



THE BEST OF SOUTH AFRICA: CUSTOM BIRD and MAMMAL TOUR TRIP REPORT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015

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Blue Crane, the national bird of South Africa, was one of the species we observed on this trip (photo Stephen Hammer).

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OVERVIEW

Birding Ecotours developed this custom tour in consultation with two clients from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in the United States. The tour took place between 25th September and 26th October 2015. The objective of the tour was to see a good cross-section of South Africa's bird and mammal diversity. At the same time it was important that quality photographs of the wildlife were taken. During the trip we collectively observed 436 species of birds and 60 species of mammals. Reptiles and amphibians were also recorded. A comprehensive trip list can be found at the end of this report. The structure of the report is such that sightings per destination are described in chronological order.



Our clients on the De Hoop Nature Reserve coastline

25th to 27th October: Wilderness National Park and Garden Route

Our trip started in George, where I met our clients at George Airport. Our accommodation base for the opening leg of the trip was to be the Wilderness Ebb and Flow Rest Camp in the lush Wilderness part of the Garden Route National Park.

We spent a full two days birding this area and visited other locations, such as Knysna Heads, Hoekwil, and Goukamma Nature Reserve, during this time. On the first day we birded the vicinity of Ebb and Flow and explored the Half-collared Kingfisher trail and the back roads to Knysna. Birds on our opening day included **Chorister Robin Chat, Malachite Kingfisher, Purple Heron, Black-bellied Starling, Sweet Waxbill, Olive Woodpecker, Sombre Greenbul, African Olive Pigeon, Rock Martin, Pied Kingfisher, Jackal Buzzard, and African Darter. Knysna Warbler** called loudly and persistently until late in the morning, but despite being meters away from them at times we were unable to raise views of this highly desirable species on day one. **Red-chested Flufftail** and **White-starred Robin** were also heard over the course of the day but were not observed.

Our second day in the area yielded superb sightings of two **Knysna Warblers**, which we were able to show to four other birders, much to their delight. We also managed to capture some photographs of this species, although open in-focus views were just a bit to challenging under the conditions.

Other species included amazing views of **Lemon Dove, Forest Canary, Red-necked Spurfowl, Klaas's Cuckoo, Cape Batis, African Dusky Flycatcher**, and the spectacular **Knysna Turaco**. A large group of about 15 **White-backed Ducks** on Rondevlei was another highlight, along with our first **African Fish Eagle**. Other new birds included **Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Giant Kingfisher, Brimstone Canary, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Amethyst Sunbird, Fiscal Flycatcher, Little Sparrowhawk, Black-headed Oriole, and White-rumped and Alpine Swifts. Knysna Woodpecker** was heard on a number of occasions, but views were not to be had. Mammals observed included bushbuck, small-spotted genet, and chacma baboon. Vervets and signs of bushpig were also seen.



Birding in the vicinity of Wilderness National Park afforded us lovely views of Lemon Dove.

28th – 29th September: Wilderness National Park to De Hoop Nature Reserve

We birded around Wilderness for the first few hours of the day before heading to the Potteberg Guest Farm on the border of De Hoop Nature Reserve, where we would be based for the next two nights.

We traveled to De Hoop via the gravel roads after Heidelberg, which always deliver fantastic birds. We got our first **Blue Cranes** for the trip; this species is always a highlight in this area. Great views of **Agulhas Long-billed Lark**, **Large-billed Lark**, and **Red-capped Lark** were obtained. Newcomers to our list included **Southern Red Bishop**, **Cape Weaver**, **Southern Masked Weaver**, **Karoo Scrub Robin**, **African Pipit**, **Cloud Cisticola**, **Common Buzzard**, **Black-winged Kite**, **Rock Kestrel**, and **Lesser Swamp Warbler**.

The following day we birded the De Hoop Nature Reserve and visited a number of locations, such as De Hoop Vlei, Koppie Alleen, and Potberg. The following species were located and observed: **Southern Tchagra**, **Great White Pelican**, **Bokmakierie**, **White-throated Canary**, **Grey-backed Cisticola**, **Karoo Prinia**, **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **Cape Clapper Lark**, **Common Quail**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow**, **Cape Spurfowl**, **Cape Sugarbird**, **Malachite Sunbird**, **Cape Vulture**, **Cape White-eye**, **Capped Wheatear**, **Common Ostrich**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **South African Shelduck**, **Southern Double-collared Sunbird**, **Cape Bulbul**, and **Speckled** and **Red-faced Mousebirds**. Highlights of the day were the displaying **Denham's Bustards**, which occupied open areas and strutted around their leks in full display. A night drive delivered great views of **Spotted Eagle-Owl** despite the rainy weather.

Endemic mammals were an important aspect of this leg of the tour. We spent time on foot among Cape mountain zebra and bontebok, which was a terrific experience and provided great photo opportunities of these species. Chacma baboon, grey rhebok, yellow mongoose, common eland, steenbok, and four-striped grass mouse were also observed. Brilliant views of a Cape hare were had, and we were all able to capture some fantastic pictures of this species. Southern right whales were still present off the coast at Koppie Alleen, which was a bonus. De Hoop is considered to be the crown jewel among the Western Cape's coastal fynbos reserves and delivered the goods for us on this leg of the journey.



Agulhas Long-billed Lark in the Breede River croplands

30th September – 2nd October: Cape Town – Cape Point, Boulders Beach, and Pelagic

We left the De Hoop area on a rainy morning and decided to head for Cape Town. On the lengthy drive we saw our first **Orange-breasted Sunbird** in the Betty's Bay area late in the afternoon.

During our short stay in Cape Town we stayed in Simon's Town at a well-situated guesthouse called Avian Leisure, which caters for birders and nature enthusiasts. Our focus in Cape Town was centered on the Cape Point section of Table Mountain National Park and a pelagic birding trip off Cape Point.

On our first full day, which was spent at Cape Point, Boulders Beach, and the coastal suburb of Kommetjie, we managed to see **Spotted Thick-knee, Cape Grassbird, Cape Siskin, Cape Gannet, Yellow Bishop, Long-billed Pipit, Kelp Gull, Hartlaub's Gull, Sandwich Tern, Common Tern, Greater Crested Tern, Kittlitz's Plover, White-fronted and Three-banded Plovers, Black-headed Heron, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Familiar Chat, African Oystercatcher, White-necked Raven, Forest Buzzard, White-breasted Cormorant, Cape Cormorant, Southern Boubou, and Cape Bunting**, among others.

Mammals for the day included bontebok and rock hyrax. Stunning views were enjoyed of the Cape Peninsula and False Bay on the walk up to the Cape Point lighthouse.

We ended our day at the African Penguin colony at Boulders Beach late that afternoon, where we spent time observing and photographing **African Penguins**.

The next day we embarked on a pelagic birding trip, which departed from Simon's Town. The conditions were less than desirable, but we decided to go ahead with it. In all, 15 species of pelagic seabirds were observed, the highlights being **Black-bellied Storm Petrel, Northern Giant Petrel, Soft-plumaged Petrel, Cape Petrel, and Shy, Black-browed, and Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatrosses**. Mammals while at sea included Afro-Australian fur seal and humpback whale in Simon's Town harbor.



African Oystercatcher

3rd October: Cape Town to West Coast National Park

A cold front bringing heavy rain to Cape Town made birding almost impossible this morning. We traveled to the West Coast National Park, close to the coastal town of Langebaan, where we would stay for the night.

Our time at the park was limited, but a drive through its scenic area, predominated by Strandveld (a type of fynbos), resulted in us seeing new species like **Chestnut-vented**

Warbler, White-backed Mousebird, Southern Black Korhaan, Greater Flamingo, Lesser Flamingo, Cape Canary, Crowned Lapwing, Streaky-headed Seedeater, Yellow Canary, Mountain Wheatear, Acacia Pied Barbet, Little Swift, and Pied Starling. It was still too early in the season for waders, but we managed views of **Whimbrel, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, and Little Stint.** The highlights were **Black Harrier, African Marsh Harrier, African Fish Eagle, Secretarybird,** and fantastic views of two **Verreaux's Eagles.**

Mammals included common eland, Cape grey mongoose, greater kudu, and many good views of common duiker.

4th – 5th October: Kamiesberg, Namaqualand

The next day we embarked on the drive north into Namaqualand, our next destination. The drive to this region is always very interesting, and we stopped regularly to look at the avian roadside attractions. We stayed at the very comfortable Naries Guest Farm and explored the surrounding area on foot and by vehicle over two days.

Here we did a seven-kilometer hike into the mountains behind Naries Guest Farm and an afternoon drive down the Kamiesberg escarpment onto the dry coastal plain toward the coastal diamond mining town of Kleinsee. Birds seen in the area included **Karoo Chat, Ant-eating Chat, Tractrac Chat, Sickle-winged Chat, Karoo Lark, Bradfield's Swift, African Black Swift, Karoo Thrush, Black-headed Canary,** nesting **Booted Eagle, Verreaux's Eagle, Ludwig's Bustard, Namaqua Sandgrouse, European Bee-eater, Cape Clapper Lark, Layard's Warbler, Dusky Sunbird, Pale-winged Starling,** and **Cape Starling.** **Grey-winged Francolin** was heard on more than one occasion, but a dedicated walk to flush it was not successful.

6th – 7th October: Augrabies Falls National Park

After an early morning walk around Naries Guest Farm in an unsuccessful attempt to see calling **Grey-winged Francolin,** we traveled toward our next stop, Augrabies Falls National Park. En route we spent some time in the Pofadder area, where we managed excellent views of the localized, endemic **Red Lark,** despite the 40 °C temperatures. Other new birds included **Scaly-feathered Finch, Pygmy Falcon, Grey-backed and Black-eared Sparrow-Larks** at a drinking trough, lots of **Lark-like Buntings, Sociable Weaver, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Greater Kestrel,** and three different **Martial Eagles!**



Red Lark in the dunes of northern Bushmanland

On arrival at Augrabies we explored the area around the campsite, where we stayed in the national park's comfortable chalets. Walks late that afternoon along the boardwalk system, which takes one to the various lookout platforms over the Augrabies Falls and the Orange River, produced species like abundant **African Reed Warbler**, **Orange River White-eye**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, **African Red-eyed Bulbul**, and the stunning Orange River endemic Broadley's flat lizard, which only occurs in a small area around Augrabies Falls National Park.

The next day we combined a drive through a section of the park with walks in the vicinity of the campsite. This strategy yielded views of **Crested Barbet**, which here was far west of its described range, **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **African Palm Swift**, **Long-billed Crombec**, **Ring-necked Dove**, **African Black Duck**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **Goliath Heron**, and **Hamerkop**.

New mammals for the day included great views of three klipspringers, giraffe drinking with a young calf at a water hole, gemsbok, springbok, and South African ground squirrel.

A night drive yielded views of African wildcat, Smith's red rock hare, and **Freckled Nightjar**.



Kalahari Scrub Robin

8th – 11th October: Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

A morning birding session in and around Augrabies main camp along the Ebony Trail gave us nice views of the near-endemic **Namaqua Warbler** and of **Willow Warbler**. We then set our sights on the magnificent Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. En route we stopped in the town of Upington to purchase the necessary provisions for our three-day visit to this remote area. We spent the first night 50 km to the south of the park at a guest lodge and prepared for an early start the next day. New birds here included a **Crimson-breasted Shrike** just before sunset, and the characteristic grunt of **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl** was heard during the night.

The next day saw us travel to the south gate of the park (Twee Rivieren), which we reached at sunrise. From here we drove through the main camp of Twee Rivieren to the Kalahari Tented Camp on the dry Auob riverbed, which is probably the best place in Southern Africa to have regular sightings of cheetah. Our objective in the Kgalagadi was to obtain quality views of predators, so our strategies were adapted accordingly.

On entering the Park we found an adult and juvenile **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl**, which were the first of another six individuals to be seen during our stay here. Many great birds were seen en

route to the Kalahari Tented Camp. The environmental conditions were dry and hot, and we spent most of the four-hour journey birding from our vehicle. One may only alight from one's vehicle at designated rest stops in this park due to the presence of lion. The best strategy is a combination of early morning and late afternoon drives, which usually provides the best chances to see the nocturnal predators such as lion, leopard, and hyaena, for which the area is well known.

Important birds for us over the following days included **Pygmy Falcon, Red-necked Falcon, Lanner Falcon**, more **Martial Eagles, Black-chested Snake Eagle, Tawny Eagle, Bateleur, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Gabar Goshawk, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Southern White-faced Owl, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, White-backed Vulture, Kori Bustard, Secretarybird, Northern Black Korhaan, Fawn-colored Lark, Sabota Lark, Lilac-breasted Roller, Chat Flycatcher, Marico Flycatcher, Groundscraper Thrush, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Red-headed Finch, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, African Grey Hornbill, Common Scimitarbill, Green Wood Hoopoe, and Lesser Grey Shrike**. The rain migrants had not yet appeared from the north and central parts of the continent, which meant that unfortunately some species were just not around to be seen.



Black-chested Snake Eagle

The mammals in this arid savanna region are amazing to say the least, and the associations which exist between predators and herbivores are fascinating. Mammals we saw included gemsbok, for which the park is famous, springbok, red hartebeest, steenbok, giraffe, common eland, greater kudu, common wildebeest, yellow mongoose, meerkat, and four-striped grass mouse.

A highlight of this area is the constant possibility of obtaining close views of lion in the red sand dunes, with the adult males sporting stunning black manes, as well as of leopard, cheetah, spotted hyaena, and brown hyaena. We managed to obtain brilliant views of most of these species in our very short time here, with the exception of brown hyaena, for which one requires a fair degree of luck. We also saw bat-eared fox and African wildcat.



This female leopard was found snoozing in a camel-thorn tree in the Auob River.

One of the highlights of the tour was two cheetahs stalking and then chasing a herd of springbok, which unfolded in full view of where we had positioned ourselves. The cheetahs were, however, unsuccessful in their attempt to catch one of the springbok, which were lucky on this occasion.

Another highlight was four lions that spent two days in close proximity to our permanent tented camp. Leaving our accommodation entailed a degree of caution when moving around the open, unfenced campsite. We were treated to uninterrupted views of these lions and to fantastic vocalizations at night and in the early mornings very close to where we slept.



A male lion

Yet another amazing sighting was a **Bateleur** and a **Tawny Eagle** fighting over the remains of a bat-eared fox, which a cheetah had killed. And **Pearl-spotted Owlet** was one of the avian highlights while we were in the Kgalagadi and was very vocal at night. These were wonderful experiences that are just so typical of this iconic conservation area.



Pearl-spotted Owlet

12th October: Kgalagadi to Upington, flight to Johannesburg, transfer to Dullstroom

From the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park we drove back to Upington and then flew to Johannesburg. There we collected a new vehicle and drove to Dullstroom, from where our tour continued. Most of this day involved traveling, and there was very little time to focus on birds. We did, however, manage to squeeze in a bit of higher-altitude road-side birding near Dullstroom, which yielded a brief view of **Yellow-breasted Pipit**, **Banded Martin**, **Natal Spurfowl**, and **Buff-streaked Chat**, and we saw **African Olive Pigeon** at our accommodation, Linger Longer.

Mammals for the day included common duiker and blesbok.

13th – 14th October: Linger Longer, Dullstroom, to Mount Sheba

The morning of the 13th was spent birding in the grasslands on the farm in which Linger Longer is situated. A productive walk here turned up **Cape Longclaw**, **Eastern Long-billed Lark**, and **Yellow-crowned Bishop**, while **Long-tailed Widowbird** was impressive as always. Other species included **African Wattled Lapwing** and **Golden-breasted Bunting**. Two Wattled Cranes flying past unfortunately afforded guide-only views. **Long-billed Pipit** was also seen. Driving to Mount Sheba, our next destination, in the afternoon yielded **African Harrier Hawk**. An afternoon walk in the Afromontane forests around Mount Sheba produced some good forest birds, including good views of our first-of-many-to-come **Orange Ground Thrush**.

The following day we explored the area in the vicinity of Mount Sheba. We elected to mix our day with a long morning walk of about seven kilometers and an afternoon drive/walk. The morning walk afforded more views of **Orange Ground Thrush**, **Olive Woodpecker**, **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher**, **White-starred Robin**, **Yellow-streaked Greenbul**, **Dark-capped Bulbul**, **Green-backed Camaroptera**, and **Narina Trogon**. **Olive Bushshrike** was heard but was not seen on this occasion.

During our second session we elected to bird the grasslands above the forest. We obtained great views of **Wailing Cisticola**, which afforded good photo opportunities too. **Olive Bushshrike** was finally seen in the late afternoon along the forest edge, along with **African Black Swift**. **African Wood Owl** was heard, but attempts to locate and observe it at night were unsuccessful.

New mammals while staying at Mount Sheba were Natal red duiker and samango monkey.



Narina Trogon in the forests at Mount Sheba was seen well.

15th – 18th October: Kruger National Park

The next morning we had amazing views of at least three **Narina Trogon** males competing for the attention of a female in the forest, before we set off to Kruger National Park. We arrived at the Phabeni Gate of Kruger at around midday and embarked on the exciting drive north to Satara Rest Camp, where we would spend the next two nights and from there travel to Lower Sabi Rest Camp for a further two nights. Within minutes of entering Kruger we had great views of **Senegal Lapwing**. Numerous birds followed as we traveled north, these included nesting **Wahlberg's Eagle**, the stunning **Saddle-billed Stork**, **Magpie Shrike**, **Purple-crested Turaco**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, **Greater Blue-eared Starling**, **Burchell's Starling**, **Violet-backed Starling**, **Orange-breasted Bushshrike**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **Crested Francolin**, **White-headed Vulture**, **Southern Red-billed Hornbill**, **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver**, **Swainson's Spurfowl**, and **African Green Pigeon**. Amazing views of a **Bateleur** on a fresh-killed impala were had not ten meters from us.



Saddle-billed Stork



Orange-breasted Bushshrikes were abundant, and many great views of these beautiful birds were had.

As with any visit to Kruger the mammal diversity was simply incredible. By the time we arrived at Satara that evening we had seen lion, white rhinoceros, African buffalo, African elephant, greater kudu, impala, common waterbuck, common warthog, giraffe, plains zebra, and dwarf mongoose.

The following morning saw us out the Satara gates nice and early, heading towards Olifants Rest Camp. Our strategy had now changed to finding large cats. The eyes were, however, always open for birds, and we picked up many species during the day. These included **African Scops Owl**, **Kurrichane Thrush**, **Southern Ground Hornbill**, **Horus Swift**, **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl**, **African Firefinch**, **Blue Waxbill**, and **Bearded Woodpecker**, to name a few.



Groups of Southern Ground Hornbill were seen on three different occasions.

A stop-over at Olifants Rest Camp, situated above the Olifants River, produced more new birds, such as **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Goliath Heron**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, and

Chinspot Batis. En route back to Satara we were afforded stunning views of **Purple Roller**, three **Kori Bustards**, and a group of **Southern Ground Hornbills** right next to the road.



Two Purple Rollers in near-mortal combat

Very good views of spotted hyaena and African elephant were had along the way, with all the usual antelope species in the mix. That evening a somewhat unproductive night drive produced African civet. We attributed this to the rainy and cloudy weather, since night drives in Kruger are usually fantastic.

The next day a walk around Satara Rest camp before setting off for the Lower Sabi area produced **Mourning Collared Dove**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Brown-headed Parrot**, and a **Shikra** chasing a flock of swifts.



Brown-headed Parrots

We decided to allocate the day to getting to Lower Sabi Rest Camp and would do an afternoon walk around the grounds when we arrived. We had amazing views of a large herd

of African buffalo, and **Red-billed Oxpeckers** were plentiful. We managed to locate and observe two cheetahs lying up next to an anthill before they stood up and walked off into the bush. Views of lions and their cubs were had on a freshly killed plains zebra. This was followed by two sightings of white rhino, one of them meters from our vehicle, just north of the Sabi River, while they grazed quietly along the road edge, unperturbed by our presence. Birding around Lower Sabi was very productive, and we quickly picked up the endemic **White-throated Robin-Chat**. Other new birds included **Water Thick-knee**, **African Jacana**, **White-browed Scrub Robin**, and **White-bellied Sunbird**.



African buffalo near Crocodile Bridge - Kruger National Park

The next morning we found a male and female leopard traveling through the thorn thickets to the east of Lower Sabi. Our efforts and strategy in search of these magnificent predators had paid off, and we all felt very fortunate that we'd seen the pair with no other vehicles around us. Another two white rhinos were also seen on this drive.

Birds for the day included the stunning **White-crowned Lapwing** along with **Red-crested Korhaan**, **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove**, and nesting **Hooded Vulture** along the Sabi River. **Lapped-faced Vultures** finally gave us fly-over views, although perched views were not obtained during the trip. **Long-billed Crombec**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, and a fantastic **White-browed Robin Chat**, were also observed along the Sabi River. A greater cane rat was added to our mammal list.

Departing Kruger is always a somber occasion, as one can never really spend enough time here. En route out of the Park we observed **African Openbill**, **Brown-crowned Tchagra**, and **White-crested Helmetshrike**.

The rest of the day entailed traveling to Mkhuzo Game Reserve in the KwaZulu Natal Province, and there was little time for birding en route.

19th – 20th October: Kruger to Mkhuzo Game Reserve

Environmental conditions in Mkhuzo Game Reserve and surrounding KwaZulu Natal were exceptionally dry. The nyala, which are prolific in this famous reserve, were coming up to the chalets in search of water and would approach within meters.

On our first morning we birded the main camp, which produced, among others, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird**, **Red-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Bearded Scrub Robin**, **Collard Sunbird**,

Crested Guineafowl, Southern Black Flycatcher, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, and Grey Tit-Flycatcher. White-fronted Bee-eater and the lovely **Rudd's Apalis** were also seen.



Bearded Scrub Robin is common at Mkhuze Game Reserve.

We traveled to the kuMasinga hide, which had impressive concentrations of game around it. In one sitting we observed six white rhinos, herds of blue wildebeest and plains zebra, and four lions. Nyala and common warthog were also prolific, and we had a young lion attempt to catch a warthog on two occasions while we sat in the hide. The birds were relatively quiet, but very nice views of **Yellow-throated Petronia** and **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove** were had.



Plains zebra and white rhino at the kuMasinga hide – Mkhuze Game Reserve



Emerald-spotted Wood Dove gave us very nice views during the hotter times of the day when they would come to drink.

A drive to Nsumo Pan yielded **Pink-backed Pelican** and **Great White Pelican** feeding on barbels, which they herded into the shallows and scooped up with their bills. Nesting **African Openbill** was observed in the reeds, and **Dark-capped Weaver** was present in the fever trees on the edge of the pan. **Green Twinspot** was heard but not seen on this occasion.

On another drive we saw **Green-winged Pytilia**, **Tawny Eagle**, **Bateleur**, and more white rhino. An evening walk around the main camp gave us brief views of **Neergard's Sunbird**. However, the poor light and the presence of an aggressive larger **Scarlet-chested Sunbird** made quality views impossible. **Fiery-necked Nightjar** was heard around the fire that night, but no views were obtained.



Bateleur

21st – 22nd October: Mkhuze Game Reserve to iSimangaliso Wetland Park

The next morning we joined a larger group of birders and walked the Mkhuze Fig Forest route with a parks board trails ranger. **African Broadbill** was heard en route to the trail in the vehicle, but unfortunately was not seen on the trip. New birds for us on this walk included **White-eared Barbet**, feeding **Trumpeter Hornbill**, **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**, **Broad-billed Roller**, and fleeting views of **Livingstone's Turaco** and **Marabou Stork**. The beautiful Pel's Fishing Owl was unfortunately not seen this time around.



Trumpeter Hornbill

We paid the kuMasinga hide a last visit before departing for the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, which incorporates Lake St Lucia, where we would spend our next two nights.

The drive along the western shore of St Lucia was beautiful, and we picked up some new birds shortly after arriving, which included good views of the scarce **Lemon-breasted Canary**, **Purple-banded Sunbird**, **Village** and **Yellow Weavers**, and southern reedbuck. We settled into our comfortable accommodation at a guest house in the town of St Lucia and planned our following day's activities.

The next day we completed a short walk before breakfast on the outskirts of St Lucia, which produced **Red-capped Robin-Chat**, **Thick-billed Weaver**, **Red-backed** and **Bronze Mannikins**, and **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, among others.

We then drove up to Cape Vidal and en route had some great African buffalo, common waterbuck, and greater kudu sightings. Many Natal red duikers were seen through the patches of coastal forest, and great views of samango monkey and banded mongoose were also had. We had terrific views of **Green Twinspot** at Cape Vidal, along with **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher** and **Brown Scrub Robin**. The drive back to St Lucia involved frequent stops and short walks, and we were rewarded with species like **African Pygmy Kingfisher**, **Crowned Hornbill**, and a stunning **Southern Banded Snake Eagle**. **Rufous-naped Lark** and **Yellow-throated Longclaw** were also seen.



Green Twinspot at Cape Vidal was a highlight.



Brown Scrub Robin was found in the coastal forest.

23rd – 25th October: Royal Natal National Park.

The next morning we birded the coastal forest around St Lucia for a couple of hours and were rewarded with more great birds, which included **Ashy Flycatcher**, **Woodward's Batis**, more **Rudd's Apalis**, **Southern Brown-throated Weaver**, four **Livingstone's Turacos**, **Terrestrial Brownbul**, and three **Green Malkohas**. A calling **African Emerald Cuckoo** was reluctant to show itself. A trip to the St Lucia Estuary, which was closed to the sea, produced our second sighting of **Lemon-breasted Canary** in the short grass on a berm. Other birds at the estuary included **Common Ringed Plover**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, and **Sanderling**.



Green Malkoha in St Lucia allowed us fantastic views.

We then departed St Lucia for Royal Natal National Park in the northern Drakensberg. Due to the six-hour drive there was little time for birding, and the rest of the day was spent driving and at a stop to obtain more provisions for the final leg of our tour.

We arrived at our accommodation in Royal Natal National Park in the dark and were welcomed by a calling **Cape Eagle-Owl** as we settled in. During our stay here we made concerted night searches for this species, which we heard several times. We were, however, unsuccessful in seeing the bird, but were satisfied by realizing its presence in the area.

The next day we walked Tugela Gorge and saw **Drakensberg Prinia**, **African Harrier-Hawk**, **Dark-capped Yellow Warbler**, **African Paradise Flycatcher**, **Bush Blackcap**, and **Greater Double-collared Sunbird** and had brilliant views of **Black Cuckoo**. **Barratt's Warbler** was heard but was not seen. Heavy afternoon thunder saw us travel to the nearby Rugged Glen Nature Reserve to escape the weather. En route we had views of **Malachite Kingfisher** and **Mountain Wagtail** in one of the streams. At Rugged Glen we managed sightings of **Red-throated Wryneck** and **Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk**. Oribi was also seen while staying at Royal Natal National Park.

The following day it was decided that an extended hike up the mountain towards Basuto Gate would be conducted. A **European Honey Buzzard** perched adjacent to a forest patch as an interesting surprise, and **Striped Flufftail** was heard in the higher reaches of the mountain. Unfortunately we did not climb above 2000 meters, and therefore opportunities to find Drakensberg Rockjumper, Drakensberg Siskin, and Bearded Vulture went amiss. Sani Pass and Giant's Castle Nature Reserve offer easier access to these species, but we agreed that enjoying the scenery at Royal Natal National Park was the priority on this leg of the tour, so those sites were not visited.

26th October: Royal Natal National Park to Johannesburg via Memel.

We departed Royal Natal National Park in the morning and decided to travel via the town of Memel in the eastern Free State province in an attempt see a few new species before ending our adventure. Shortly after departing Royal Natal National Park we had views of **Southern Bald Ibis**, with which we were all very pleased. Nearer the town of Harrismith we saw **Black Sparrowhawk**.

The gravel roads to Memel turned up four **Blue Korhaans** along with **Wing-snapping Cisticola**, **Cloud Cisticola**, **Cape Longclaw**, and a multitude of **African Pipits**. Breeding

South African Cliff Swallow under a bridge and **Ground Woodpecker** were two more bonuses. Although we searched for the special larks of this region, we just didn't have enough time today, and our trip had come to an end. We were forced to head towards Johannesburg for our last night together.

In the evening we discussed our wildlife highlights and agreed that, given a break of a few days after 436 birds, 60 mammals, 20 reptiles, and 3 amphibians, we would be ready to do it all over again.



Our clients looking at Terrestrial Brownbul in St Lucia's coastal forest

SOUTH AFRICA CUSTOM TOUR 2015 BIRD LIST		
(E) - country endemic Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered		
Common Name (IOC 5.4)	Scientific Name (IOC 5.4)	Trip
	STRUTHIONIFORMES	
<u>Ostriches</u>	<u>Struthionidae</u>	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
<u>Ducks, Geese and Swans</u>	<u>Anatidae</u>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	1

White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>	1
Maccoa Duck - NT	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>	1
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	1
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	1
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	1
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	1
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	1
Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>	1
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	1
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	1
	GALLIFORMES	
<u>Guineafowl</u>	<u>Numididae</u>	
Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>	1
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
<u>Pheasants and allies</u>	<u>Phasianidae</u>	
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	1
Grey-winged Francolin (E)	<i>Scleroptila afra</i>	H
Cape Spurfowl (E)	<i>Pternistis capensis</i>	1
Natal Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>	1
Red-necked Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis afer</i>	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	1
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	1
	SPHENISCIFORMES	
<u>Penguins</u>	<u>Spheniscidae</u>	
African Penguin - EN	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>	1
	PROCELLARIIFORMES	
<u>Austral Storm Petrels</u>	<u>Oceanitidae</u>	
Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	1
Black-bellied Storm Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>	1
<u>Northern Storm Petrels</u>	<u>Hydrobatidae</u>	
European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	1
<u>Albatrosses</u>	<u>Diomedidae</u>	
Black-browed Albatross - NT	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>	1
Shy Albatross	<i>Thalassarche cauta</i>	1
Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross - EN	<i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>	1
<u>Petrels, Shearwaters</u>	<u>Procellariidae</u>	
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	1
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	1
Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>	1

Soft-plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	1
White-chinned Petrel - VU	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	1
Sooty Shearwater - NT	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
<u>Grebes</u>	<u>Podicipedidae</u>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	1
	PHOENICOPTERIFORMES	
<u>Flamingos</u>	<u>Phoenicopteridae</u>	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	1
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
<u>Storks</u>	<u>Ciconiidae</u>	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	1
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	1
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	1
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
<u>Ibises, Spoonbills</u>	<u>Threskiornithidae</u>	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1
Hadedda Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1
Southern Bald Ibis (E) - VU	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>	1
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	1
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	1
<u>Herons, Bitterns</u>	<u>Ardeidae</u>	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	1
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	1
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1
<u>Hamerkop</u>	<u>Scopidae</u>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1
<u>Pelicans</u>	<u>Pelecanidae</u>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	1
	SULIFORMES	

<u>Gannets, Boobies</u>	<u>Sulidae</u>	
Cape Gannet - VU	<i>Morus capensis</i>	1
<u>Cormorants, Shags</u>	<u>Phalacrocoracidae</u>	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	1
Crowned Cormorant - NT	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>	1
Bank Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>	1
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	1
Cape Cormorant (E) - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	1
<u>Aningas, Darters</u>	<u>Anhingidae</u>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
<u>Secretarybird</u>	<u>Sagittariidae</u>	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	1
<u>Kites, Hawks and Eagles</u>	<u>Accipitridae</u>	
European Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	1
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	1
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1
Hooded Vulture - EN	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	1
White-backed Vulture - EN	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	1
Cape Vulture - VU	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>	1
Lappet-faced Vulture - VU	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	1
White-headed Vulture - VU	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	1
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	1
Southern Banded Snake Eagle - NT	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>	1
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	1
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	1
Black Harrier - VU	<i>Circus maurus</i>	1
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	1
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	1
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	1
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	1
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	1
Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>	1
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	1
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	1
Forest Buzzard (E)	<i>Buteo trizonatus</i>	1
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	1
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	1

Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	1
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	1
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	1
	OTIDIFORME	
<u>Bustards</u>	<u>Otididae</u>	
Denham's Bustard - NT	<i>Neotis denhami</i>	1
Ludwig's Bustard - EN	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	1
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	1
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>	1
Southern Black Korhaan (E) - VU	<i>Afrotis afra</i>	1
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>	1
Blue Korhaan (E) - NT	<i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i>	1
Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>	1
	GRUIFORMES	
<u>Flufftails</u>	<u>Sarothruridae</u>	
Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>	H
Striped Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura affinis</i>	H
<u>Rails, Crakes and Coots</u>	<u>Rallidae</u>	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	1
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	1
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	1
<u>Cranes</u>	<u>Gruidae</u>	
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Anthropoides paradisea</i>	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
<u>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</u>	<u>Burhinidae</u>	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	1
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	1
<u>Oystercatchers</u>	<u>Haematopodidae</u>	
African Oystercatcher - NT	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>	1
<u>Stilts, Avocets</u>	<u>Recurvirostridae</u>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	1
<u>Plovers</u>	<u>Charadriidae</u>	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</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
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	1
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	1
White-crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	1

African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	1
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>	1
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1
<u>Jacanas</u>	<u>Jacanidae</u>	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	1
<u>Sandpipers, Snipes</u>	<u>Scolopacidae</u>	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	1
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	1
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	1
<u>Courasers, Pratincoles</u>	<u>Glareolidae</u>	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	1
<u>Gills, Terns and Skimmers</u>	<u>Laridae</u>	
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	1
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	1
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	1
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	1
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	1
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	1
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	1
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	1
<u>Skuas</u>	<u>Stercorariidae</u>	
Brown Skua	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>	1
	<u>PTEROCLIFORMES</u>	
<u>Sandgrouse</u>	<u>Pteroclididae</u>	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	1
	<u>COLUMBIFORMES</u>	
<u>Pigeons, Doves</u>	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	1
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	1
Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</i>	1
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	1
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	1
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</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
	MUSOPHAGIFORMES	
<u>Turacos</u>	<u>Musophagidae</u>	
Livingstone's Turaco	<i>Tauraco livingstonii</i>	1
Knysna Turaco	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>	1
Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>	1
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
<u>Cuckoos</u>	<u>Cuculidae</u>	
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	1
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	1
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	H
Green Malkoha	<i>Ceuthmochares australis</i>	1
Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>	1
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchelli</i>	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
<u>Barn Owls</u>	<u>Tytonidae</u>	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	H
<u>Owls</u>	<u>Strigidae</u>	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	1
Southern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis granti</i>	1
Cape Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo capensis</i>	H
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	1
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>	1
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	H
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
<u>Nightjars</u>	<u>Caprimulgidae</u>	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	H
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	1
	APODIFORMES	
<u>Swifts</u>	<u>Apodidae</u>	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	1
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1
Horus Swift	<i>Apus horus</i>	1
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	1
	COLIIFORMES	

<u>Mousebirds</u>	<u>Coliidae</u>	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	1
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	1
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	1
	TROGONIFORMES	
<u>Trogons</u>	<u>Trogonidae</u>	
Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
<u>Rollers</u>	<u>Coraciidae</u>	
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	1
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	1
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	1
<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Alcedinidae</u>	
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	1
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	1
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	1
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	1
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1
<u>Bee-eaters</u>	<u>Meropidae</u>	
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	1
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	1
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	1
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	1
	BUCEROTIFORMES	
<u>Hoopoes</u>	<u>Upupidae</u>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1
<u>Wood Hoopoes</u>	<u>Phoeniculidae</u>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	1
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	1
<u>Ground Hornbills</u>	<u>Bucorvidae</u>	
Southern Ground Hornbill - VU	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>	1
<u>Hornbills</u>	<u>Bucerotidae</u>	
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</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
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>	1
	PICIFORMES	
<u>African Barbets</u>	<u>Lybiidae</u>	
White-eared Barbet	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>	1
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	1
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>	1

Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	1
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	1
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	1
<u>Honeyguides</u>	<u>Indicatoridae</u>	
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>	1
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>	1
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	<u>Picidae</u>	
Knysna Woodpecker (E) - NT	<i>Campethera notata</i>	H
Ground Woodpecker (E)	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	1
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>	1
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>	1
Red-throated Wryneck	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
<u>Caracaras, Falcons</u>	<u>Falconidae</u>	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	1
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	1
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	1
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	1
Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>	1
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	1
	PSITTACIFORMES	
<u>African & New World Parrots</u>	<u>Psittacidae</u>	
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
<u>Broadbills</u>	<u>Eurylaimidae</u>	
African Broadbill	<i>Smithornis capensis</i>	H
<u>Wattle-eyes, Batises</u>	<u>Platysteiridae</u>	
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	1
Woodward's Batis	<i>Batis fratrum</i>	1
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	1
<u>Helmetsrikes</u>	<u>Prionopidae</u>	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	1
<u>Bushshrikes</u>	<u>Malaconotidae</u>	
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	1
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	1
Southern Tchagra	<i>Tchagra tchagra</i>	1
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	1
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	1
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	1
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	1

Olive Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>	1
Gorgeous Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus viridis</i>	1
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	1
<u>Shrikes</u>	<u>Laniidae</u>	
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	1
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	1
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>	1
<u>Figbirds, Orioles</u>	<u>Oriolidae</u>	
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	1
<u>Drongos</u>	<u>Dicruridae</u>	
Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>	1
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1
<u>Monarchs</u>	<u>Monarchidae</u>	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>	1
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	1
<u>Crows, Jays</u>	<u>Corvidae</u>	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	1
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	1
<u>Tits, Chickadees</u>	<u>Paridae</u>	
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	1
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>	1
Grey Tit	<i>Melaniparus afer</i>	1
<u>Nicators</u>	<u>Nicatoridae</u>	
Eastern Nicator	<i>Nicator gularis</i>	1
<u>Larks</u>	<u>Alaudidae</u>	
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>	1
Cape Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafraga apiata</i>	1
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>	1
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	1
Agulhas Long-billed Lark (E)	<i>Certhilauda brevirostris</i>	1
Eastern Long-billed Lark (E)	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>	1
Karoo Lark (E)	<i>Calendulauda albescens</i>	1
Red Lark (E) - VU	<i>Calendulauda burra</i>	1
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	1
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	1
Black-eared Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix australis</i>	1
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	1
Large-billed Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>	1
<u>Bulbuls</u>	<u>Pycnonotidae</u>	
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	1
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	1

Cape Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>	1
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	1
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	1
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	1
Swallows, Martins	Hirundinidae	
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	1
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	1
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	1
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	1
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	1
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	1
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>	1
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	1
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	1
Crombecs, African Warblers	Macrosphenidae	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	1
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	1
Leaf Warblers and allies	Phylloscopidae	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	1
reed Warblers and allies	Acrocephalidae	
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	1
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	1
African Yellow Warbler	<i>Iduna natalensis</i>	1
Grassbirds and allies	Locustellidae	
Knysna Warbler	<i>Bradypterus sylvaticus</i>	1
Barratt's Warbler	<i>Bradypterus barratti</i>	H
Cisticolas and allies	Cisticolidae	
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	1
Grey-backed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>	1
Wailing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lais</i>	1
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	1
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>	1
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1
Cloud Cisticola	<i>Cisticola textrix</i>	1
Wing-snapping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	1
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	1
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>	1

Drakensberg Prinia (E)	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>	1
Namaqua Warbler	<i>Phragmacia substriata</i>	1
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	1
Rudd's Apalis	<i>Apalis ruddi</i>	1
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	1
<u>Laughingthrushes</u>	<u>Leiothrichidae</u>	
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	1
<u>Sylviid Babblers</u>	<u>Sylviidae</u>	
Bush Blackcap - NT	<i>Lioptilus nigricapillus</i>	1
Layard's Warbler	<i>Sylvia layardi</i>	1
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcaerulea</i>	1
<u>White-eyes</u>	<u>Zosteropidae</u>	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>	1
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	1
<u>Sugarbirds</u>	<u>Promeropidae</u>	
Cape Sugarbird (E)	<i>Promerops cafer</i>	1
<u>Starlings, Rhabdornis</u>	<u>Sturnidae</u>	
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus naboroupp</i>	1
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	1
Black-bellied Starling	<i>Notopholia corrusca</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
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	1
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>	1
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	1
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	1
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	1
<u>Oxpeckers</u>	<u>Buphagidae</u>	
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	1
<u>Thrushes</u>	<u>Turdidae</u>	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>	1
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>	1
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	1
Karoo Thrush	<i>Turdus smithi</i>	1
Orange Ground Thrush	<i>Geokichla gurneyi</i>	1
<u>Chats, Old World Flycatchers</u>	<u>Muscicapidae</u>	
Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>	1
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>	1
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>	1
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	1

Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>	1
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	1
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	1
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	1
White-starred Robin	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>	1
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	1
White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>	1
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	1
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>	1
Chorister Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>	1
Bearded Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>	1
Brown Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas signata</i>	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	1
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	1
Karoo Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphaeus</i>	1
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	1
Buff-streaked Chat	<i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i>	1
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>	1
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	1
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	1
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	1
Sickle-winged Chat	<i>Emarginata sinuata</i>	1
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>	1
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>	1
<u>Sunbirds</u>	<u>Nectariniidae</u>	
Orange-breasted Sunbird (E)	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>	1
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	1
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	1
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	1
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedypipna collaris</i>	1
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>	1
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>	1
Neergaard's Sunbird - NT	<i>Cinnyris neergaardi</i>	1
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	1
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	1
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	1
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciata</i>	1
<u>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches</u>	<u>Passeridae</u>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</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
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	1
Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>	1
<u>Weavers, Widowbirds</u>	<u>Ploceidae</u>	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	1
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	1
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	1
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	1
Cape Weaver (E)	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	1
Eastern Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>	1
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>	1
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	1
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	1
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>	1
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	1
Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>	1
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	1
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	1
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>	1
Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	1
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	1
<u>Waxbills, Munias and allies</u>	<u>Estrildidae</u>	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	1
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	1
Green Twinspot	<i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>	1
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	1
African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	1
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	1
Sweet Waxbill	<i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i>	1
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	1
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	1
Red-backed Mannikin	<i>Lonchura nigricaps</i>	1
<u>Indigobirds, Whydahs</u>	<u>Viduidae</u>	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	1
<u>Wagtails, Pipits</u>	<u>Motacillidae</u>	
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	1
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>	1
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	1
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>	1
Yellow-breasted Pipit (E) - VU	<i>Anthus chloris</i>	1
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1

Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	1
Finches	Fringillidae	
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	1
Black-headed Canary	<i>Serinus alario</i>	1
Forest Canary (E)	<i>Crithagra scotops</i>	1
Lemon-breasted Canary	<i>Crithagra citrinipectus</i>	1
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	1
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	1
Brimstone Canary	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>	1
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>	1
Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>	1
Cape Siskin (E)	<i>Crithagra totta</i>	1
Buntings, New World Sparrows	Emberizidae	
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	1
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	1
TOTAL		436

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Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable		
Common Name (IUCN)	Scientific Name (IUCN)	Trip
	RODENTIA	
	Muridae	
Four-striped grass mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>	1
	Thryonomyidae	
Greater canerat	<i>Thryonomys swinderianus</i>	1
	Sciuridae	
South African ground squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>	1
Red bush squirrel	<i>Paraxerus palliatus</i>	1
	Hystriidae	
Cape porcupine	<i>Hystrix africae australis</i>	1
	Pedetidae	
Springhare	<i>Pedetes capensis</i>	1
	LAGOMORPHA	
	Leporidae	
Cape hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	1
Scrub hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	1
Smith's red rock hare	<i>Pronolagus rupestris</i>	1
	HYRACOIDEA	
	Procaviidae	

Rock hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	1
	PROBOSCIDEA	
	<u>Elephantidae</u>	
African elephant - VU	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	1
	PERISSODACTYLA	
	<u>Equidae</u>	
Cape mountain zebra - VU	<i>Equus zebra zebra</i>	1
Plains zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	1
	<u>Rhinocerotidae</u>	
White rhinoceros - NT	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	1
	ARTIODACTYLA	
	<u>Hippopotamidae</u>	
Hippopotamus - VU	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	1
	<u>Suidae</u>	
Common warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	1
	<u>Giraffidae</u>	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	1
	<u>Bovidae</u>	
Black wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	1
Blue wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>	1
Red hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>	1
Bontebok - NT	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>	1
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>	
Natal red duiker	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>	1
Common duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	1
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	1
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	1
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	1
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	1
Grey rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>	1
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	1
African buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	1
Greater kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	1
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	1
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	1
Common eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>	1
Southern reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>	1
Mountain reedbuck	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>	1
Common waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus</i>	1
	<u>Balaenidae</u>	
Southern right whale	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>	1
	<u>Balaenopteridae</u>	

Humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	1
Bryde's whale	<i>Balaenoptera edeni</i>	1
	CARNIVORA	
	<u>Hyaenidae</u>	
Spotted hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	1
	<u>Felidae</u>	
Cheetah - VU	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	1
Leopard - NT	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	1
Lion - VU	<i>Panthera leo</i>	1
African wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris lybica</i>	1
	<u>Canidae</u>	
Bat-eared fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	1
Black-backed jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	1
	<u>Viverridae</u>	
African civet	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>	1
Common genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>	1
	<u>Herpestidae</u>	
Meerkat	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	1
Yellow mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	1
Slender mongoose	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>	1
Cape gray mongoose	<i>Galerella pulverulenta</i>	1
Banded mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	1
Common dwarf mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>	1
	<u>Otariidae</u>	
Afro-Australian fur seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	1
	PRIMATES	
	<u>Galagidae</u>	
Thick-tailed greater galago	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>	1
	<u>Cercopithecidae</u>	
Chacma baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	1
Vervet	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>	1
Samango monkey - VU	<i>Cercopithecus mitis labiatus</i>	1
TOTAL		60

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(E) - country endemic

Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	SQUAMATA	
	<u>Agamidae</u>	
Southern rock agama	<i>Agama atra atra</i>	1

Ground agama	<i>Agama aculeata aculeata</i>	1
Southern spiny agama	<i>Agama hispida</i>	1
	<u>Cordylidae</u>	
Cape girdled lizard (E)	<i>Cordylus cordylus</i>	1
Black girdled lizard (E)	<i>Cordylus niger</i>	1
Dwarf Karoo girdled lizard	<i>Cordylus polyzonus</i>	1
Broadley's flat lizard (E)	<i>Platysaurus broadleyi</i>	1
Transvaal snake lizard	<i>Chamaesaura aenea</i>	1
	<u>Lacertidae</u>	
Spotted sand lizard	<i>Pedioplanis lineocellata</i>	1
Namaqua sand lizard	<i>Pedioplanis namaquensis</i>	1
	<u>Scincidae</u>	
Western rock skink	<i>Trachylepis sulcata</i>	1
Kalahari tree skink	<i>Trachylepis spilogaster</i>	1
	<u>Gekkonidae</u>	
Common barking gecko	<i>Ptenopus garrulus maculatus</i>	1
	<u>Varanidae</u>	
Nile monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	1
White-throated monitor	<i>Varanus albigularis</i>	1
	<u>Elapidae</u>	
Cape cobra	<i>Naja nivea</i>	1
	TESTUDINES	
	<u>Testudinidae</u>	
Angulate tortoise	<i>Chersina angulata</i>	1
Tent tortoise	<i>Psammobates tentorius trimeni</i>	1
	<u>Pelomedusidae</u>	
Serrated hinged terrapin	<i>Pelusios sinuatus</i>	1
	CROCODYLIA	
	<u>Crocodylidae</u>	
Nile crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	1
TOTAL		20

SOUTH AFRICA CUSTOM TOUR 2015 AMPHIBIAN LIST		
Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	ANURA	
	<u>Bufonidae</u>	
Ranger's toad	<i>Amietophrynus rangeri</i>	1
	<u>Pyxicephalidae</u>	
Gray's stream frog	<i>Strongylopus grayii</i>	1
	<u>Hyperoliidae</u>	
Painted reed frog	<i>Hyperolius marmoratus</i>	1

TOTAL	3
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