



GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY NAMIBIA AND OKAVANGO CUSTOM TRIP REPORT

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Rockrunner put on a show for us at Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

Overview

This custom tour was the second of two back-to-back tours which were run through the Golden Gate Audubon Society. After finishing with the previous group in Maun we essentially did the same itinerary as the previous tour but in reverse. The tour was a great success, and we managed 255 species (plus an additional three species that were heard only) in the twelve days, which included some impressive species such as **African Pygmy Goose, Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Rüppell's Korhaan, Cape Gannet, Slaty Egret, White-backed Night Heron, Cape Cormorant, Lappet-faced Vulture, African Oystercatcher, Damara Tern, Wattled Crane, Burchell's and Double-banded Coursers, African Skimmer, Burchell's Sandgrouse, Pel's Fishing Owl, African Barred Owlet, South African Cliff Swallow, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Damara Red-billed, Bradfield's, and Monteiro's Hornbills, Carp's Tit, White-tailed Shrike, Cape Penduline Tit, Dune and Stark's Larks, Rockrunner, Bare-cheeked and Hartlaub's Babblers, Orange River White-eye, and many others.**



*We had good views of a flock of **Burchell's Sandgrouse** as they came to drink in Etosha.*

As always on trips through Namibia and Botswana we made sure we never ignored any of the large numbers of mammals and managed to see 40 species, including the likes of **Lion, African Elephant, Black Rhinoceros, Cheetah, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, African Buffalo, Sable Antelope, Gemsbok, Sitatunga, Red Lechwe, Kirk's Dik-dik, Kaokoland Slender Mongoose, Dassie Rat, Bushveld Sengi (Elephant-shrew), Spotted-necked Otter, and Humpback Whale.**

Detailed Report

Day 1, 6th September 2019. Maun to Shakawe

As everybody had arrived in Maun the previous day we could get in some early-morning birding before breakfast and then hit the road to Shakawe soon afterwards. We walked around the hotel grounds and got the trip list off to a good start with **Purple** and **Lilac-breasted Rollers**, **Magpie Shrike**, **African Hoopoe**, **Red-billed Spurfowl**, **African Green Pigeon**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, **African Grey Hornbill**, **Swamp Boubou**, **Black-collared Barbet**, **Red-billed Oxpecker**, **Hamerkop**, **Wattled Starling**, and a few **Common Mynas** (unfortunately they are quickly expanding their range through Botswana!).

The long (and at times bumpy) drive to Shakawe passed fairly uneventfully. En route we did see our first **African Elephant** of the trip as well as a few **Common Ostriches** and many **White-browed Sparrow-Weavers** near their scruffy straw nests.

We arrived at Shakawe in the early afternoon, and while we waited for our boat transfer to Xaro Lodge we picked up a few good 'garden' birds. The bird feeder was busy with **Southern Brown-throated** and **Holub's Golden Weavers**, **Red-billed Quelea**, **Hartlaub's** and **Arrow-marked Babblers**, and **Meves's** and **Burchell's Starlings**, with a party of **Green Wood Hoopoes** seen in the nearby woodland.

The boat trip on the Okavango River to Xaro Lodge delivered a few good birds, despite the heat, including **White-fronted**, **Little**, and **Southern Carmine Bee-eaters**, **African Pygmy Goose**, and a distant flock of **Marabou Storks**. After a long day we enjoyed a cold beer, overlooking the Okavango River while watching **African Skimmers** fishing in the dying light, followed by an amazing meal.



We saw good numbers of the cute African Pygmy Goose on this tour.

Day 2, 7th September 2019. Okavango birding

This morning we were looking forward to the exciting prospect of a full morning on a boat cruise along the Okavango River, and it certainly didn't fail to meet (and exceed) expectations. The trip started well with **White-backed Night Heron** being seen just outside of camp. We then headed downstream, where we encountered a few more pairs of **African Pygmy Geese** with **Squacco**, **Grey**, **Goliath**, and **Striated Herons**, **African Darter**, **Great** and **Little Egrets**, and **Hamerkop** all seen along the various channels of the river. We stopped at a vast floodplain to look for **Slaty Egret**, and it didn't take long until one flew by and proceeded to fish not far from us. The floodplain was alive with waterbirds, and we soon added **Intermediate Egret**, **Black Heron**, **Hadada**, **African Sacred**, and **Glossy Ibis**, **African Spoonbill**, **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **African Openbill**, **Black Crake**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, and **Pied Kingfisher**, as well as a number of swallows and martins such as **White-throated Swallow** and **Banded** and **Brown-throated Martins**. A male **Sitatunga** was seen briefly before it vanished back into the thick papyrus on our way back to the lodge, and more new birds made an appearance, such as **Black-winged Kite**, **African Fish Eagle**, **African Marsh Harrier**, **Whiskered Tern**, and **Water Thick-knee**.



Slaty Egret was one of a number of heron and egret species seen today.

After lunch back at the lodge we went for an afternoon walk in the tall, broadleaf woodland nearby. Our main target was the huge Pel's Fishing Owl; however, we were hoping for a number of other important species. The walk started well with **African Barred Owlet** seen on the edge of camp before we heard the excited chattering of a **Greater Honeyguide** that was trying to attract our attention. Greater Honeyguides make a specific noise when they want to guide people to bee hives (hence the common name). This is a mutualistic relationship between humans and

honeyguides; the humans break open the bee hive and are rewarded with honey and then leave honeycombs for the honeyguide to eat. Unfortunately we were not keeping up with the honeyguide, and it soon lost interest in us. Farther into the woodlands we came upon our target bird, a pair of **Pel's Fishing Owls**, which provided fantastic and prolonged scope views. Nearby we found **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Grey Tit-flycatcher**, **Golden-tailed Woodpecker**, **Crested Barbet**, **Meyer's Parrot**, and **Southern Black Tit**. Overhead we saw a number of hirundines, including **Greater Striped**, **Lesser Striped**, **Wire-tailed**, **Pearl-breasted**, and **South African Cliff Swallows**. As we came back into camp we were shown a pair of roosting **African Wood Owls** before we enjoyed another delicious meal under the stars.

Day 3, 8th September 2019. Shakawe to the Mahango area

We woke up early for a walk around camp before breakfast, which proved fairly productive with a number of new birds added to our growing list. In the early-morning light we managed to see **Black-backed Puffback**, **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **Long-billed Crombec**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, and **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**.



*We saw a few **Collared Pratincoles** on our boat trip back upstream.*

After breakfast we caught the boat transfer back upstream (enjoying **Collared Pratincole**, **African Skimmer**, and **Malachite Kingfisher** en route) and made our way to the Namibian border. The border was its usual hassle-free self, and we then made our way to the Mahango National Park for our lunch stop along the edge of the floodplain. Along the floodplain there were large numbers of game, including **African Buffalo**, **Red Lechwe**, **Impala**, **Waterbuck**, **Greater Kudu**, and **Hippopotamus**, and we also had distant views of a pair of **Wattled Cranes**. On the floodplain we watched a **Great Egret** as it caught and ate a rather large **Brown House Snake**, while other birds seen in the floodplain included **Glossy Ibis**, **Yellow-billed Stork**,

Western Cattle Egret, and Long-toed Lapwing. Nearby we had our first looks at an adult **Bateleur**.

We arrived at Ngepi Camp late in the afternoon and settled into our accommodation before a quick walk around camp and into the neighboring woodland. On our walk we saw large numbers of **Burchell's, Meves's and Greater Blue-eared Starlings** (unfortunately no Sharp-tailed Starlings among them), **African Openbill, Bradfield's Hornbill, and White-fronted Plover.** After another successful day we fell asleep to the sounds of **African Elephants, Hippopotamuses,** and calling **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, African Scops Owl, and Fiery-necked Nightjar** (we managed good views of this one).

Day 4, 9th September 2019. Mahango area to Mokuti Etosha Lodge

Today was mostly a transfer day, as we had a large distance to cover to the eastern edge of Etosha National Park. However, we still managed to fit in some birding before breakfast. On our early-morning walk we found a few new birds such as **Bennett's and Cardinal Woodpeckers, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Brubru, and Black-faced Waxbill.** During breakfast we had a few mammal distractions, including a magnificent **Sable Antelope** across the river, and a couple of **Spotted-necked Otters** were seen by some of the group. Once we were done with breakfast we hit the long road west with not too much of interest seen along the drive besides a few **Pale Chanting Goshawks, Magpie Shrikes, and Lilac-breasted Rollers.**



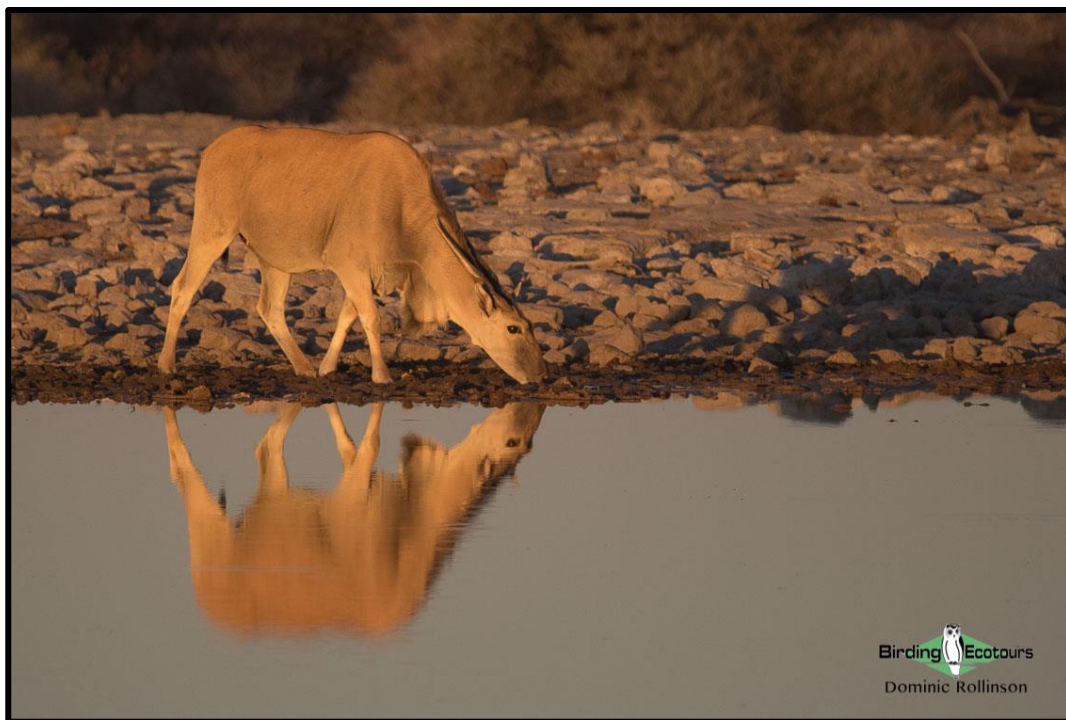
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbills were fairly common throughout the trip.

Day 5, 10th September 2019. Etosha birding

This morning we had an early breakfast so that we could get into the park soon after opening time and have the morning to enjoy one of Africa's top wildlife areas. We came across a number of interesting bird species on our drive, including **Common Ostrich, Kori Bustard, Northern Black and Red-crested Korhaans, White-backed Vulture, Bateleur, Tawny Eagle, Double-**

banded Courser, Kittlitz's Plover, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Southern Red-billed and Southern Yellow-billed Hornbills, and Red-headed Finch, with the highlight being a flock of **Burchell's Sandgrouse** coming to drink at a waterhole near Namutoni Camp. We also saw large numbers of game this morning, including the likes of **Springbok, Red Hartebeest, Plains Zebra, Giraffe, African Elephant, Gemsbok, Steenbok**, and the diminutive **Kirk's Dik-dik**.

We came back for lunch to Mokuti Etosha Lodge and became a little distracted when a **Pearl-spotted Owlet** flew by and gave us good looks as it was mobbed by a number of agitated woodland birds. There were also hordes of **Banded Mongooses** around our feet as we enjoyed lunch. After lunch we headed back into the park on the back of an open-top safari vehicle; the outing again proved productive with more good bird- and mammal sightings. We saw a pair of **Burchell's Sandgrouse** right next to the vehicle, which gave better views than we had had in the morning, along with **Red-breasted Swallow, Acacia Pied Barbet, Southern White-crowned Shrike, Kalahari Scrub Robin, Marico Flycatcher, and Violet-eared Waxbill**. The drive ended with a few impressive male **Greater Kudus** and **Common Eland** seen in the beautiful later-afternoon light.



Common Eland in the glorious Etosha light

Day 6, 11th September 2019. Transfer through Etosha

This morning we had a walk around the grounds at Mokuti before breakfast and found some good birds, including **Bearded Woodpecker**, a fly-by **Shikra**, **Long-billed Crombec**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, **White-browed Scrub Robin**, **Marico** and **White-bellied Sunbirds**, and **Brown-crowned Tchagra**, as well as a showy **Common Duiker**.

Today we spent most of the day traveling through the park and enjoying the birds and animals that were on offer. We had good views of a few **Lappet-faced Vultures** as they flew low overhead along with more **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Kori Bustards**, and **Northern Black Korhaans**. We enjoyed lunch at Halali Camp while watching a myriad of birds trying their luck

with our lunch, including **African Grey** and **Southern Red-billed Hornbills**, **Cape Starlings**, **Groundscraper Thrush**, and **Black-throated Canary**.

After lunch we carried on through the park and came across some more great desert birds such as **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Chat Flycatcher**, **Spike-heeled**, **Sabota**, **Red-capped**, and **Stark's Larks**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Great Sparrow**, and **Greater Kestrel**, and the highlight for the afternoon was a small group of **Burchell's Coursers**.



*We came across a few **Stark's Larks** during our time in Etosha.*

Day 7, 12th September 2019. Etosha birding

We were in another open-top safari vehicle this morning, and we had a fantastic morning's drive with some great animal sightings. The trip started well for us with a distant **Black Rhinoceros**, next we saw a couple **Black-backed Jackals**, good numbers of **African Elephants**, another **Black Rhinoceros** that showed better, and last, but certainly not least, a huge male **Lion** sheltering in the shade of a tree.

The afternoon was spent back in the park, and it again proved to be incredibly productive. We had a number of new bird species including **Southern Fiscal**, **Sociable** and **Scaly-feathered Weavers**, **Yellow Canary**, **Double-banded Sandgrouse**, **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**, and **Cape Crow**. The best sighting of the afternoon, however, was amazing views of a **Cheetah** that had recently brought down a Springbok. We watched the Cheetah for a while as it first caught its breath in the shade of a bush and then started eating its prey.

Day 8, 13th September 2019. Etosha to Erongo

We had a wander around the lodge grounds this morning and managed some good birds such as **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, **Southern Grey-headed Sparrow**, and **Familiar Chat**.

Our next stop on the itinerary was at Erongo Wilderness Lodge near Omaruru. The lodge is in a beautiful setting with the luxury tents built into huge boulders that litter the landscape. The

afternoon's birding immediately produced the goods with a very obliging **Rockrunner** (see cover photo) as well as **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Carp's Tit**, **Mountain Wheatear**, and lots of **Pale-winged Starlings**. A number of **Dassie Rats** were seen among the boulders around the lodge. We enjoyed a great dinner under the stars, with **Freckled Nightjars** showing well on nearby boulders.

Day 9, 14th September 2019. Full day at Erongo

After a few busy days of birding we had a more relaxed day. Erongo, however, still had some great birds in the general area. On our morning walk we had amazing views of a pair of **Peregrine Falcons** as they dropped and recaptured their prey while flying close to their nest on a rocky ledge. Other birds seen on the walk included **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, **Rosy-faced Lovebird**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **Mountain Wheatear**, **Cape Starling**, **Great Sparrow**, and **Cape Bunting**. After an enjoyable breakfast a few of us went for a drive into the conservation area, which, despite the heat, still produced a pair of **White-tailed Shrikes**. We had an early dinner (briefly interrupted by a **Southern African Python**) so that we could do a night drive through the conservation area. On the night drive we saw many **Kirk's Dik-diks** and **Cape Hares** as well as a lone **Hartmann's Mountain Zebra**.



Short-toed Rock Thrush, such as this female, was common at Erongo.

Day 10, 15th September 2019. Erongo to Walvis Bay

After missing Hartlaub's Spurfowl yesterday morning we decided this was the species to target on our early-morning walk around Erongo. Thankfully it didn't take long until we saw a group of at least five **Hartlaub's Spurfowl** as they scurried between the boulders. We also managed brief views of **Rockrunner** and prolonged views of a **Bushveld Sengi** (Elephant-shrew). As we left the lodge we saw a fantastic pair of **African Hawk-Eagles** perched on a nearby koppie.

En route to Walvis Bay we stopped at Spitzkoppe for lunch, with the hope of finding Herero Chat. After wandering around the area in the heat of the day and almost giving up, suddenly a single **Herero Chat** appeared and showed well for us. On the drive out of Spitzkoppe Jenn's sharp eyes picked out a single **Rüppell's Korhaan** standing in the shade of a tree, and we also saw a couple of **Tractrac Chats**. As we drove into Walvis Bay in the late afternoon we were greeted by the familiar sight of thousands of flamingos feeding right in front of our accommodation; a great way to end the day!



Herero Chat showed well at Spitzkoppe.

Day 11, 16th September 2019. Boat cruise and Walvis Bay birding

This morning we had a boat cruise around Walvis Bay, which is always good fun with some great birds and mammals to be seen. Today was no different as we enjoyed the sights and sounds of the massive **Cape Fur Seal** as well as brief views of **Humpback Whale**. Birds included **Wilson's Storm Petrel**, **Southern Giant Petrel**, **Great White Pelican** (literally eating out of our hands!), **White-breasted** and **Cape Cormorants**, **Damara**, **Arctic**, and **Sandwich Terns**, **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos**, **Cape Gannet**, and **African Oystercatcher**.

After our lunch back at the lodge (while enjoying **Orange River White-eye** and **Dusky Sunbird**) we headed to the Walvis Bay salt works, which is always a spectacle with tens of thousands of birds around! Besides the thousands of **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos** we also picked out **Cape Teal**, **Grey**, **White-fronted**, and **Chestnut-banded Plovers**, **Whimbrel**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Curlew** and **Marsh Sandpipers**, **Little Stint**, **Common Greenshank**, **Sanderling**, **Ruff**, and **Grey-headed Gull**.

To finish our final afternoon we headed to the red dunes of Rooibank, where we were targeting Namibia's only endemic bird species, **Dune Lark**. As usual the site did not disappoint, and we were rewarded with great views of a pair of the larks as they went about their business.

Day 12, 17th September 2019. Departure from Walvis Bay

As most flights were around midday, we did not have a great deal of time for birding this morning. However, we still managed to squeeze in some wader watching along the mud flats in front of the esplanade. New birds included **Bar-tailed Godwit** and **Common Ringed Plover**, while the usual suspects were seen too, along with **Cape Cormorant**, **Grey Heron**, and **Little Egret**, as well as a very cold **Black-backed Jackal**.

This last morning of birding ended a fun and highly successful 12 days through Botswana and Namibia, with many lifers and great memories added by all!



Cape Cormorant was seen in good numbers around Walvis Bay.

Bird List - Following IOC (9.1)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen.

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: CE = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. Southern African endemics are bolded.

Common name	Scientific name
Ostriches (Struthionidae)	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Ducks, Geese and Swans (Anatidae)	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Pheasants and allies (Phasianidae)	
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>
Austral Storm Petrels (Oceanitidae)	
Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>
Petrels, Shearwaters & Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)	
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>
Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
Slaty Egret - VU	<i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Gannets, Boobies (Sulidae)	
Cape Gannet - EN	<i>Morus capensis</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
Cape Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Kites, Hawks and Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
White-backed Vulture - CE	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Tawny Eagle - VU	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>
Rails, Crakes and Coots (Rallidae)	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Wattled Crane - VU	<i>Grus carunculata</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)	
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Couriers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae)	
Burchell's Courser	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers (Laridae)	
African Skimmer - NT	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>
Damara Tern - VU	<i>Sternula balaenarum</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>
Turacos (Musophagidae)	
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Scops Owl (H)	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl (H)	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
Pel's Fishing Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
Swifts (Apodidae)	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>
Hoopoes (Upupidae)	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae)	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>

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Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros bradfieldi</i>
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>
African Barbets (Lybiidae)	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)	
Greater Honeyguide (H)	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
African & New World Parrots (Psittacidae)	
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>
Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)	
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>
Helmetshrikes (Prionopidae)	
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>

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Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)	
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>
Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>
Penduline Tits (Remizidae)	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Dune Lark	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>

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Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrospenidae)	
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Cisticolas and allies (Cisticolidae)	
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Laughingthrushes & allies (Leiothrichidae)	
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>
Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>

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White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
Meves's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>
Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)	
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
Herero Chat	<i>Namibornis herero</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>

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Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>
Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
Waxbills, Munias and allies (Estrildidae)	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>
Buntings (Emberizidae)	
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>

Total seen	255
Total heard only	3
Total recorded	258

Mammal List

Common name	Scientific name
Dogs, Wolves, Foxes (Canidae)	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Mustelids (Mustelidae)	
Spotted-necked Otter	<i>Hydrictis maculicollis</i>
Cats (Felidae)	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
Kaokoland Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes flavescens</i>
Eared Seals (Otariidae)	
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus</i>
Bovids (Bovidae)	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Sitatunga	<i>Tragelaphus spekii</i>

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Red Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche leche</i>
Kirk's Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Giraffes, Okapis (Giraffidae)	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Hogs, Pigs (Suidae)	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
Hyraxes (Procaviidae)	
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
Rabbits, Hares (Leporidae)	
Cape Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>
Elephant Shrews (Macroscelididae)	
Bushveld Sengi (Elephant-shrew)	<i>Elephantulus intufi</i>
Horses, Asses, Zebras (Equidae)	
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>
Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)	
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>

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Elephants (Elephantidae)	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Dassie Rat (Petromuridae)	
Dassie Rat	<i>Petromus typicus</i>
Squirrels, Chipmunks, Marmots, Prairie Dogs (Sciuridae)	
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>
Rorquals (Balaenopteridae)	
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>
Total seen	40

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Side-necked Terrapins (Pelomedusidae)	
Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>
Boas and Pythons (Boidae)	
Southern African Python	<i>Python natalensis</i>
Typical Snakes (Colubridae)	
Brown House Snake	<i>Boaedon fuliginosus</i>
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Agamas (Agamidae)	
Namib Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>
True Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)	

Common Name	Scientific Name
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Total seen	6