



**SOUTH AFRICA PHOTO CUSTOM TOUR: DIFFICULT MAMMALS
AND BIRDS OF THE NORTHERN CAPE**

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A majestic male **Lion** – the Kgalagadi is truly the most astounding place to get Lion sightings and photographic opportunities that will blow you away!

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Overnight

Marrick Safari, Kimberley
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 Twee Rivieren
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 Nossob
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 Mata Mata
 Mata Mata
 Near Upington

OVERVIEW

This tour was a private photography trip for two clients with a particular interest in the smaller mammals of South Africa. However, the larger mammals and birds were also thoroughly enjoyed! We started the trip in the Kalahari ‘flatlands’ of South Africa in the Kimberley area, where we spent two nights. Thereafter we traveled north-west and spent six nights in the magnificent Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park – two nights at each main camp. We made the most of our time in the evenings by taking night drives every evening of the tour and therefore really gave ourselves great opportunities to see the very best mammals that Southern Africa has to offer! We did exceptionally well and recorded 40 species of mammals on the tour – the most that I personally have recorded in the time of 10 days. November is a fantastic time of year for birding as well, and we managed to record 161 species (including 62 families).

Day 1 – Marrick Safari and Kimberley surrounds

We kicked things off with a morning drive around the Marrick Safari property. The dominant habitat on the farm is grasslands, but some areas are scattered with acacia thornveld trees, and there are some small, rocky, vegetated ridges to the south. The birds were incredibly active, and immediately there was bird song all around us and many swallows and swifts cruising over the fields. **Barn Swallows**, **Greater Striped Swallows**, and **White-rumped** and **Little Swifts** were all actively feeding. Some of the first grassland species that made it onto our list were larks. We picked up **Eastern Clapper**, **Sabota**, **Fawn-colored**, and **Spike-heeled Larks** that morning, most calling and displaying. A pair of **Blue Cranes** was spotted out in the lower-lying grasslands, while small groups of **Grey-backed Sparrow-Larks** were joining flocks of **Yellow Canary**, **Red-billed Quelea**, and **Scaly-feathered Finch**. There were also a number of cisticolas and prinias, namely **Zitting** and **Desert Cisticolas** as well as **Neddicky** and **Black-chested Prinia**. Mammals on the game farm are plentiful – the first few small mammals were a stunning family of **Meerkats** as well as a few **Yellow Mongooses**. After a quick lunch we headed to some of the surrounding Kimberley areas, including Kamfers Dam, where we picked up a good number of aquatic species. Kamfers Dam is home to large numbers of **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos** that breed there every year. We also found good numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds. Some of the highlights were **Black-winged Stilt**, **Common Ringed Plover**, **Ruff Kittlitz’s Plover**, and **Spotted Thick-knee**. Waterfowl included **Cape Teal** and **South African Shelduck**. **Squacco Heron**, **African Fish Eagle**, and **Grey-headed Gulls** made numerous

flybys. As we were leaving we picked up **Karoo Thrush**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, and **White-backed Mousebird**. A very successful day one with a night drive to come, of course.



White-rumped Swifts were cruising around the Kimberley area with the likes of Greater Striped Swallows, a good flight photography test.

Our night drive produced! We recorded three different **Aardwolves**, **Aardvark** (which unfortunately didn't show very well), **Cape Porcupine**, **Cape Hare**, **Spring Hare**, **African Wildcat**, and a lovely **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar**.

Day 2 – Mokala National Park

Mokala National Park is a hidden gem in South Africa, a park with loads of potential that always seems to produce something special. We thoroughly enjoyed the plentiful **Ground Squirrels**. Birding-wise we were happy to see both **Sociable Weaver** and the tiny **Pygmy Falcon** hanging around a large acacia tree, where the weavers were breeding. **Short-toed Rock Thrush** was a highlight as usual, and a single **Buffy Pipit** posed very well in front of our lenses. Some flight photography at the Mokala reception and in the restaurant area was fun, with **White-rumped Swift** and **Greater Striped Swallow** our two targets.

There also were lots of big animals on show at Mokala. **Common Ostrich** was seen readily, and then we encountered **Red Hartebeest**, **Common Eland**, **Greater Kudu**, **Plains Zebra**, **Black Wildebeest**, **Waterbuck**, **Common Warthog**, and **Gemsbok**, many of which came to drink at the waterhole to the east.

Other avian finds during the day included **Blue**, **Black-faced**, and **Violet-eared Waxbills**, **Red-breasted Swallow**, **Familiar Chat**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Rufous-eared Warbler**, and **Three-banded Plover**.

Our night drive yielded **Bat-eared Fox** (which was to be one of the most common nocturnal mammals on the whole trip), **Striped Polecat** (the mammal highlight of the evening), **Southern African Hedgehog** (two separate individuals), **Cape Porcupine**, **African Wildcat**, **Common Genet**, **Cape Hare**, **Black-backed Jackal**, **Western Barn Owl**, and a single **Double-banded Courser** in one of the overgrazed patches of veld.



Southern African Hedgehog



Striped Polecat with reptilian prey

Day 3 – Travel to Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

With a lot of travel ahead of us today we obviously didn't focus too much on fauna. We stopped in Upington to pick up some supplies and fuel for the road ahead. We did manage a few species here and there; they included a lovely pair of **Secretarybirds**, a few **Orange Fiver Francolins**, and **Alpine Swifts** overhead. We arrived in a very warm Twee Rivieren, and our clients joined a sunset drive straight after an early dinner. They were rewarded with a magnificent **Leopard** sighting as well as **Verreaux's** and **Spotted Eagle-Owls**, **Bat-eared Fox**, **African Wild Cat**, and **Common Genet**.



A young male Leopard seen on the first night drive in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park (photo Rune Bjoernstad)

Day 4 – Full day in the Twee Rivieren area

Being diligent once again we made sure to head out before the sun was up in order to catch all the early-morning rays of light possible. Photography to this point had gone well – this could easily be seen by looking at Rune’s back of his camera for shots that he was getting. Today we encountered many of the Kalahari mammals; we enjoyed seeing **Blue Wildebeest**, many **Gemsbok**, and **Springbok** (which are abundant). Birding was rewarding, and we found our first sandgrouse of the trip, **Namaqua** as well as **Burchell’s Sandgrouse**. We stopped at a small waterhole, where we spotted a **Lanner Falcon** in a nearby dead tree and where a couple of animals were coming in to drink. We anticipated the falcon to perhaps hunt some of the smaller birds, but instead it was a ‘Ninja-like’ **Black-headed Heron** who decided breakfast was to be **Sociable Weaver** and **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**. We watched for over an hour as the heron stood in the waterhole and nipped off a few unsuspecting passerines. A truly incredible sight! Even though the area is fairly dry and numbers of species recorded in this part of South Africa are low, the diversity is certainly enjoyable; **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater** is the resident bee-eater, while the likes of **Common Scimitarbill**, **African Hoopoe**, **Fork-tailed Drongo**, **Chestnut-vented Warbler**, **Marico Flycatcher**, and the stunning **Crimson-breasted Shrike** were all seen almost daily. **Rock Martin** was also a fairly common sight, and so were **Cape** and **Southern Grey-headed Sparrows** as well as the terrestrial **Northern Black Korhaan**.



Black-headed Heron



It was incredible to witness it hunting for a good hour and a half before it pushed off due to a herd of Blue Wildebeest coming to drink at the waterhole.

On the Twee Rivieren sunset drive once again we picked up multiple **Bat-eared Foxes**, and our first **Cape Fox** sightings were had. Other animals on tonight's drive were **Common Genet**, **Spring Hare**, **Scrub Hare**, two **Cape Porcupines** up on the hillside, and finally the star, a big **Brown Hyaena**!

Day 5 – Twee Rivieren to Nossob

Raptors are a special feature of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park; one can easily see eight to ten species of raptor in a day. Today we picked up our first **Martial Eagle** as well as our first **Bateleur** sightings, the latter becoming more and more common as we spent time in the central and northern parts of the park. Other raptors included **Gabar Goshawk**, many **Pale Chanting**

Goshawks, and both **Tawny** and **Wahlberg's Eagles**. **South African Ground Squirrel**, **Brant's Whistling Rat**, and **Four-striped Grass Mouse** were some of the smaller mammals that kept us entertained. Getting pictures of the smaller rodents, however, proved tricky today. Birds that we enjoyed photographing today were **Burchell's Starling**, **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**, **Shaft-tailed Whydah**, **Cape Crow**, and **Crimson-breasted Shrike**. Beautiful light fell nicely onto a mother **Cape Fox** and her two cubs – we spent a good 45 minutes with them. It was very enjoyable watching the youngsters playing around the bushes and 'attacking' the poor mother.



Cape Fox and her two cubs

One of the most beautiful sunsets that I have ever experienced in the African bush was on tonight's Nossob sunset drive. A quick stop in the Nossob riverbed on the border of Botswana (where there are, of course, no fences) was just what we needed to truly take the moment in. Not long after that a kilometer down the way we encountered five majestic **Cheetahs** heading out for their evening hunt. We also saw **Spotted Hyaena**, **Steenbok**, **Spring Hare**, **Bat-eared Fox**, and **African Wild Cat**.

Day 6 – Full day in the Nossob Area

Nossob is well known for the impressive male lions and general lion numbers in the area, and we surely experienced exactly that during our time here. Before sunrise we were out and headed south to do the Marie se Draai loop. Suddenly from around the corner we saw two cracking male **Lions** (complete with black manes) walking down the road towards us, a sight that I don't think any of us will forget in a hurry. We followed them for a while and must have filled a couple of memory cards just on these big boys. We then headed north to a waterhole nearby, hoping to get some Lanner Falcon and sandgrouse action. We did see both **Burchell's** and **Namaqua Sandgrouse** coming in to drink, but the **Lanner Falcons** that were hanging around didn't hunt that morning. We did enjoy **Yellow Canary**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, **South African Cliff Swallow**, **Cape Glossy Starling**, and **Ring-necked** and **Namaqua Doves**. **Red-necked Falcon**

was one of the highlights of the day as well. That afternoon we found a pride of about six **Lions** (five lionesses and a male); they were being observed at a distance by a few curious **Black-backed Jackals**.

Our drive this evening did begin quite late. This played into our hands as the pride of **Lions** that we had seen earlier in the afternoon were starting to move late that evening. We saw them walk along the riverbed for quite some time, a beautiful male and about four lionesses. We also saw a single female **Cheetah** that evening lazing about in the coolness of the evening. In between these fantastic sightings we also saw **Spring Hare, Scrub Hare, Common Genet, African Wildcat, and Bat-eared and Cape Foxes**.

Day 7 – Nossob to Mata Mata

We were once again treated to a beautiful sunrise around Nossob. The first waterhole we stopped at had a single **Lioness** drinking, along with a **Gabar Goshawk** perched up on a acacia tree, overlooking the situation. What we didn't know at the time was that there were four male **Lions** also looking on from a distance. When we noticed them we observed some strange behavior: The males looked like they were going to approach but then suddenly started all running in the opposite direction with some serious intent.

The larger terrestrial birds were on show today: **Western Ostrich, Secretarybird**, and both **Kori and Ludwig's Bustards**. Kori Bustard is quite a bit larger than its relative, Ludwig's Bustard, and is widely accepted to be the heaviest flying bird in the world. A surprise sighting was **Capped Wheatear** in the riverbed near Nossob. We also thoroughly enjoyed finally seeing our first snake of the trip, a hefty **Cape Cobra** that after some time crossed the road in front of us.

Mata Mata is also situated along a river bed, but it is on the Namibian border to the west and definitely holds a larger number of acacia species. Some of these that we saw here today were **Green-winged Pytilia, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Chestnut-vented Warbler, Groundscraper Thrush, Cardinal Woodpecker, and Lilac-breasted Roller**.



Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill

At Mata Mata we enjoyed another exciting sunset drive; **Black-backed Jackal** with two cubs were adorable, a **Lanner Falcon** was out on an evening hunt, and a few pairs of **Bat-eared and Cape Foxes** were out at dusk. We also found **African Wild Cat, Common Genet, Cape**

Porcupine, Spring Hare, and Gray African Climbing Mouse. Rufous-cheeked Nightjar singing on an open branch was excellent, and we also picked up four owl species: **Spotted Eagle-Owl, Western Barn Owl, Southern White-faced Owl, and Pearl-spotted Owlet.**

Day 8 – Full Day in the Mata Mata area

It was an early morning once again, and we headed south. Our final full day in the park was made ‘complete’ early on with another fantastic male **Lion** strolling down the river bed, roaring. He proceeded to go and have a lie-down atop a small sand dune, overlooking the situation.



Lion

On the birding front we picked up many species that we had already encountered but did manage great photographs of some of them; these included **Common Scimitarbill, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, Cape Crow, and Kori and Ludwig’s Bustards.** We added a new species too, **Red-headed Finch.**

That afternoon we once again picked up a few nice raptors. **Lanner Falcon, Gabar Goshawk, Bateleur, Tawny Eagle, and Secretarybird** were seen for the last time on the trip. It had been a relaxing day, and there was one more night drive to come.



Tawny Eagle

At Mata Mata our clients enjoyed the last night drive of the tour and connected with **Brown Hyaena**, both **Bat-eared** and **Cape Foxes** as usual, **Black-backed Jackal**, **Common Genet**, and amazing close-up sightings of **African Wild Cat**.

Day 9 – Final morning in the Kgalagadi

One final early morning in this exciting park! What a week it had been in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park – a true gem of a park to visit! Really excellent mammal and bird sightings were had and even better photo opportunities. Our last day was fairly relaxed; we spent time around Mata Mata and then slowly made our way south to Twee Rivieren, where we had lunch before starting the drive back to Upington.

SOUTH AFRICA: THE NOTHERN CAPE BIRD LIST, November 2017		
Common name	Scientific name	Trip
	STRUTHIONIFORMES	
Ostriches	Struthionidae	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Anatidae	
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	1
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	1
	GALLIFORMES	
Guineafowl	Numididae	

Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
Pheasants and allies	Phasianidae	
Orange River Francolin	<i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
Grebes	Podicipedidae	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1
	PHOENICOPTERIFORMES	
Flamingos	Phoenicopteridae	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	1
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
Storks	Ciconiidae	
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
Ibises, Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	1
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1
Hérons, Bitterns	Ardeidae	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	1
	SULIFORMES	
Cormorants, Shags	Phalacrocoracidae	
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	1
Anhingas, Darters	Anhingidae	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
Secretarybird	Sagittariidae	
Secretarybird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	1
Kites, Hawks and Eagles	Accipitridae	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	1
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	1
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	1
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	1

Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	1
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	1
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	1
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	1
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
Bustards	Otididae	
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	1
Ludwig's Bustard	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	1
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>	1
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>	1
	GRUIFORMES	
Rails, Crakes and Coots	Rallidae	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	1
Cranes	Gruidae	
Blue Crane	<i>Grus paradisea</i>	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees	Burhinidae	
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	1
Stilts, Avocets	Recurvirostridae	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
Plovers	Charadriidae	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	1
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	1
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	1
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1
Sandpipers, Snipes	Scolopacidae	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	1
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1
Courasers, Pratincoles	Glareolidae	
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>	1
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers	Laridae	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	1

	PTEROCLIFORMES	
Sandgrouse	Pteroclididae	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	1
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>	1
	COLUMBIFORMES	
Pigeons, Doves	Columbidae	
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	1
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	1
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	1
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	Cuculidae	
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	1
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	1
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
Barn Owls	Tytonidae	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	1
Owls	Strigidae	
Southern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis granti</i>	1
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	1
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
Nightjars	Caprimulgidae	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>	1
	APODIFORMES	
Swifts	Apodidae	
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	1
	COLIIFORMES	
Mousebirds	Coliidae	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	1
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
Kingfishers	Alcedinidae	
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	1

Bee-eaters	Meropidae	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	1
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	1
	BUCEROTIFORMES	
Hoopoes	Upupidae	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1
Wood Hoopoes	Phoeniculidae	
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	1
Hornbills	Bucerotidae	
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	1
	PICIFORMES	
African Barbets	Lybiidae	
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	1
Woodpeckers	Picidae	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
Caracaras, Falcons	Falconidae	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	1
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	1
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	1
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
Wattle-eyes, Batises	Platysteiridae	
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>	1
Bushshrikes	Malaconotidae	
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	1
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	1
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	1
Shrikes	Laniidae	
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	1
Drongos	Dicruridae	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1
Crows, Jays	Corvidae	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	1
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
Tits, Chickadees	Paridae	
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>	1

Larks	Alaudidae	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	1
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	1
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	1
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>	1
Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Miraфра fasciolata</i>	1
Bulbuls	Pycnonotidae	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	1
Swallows, Martins	Hirundinidae	
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	1
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	1
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	1
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	1
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	1
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	1
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>	1
Crombecs, African Warblers	Macrosphenidae	
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	1
Reed Warblers and allies	Acrocephalidae	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	1
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	1
Cisticolas and allies	Cisticolidae	
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	1
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>	1
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	1
Cloud Cisticola	<i>Cisticola textrix</i>	1
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	1
Namaqua Warbler	<i>Phragmacia substriata</i>	1
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	1
Sylviid Babblers	Sylviidae	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>	1
White-eyes	Zosteropidae	
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	1
Starlings, Rhabdornis	Sturnidae	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	1
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	1

Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>	1
Thrushes	Turdidae	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>	1
Karoo Thrush	<i>Turdus smithi</i>	1
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae	
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	1
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>	1
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>	1
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>	1
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	1
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>	1
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	1
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	1
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	1
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	1
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches	Passeridae	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	1
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	1
Weavers, Widowbirds	Ploceidae	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	1
Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>	1
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	1
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	1
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	1
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	1
Waxbills, Munias and allies	Estrildidae	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	1
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	1
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	1
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>	1
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>	1
Indigobirds, Whydahs	Viduidae	
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>	1
Wagtails, Pipits	Motacillidae	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Buffy Pipit	<i>Anthus vaalensis</i>	1
Finches	Fringillidae	

Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	1
Buntings, New World Sparrows	Emberizidae	
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	1
TOTAL		161

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	RODENTIA	
	Muridae	
Brant's Whistling Rat	<i>Parotomys brantsii</i>	1
Four-striped Grass Mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>	1
	Nesomyidae	
Gray African Climbing Mouse	<i>Dendromus melanotis</i>	1
	Hystriidae	
Cape Porcupine	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>	1
	Sciuridae	
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>	1
	Pedetidae	
Spring Hare	<i>Pedetes capensis</i>	1
	MACROSCELIDEA	
	Macroscelididae	
Bushveld Elephant-shrew	<i>Elephantulus intufi</i>	1
	LAGOMORPHA	
	Leporidae	
Cape Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	1
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	1
	CARNIVORA	
	Felidae	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	1
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	1
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	1
African Wild Cat	<i>Felis silvestris lybica</i>	1
	Hyaenidae	
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	1
Brown Hyaena	<i>Parahyaena brunnea</i>	1
Aardwolf	<i>Proteles cristatus</i>	1
	Canidae	

Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	1
Cape Fox	<i>Vulpes chama</i>	1
Bat-eared Fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	1
	Mustelidae	
Striped Polecat	<i>Ictonyx striatus</i>	1
	Viverridae	
Common Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>	1
	Herpestidae	
Meerkat	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	1
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	1
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>	1
	TUBULIDENTATA	
	Orycteropodidae	
Aardvark	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>	1
	PERISSODACTYLA	
	Equidae	
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	1
	CETARTIODACTYLA	
	Suidae	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	1
	Bovidae	
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>	1
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>	1
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	1
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>	1
Black Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	1
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	1
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	1
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	1
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	1
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	1
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>	1
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	1
	Giraffidae	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	1
TOTAL		40