

NAMIBIA, OKAVANGO AND VICTORIA FALLS TRIP REPORT NOVEMBER 2015

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Pel's Fishing Owl - Scotopelia peli, voted bird of the trip



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Date	Location	Overnight
02 November 2015	Walvis Bay	Walvis Bay
03 November 2015	Walvis Bay	Walvis Bay
04 November 2015	Walvis Bay	Kamanjab
05 November 2015	Kamanjab	Kamanjab
06 November 2015	Kamanjab	Kunene River
07 November 2015	Kunene River	Kunene River
08 November 2015	Kunene River	Etosha National Park
09 November 2015	Etosha National Park	Etosha National Park
10 November 2015	Etosha National Park	Etosha National Park
11 November 2015	Tsumeb, Rundu	Rundu
12 November 2015	Rundu	Divundu
13 November 2015	Divundu	Shakawe
14 November 2015	Shakawe	Shakawe
15 November 2015	Shakawe	Katima Mulilo
16 November 2015	Katima Mulilo	Mwandi
17 November 2015	Mwandi	Livingstone
18 November 2015	Livingstone	Livingstone
19 November 2015	Livingstone	Johannesburg

Overview

Exploring the variety of habitats Namibia, Botswana, and Zambia had to offer, it was expected that a high level of biodiversity would be encountered over the course of the tour. Although a very successful birding tour was had, recording 391 species of birds seen and 9 species heard only, we also did exceptionally well with reptiles and especially mammals, with 7 and 44 species, respectively, being recorded along the way. Most of the areas were under severe drought conditions, and so the birding as well as the heat were hard going, but yet very rewarding in the end.

Day 1: 2 November 2015

With a majority of the group having arrived in advance and now well rested, the first day commenced bright and early. Heading immediately for the expanse of waterbodies in the salt works and in the Walvis Bay Lagoon itself, we quickly ticked off species such as Blacknecked Grebe, White-breasted Cormorant, Cape Cormorant, Grev Heron, and Little Egret. Enormous Great White Pelicans glided past our vehicle, while thousands of brightly colored Lesser and Greater Flamingos 'danced' in the receding tides, theirs calls somewhat deafening. Exposed mud flats yielded African Oystercatcher, Common Ringed Plover, White-fronted Plover, Three-banded Plover, and Chestnut-banded Plover in the more saline areas. Grey Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Common Sandpiper, Greenshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Sanderling, Ruff, Bar-tailed Godwit, Whimbrel, Pied Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Kelp Gull, and Hartlaub's Gulls were but some of the shorebirds that put on a show during the course of the morning. A small tern roost yielded Caspian Tern, Greater Crested Tern, Sandwich Tern, and Common Tern, and the diminutive yet very vocal **Damara Tern** was seen a number of times catching small fish from the pans. Upon exiting the lagoon we picked up a single Rock Kestrel hunting for prey in the small sand dunes next to the road, while in town both Rock Dove and Speckled Pigeon were seen.



Having collected the last of the party from the airport in the early afternoon, we drove directly towards some of the most impressive sand dunes the country has to offer. The red sand, contrasting with the endless blue skies, was an impressive sight, but our fixed gaze was broken briefly by a perched Pale Chanting Goshawk out on an exposed tree stump. Laughing Dove and Namaqua Dove were numerous in the thorny scrub located within the dunes, while White-rumped Swift, Barn Swallow, African Palm Swift, and Rock Martin whirled above overhead. Sparse thorn trees produced Red-faced Mousebird, Familiar Chat, Black-chested Prinia, Dusky Sunbird, Cape Sparrow, Southern Masked Weaver, and a number of others. In the sand dunes themselves we quickly located one of Namibia's only two endemics, Dune Lark, which we had displaying in front of us for some time, before we visited the nearby gravel plains and quickly notched up a pale morph Tractrac Chat and the habitat-specific Gray's Lark, as well as a nest with two little chicks, before returning to our accommodation for dinner.



Great White Pelican - Pelecanus onocrotalus

Day 2: 3 November 2015

A pre-breakfast stroll on the promenade produced much of the same as yesterday, with large numbers of Lesser and Greater Flamingos and countless species of shorebirds, terns, and gulls. Notable species included Great White Pelican, White-breasted and Cape Cormorants, Grey Heron, Caspian Tern, and large numbers of Bar-tailed Godwits. After breakfast we left for the harbor, where we joined a small boat trip out to Pelican Point Peninsula. Although this was by no means a pelagic trip, we were entertained by Cape Gannet, Parasitic Jaeger, Sooty Shearwater, Wilson's Storm Petrel, Common, Sandwich, Greater Crested, and Damara Terns, African Oystercatcher, Black-necked Grebe, a variety of shorebirds, and countless Cape fur seals, which were breeding along the shoreline. A single Northern Giant Petrel was certainly a trip highlight, as were the fresh Namibian oysters served on board.





Cape Fur Seal - Arctocephalus pusillus



Northern Giant Petrel - Macronectes halli

In the afternoon we headed up the coastline towards Swakopmund, picking up many shorebirds along the way, with Red Knot, Crowned Cormorant, and Bank Cormorant being noteworthy additions, as well as a single Rock Kestrel. In Swakopmund itself we had Red-capped Lark, Egyptian Goose, Cape Teal, Barn Swallow, Common House Martin, African Reed Warbler, Willow Warbler, and Cape Wagtail, while the local salt works yielded Common Ringed, White-fronted, Grey, and Chestnut-banded Plovers, Blacksmith Lapwing, Pied Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, and the usual shorebirds. Surrounding gravel plains boosted good numbers of Gray's Lark, Red-capped Lark, and free-roaming springbok, a desert-adapted antelope.





Lesser Flamingos - Phoeniconaias minor and Greater Flamingo - Phoenicopterus roseus



Chestnut-banded Plover - Charadrius pallidus

Day 3: 4 November 2015

Heading north and moving inland, we were immediately hit with a change in species composition as well as heat. Common Ostrich were certainly a pleasure to connect with, as we watched a small group go about their daily routine not too far from the national road. The immediate area produced, with a little work, Rüppell's Korhaan, Karoo Long-billed Lark, Barn Swallow, Rock Martin, Chat Flycatcher, Southern Fiscal, Bokmakierie, and White-throated Canary. An hour later, and we had arrived at the Spitzkoppe, the



magnificent granite outcrops located in the middle of the flattest of landscapes. Although the heat was borderline unbearable, we racked up species such as Alpine Swift, White-backed Mousebird, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Verreaux's Eagle, Gabar Goshawk, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Rock Kestrel, Red-billed Spurfowl, Helmeted Guineafowl, Speckled Pigeon, Ring-necked Dove, Namaqua Dove, Laughing Dove, Common Scimitarbill, African Grey Hornbill, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Acacia Pied Barbet, Sabota Lark, Stark's Lark, Gray's Lark, Grey Go-away-bird, Pied Crow, African Red-eyed Bulbul, Mountain Wheatear, Familiar Chat, Tractrac Chat, Herero Chat, Pririt Batis, Chestnut-vented Warbler, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, White-tailed Shrike, Pale-winged Starling, Dusky Sunbird, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Cape Sparrow, and the dainty and colorful Rosy-faced Lovebird, which stood out like a sore thumb in such a stark landscape. With lunch out the way, we headed off.

The continued trip north added a fly-over Ludwig's Bustard, Northern Black Korhaan, Crowned Lapwing, Double-banded Courser, Namaqua Sandgrouse, Bradfield's Swift, Purple Roller, Black-chested Prinia, and Marico Flycatcher, before we arrived at the new accommodation after a long and bumpy journey, which added steenbok, Cape hare, and zorilla onto the mammal list.



Rüppell's Korhaan - Eupodotis rueppellii



Karoo Long-billed Lark - Certhilauda subcoronata

Day 4: 5 November 2015

Having arrived in the dark, we had very little knowledge of what to expect in the morning. So as usual a pre-breakfast walk was the order of the day, followed by some birding around the local birdbaths. Rounding the first bend we flushed a roosting Black Stork, while also picking up Black-winged Kite, Verreaux's Eagle, African Hawk-Eagle, Grey-backed Camaroptera, White-tailed Shrike, Cape Starling, Pale-winged Starling, Dusky Sunbird, Cape Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Common Waxbill, Redheaded Finch, Black-throated Canary, Pearl-breasted Swallow, Rock Martin, Common House-Martin, Fork-tailed Drongo, Groundscraper Thrush, and an eye-full of buntings, with Golden-breasted, Cinnamon-breasted, and a few hundred Lark-like Buntings all visiting the water for a morning drink.

Later in the day we headed out for a drive, where we connected with Black-chested Snake Eagle, Augur Buzzard, Red-billed Spurfowl, Double-banded Sandgrouse, Speckled Pigeon, Ring-necked, Laughing, and Namaqua Doves, Purple Roller, Monteiro's Hornbill, Barn Swallow, African Hoopoe, Short-toed Rock Thrush, and Helmeted Guineafowl. While venturing up the dry riverbeds produced a cracking pair of Hartlaub's Spurfowls and their chicks scrambling amongst the rocky outcrops they thrive in. Other species here included Rüppell's Parrot, Grey Go-away-bird, Namibia's second endemic species – Damara Red-billed Hornbill, African Palm Swift, Red-faced Mousebird, Olive Bee-eater, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Carp's Tit, Rockrunner, and African Red-eyed Bulbul, with a pleasant surprise in the form of a roosting Verreaux's Eagle-Owl just prior to sunset. Mammals for the day included Congo rope squirrel, common warthog, common duiker, springbok, steenbok, gemsbok, greater kudu, and chacma baboon, as well as some brightly-colored Namib rock agamas for the reptile list.





Rüppell's Parrot - Poicephalus rueppellii

Day 5: 6 November 2015

The border of Angola was our next destination, and straight after breakfast we were on the road north. Last minute birding around the lodge produced African Hawk-Eagle, Little Sparrowhawk, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Little Swift, African Palm Swift, Olive Bee-eater, Fork-tailed Drongo, Pied Crow, African Red-eyed Bulbul, and the reptilian marsh terrapin.

En route to Ruacana we had Reed Cormorant, Little Egret, Hamerkop, Yellow-billed Kite, Brown Snake Eagle, Common Buzzard, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Greater Kestrel, Monteiro's Hornbill, Helmeted Guineafowl, Red-crested Korhaan, Swallow-tailed Beeeater, Purple Roller, and African Hoopoe, while overhead we picked up Barn, Pearl-breasted, Red-breasted, and Greater Striped Swallows as well as Rock Martin feeding on the wing. However all these fell to the wayside when we connected with out first giraffe of the trip, a truly charismatic species.

Along the Kunene River and within the very bird-rich gardens of our next lodge and the occasional peek into Angola we enjoyed Western Osprey, Red-necked Spurfowl, African Jacana, Wood Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Double-banded Sandgrouse, Ring-necked, Laughing, and Namaqua Doves, and Emerald Spotted Wood Dove. Rosy-faced Lovebirds were fairly common along the river edges, as were Grey Go-away-bird, Little Bee-eater, Violet Wood Hoopoe, African Grey Hornbill, Damara Red-billed Hornbill, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Meves's Starling, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush, and Grey Kestrel, whose distribution meets its southern limits here.

Day 6: 7 November 2015

Today was a special one, and an early one too. We were up and ready to go two hours before sunrise, along with some Angolan fruit bats. The reason for this madness lay on the shoulders of a bird previously known only from Angola, a species that had slipped under the nose of



explorers for centuries until only a few years ago, when it was discovered south of the Kunene River – we had to see it! Winding our way on rough roads and across rivers, we made it to the base of the Zebra Mountains. Here we spent some time scrambling the rocky environment, finally setting up in a prime position to watch a pair of **Angolan Cave Chats** come to within meters of us. A spectacle no one would have thought possible in Namibia until a few years ago! Working our way back from the picturesque mountains after a hearty breakfast, we notched up **Shikra**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**, **White-bellied Sunbird**, **Groundscraper Thrush**, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird**, **Red-headed Weaver**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, and **Blue Waxbill**.



Angolan Cave Chat - Xenocopsychus ansorgei

Back at the lodge, and a little exhausted, we enjoyed Violet Wood Hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, African Grey Hornbill, Damara Red-billed Hornbill, Bare-cheeked Babbler, African Red-eyed Bulbul, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush, Willow Warbler, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Long-billed Crombec, Ashy Flycatcher, African Pied Wagtail, Red-backed Shrike, Swamp Boubou, Black-backed Puffback, Southern White-crowned Shrike, White-tailed Shrike, and Meves's Starling. The well-watered and lush landscape created here made for great birding, as did the large viewing deck situated over the river. So great a view of the river it was that we then ventured onto a quick sunset boat cruise and gazed upon Reed Cormorant, Black-crowned Night Heron, Egyptian Goose, Grey Kestrel, Red-necked Spurfowl, Helmeted Guineafowl, Three-banded Plover, Blacksmith Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Rüppell's Parrot, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Pied Kingfisher, Giant Kingfisher, Malachite Kingfisher, Grey-hooded Kingfisher, Olive Bee-eater, and Black-collared Barbet, as well as a few Nile crocodiles and their smaller reptilian counterparts known commonly as Nile monitor.



Day 7: 8 November 2015

Some casual birding en route back to Ruacana was done this morning, as we had a very long drive to get to Etosha National Park, an exciting prospect with all the new mammals and bird species that the reserve has to offer. Along the drive back south we stumbled upon **Rednecked Spurfowl**, **Helmeted Guineafowl**, **African Grey Hornbill**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, and countless other common species.

Arriving at the western gate of Etosha National Park a few hours later, we gathered our entrance tickets and immediately set along the dusty roads to our next camp. Common Ostrich were abundant along the way, and we also picked up Egyptian Goose, Secretarybird, Lappet-faced Vulture, Yellow-billed Kite, Tawny Eagle, Bateleur, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Lanner Falcon, Greater Kestrel, and the world's heaviest flying bird, Kori Bustard. The extensive grasslands with scattered thorn trees and man-made waterbodies produced Northern Black Korhaan, Blacksmith Lapwing, Wood Sandpiper, Double-banded Courser, Namaqua Sandgrouse, Spotted Eagle-Owl, Little Swift, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, African Hoopoe, Acacia Pied Barbet, Sabota Lark, Greybacked Sparrow-Lark, Banded Martin, Sociable Weaver, Cape and Pied Crows, Anteating Chat, Black-chested Prinia, Marico Flycatcher, Pririt Batis, Southern Fiscal, and the splendid Crimson-breasted Shrike.

Etosha is well known for its high mammal density and species composition, and this was certainly the case for us on the first day. From tiny South African ground squirrels right through to African elephants, we were forever occupied. Others included Cape hare, plains zebra, common warthog, giraffe, blue wildebeest, red hartebeest, springbok, steenbok, impala, gemsbok, greater kudu, spotted hyaena, black-backed jackal, yellow mongoose, and the two highlights certainly going to Africa's largest feline, the African lion, of which we saw many, and to black rhinoceros, which gathered at the waterhole in front of our lodge in the evening.



Namaqua Dove - *Oena capensis*





African elephant - Loxodonta africana

Day 8: 9 November 2015

Little beats a full day in Etosha, and today was not to be different. Prior to sunrise we hopped onto an open game viewing vehicle and set out on a pre-breakfast drive for a few hours. Before the sun had risen we had connected with a mating pair of African lion in the road as well as with spotted hyaena and bat-eared fox. This was bound to be a good morning. In terms of birds we enjoyed Common Ostrich, Little Grebe, Cape Teal, Tawny Eagle, Gabar Goshawk, Kori Bustard, Northern Black Korhaan, African Jacana, and a nesting Spotted Eagle-Owl pair with three small chicks.

Later in the afternoon another drive around the area and a walk in the camp produced Pale Chanting Goshawk, Lanner Falcon, Greater Kestrel, Greater Painted-snipe, Three-banded Plover, Caspian Plover, Crowned and Blacksmith Lapwings, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, Spotted Thick-knee, Burchell's Courser, Double-banded Courser, European Bee-eater, Purple Roller, Spike-heeled Lark, Red-capped Lark, Stark's Lark, Chestnut-backed and Grey-backed Sparrow-Larks, Capped Wheatear, Chestnut-vented Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Rattling Cisticola, Chat Flycatcher, African Pipit, Cape Starling, Great Sparrow, Scaly-feathered Finch, and little colorful seedeaters such as Green-winged Pytilia, Violet-eared Waxbill, Black-faced Waxbill, Red-headed Finch, and Shaft-tailed Whydah. We once again enjoyed countless mammals, and large numbers of them too, but special mention would go to African elephant, black rhinoceros, African lion, and brown hyena, which were all seen together at the lodge waterhole after dinner.



Kori Bustard - Ardeotis kori

Day 9: 10 November 2015

Today marked the end of our Etosha journey, as we headed through the reserve to its eastern boundary. Along the way we encountered new habitats and thus new birds. A variety of waterbodies and mixed mopane veld produced South African Shelduck, Cape Teal, Cape Shoveler, White-backed and Lappet-faced Vultures, Martial Eagle, Bateleur, Common Moorhen, Kori Bustard, Red-crested Korhaan, Carp's Tit, African Red-eyed Bulbul, Groundscraper Thrush, Capped Wheatear, Wattled Starling, Marico Sunbird, White-bellied Sunbird, Amethyst Sunbird, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, and Great Sparrow. Smith's bush squirrels were common in the woodlands, and, picking up all of the mammals including three of the 'Big 5' we had seen previously, we added the diminutive and strange looking Damara dik-dik, a tiny antelope species with a rather oddly shaped nose.

Heading later on to the northern reaches of the reserve to some saline springs, we added Grey Heron, Little Egret, Woolly-necked Stork, Saddle-billed Stork, Marabou Stork, Egyptian Goose, Montagu's Harrier, Greater Kestrel, Chestnut-banded Plover, Kittlitz's Plover, Three-banded Plover, Caspian Plover, Marsh Sandpiper, Ruff, Burchell's and Double-banded Coursers, White-winged Tern, Namaqua and Double-banded Sandgrouse, Pink-billed Lark, Red-breasted Swallow, and a dozen or so of South Africa's national bird, of which an isolated population occurs in the area, the stately Blue Crane. Exiting the park before sunset we went off to relax in a nearby lodge and reminisced over a rewarding visit to one of Namibia's many treasures.





Damara dik-dik - Madoqua kirkii damarensis



Double-banded Sandgrouse - Pterocles bicinctus

Day 10: 11 November 2015

A lengthy travel day was in order, and very little birding was to be done until we had reached Rundu in the Caprivi Strip. A brief lunch stop on the way produced **White-crested Helmetshrike**, **Violet-backed Starling**, **Burchell's Starling**, and **Black-faced Babbler**, a rather difficult target on occasion.



Arriving in Rundu we wasted no time in checking in our bags and then heading off to the local sewage works, but not before enjoying Kurrichane Thrush, Hartlaub's Babbler, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Red-eyed Dove, and a pair of Southern White-faced Owls in the lodge grounds. The sewage works were somewhat overgrown and dry, but we still managed to pick up Little Grebe, White-breasted Cormorant, Reed Cormorant, African Darter, Grey Heron, Western Cattle Egret, Squacco Heron, Striated Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, all three Teal species (Hottentot, Red-billed, and Cape), Knobbilled Duck, Little Sparrowhawk, African Harrier-Hawk, Senegal Coucal, Pied Kingfisher, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Little Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, Red-billed Spurfowl, Black Crake, African Swamphen, Common and Lesser Moorhens, White-winged Tern, Red-knobbed Coot, African Jacana, Blackwinged Stilt, and numerous other waders. Surrounding vegetation housed White-browed Robin-Chat, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Spotted Flycatcher, Magpie Shrike, Red-backed Shrike, Swamp Boubou, Crimson-breasted Shrike, and seven species of doves, including a trip addition in the form of Mourning Collared Dove.

Day 11: 12 November 2015

Heading just out of town in the morning to a small dam, we picked up many of the usual waterbirds we had become accustomed to, but in addition we also found a few interesting species such as the tiny Lesser Jacana, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Purple Heron, African Wattled Lapwing, Hamerkop, African Openbill, Rufous-bellied Heron, Malachite Kingfisher, and a stunning male African Pygmy Goose. The road towards this dam added Black-chested Snake Eagle, Burchell's Courser, and Temminck's Courser, and Collared Pratincole in Rundu itself, while visiting a local river further east produced a fly-over African Cuckoo-Hawk and European Honey Buzzard. The area along the riverside had African Fish Eagle, Little Sparrowhawk, Shikra, African Marsh Harrier, Lesser Grey Shrike, Mosque Swallow, African Harrier-Hawk, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, and Western Osprey.

The heat had us pulling over to a shady lodge, where we sat down for lunch. Here the watered gardens and surrounds produced Crested Francolin, Swainson's Spurfowl, Meyer's Parrot, a pair of African Wood Owls, Black-headed Oriole, Arrow-marked Babbler, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, White-browed Robin-Chat, White-browed Scrub Robin, Collared Sunbird, Marico Sunbird, African Yellow White-eye, Thick-billed Weaver, Holub's Golden Weaver, and countless others.

Our new accommodation for the evening was situated up the road near the border of Botswana and proved to be a great birding spot, with **Greater Blue-eared Starling**, **Red-billed Oxpecker**, **Rock Pratincole**, and **African Skimmer** being seen just around the corner and our first sightings of the enormous hippopotamus, waterbuck, and African buffalo all before dinner.





African Wood Owl chick - Strix woodfordii

Day 12: 13 November 2015

Today we did a little birding before breakfast around the lodge, which produced a variety of the usual riverine species, including Meyer's Parrot, Brown Firefinch, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Spectacled Weaver, Terrestrial Brownbul, and Meves's Starling. Then heading through the Mahango National Park towards the Botswana border we spent time with Common Ostrich, Reed Cormorant, African Darter, Saddle-billed Stork, Yellow-billed Stork, Hadada Ibis, African Spoonbill, White-faced Whistling Duck, Spur-winged Goose, White-headed Vulture, Tawny Eagle, Bateleur, Wattled Crane, Long-toed Lapwing, and Collared Pratincole. The national park was not short of mammals, and we saw African elephant, hippopotamus, tsessebe, roan antelope, sable antelope, southern reedbuck, red lechwe, vervet, and many others.

Once in Botswana we headed for the town of Shakawe for lunch, where we had African Barred Owlet, Green Wood Hoopoe, Woodland Kingfisher, Bradfield's Hornbill, Black-collared Barbet, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Dark-capped Bulbul, and Red-headed Weaver, before we boarded a houseboat, on which we would be spending the next two evenings. Traveling down the Okavango River we enjoyed cold beverages as well as Goliath Heron, Purple Heron, Great Egret, Little Egret, Western Cattle Egret, Striated Heron, White-backed Night Heron, Hamerkop, African Openbill, Black Crake, Allen's Gallinule, Water Thick-knee, African Skimmer, African Green Pigeon, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Giant Kingfisher, Malachite Kingfisher, Grey-headed Kingfisher, five species of bee-eater, Wire-tailed Swallow, Brown-throated and Banded Martins, and Fan-tailed Widowbird. A trip highlight must certainly go to a pair of Pel's Fishing Owls, which graced us with their eerie presence as we floated downstream.



Roan antelope - Hippotragus equinus

Day 13: 14 November 2015

Waking up floating about on the water, we hopped onto land for a pre-breakfast walk along the river's edge. Birds included African Sacred Ibis, Hadada Ibis, African Openbill, White-faced Whistling Duck, Spur-winged Goose, African Fish Eagle, Tawny Eagle, African Marsh Harrier, Collared Pratincole, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Woodland Kingfisher, Little Bee-eater, Lesser Honeyguide, Bearded Woodpecker, Wire-tailed Swallow, Lesser Striped Swallow, South African Cliff Swallow, Grey-rumped Swallow, Hartlaub's Babbler, Brown Firefinch, and a fantastic herd of African elephant on foot. Further on a large congregation of birds had gathered around a diminishing pond of water, and a number of specials were there to entertain us. A pair of Pink-backed Pelicans sat among dozens of Marabou Storks, while Saddle-billed, Yellow-billed, and Woolly-necked Storks were also present. A pair of Wattled Cranes dwarfed a variety of egrets, including Great, Intermediate, and Little Egrets as well as a few Slaty Egrets.

After breakfast and a relaxing lunch we took a trip on a motorboat in the cooler afternoon, which gave us up-close and personal views of Goliath Heron, Squacco Heron, Striated Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Long-toed Lapwing, Water Thick-knee, African Skimmer, Pel's Fishing Owl, Common Swift, Pied and Giant Kingfishers, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Broad-billed Roller, Bradfield's Hornbill, Sedge Warbler, Greater Swamp Warbler, Luapula and Chirping Cisticolas, Tawny-flanked Prinia, and Southern Brown-throated Weaver.

Day 14: 15 November 2015

A fairly long drive lay ahead of us today, so we disembarked from our houseboat early in the morning and made the journey back across to the Namibia border. Katima Mulilo was our next stop, and we wasted little time in trying to get there. The drive was long, but with a pleasant lunch stop and a boat ride in Kongola along the way we still picked up **Yellow-**



billed Kite, Black-winged Kite, African Fish Eagle, African Marsh Harrier, Eurasian Hobby, Black Crake, African Swamphen, Allen's Gallinule, African Jacana, Blacksmith Lapwing, African Wattled Lapwing, Long-toed Lapwing, Common Greenshank, Water Thick-knee, Collared Pratincole, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Brown-throated Martin, Banded Martin, Hartlaub's Babbler, Terrestrial Brownbul, Violet-backed Starling, and countless red lechwe along the river banks, before we pushed on to Katima Mulilo.

Arriving at the lodge late in the afternoon, we used the last bit of light to bird the river front, where we enjoyed **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**, **Tropical Boubou**, **Reed Cormorant**, **African Darter**, **Goliath Heron**, **Striated Heron**, **African Openbill**, **Hadada Ibis**, **Pennant-winged Nightjar**, and a stunning male **African Finfoot** down by the jetty and a pair of **Schalow's Turacos** and roosting **African Wood Owls** in the garden. A quick night drive in the area produced **Square-tailed Nightjar** as well as African civet, Cape hare, and large-spotted genet – yet another good travel day!

Day 15: 16 November 2015

The plan this morning was to jump aboard a boat for a small cruise along the Zambezi River, which we did prior to breakfast. The usual waterbirds and riverine species were present, such as Reed Cormorant, Western Cattle Egret, Striated Heron, African Openbill, White-faced Whistling Duck, Spur-winged Goose, African Jacana, White-crowned Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Water Thick-knee, Rock Pratincole, Red-eyed Dove, Schalow's Turaco, Pied Kingfisher, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, and Broad-billed Roller, and a small flock of Bronze Mannikins entertained us on the river bank before we returned to camp, where we settled for breakfast and then organized our luggage.

All packed up we then made our way to Zambia with a fairly easy border crossing, where we would then be spending the night about two hours west of Livingstone. Along the road in and around the new lodge grounds we picked up a fair number of birds, among them notable species such as Shikra, Gabar Goshawk, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Red-crested Korhaan, African Green Pigeon, Meyer's Parrot, Jacobin Cuckoo, Klaas's Cuckoo, Diederik Cuckoo, African Palm Swift, Purple Roller, Green Wood Hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Cardinal Woodpecker, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Black-faced Waxbill, and Pied Crow, before we called it a night and settled for bed.

Day 16: 17 November 2015

Waking up to less than desired weather, we held out for a while and enjoyed breakfast before heading for the mopane woodlands just north of Mwandi. Out here in the bushveld we picked up Yellow-billed Kite, Marabou Stork, Tawny Eagle, Wahlberg's Eagle, Black-chested Snake Eagle, Red-necked Falcon, Swainson's Spurfowl, Helmeted Guineafowl, Double-banded Sandgrouse, Meyer's Parrot, European Roller, African Grey and Southern Red-billed Hornbills, Southern Black Tit, White-browed Scrub Robin, Neddicky, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Southern Black Flycatcher, Red-backed Shrike, Black-crowned Tchagra, White-crested Helmetshrike, and a host of other common species.

Returning to the lodge for lunch, we organized our bags and make our way towards Livingstone, where we would be based on the banks of the Zambezi River for the next few days. The new lodge was well wooded and hosted a variety of habitats and thus proved to be quite a birders' paradise. The river and nearby dam housed a very obliging African Finfoot as well as Striated Heron, Reed Cormorant, African Openbill, White-faced Whistling Duck, Spur-winged Goose, Hamerkop, Black Crake, African Jacana, Blacksmith and White-crowned Lapwings, Red-faced Mousebird, Giant Kingfisher, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Little Bee-eater, Black-collared Barbet, Cardinal Woodpecker, Black



Cuckooshrike, Willow Warbler, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Red-faced Cisticola, Chinspot Batis, Tropical Boubou, Meves's Starling, and a small bush that was alive with sunbirds, providing close-up views of Copper, Purple-banded, Amethyst, Scarlet-chested, and White-bellied Sunbirds.

Day 17: 18 November 2015

What truly constituted the last full birding day of the tour was a rather exciting one. After an early breakfast at the lodge we made our way into Livingstone and to the border of Zimbabwe, which we then entered while being watched carefully by troops of chacma baboons and vervets, which hang around the border posts looking for scraps of food. Along the bridge above the gorge we quickly picked up **Red-winged Starling**, **Lizard Buzzard**, and **Rock Martin**.

The views of Victoria Falls, although not in full flood, were still something to admire, and we enjoyed a few birds in the process. These included African Sacred Ibis, Hooded Vulture, Yellow-billed Kite, Common Sandpiper, Rock Pratincole, Pied Kingfisher, Black-collared Barbet, Lesser Honeyguide, Yellow-breasted Apalis, and some real close-up views of a flock of Trumpeter Hornbills feeding on ripening figs.

Heading back to the lodge in the afternoon via a few detours we picked up Little Egret, African Openbill, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Lizard Buzzard, Lanner Falcon, Black Crake, African Finfoot, White-crowned Lapwing, Water Thick-knee, White-winged Tern, African Wood Owl, Southern White-faced Owl, Common Swift, Little Swift, and Black Cuckooshrike. The variety of habitats along the Zambezi is rich in diversity, and we also picked up species such as Arrow-marked Babbler, Dark-capped Bulbul, Bearded Scrub Robin, Stierling's Wren-Warbler, Red-faced Cisticola, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Spotted and Ashy Flycatchers, African Pied Wagtail, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Copper Sunbird, Collared Sunbird, Yellow-throated Petronia, Thick-billed and Spectacled Weavers, Red-billed and Jameson's Firefinches, and Violet-eared Waxbill, Long-tailed Paradise Whydah, and Golden-breasted Bunting.



African Finfoot - Podica senegalensis



Day 18: 19 November 2015

Our final half day of the trip was not to be wasted, and we headed out for an early morning walk around the lodge one last time so see what else could be added to the list. Interesting species here included White-backed Vulture, African Finfoot, White-browed Coucal, Common Scimitarbill, Lesser Honeyguide, African Golden Oriole, Kurrichane Thrush, Collared Palm Thrush, Wattled Starling, and a flock of noisy and striking Retz's Helmetshrikes.

After breakfast we then packed the bags and ventured into Livingstone, where we visited the local sewage treatment center before we made our way to the airport. The various ponds were littered with birds, and here we enjoyed Little Grebe, Black-headed Heron, Western Cattle Egret, Squacco Heron, Hamerkop, Yellow-billed Stork, African Sacred Ibis, Glossy Ibis, White-faced Whistling Duck, Egyptian Goose, Hottentot Teal, African Marsh Harrier, African Rail, Black Crake, African Swamphen, Common Moorhen, Red-knobbed Coot, African and Lesser Jacanas, and Greater Painted-snipe. A few areas of exposed mud held waders such as Common Ringed Plover, Three-banded Plover, Blacksmith Lapwing, Long-toed Lapwing, Common, Marsh, and Wood Sandpipers, Little Stint, Black-winged Stilt, Water Thick-knee, and some roosting White-winged Terns. Surrounding vegetation yielded Klaas's Cuckoo, Lilac-breasted Roller, Broad-billed Roller, and a splendid male Shaft-tailed Whydah.

The next stop, sadly, was the airport, where we all said our goodbyes. A rather successful trip had unfortunately come to an end.



African Lion - Panthera leo leo, seen in Etosha National Park

NAMIBIA, OKAVANGO AND VICTORIA FALLS NOVEMBER 2015 BIRD LIST

Bold = Namibia country endemic Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered



Common Name (IOC 5.4)	Scientific Name (IOC 5.4)	Trip
	STRUTHIONIFORMES	
Ostriches	Struthionidae	
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
Ducks, Geese and Swans	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
Cape Teal	Anas capensis	1
Cape Shoveler	Anas smithii	1
Red-billed Teal	Anas erythrorhyncha	1
Hottentot Teal	Anas hottentota	1
	GALLIFORMES	
<u>Guineafowl</u>	Numididae	
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	1
Pheasants and allies	<u>Phasianidae</u>	
Shelley's Francolin	Scleroptila shelleyi	Н
Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena	1
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	Pternistis hartlaubi	1
Red-billed Spurfowl	Pternistis adspersus	1
Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis afer	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	Pternistis swainsonii	1
	PROCELLARIIFORMES	
Austral Storm Petrels	<u>Oceanitidae</u>	
Wilson's Storm Petrel	Oceanites oceanicus	1
Petrels, Shearwaters	Procellariidae	
Northern Giant Petrel	Macronectes halli	1
Sooty Shearwater - NT	Ardenna grisea	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
Grebes	Podicipedidae	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	1
Black-necked Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	1
	PHOENICOPTERIFORMES	
<u>Flamingos</u>	Phoenicopteridae	
Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	1
Lesser Flamingo - NT	Phoeniconaias minor	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
Storks	<u>Ciconiidae</u>	



Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	1
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus	1
Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	1
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus	1
Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis	1
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
Ibises, Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	1
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	1
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	1
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba	1
Herons, Bitterns	<u>Ardeidae</u>	
White-backed Night Heron	Gorsachius leuconotus	1
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	1
Striated Heron	Butorides striata	1
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides	1
Rufous-bellied Heron	Ardeola rufiventris	1
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	1
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	1
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	1
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath	1
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	1
Great Egret	Ardea alba	1
Intermediate Egret	Egretta intermedia	1
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
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens	1
	SULIFORMES	
Gannets, Boobies	<u>Sulidae</u>	
Cape Gannet - VU	Morus capensis	1
Cormorants, Shags	<u>Phalacrocoracidae</u>	
Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus	1
Crowned Cormorant - NT	Microcarbo coronatus	1
Bank Cormorant - EN	Phalacrocorax neglectus	1
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus	1
Cape Cormorant - EN	Phalacrocorax capensis	1
Anhingas, Darters	Anhingidae	



African Darter	Anhinga rufa	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
Secretarybird	<u>Sagittariidae</u>	
Secretarybird - VU	Sagittarius serpentarius	1
Ospreys	<u>Pandionidae</u>	
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1
Kites, Hawks and Eagles	<u>Accipitridae</u>	
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	1
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus	1
European Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus	1
African Cuckoo-Hawk	Aviceda cuculoides	1
Hooded Vulture - EN	Necrosyrtes monachus	1
White-backed Vulture - EN	Gyps africanus	1
White-headed Vulture - VU	Trigonoceps occipitalis	1
Lappet-faced Vulture - VU	Torgos tracheliotos	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis	1
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	1
Bateleur - NT	Terathopius ecaudatus	1
Martial Eagle - VU	Polemaetus bellicosus	1
Wahlberg's Eagle	Hieraaetus wahlbergi	1
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	1
Verreaux's Eagle	Aquila verreauxii	1
African Hawk-Eagle	Aquila spilogaster	1
Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus	1
Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates	1
Pale Chanting Goshawk	Melierax canorus	1
Shikra	Accipiter badius	1
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus	1
African Marsh Harrier	Circus ranivorus	1
Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus	1
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	1
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	1
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1
Augur Buzzard	Buteo augur	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
<u>Bustards</u>	<u>Otididae</u>	
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





Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica	1
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	1
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	1
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	1
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	1
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	1
Red Knot	Calidris canutus	1
Sanderling	Calidris alba	1
Little Stint	Calidris minuta	1
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea	1
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax	1
Coursers, Pratincoles	Glareolidae	
Burchell's Courser	Cursorius rufus	1
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	<u>Laridae</u>	
African Skimmer - NT	Rynchops flavirostris	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 - NT	Sternula balaenarum	1
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	1
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus	1
Skuas	<u>Stercorariidae</u>	
Parasitic Jaeger	Stercorarius parasiticus	1
	PTEROCLIFORMES	
Sandgrouse	Pteroclidae	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	Pterocles namaqua	1
Double-banded Sandgrouse	Pterocles bicinctus	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	<u>Musophagidae</u>	
Schalow's Turaco	Tauraco schalowi	1
Grey Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides concolor	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	<u>Cuculidae</u>	
Senegal Coucal	Centropus senegalensis	1
Coppery-tailed Coucal	Centropus cupreicaudus	1
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus	1
Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius	1
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus	1
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	1
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas	1
Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus	Н
Red-chested Cuckoo	Cuculus solitarius	Н
	STRIGIFORMES	
Barn Owls	Tytonidae	
Western Barn Owl	Tyto alba	Н
Owls	<u>Strigidae</u>	
African Scops Owl	Otus senegalensis	Н
Southern White-faced Owl	Ptilopsis granti	1
Spotted Eagle-Owl	Bubo africanus	1
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	Bubo lacteus	1
Pel's Fishing Owl	Scotopelia peli	1
African Wood Owl	Strix woodfordii	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet	Glaucidium perlatum	1
African Barred Owlet	Glaucidium capense	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
<u>Nightjars</u>	<u>Caprimulgidae</u>	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	Caprimulgus rufigena	1
Fiery-necked Nightjar	Caprimulgus pectoralis	Н
Square-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus fossii	1
Pennant-winged Nightjar	Caprimulgus vexillarius	1
	APODIFORMES	
Swifts	<u>Apodidae</u>	
		1
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	1
African Palm Swift Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba	1
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	PICIFORMES]
African Barbets	Lybiidae	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus	1
Acacia Pied Barbet	Tricholaema leucomelas	1
Black-collared Barbet	Lybius torquatus	1
Honeyguides	<u>Indicatoridae</u>	
Brown-backed Honeybird	Prodotiscus regulus	Н
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor	1
Greater Honeyguide	Indicator indicator	Н
Woodpeckers	<u>Picidae</u>	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	Campethera abingoni	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens	1
Bearded Woodpecker	Dendropicos namaquus	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
Caracaras, Falcons	Falconidae	
Rock Kestrel	Falco rupicolus	1
Greater Kestrel	Falco rupicoloides	1
Grey Kestrel	Falco ardosiaceus	1
Red-necked Falcon	Falco chicquera	1
Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo	1
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus	1
	PSITTACIFORMES	
African and New World Parrots	Psittacidae 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
<u>Helmetshrikes</u>	Prionopidae	
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus	1
Retz's Helmetshrike	Prionops retzii	1
Bushshrikes	<u>Malaconotidae</u>	
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus	1
Bokmakierie	Telophorus zeylonus	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus	1
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla	1
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius major	1





Grey-rumped Swallow	Pseudhirundo griseopyga	1
Brown-throated Martin	Riparia paludicola	1
Banded Martin	Riparia cincta	1
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	1
Pearl-breasted Swallow	Hirundo smithii Hirundo dimidiata	1
Rock Martin		1
Common House Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula Delichon urbicum	1
		1
Greater Striped Swallow	Cecropis cucullata	_
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	1
Red-breasted Swallow	Cecropis semirufa	1
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis	1
South African Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon spilodera	1
Crombecs, African Warblers	<u>Macrosphenidae</u>	
Rockrunner	Achaetops pycnopygius	1
Long-billed Crombec	Sylvietta rufescens	1
<u>Leaf Warblers and allies</u>	<u>Phylloscopidae</u>	
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	
Reed Warblers and allies	<u>Acrocephalidae</u>	
Greater Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus rufescens	1
Lesser Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris	1
Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	1
African Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus baeticatus	1
Cisticolas and allies	<u>Cisticolidae</u>	
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops	1
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana	1
Luapula Cisticola	Cisticola luapula	1
Chirping Cisticola	Cisticola pipiens	1
Neddicky	Cisticola fulvicapilla	1
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	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
Stierling's Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes stierlingi	1
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	Eremomela icteropygialis	1
Burnt-necked Eremomela	Eremomela usticollis	1
Laughingthrushes	<u>Leiothrichidae</u>	
Black-faced Babbler	Turdoides melanops	1
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 subcaerulea	1
White-eyes	Zosteropidae	
Orange River White-eye	Zosterops pallidus	1
African Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis	1
Starlings, Rhabdornis	<u>Sturnidae</u>	
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea	1
Cape Starling	Lamprotornis nitens	1
Greater Blue-eared Starling (guide only)	Lamprotornis chalybaeus	1
Meves's Starling	Lamprotornis mevesii	1
Burchell's Starling	Lamprotornis australis	1
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	1
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio	1
Pale-winged Starling	Onychognathus nabouroup	1
Oxpeckers	Buphagidae	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus	1
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorynchus	1
Thrushes	<u>Turdidae</u>	
Groundscraper Thrush	Turdus litsitsirupa	1
Kurrichane Thrush	Turdus libonyana	1
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	<u>Muscicapidae</u>	
Bearded Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas quadrivirgata	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	1
Southern Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis pammelaina	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
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	1
Tractrac Chat	Emarginata tractrac	1
Ant-eating Chat	Myrmecocichla formicivora	1
Mountain Wheatear	Myrmecocichla monticola	1
Capped Wheatear	Oenanthe pileata	1
Familiar Chat	Oenanthe familiaris	1
Herero Chat	Namibornis herero	1
Sunbirds	<u>Nectariniidae</u>	
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris	1





Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	Vidua paradisaea	1
Wagtails, Pipits	Motacillidae	
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis	1
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	1
African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus	1
<u>Finches</u>	Fringillidae	
Black-throated Canary	Crithagra atrogularis	1
White-throated Canary	Crithagra albogularis	1
Buntings, New World Sparrows	Emberizidae	
Lark-like Bunting	Emberiza impetuani	1
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	Emberiza tahapisi	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris	1
TOTAL		391

NAMIBIA, OKAVANGO AND VICTORIA FALLS NOVEMBER 2015 WILDLIFE LISTS

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MAMMALS Common Name Scientific Name Trip **CHIROPTERA** Pteropodidae 1 Angolan Fruit Bat Lissonycteris angolensis Hipposideridae Giant Leaf-nosed Bat Hipposideros gigas 1 **RODENTIA** Sciuridae Xerus inauris 1 South African Ground Squirrel Congo rope squirrel Funisciurus congicus 1 Smith's bush squirrel 1 Paraxerus cepapi **LAGOMORPHA** Leporidae Cape Hare Lepus capensis 1 **PROBOSCIDEA** Elephantidae African Elephant - VU Loxodonta africana 1 **PERISSODACTYLA** Equidae Hartmann's Mountain Zebra - VU Equus zebra hartmannae 1 Plains Zebra Equus quagga 1 Rhinocerotidae Black Rhinoceros - CE Diceros bicornis 1



	ARTIODACTYLA	
	Hippopotamidae	
Hippopotamus - VU	Hippopotamus amphibius	1
	Suidae	
Common Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus	1
	Giraffidae	
Giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis	1
	Bovidae	
Blue Wildebeest	Connochaetes taurinus taurinus	1
Red Hartebeest	Alcelaphus buselaphus caama	1
Tsessebe	Damaliscus lunatus lunatus	1
Common Duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia	1
Springbok	Antidorcas marsupialis	1
Damara Dik-dik	Madoqua kirkii damarensis	1
Steenbok	Raphicerus campestris	1
Common Impala	Aepyceros melampus melampus	1
Black-faced Impala - VU	Aepyceros melampus petersi	1
Roan antelope	Hippotragus equinus	1
Sable antelope	Hippotragus niger	1
Gemsbok	Oryx gazella	1
African Buffalo	Syncerus caffer	1
Greater Kudu	Tragelaphus strepsiceros	1
Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus	1
Southern Reedbuck	Redunca arundinum	1
Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus	1
Red Lechwe	Kobus leche leche	1
	CARNIVORA	
	Hyaenidae	
Brown Hyena - NT	Hyaena brunnea	1
Spotted Hyena	Crocuta crocuta	1
	Felidae	
African Lion - VU	Panthera leo leo	1
	Canidae	
Bat-eared Fox	Otocyon megalotis	1
Black-backed Jackal	Canis mesomelas	1
	Mustelidae	
Spotted-necked Otter - NT	Hydrictis maculicollis	1
Zorilla	Ictonyx striatus	1
	Viverridae	
African civet	Civettictis civetta	1
Large-spotted Genet	Genetta maculata	1
	Herpestidae	



Yellow Mongoose	Cynictis penicillata	1
	Otariidae	
Cape Fur Seal	Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus	1
	PRIMATES	
	Galagidae	
Thick-tailed greater galago	Otolemur crassicaudatus	Н
	Cercopithecidae	
Chacma Baboon	Papio ursinus	1
Vervet	Chlorocebus pygerythrus	1
TOTAL		44
	REPTILES	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	SQUAMATA	
	Agamidae	
Namib Rock Agama	Agama planiceps	1
Southern Ground Agama	Agama aculeata	1
	Gekkonidae	
Boulton's Namib Day Gecko	Rhoptropus boultoni	1
	Varanidae	
Nile Monitor	Varanus niloticus	1
	Chamaeleonidae	
Flap-necked Chameleon	Chamaeleo dilepis	1
	CROCODYLIA	
	Crocodylidae	
Nile Crocodile	Crocodylus niloticus	1
	TESTUDINES	
	Pelomedusidae	
Marsh Terrapin	Pelomedusa subrufa	1
TOTAL		7

