



**EASTERN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA TRIP REPORT  
CUSTOM TOUR**

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The iconic **Saddle-billed Stork** is always a highlight.

## Overview

Taking place during the dry season of southern Africa, this tour had less of an emphasis on strict birding than taking in the best of southern Africa and showcasing the sheer beauty of the region. This private tour began in Johannesburg, South Africa, from where we transferred to the world-famous Kruger National Park, working our way from the north-central region down to the south. Following this we flew to Walvis Bay, Namibia, from where we explored the north-central interior of the country, including the Brandberg Mountain and another one of Africa's great game parks, Etosha National Park.

Although not a strict birding tour, we were privy to many exceptional sightings, and special species on the tour included the likes of **Hartlaub's Spurfowl**, **Secretarybird**, **Rüppell's Korhaan**, **Senegal Lapwing**, **Chestnut-banded Plover**, **Burchell's Sandgrouse**, **Burchell's Courser**, **African Skimmer**, **Violet Wood Hoopoe**, **Red-necked Falcon**, many **Larks** including **Gray's**, **Dune**, and **Pink-billed**, **Mosque Swallow**, **Bearded Scrub Robin**, and **Bushveld Pipit**, among others. Mammals were well represented too, and included the 'Big Five' with some exceptional Leopard sightings, along with a good supporting cast, which included Black Rhinoceros, Honey Badger, Southern African Wild Cat, Spotted Hyena, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Sable Antelope, Tsessebe, and Heaviside's Dolphin. The tour was rounded off by walking with two Cheetahs – a cat we had missed throughout, and surely there was no better way to end it.

### Day 1, July 18. Johannesburg to Kruger National Park

Having met up with clients Jay, Judy, Kori, and Aiden the previous evening at our lodge in a leafy suburb of Johannesburg close to the airport, we departed for the famous Kruger National Park in the early morning. With our first port-of-call being Mopani Rest Camp in the north-central region of the park, today was mostly a travel day, with us arriving at the Phalaborwa entrance gate in the mid afternoon. We still had some ground to cover in the park and couldn't take it too easy, but did stop for our first mammals and bits of birding en route. Bird parties along the way held **Yellow-fronted Canary**, **White-browed Scrub Robin**, **Southern Black Tit**, **Red-headed Weaver**, **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver**, and **Sabota Lark**, with the standout species going to the difficult **Violet-eared Waxbill**. Highlights on the mammal side included our first herd of African Elephants and a clan of Spotted Hyaenas lazing about on the road.

### Day 2, July 19. Kruger National Park

Our first full day in the park was spent around the Mopani area, where we began the day with a morning game drive. Overcast conditions kept things cool this morning as we explored the stunted mopane woodland and grassy plains. Birding was reasonably good, and we enjoyed **Common Ostrich**, **Bateleur**, **Martial** and **Tawny Eagles**, **Brown Snake Eagle**, **Kori Bustard**, **Kittlitz's Plover**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Burchell's Coucal**, **Lanner Falcon**, **Brown-crowned** and **Black-crowned Tchagras**, **Southern White-crowned** and **Maggie Shrikes**, **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Wattled Starling**, **Red-headed Finch**, and **Green-winged Pytilia** over the course of the morning. Mammals were on the slower side, but we managed to eke out the difficult Tsessebe along with Common Eland and enjoyed a distant group of African Buffalo and more African Elephants. After a good brunch a stroll around the camp produced **African Fish**

**Eagle, Black-winged Stilt, Collared Pratincole, Mourning Collared Dove, Green Wood Hoopoe, Crested Barbet, Brown-headed Parrot, Grey-backed Camaroptera, and Cut-throat Finch.** An afternoon game drive saw us exploring the dam area near the camp, where we added more water birds to our list, including **Squacco** and **Striated Herons, African Spoonbill, Great Egret, Black Crake, Water Thick-knee, Pied Kingfisher, Flappet Lark, Yellow-billed** and **Red-billed Oxpeckers, Red-billed** and **Jameson's Firefinches, Purple Indigobird,** and the gaudy **Golden-breasted Bunting.** Grunting Hippopotamuses, the funny Giraffe, and the dainty Steenbok were added to the mammals, while we were also able to enjoy a few large Nile Crocodiles. A traditional South African braai, complete with **Fiery-necked** and **Square-tailed Nightjars** calling into the night, rounded off the day.

### Day 3, July 20. Kruger National Park

Our second full day in the park saw us follow a similar route as yesterday morning, exploring the Tropic of Capricorn loop. A sunny morning greeted us today, and while many of the same species as yesterday were seen, a number of new species awaited us. A pair of **African Hawk-Eagles** started the proceedings, followed by **Red-crested Korhaan, Little Bee-eater,** a group of **Southern Ground Hornbills, Long-billed Crombec, Marico Sunbird, Red-billed Quelea, White-winged Widowbird,** and **Long-tailed Paradise Whydah.** Roan Antelope eluded us once more. Following a late breakfast we set off southward toward Letaba Rest Camp. Bar a **Bateleur** feeding on some roadkill and a group of about 20 Giraffes feeding close to the road the journey was uneventful. After checking in we set off to explore the south bank of the Letaba River. The birding was good, and we enjoyed the likes of **Goliath Heron, Hamerkop, Three-banded** and **White-fronted Plovers, African Jacana,** a pair of exquisite **Greater Painted-snipes,** and **Malachite Kingfisher.**



A pair of the scarce Greater Painted-snipes showed well.

We also enjoyed the hoped-for pair of **African Skimmers** – this is a rare bird in South Africa, and a pair had recently taken up residence on the river and were looking as if they were breeding. After finding a gap in the cars lined up we enjoyed some good flight views of the birds as they

flew up and down the river. The woodland surrounding the river played host to **Brown-hooded Kingfisher, White-fronted Bee-eater, Southern Black Flycatcher, Chinspot Batis, White-crested Helmetshrike, Black-headed Oriole, Groundscraper Thrush and Scarlet-chested Sunbird**. Mammals were helped along with large numbers of Waterbuck on the river and thick-tailed Greater Galago (Bushbaby) around the camp in the evening. During our dinner we saw something tiny fly into the tree above us, and on a closer look we found an **African Scops Owl** curiously looking down at us. A night drive produced, among others, Spring Hare and a pride of Lions.

#### **Day 4, July 21. Kruger National Park**

Our morning began early, as we set off on a morning game drive, this time exploring the rocky northern side of the Letaba River. Birding was a bit on the slower side, but we did manage to see **White-backed Vulture, Double-banded Sandgrouse, Grey Go-away-bird, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Giant Kingfisher, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Red-winged Starling, Yellow-throated Petronia, and African Pied Wagtail**. A group of three Klipspringers and a chance encounter with a Honey Badger stole first prize for the morning, however. We made our way back to breakfast and managed to add **Red-capped Robin-Chat** and **Greater Blue-eared Starling** to the birds seen. After packing up we set off to our next camp, Satara, a fair distance to the south. Satara being great 'cat country', we made our way down quickly in the midday heat to maximize our afternoon down there. A few stops were made for African Elephants and a pair of **Saddle-billed Storks**. Our stop for the storks was fortuitous and gave us the rather unpredictable **Grey-rumped Swallow** as well. We came to a group of cars gathered on the road, and as always in these parks, hopes for difficult, scarcer mammals sky-rocketed. This was a false alarm, with a herd of African Elephants complete with youngsters causing the jam. We pressed on, and only made it a few hundred meters up the road when I caught sight of a small female Leopard lying right next to the road. We halted to a stop and enjoyed point-blank views of this spectacular cat, as she sat calmly next to us! She didn't stick around for too long, however, and soon sauntered off into the bush and out of sight. With a bit of pressure off we continued on our way to Satara and checked in. The camp grounds are always great, and today was not different, with us getting **Bearded Woodpecker, Brown-headed Parrot, and Mosque Swallow** right in front of our chalets. An afternoon drive followed, with highlights going to **Woolly-necked Stork, Lappet-faced Vulture, Kori Bustard, Red-crested Korhaan, African Green Pigeon, a rather out-of-place Alpine Swift, and Burchell's Starling**. Our mammal highlights for the afternoon included a large herd of African Elephants drinking, along with some very obscured views of Lions in the thick scrub. The resident Southern African Wild Cat sauntered past us while we were enjoying our dinner.

#### **Day 5, July 22. Kruger National Park**

Up early we headed straight for the S100, where we slowly made our way to the Sweni Hide and the Nwanetsi Picnic Spot before eventually returning to camp for brunch. The birding was quite good along the route, despite the dry conditions; however, we battled for mammals along this normally productive route. Highlights on the birding side included a spectacular pair of **Harlequin Quails** that showed well, sitting on the edge of the road, along with a few small **Common Buttonquails** that were not as cooperative, **Saddle-billed and Yellow-billed Storks, Striated Heron, Martial Eagle, Kori Bustard, Water Thick-knee, Mourning Collared Dove, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Purple Roller, Malachite Kingfisher, Common Scimitarbill, Brown-**

**headed Parrot, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, and Mocking Cliff Chat**, among others. We began the journey south to Skukuza, and in no time ran into traffic. Leopard was the cause, and we found an open spot slightly away from the cars with a good view of the area, and, although we couldn't see the cat at the time, thought it a good idea to wait it out. Less than ten minutes later we were rewarded as the Leopard strolled over to us and lay down underneath a large tree alongside us. We soaked up our views before reluctantly continuing on.



We enjoyed some fantastic views of Leopard.

The journey was quiet for the most part, but we eked out a stunning pair of **Saddle-billed Storks** close to the road, along with **Hooded Vulture, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Ashy Flycatcher, and Cut-throat Finch**. A large herd of African Buffalo was the highlight on the mammal side. **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** taunted us with its deep-grunting calls coming from close by in the

camp, but we failed to lay eyes on the birds as they stayed one step ahead of us the whole time. A night drive proved productive and turned up Serval, African Civet, Cape Genet, and White-tailed Mongoose.

### **Day 6, July 23. Kruger National Park**

Our last full day in the park began with a long drive, first heading out toward Pretoriuskop, allowing us to explore the broad-leaved woodland that only creeps in here. We enjoyed a fruitful morning, including some of the more difficult species in this habitat like **Senegal Lapwing, Gabar Goshawk, Striped Kingfisher, Black-crowned Tchagra, Groundscraper Thrush, Pale Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Petronia, Bushveld Pipit, and Yellow-throated Longclaw**. A pride of Lions lazed about in some long grass, and some careful scanning revealed a small group of Sable Antelope – a notoriously difficult mammal to connect with in the park and much welcomed! Following brunch in Pretoriuskop we took the backroads to Skukuza via the Afsaal Picnic Site in the hope of connecting with a rhino – the last of the Big Five we needed, and one of our last mammal targets. We searched long and hard, and eventually our efforts were rewarded with finding a group of three White Rhinoceroses in the late afternoon. With smiles all around we made our way back to camp after a full day out in the bush.

### **Day 7, July 24. Kruger National Park to Dullstroom**

The day began with a morning drive along the Sabie River before returning to camp for a quick bite to eat, collecting our things, and setting off toward Dullstroom. The morning was good and saw us adding species such as **African Goshawk, Crowned Hornbill, Retz's Helmetshrike, Sombre Greenbul, Green-backed Camaroptera, Bearded Scrub Robin, African Dusky Flycatcher, Collared Sunbird, and Village Weaver**. We slowly made our way out of the park and to Dullstroom via the idyllic town of Sabie. We arrived in the late afternoon and took a stroll around the grounds of our scenic guesthouse. A **Long-crested Eagle** graciously flew by, while **Cape Canaries** and **Cape White-eyes** moved around the tree tops, **Olive Thrush** and **Cape Robin-Chat** stuck to the edge of the vegetation, and **African Stonechat** sat sentinel atop a fence post. The shrill cries of **Grey-winged Francolin** greeted the end of the day, but the bird remained unseen.

### **Day 8, July 25. Dullstroom to Walvis Bay**

With a full day ahead of us we set off early from Dullstroom, heading to OR Tambo Airport for our midday flight to Walvis Bay, Namibia. We notched up a few more birds en route, including **Long-tailed Widowbird** and **Pied Starling**. On arrival at the airport we found our flight to be delayed by a few hours and bit the bullet waiting at the airport. Eventually the time came for us to board, and in no time we were stepping off the airplane in a windy Walvis Bay. After checking in we set off and birded the road to Paaltjies and the estuary. With the wind absolutely blasting and the cold cutting right through our clothes we birded mostly from the car and managed to get acquainted with a few different species, including **Cape Teal, Greater and Lesser Flamingos, Pied Avocet, Chestnut-banded and White-fronted Plovers, Ruddy Turnstone, Curlew Sandpiper, Hartlaub's and Kelp Gulls**, and large numbers of **White-winged Terns** elegantly bouncing over the water's edge.

### **Day 9, July 26. Walvis Bay and environs**

Today wasn't focused on the birds, and we began the day with a boat trip out into the large bay. It was incredibly misty, and visibility wasn't great, and between the talks about the oysters grown here and the life of the bay we managed to find a few of the localized Heaviside's Dolphins and some surprise birds, including a few **Southern Giant Petrels**, **White-chinned Petrel**, **Great White Pelican**, **Cape Gannet**, **Cape Cormorant**, and **Greater Crested (Swift)** and **Sandwich Terns**. The large numbers of Cape Fur Seals were also rather impressive, and it was great being treated to close views of these mammals. Our midday was spent at Dune 7, where we tried dune-surfing. A lot of fun, but by the time we had finished our rides we were covered in sand and in desperate need of a shower! Following a brief break during the early afternoon we headed out to the nearby Rooibank, where we would try to track down the endemic Dune Lark – one of the country's two endemic birds. We didn't need to put in much effort and in no time had a single **Dune Lark** working the grassy verges very close to us. After having soaked up the views we called it a day, made our way back to town, and enjoyed another great seafood dinner. **Orange River White-eye** and **Red-faced Mousebird** were the only other birds of interest for the afternoon.



The endemic Dune Lark

#### **Day 10, July 27. Walvis Bay to Brandberg via Spitzkoppe**

We set off early for the Spitzkoppe, where we spent the first part of the day before transferring to Namibia's highest mountain, Brandberg, where we would spend two nights. We arrived a little later than anticipated at Spitzkoppe but immediately set off with a local guide to explore a few of the rock paintings in the area and try to track down a few specials. Highlights here included **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, our first of many **Rüppell's Korhaans**, **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Rock Kestrel**, **Pririt Batis**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Pale-winged Starling**, **Chat Flycatcher**, **Lark-like Bunting**, and **White-throated Canary**. Unfortunately, the unpredictable Herero Chat eluded us. Following a good lunch we also finally managed to find Dassie Rat, a localized and sought-after mammal. The drive to Brandberg was a bumpy one and gave us a few more species, including numbers of **Rüppell's Korhaan** along with **Northern Black Korhaan**,

**Gray's Lark, Benguela Long-billed Lark, and Bokmakierie.** We rounded the day off with a warm welcome from the lodge's staff and good food.

### **Day 11, July 28. Brandberg Mountain**

We set off on a morning walk, exploring the large acacias lining the dry riverbed in front of the camp. We had an enjoyable walk, filled with a number of good species. **Red-billed Spurfowl** and **Groundscraper Thrush** foraged along the riverbed, while the trees were alive with many species, including **Grey Go-away-bird, Pearl-spotted Owlet, White-backed Mousebird, Violet Wood Hoopoe, Monteiro's, Southern Yellow-billed, African Grey, and Damara Red-billed Hornbills** (the latter being Namibia's second endemic species), **Bearded Woodpecker, Pririt Batis, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Chestnut-vented and Layard's Warblers, and Dusky Sunbird.** After a hearty breakfast we set off for the White Lady painting and took the hike up and down the ravine. **Verreaux's Eagles** flew overhead at regular intervals, while we enjoyed a few of the smaller birds as well, including **Cape Bunting, Mountain Wheatear, and Alpine and Bradfield's Swifts.** We returned to the lodge pretty tired and took it easy over lunch, enjoying the swimming pool and a few cold beers. Then we took an afternoon drive along the river, looking for the famous desert elephants that wander through this area, and although we didn't find this mega fauna we came across some fresh Leopard tracks. The birding was also on the slow side, but we did manage to add **Namaqua Dove and Stark's Lark** to the day's list. A night drive after dinner was also rather slow, but we eventually managed to find Scrub Hare and Common Genet after some effort.



One of the many Rüppell's Korhaans we saw

### **Day 12, July 29. Brandberg to Etosha National Park**

With a relatively long drive to Etosha National Park ahead we set off early after breakfast, picking up the local **Rüppell's Korhaans** and **Karoo Chats** on our way out. We made our way northward and stopped off in Kamanjab for a quick lunch break. A few feeders here produced some delightful **Rosy-faced Lovebirds**, along with **Great Sparrow, Monteiro's Hornbill, Red-headed Finch, Common Scimitarbill, and White-tailed Shrike.** The last stretch to the Galton



Gate added a few more species, namely **Red-crested Korhaan**, **Booted Eagle**, **Verreaux's Eagle**, and **Fawn-colored Lark**. After completing the entrance formalities we proceeded into Etosha National Park and slowly made our way to Dolomite Camp, where we would spend two nights. The going was slow, stopping regularly for a number of birds along with some mammals. Highlights were **Tawny Eagle**, a pair of **Burchell's Sandgrouse** that crossed the road and wandered off with two tiny chicks in tow, the gaudy **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Marico Flycatcher**, a number of **Short-toed Rock Thrushes**, **Scaly-feathered Weaver** (Finch), **Green-winged Pytilia**, **Violet-eared** and **Black-faced Waxbills**, and **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**. We also enjoyed our first looks at Gemsbok, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Damara Ground Squirrel, and the strange Damara Dik-dik. We dropped our things off in our comfortable safari tents at Dolomite Camp before heading out to check some local waterholes in the late afternoon. This was productive and gave us **Kori** and **Ludwig's Bustards**, **Northern Black Korhaan**, and both **Double-banded** and **Burchell's Coursers** – notoriously difficult birds to connect with. A lone African Elephant bull kept a heard of Giraffe at bay at the waterhole before we needed to head back to camp.

### Day 13, July 30. Etosha National Park

We had a full day to explore the park and began with a morning drive eastwards. The resident **Hartlaub's Spurfbwls** gave us some early-morning views before setting off. The stars of the waterholes were undoubtedly the huge numbers of both **Namaqua** and **Burchell's Sandgrouse** that kept on streaming in over the course of roughly two hours – it was rather incredible and probably the best display I have ever seen of sandgrouse – with just enormous numbers and a constant stream of activity.



Two Burchell's Sandgrouse come in for a drink.

Other highlights for the morning period went to **Red-crested Korhaan**, **Spotted Thick-knee**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Purple Roller**, **Cape Crow**, **Brown-crowned Tchagra**, **Desert Cisticola**, **Dusky Sunbird**, **Great Sparrow**, **Black-faced Waxbill**, and **Black-throated Canary**. We also surprised a large Mole Snake at the edge of the road and watched this reptile as it moved away

and then rapidly disappeared down a hole. A few Black-backed Jackals were new on the mammalian side. We again took a slight break over the midday period before setting off again for the afternoon. A few noisy **Hartlaub's Spurfowls** put in an appearance, and we improved on our views from this morning. We added a few new species, including a pair of **Secretarybirds** (at long last), along with **Lappet-faced** and **White-backed Vultures**, **Greater Kestrel**, **South African Shelduck**, **Red-billed Teal**, **Green-winged Pytilia**, and **Common Ostrich**. Despite spending a lot of time at waterholes today, we didn't add any new mammals to the tally. A **Western Barn Owl** called away and welcomed the night.

#### **Day 14, July 31. Etosha National Park**

Today we had the long drive from Dolomite Camp in the west of the park to Okaukuejo Camp in the center, and so we set off early. We slowly made our way along, spending as much time as possible at the many waterholes before arriving at Okaukuejo Camp in the early afternoon. Both **Burchell's** and **Namaqua Sandgrouse** again put on a spectacular show for us, and we also found a **Red-necked Falcon** at one of the waterholes that was intent on hunting some of the **Cape Sparrows** and **Red-headed Finches** coming in. Although we watched the bird for some time, it wasn't successful but still a thrill to watch as it sped away and sent all the birds at the water to the air before selecting a target and giving chase – although luck didn't seem to be on the falcon's side. We enjoyed a similar suite of birds as the previous day, with additions going to a seemingly lost **African Jacana** at one of the waterholes, along with **Lanner Falcon**, **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Fawn-colored** and **Rufous-naped Larks**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, and **Kalahari Scrub Robin**. We also enjoyed the antics of a number of Black-backed Jackals at one waterhole as they went about hunting the many **Namaqua** and **Ring-necked Doves** present. They were far more successful than their falcon counterpart, and we saw five successful catches in roughly 30 minutes. Red Hartebeest was a new mammal addition. After checking in at our chalets in Okaukuejo we went on an afternoon drive, which was extremely productive. Although we didn't add many new bird species, the highlights of the bird sightings were **Pink-billed Lark**, **Cape Penduline Tit**, and **Cut-throat Finch**. The mammals however, were great, and we started off well with three male African Elephants playing around at one of the waterholes. Before long, a Black Rhinoceros casually strolled in and patiently waited before coming to drink for the elephants to move on, which they did.



A regal Black Rhinoceros

As if this wasn't enough, we noticed a male Lion's head pop up in a patch of grass alongside the waterhole, before the beast completely stood up, walked over the road, and settled down again, although out of view. A lone Spotted Hyaena was our last sighting before we arrived back at camp. We enjoyed another good braai before sitting down at the famous Okaukuejo waterhole, where we'd wait a while for a Brown Hyaena to hopefully appear. Over the course of the next few hours, although we didn't get the Brown Hyaena, we had to "console" ourselves with a number of African Elephants constantly around the waterhole, at least eight Black Rhinoceroses and a lone Spotted Hyaena – surely there's no better way to round off the day!

### **Day 15, August 1. Etosha National Park to Okonjima Nature Reserve**

This was our last full day of the tour, and with a relatively short transfer south to Okonjima Nature Reserve we still had the morning available to spend within Etosha before we had to leave. We set off on our last morning drive before returning for a late breakfast and then departing the park. We had a productive morning with birds including **Kori** and **Ludwig's Bustards**, **Double-banded Courser**, **Double-banded Sandgrouse**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Brubru**, eight larks, namely **Chestnut-backed** and **Grey-backed Sparrow-Larks** and **Sabota**, **Spike-heeled**, **Eastern Clapper**, **Rufous-naped**, **Pink-billed**, and **Red-capped Larks**, **Capped Wheatear**, **Ant-eating Chat**, **Sociable Weaver**, **Shaft-tailed Whydah**, and **African Pipit**. The mammals were on the slow side, but the highlight went to two Honey Badgers digging around, closely accompanied by a Black-backed Jackal. All too soon we had to leave and soon were arriving at the gates of Okonjima Nature Reserve. Following our check-in we set off on our last activity, which was, excitingly, Cheetah tracking, on foot. This being the last of our 'wanted' mammals, we needed to make a special effort to try for it. After some struggle we eventually managed to pick up a signal off the radio telemetry. We had all been getting a bit despondent, as we just couldn't get a signal, and it was with pure elation when we heard the first 'bleep' come through! As we neared the Cheetahs there were two we were tracking. We parked the vehicle, and set off on foot. Within no time we came across the cats, lazing about on the edge of some bushes, still digesting a meal from a few days ago. They were relatively unfazed by us, and, although they always kept a beady eye on us, didn't flinch at all. It was absolutely spectacular getting to see these cats safely on foot.

After our fill we let them be and found an appropriate spot to enjoy our last sundowner. The birding wasn't too bad here either, and highlights went to **Gabar Goshawk**, **Red-billed Spurfowl**, **Freckled Nightjar**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **Bearded Woodpecker**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Ashy Tit**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, **Violet-eared** and **Black-faced Waxbills**, and **Shaft-tailed Whydah**.

### **Day 16, August 2. Departure**

Our last morning began early once more as we departed for Windhoek for midday flights home. We arrived in good time and said our good byes before the clients flew back home and I started the drive back to South Africa.



Up close and personal with a Cheetah

I would just like to thank Jay, Judy, Aiden, and Kori for a great trip, and, although it wasn't a strict birding trip, we enjoyed some great birding and managed to get some tricky birds as well! Mammals stole the show, however, and our incredible Leopard sightings were probably the best. But the Cheetah tracking, along with some great views of all the mega fauna at the Okaukuejo waterhole at night, together with our sightings of the scarce Honey Badgers, were all close contenders.

<b>NAMIBIA AND BOTSWANA CUSTOM TOUR BIRD LIST            JULY/AUGUST 2017</b>		
<b>Common name (IOC 8.1)</b>	<b>Scientific name (IOC 8.1)</b>	<b>Trip</b>
	<b>STRUTHIONIFORMES</b>	
<b>Ostriches</b>	<b>Struthionidae</b>	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	1
	<b>ANSERIFORMES</b>	
<b>Ducks, Geese and Swans</b>	<b>Anatidae</b>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	1
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	1
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	1
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	1
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	1
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	1
	<b>GALLIFORMES</b>	
<b>Guineafowl</b>	<b>Numididae</b>	

Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
<b>Pheasants and allies</b>	<b>Phasianidae</b>	
Grey-winged Francolin	<i>Scleroptila afra</i>	H
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	1
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>	1
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>	1
Natal Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	1
Harlequin Quail	<i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>	1
	<b>PROCELLARIIFORMES</b>	
<b>Petrels, Shearwaters</b>	<b>Procellariidae</b>	
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	1
White-chinned Petrel - VU	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	1
	<b>PHOENICOPTERIFORMES</b>	
<b>Flamingos</b>	<b>Phoenicopteridae</b>	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	1
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	1
	<b>CICONIIFORMES</b>	
<b>Storks</b>	<b>Ciconiidae</b>	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	1
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	1
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	1
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	1
	<b>PELECANIFORMES</b>	
<b>Ibises, Spoonbills</b>	<b>Threskiornithidae</b>	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	1
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	1
<b>Hérons, Bitterns</b>	<b>Ardeidae</b>	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1
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
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	1
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
<b>Hamerkop</b>	<b>Scopidae</b>	

Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1
<b>Pelicans</b>	<b>Pelecanidae</b>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1
	<b>SULIFORMES</b>	
<b>Gannets, Boobies</b>	<b>Sulidae</b>	
Cape Gannet - EN	<i>Morus capensis</i>	1
<b>Cormorants, Shags</b>	<b>Phalacrocoracidae</b>	
Cape Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	1
<b>Anhingas, Darters</b>	<b>Anhingidae</b>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	1
	<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES</b>	
<b>Secretarybird</b>	<b>Sagittariidae</b>	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	1
<b>Kites, Hawks and Eagles</b>	<b>Accipitridae</b>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
Hooded Vulture - CR	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	1
White-backed Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	1
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	1
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	1
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	1
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	1
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	1
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	1
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	1
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	1
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	1
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	1
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	1
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	1
	<b>OTIDIFORMES</b>	
<b>Bustards</b>	<b>Otididae</b>	
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	1
Ludwig's Bustard - EN	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	1
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>	1
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>	1
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>	1
	<b>GRUIFORMES</b>	

<b>Rails, Crakes and Coots</b>	<b>Rallidae</b>	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	1
	<b>CHARADRIIFORMES</b>	
<b>Buttonquail</b>	<b>Turnicidae</b>	
Common Buttonquail	<i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>	1
<b>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</b>	<b>Burhinidae</b>	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	1
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	1
<b>Stilts, Avocets</b>	<b>Recurvirostridae</b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	1
<b>Plovers</b>	<b>Charadriidae</b>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	1
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>	1
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	1
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	1
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	1
<b>Painted-snipes</b>	<b>Rostratulidae</b>	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	1
<b>Jacanas</b>	<b>Jacanidae</b>	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	1
<b>Sandpipers, Snipes</b>	<b>Scolopacidae</b>	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	1
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	1
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1
<b>Courasers, Pratincoles</b>	<b>Glareolidae</b>	
Burchell's Courser	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>	1
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>	1
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	1
<b>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</b>	<b>Laridae</b>	
African Skimmer - NT	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	1
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	1
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	1
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	1
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	1
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	1
	<b>PTEROCLIFORMES</b>	

<b>Sandgrouse</b>	<b>Pteroclididae</b>	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	1
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>	1
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>	1
	<b>COLUMBIFORMES</b>	
<b>Pigeons, Doves</b>	<b>Columbidae</b>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	1
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</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
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	1
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	1
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	1
	<b>MUSOPHAGIFORMES</b>	
<b>Turacos</b>	<b>Musophagidae</b>	
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	1
	<b>CUCULIFORMES</b>	
<b>Cuckoos</b>	<b>Cuculidae</b>	
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>	1
	<b>STRIGIFORMES</b>	
<b>Barn Owls</b>	<b>Tytonidae</b>	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	H
<b>Owls</b>	<b>Strigidae</b>	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	1
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>	H
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	1
	<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES</b>	
<b>Nightjars</b>	<b>Caprimulgidae</b>	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	H
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	1
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>	H
	<b>APODIFORMES</b>	
<b>Swifts</b>	<b>Apodidae</b>	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	1



	<b>COLIIFORMES</b>	
<b>Mousebirds</b>	<b>Coliidae</b>	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	1
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	1
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	1
	<b>CORACIIFORMES</b>	
<b>Rollers</b>	<b>Coraciidae</b>	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	1
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	1
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Alcedinidae</b>	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	1
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	1
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	1
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	1
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1
<b>Bee-eaters</b>	<b>Meropidae</b>	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	1
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	1
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	1
	<b>BUCEROTIFORMES</b>	
<b>Hoopoes</b>	<b>Upupidae</b>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1
<b>Wood Hoopoes</b>	<b>Phoeniculidae</b>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	1
Violet Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>	1
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	1
<b>Ground Hornbills</b>	<b>Bucorvidae</b>	
Southern Ground Hornbill - VU	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>	1
<b>Hornbills</b>	<b>Bucerotidae</b>	
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>	1
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	1
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	1
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>	1
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	1
	<b>PICIFORMES</b>	
<b>African Barbets</b>	<b>Lybiidae</b>	
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	1
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	1
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	1

<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Picidae</b>	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	1
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	1
	<b>FALCONIFORMES</b>	
<b>Caracaras, Falcons</b>	<b>Falconidae</b>	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	1
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	1
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	1
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	1
	<b>PSITTACIFORMES</b>	
<b>African &amp; New World Parrots</b>	<b>Psittacidae</b>	
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>	1
<b>Old World Parrots</b>	<b>Psittaculidae</b>	
Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	1
	<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>	
<b>Wattle-eyes, Batises</b>	<b>Platysteiridae</b>	
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	1
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>	1
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>	1
<b>Helmetshrikes</b>	<b>Prionopidae</b>	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	1
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>	1
<b>Bushshrikes</b>	<b>Malaconotidae</b>	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	1
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	1
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	1
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	1
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	1
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	1
<b>Shrikes</b>	<b>Laniidae</b>	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>	1
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>	1
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	1
<b>Figbirds, Orioles</b>	<b>Oriolidae</b>	
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	1
<b>Drongos</b>	<b>Dicruridae</b>	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1

<b>Crows, Jays</b>	<b>Corvidae</b>	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	1
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	1
<b>Tits, Chickadees</b>	<b>Paridae</b>	
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	1
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>	1
<b>Penduline Tits</b>	<b>Remizidae</b>	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>	1
<b>Larks</b>	<b>Alaudidae</b>	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	1
Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>	1
Benguela Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda benguelensis</i>	1
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	1
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	1
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	1
Fawn-colored Lark - VU	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>	1
Dune Lark	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>	1
Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafraga fasciolata</i>	1
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>	1
Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafraga rufocinnamomea</i>	1
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>	1
Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>	1
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	1
<b>Bulbuls</b>	<b>Pycnonotidae</b>	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	1
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	1
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	1
<b>Swallows, Martins</b>	<b>Hirundinidae</b>	
Grey-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>	1
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	1
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	1
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	1
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	1
<b>Crombecs, African Warblers</b>	<b>Macrosphenidae</b>	
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	1
<b>Cisticolas and allies</b>	<b>Cisticolidae</b>	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	1

Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	1
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	1
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>	1
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	1
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	1
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	1
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	1
<b>Laughingthrushes</b>	<b>Leiothrichidae</b>	
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	1
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>	1
<b>Sylviid Babblers</b>	<b>Sylviidae</b>	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>	1
Layard's Warbler	<i>Sylvia layardi</i>	1
<b>White-eyes</b>	<b>Zosteropidae</b>	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>	1
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	1
<b>Starlings, Rhabdornis</b>	<b>Sturnidae</b>	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	1
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	1
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	1
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>	1
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>	1
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	1
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus naboroupp</i>	1
<b>Oxpeckers</b>	<b>Buphagidae</b>	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	1
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorynchus</i>	1
<b>Thrushes</b>	<b>Turdidae</b>	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>	1
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>	1
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	1
<b>Chats, Old World Flycatchers</b>	<b>Muscicapidae</b>	
Bearded Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>	1
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	1
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	1
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	1

Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>	1
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>	1
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>	1
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	1
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	1
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	1
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	1
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>	1
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>	1
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	1
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>	1
Mocking Cliff Chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>	1
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	1
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>	1
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	1
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	1
<b>Sunbirds</b>	<b>Nectariniidae</b>	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	1
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	1
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	1
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	1
<b>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches</b>	<b>Passeridae</b>	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	1
Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>	1
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>	1
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	1
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	1
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>	1
<b>Weavers, Widowbirds</b>	<b>Ploceidae</b>	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	1
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	1
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	1
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	1
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	1
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	1
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	1
Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	1
<b>Waxbills, Munias and allies</b>	<b>Estrildidae</b>	

Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	1
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	1
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>	1
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	1
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>	1
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	1
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>	1
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	1
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>	1
Quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>	1
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	1
<b>Indigobirds, Whydahs</b>	<b>Viduidae</b>	
Purple Indigobird	<i>Vidua purpurascens</i>	1
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>	1
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>	1
<b>Wagtails, Pipits</b>	<b>Motacillidae</b>	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	1
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	1
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Bushveld Pipit	<i>Anthus caffer</i>	1
<b>Finches</b>	<b>Fringillidae</b>	
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>	1
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	1
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>	1
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	1
<b>Buntings, New World Sparrows</b>	<b>Emberizidae</b>	
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	1
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	1
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>297</b>

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	<b>CHIROPTERA</b>	
	<b>Pteropodidae</b>	
Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus wahlbergi</i>	1

	<b>PRIMATES</b>	
	<b>Cercopithecidae</b>	
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	1
Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>	1
	<b>Galagidae</b>	
Thick-tailed Greater Galago	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>	1
	<b>LAGOMORPHA</b>	
	<b>Leporidae</b>	
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	1
	<b>RODENTIA</b>	
	<b>Sciuridae</b>	
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>	1
Damara Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus princeps</i>	1
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>	1
	<b>Pedetidae</b>	
Spring Hare	<i>Pedetes capensis</i>	1
	<b>Petromuridae</b>	
Dassie Rat	<i>Petromus typicus</i>	1
	<b>Muridae</b>	
Acacia Rat	<i>Thallomys paedulus</i>	1
	<b>CARNIVORA</b>	
	<b>Canidae</b>	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	1
	<b>Mustelidae</b>	
Honey Badger	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>	1
	<b>Herpestidae</b>	
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	1
Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>	1
Common Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>	1
White-tailed Mongoose	<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>	1
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	1
	<b>Viverridae</b>	
Common Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>	1
Cape Genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>	1
African Civet	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>	1
	<b>Hyaenidae</b>	
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	1
	<b>Felidae</b>	
Southern African Wild Cat	<i>Felis silvestris cafra</i>	1
Serval	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	1

Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	1
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	1
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	1
	<b>Otariidae</b>	
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus</i>	1
	<b>PROBOSCIDEA</b>	
	<b>Elephantidae</b>	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	1
	<b>HYRACOIDEA</b>	
	<b>Procaviidae</b>	
Rock Dassie	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	1
	<b>PERISSODACTYLA</b>	
	<b>Equidae</b>	
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>	1
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	1
	<b>Rhinocerotidae</b>	
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	1
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	1
	<b>CETARTIODACTYLA</b>	
	<b>Suidae</b>	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	1
	<b>Hippopotamidae</b>	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	1
	<b>Giraffidae</b>	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	1
	<b>Bovidae</b>	
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	1
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>	1
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	1
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	1
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	1
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	1
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	1
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	1
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>	1
Red Haartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>	1
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>	1
Tsessebe	<i>Damaliscus lunatus lunatus</i>	1
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	1
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	1



Damara Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua damarensis</i>	1
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	1
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	1
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	1
	<b>Delphinidae</b>	
Heaviside's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus heavisidii</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>56</b>