



**SOUTH AFRICA: MAGOEBASKLOOF AND KRUGER NATIONAL  
PARK  
CUSTOM TOUR TRIP REPORT**

**24 February – 2 March 2019**

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*This Verreaux's Eagle-Owl showed nicely one late afternoon, puffing up his throat and neck when calling*

## Overview

It's common knowledge that South Africa has very much to offer as a birding destination, and the memory of this trip echoes those sentiments. With an itinerary set in one of South Africa's premier birding provinces, the Limpopo Province, we were getting ready for a birding extravaganza. The forests of Magoebaskloof would be our first stop, spending a day and a half in the area and targeting forest special after forest special as well as tricky range-restricted species such as **Short-clawed Lark** and **Gurney's Sugarbird**. Afterwards we would descend the eastern escarpment and head into Kruger National Park, where we would make our way to the northern sections. These included Punda Maria, Pafuri, and the Makuleke Concession – a mouthwatering birding itinerary that was sure to deliver.



*A pair of Woodland Kingfishers in the fever tree forest along the Limpopo River*

## Detailed Report

### **Day 1, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Transfer to Magoebaskloof**

We set out from Johannesburg after breakfast on a clear Sunday morning. The drive to Polokwane took us just over three hours. A number of birds along the way started our trip list; these included **Hadada Ibis**, **Yellow-billed Kite**, **Southern Black Flycatcher**, **Village Weaver**, and a few brilliant **European Bee-eaters**. When we turned off from the main road onto the dirt road leading to our guest house we immediately encountered bird activity; **Speckled Mousebird**, **African Stonechat**, **Yellow Bishop**, and the awesome **African Yellow Warbler** were all on show for us. A **Eurasian Hobby** sat up high in a dead tree, and the fairly common **African Olive Pigeon** was seen flying by in a small flock. Later that afternoon we took a short drive and then a walk along the entrance road; this was great as we picked up **Cape Grassbird**, **White-throated** and **Barn Swallows**, **Black Saw-wing**, **Cape White-eye**, and **Drakensberg** and **Tawny-flanked Prinias** and heard **Red-chested Flufftail** calling from the vleis alongside us. Our first reptile sighting came

in the form of the local dwarf chameleon, **Wolkberg Dwarf Chameleon** (*Bradypodion transvaalense*).

### Day 2, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Magoebaskloof Forests

In typical Magoebaskloof fashion we awoke to mist and rain. Nevertheless we headed out early, accompanied by David, the local expert, BirdLife-South-African-trained guide. We tried one of the Cape Parrot spots first up, but after half an hour of rain, darkness and the sweet songs of **Chorister Robin-Chat**, **Orange Ground Thrush**, and **Brown Scrub Robin** we decided to head down the mountain to the Mamabolo Grasslands to give the dryer acacia-and-savanna species a try. We finally struck gold and managed to get really nice close-up looks at **Short-clawed Lark**, one of the local specialties. Here we also picked up **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**, a displaying **African Pipit**, **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**, **Sabota Lark**, **Neddicky**, **Southern Grey-headed Sparrow**, a breeding pair of **Crested Barbets**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, and a lovely immature **Black Sparrowhawk**. We then headed up the mountain again to a site for **Gurney's Sugarbird**. The cloud cover and wind were still around, but we did have a really nice twenty minutes watching a couple sugarbirds as well as **Malachite** and **Amethyst Sunbirds**, **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Lazy Cisticola**, and **Cape Robin-Chat**. We decided to give the forest another go, but to our frustration all we encountered was heavier and heavier rain and fog. In the pouring rain we did get glimpses of **Green Twinspot**, **Red-backed Mannikin**, **Tambourine Dove**, and **Mountain Wagtail**, while the presence of **Cape Parrot** was evident by their loud shrieks; we didn't manage any proper sightings, though. In the unrelenting rain we did manage to see a small group of **Samango Monkeys** as well as a trio of **Woolly-necked Stork** near the main road. Unfortunately the rain continued, so we altered our plans and headed straight for Kruger National Park. We made a very brief stop in Tzaneen, where we picked up **Magpie Mannikin** and **Purple-crested Turaco**. This night we stayed in Phalaborwa, had a great dinner, and made plans to be at the entrance gate of the park at opening time.



*One of the first species of which we managed to get really nice pictures on this tour, **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird***



**Day 3, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Phalaborwa to Punda Maria Rest Camp**

A full day in Kruger started off fine with overcast conditions. Groups of **Monotonous Larks** were very vocal, while a **Dusky Lark** was seen at the picnic spot en route to Letaba Rest Camp. We also started encountering our first groups of mammals. **Impala** is the most numerous antelope species in Kruger; this was evident. **Plains Zebra** and **Blue Wildebeest** were also very noticeable. The “best animal on four legs” was the inside joke that got thrown around between the three of us when we saw **Giraffe** each day. A highlight birding-wise, just before we reached Letaba Rest Camp, was a single **Kori Bustard** moving slowly through a patch of open savanna. Weighing in at anything between 6 and 19 kilograms this is quite an amazing animal and also the world’s heaviest flying bird. We also managed some incredible **African Elephant** sightings and saw in excess of three hundred on the drive between the Phalaborwa Gate and Punda Maria Rest Camp. Other top birds for the morning were **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Harlequin Quail**, **Zitting** and **Desert Cisticolas**, **Orange-breasted Waxbill**, **White-winged Widowbird**, **Common Cuckoo**, and a beautiful pair of **Temminck’s Coursers**. We had a really great stop at Mopani Rest Camp for lunch, and after **Diederik Cuckoo**, **Striated Heron**, **Southern Carmine Bee-eater**, **Southern Red Bishop**, and great cappuccinos we were set to continue the drive to Punda Maria Rest Camp. As we got close to Punda Maria the habitat changed. We passed through some mature mopane woodland and soon thereafter into mature broadleaf woodland with many Pod Mahogany trees; the habitat is lovely. We thoroughly enjoyed a small group of **Southern Ground Hornbills** about five kilometers from the camp’s entrance gate. We watched them foraging for food for a while and then called it a day and headed to the camp to check in. A Kruger-National-Park-sized burger went down well as we chatted about our plans for the next day.



*A true beast of a bird, **Kori Bustard***

**Day 4, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Punda Maria Rest Camp to Pafuri Camp**

This was a truly magnificent day. We started with the Mahoni Loop around Punda Maria, visited Crooks’ Corner and the Pafuri Picnic Site area in the middle of the day, and loved our first drive

in the Makuleke Concession from Pafuri Camp. The Mahoni Loop was alive with activity, and we encountered two different **Wahlberg's Eagles** right away; one of them was enduring some harassment from a party of **White-crested Helmetshrikes**. A little further on the loop we found a few **Golden-breasted Buntings**, **Violet-backed Starling**, **African Hawk-Eagle**, and **Brown Snake Eagle**, the latter two both perched up high on the ridge line. The Mahoni Loop has some superb scenery with a few really old Baobab trees, an awesome sight for any naturalist. A few **Mosque Swallows** were cruising around, and later in the morning we encountered a pair of the rather prized **White-breasted Cuckooshrike**, a really tough bird to pin down anywhere in South Africa. Later we managed really decent views of both **Bennett's Woodpecker** and **Retz's Helmetshrike**; two species that hang out in the taller, mature woodland around Punda Maria.



*This **Wahlberg's Eagle** was minding his own business when a noisy group of **White-crested Helmetshrikes** (which can be seen in the background) started mobbing him.*

Upon arrival at Pafuri Camp we had a nice, cool, refreshing drink and made ourselves at home before preparing for our afternoon birding session. We started the afternoon drive at about 4:00 p.m. directly after a quick summer thunderstorm. We were quite surprised to see **Marico Flycatcher** alongside the likes of **Burnt-necked Eremomela**, **Blue Waxbill**, **Meves's Starling**, and both **Marico** and **White-bellied Sunbirds**. One of the roads we tried to access was unfortunately impassable after the rains, but luckily we heard **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** call as we turned around and decided to stake out the area. Sure enough, with some eagle-eye sight we picked up this giant of a bird. To be honest, though, they did make it easy for us by calling persistently from the large Nyala Tree. We stopped off at the Luvuvhu River Bridge, another very well-known and frequently-birded location. Here we scanned through the flock of **Little Swifts** overhead, hoping to pick up a spintail. We tried for a while with no luck but then managed to find two **Böhm's Spintails**, cruising along with their characteristic bat-like flight. Then it was time for a sundowner and a snack or two, coupled with an incredible sunset over the Luvuvhu River.





Little did we know but the best was yet to come: As the light faded a **White-backed Night Heron** flew in and landed on the sand bank below us – what a treat! It was truly great to see the white on the back showing clearly; this feature of the bird is often not visible.



*Just after sunset this incredible species landed on the bank in view from the Luvuvhu Bridge:  
**White-backed Night Heron.***

But amazingly our afternoon/evening drive had still more in store for us! We started the short drive back to the camp and stumbled across a young, inquisitive **Black-backed Jackal**; the youngsters

are still rather pale and haven't grown the dark fur on their back yet. And a few meters on we noticed a couple of birds on the ground. "Could they be coursers?" we exclaimed, and, sure enough, they were a pair of **Three-banded Coursers** – well spotted!



*A lovely pair of **Three-banded Coursers***

### **Day 5, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – The eastern Makuleke Concession**

Our first full day in the famous Makuleke Concession had begun, and boy, what a sunrise! The story how the concession now is run and flourishes with the help of the Makuleke community is a captivating one. A high proportion of the staff at the lodges here are from the community, and of course a percentage of the profits goes directly back to the community, which originally owned the land. So a good relationship exists here, and one can see it, as the lodges are fantastic and we had an excellent couple of days here. Our first morning drive was to one of the local pans, Reebok Vlei, that had started to fill up after some good rains in the area. On the way there we picked up **European** and **Southern Carmine Bee-eaters**, **African Grey Hornbill**, and a small tree with about two dozen **Amur Falcons**. **White-backed Vultures** were hanging out at the tops of large, dead trees. As we arrived at the pan we saw a **Trumpeter Hornbill** in the fever trees and a couple of **Crowned** and **Blacksmith Lapwings** on the ground nearby. We were fortunate to be able to do a walking safari here; the freedom to walk in the Kruger National Park is truly magical and helps the birding to no end! The pan delivered a good few shorebirds, which included the resident **Three-banded Plover**, the migratory **Wood Sandpiper**, **Ruff**, **Little Stint**, **Common Greenshank**, and **Common Sandpiper**. We were very lucky with **Dwarf Bittern** and found not less than three individuals along the edges of the pan. A few other beautiful resident species were also present, not the least of these was a flock of about four **Brown-necked Parrots**. Others included **Meves's Starling**, **Green Wood Hoopoe**, **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver**, **Grey Heron**, **Great Egret**, **Western Cattle Egret**, **Woodland Kingfisher**, **African Jacana**, and the loud **White-crowned Lapwing**. We returned to the lodge, where we enjoyed a hearty breakfast while watching a few species from the deck that overlooks the Luvuvhu River. **African Fish Eagle**, **White-fronted Bee-**



**eater**, and **Red-billed Oxpecker** kept us company too, the latter also having breakfast, gleaning ticks and parasites off the local **Cape Buffalo**.

We met in the afternoon again for a lovely high tea, after which we jumped on the cruiser and headed out again. We again drove east and birded from the vehicle. We enjoyed some casual sightings of a large herd of **Cape Buffalo**, this time boasting **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**, and **White-browed Robin-Chat**, **Burchell's Coucal**, a few **Little Bee-eaters**, **White-winged Widowbird**, **Crowned Hornbill**, **Spotted Flycatcher** and **Red-backed Shrike** flitted between the lower-hanging branches, while **Southern Black Tit** parties cruised by. We had a few good conversations and shared stories about the African bush and the Kruger National Park as we enjoyed our sun-downers in the fever tree forest. On the way from the restaurant back to the rooms we were treated to sightings of both **Thick-tailed Greater Galago** and **Cape Genet**! The former was just walking around on the wooden railings a mere few meters from us. It was incredible to see these nocturnal mammals up close.



*Dwarf Bittern* is a fairly sporadic species, often occurring late in the season after good rainfalls.

### Day 6, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – Western Makuleke Concession

Today we planned to explore some other regions within the concession. In the morning we traveled north-west toward the Limpopo River, and later that afternoon we went to the incredible Lanner Gorge – what a spectacle! Well, at 5:00 a.m. the wake-up calls were happening: **Chacma Baboons** were the loudest, but **Bearded Scrub Robin** and **White-browed** and **White-throated Robin-Chats** were pretty loud too. We had a bite to eat and some coffee and were off. The Limpopo floodplain was impressive, to say the least, and beautiful Baobab trees lined the rocky ridges on the entrance road. We stopped, jumped out of the cruiser, and immediately picked up **Mosque Swallow**, **Brown-headed Parrot**, and **European** and **Lilac-breasted Rollers**. A walking safari is always fantastic; this one was no different and we really enjoyed stretching our legs in this pristine environment. It wasn't long before we picked up **Lemon-breasted Canary** and an **African Harrier-Hawk** over the floodplain. It also was really exciting to bump into **African Elephant**



(luckily not literally) while on foot; we approached slowly for some great looks. The rest of the morning produced **Bearded Woodpecker**, **Terrestrial Brownbul**, **Grey-backed Camaroptera**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, **Broad-billed Roller**, and **Little Sparrowhawk**. **Stierling's Wren-Warbler** was our last special for the morning, a tricky species to pin down unless you hear its super-distinctive call.

The afternoon was brilliant. The flora on the way to Lanner Gorge is simply beautiful. On the way, in addition to a really good number of interesting trees and other plants, we also had nice views of **Golden-breasted Bunting** and a number of interesting butterflies. The views into the gorge are breathtaking, and we then also had the most amazing sighting of a pair of **Verreaux's Eagles** cruising by at eye level. Other species here were **Eurasian Golden Oriole**, **Rock Martin**, and **Speckled Pigeon**, and the calls of **Striped Pipit** echoed from the hillsides. On the way back we picked up **European**, **Square-tailed**, and **Freckled Nightjars**, but the best was yet to come. **Leopard** hadn't been seen for a good month in the concession, so we didn't really have our hopes up, but we were lucky enough to see one on the road as we were heading back to the lodge. Not only did we see one, but we actually witnessed (through quite a bit of dense foliage) its ambush on an **Impala**. A leopard kill? Are you joking? I am so glad that I'm not joking – this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The **Leopard** was swift and decisive, and the **Impala** didn't stand a chance. I still don't know how it was possible that we managed to top off our incredible time in the concession with this sighting, but that's the way it happened.



*One of the best views in the Kruger National Park, Lanner Gorge*

### **Day 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 – Travel back to Johannesburg**

All good things have to come to an end. We spent our last morning doing one more walking safari, this time from the lodge itself. We walked toward another small seasonal pan, where we found a few **White-faced Whistling Ducks**, **Common Greenshank**, **Malachite Kingfisher**, **Knob-billed Duck**, and an awesome female **Greater Painted-snipe**. We also had nice looks at more resident species like **Marico Sunbird**, **Namaqua Dove**, and a melanistic **Gabar Goshawk**. Another nice

surprise was seeing a **Leopard Tortoise** and being able to really get up close and personal. After that we had some brunch, packed our vehicle, and started our journey back to Johannesburg.

### **Bird List - Following IOC 8.2**

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: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. South Africa endemics are bolded.

Common name	Scientific name
<b>Ostriches (Struthionidae)</b>	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
<b>Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)</b>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
<b>Guineafowl (Numididae)</b>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
<b>Pheasants and Allies (Phasianidae)</b>	
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
Natal Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
Harlequin Quail	<i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>
<b>Storks (Ciconiidae)</b>	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Woolly-necked Stork - VU	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>



Common name	Scientific name
<b>Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)</b>	
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
<b>Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)</b>	
Dwarf Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sturmii</i>
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
<b>Hamerkop (Scopidae)</b>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
<b>Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)</b>	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
<b>Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)</b>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
<b>Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)</b>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
White-backed Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i>
Tawny Eagle - VU	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
<b>Bustards (Otididae)</b>	
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
<b>Flufftails (Sarothruridae)</b>	
Red-chested Flufftail (H)	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>
<b>Buttonquail (Turnicidae)</b>	
Common Buttonquail (H)	<i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>
<b>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)</b>	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
<b>Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)</b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
<b>Plovers (Charadriidae)</b>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
White-crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
<b>Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae)</b>	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
<b>Jacanas (Jacanidae)</b>	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
<b>Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)</b>	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>



Common name	Scientific name
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
<b>Coursers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae)</b>	
Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>
Three-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus cinctus</i>
<b>Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)</b>	
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
<b>Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)</b>	
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</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>
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistris</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>
<b>Turacos (Musophagidae)</b>	
Knysna Turaco	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
<b>Cuckoos (Cuculidae)</b>	
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo (H)	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
Black Cuckoo (H)	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
Red-chested Cuckoo (H)	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
<b>Barn Owls (Tytonidae)</b>	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>

Common name	Scientific name
<b>Owls (Strigidae)</b>	
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
African Wood Owl (H)	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
<b>Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)</b>	
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
<b>Swifts (Apodidae)</b>	
Böhm's Spinetail	<i>Neafrapus boehmi</i>
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
<b>Mousebirds (Coliidae)</b>	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
<b>Rollers (Coraciidae)</b>	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
<b>Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)</b>	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
<b>Bee-eaters (Meropidae)</b>	



<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>
<b>Hoopoes (Upupidae)</b>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
<b>Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae)</b>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
<b>Ground Hornbills (Bucorvidae)</b>	
Southern Ground Hornbill - VU	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
<b>Hornbills (Bucerotidae)</b>	
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
<b>African Barbets (Lybiidae)</b>	
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>
<b>Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)</b>	
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
<b>Woodpeckers (Picidae)</b>	
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>

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<b>Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)</b>	
Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
<b>African &amp; New World Parrots (Psittacidae)</b>	
Brown-necked Parrot	<i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i>
<b>Cape Parrot - VU</b>	<b><i>Poicephalus robustus</i></b>
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
<b>Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)</b>	
Cape Batis (H)	
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
<b>Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)</b>	
Grey-headed Bushshrike (H)	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
Olive Bushshrike (H)	<i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
Orange-breasted Bushshrike (H)	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
Gorgeous Bushshrike (H)	<i>Telophorus viridis</i>
Brown-crowned Tchagra (H)	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra (H)	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius major</i>
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
<b>Vangas and Allies (Vangidae)</b>	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
<b>Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)</b>	
White-breasted Cuckooshrike	<i>Ceblepyris pectoralis</i>
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
<b>Shrikes (Laniidae)</b>	
Magpie Shrike (H)	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>

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Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
<b>Figbirds, Orioles &amp; Turnagra (Oriolidae)</b>	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
<b>Drongos (Dicruridae)</b>	
Square-tailed Drongo (H)	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
<b>Monarchs (Monarchidae)</b>	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
<b>Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)</b>	
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>
<b>Nicators (Nicatoridae)</b>	
Eastern Nicator	<i>Nicator gularis</i>
<b>Larks (Alaudidae)</b>	
Short-clawed Lark	<i>Certhilauda chuana</i>
Dusky Lark	<i>Pinarocorys nigricans</i>
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>
Monotonous Lark	<i>Mirafra passerina</i>
<b>Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)</b>	
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
Sombre Greenbul (H)	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
Yellow-streaked Greenbul (H)	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>
<b>Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)</b>	
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psaldiprocne pristopectera</i>
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>



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White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
<b>Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)</b>	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
<b>Leaf Warblers and Allies (Phylloscopidae)</b>	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
<b>Reed Warblers and Allies (Acrocephalidae)</b>	
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
African Yellow Warbler	<i>Iduna natalensis</i>
Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>
Icterine Warbler (H)	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>
<b>Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)</b>	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
<b>Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)</b>	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
Lazy Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Drakensberg Prinia	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
Bar-throated Apalis (H)	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>
Stierling's Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>

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<b>Laughingthrushes and Allies (Leiothrichidae)</b>	
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
<b>White-eyes (Zosteropidae)</b>	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>
<b>Sugarbirds (Promeropidae)</b>	
Gurney's Sugarbird - NT	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>
<b>Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)</b>	
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>
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
<b>Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)</b>	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorynchus</i>
<b>Thrushes (Turdidae)</b>	
Orange Ground Thrush (H)	<i>Geokichla gurneyi</i>
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
<b>Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)</b>	
Bearded Scrub Robin (H)	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
Brown Scrub Robin (H)	<i>Cercotrichas signata</i>
Grey Tit-Flycatcher (H)	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>

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Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Chorister Robin-Chat (H)	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
<b>Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)</b>	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
<b>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)</b>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
<b>Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)</b>	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
<b>Cape Weaver</b>	<b><i>Ploceus capensis</i></b>
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
<b>Waxbills, Munias and Allies (Estrildidae)</b>	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Green Twinspot	<i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
African Firefinch (H)	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>



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Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>
Sweet Waxbill (H)	<i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Orange-breasted Waxbill	<i>Amandava subflava</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
Red-backed Mannikin	<i>Lonchura nigriceps</i>
Magpie Mannikin	<i>Lonchura fringilloides</i>
<b>Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)</b>	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
Dusky Indigobird	<i>Vidua funerea</i>
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
<b>Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)</b>	
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Striped Pipit (H)	<i>Anthus lineiventris</i>
<b>Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)</b>	
Forest Canary	<i>Crithagra scotops</i>
Lemon-breasted Canary	<i>Crithagra citrinpectus</i>
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
<b>Buntings (Emberizidae)</b>	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
<b>Total seen</b>	<b>260</b>
Total heard only	27
Total recorded	287

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<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
<b>Hyraxes (Procaviidae)</b>	
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
<b>Elephants (Elephantidae)</b>	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
<b>Galagos (Galagidae)</b>	
Southern Lesser Galago	<i>Galago moholi</i>
Thick-tailed Greater Galago	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
<b>Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)</b>	
Blue Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
Grivet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus aethiops</i>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
<b>Squirrels (Sciuridae)</b>	
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
<b>Rabbits and Hares (Leporidae)</b>	
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
<b>Cats (Felidae)</b>	
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
<b>Viverrids (Viverridae)</b>	
Cape Genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>
<b>Hyaenas (Hyaenidae)</b>	
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
<b>Dogs and Allies (Canidae)</b>	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
<b>Horses and Allies (Equidae)</b>	
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>

<b>Pigs (Suidae)</b>	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
<b>Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)</b>	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
<b>Giraffe and Okapi (Giraffidae)</b>	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
<b>Bovids (Bovidae)</b>	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Southern Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
<b>Total seen</b>	<b>26</b>