	1
	<b>HYRACOIDEA</b>	
	<b>Procaviidae</b>	
Rock hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	1
	<b>PERISSODACTYLA</b>	
	<b>Equidae</b>	
Plains zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	1
	<b>Rhinocerotidae</b>	
White rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	1
	<b>ARTIODACTYLA</b>	
	<b>Hippopotamidae</b>	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	1
	<b>Suidae</b>	
Common warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	1
	<b>Giraffidae</b>	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	1
	<b>Bovidae</b>	
Blue wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>	1
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>	1
Tsessebe	<i>Damaliscus lunatus lunatus</i>	1
Natal red duiker	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>	1

Common duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	1
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	1
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	1
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	1
Common impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	1
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	1
Greater kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	1
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	1
Southern reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>	1
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	1
	<b>CARNIVORA</b>	
	<b>Felidae</b>	
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	1
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	1
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	1
	<b>Herpestidae</b>	
Meerkat	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	1
Yellow mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	1
Cape gray mongoose	<i>Galerella pulverulenta</i>	1
	<b>PRIMATES</b>	
	<b>Galagidae</b>	
Thick-tailed greater galago	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>	1
	<b>Cercopithecidae</b>	
Chacma baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	1
Vervet monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31</b>