



# Eastern South Africa Endemics Small-Group Safari

**17<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

## **Trip Report**



Above: Ground Woodpecker, Sani Pass.

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## Tour Summary

**Tour Participants:** Chris Campbell, Debra Saxon-Campbell, Jim Logan & Sandra Holmes.

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**Temperature Range:** 14 - 42°C

**Total Birds Seen:** 403

**Total Mammals Seen:** 43

**Trip Report Compiled By:** Leon Marais

**Notes:** this was another highly successful edition of our popular Eastern South Africa Endemics birding safari. Unfortunately, the group went from 6 to 4 participants rather unexpectedly just before it started, but we'll have the pleasure of hosting the two who missed out on the same itinerary in March. The two participating couples – one from the USA and one from Australia – got on very well together and a great time was had overall, focused on seeing the special birds of the eastern part of South Africa. The trip went very smoothly indeed, with no major weather issues, though the heat wave we experienced was not all together pleasant (though with the participants hailing from Texas and South Australia, heat was not something unusual for them). The birding was good overall, and we managed to see a good portion of the main target species, though as always, there one or two that got the better of us (two target species that were heard but not seen are listed as 'H' in the bird list). With a total list of 403 species seen (by the guide and at least one participant), it was certainly a successful trip, and the great mammal viewing was an added bonus (particularly the Wild Dogs, Leopard and Cheetah). And besides the birds and animals, the scenery, food and drink and general camaraderie made for a thoroughly enjoyable South African birding experience.

We enjoyed the trip immensely and would like to thank all participants for joining us on this epic birding safari, and we look forward to the next one in 2024: [Eastern South Africa Endemics 2024](#).



Above: Blue Korhaan, Wakkerstroom.

## Trip Breakdown

### Day 1: Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Underberg

The four participants (there was supposed to be six, but a last -minute cancellation brought us down to four) and guide had gathered at Lavender Moon Guest House in Umhlanga on the previous day. Today we were up reasonably early for a short drive down to the Umhlanga beach front and the nature reserve for our first bit of official birding (a number of species had been spotted from the balcony the afternoon before). We took a walk into the coastal forest, where the only reminder of the human world is the hum of traffic on the M4 nearby. We saw some great birds, such as **Little Bee-eater, Terrestrial Brownbul, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Rufous-winged Cisticola, Thick-billed** and **Eastern Golden Weavers, African Palm Swift, African Stonechat, Burchell's Coucal, Purple Heron, Pied Kingfisher, Southern Boubou, African Paradise Flycatcher, Red-capped Robin Chat** and others, the highlight being good views of **Black-throated Wattle-eye**. We then made our way back to the guest house for breakfast and departure. Our route took us south on the N2 past the city of Durban, and then onto the 'south coast' before turning inland to iXopo. At iXopo we navigated our way to the Buddhist Retreat Centre, where we met up with Stuart McLean, a local guide specializing in the Southern Drakensberg region. Our prime target here was **Blue Swallow**, and after a short walk we were soon feasting our eyes on a pair of these delightful little Hirundines, critically endangered as they are. The setting was just stunning, and we had a good hour looking at montane grassland species such as **Cape Longclaw, Wailing Cisticola, Black Sawwing, Buff-streaked Chat** and others. And we also had a **Secretarybird** in flight directly overhead, which was quite a sight. Back in the beautiful gardens of the retreat we did some more birding, seeing species such as **Drakenberg Prinia, Southern Double-collared, Greater Double-collared** and **Collared Sunbirds, African Firefinch** etc., but an ominous storm rolling in tipped the decision in favour of moving on. We carried on to Underberg, arriving at our guest house in time to settle in and have a cup of tea (and some casual 'armchair' birding) before getting ready for dinner in the nearby Hamlet of Himeville, where a field full of **Grey Crowned Cranes** was the last birding highlight of the day.

**Route:** Umhlanga to Underberg via iXopo.

**Weather:** clear and warm with PM thunderstorm.

Bird species seen: 75

**Birds of the day:** Blue Swallow, Black-throated Wattle-eye.

### Day 2: Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Sani Pass

This day is one of the highlights of the entire trip – the ascent of Sani Pass into the mountain kingdom of Lesotho. Our two local guides, Stuart once again, assisted by Mondli, arrived in the two 4x4's at 06h00, and soon we were on our way. We did a bit of birding in the farmlands around Himeville, then made our way to the lower section of the pass, which is tarred and offers some great birding opportunities. We managed views of **Bush Blackcap** and **Barrat's Warbler**, two nice endemics, as well as other species such as **Long-crested Eagle, Red-necked Spurfowl, Red-throated Wryneck, Red-chested Cuckoo, Yellow-billed Kite, White-necked Raven, Gurney's Sugarbird, Malachite Sunbird** and others. Further on we stopped for our breakfast, with beautiful views up and down the Sani Valley. Moving on we went through South African passport control before getting onto the unpaved part of the pass. Up high on the switchbacks we bagged **Drakensberg Rockjumper**, arguably one of the top birds of the entire trip, as well as **Drakensberg Siskin, Lammergeier, Horus Swift, Southern Bald Ibis, Cape Vulture, Bokmakierie, Mountain Wheatear, Nicholson's Pipit** and others. Once we were in Lesotho, at over 2800 meters above sea level, we stopped for a loo break before continuing onwards and upwards over Black Mountain and into the Mokhotlong valley. At this altitude the vegetation comprises low, Karoo-like scrub, very different to what is found over the lip of the escarpment in South Africa. A number of birds that are more at home in the arid west reach their eastern limits here, and we added specials such as **Large-billed Lark, Karoo Scrub Robin, Sickle-winged Chat, Grey Tit, Layard's Warbler, Fairy Flycatcher, Mountain Pipit, Yellow Canary** and others. Other notable species seen included **Ground Woodpecker, Sentinel** and **Cape Rock Thrushes**. We tried for **African Rock Pipit**, but only saw it silhouetted against the sky high up on a slope, so couldn't really add it to the day's list. After a lunch stop, we made our way out of Lesotho and back down the pass, with an (unsuccessful) attempt to find Wattled Cranes along the Pevensy road in the Underberg farmlands to end off the day, and a really good day it was! After some tea in the gardens, we made our way into Himeville to another restaurant for dinner.

**Route:** Underberg to Sani Border Post and Black Mountain

**Weather:** clear and warm.

**Bird species seen:** 93

**Birds of the day:** Drakensberg Rockjumper, Ground Woodpecker, Fairy Flycatcher, Southern Bald Ibis, Bush Blackcap

### **Day 3: Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Eshowe**

Today we left the guest house early for a drive in the countryside. We decided to head out along the Pevensy road, to look for the Wattled Cranes that we'd searched for with Stuart and Mondli the previous afternoon. We found plenty of **Grey Crowned Cranes**, and a number of **Blue Cranes**, but no Wattleds unfortunately. We did have a very pleasant morning though. Birds seen included **Long-tailed Widowbird, Southern Red Bishop, Red-collared Widowbird, Bokmakierie, Cape Weaver, African Marsh Harrier, Jackal Buzzard** among others, but soon had to tear ourselves away from the stunning grasslands to head back for breakfast and departure. It was the start of a heat wave that would dog us for the next 10 days or so, and by the time we left it was warming steadily. We made our way through Howick and stopped briefly at the conservation center in the Karkloof, hoping for some Wattled Cranes but to no avail, and the road out through to the Greytown road didn't produce any either, so we had to admit defeat with that species. We arrived in Eshowe in the mid-afternoon and after a short break after the long car journey we took a walk in Dlinza Forest, the main aim of which was to put **Spotted Ground Thrush** on the list so we'd be free to concentrate on other species the following morning. In this we were successful, and also had our first views of **Narina Trogon**, as well as the diminutive Blue Duiker, South Africa's smallest antelope. We then wandered back to the guest house before a fun evening at the Spur restaurant in town.

**Route:** Underberg to Eshowe via the Karkloof.

**Weather:** clear and hot

**Bird species seen:** 58

**Birds of the day:** Blue Crane, Bokmakierie, Spotted Ground Thrush.

### **Day 4: Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ St Lucia**

Today we had the services of Junior Gabela, a local guide, to help us nail down some of the specials of the area. We started off on the canopy tower in Dlinza Forest, where we joined two other small groups who were also searching for the elusive Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Dlinza Forest being one of the few places in South Africa where this species is found. It turned out to be a game of patience. We occupied our time spotting other birds in the canopy, such as **Purple-crested Turaco, Black-bellied Starling, African Emerald Cuckoo, African Green Pigeon, Trumpeter Hornbill** and **Grey Cuckooshrike**, with the scope providing some decent views. Eventually the two other groups decided to call it quits, but we persevered, and were eventually rewarded with views of one **Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon** perched on a snag above the forest canopy. From there we went down to the small bird hide, where we were rewarded with good views of another hard-to-see member of the family, the **Lemon Dove**, this hide offering what are probably the best chances anywhere of seeing this elusive forest dove. From there we had a pleasant 45-minute drive through the Zulu back country as we made our way to Ongoye Forest, home of the Green Barbet – and the only place this bird occurs south of the Rondo Plateau in Tanzania (this is sub-species woodwardii, distinguished by yellow cheeks, and perhaps worthy of full species status). As we were driving a van, we couldn't access some of the more remote parts of the forest, so had to hope that the birds were hanging around the conservation offices on the main road. We de-bussed here and Junior set to work and soon enough we had good but fairly brief views of a splendid **Green Barbet** responding to Junior's mimicking of the call. We also bagged a beaut of a **Narina Trogon**, and a few other species. Feeling pretty victorious, we decided to celebrate with a good cup of plunger coffee and our packed breakfasts, before continuing. Just outside the forest we stopped to look for **Striped Pipit**, which we found, as well as a few other species such as an **African Crowned Eagle** in display flight, **Yellow-throated Longclaw, Buffy Pipit** and **Croaking Cisticola** before we continued on to Mtunzini to search for the final target of the morning, the enigmatic Palm-nut Vulture. We checked all the usual spots, but to no avail. Junior reckoned that they may be perching under the canopy of the swamp forest to avoid the heat of the sun, so we took quite a long walk through the forest, checking all the large Raffia Palms (the fruit of which makes up 80% of their diet) but without any luck. With time running out we dropped Junior off and carried on with the day's journey. Fortunately, just before leaving Mtunzini, we caught sight of something white

in among the palms, and soon got some great views of a **Palm-nut Vulture** on the wing. From there we made our way to St Lucia, checked into the guest house and took a rest before an afternoon walk in the nearby iGwala-Gwala Forest, seeing a few new species such as **Southern Crested Guineafowl, Livingstone's Turaco, White-eared Barbet, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Black-bellied Starling, Purple-banded Sunbird** and others to round off the day. We then made ready for dinner and had a festive meal at Barraca in town before heading to bed.

**Route:** Eshowe to St Lucia via Ongoye and Mtunzini

**Weather:** clear and hot

**Bird species seen:** 54

**Birds of the day:** Green Barbet, Livingstone's Turaco, Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon

### **Day 5: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 ~ St Lucia and the iSimangaliso Wetland Park**

Today we were up early as usual (it starts getting light just after 04h00 in summer!) and set off for the Eastern Shores section of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and fantastic birding / wildlife destination. We were one of the first vehicles through the gate, with a glorious day of birding ahead of us. We were surprised though by the state of the reserve, with many large trees pushed over and broken, like a cyclone had gone through a few weeks prior (reported to just have been a big wind storm). We tried to go via the first loop to see some of the shallow pans, but the area has had so much rainfall over the last two years or so that the road was completely flooded. We had a stop at one of the picnic sites, where we bagged **Woodwards' Batis** and a few other species, then made our way to Mission Rocks for a picnic breakfast. We then looked at the Indian Ocean (not a bird in sight) and continued up towards Cape Vidal with a few stops here and there, such as Catalina Bay and a couple of the hides. We also spent quite a bit of time looking for Rosy-throated Longclaw, but without any luck on that score. One large pan produced a good number of **African Pygmy Geese** (formerly scarce in the park but responding to the abundant surface water) and **White-backed Duck**. At Cape Vidal we had a look at the popular swimming and snorkeling spot, grabbed an ice cream and set off on the long drive back to town. Birds seen for the day included **Southern Crested Guineafowl, Black-bellied Bustard, Rufous-bellied Heron, Brown Snake Eagle, Brown-hooded** and **Malachite Kingfishers, Little, Blue-cheeked and European Bee-eaters, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Red-billed Oxpecker, Dark-backed Weaver** and **Brimstone Canary**, among others. Back at the guest house we had a rest, and then Jim and I took a walk down to the estuary mouth to look for waders and terns. Unfortunately, it was quieter than expected, but we did add **Common Whimbrel, Common Greenshank, Caspian, Greater Crested, Common and Little Terns, Grey, White-fronted** and **Common Ringed Plovers, African Oystercatcher, Pied Avocet, Yellow-billed Stork** and others to the list. We had to hurry back for dinner, which we had at Barraca again as we'd enjoyed it so much the night before.

**Route:** Eastern Shores AM and St Lucia estuary mouth PM

**Weather:** clear and hot

**Bird species seen:** 74

**Birds of the day:** Woodward's Batis, African Pygmy Goose, Malachite Kingfisher

### **Day 6: Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 ~ Tembe Elephant Park**

Today we took an early morning walk in the forest close to the guest house, with several species still on the want-list. We managed to bag a few, such as **Green Malkoha, Pink-throated Twinspot, Rudd's Apalis, Black-backed Puffback, Square-tailed Drongo, Klaas's Cuckoo, White-eared Barbet, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird** and others. We then headed back to the guest house for a lovely breakfast, then packed and departed, stopping for a short while at the estuary bridge to see the nesting **Southern Brown-throated** and **Eastern Golden Weavers**. Moving on, we had several hours on the road, arriving at Tembe just in time for lunch. We then had time to gather our gear before a first afternoon drive, which was labelled as a 'general drive' due to the heat. We visited the Mahlasela Hide, expecting to find Elephants there, but it was curiously quiet. Other birds and mammals seen for the day included **Bateleur, White-backed Vulture, Wahlberg's Eagle, African Harrier Hawk, African Woolly-necked Stork, Crested Francolin, Crowned Hornbill, Broad-billed Roller, Purple-banded Sunbird** and others. At sunset we made our way back to the lodge, where we had time to get ready before another great dinner.

**Route:** St Lucia to Tembe Elephant Park

**Weather:** clear and very hot

**Bird species seen:** 72

**Birds of the day:** Rudd's Apalis, Pink-throated Twinspot, Green Malkoha

### **Day 7: Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 ~ Tembe Elephant Park**

Today we had an early start, with several important birds on the list. We tried to make our way to the Plain-backed Sunbird site as quickly as possible, but the other birds kept stopping us. We had good views of an **African Pygmy Kingfisher** perched near its nest, and also some good views of the endemic **Neergard's Sunbird**, before arriving at the Plain-backed Sunbird site – a patch of tall sand forest with prominent Lebombo Wattles. We thought we were in luck, as one was calling as we arrived, but after 20 minutes of work we still hadn't managed to get any visuals. We did see another **Narina Trogon**, as well as **Scaly-throated Honeyguide**, and a 'free' view of **African Broadbill** (it flew into sight, without us having to call it up). We decided to have a cup of coffee and wait to see if the sunbirds showed themselves. Suddenly, while we were chatting and staring up into the trees above us, Jim noticed a big Elephant bull in the track up ahead, coming our way. Our guide Khulu suggested we just stand on the opposite side of the vehicle (we moved the coffee table out of the way) and let him come past. He, however, had other ideas, spending a while sand bathing (and keeping an eye on us) before eventually making his move, and he came sauntering right past us very calmly in an awesome display of size and power. It was a bull known as Tyrone, and we soon forgot about the elusive Sunbird, so amazing was the experience – something never to be forgotten. From there we carried on with some casual birding, and also visited the hide where a dozen Elephant bulls were spending the morning relaxing and socializing. From there it was back to the lodge for breakfast, after which we retired to the rooms, though with the heat the 'private bird baths' in front of the tents were very busy, so the birding and photography carried on through the day until lunch time. We then had an afternoon drive, adding more birds to the list, and we also followed the tracks of a male Lion, who was heading in the direction of the waterhole in front of Mahlasela Hide, and we found him there keeping an eye on a herd of nonchalant Impala. We watched him from the hide for a while as the sun set, then meandered back to the lodge for time to freshen up before another fun dinner. We could keep tabs on the Lion via the webcam footage showing on a screen behind the bar, and he spent the entire time just carrying on with his rest close to the waterhole. Birds seen for the day included **Red-chested Cuckoo, African Hoopoe, Lilac-breasted Roller, Gorgeous Bushshrike, Black Cuckooshrike, Rufous-naped Lark, Long-billed Crombec, Neddicky, Bearded Scrub Robin, Pale, Ashy and Southern Black Flycatchers, Grey Waxbill** and others.

**Route:** drives in Tembe EP

**Weather:** clear and hot

**Bird species seen:** 58

**Birds of the day:** Neergard's Sunbird, Grey Waxbill, African Broadbill, Narina Trogon

### **Day 8: Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Wakkerstroom**

Today we had another attempt at finding Plain-backed Sunbird. We even left earlier, at 05h00, and made our way straight to 'the spot'. Today however they weren't calling, and despite some serious effort in two different areas we just couldn't come right. But it was a pleasant morning out, producing species such as **Klaas's Cuckoo, Martial Eagle, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, White-browed Scrub Robin, Gorgeous Bushshrike** and others. We arrived back at the lodge at 08h30, with some time to pack up before breakfast and departure. It was a long drive ahead of us, so we were 'wheels up' at 09h30. We made our way through Jozini, with a brief stop at the viewpoint overlooking the massive Pongolapoort Dam, then took the N2 through Pongola to Piet Retief, where we stopped for fuel and food. And from there it was on to Wakkerstroom, where we checked in to our splendid guest house. After a bit of a break, we went down to the large wetland on the edge of town and spent some time birding there before making our way to The Bistro for dinner. New birds for the afternoon included **Cape Shoveler, Blue-billed Teal, South African Shelduck, Southern Pochard, Whiskered Tern, Squacco Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron** and others.

**Route:** Tembe to Wakkerstroom via Piet Retief

**Weather:** clear and hot

**Bird species seen:** 66

**Birds of the day:** Gorgeous Bushshrike, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, Martial Eagle

### **Day 9: Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Wakkerstroom**

Today was a heavy endemics day, with a number of special species on the want list. We met up at 05h15 with David Nkosi, local birding guide, and were soon off to find our first target species, the stunning **Blue Korhaan**. We didn't have to work too hard for it, getting some good views of a single bird, with a stunning 'low and slow' flight of a **Long-tailed Widowbird** right in front of us while we were eyeballing the Korhaan. From there we went back through town and up to the higher ground on the Utrecht road, where we bagged **Eastern Long-billed Lark** quite easily, and then carried on to a Rudd's Lark stakeout. Here we put in quite a bit of walking, and managed to get reasonable views of the endemic **Yellow-breasted Pipit**, which is confined to high grassland along South Africa's eastern escarpment. The Rudd's however didn't show, and indeed both Rudd's and Botha's Larks – two of the top birds for the area – are becoming increasingly hard to find in recent years, which is very worrying indeed, as they are very restricted in range. We also had a go at finding African Rock Pipit, but without any luck. Other top birds seen included **Red-winged** and **Grey-winged Francolins**, **Cape Longclaw**, **Horus Swift**, **Ant-eating** and **Buff-streaked Chats**, **Mountain Wheatear** and others. From there we headed back to the guest house for breakfast, and a fine one it was indeed, before we regrouped and headed out with David to look for more birds. Other significant species seen included **African Black Duck**, **Grey Crowned** and **Blue Cranes**, **Black-winged Lapwing**, **Spotted Thick-knee**, **African Snipe** (plenty!), **Southern Bald Ibis**, **Secretarybird**, **Lanner Falcon**, **Pink-billed Lark**, **Eastern Clapper Lark**, **Spike-heeled Lark**, **South African Cliff Swallow**, **Pale-crowned**, **Cloud**, **Zitting** and **Wing-snapping Cisticolas**, **Yellow-crowned Bishop** and many others. We headed back to base in the early afternoon and were enjoying a bit of rest when a big storm rolled in and washed out the afternoon plans, so we met up in the early evening for another great dinner in town to end off a fine day of birding.

**Route:** various routes within the greater Wakkerstroom district

**Weather:** clear and warm with afternoon thundershowers.

**Bird species seen:** 78

**Birds of the day:** Blue Korhaan, Yellow-breasted Pipit, Grey-winged Francolin, Pink-billed Lark

### **Day 10: Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Kruger National Park, Berg-en-Dal**

Today we were up early again (there's no sleeping in on a summer birding trip!) for a casual birding drive in the area, with Denham's Bustard and African Rock Pipit as two target birds for the morning. The former obliged, with scope views of a **Denham's Bustard** on a ridge line some distance away. Other birds seen included **Sentinel Rock Thrush**, **Bokmakierie**, **Buff-streaked Chat**, **Ant-eating Chat**, **Cape Weaver** and others. We tried for the African Rock Pipit again (at two spots), but to no avail, but it was a good morning out, and other notable birds seen included **Horus Swift**, a pair of **Secretarybirds** close to the road, as well as the usual grassland specials. Back at the guest house we had another sterling breakfast, then packed up and got underway for the Kruger National Park. The drive was long but uneventful, taking us through some beautiful scenery as we made our way to Malelane Gate. Here we met up with Willie, who had brought a special open-sided safari vehicle for us to use in the park, which gives the best viewing opportunities and much more of a 'real safari feel' than the van would. We transferred our luggage and were soon on our way to camp, birding as we went. Some of the new birds seen included **Green Wood-hoopoe**, **Arrow-marked Babbler**, **Retz's Helmet-Shrike**, **Red-billed Marico Sunbird**, **Blue Waxbill**, **Southern Red-billed Hornbill**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet** and others. We arrived in camp in the late afternoon for some time to settle in before dinner, with a hunt for an **African Barred Owlet** that was calling close to the restaurant to end off the day's birding.

**Route:** Wakkerstroom to Berg-en-Dal via Ermelo

**Weather:** clear and hot

**Bird species seen:** 99

**Birds of the day:** Denham's Bustard, Secretarybird, African Barred Owlet

### **Day 11: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Kruger National Park, Skukuza**

Today we slotted into the safari routine, with an early departure from camp. The weather threw us a bit of a curve ball with low cloud and fine rain, a welcome change from the heat anyway. On the way out of camp we stopped to see an elusive **Eastern Nicator** that was calling from the treetops. Then, just outside the camp gates, the action started with a small pack of Wild Dogs on the move and milling around after having killed an Impala (which was apparently stolen by a Spotted Hyena just before we arrived). Closer inspection revealed that one of the dogs had a wire snare around its neck – an all too common occurrence unfortunately. We were

however able to alert the authorities, who were eventually (several days later) able to dart the dog, remove the snare and treat the wound. Moving on, we birded our way northwards slowly, and pulled in to Afsaal picnic site for a spot of breakfast. From there we continued up to Skukuza Rest Camp, checked in and took a rest before a wonderful afternoon drive down the river. Birds seen for the day included **Swainson's Spurfowl, Grey Go-away Bird, Red-crested Korhaan, Levaillant's Cuckoo, Goliath Heron, Hamerkop, Tawny and Lesser-spotted Eagles, Southern Ground Hornbill, Striped and Woodland Kingfishers, Brubru, White-crested Helmet-Shrike, Red-faced Cisticola, Steirling's Wren Warbler, Burchell's Starling, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, White-browed Robin Chat, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Bushveld Pipit** and others.

**Route:** Berg-en-Dal to Skukuza

**Weather:** clear and very hot

**Bird species seen:** 87

**Birds of the day:** Eastern Nicator, Southern Ground Hornbill, Woodland Kingfisher

### **Day 12: Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Kruger National Park, Satara**

Today we were up early once again. We fortified ourselves with a good cup of coffee (during which we watched a male **African Goshawk** catching bats outside the chalets and feeding a female as a courtship move) before loading the vehicle and commencing the long journey to Satara. We took the road along the north side of the Sabie River, which was pretty quiet in terms of traffic and provided some great birding. Close to the Mtlumuvi Bridge we came across a herd of Impalas on alert, alarm calling and staring intently off into the bush, a sure sign that something dangerous was in the immediate area. We trolled back and forth in the area, hoping for a glimpse of fur, and eventually found ourselves in the right spot as a young male Leopard walked out of the bushes, along the road briefly before heading down to the Mtlumuvi riverbed. He soon popped out to the other side though, and we had great views as he lay down in the cool sand for a while before moving on. A highlight for sure (despite this being a 'birding trip!'). Moving on, we continued on to Tshokwane Picnic Site where we had breakfast, and then continued with the journey to Satara on what was turning out to be a very hot day indeed. After checking in we had a rest, and then headed out in the late afternoon for a short drive, taking the S100 eastwards from camp. We hadn't expected to see much, due to the heat, but ended up having a great drive indeed (though the birds were fairly quiet). Not far onto the S100 we rounded a corner to find a huge Elephant bull walking down the road towards us, and we eased over to the side and had him come by at very close quarters, making for another exciting Elephant encounter for the tour participants. Further on we were passed by several other vehicles, which is not unusual as we were taking it very slowly. We ended up all on our own for a while and then once again heard a cacophony of Impala alarm calls just up ahead. Fortunately, the terrain was pretty open here and we soon spotted the reason for their state of alarm – a Cheetah was hunkered down in the grass, and as it stood up, we saw that it had caught an Impala lamb, which was still struggling. It carried the kill 30 meters or so into the grass and then settled down to rest before eating. This was a bad move however, for the alarm calls must have caught the attention of a single Spotted Hyena, which came over to investigate. It sniffed around for a while, and the Cheetah began to eat, but soon the game was up and the Hyena chased the cat and stole the remains of the kill. A thrilling moment and so interesting to be witness to behaviour of the big predators. With that we headed back to camp for time to dump the gear and head down to dinner. Birds seen for the day included **Knob-billed Duck, Burchell's Coucal, African Cuckoo, Spotted Eagle Owl** (on a nest with young), **Green Wood Hoopoe, Southern Yellow-billed and African Grey Hornbills, Giant Kingfisher, Magpie Shrike, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Cinnamon-breasted Bunting** and others.

**Route:** Skukuza to Satara via Tshokwane

**Weather:** clear and very hot

**Bird species seen:** 69

**Birds of the day:** African Goshawk, African Cuckoo, Spotted Eagle Owl.

### **Day 13: Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Kruger National Park, Satara**

Today we had a full day in the Satara area and headed out at 04h30 to make the most of the cooler hours. We headed north out of the camp, with several species on the list for the morning. We managed to find **Common Ostrich** fairly easily, but had to put in some work for **Kori Bustard**, which eventually showed later in the morning. We took a detour down the S90 to the Mavumbye River crossing, then back to the main road



and north and then west to the Timbavati Picnic Site, where we had a welcome cup of coffee. From there we headed back to the main tar road and then further north into the Ngotso area before heading back south to the camp. The morning had started off heating up rapidly, passing the 30 degree C mark well before 07h00, but by the time we got back to camp in the mid-morning a cool breeze had set in, indicating a possible weather change on the way. We then had a delicious breakfast and retired to the rooms for a bit of rest before an afternoon excursion. As we emerged from the rooms though it was apparent that the weather had indeed changed radically, and not long into the drive it began to rain, so we headed back to camp and then had an early dinner. Other birds seen included **Double-banded Sandgrouse, Marabou Stork, Secretarybird, Lappet-faced Vulture, Verreaux's Eagle Owl, Red-faced Mousebird, Lesser Kestrel, Flappet Lark, Desert Cisticola, Lark-like Bunting** and others.

**Route:** various routes in the Satara area

**Weather:** partly cloudy and warm AM, cool and wet PM

**Bird species seen:** 69

**Birds of the day:** Kori Bustard, Verreaux's Eagle Owl

#### **Day 14: Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ~ Magoebaskloof**

With a cool south wind blowing it wasn't going to be too pleasant in the open safari vehicle, so we opted for an early birding walk in the camp grounds before breakfast, which proved to be quite productive. Species seen included **Mourning Collared Dove, Common Scimitarbill, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Brown-headed Parrot, Chinspot Batis, Brubru, Wire-tailed Swallow, Long-billed Crombec, White-throated Robin Chat, Green-winged Pytilia** and others. We ended up at the restaurant for breakfast, and then headed back to the rooms to pack for departure. We had a long drive from the camp to the gate, meeting up with Willie and our van at 12h00 before making our way on to our next destination, though with somewhat heavy hearts at leaving the Kruger National Park behind us. We had a couple of hours on the road, and then stopped off in Tzaneen to find Magpie Mannikins, the scarcest of our three Mannikin species (though ironically, we didn't see the Red-backed Mannikin on this trip!). We arrived at the stakeout spot and spent some time searching, and eventually found them, getting good views of both **Magpie Mannikins** and the more common **Bronze Mannikins**, as well as **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** and **Scarlet-chested Sunbird** as new species for the trip. From there we made our way up into the misty hills of Magoebaskloof and checked into our accommodation. We took a bit of a break and then met up for some casual birding on the property. After the relatively easy birding in the open country of Kruger, it was a sudden lesson in how hard it is to find and see birds in forest environments. We could hear several sought-after species, such as Chorister Robin-Chat, Orange Ground Thrush and Knysna Turaco, but visuals were hard to come by in the dark forest. We did have fly-overs by two groups of the endemic **Cape Parrot**, one of the target birds for the area. When it got too dark to see anything we called it quits and had some time to freshen up before dinner, hoping for better luck in the morning.

**Route:** Satara to Magoebaskloof via Tzaneen

**Weather:** partly cloudy and warm

**Bird species seen:** 62

**Birds of the day:** Magpie Mannikin, Cape Parrot, White-throated Robin Chat

#### **Day 15: Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 ~ Polokwane**

The pressure was on in terms of the forest specials of the area, and we met up at 05h15 to get started. Soon however the mist rolled in, and we could scarcely see the buildings of the lodge, so decided to retreat until things improved, which they eventually did. So, we gave it a go, seeing birds such as **Chorister Robin Chat, Olive Bush Shrike, Holub's Golden Weaver, Bar-throated Apalis, Greater Double-collared and Amethyst Sunbirds**, and more, with another fly-over by Cape Parrots, though we couldn't actually see them in the thick mist. We heard Knysna Turaco several times but just couldn't get any views of them. We then headed in for breakfast before another session in the forest. From there we took a drive up to the Woodbush Forest area, where we walked down a forestry track into what is supposed to be the best patch of forest in the area. We managed to get onto a couple of species, but the sought-after Knysna Turaco was still eluding us. We then headed back to the lodge to collect our luggage. While we were there, we heard the Turacos calling from a stand of trees on the other side of a small lake, but still couldn't get any views. As a final effort we then made our way to the Magoebaskloof Hotel and had a quick walk in the gardens. We headed straight down to

a viewpoint and were standing there when a beautiful **Knysna Turaco** appeared in the shrubbery close by, and we noted that it was busy constructing a nest. Persistence pays! We spent some time watching it and then headed back to the van for the journey through to Polokwane, the last stop on the tour. After arriving at our guest house, we took a walk to a café up the road to get something to eat, and then had a rest before an afternoon visit to Polokwane Nature Reserve, the main birding venue for our time here. We took a slow drive through the reserve, which comprises Acacia thornveld, a habitat we hadn't encountered elsewhere on the itinerary. This habitat holds a number of species that would be new for us, and we set about trying to see as many as we could to add to the already impressive tally of birds seen thus far. It was surprisingly productive, and we managed to record several new species, such as **Crimson-breasted Shrike, Black-chested Prinia, Chestnut-vented Warbler, Kalahari Scrub Robin, Marico Flycatcher, White-browed Sparrow Weaver, Ashy Tit** and others. In the late afternoon we returned to the guest house for some time to freshen up before a final dinner, during which we chatted to one of the teams participating in the annual 'Birding Big Day' event, who were staying at the same guest house and doing 24 hours of birding in the immediate area. They were pretty keyed up, and good fun to talk to as we dissected their plans for the event, which started at midnight.

**Route:** Magoebaskloof Hotel to Polokwane via Woodbush Forest

**Weather:** partly cloudy and warm

**Bird species seen:** 68

**Birds of the day:** Knysna Turaco, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Olive Bush Shrike.

#### **Day 16: Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 ~ Departure**

While the birding big day team had planned not leave at the ungodly hour of 03h30, we rolled out at 05h00 for a morning in the nature reserve. Short-clawed lark was top of the list for the morning, but unfortunately we heard one calling but couldn't get eyes on it, so it had to stay on the 'heard only' list. But we did see quite a few other species, including amazing numbers (500+) of **Marabou Storks**, which use the reserve as an overnight roosting spot and then take to the skies in the mid-morning. Quite a spectacle to see. We had a final coffee stop, then made our way out of the reserve and back to the guest house for breakfast and departure. Chris and Deb had a mid-afternoon departure flight to catch, so by 10h00 we were on the road, with some **Abdim's Storks** in a cultivated field as a last news bird for the whole group before we arrived uneventfully at the airport where we said fond farewells to Chris and Deb from Australia. Jim and Sandy were staying over in Johannesburg so we had a couple of hours in hand, which we spent at the nearby Korsman Bird Sanctuary, with **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingo** and **Black Heron** as the final three birds for the trip to take us over the 400 mark to 403 species seen. From there we drove through to their guest house, where they had a relaxing afternoon and evening before flying back to the USA the following day.

**Route:** Polokwane to Mookgopong via the N1

**Weather:** partly cloudy and warm

**Bird species seen:** 69

**Birds of the day:** Short-clawed Lark, Crimson-breasted Shrike

(Note: List based on IOC V13.2. Birds listed were seen by the guide and at least one member of the tour. H and yellow fill indicate Heard Only for a few significant species. The 'Seen' column is the total number of days on which the species was seen, and FG refers to the page in the Sasol Birds of Southern Africa on which the bird appears.)

### Bird List

#	Species	Info	Seen?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	
<b>Ostriches</b> <i>Struthionidae</i>																				
1	<b>Common Ostrich</b> <i>Struthio camelus</i>		1															X		
<b>Ducks, Geese, Swans</b> <i>Anatidae</i>																				
2	<b>White-faced Whistling Duck</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>		5				X	X	X						X			X		
3	<b>White-backed Duck</b> <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>		1					X												
4	<b>Spur-winged Goose</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>		7		X	X		X	X			X	X		X					
5	<b>Knob-billed Duck</b> <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>		2											X				X		
6	<b>Egyptian Goose</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		14	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
7	<b>South African Shelduck</b> <i>Tadorna cana</i>		3								X	X	X							
8	<b>African Pygmy Goose</b> <i>Nettapus auritus</i>		1					X												
9	<b>Blue-billed Teal</b> <i>Spatula hottentota</i>		1								X									
10	<b>Cape Shoveler</b> <i>Spatula smithii</i>		2								X		X							
11	<b>African Black Duck</b> <i>Anas sparsa</i>		2									X			X					
12	<b>Yellow-billed Duck</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>		6		X	X					X	X	X						X	
13	<b>Red-billed Teal</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>		3			X					X	X								
14	<b>Southern Pochard</b> <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>		1								X									
<b>Guineafowl</b> <i>Numididae</i>																				
15	<b>Helmeted Guineafowl</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>		9			X					X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	

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16	<b>Southern Crested Guineafowl</b> <i>Guttera edouardi</i>		5				X	X	X	X	X										
<b>Pheasants &amp; Allies</b> <i>Phasianidae</i>																					
17	<b>Crested Francolin</b> <i>Ortygornis sephaena</i>		6						X	X				X	X				X	X	
18	<b>Red-winged Francolin</b> <i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>		1									X									
19	<b>Grey-winged Francolin</b> <i>Scleroptila afra</i>		1									X									
20	<b>Natal Spurfowl</b> <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>		3												X	X				X	
21	<b>Swainson's Spurfowl</b> <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>		7									X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
22	<b>Red-necked Spurfowl</b> <i>Pternistis afer</i>		1		X																
<b>Swifts</b> <i>Apodidae</i>																					
23	<b>African Palm Swift</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>		6	X		X	X							X					X	X	
24	<b>African Black Swift</b> <i>Apus barbatus</i>		2		X						X										
25	<b>Little Swift</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>		7				X		X					X	X	X	X	X			
26	<b>Horus Swift</b> <i>Apus horus</i>		2		X								X								
27	<b>White-rumped Swift</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>		7		X		X				X	X	X						X	X	
<b>Turacos</b> <i>Musophagidae</i>																					
28	<b>Grey Go-away-bird</b> <i>Crinifer concolor</i>		6											X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
29	<b>Purple-crested Turaco</b> <i>Gallirex porphyreolophus</i>		2				X								X						
30	<b>Livingstone's Turaco</b> <i>Tauraco livingstonii</i>		3				X	X	X												
31	<b>Knysna Turaco</b> <i>Tauraco corythaix</i>	N-- -	1																	X	
<b>Bustards</b> <i>Otididae</i>																					
32	<b>Kori Bustard</b> <i>Ardeotis kori</i>	-- NT -	1													X					
33	<b>Denham's Bustard</b> <i>Neotis denhami</i>	-- NT -	1										X								

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34	<b>Blue Korhaan</b> <i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i>	N-- NT -	1									X									
35	<b>Red-crested Korhaan</b> <i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>		3											X		X	X				
36	<b>Black-bellied Bustard</b> <i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>		2					X								X					
<b>Cuckoos</b> <i>Cuculidae</i>																					
37	<b>Burchell's Coucal</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>		6	X			X	X							X	X	X				
38	<b>Green Malkoha</b> <i>Ceuthmochares australis</i>		1						X												
39	<b>Levaillant's Cuckoo</b> <i>Clamator levaillantii</i>		2											X	X						
40	<b>Diederik Cuckoo</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>		5									X		X		X		X	X		
41	<b>Klaas's Cuckoo</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>		2						X		X										
42	<b>African Emerald Cuckoo</b> <i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>		1				X														
43	<b>Black Cuckoo</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>		1																	X	
44	<b>Red-chested Cuckoo</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>		4		X		X			X	X										
45	<b>African Cuckoo</b> <i>Cuculus gularis</i>		1													X					
<b>Sandgrouse</b> <i>Pteroclididae</i>																					
46	<b>Double-banded Sandgrouse</b> <i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>		1													X					
<b>Pigeons, Doves</b> <i>Columbidae</i>																					
47	<b>Rock Dove</b> <i>Columba livia</i>	I---	1		X																
48	<b>Speckled Pigeon</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>		2	X									X								
49	<b>African Olive Pigeon</b> <i>Columba arquatrix</i>		1				X														
50	<b>Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon</b> <i>Columba delegorguei</i>		1				X														
51	<b>Lemon Dove</b> <i>Columba larvata</i>		1				X														
52	<b>Mourning Collared Dove</b> <i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>		1															X			
53	<b>Red-eyed Dove</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>		8		X		X		X	X	X				X				X	X	

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54	<b>Ring-necked Dove</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		9		X	X							X	X	X	X	X	X	X
55	<b>Laughing Dove</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>		6										X	X	X		X	X	X
56	<b>Emerald-spotted Wood Dove</b> <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>		3							X	X				X				
57	<b>Tambourine Dove</b> <i>Turtur tympanistria</i>		2						X	X									
58	<b>Namaqua Dove</b> <i>Oena capensis</i>		3													X	X		X
59	<b>African Green Pigeon</b> <i>Treron calvus</i>		2				X							X					
<b>Rails, Crakes &amp; Coots</b> <i>Rallidae</i>																			
60	<b>Common Moorhen</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		6		X	X					X	X	X						X
61	<b>Red-knobbed Coot</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>		7		X	X			X		X	X	X						X
62	<b>African Swamphen</b> <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>		4						X		X	X	X						
63	<b>Black Crake</b> <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>		1												X				
<b>Cranes</b> <i>Gruidae</i>																			
64	<b>Grey Crowned Crane</b> <i>Balearica regulorum</i>	-- EN -	5	X	X	X							X	X					
65	<b>Blue Crane</b> <i>Grus paradisea</i>		3		X	X						X							
<b>Grebes</b> <i>Podicipedidae</i>																			
66	<b>Little Grebe</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		7		X	X		X	X		X	X	X						
<b>Flamingos</b> <i>Phoenicopteridae</i>																			
67	<b>Greater Flamingo</b> <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		1																X
68	<b>Lesser Flamingo</b> <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	-- NT -	1																X
<b>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</b> <i>Burhinidae</i>																			
69	<b>Water Thick-knee</b> <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>		4					X							X	X	X		
70	<b>Spotted Thick-knee</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>		1									X							
<b>Oystercatchers</b> <i>Haematopodidae</i>																			

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71	<b>African Oystercatcher</b> <i>Haematopus moquini</i>		1					X													
<b>Stilts, Avocets</b> <i>Recurvirostridae</i>																					
72	<b>Pied Avocet</b> <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		2					X												X	
<b>Plovers</b> <i>Charadriidae</i>																					
73	<b>Blacksmith Lapwing</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>		11	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X				X	
74	<b>Black-winged Lapwing</b> <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>		1									X									
75	<b>Crowned Lapwing</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>		1									X									
76	<b>African Wattled Lapwing</b> <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>		1										X								
77	<b>Grey Plover</b> <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		1					X													
78	<b>Common Ringed Plover</b> <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		1					X													
79	<b>Three-banded Plover</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>		8						X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	
80	<b>White-fronted Plover</b> <i>Charadrius marginatus</i>		1					X													
<b>Jacanas</b> <i>Jacanidae</i>																					
81	<b>African Jacana</b> <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>		4					X	X	X				X							
<b>Sandpipers, Snipes</b> <i>Scolopacidae</i>																					
82	<b>Eurasian Whimbrel</b> <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		2					X	X												
83	<b>Little Stint</b> <i>Calidris minuta</i>		1																X		
84	<b>African Snipe</b> <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>		2									X	X								
85	<b>Common Sandpiper</b> <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		4	X				X						X					X		
86	<b>Wood Sandpiper</b> <i>Tringa glareola</i>		2												X				X		
87	<b>Common Greenshank</b> <i>Tringa nebularia</i>		1					X													
<b>Gulls, Terns, Skimmers</b> <i>Laridae</i>																					
88	<b>Grey-headed Gull</b> <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>		2					X												X	

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89	<b>Caspian Tern</b> <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		1					X													
90	<b>Greater Crested Tern</b> <i>Thalasseus bergii</i>		1					X													
91	<b>Little Tern</b> <i>Sternula albifrons</i>		1					X													
92	<b>Common Tern</b> <i>Sterna hirundo</i>		1					X													
93	<b>Whiskered Tern</b> <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>		3									X	X	X							
<b>Storks Ciconiidae</b>																					
94	<b>Marabou Stork</b> <i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>		3													X		X	X		
95	<b>Yellow-billed Stork</b> <i>Mycteria ibis</i>		2					X	X												
96	<b>Saddle-billed Stork</b> <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>		2										X		X						
97	<b>Abdim's Stork</b> <i>Ciconia abdimii</i>		1																	X	
98	<b>Black Stork</b> <i>Ciconia nigra</i>		1		X																
99	<b>African Woolly-necked Stork</b> <i>Ciconia microscelis</i>		6				X	X	X	X	X						X				
100	<b>White Stork</b> <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		1			X															
<b>Anhingas, Darters Anhingidae</b>																					
101	<b>African Darter</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>		1					X													
<b>Cormorants, Shags Phalacrocoracidae</b>																					
102	<b>Reed Cormorant</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>		8		X	X		X	X		X		X						X	X	
103	<b>White-breasted Cormorant</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>		2									X								X	
<b>Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae</b>																					
104	<b>African Sacred Ibis</b> <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>		6	X	X	X						X	X							X	
105	<b>Southern Bald Ibis</b> <i>Geronticus calvus</i>	-- VU -	2		X							X									
106	<b>Hadada Ibis</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>		16	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
107	<b>Glossy Ibis</b> <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		5						X		X	X	X							X	



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108	<b>African Spoonbill</b> <i>Platalea alba</i>		2		X						X										
<b>Herons, Bitterns</b> <i>Ardeidae</i>																					
109	<b>Black-crowned Night Heron</b> <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		2								X									X	
110	<b>Striated Heron</b> <i>Butorides striata</i>		2												X		X				
111	<b>Squacco Heron</b> <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		2								X		X								
112	<b>Western Cattle Egret</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		6			X	X				X	X							X	X	
113	<b>Grey Heron</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>		10			X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
114	<b>Black-headed Heron</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>		7	X	X	X	X				X		X							X	
115	<b>Goliath Heron</b> <i>Ardea goliath</i>		1											X							
116	<b>Purple Heron</b> <i>Ardea purpurea</i>		4	X							X	X	X								
117	<b>Great Egret</b> <i>Ardea alba</i>		3			X		X			X										
118	<b>Intermediate Egret</b> <i>Ardea intermedia</i>		3					X	X				X								
119	<b>Rufous-bellied Heron</b> <i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>		1					X													
120	<b>Black Heron</b> <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>		1																	X	
121	<b>Little Egret</b> <i>Egretta garzetta</i>		1	X																	
<b>Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopidae</i>																					
122	<b>Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>		6					X	X	X	X		X	X							
<b>Secretarybird</b> <i>Sagittariidae</i>																					
123	<b>Secretarybird</b> <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	-- EN -	4	X								X	X			X					
<b>Kites, Hawks, Eagles</b> <i>Accipitridae</i>																					
124	<b>Black-winged Kite</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		7		X	X					X	X	X			X	X				
125	<b>African Harrier-Hawk</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>		1						X												
126	<b>Palm-nut Vulture</b> <i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>		1				X														
127	<b>Bearded Vulture</b> <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	-- NT -	1		X																

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2
128	<b>Hooded Vulture</b> <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	-- CR -	2											X	X				
129	<b>White-backed Vulture</b> <i>Gyps africanus</i>	-- CR -	5						X					X	X	X		X	
130	<b>Cape Vulture</b> <i>Gyps coprotheres</i>	-- VU -	1		X														
131	<b>Lappet-faced Vulture</b> <i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	-- EN -	1													X			
132	<b>Brown Snake Eagle</b> <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>		5					X			X			X	X		X		
133	<b>Bateleur</b> <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	-- EN -	5						X					X	X	X	X		
134	<b>Crowned Eagle</b> <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	-- NT -	1				X												
135	<b>Martial Eagle</b> <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	-- EN -	2								X						X		
136	<b>Long-crested Eagle</b> <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>		4		X				X				X						X
137	<b>Lesser Spotted Eagle</b> <i>Clanga pomarina</i>		1											X					
138	<b>Wahlberg's Eagle</b> <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>		5						X	X	X			X		X			
139	<b>Tawny Eagle</b> <i>Aquila rapax</i>	-- VU -	2											X	X				
140	<b>African Goshawk</b> <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>		3				X				X				X				
141	<b>Black Sparrowhawk</b> <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>		2				X						X						
142	<b>African Marsh Harrier</b> <i>Circus ranivorus</i>		2			X					X								
143	<b>Yellow-billed Kite</b> <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>		9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X				
144	<b>African Fish Eagle</b> <i>Ichthyophaga vocifer</i>		2					X										X	
145	<b>Common Buzzard</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>		12	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
146	<b>Jackal Buzzard</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>		4	X	X	X							X						
<b>Owls <i>Strigidae</i></b>																			
147	<b>Pearl-spotted Owlet</b> <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>		2										X				X		
148	<b>African Barred Owlet</b> <i>Glaucidium capense</i>		1										X						

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149	<b>Spotted Eagle-Owl</b> <i>Bubo africanus</i>		1												X				
150	<b>Verreaux's Eagle-Owl</b> <i>Ketupa lactea</i>		1													X			
<b>Mousebirds Coliidae</b>																			
151	<b>Speckled Mousebird</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>		3				X			X							X		
152	<b>Red-faced Mousebird</b> <i>Urocolius indicus</i>		2													X	X		
<b>Trogon Trogonidae</b>																			
153	<b>Narina Trogon</b> <i>Apaloderma narina</i>		3			X	X			X									
<b>Hoopoes Upupidae</b>																			
154	<b>African Hoopoe</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>		3							X			X	X					
<b>Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae</b>																			
155	<b>Green Wood Hoopoe</b> <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>		6										X		X	X	X	X	X
156	<b>Common Scimitarbill</b> <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>		2														X	X	
<b>Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae</b>																			
157	<b>Southern Ground Hornbill</b> <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>	-- VU -	4											X	X	X	X		
<b>Hornbills Bucerotidae</b>																			
158	<b>Southern Red-billed Hornbill</b> <i>Tockus rufirostris</i>		5										X	X	X	X	X		
159	<b>Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill</b> <i>Tockus leucomelas</i>		3												X	X	X		
160	<b>Crowned Hornbill</b> <i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>		4	X					X	X	X								
161	<b>African Grey Hornbill</b> <i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>		2												X		X		
162	<b>Trumpeter Hornbill</b> <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>		3				X	X							X				
<b>Rollers Coraciidae</b>																			
163	<b>Purple Roller</b> <i>Coracias naevius</i>		1														X		
164	<b>Lilac-breasted Roller</b> <i>Coracias caudatus</i>		6							X			X	X	X	X	X		

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165	<b>Broad-billed Roller</b> <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>		1						X												
<b>Kingfishers</b> <i>Alcedinidae</i>																					
166	<b>Brown-hooded Kingfisher</b> <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>		5					X	X	X	X				X						
167	<b>Striped Kingfisher</b> <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>		1												X						
168	<b>Woodland Kingfisher</b> <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>		4												X	X	X	X			
169	<b>African Pygmy Kingfisher</b> <i>Ispidina picta</i>		1							X											
170	<b>Malachite Kingfisher</b> <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>		1					X													
171	<b>Giant Kingfisher</b> <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>		2													X			X		
172	<b>Pied Kingfisher</b> <i>Ceryle rudis</i>		5	X				X	X						X	X					
<b>Bee-eaters</b> <i>Meropidae</i>																					
173	<b>Little Bee-eater</b> <i>Merops pusillus</i>		4	X				X	X						X						
174	<b>White-fronted Bee-eater</b> <i>Merops bullockoides</i>		2												X	X					
175	<b>Blue-cheeked Bee-eater</b> <i>Merops persicus</i>		1					X													
176	<b>European Bee-eater</b> <i>Merops apiaster</i>		8					X	X	X				X	X	X		X		X	
<b>African Barbets</b> <i>Lybiidae</i>																					
177	<b>White-eared Barbet</b> <i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>		3				X	X	X												
178	<b>Green Barbet</b> <i>Stactolaema olivacea</i>		1				X														
179	<b>Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird</b> <i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>		3				X	X	X												
180	<b>Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird</b> <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>		1															X			
181	<b>Black-collared Barbet</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>		3	X			X								X						
182	<b>Crested Barbet</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>		6										X	X	X	X	X	X			
<b>Honeyguides</b> <i>Indicatoridae</i>																					

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
183	<b>Scaly-throated Honeyguide</b> <i>Indicator variegatus</i>		2							X	X										
<b>Woodpeckers</b> <i>Picidae</i>																					
184	<b>Red-throated Wryneck</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>		2		X								X								
185	<b>Ground Woodpecker</b> <i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>	-- NT -	1		X																
186	<b>Golden-tailed Woodpecker</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>		3				X		X									X			
187	<b>Cardinal Woodpecker</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>		2					X												X	
<b>Caracaras, Falcons</b> <i>Falconidae</i>																					
188	<b>Lesser Kestrel</b> <i>Falco naumanni</i>		1														X				
189	<b>Lanner Falcon</b> <i>Falco biarmicus</i>		1									X									
<b>African &amp; New World Parrots</b> <i>Psittacidae</i>																					
190	<b>Cape Parrot</b> <i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	E-- VU -	2															X	X		
191	<b>Brown-headed Parrot</b> <i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>		2										X					X			
<b>African &amp; Green Broadbills</b> <i>Calyptomenidae</i>																					
192	<b>African Broadbill</b> <i>Smithornis capensis</i>		1							X											
<b>Wattle-eyes, Batises</b> <i>Platysteiridae</i>																					
193	<b>Cape Batis</b> <i>Batis capensis</i>		1																	X	
194	<b>Woodwards' Batis</b> <i>Batis fratrum</i>		1					X													
195	<b>Chinspot Batis</b> <i>Batis molitor</i>		3						X						X		X				
196	<b>Black-throated Wattle-eye</b> <i>Platysteira peltata</i>		1	X																	
<b>Bushshrikes</b> <i>Malaconotidae</i>																					
197	<b>Grey-headed Bushshrike</b> <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>		1											X							
198	<b>Olive Bushshrike</b> <i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>		1																	X	

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199	<b>Orange-breasted Bushshrike</b> <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>		1											X						
200	<b>Gorgeous Bushshrike</b> <i>Telophorus viridis</i>		1							X										
201	<b>Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>		3		X	X							X							
202	<b>Brown-crowned Tchagra</b> <i>Tchagra australis</i>		1											X						
203	<b>Black-crowned Tchagra</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>		3											X		X				X
204	<b>Black-backed Puffback</b> <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>		8				X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X		
205	<b>Southern Boubou</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>		4	X	X					X				X						
206	<b>Crimson-breasted Shrike</b> <i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>		2															X	X	
207	<b>Brubru</b> <i>Nilaus afer</i>		3											X			X			X
<b>Vangas &amp; Allies</b> <i>Vangidae</i>																				
208	<b>White-crested Helmetshrike</b> <i>Prionops plumatus</i>		1											X						
209	<b>Retz's Helmetshrike</b> <i>Prionops retzii</i>		1										X							
<b>Cuckooshrikes</b> <i>Campephagidae</i>																				
210	<b>Grey Cuckooshrike</b> <i>Ceblepyris caesius</i>		1				X													
211	<b>Black Cuckooshrike</b> <i>Campephaga flava</i>		2							X					X					
<b>Figbirds, Old World Orioles, Piopios</b> <i>Oriolidae</i>																				
212	<b>Black-headed Oriole</b> <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>		7		X	X				X			X	X	X		X			
<b>Drongos</b> <i>Dicruridae</i>																				
213	<b>Fork-tailed Drongo</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		14	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
214	<b>Square-tailed Drongo</b> <i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>		4				X	X	X		X									
<b>Monarchs</b> <i>Monarchidae</i>																				
215	<b>Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher</b> <i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>		1					X												

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216	<b>African Paradise Flycatcher</b> <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>		2	X										X						
<b>Shrikes <i>Laniidae</i></b>																				
217	<b>Southern White-crowned Shrike</b> <i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>		2										X					X		
218	<b>Magpie Shrike</b> <i>Lanius melanoleucus</i>		7										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
219	<b>Southern Fiscal</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>		5		X	X				X			X						X	
220	<b>Lesser Grey Shrike</b> <i>Lanius minor</i>		2														X			X
221	<b>Red-backed Shrike</b> <i>Lanius collurio</i>		3													X		X	X	
<b>Crows, Jays <i>Corvidae</i></b>																				
222	<b>Cape Crow</b> <i>Corvus capensis</i>		5	X	X	X							X	X						
223	<b>Pied Crow</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>		8		X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X
224	<b>White-necked Raven</b> <i>Corvus albicollis</i>		2		X	X														
<b>Rockjumpers <i>Chaetopidae</i></b>																				
225	<b>Drakensberg Rockjumper</b> <i>Chaetops aurantius</i>	N-- NT -	1		X															
<b>Fairy Flycatchers <i>Stenostiridae</i></b>																				
226	<b>Fairy Flycatcher</b> <i>Stenostira scita</i>		1		X															
<b>Tits, Chickadees <i>Paridae</i></b>																				
227	<b>Southern Black Tit</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>		1	X																
228	<b>Grey Tit</b> <i>Melaniparus afer</i>		1		X															
<b>Penduline Tits <i>Remizidae</i></b>																				
229	<b>Cape Penduline Tit</b> <i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>		1																	X
<b>Nicator <i>Nicatoridae</i></b>																				
230	<b>Eastern Nicator</b> <i>Nicator gularis</i>		1											X						
<b>Larks <i>Alaudidae</i></b>																				

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231	<b>Spike-heeled Lark</b> <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>		2									X	X							
	<b>Short-clawed Lark</b> <i>Certhilauda chuana</i>	N--																		H
232	<b>Eastern Long-billed Lark</b> <i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>		2									X	X							
233	<b>Sabota Lark</b> <i>Calendulauda sabota</i>		6										X	X		X	X	X	X	
234	<b>Eastern Clapper Lark</b> <i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>		1									X								
235	<b>Rufous-naped Lark</b> <i>Mirafra africana</i>		6	X				X	X	X						X				X
236	<b>Flappet Lark</b> <i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>		1													X				
237	<b>Pink-billed Lark</b> <i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>		1									X								
238	<b>Large-billed Lark</b> <i>Galerida magnirostris</i>		1		X															
239	<b>Red-capped Lark</b> <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>		3		X							X	X							
<b>Bulbuls Pycnonotidae</b>																				
240	<b>Sombre Greenbul</b> <i>Andropadus importunus</i>		5	X			X		X	X	X									
241	<b>Yellow-bellied Greenbul</b> <i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>		4	X					X	X	X									
242	<b>Terrestrial Brownbul</b> <i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>		4	X			X		X	X										
243	<b>Yellow-streaked Greenbul</b> <i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>		1																X	
244	<b>Dark-capped Bulbul</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>		17	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Swallows, Martins Hirundinidae</b>																				
245	<b>Black Saw-wing</b> <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>		4	X	X		X												X	
246	<b>Banded Martin</b> <i>Neophedina cincta</i>		2		X							X								
247	<b>Brown-throated Martin</b> <i>Riparia paludicola</i>		1		X															
248	<b>Rock Martin</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>		1		X															
249	<b>Blue Swallow</b> <i>Hirundo atrocaerulea</i>	-- VU -	1	X																



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250	<b>White-throated Swallow</b> <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>		5		X							X	X	X					X
251	<b>Wire-tailed Swallow</b> <i>Hirundo smithii</i>		1															X	
252	<b>Barn Swallow</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>		14	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
253	<b>Red-breasted Swallow</b> <i>Cecropis semirufa</i>		3					X							X			X	
254	<b>Mosque Swallow</b> <i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>		1															X	
255	<b>Lesser Striped Swallow</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>		2						X						X				
256	<b>Greater Striped Swallow</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>		5		X	X					X	X	X						
257	<b>South African Cliff Swallow</b> <i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>		1									X							
<b>Crombecs, African Warblers</b> <i>Macrosphenidae</i>																			
258	<b>Cape Grassbird</b> <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>		1		X														
259	<b>Long-billed Crombec</b> <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>		4							X				X			X		X
<b>Leaf Warblers</b> <i>Phylloscopidae</i>																			
260	<b>Willow Warbler</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		2															X	X
261	<b>Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler</b> <i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i>		1	X															
<b>Reed Warblers &amp; Allies</b> <i>Acrocephalidae</i>																			
262	<b>Lesser Swamp Warbler</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>		1										X						
263	<b>Common Reed Warbler</b> <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		3		X						X	X							
264	<b>African Yellow Warbler</b> <i>Iduna natalensis</i>		1		X														
<b>Grassbirds &amp; Allies</b> <i>Locustellidae</i>																			
265	<b>Fan-tailed Grassbird</b> <i>Catrisicus brevirostris</i>		1		X														
266	<b>Barratt's Warbler</b> <i>Bradypterus barratti</i>		1		X														

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267	<b>Little Rush Warbler</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>		1									X								
<b>Cisticolas &amp; Allies</b> <i>Cisticolidae</i>																				
268	<b>Red-faced Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola erythrops</i>		1											X						
269	<b>Rattling Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>		10					X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
270	<b>Wailing Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola lais</i>		3	X	X								X							
271	<b>Rufous-winged Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola galactotes</i>		1	X																
272	<b>Levaillant's Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>		6	X	X	X					X	X	X							
273	<b>Croaking Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola natalensis</i>		3				X	X	X											
274	<b>Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>		2							X	X									
275	<b>Zitting Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		1									X								
276	<b>Desert Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola aridulus</i>		1													X				
277	<b>Cloud Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola textrix</i>		1									X								
278	<b>Pale-crowned Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola cinnamomeus</i>		2		X							X								
279	<b>Wing-snapping Cisticola</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>		3	X								X	X							
280	<b>Tawny-flanked Prinia</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>		4	X						X				X	X					
281	<b>Black-chested Prinia</b> <i>Prinia flavicans</i>		1																X	
282	<b>Drakensberg Prinia</b> <i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>	N-- -	1	X																
283	<b>Bar-throated Apalis</b> <i>Apalis thoracica</i>		1																X	
284	<b>Rudd's Apalis</b> <i>Apalis ruddi</i>		1						X											
285	<b>Yellow-breasted Apalis</b> <i>Apalis flavida</i>		3				X	X	X											
286	<b>Green-backed Camaroptera</b> <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>		2	X						X										
287	<b>Stierling's Wren-Warbler</b> <i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>		1											X						

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2		
288	<b>Burnt-necked Eremomela</b> <i>Eremomela usticollis</i>		3													X		X		X	
<b>Sylviid Babblers</b> <i>Sylviidae</i>																					
289	<b>Bush Blackcap</b> <i>Sylvia nigricapillus</i>	-- VU -	1		X																
290	<b>Layard's Warbler</b> <i>Curruca layardi</i>		1		X																
291	<b>Chestnut-vented Warbler</b> <i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>		2																X	X	
<b>White-eyes</b> <i>Zosteropidae</i>																					
292	<b>Cape White-eye</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i>		3	X			X												X		
<b>Laughingthrushes &amp; Allies</b> <i>Leiothrichidae</i>																					
293	<b>Arrow-marked Babbler</b> <i>Turdoides jardineii</i>		6										X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Sugarbirds</b> <i>Promeropidae</i>																					
294	<b>Gurney's Sugarbird</b> <i>Promerops gurneyi</i>	-- NT -	1		X																
<b>Starlings, Rhabdornises</b> <i>Sturnidae</i>																					
295	<b>Common Myna</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	I---	2	X														X			
296	<b>Common Starling</b> <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	I---	1									X									
297	<b>Wattled Starling</b> <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>		2													X	X				
298	<b>Black-bellied Starling</b> <i>Notopholia corusca</i>		4				X	X	X		X										
299	<b>Cape Starling</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>		6									X	X	X		X		X	X		
300	<b>Greater Blue-eared Starling</b> <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>		3												X	X	X				
301	<b>Burchell's Starling</b> <i>Lamprotornis australis</i>		4											X	X	X	X				
302	<b>Pied Starling</b> <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>	N-- -	4		X	X						X	X								
303	<b>Violet-backed Starling</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>		4		X		X	X					X								
304	<b>Red-winged Starling</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>		4	X	X	X							X								

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3
<b>Oxpeckers <i>Buphagidae</i></b>																				
305	<b>Yellow-billed Oxpecker</b> <i>Buphagus africanus</i>		2											X			X			
306	<b>Red-billed Oxpecker</b> <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>		8					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			
<b>Thrushes <i>Turdidae</i></b>																				
307	<b>Spotted Ground Thrush</b> <i>Geokichla guttata</i>	-- VU -	1			X														
308	<b>Olive Thrush</b> <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>		2	X	X															
<b>Chats, Old World Flycatchers <i>Muscicapidae</i></b>																				
309	<b>Karoo Scrub Robin</b> <i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>		1		X															
310	<b>Bearded Scrub Robin</b> <i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>		1							X										
311	<b>Kalahari Scrub Robin</b> <i>Cercotrichas paena</i>		2																X	X
312	<b>White-browed Scrub Robin</b> <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>		3							X	X									X
313	<b>Pale Flycatcher</b> <i>Agricola pallidus</i>		1							X										
314	<b>Grey Tit-Flycatcher</b> <i>Fraseria plumbea</i>		1															X		
315	<b>Ashy Flycatcher</b> <i>Fraseria caerulescens</i>		1							X										
316	<b>Southern Black Flycatcher</b> <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>		3	X						X				X						
317	<b>Marico Flycatcher</b> <i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>		2																X	X
318	<b>African Dusky Flycatcher</b> <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>		1																X	
319	<b>Spotted Flycatcher</b> <i>Muscicapa striata</i>		4						X	X			X						X	
320	<b>White-browed Robin-Chat</b> <i>Cossypha heuglini</i>		1											X						
321	<b>Chorister Robin-Chat</b> <i>Cossypha dichroa</i>		1																X	
322	<b>Red-capped Robin-Chat</b> <i>Cossypha natalensis</i>		3	X				X	X											

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3
323	<b>White-throated Robin-Chat</b> <i>Dessonornis humeralis</i>		1																X	
324	<b>Cape Robin-Chat</b> <i>Dessonornis caffer</i>		2	X	X															X
325	<b>Sentinel Rock Thrush</b> <i>Monticola explorator</i>	-- NT -	2		X								X							
326	<b>Cape Rock Thrush</b> <i>Monticola rupestris</i>		2		X	X														
327	<b>African Stonechat</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>		6	X	X	X						X	X							X
328	<b>Buff-streaked Chat</b> <i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i>	N-- -	3	X								X	X							
329	<b>Sickle-winged Chat</b> <i>Emarginata sinuata</i>		1		X															
330	<b>Mocking Cliff Chat</b> <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>		1										X							
331	<b>Ant-eating Chat</b> <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>		4		X	X						X	X							
332	<b>Mountain Wheatear</b> <i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>		3		X							X	X							
333	<b>Familiar Chat</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>		1	X																
<b>Sunbirds Nectariniidae</b>																				
	<b>Plain-backed Sunbird</b> <i>Anthreptes reichenowi</i>	-- NT -									H									
334	<b>Collared Sunbird</b> <i>Hedydipna collaris</i>		4	X				X	X										X	
335	<b>Olive Sunbird</b> <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>		1	X																
336	<b>Grey Sunbird</b> <i>Cyanomitra veroxii</i>		1	X																
337	<b>Amethyst Sunbird</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>		3		X														X	X
338	<b>Scarlet-chested Sunbird</b> <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>		1																X	
339	<b>Malachite Sunbird</b> <i>Nectarinia famosa</i>		1		X															
340	<b>Southern Double-collared Sunbird</b> <i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>		4	X			X												X	X
341	<b>Neergaard's Sunbird</b> <i>Cinnyris neergaardi</i>	-- NT -	1							X										

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3
342	<b>Greater Double-collared Sunbird</b> <i>Cinnyris afer</i>		3	X	X														X	
343	<b>Marico Sunbird</b> <i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>		5										X	X	X			X		X
344	<b>Purple-banded Sunbird</b> <i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>		5	X		X		X	X	X										
345	<b>White-bellied Sunbird</b> <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>		2	X					X											
<b>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches</b> <i>Passeridae</i>																				
346	<b>Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow</b> <i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>		1													X				
347	<b>Cape Sparrow</b> <i>Passer melanurus</i>		2		X	X														
348	<b>Southern Grey-headed Sparrow</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>		7									X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
349	<b>House Sparrow</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i>	I---	1	X																
<b>Weavers, Widowbirds</b> <i>Ploceidae</i>																				
350	<b>Red-billed Buffalo Weaver</b> <i>Bubalornis niger</i>		4											X	X	X	X			
351	<b>White-browed Sparrow-Weaver</b> <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>		2																X	X
352	<b>Scaly-feathered Weaver</b> <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>		1																	X
353	<b>Thick-billed Weaver</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>		2	X										X						
354	<b>Spectacled Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>		2					X	X											
355	<b>Cape Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i>		4		X	X					X		X							
356	<b>Eastern Golden Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus subaureus</i>		2	X					X											
357	<b>Holub's Golden Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus xanthops</i>		1															X		
358	<b>Southern Brown-throated Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>		1					X												
359	<b>Lesser Masked Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus intermedius</i>		4											X				X	X	X
360	<b>Southern Masked Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>		5								X	X	X	X					X	

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
361	<b>Village Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>		5	X		X				X		X	X								
362	<b>Dark-backed Weaver</b> <i>Ploceus bicolor</i>		2					X	X												
363	<b>Red-billed Quelea</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>		6		X	X						X	X		X		X				
364	<b>Yellow-crowned Bishop</b> <i>Euplectes afer</i>		1									X									
365	<b>Southern Red Bishop</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>		7	X	X	X					X	X	X							X	
366	<b>Yellow Bishop</b> <i>Euplectes capensis</i>		4	X	X												X	X			
367	<b>Fan-tailed Widowbird</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>		5		X	X	X	X					X								
368	<b>Red-collared Widowbird</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>		3			X					X	X									
369	<b>Long-tailed Widowbird</b> <i>Euplectes progne</i>		5		X	X					X	X	X								
<b>Waxbills, Munias &amp; Allies</b> <i>Estrildidae</i>																					
370	<b>Bronze Mannikin</b> <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>		1	X																	
371	<b>Magpie Mannikin</b> <i>Spermestes fringilloides</i>		1														X				
372	<b>Sweet Waxbill</b> <i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i>		1	X																	
373	<b>Grey Waxbill</b> <i>Glaucostrepera perreini</i>		1							X											
374	<b>Common Waxbill</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>		6		X	X			X	X		X	X								
375	<b>Violet-eared Waxbill</b> <i>Granatina granatina</i>		1																	X	
376	<b>Blue Waxbill</b> <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>		7										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
377	<b>Green-winged Pytilia</b> <i>Pytilia melba</i>		2														X	X			
378	<b>Pink-throated Twinspot</b> <i>Hypargos margaritatus</i>		1						X												
379	<b>Red-billed Firefinch</b> <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>		1													X					
380	<b>African Firefinch</b> <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>		2	X			X														
<b>Indigobirds, Whydahs</b> <i>Viduidae</i>																					
381	<b>Pin-tailed Whydah</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>		3			X						X	X								

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Wagtails, Pipits</b> <i>Motacillidae</i>																					
382	<b>Cape Wagtail</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>		5		X				X		X	X	X								
383	<b>African Pied Wagtail</b> <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>		7	X		X	X		X					X	X				X		
384	<b>Cape Longclaw</b> <i>Macronyx capensis</i>		4	X		X						X	X								
385	<b>Yellow-throated Longclaw</b> <i>Macronyx croceus</i>		4				X	X						X		X					
386	<b>African Pipit</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>		5		X	X		X				X	X								
387	<b>Mountain Pipit</b> <i>Anthus hoeschi</i>	-- NT -	1		X																
388	<b>Nicholson's Pipit</b> <i>Anthus nicholsoni</i>		1		X																
389	<b>Buffy Pipit</b> <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>		1				X														
390	<b>Striped Pipit</b> <i>Anthus lineiventris</i>		1				X														
391	<b>Bushveld Pipit</b> <i>Anthus caffer</i>		1												X						
392	<b>Yellow-breasted Pipit</b> <i>Anthus chloris</i>	E-- -	1									X									
<b>Finches, Euphonias</b> <i>Fringillidae</i>																					
393	<b>Forest Canary</b> <i>Crithagra scotops</i>	N-- -	1	X																	
394	<b>Yellow-fronted Canary</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>		7	X					X	X			X	X		X			X		
395	<b>Drakensberg Siskin</b> <i>Crithagra symonsi</i>	N-- -	1	X																	
396	<b>Yellow Canary</b> <i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>		2	X																X	
397	<b>Brimstone Canary</b> <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>		1					X													
398	<b>Streaky-headed Seedeater</b> <i>Crithagra gularis</i>		1			X															
399	<b>Cape Canary</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>		3		X					X			X								
<b>Buntings</b> <i>Emberizidae</i>																					
400	<b>Lark-like Bunting</b> <i>Emberiza impetuani</i>		1													X					
401	<b>Cinnamon-breasted Bunting</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>		3											X	X				X		



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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3
402	<b>Cape Bunting</b> <i>Emberiza capensis</i>		2		X								X							
403	<b>Golden-breasted Bunting</b> <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>		2	X										X						
<b>Daily Totals</b>				7	9	5	5	7	7	5	6	7	9	8	6	6	8	6	6	6
				5	3	8	4	4	2	8	6	8	9	7	9	2	2	8	8	9



Top: Bokmakierie, Underberg. Bottom: Long-tailed Widowbird, Wakkerstroom.

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#	Species	Info	Seen?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	
<b>Hyraxes</b> <i>Procaviidae</i>																				
1	<b>Rock Hyrax</b> <i>Procavia capensis</i>		1										X							
<b>Elephants</b> <i>Elephantidae</i>																				
2	<b>African Savanna Elephant</b> <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	-- EN-	8						X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
<b>Cats</b> <i>Felidae</i>																				
3	<b>Cheetah</b> <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	-- VU-	1												X					
4	<b>African Wildcat</b> <i>Felis lybica</i>		1												X					
5	<b>Lion</b> <i>Panthera leo</i>	-- VU-	3							X				X	X					
6	<b>Leopard</b> <i>Panthera pardus</i>	-- VU-	1												X					
<b>Hyaenas, Aardwolf</b> <i>Hyaenidae</i>																				
7	<b>Spotted Hyena</b> <i>Crocuta crocuta</i>		3											X	X	X				
<b>Mongoose</b> <i>Herpestidae</i>																				
8	<b>Common Dwarf Mongoose</b> <i>Helogale parvula</i>		2												X		X			
9	<b>Common Slender Mongoose</b> <i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>		2											X		X				
10	<b>Meerkat</b> <i>Suricata suricatta</i>		1									X								
<b>Wolves, Coyote, Foxes and Jackals</b> <i>Canidae</i>																				
11	<b>Black-backed Jackal</b> <i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>		1													X				
12	<b>African Wild Dog</b> <i>Lycaon pictus</i>	-- EN-	1											X						
<b>Weasels and Otters</b> <i>Mustelidae</i>																				
13	<b>Honey Badger</b> <i>Mellivora capensis</i>		1													X				
<b>Zebras, Horse and Asses</b> <i>Equidae</i>																				
14	<b>Plains Zebra</b> <i>Equus quagga</i>	-- NT-	5											X	X	X	X		X	
<b>Rhinceroses</b> <i>Rhinocerotidae</i>																				

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				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
15	<b>White Rhinoceros</b> <i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	-- NT-	2					X						X							
<b>Pigs Suidae</b>																					
16	<b>Common Warthog</b> <i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>		10				X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X				
<b>Giraffe, Okapi Giraffidae</b>																					
17	<b>Southern Giraffe</b> <i>Giraffa giraffa</i>	-- VU-	8						X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	
<b>Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae</b>																					
18	<b>Impala</b> <i>Aepyceros melampus</i>		11					X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
19	<b>Natal Red Duiker</b> <i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>		5				X	X	X	X	X										
20	<b>Blue Wildebeest</b> <i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>		7					X	X					X	X	X	X			X	
21	<b>Sable Antelope</b> <i>Hippotragus niger</i>		1																	X	
22	<b>Waterbuck</b> <i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>		6					X					X	X	X	X	X				
23	<b>Klipspringer</b> <i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>		2											X	X						
24	<b>Rhebok</b> <i>Pelea capreolus</i>	-- NT-	2		X							X									
25	<b>Blue Duiker</b> <i>Philantomba monticola</i>		2	X		X															
26	<b>Steenbok</b> <i>Raphicerus campestris</i>		3											X	X	X					
27	<b>Southern Reedbuck</b> <i>Redunca arundinum</i>		2		X	X															
28	<b>Mountain Reedbuck</b> <i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>	-- EN-	2		X							X									
29	<b>Bush Duiker</b> <i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>		3					X	X	X											
30	<b>Cape Buffalo</b> <i>Syncerus caffer</i>	-- NT-	4					X						X	X		X				
31	<b>Nyala</b> <i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>		5						X	X	X				X				X		
32	<b>Common Eland</b> <i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>		1			X															
33	<b>Northern Bushbuck</b> <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>		2	X									X								
34	<b>Greater Kudu</b> <i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		3					X							X	X					
<b>Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae</b>																					
35	<b>Common Hippopotamus</b> <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	-- VU-	3					X							X		X				

#	Species	Info	Seen?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
				7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Old World Fruit Bats</b> <i>Pteropodidae</i>																					
36	<b>Peters's Epauletted Fruit Bat</b> <i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>		1												X						
<b>Galagos</b> <i>Galagidae</i>																					
37	<b>Thick-tailed Greater Galago</b> <i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>		2					X	X												
<b>Old World Monkeys</b> <i>Cercopithecidae</i>																					
38	<b>Blue Monkey</b> <i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>		1					X													
39	<b>Vervet Monkey</b> <i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>		8					X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X				
40	<b>Chacma Baboon</b> <i>Papio ursinus</i>		7		X		X						X	X	X	X	X				
<b>Squirrels</b> <i>Sciuridae</i>																					
41	<b>Smith's Bush Squirrel</b> <i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>		4										X	X	X	X					
42	<b>Red Bush Squirrel</b> <i>Paraxerus palliatus</i>		2					X	X												
<b>True Mice and Rats, Gerbils, Spiny Mice, Crested Rat</b> <i>Muridae</i>																					
43	<b>Sloggett's Vlei Rat</b> <i>Otomys sloggetti</i>	N---	1		X																
<b>Daily Totals</b>					2	5	3	3	13	11	10	6	3	9	18	23	16	12	2		6



Above: 'the crew' on the final day in Polokwane.



Clockwise from top left: Spike-heeled Lark, Wakkerstroom; Cape Longclaw, Wakkerstroom; Eastern Long-billed Lark, Wakkerstroom; Red-billed Francolin, Wakkerstroom; Woodland Kingfisher, Kruger NP.



Clockwise from top left: White-necked Raven, Sani Pass; Verreaux's Eagle Owl, Kruger; Cheetah with kill, Kruger; Leopard; Kruger; African Pygmy Kingfisher, Tembe; Southern Red Bishop; Underberg.