



## WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA CUSTOM TOUR TRIP REPORT

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*The skulking **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler** showed amazingly well for us in the Tankwa Karoo  
(photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

### Overview

This eleven-day tour was put together for Peter and Zanna to encompass the major habitats and birding sites of the Western Cape Province of South Africa. We went from the vivid beauty of the Cape Peninsula, to the bird-rich shores of the west coast, into the hostile semi-desert of the Tankwa Karoo and finished in the lush forests of the Garden Route. Peter and Zanna were very keen (and talented, see pictures used in this report) photographers and so we mostly concentrated on seeing birds well, rather than trying to tick off every species possible, however we did still manage an impressive trip list of 257 species! Some of our birding highlights included **Grey-winged Francolin**, **Fulvous Whistling Duck**, **South African Shelduck**, **Denham's Bustard**, **Karoo and Southern Black Korhaans**, **Pink-backed Pelican**, **Buff-spotted Flufftail** (seen), **Chestnut-banded Plover**, **African Penguin**, **Cape Gannet**, **Cape, Crowned and Bank Cormorants**, **European Honey Buzzard**, **Cape Vulture**, **Verreaux's Eagle**, **Forest Buzzard**, **Black Harrier**, **Knysna Woodpecker**, **Southern Tchagra**, **Cape Rockjumper**, **Fairy Flycatcher**, **Spike-heeled**, **Cape Long-billed**, **Agulhas Long-billed**, **Karoo**, **Cape Clapper** and **Large-billed Larks**, **Yellow-throated Woodland**, **Knysna**, **Namaqua**, **Rufous-eared** and **Cinnamon-breasted Warblers**, **Karoo Eremomela**, **Chorister Robin-Chat**, **Cape Sugarbird** and so many other great birds.



*Agulhas Long-billed Larks were seen in the Agulhas Plains (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

Of course, we did not ignore the various mammals which we saw around the Cape with some of our highlights including **Cape Grey Mongoose**, (Cape) **Mountain Zebra**, **Common Eland**, **Bushbuck**, **Grey Rhebok**, **Klipspringer** and a large school of **Dusky Dolphins**.

### Detailed Report

#### **Day 1, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Arrival in Cape Town**

After an early afternoon flight arrival in Cape Town, we headed to our accommodation in the leafy suburb of Newlands. We then popped around the corner to the famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden with Table Mountain serving as an impressive backdrop to the beautiful gardens. Not only are the views spectacular but the birding is normally impressive too. After a delicious lunch, we headed out into the gardens where we soon found **Cape Spurfowl**, **Lemon Dove**, **Cape Bulbul**, **Sombre Greenbul**, **Cape White-eye**, **African Dusky Flycatcher**, **Amethyst** and **Southern Double-collared Sunbirds**, **Sweet Waxbill**, **Bronze Mannikin** (a recent colonist of the Cape Town area) and the beautiful **Forest Canary**. Overhead we saw flocks of **African Black Swift** as well as **White-necked Raven**, and a **European Honey Buzzard**, a scarce bird in South Africa. We then headed out for our dinner and called it a night after a good first afternoon's birding.



*Southern Double-collared Sunbirds always show well at Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden (photo by tour participant Zanna Iscenko).*

**Day 2, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. Cape Peninsula birding**

After breakfast at the accommodation, we made our way south down the Cape Peninsula with our first stop being at Boulder's Beach in Simon's Town. Here we were soon acquainted with cute and comical **African Penguins** as they went about their morning's business. We birded some of the gardens on the edge of the penguin colony where we found **Bokmakierie**, **Cape Bulbul**, **Cape Sugarbird**, **Malachite Sunbird**, **Fiscal Flycatcher**, **Southern Grey-headed Sparrow** and the full trio of mousebird species including **Red-faced**, **White-backed** and **Speckled Mousebirds**. Along the rocky shoreline we had good views of **African Oystercatcher** and **Cape** and **Crowned Cormorants**.



*Cape Sugarbird, an important Cape endemic (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

From here, we continued south and made it to the Cape of Good Hope National Park where we spent time driving through the pristine fynbos and eventually made it down to Cape Point itself. At the point we did a quick seawatch which had thousands of feeding seabirds with **Sooty Shearwaters** numbering into the thousands and close to 100 **Manx Shearwaters** seen too! We also found a few **White-chinned Petrels** and **Cape Gannets** during our seawatch.

Driving around the park produced the regular park species such as **Common Ostrich**, **Alpine, White-rumped, Common** (a somewhat rare species on the Cape Peninsula) and **African Black Swifts**, the ridiculously long-tailed **Cape Sugarbird**, **Orange-breasted Sunbird**, **Karoo Prinia** and **Cape Bunting**. We then left the park and enjoyed some lunch in Simon's Town before making our way to the world-famous (I exaggerate, locally famous amongst birders) Strandfontein Sewage Works for the rest of the afternoon.

Strandfontein Sewage Works probably offers the greatest bird diversity in the Cape Town area and is also a rarity magnet with many mega rare birds having pitched up here over the years. There



were no megas around today, however we did still have some great birding. Some of our waterbird highlights included the likes of **Blue-billed, Red-billed and Cape Teals, Southern Pochard, Maccoa Duck, Cape Shoveler, Fulvous Whistling Duck** (a local rarity), **Red-knobbed Coot, Greater and Lesser Flamingos, Great White Pelican, Pink-backed Pelican** (another local rarity, this one part of a long-staying pair which represent only the second record ever for the province), **Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Whiskered Tern, Purple Heron and Glossy Ibis**. Other notable birds seen around the works included **African Marsh Harrier, Black-winged Kite, White Stork and Cape Canary**. We ended the day with a pretty sunset and another great dinner.

### **Day 3, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. Mountain fynbos birding around Betty's Bay**

This morning we had an early start and made our way east out of Cape Town towards the eastern shores of False Bay. Our first stop was at the small coastal town of Rooi Els where **Cape Rockjumper** would be our number one priority. As we started walking along the road along the edge of a rocky slope we found the likes of **Rock Kestrel, Cape Grassbird, Grey-backed Cisticola, Neddicky, Karoo Prinia, Cape Sugarbird, Fiscal Flycatcher, Cape Rock Thrush, Cape Weaver, Cape Bunting and Orange-breasted Sunbird**. After about an hour of searching we heard the distinctive chattering call of the rockjumper and then began scanning the slopes. It took a while but eventually we laid eyes on a small group of **Cape Rockjumpers** and managed good scope views too.



*Orange-breasted Sunbirds are normally abundant in mountain fynbos (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

After ticking our most important bird of the day, we moved around the corner to Betty's Bay and the Harold Porter Botanical Garden where we enjoyed our lunch, being mindful of the cheeky **Chacma Baboons**. After lunch we had a good wander around the garden and found **Cape Batis**, **Cape Bulbul**, **Black Saw-wing**, **Cape White-eye**, **Olive Thrush**, **African Paradise Flycatcher**, **Familiar Chat**, **Malachite Sunbird**, **Yellow Bishop**, **Pin-tailed Whydah**, **Brimstone Canary** and a single **African Black Duck** which was quietly feeding in the stream. As we were about to leave the garden, we had a pair of striking **Verreaux's Eagles** fly overhead, a bird we had been on the lookout for the whole day.

From the garden, we went to the nearby Stony Point penguin colony. The **African Penguins** were immediately spotted on our arrival and we enjoyed further looks of this comical species. The main target here was **Bank Cormorant** which we saw in good numbers alongside **Cape**, **Crowned** and **White-breasted Cormorants**. After a long and successful day's birding we made our way back to Cape Town where we enjoyed a lovely dinner.

#### Day 4, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022. West Coast birding and transfer to Langebaan

After breakfast at our accommodation, we loaded the car and made our way north out of Cape Town. We made our first birding stop on the Darling Hills Road where we got our first taste of strandveld birding, as well as working the farmlands. Here we found **Grey-winged Francolin**, **Southern Black Korhaan**, **Jackal Buzzard**, **White-backed Mousebird**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow** and brief views of a **Black Harrier**, always a major target on a Cape tour. We then birded the dry wheat fields which gave us views of **Blue Crane**, **Capped Wheatear**, **Pied Starling**, **Lanner Falcon**, **Common Buzzard**, **Cape Longclaw**, **African Pipit** and **Yellow Canary**.



*The male **Southern Black Korhaan** is vividly marked but still does take some spotting (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews)!*

We would end up spending much of the rest of the afternoon at West Coast National Park, as we birded the various hides and open strandveld habitat. First stop was Geelbek Hide which we had timed well to coincide with the dropping tide, so that the various shorebirds/waders would soon appear. As the tide dropped, we started picking out longer-legged shorebirds such as **Black-winged Stilt**, **Pied Avocet**, **Common Greenshank**, **Eurasian Whimbrel**, **Eurasian Curlew**, **Bar-tailed Godwit** and **Grey Plover** while once the tide had fully receded, we worked our way through the flocks of **Curlew Sandpiper** and **Little Stint** to pick out **Sanderling**, **Ruddy Turnstone** and **Common Ringed**, **Kittlitz's** and **White-fronted Plovers**. Other good waterbirds in the area included **South African Shelduck**, **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos**, **Hartlaub's Gull** and **Greater Crested** and **Sandwich Terns**.



*Lesser Flamingo posed well for us in West Coast National Park (photo by tour participant Zanna Iscenko).*

Next stop was Abrahamskraal Hide which is the only permanent freshwater in the park, and as such is normally very birdy. True to form, it was very birdy today and we managed to find **Cape Shoveler**, **Yellow-billed Duck**, **African Spoonbill**, **African Swamphen**, **Common Moorhen** and **Red-knobbed Coot**, while the highlight of the waterbirds was an **African Rail** which showed really well for us. While sitting in the hide we also saw **Namaqua Dove**, **White-throated Swallow** and **Cape Bulbul**.



Our final stop in the park was at Seeberg Hide which was a little quiet, however did yield **African Oystercatcher**, **Lesser** and **Greater Flamingos** and **Little Egret**. Other good birds seen while moving around the park included **Common Ostrich**, **Cape Spurfowl**, **Southern Black Korhaan**, **Bokmakierie** and **Karoo Scrub Robin**. We then left the park and made it to Langebaan where we were based for the night.

#### **Day 5, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022. West Coast birding and transfer to Tankwa Karoo**

We left for some early morning, pre-breakfast birding at the Langebaan Country Estate which was not terribly productive, as some low cloud and cold weather had rolled in, however we did find **Bokmakierie**, **Pied Starling**, **Large-billed Lark**, **Cape Longclaw**, **White-throated Canary** and some antelope in the form of **Bontebok** and **Steenbok**.

After a delicious breakfast back at our accommodation we headed north of Langebaan to bird the Vredenburg Farmlands which offer a few species which are tricky elsewhere on the itinerary. We slowly drove the roads through the farmlands and soon picked up some great species such as **Grey Tit**, **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Sickle-winged** and **Ant-eating Chats** and our main target, **Cape Long-billed Lark**.

We then carried onto the salt pans at Velddrif which normally have good numbers of shorebirds/waders around. Today was no different and we soon had large numbers of **Chestnut-banded Plovers** as well as **Common Ringed**, **Kittlitz's** and **Three-banded Plovers**. We also had our first looks at **Black-necked Grebes** here.



*The cute **Chestnut-banded Plover** is particularly abundant in Velddrif (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*



After birding the salt works, we hit the long road inland to the Tankwa Karoo which was fairly uneventful, although we did add **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark** while en route and **Karoo Chat** as we entered the semi-desert plains of the Tankwa Karoo.

### Day 6, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Tankwa Karoo birding

Today we had the full day to explore the dry plains and rocky gorges of the Tankwa Karoo as we targeted a number of endemics and near-endemics. We started off by birding the open plains where we soon started ticking off our targets such as **Rufous-eared Warbler**, **Karoo** and **Spike-heeled Larks**, **Karoo Eremomela**, **Karoo Korhaan**, **Karoo Scrub Robin** and **Tractrac Chat**. We then headed back to our accommodation for a late-morning breakfast which as usual, was incredibly tasty.



*A small group of **Karoo Eremomelas** was seen well in the Tankwa Karoo plains (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

After breakfast we headed back out into the plains and started making our way north to the Tankwa Karoo National Park. Unfortunately, soon after hitting the road we had a flat tyre and rather than risk driving further away from civilization on our last remaining tyre, we decided to work the plains and gorges closer to home. Good birds seen on our drive included **Namaqua Sandgrouse** and **Pale Chanting Goshawk** out in the plains and then a whole host of new ticks in an acacia patch that included **Pririt Batis**, **Fairy Flycatcher**, **Namaqua** and **Chestnut-vented Warblers** and **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**.

To finish off the afternoon we headed to Skitterykloof where we had the most amazing views of **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler** (see Peter's front cover photograph) and also managed **Mountain**

**Wheatear** and brief views of **Layard's Warbler**. We did a night drive later that evening which did not produce much besides **Scrub Hare**.

### Day 7, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Tankwa Karoo to Agulhas Plains

We were up early again and this time headed back to Skitterykloof to see if we could improve our views of **Layard's Warbler** which was thankfully more obliging this morning. We also had further good views of the normally secretive **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler**. Before breakfast we also managed further views of **Pale Chanting Goshawk** and a new bird in the form of a **Booted Eagle**. Around our accommodation we found a showy **Nicholson's Pipit**. After breakfast we made our way back south through the Tankwa Karoo and had a brief stop at Karoopoort where we found **Acacia Pied Barbet** and **White-backed Mousebird**.

Our next stop was on the coast in the Agulhas Plains, close to Infanta which meant a longish drive through the Cape Fold Mountains. The drive was relatively quiet but once we got into the Agulhas Plains, we had beautiful looks at a juvenile **Black Harrier** as well as a **Lanner Falcon**. We ended the day with a walk around our accommodation which gave us brief views of **Southern Tchagra**, a few **Streaky-headed Seedeaters** and a very showy pair of **Bokmakeries**.



*This juvenile **Black Harrier** gave us some great views (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

### Day 8, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Agulhas Plains birding

Today we had the full day to bird the Agulhas Plains and to track down any of our missing target species. The morning was spent wandering around our accommodation where more **Bokmakierie**, **Streaky-headed Seedeater**, **Cape Weaver**, **Cape Robin-Chat** and **Crowned Lapwing** were

seen. After our breakfast we hit the road and made our way west to De Hoop Nature Reserve, where we would spend most of the day. Along the drive we found good numbers of regal **Blue Cranes** which are incredibly abundant in the farmlands of the Agulhas Plains. We stopped near to the Potberg section of the nature reserve and soon had a few **Cape Vultures** flying overhead, on their way to or from the nearby colony. Other good birds seen in the farmlands included **White Stork**, **Large-billed Lark**, **African Spoonbill**, **Jackal Buzzard** and many **Cape Crows**.

Once in the reserve we birded the fynbos where we managed to find a **Cape Clapper Lark**, although Agulhas Long-billed Lark would not show for us. We then moved onto the campsite area, where we enjoyed our lunch while being entertained by a family of **Cape Spurfowl**. After lunch we spent some time birding the small forest patches and scoping birds in the nearby wetland. Some of our better finds here included **Great Crested Grebe**, **Water Thick-knee**, **Speckled Mousebird**, **Southern Boubou**, **Eurasian Golden Oriole**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow**, **Bar-throated Apalis** and improved views of **Southern Tchagra**. We heard our target bird, **Knysna Woodpecker** here, but unfortunately could not find it. Around the reserve we also found good numbers of (Cape) **Mountain Zebra**, **Bontebok** and **Common Eland**.

We then left the reserve and made our way back to our accommodation. The birding was however not done yet and we managed great views of **Agulhas Long-billed Lark**, **Lanner Falcon**, **Blue Crane**, **Spotted Eagle-Owl** (at their day roost) and a couple of **Denham's Bustards**.



*Blue Cranes were abundant in the Agulhas Plains (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

### Day 9, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Agulhas Plains to Wilderness

Today was mostly a travel day and so after a late morning breakfast we packed the vehicle and started making our way towards Wilderness on the Garden Route. The drive was fairly uneventful, although we did find our first **Giant Kingfisher** of the trip, just outside of Wilderness.



After settling into our accommodation in Wilderness we headed out for a couple of hours birding in the beautiful lush forest in the area. The weather had closed in a bit which meant the birding was very slow, however after some work we did eventually get great views of **Knysna Turaco** and also managed brief glimpses of **Knysna Warbler** which was not giving its full song but rather just the ‘chuck’ contact call. We also had a **Tambourine Dove** shoot across the path with a pair of **African Black Ducks** flying over as the light was fading. Back at our accommodation we saw a couple of **Fiery-necked Nightjars** just before our dinner and enjoyed listening to their characteristic calls as we slept that night.



*The beautiful **Knysna Turaco** was seen in the forests around Wilderness (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

### Day 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. Wilderness birding

We woke up before dawn today with the exciting prospect of a full day's birding around the Wilderness area. We immediately made our way to a nearby forest patch which although started very slowly, once the weather lifted a bit, the birding was incredible, with many new birds seen. We perched ourselves above the forest patch and enjoyed the dawn chorus for a while before the light became decent enough to see species and we managed to start adding the likes of **Greater Double-collared Sunbird**, **White-starred Robin**, **Knysna Turaco**, **African Emerald Cuckoo** (heard only), **African Olive Pigeon**, **African Goshawk**, **Long-crested Eagle**, **Olive Woodpecker**, **Cape Batis**, **Black-backed Puffback**, **Grey Cuckooshrike**, **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher** (which took a lot of effort), **Terrestrial Brownbul**, **Green-backed Camaroptera**, **Black-bellied Starling**, **Chorister Robin-Chat**, **Sweet Waxbill** and **Forest Canary**. We even managed brief glimpses of the supreme-skulking **Buff-spotted Flufftail** however the other skulker, **Victorin's Warbler** would not show itself in some nearby fynbos.

After a late breakfast (while we enjoyed a flyby **Western Osprey**) we decided to take some downtime before we headed back out for some late morning forest and farmland birding. On this outing we did not add many new birds but did manage good looks at the tricky **Forest Buzzard**, as well as a number of **Plain-backed Pipits** and a pair of **African Fish Eagles**.



***Chorister Robin-Chat** eventually showed well after making us work hard for it (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).*

After a late lunch we headed back out for the afternoon, mostly birding the wetlands in the area, although we also birded the edges of some forest patches. The various wetlands held **Great Crested Grebe**, **Cape Shoveler**, **Grey-headed Gull**, **Goliath Heron** and **African Reed Warbler**. The forest patches were a little quiet but we did eventually get views of **Knysna Woodpecker** and brief glimpses of **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher**. We enjoyed a traditional South African braai (barbecue) for dinner before heading to bed for our final night of the tour.

**Day 11, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. Wilderness birding and departure**

We were again up early for our final morning's birding and made our way back to the same patch of forest as yesterday morning, with a few more birds to target. Some of our highlights from the forest birding included **Green Wood Hoopoe**, **Olive Woodpecker**, **Chorister Robin-Chat**, **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler** (seen at last) and **Forest Canary**. On our way back to our accommodation for breakfast we found **Lesser Striped Swallow** and **African Palm Swifts** and as we arrived back at our accommodation, we found a very obliging **Knysna Woodpecker**. After breakfast we packed our bags and headed to George Airport where the tour concluded after a fun and bird-filled eleven days around the Western Cape. Thank you to Peter and Zanne for making this tour such a success!



*Large-billed Lark* was one of the many endemic lark species we found on this tour (photo by tour participant Peter Andrews).



**Bird List - Following IOC (12.1)**

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

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable.

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Ostriches (Struthionidae)</b>	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
<b>Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)</b>	
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
Blue-billed Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</i>
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
Maccoa Duck - VU	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
<b>Guineafowl (Numididae)</b>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
<b>Pheasants &amp; Allies (Phasianidae)</b>	
Grey-winged Francolin	<i>Scleroptila afra</i>
Cape Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis capensis</i>
Red-necked Spurfowl (H)	<i>Pternistis afer</i>
<b>Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)</b>	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
<b>Swifts (Apodidae)</b>	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Turacos (Musophagidae)</b>	
Knysna Turaco	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
<b>Bustards (Otididae)</b>	
Denham's Bustard	<i>Neotis denhami</i>
Karoo Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis vigorsii</i>
Southern Black Korhaan - VU	<i>Afrotis afra</i>
<b>Cuckoos (Cuculidae)</b>	
African Emerald Cuckoo (H)	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>
<b>Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)</b>	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>
<b>Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)</b>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
<b>Flufftails (Sarothruridae)</b>	
Buff-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura elegans</i>
<b>Rails, Crakes, Coots (Rallidae)</b>	
African Rail	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
African Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
<b>Cranes (Gruidae)</b>	
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>
<b>Grebes (Podicipedidae)</b>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)</b>	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
<b>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)</b>	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
<b>Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)</b>	
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>
<b>Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)</b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
<b>Plovers (Charadriidae)</b>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
<b>Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)</b>	
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
<b>Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)</b>	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>



Common Name	Scientific Name
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
<b>Penguins (Spheniscidae)</b>	
African Penguin - EN	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
<b>Petrels, Shearwaters, Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)</b>	
White-chinned Petrel - VU	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>
<b>Storks (Ciconiidae)</b>	
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
<b>Gannets, Boobies (Sulidae)</b>	
Cape Gannet - EN	<i>Morus capensis</i>
<b>Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)</b>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
<b>Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)</b>	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
Crowned Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>
Bank Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>
Cape Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
<b>Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)</b>	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
<b>Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)</b>	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
<b>Hamerkop (Scopidae)</b>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>

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<b>Pelicans (Pelecanidae)</b>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
<b>Ospreys (Pandionidae)</b>	
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
<b>Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)</b>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
Cape Vulture - EN	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
Martial Eagle - EN	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
Black Harrier - EN	<i>Circus maurus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Forest Buzzard	<i>Buteo trizonatus</i>
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
<b>Barn Owls (Tytonidae)</b>	
Western Barn Owl (H)	<i>Tyto alba</i>
<b>Owls (Strigidae)</b>	
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
<b>Mousebirds (Coliidae)</b>	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
<b>Hoopoes (Upupidae)</b>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
<b>Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae)</b>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)</b>	
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
<b>African Barbets (Lybiidae)</b>	
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
<b>Woodpeckers (Picidae)</b>	
Knysna Woodpecker	<i>Campethera notata</i>
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>
<b>Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)</b>	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
<b>Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)</b>	
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>
<b>Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)</b>	
Olive Bushshrike (H)	<i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
Southern Tchagra	<i>Tchagra tchagra</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
<b>Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)</b>	
Grey Cuckooshrike	<i>Cebilepyris caesius</i>
<b>Shrikes (Laniidae)</b>	
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
<b>Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (Oriolidae)</b>	
Black-headed Oriole (H)	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
<b>Drongos (Dicruridae)</b>	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
<b>Monarchs (Monarchidae)</b>	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Crows, Jays (Corvidae)</b>	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
<b>Rockjumpers (Chaetopidae)</b>	
Cape Rockjumper	<i>Chaetops frenatus</i>
<b>Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)</b>	
Fairy Flycatcher	<i>Stenostira scita</i>
<b>Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)</b>	
Grey Tit	<i>Melaniparus afer</i>
<b>Penduline Tits (Remizidae)</b>	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
<b>Larks (Alaudidae)</b>	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Cape Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda curvirostris</i>
Agulhas Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda brevirostris</i>
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Karoo Lark	<i>Calendulauda albescens</i>
Cape Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafrapa apiata</i>
Large-billed Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
<b>Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)</b>	
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
Cape Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>
<b>Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)</b>	
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
<b>Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)</b>	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>



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Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Victorin's Warbler (H)	<i>Cryptillas victorini</i>
<b>Leaf Warblers &amp; Allies (Phylloscopidae)</b>	
Willow Warbler (H)	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i>
<b>Reed Warblers &amp; Allies (Acrocephalidae)</b>	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
<b>Grassbirds &amp; Allies (Locustellidae)</b>	
Knysna Warbler - VU	<i>Bradypterus sylvaticus</i>
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
<b>Cisticolas &amp; Allies (Cisticolidae)</b>	
Grey-backed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>
Namaqua Warbler	<i>Phragmacia substriata</i>
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler	<i>Euryptila subcinnamomea</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Karoo Eremomela	<i>Eremomela gregalis</i>
<b>Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)</b>	
Layard's Warbler	<i>Curruca layardi</i>
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>
<b>White-eyes (Zosteropidae)</b>	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>
<b>Sugarbirds (Promeropidae)</b>	
Cape Sugarbird	<i>Promerops cafer</i>
<b>Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)</b>	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Black-bellied Starling	<i>Notopholia corusca</i>
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>

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<b>Thrushes (Turdidae)</b>	
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
<b>Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)</b>	
Karoo Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
Chorister Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
White-starred Robin	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>
Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
Sickle-winged Chat	<i>Emarginata sinuata</i>
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
<b>Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)</b>	
Collared Sunbird (H)	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Orange-breasted Sunbird	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>
<b>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)</b>	
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
<b>Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)</b>	
Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
<b>Waxbills, Munias &amp; Allies (Estrildidae)</b>	
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>

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Swee Waxbill	<i>Coccothraupis melanotis</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
<b>Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)</b>	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
<b>Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)</b>	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Nicholson's Pipit	<i>Anthus nicholsoni</i>
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
<b>Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)</b>	
Forest Canary	<i>Crithagra scotops</i>
Cape Siskin (H)	<i>Crithagra totta</i>
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>
Brimstone Canary	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
<b>Buntings (Emberizidae)</b>	
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>

<b>Total seen</b>	<b>248</b>
Total heard only	9
Total recorded	257

**Mammal List**

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Mongoose (Herpestidae)</b>	
Cape Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes pulverulentus</i>
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
<b>Horses, Asses and Zebras (Equidae)</b>	
(Cape) Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra zebra</i>
<b>Bovids (Bovidae)</b>	
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Grey Rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
<b>Hyraxes (Procaviidae)</b>	
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
<b>Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)</b>	
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
<b>Rabbits and Hares (Leporidae)</b>	
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
<b>Squirrels, Chipmunks, Marmots, Prairie Dogs (Sciuridae)</b>	
Eastern Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
<b>True Mice (Muridae)</b>	
Four-striped Grass Mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>
<b>Oceanic Dolphins (Delphinidae)</b>	
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>
<b>Eared Seals (Otariidae)</b>	
Afro-Australian Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>
<b>Total seen</b>	<b>17</b>



**Reptiles and Amphibians List**

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Land Tortoises (Testudinidae)</b>	
Angulate Tortoise	<i>Chersina angulata</i>
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>
Tent Tortoise	<i>Psammobates tentorius</i>
<b>Girdled Lizards and Relatives (Cordylidae)</b>	
Black Girdled Lizard	<i>Cordylus niger</i>
<b>Agamas (Agamidae)</b>	
Southern Rock Agama	<i>Agama atra</i>
<b>African Common Frogs (Pyxicephalidae)</b>	
Dark-throated River Frog	<i>Amietia fuscigula</i>
<b>Total seen</b>	<b>6</b>