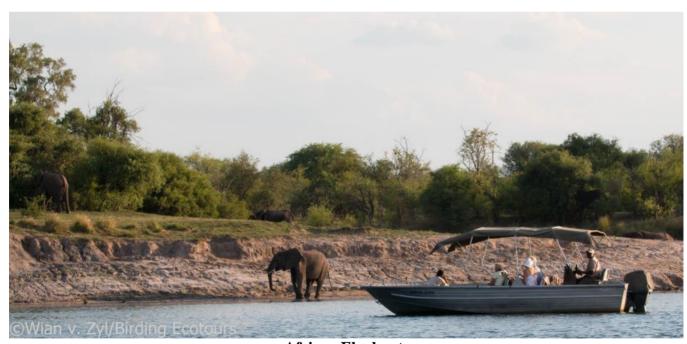


# Namibia, Okavango Panhandle and Victoria Falls in reverse Trip Report November/December 2017

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**African Elephant** 



# **Itinerary**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Overnight</u>
20 November	Arrival and birding Livingstone	Maramba River Lodge
21 November	Birding Livingstone and Victoria Falls	Maramba River Lodge
22 November	Transfer to Eastern Caprivi, Namibia	Caprivi Houseboat Cabins
23 November	Birding the Eastern Caprivi	Caprivi Houseboat Cabins
24 November	Transfer to Okavango Panhandle	Xaro Lodge
25 November	Birding the Okavango Panhandle	Xaro Lodge
26 November	Transfer to Popa Falls	Popa Falls Camp
27 November	Transfer to Roy's Camp	Roy's Camp
28 November	Transfer to Etosha National Park	Halali Camp
29 November	Birding Etosha National Park	Okaukuejo Camp
30 November	Birding Etosha National Park	Dolomite Camp
1 December	Transfer to Namibian northern border	Kunene River Lodge
2 December	Birding Kunene River and surrounds	Kunene River Lodge
3 December	Transfer to the Namib Escarpment	Erongo Wilderness Lodge
4 December	Birding Erongo Wilderness Lodge	Erongo Wilderness Lodge
5 December	Transfer to Walvis Bay	Amjicaja Guesthouse
6 December	Birding Walvis Bay	Amjicaja Guesthouse
7 December	Departure	

#### Overview

A trip that started in Zambia covered a wide variety of habitats in Namibia and crossed a little into Botswana's Okavango Panhandle, where the water life is incomparable. We had a great time birding with a small group of only six clients. The scenery, roads, food, and everything in between left us with great memories and stories to go with the amazing birding that took place over the next 18 days.

## Day 1, 20 November 2017. Birding Livingstone

With our last tour participant arriving later today we managed to do some great morning birding around Livingstone, Zambia, and recorded African Hawk-Eagle, African Openbill, Collared Palm Thrush, Grey-backed Camaroptera, White-fronted Bee-eater, Squacco Heron, African Jacana, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, and Village Weaver. In the afternoon after collecting the last tour participant, we made our way to a good spot to look for Racket-tailed Roller and managed to connect with the bird almost instantaneously. Here we also found Black-backed Puffback, Purple-banded and Amethyst Sunbirds, and Yellow-billed Kite. A quick stop on the side of the road on the way back to our accommodation provided us with Lesser Grey and Red-backed Shrikes, Northern Grey-headed Sparrow, Red-billed Firefinch, Blue Waxbill, Long-billed Crombec, and many more.

## Day 2, 21 November 2017. Victoria Falls and Livingstone

We started the day with an early morning walk, during which we recorded Purple Heron, Levaillant's and Red-chested Cuckoos, Black Cuckooshrike, Bearded Scrub Robin, Red-winged Starling, Rock Martin, Barn Swallow, Collared Sunbird, Natal Spurfowl, and African Wattled Lapwing. With our main goal being the magnificent Victoria Falls, birds during our sightseeing trip included African Green Pigeon, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, African Palm and White-rumped Swifts, Striped, Malachite,



and Brown-hooded Kingfishers. White-fronted Bee-eater, Trumpeter Hornbill, and Swamp Boubou. A scenic afternoon boat cruise provided us with the likes of Rock Pratincole, Knob-billed Duck, Whitefaced Whistling Duck, Spur-winged Goose, African Skimmer, African Finfoot, Western Osprey, Red-faced Cisticola, Holub's Golden Weaver, African Pied Wagtail, Glossy Ibis, Striated Heron, Intermediate Egret. African Darter, and more.



Trumpeter Hornbill

## Day 3, 22 November 2017. Transfer to Katima Mulilo, Namibia

With mostly a travel day ahead of us we didn't have too much time for birding, but the morning bird walk provided us with Chinspot Batis, Black Cuckooshrike, Black-collared Barbet, Squacco Heron, a calling Striped Kingfisher, Helmeted Guineafowl, Red-faced Cisticola, Tropical Boubou, and more. En route to Katima Mulilo we didn't see much except for Barn Swallow, African Palm Swift, Whiterumped Swift, and Black-crowned Tchagra, while a Diederik Cuckoo was calling. The road toward Namibia was in rather a bad state with a lot of potholes littered all over it, but at least the border crossing was quite painless. Soon after we arrived at Caprivi Houseboats, our accommodation for the evening, we went for a walk, during which we had smashing views of White-browed Robin-Chat, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Magpie Shrike, Lizard Buzzard, White-bellied Sunbird, African Wood Owl, Willow Warbler, Black-winged Stilt, Red-eyed Dove, Schalow's Turaco, and many others.

#### Day 4, 23 November 2017. Birding Katima Mulilo, Namibia

We started the day with a morning walk, which produced White-bellied Starling, Klaas's Cuckoo, Senegal and White-browed Coucals, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Black-throated Canary, Pintailed Whydah, Yellow-billed Kite, and Green Wood Hoopoe. After breakfast we continued birding around the lodge and took a short drive to some nearby marshes, which unfortunately were very dry due to the late rains. Nevertheless we still saw White-crested Helmetshrike, Brown-crowned and Blackcrowned Tchagras, Schalow's Turaco, Lesser Striped Swallow, White-fronted Bee-eater, a calling Greater Honeyguide, and White-browed Scrub Robin. We also found a small pond with a few fishermen on it, and here recorded Intermediate and Western Cattle Egrets, Giant, Pied, and Malachite Kingfishers, Squacco Heron, African Pygmy Goose, Blacksmith Lapwing, African Jacana, and more. On our way back to the vehicle we found Red-billed Oxpecker, African Wattled Lapwing, Luapula Cisticola, and African Grey Hornbill. A boat cruise in the afternoon produced



White-backed Night Heron, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Water Thick-knee, Rock Pratincole, African Darter, African Skimmer, Hadada Ibis, African Fish Eagle, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, White-faced Whistling Duck, Common Greenshank, and Kittlitz's Plover among many others.



White-backed Night Heron

#### Day 5, 24 November 2017. Transfer to the Okavango Panhandle, Botswana

Our morning walk before breakfast produced, among others, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Klaas's Cuckoo, Black Cuckooshrike, White-browed Robin-Chat, Black-collared and Crested Barbets, and Yellowfronted Tinkerbird. En route to the Okavango we recorded Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Yellowbilled Kite, African Openbill, and Wire-tailed Swallow. After a few hours we managed to reach the collection point for our next lodge in the panhandle, and the enjoyable boat ride to the island on which the lodge was located yielded African Fish Eagle, African Skimmer, Hamerkop, Water Thick-knee, Reed Cormorant, African Darter, and Little Bee-eater. After a late lunch we walked around the garden, and the island very quickly provided us with Pel's Fishing Owl, Hartlaub's Babbler, Woodland Kingfisher, Brown Firefinch, Broad-billed Roller, Retz's Helmetshrike and others before, unfortunately, rain cut our walk short and ended the day.

#### Day 6, 25 November 2017. Birding the Okavango Panhandle

Waking up to one of the most spectacular dawn choruses on the tour yet, we started off with a morning walk in and around the lodge and enjoyed Mourning Collared Dove, Woodland Kingfisher, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Dark-capped Bulbul, Broad-billed Roller, Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Cardinal Woodpecker, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Red-billed Oxpecker, and Holub's Golden Weaver. After a great breakfast (as usual) we went on our morning boat cruise on the Okavango River and had great views of Striated Heron, African Fish Eagle, Little Bittern, African Jacana, Long-toed and Blacksmith Lapwings, Goliath Heron, African Pygmy Goose, Chirping Cisticola, and many more. We pulled up onto a sand bank and walked a little in search of Slaty Egret, which showed very well, Wattled Crane, Cape Wagtail, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, African Openbill, Spur-winged Goose, Senegal Coucal, and more, but unfortunately we dipped on Lesser Jacana. The main highlights on our afternoon boat cruise



were Grey-headed Kingfisher, Collared Pratincole, Hamerkop, Black-winged Kite, Western Osprey, and brief views of Greater Swamp Warbler.



Pel's Fishing Owl



Grey-headed Kingfisher

## Day 7, 26 November 2017. Transfer to Popa Falls, Namibia

During a short morning walk and a short boat trip back to our vehicle we saw, among others, Meyer's Parrot as a flyby, Grey Go-away-bird, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Greater Swamp Warbler, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Giant and Pied Kingfishers, African Fish Eagle, Marabou Stork, and African Hoopoe. After checking into our accommodation and a decent lunch we made our way into the



beautiful Mahango Game Reserve, part and showcase of the large Bwabwata National Park, where some of the many birds we enjoyed here were **Knob-billed Duck**, **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **Egyptian** and **Spur-winged Geese**, **Wattled Crane**, **Great Egret**, **African Openbill**, **Meves's** and **Burchell's Starlings**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Shaft-tailed Whydah**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Wahlberg's** and **Tawny Eagles**, **Violet-eared** and **Black-faced Waxbills**, and **Slaty Egret**! Mammals included African Elephant, Greater Kudu, Impala, Red Lechwe, and Hippopotamus.

## Day 8, 27 November 2017. Transfer to Roy's Camp

A short walk around the camp this morning produced Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, White-bellied Sunbird, Little Sparrowhawk, African Wattled Lapwing, African Pied Wagtail, Rock Pratincole, Tawny-flanked Prinia, and Swamp Boubou. We spent a few minutes en route to our next lodge looking for Rufous-bellied Tit, Sharp-tailed Starling, and Souza's Shrike, unfortunately to no avail for all of them. We did, however, find a brief Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Black Sparrowhawk, and Spotted Flycatcher. Due to an unfortunate four-hour delay we didn't have much time for birding in the afternoon after we had arrived at our lodge. But a brief walk here still produced Red-billed Spurfowl, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Green-winged Pytilia, and Grey Go-away-bird before rain once more stopped the birding for the day.

#### Day 9, 28 November 2017. Transfer to Etosha National Park

As usual we started our day with a brief walk before breakfast, which yielded Green-winged Pytilia, Common Scimitarbill, Southern Red-billed Hornbill, Grey Go-away-bird, and Common Swift. En route to Etosha we saw Booted and Tawny Eagles, White-backed Vulture, and Southern Grey-headed Sparrow. After we entered Etosha National Park, one of the best-known destinations in southern Africa, excitement was high, and soon we managed to get our optics on great species such as Red-necked Falcon, Red-capped Lark, Rattling Cisticola, Northern Black Korhaan, Kori Bustard, Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark, Common Ostrich, Burchell's Starling, Red-backed and Lesser Grey Shrike, and Cinnamon-breasted and Golden-breasted Buntings. We spent some time at the famous Halali waterhole, which is floodlit with spot lights. Great views of African Elephant, Black Rhinoceros, Blackbacked Jackal, and Spotted Hyena were had, while Barn Owls and Rufous-cheeked Nightjars kept on flying by, grabbing the opportunity of feeding on the insects attracted by the lights. Other mammals for the day included Plains Zebra, Blue Wildebeest, Springbok, Black-faced Impala, Gemsbok, Steenbok, and Common Warthog.

#### Day 10, 29 November 2017. Etosha National Park, Halali Camp to Okaukuejo Camp

A full day's birding in the park provided us with the likes of Damara Red-billed Hornbill, Southern White-crowned Shrike, Greater Kestrel, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark, Zitting and Desert Cisticolas, Kori Bustard, Red-breasted Swallow, and Cape Crow. We spent a little time at a waterhole en route to our next camp and managed to record African Jacana, Kittlitz's Plover, Red-billed Teal, Little Grebe, Red-knobbed Coot, Wood Sandpiper, Namaqua Sandgrouse, Yellow-billed Kite, Namaqua Dove, and more. As it warmed up the birding quieted down a little, but we still saw Black-chested Prinia, Blue Crane, Three-banded Plover, Western Cattle Egret, Tawny Eagle, Red-billed Quelea, Red-headed Finch, Black-throated Canary, African Cuckoo, Common Ostrich, Tawny Eagle, and Spotted Thick-knee. We ended up arriving at Okaukuejo Camp in the late afternoon. Birding after check-in until the light was too low we found Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, Namaqua Sandgrouse, European Bee-eater, African Hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, Green Wood Hoopoe, Sabota and Red-capped Larks, African Red-eyed Bulbul, Rock Martin, Tawny-flanked Prinia, and Rattling Cisticola. Mammals included Gemsbok, Giraffe, Greater Kudu, Springbok, and Steenbok.





Springbok

## Day 11, 30 November 2017. Etosha National Park, Okaukuejo Camp to Dolomite Camp

The day started out with morning birding in and around the camp. As we were looking at Gemsbok, African Elephant, Giraffe, Plains Zebra, Greater Kudu, Springbok, Spotted Hyena, and Black-backed Jackal coming to the waterhole to drink, the birds here included Sociable Weaver, Black-headed Heron, Wahlberg's Eagle, Three-banded Plover, Red-billed Quelea, African Hoopoe, African Cuckoo, and Namaqua Dove. Other highlights included White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Acacia Pied Barbet, Brubru, Rock Martin, Southern Masked Weaver, and Green Wood Hoopoe. With a long drive ahead of us within this great park we didn't waste too much time and started our drive to Dolomite Camp, which is located in the westernmost reaches of the park. En route we enjoyed Chestnut-backed and Greybacked Sparrow-Larks, Crowned Lapwing, Temminck's and Double-banded Coursers, Northern Black and Red-crested Korhaans, Dusky Sunbird, Stark's and Pink-billed Larks, Kori Bustard, Secretarybird, and Lanner Falcon, and we had a very unusual sighting of an Egyptian Vulture at one of the waterholes. The only new mammal for the day was a pair of Bat-eared Foxes.

# Day 12, 1 December 2017. Transfer to the Kunene River region

Once again we a had a bit of a drive ahead of us today, so after breakfast we hit the road and made our way out of the park to the main road to the Kunene River district on the Namibian border with Angola. Still within Etosha Greater Striped Swallow, Dusky Sunbird, Familiar Chat, Ludwig's Bustard, Capped Wheatear, Great Sparrow, Black-throated Canary, Namaqua Sandgrouse, Common Ostrich, and Monteiro's Hornbill entertained us during the drive. En route to the Kunene River district the birding was more quiet, but we still saw Common Buzzard, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Little Swift, Red-crested Korhaan, Little Bee-eater, Greater Striped Swallow, Cape Starling, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Great Sparrow, and Sociable Weaver. Once we had arrived at Kunene River Lodge we recorded Bare-cheeked Babbler, Meves's Starling, Goliath Heron, Red-billed Spurfowl, Olive Bee-eater, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, and Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush in its verdant and expansive grounds.



Sociable Weaver

## Day 13, 2 December 2017. The Kunene River district

The day started with an early morning 4x4 ride to the Angolan Cave-Chat site for three members of the group, and the remainder of the group did a relaxed inflatable kayak paddle downstream on the Kunene River. We managed to connect with the **Angolan Cave Chat** with some pretty amazing close-up views as well as with **Cinderella Waxbill**, **Rüppell's Parrot**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Augur Buzzard**, and **Redheaded Weaver**. On the kayak trip downriver we managed great views of **Olive Bee-eater**, **Lesser Masked Weaver**, **Common Sandpiper**, **Pied Kingfisher**, **Cape Starling**, and more. But the heat crept in and put birding on hold for the rest of the midday, and we only continued birding again later in the day. Our afternoon walk unfortunately proved fairly quiet due to the heat (the hottest day yet), but we connected with **Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush**, **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Meves's Starling**, **Spectacled** and **Holub's Golden Weaver**, **Red-necked Spurfowl**, **Goliath Heron**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, and **White-browed Coucal**.

## Day 14, 3 December 2017. Transfer to the Namibia Escarpment

With a long drive ahead of us we didn't do very much birding in and around the camp before breakfast and then started on the way to our next destination. Some highlights, however, included Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Red-necked Spurfowl, Hamerkop, Olive Bee-eater, Fork-tailed Drongo, African Redeyed Bulbul, Barn Swallow, Ashy Flycatcher, and Holub's Golden Weaver. Birding en route was slow and only included Pale Chanting Goshawk, Black-winged Kite, Helmeted Guineafowl, European Bee-eater, Familiar Chat, and Dusky Sunbird. We arrived late in the afternoon at Erongo Wilderness Lodge and didn't manage any serious birding once we had checked in and settled down in our accommodations. Instead we had dinner and retired for what some might call an early evening (21:45) so that we could have a good early start in the morning.

## Day 15, 4 December 2017. Birding the Namibia Escarpment

With a cool breeze and clear skies we started the day with little light as we made our way to the Rockrunner site. The light was a little difficult, but on the way we managed to get White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Southern Masked Weaver, Black-throated Canary, Kalahari Scrub Robin, and Brown-crowned Tchagra. It took us a while of waiting, listening, calling, scouring, searching, and some more waiting before we eventually found the Rockrunner perched perfectly on a boulder not too far away and singing his heart out. We had great scope views as the bird



displayed for several minutes. The day warmed considerably, and the birding thinned out quite a bit as the day progressed, but we still connected with Red-billed Spurfowl, Pririt Batis, Barred Wren-Warbler, Klaas's Cuckoo, Speckled Pigeon, Pale-winged Starling, Short-toed Rock-Thrush, Rock Kestrel, Cinnamon-breasted and Cape Buntings, African Grey Hornbill, Carp's Tit, White-tailed Shrike, African Paradise Flycatcher, Mountain Wheatear, Dusky Sunbird, and more.



Rosy-faced Lovebird

## Day 16, 5 December 2017. Transfer to Walvis Bay

We started the day with an early morning departure, breakfast packs in hand, because we had a bit of a drive to get to Walvis Bay but even more so because we were planning on stopping at the worldrenowned Spitzkoppe for some birding madness. With little to no light we didn't record too much en route to the Spitzkoppe, but the birds seen included Rüppell's Korhaan, Laughing Dove, Swallowtailed Bee-eater, and Dusky Sunbird. Once again the heat crept in earlier than expected and made the birding slightly challenging. But at the Spitzkoppe we did indeed find our main target, Herero Chat, in addition to other good birds like Southern Fiscal, Magpie Shrike, Ant-eating Chat, Mountain Wheatear, Rock Kestrel, Speckled Pigeon, Monteiro's Hornbill, Acacia Pied Barbet, Sabota Lark, Black-chested Prinia, and Chestnut-vented Warbler. With another two hours still to go before we would reach Walvis Bay we decided not to spend too much time at the Spitzkoppe and made our way toward the Atlantic. After lunch in Walvis Bay and checking into our guesthouse we birded the bay and recorded species such as Cape Wagtail, Kelp and Hartlaub's Gulls, Cape Teal, Greater Flamingo, Little Egret, Cape Cormorant, African Oystercatcher, Pied Avocet, Grey, Common Ringed, Whitefronted, and Chestnut-banded Plovers, Whimbrel, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Little Stint, and Red-necked Phalarope. Terns for the day included Caspian, Greater Crested, Sandwich, Damara, and Common Terns.





Herero Chat

# Day 17, 6 December 2017. Birding Walvis Bay

We started the day with a five-hour boat trip around the bay, where **Great White Pelican**, **Kelp Gull**, and even Cape Fur Seal joined us on board. The trip in and around the bay further delivered **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Grey Plover**, **Common**, **Sandwich**, and **Greater Crested Terns**, **Cape Cormorant**, **African Oystercatcher**, **Sanderling**, **Whimbrel**, and **Brown Skua** in the birding department. Mammals included Cape Fur Seal by their thousands and Black-backed Jackal. After a good lunch we took a short break during the heat of the day and then left the town of Walvis Bay and made our way about 30 minutes inland, where we eventually hit decent dunes. At this site near the dunes we spent the next couple of hours searching, calling, scouring, and eventually, after a lot of work, finding the famed **Dune Lark!** Other birds for the rest of the afternoon included **Dusky Sunbird**, **Grey-headed Gull**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Little Swift**, **Grey Heron**, **Rock Kestrel**, **Southern Fiscal**, **Dusky Sunbird**, an out-of-range **House Crow**, **Barn Swallow**, and **Cape Sparrow**.

## Day 18, 7 December 2017. Departure

With flights only leaving late in the morning we had our last birding session before breakfast, where highlights included Lesser Flamingo, African Reed Warbler, Hottentot Teal, Cape Shoveler, Common Moorhen, South African Shelduck, and Glossy Ibis. Soon after breakfast we made our way to the airport for our departures.





Central Namibia Escarpment

#### Conclusion

In conclusion; this trip was a great, very eventful and memory-filled trip. Friendships were made, exciting birds were hunted down, good food was eaten, and amazing mammals were seen. The heat really picked up closer toward the end of the tour, which doubtlessly affected our birding and the total tally of birds we managed to find. Nevertheless, everyone was happy with the totals we managed to tally up: 336 birds (plus 2 heard only) and 32 mammals.

Namibia, Okavango and Victoria Falls November/December 2017 Bird List  Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered, CR = Critically Endangered		
	STRUTHIONIFORMES	
Ostriches	Struthionidae	
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
<b>Ducks, Geese and Swans</b>	Anatidae	
White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	1
Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	1
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos	1
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	1
South African Shelduck	Tadorna cana	1



African Pygmy Goose	Nettapus auritus	1
Hottentot Teal	Spatula hottentota	1
Cape Shoveler	Spatula smithii	1
Cape Teal	Anas capensis	1
Red-billed Teal	Anas erythrorhyncha	1
	GALLIFORMES	
Guineafowl	Numididae	
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	1
Pheasants and allies	Phasianidae	
Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena	1
Red-billed Spurfowl	Pternistis adspersus	1
Natal Spurfowl	Pternistis natalensis	1
Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis afer	1
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	Pternistis hartlaubi	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	Pternistis swainsonii	1
Harlequin Quail	Coturnix delegorguei	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
Grebes	Podicipedidae	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	1
	<b>PHOENICOPTERIFORMES</b>	
Flamingos	Phoenicopteridae	
Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	1
Lesser Flamingo - NT	Phoeniconaias minor	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
Storks	Ciconiidae	
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus	1
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	1
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
Ibises, Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	1
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	1
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	1
Herons, Bitterns	Ardeidae	
Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus	1
White-backed Night Heron	Gorsachius leuconotus	1
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	1
Striated Heron	Butorides striata	1



Rufous-bellied Heron	Ardeola rufiventris	1
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	1
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	1
Black-headed Heron	Ardea cinerea  Ardea melanocephala	1
Goliath Heron	•	1
	Ardea goliath	
Purple Heron	Andea purpurea	1
Great Egret	Ardea alba	1
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia	
Slaty Egret - VU	Egretta vinaceigula	1
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	1
Hamerkop	Scopidae	
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	1
Pelicans	Pelecanidae	
Great White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	1
	SULIFORMES	
Cormorants, Shags	Phalacrocoracidae	
Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus	1
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus	1
Cape Cormorant - EN	Phalacrocorax capensis	1
Anhingas, Darters	Anhingidae	
African Darter	Anhinga rufa	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
Secretarybird	Sagittariidae	
Secretarybird - VU	Sagittarius serpentarius	1
Ospreys	Pandionidae	
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1
Kites, Hawks and Eagles	Accipitridae	
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	1
Egyptian Vulture - EN	Neophron percnopterus	1
Hooded Vulture - CR	Necrosyrtes monachus	1
White-backed Vulture - CR	Gyps africanus	1
Cape Vulture - EN	Gyps coprotheres	1
White-headed Vulture - CR	Trigonoceps occipitalis	1
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	1
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi	1
Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	1
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	1
African Hawk-Eagle	Aquila spilogaster	1
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus	1



Pale Chanting Goshawk	Melierax canorus	1
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro	1
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus	1
Black Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus	1
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	1
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	1
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
Bustards	Otididae	
Kori Bustard - NT	Ardeotis kori	1
Ludwig's Bustard - EN	Neotis ludwigii	1
Rüppell's Korhaan	Eupodotis rueppelii	1
Red-crested Korhaan	Lophotis ruficrista	1
Northern Black Korhaan	Afrotis afraoides	1
	GRUIFORMES	
Finfoots	Heliornithidae	
African Finfoot	Podica senegalensis	1
Rails, Crakes and Coots	Rallidae	
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostra	1
African Swamphen	Porphyrio madagascariensis	1
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	1
Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata	1
Cranes	Gruidae	
Wattled Crane - VU	Grus carunculata	1
Blue Crane - VU	Grus paradisea	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees	Burhinidae	
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus	1
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis	1
Oystercatchers	Haematopodidae	
African Oystercatcher - NT	Haematopus moquini	1
Stilts, Avocets	Recurvirostridae	
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	1
Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta	1
Plovers	Charadriidae	
Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris	1
Blacksmith Lapwing	Vanellus armatus	1
White-crowned Lapwing	Vanellus albiceps	1



Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus	1
African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus	1
Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	1
Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula	1
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius	1
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris	1
White-fronted Plover	Charadrius marginatus	1
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	Charadrius pallidus	1
Jacanas	Jacanidae	
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus	1
Sandpipers, Snipes	Scolopacidae	
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	1
Bar-tailed Godwit - NT	Limosa lapponica	1
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	1
Ruff	Calidris pugnax	1
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	Calidris ferruginea	1
Sanderling	Calidris alba	1
Little Stint	Calidris minuta	1
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	1
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	1
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	1
Coursers, Pratincoles	Glareolidae	
Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii	1
Double-banded Courser	Rhinoptilus africanus	1
Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola	1
Rock Pratincole	Glareola nuchalis	1
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers	Laridae	
African Skimmer - NT	Rynchops flavirostris	1
Grey-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus	1
Hartlaub's Gull	Chroicocephalus hartlaubii	1
Kelp Gull	Larus dominicanus	1
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	1
Greater Crested Tern	Thalasseus bergii	1
Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis	1
Damara Tern - VU	Sternula balaenarum	1
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	1
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	1
Skuas	Stercorariidae	



Brown Skua	Stercorarius antarcticus	1
	PTEROCLIFORMES	
Sandgrouse	Pteroclidae	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	Pterocles namaqua	1
	COLUMBIFORMES	
Pigeons, Doves	Columbidae	
Rock Dove	Columba livia	1
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	1
Mourning Collared Dove	Streptopelia decipiens	1
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	1
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	1
Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	1
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	1
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus	1
	MUSOPHAGIFORMES	
Turacos	Musophagidae	
Schalow's Turaco	Tauraco schalowi	1
Grey Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides concolor	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	Cuculidae	
Senegal Coucal	Centropus senegalensis	1
Coppery-tailed Coucal	Centropus cupreicaudus	1
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus	1
Levaillant's Cuckoo	Clamator levaillantii	1
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	1
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas	1
Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus	1
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius	1
African Cuckoo	Cuculus gularis	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
Barn Owls	Tytonidae	
Western Barn Owl	Tyto alba	1
Owls	Strigidae	
Pel's Fishing Owl	Scotopelia peli	1
African Wood Owl	Strix woodfordii	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
Nightjars	Caprimulgidae	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	Caprimulgus rufigena	1



Freckled Nightjar	Caprimulgus tristigma	1
	APODIFORMES	
Swifts	Apodidae	
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	1
Common Swift	Apus apus	1
Little Swift	Apus affinis	1
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	1
	COLIIFORMES	
Mousebirds	Coliidae	
Red-faced Mousebird	Urocolius indicus	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
Rollers	Coraciidae	
Purple Roller	Coracias naevius	1
Racket-tailed Roller	Coracias spatulatus	1
Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus	1
Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus	1
Kingfishers	Alcedinidae	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala	1
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	Halcyon albiventris	1
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti	1
Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis	1
African Pygmy Kingfisher	Ispidina picta	1
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus	1
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima	1
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	1
Bee-eaters	Meropidae	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	Merops hirundineus	1
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus	1
White-fronted Bee-eater	Merops bullockoides	1
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	Merops persicus	1
Olive Bee-eater	Merops superciliosus	1
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster	1
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	Merops nubicoides	1
	BUCEROTIFORMES	
Hoopoes	Upupidae	
African Hoopoe	Upupa africana	1
Wood Hoopoes	Phoeniculidae	
Green Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus	1
Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas	1



Hornbills	Bucerotidae	
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus damarensis	1
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus rufirostris	1
Monteiro's Hornbill	Tockus monteiri	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	Tockus leucomelas	1
African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus	1
Trumpeter Hornbill	Bycanistes bucinator	1
	PICIFORMES	
African Barbets	Lybiidae	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus	1
Acacia Pied Barbet	Tricholaema leucomelas	1
Black-collared Barbet	Lybius torquatus	1
Crested Barbet	Trachyphonus vaillantii	1
Honeyguides	Indicatoridae	
Greater Honeyguide	Indicator indicator	Н
Woodpeckers	Picidae	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	Campethera abingoni	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
Caracaras, Falcons	Falconidae	
Rock Kestrel	Falco rupicolus	1
Greater Kestrel	Falco rupicoloides	1
Red-necked Falcon	Falco chicquera	1
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus	1
	<b>PSITTACIFORMES</b>	
African & New World Parrots	Psittacidae	
Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri	1
Rüppell's Parrot	Poicephalus rueppellii	1
Old World Parrots	Psittaculidae	
Rosy-faced Lovebird	Agapornis roseicollis	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
Wattle-eyes, Batises	Platysteiridae	
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor	1
Pririt Batis	Batis pririt	1
White-tailed Shrike	Lanioturdus torquatus	1
Helmetshrikes	Prionopidae	
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus	1
Retz's Helmetshrike	Prionops retzii	1
Bushshrikes	Malaconotidae	



Orange-breasted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus	1
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla	1
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius major	1
Swamp Boubou	Laniarius bicolor	1
Crimson-breasted Shrike	Laniarius atrococcineus	1
Brubru	Nilaus afer	1
Cuckooshrikes	Campephagidae	
Black Cuckooshrike	Campephaga flava	1
Shrikes	Laniidae	
Magpie Shrike	Urolestes melanoleucus	1
Southern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus anguitimens	1
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio	1
Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor	1
Southern Fiscal	Lanius collaris	1
Drongos	Dicruridae	
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	1
Monarchs	Monarchidae	
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis	1
Crows, Jays	Corvidae	
Cape Crow	Corvus capensis	1
Pied Crow	Corvus albus	1
House Crow	Corvus splendens	1
Tits, Chickadees	Paridae	
Carp's Tit	Melaniparus carpi	1
Larks	Alaudidae	
Spike-heeled Lark	Chersomanes albofasciata	1
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix leucotis	1
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix verticalis	1
Sabota Lark	Calendulauda sabota	1
Dune Lark	Calendulauda erythrochlamys	1
Stark's Lark	Spizocorys starki	1
Pink-billed Lark	Spizocorys conirostris	1
Red-capped Lark	Calandrella cinerea	1
Bulbuls	Pycnonotidae	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	Pycnonotus nigricans	1
Dark-capped Bulbul	Pycnonotus tricolor	1
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	Chlorocichla flaviventris	1



Terrestrial Brownbul	Phyllastrephus terrestris	1
Swallows, Martins	Hirundinidae	
Brown-throated Martin	Riparia paludicola	1
Banded Martin	Riparia cincta	1
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	1
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	1
Greater Striped Swallow	Cecropis cucullata	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	1
Red-breasted Swallow	Cecropis semirufa	1
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis	1
Crombecs, African Warblers	Macrosphenidae	
Rockrunner	Achaetops pycnopygius	1
Long-billed Crombec	Sylvietta rufescens	1
Leaf Warblers and allies	Phylloscopidae	
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	1
Reed Warblers and allies	Acrocephalidae	
Greater Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus rufescens	1
African Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus baeticatus	1
Grassbirds and allies	Locustellidae	
Little Rush Warbler	Bradypterus baboecala	Н
Cisticolas and allies	Cisticolidae	
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops	1
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana	1
Luapula Cisticola	Cisticola luapula	1
Chirping Cisticola	Cisticola pipiens	1
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	1
Desert Cisticola	Cisticola aridulus	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava	1
Black-chested Prinia	Prinia flavicans	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida	1
Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brevicaudata	1
Barred Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes fasciolatus	1
Laughingthrushes	Leiothrichidae	
Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii	1
Hartlaub's Babbler	Turdoides hartlaubii	1
Bare-cheeked Babbler	Turdoides gymnogenys	1
Sylviid Babblers	Sylviidae	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	Sylvia subcoerulea	1



Starlings, Rhabdornis	Sturnidae	
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea	1
Cape Starling	Lamprotornis nitens	1
Meves's Starling	Lamprotornis mevesii	1
Burchell's Starling	Lamprotornis australis	1
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio	1
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	1
Pale-winged Starling	Onychognathus nabouroup	1
Oxpeckers	Buphagidae	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus	1
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorynchus	1
Thrushes	Turdidae	
Groundscraper Thrush	Turdus litsitsirupa	1
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae	
Bearded Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas quadrivirgata	1
Kalahari Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas paena	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	1
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	Myioparus plumbeus	1
Chat Flycatcher	Melaenornis infuscatus	1
Marico Flycatcher	Melaenornis mariquensis	1
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	1
Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens	1
Angolan Cave Chat	Cossypha ansorgei	1
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini	1
Collared Palm Thrush	Cichladusa arquata	1
Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush	Cichladusa ruficauda	1
Short-toed Rock Thrush	Monticola brevipes	1
Ant-eating Chat	Myrmecocichla formicivora	1
Mountain Wheatear	Myrmecocichla monticola	1
Capped Wheatear	Oenanthe pileata	1
Arnott's Chat	Myrmecocichla arnotti	
Familiar Chat	Oenanthe familiaris	1
Herero Chat	Namibornis herero	1
Sunbirds	Nectariniidae	
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris	1
Amethyst Sunbird	Chalcomitra amethystina	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	1
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus	1
White-bellied Sunbird	Cinnyris talatala	1



Dusky Sunbird	Cinnyris fuscus	1
<b>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches</b>	Passeridae	
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	1
Great Sparrow	Passer motitensis	1
Cape Sparrow	Passer melanurus	1
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus	1
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer diffusus	1
Weavers, Widowbirds	Ploceidae	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis niger	1
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali	1
Sociable Weaver	Philetairus socius	1
Scaly-feathered Weaver	Sporopipes squamifrons	1
Thick-billed Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons	1
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis	1
Holub's Golden Weaver	Ploceus xanthops	1
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus xanthopterus	1
Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius	1
Southern Masked Weaver	Ploceus velatus	1
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus	1
Red-headed Weaver	Anaplectes rubriceps	1
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea	1
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris	1
Waxbills, Munias and allies	Estrildidae	
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba	1
Red-headed Finch	Amadina erythrocephala	1
Brown Firefinch	Lagonosticta nitidula	1
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala	1
Blue Waxbill	Uraeginthus angolensis	1
Violet-eared Waxbill	Uraeginthus granatinus	1
Cinderella Waxbill	Estrilda thomensis	1
Black-faced Waxbill	Estrilda erythronotos	1
Bronze Mannikin	Lonchura cucullata	1
Indigobirds, Whydahs	Viduidae	
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura	1
Shaft-tailed Whydah	Vidua regia	1
Wagtails, Pipits	Motacillidae	
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis	1
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	1
Buffy Pipit	Anthus vaalensis	1



Finches	Fringillidae	
Black-throated Canary	Crithagra atrogularis	1
White-throated Canary	Crithagra albogularis	1
<b>Buntings, New World Sparrows</b>	Emberizidae	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	Emberiza tahapisi	1
Cape Bunting	Emberiza capensis	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris	1
TOTAL		336

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	PRIMATES	_
	Cercopithecidae	
Chacma Baboon	Papio ursinus	1
Vervet Monkey	Cercopithecus pygerythrus	1
	LAGOMORPHA	
	Leporidae	
Scrub Hare	Lepus saxatilis	1
	RODENTIA	
	Sciuridae	
South African Ground Squirrel	Xerus inauris	1
Congo Rope Squirrel	Funisciurus congicus	1
Smith's Bush Squirrel	Paraxerus cepapi	1
	CARNIVORA	
	Canidae	
Bat-eared Fox	Otocyon megalotis	1
Black-backed Jackal	Canis mesomelas	1
	Hyaenidae	
Spotted Hyaena	Crocuta crocuta	1
	Otariidae	
Cape Fur Seal	Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus	1
	PROBOSCIDEA	
	Elephantidae	
African Elephant	Loxodonta africana	1
	HYRACOIDEA	
	Procaviidae	
Rock Hyrax	Procavia capensis	1



