

Lawson's Eastern Escarpment & Kruger National Park Birding & Wildlife Tour 6th – 13th September 2008

Trip Report



Above: Red-billed Oxpecker on a Cape Buffalo's back; Kruger National Park.

Tour Summary

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Total Distance Travelled: 1700 km

Temperature Range: 10° – 35°

Altitude Variation: 260 – 2100 meters above sea level

Total Number of Birds Seen: 273

Total Number of Mammals Seen: 33

Trip Report Compiled By: Leon Marais



Above: Senegal Lapwing; Kruger National Park.

Note:

The species mentioned in the report are only some of the species seen at each locality. Please refer to detailed checklists at end of report as to all species seen on this specific tour.

Trip Breakdown

Day 1: Saturday 6th September 2008 ~ Dullstroom

Route: Johannesburg International Airport to Dullstroom.

Distance: 260 km.

Weather: Warm, dry and windy.

Day 2: Sunday 7th September 2008 ~ Dullstroom

Route: Dullstroom area.

Distance: 115 km.

Weather: Cool to start, becoming warm and windy later.

Day 3: Monday 8th September 2008 ~ Blyde

Route: Dullstroom, Lydenburg, Mount Sheba, Pilgrim's Rest, Vaalhoek Road to Blyde Aventura.

Distance: 193 km.
Weather: Very hot, dry and windy.

Day 4: Tuesday 9th September 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park
Route: Blyde Canyon, Abel Erasmus Pass, Strydom Tunnel, Orpen Gate to Satara Rest Camp.
Distance: 210 km.
Weather: Very hot, dry and windy.

Day 5: Wednesday 10th September 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park
Route: Satara region.
Distance: 115 km.
Weather: Cool and windy, overcast.

Day 6: Thursday 11th September 2008 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park
Route: Satara to Skukuza via Tshokwane Picnic Site.
Distance: 241 km.
Weather: Cool with very light rain ('mizzle') for most of the day.

Day 7: Friday 12th September 2008 ~ Pretoriuskop, Kruger National Park
Route: Skukuza to Pretoriuskop.
Distance: 59 km.
Weather: Cool and overcast.

Day 8: Saturday 13th September 2008 ~ Departure
Route: Pretoriuskop to Johannesburg
Distance: 507 km.
Weather: Partly cloudy and warm.

TRIP REPORT

Day 1: Saturday 6th September 2008 ~ Dullstroom.

We had a bit of a late start due to flight times but were on our way east before midday. We had two stops en-route to Dullstroom, the first at a large colony of South African Cliff Swallows at a road bridge, where we also saw our first Long-tailed Widowbirds (not yet in full breeding plumage but still sporting reasonably long tails), Black-headed Heron and Black-throated Canaries (the latter of which we didn't see again on the tour). A little further on we stopped at a roadside pan that was teeming with Red-knobbed Coots and duck species such as White-backed Duck (15+), Southern Pochard, Maccoa Duck, Red-billed Teal, Yellow-billed Duck, White-faced Duck, Cape Shoveler and Great Crested Grebe. Moving on we headed into Dullstroom, where we checked in to the inn, seeing a rather vocal Bokmakierie right next to us as we stopped in the parking lot.

After freshening up we went on a walk through the town and up to the municipal dams on a wonderful sunny afternoon, before heading back to town for some rest and dinner at the famous 'Fibs' restaurant. Birds recorded for the day included Cape Vulture, Long-crested Eagle, Black Sparrowhawk, African Harrier-Hawk, Namaqua Dove, Speckled and Red-faced Mousebirds, Africa Hoopoe, Black-headed Oriole, Olive Thrush, Cape Robin-Chat, Bar-throated Apalis, Southern Boubou, Cape Sparrow, Cape Weaver and Cape Canary.

Daily Total: 64.
Trip Total: 64.
Bird of the day: White-backed Duck.
Mammal total for the day: 0.

Day 2: Sunday 7th September 2008 ~ Dullstroom.

As usual on this tour we began the day with an early morning, pre-breakfast trip up to the Veloren Valei Nature Reserve not far out of town. It was rather cool and breezy, especially on the high ground, but nevertheless we had some good birding moments. We managed to locate a couple of Gurney's Sugarbirds flitting about in a stand of Protea trees, but had to settle on fairly distant scope-views of this species. As we arrived on the plateau top we



encountered several groups of Red-winged Francolins, pairs of Sentinel Rock Thrush all over, Wattled Lapwings, Eastern Long-billed Larks, Mountain Wheatears, Buff-streaked Chats, African Pipits, Cape Longclaws and Pied Starlings, among others. We also saw some scattered herds of the endemic Blesbok (pictured right), but unfortunately didn't find any Denham's Bustards, one of the major target species for the area. We then headed back to town for breakfast, or 'brunch' rather, and had some time to look around the town before heading out on a long afternoon excursion. This route took us through the tiny hamlet of Tonteldoos and back to Dullstroom via the Veloren Valei Nature reserve. The area was still rather dry, having had no late rains this year, and was still a little quiet as far as bird activity went. We did however manage to see a Southern Bald Ibis flying in the distance, and tracked it down to get reasonably good scope-views after it landed (and another one flew right overhead as soon as we had got back into the car!). A little further on we spotted some birds at a shallow pan, which included Grey Crowned Crane and African Spoonbill. On the way back to town through the Veloren Valei we recorded Red-capped Lark, Rock Kestrel, Jackal Buzzard and a few others – but still no Denham's! Before finishing off the day we went to stake out the Cape Eagle-Owl spot at the municipal dams, and despite some encouragement from the local conservation officer had no luck. We left as it got dark, heading back to the inn for a little rest and then dinner at a French Bistro.

Daily Total: 62.
 New Birds:32.
 Trip Total:96.
 Birds of the day: Southern Bald Ibis.
 Mammal total for the day: 5.

Day 3: Monday 8th September 2008 ~ Blyde River Canyon



On day 3 we left Dullstroom early and drove for an hour-and-a-half to Mount Sheba, an old but wonderful hotel on the edge of the escarpment. Here we engaged in some forest birding, which was difficult but produced White-starred Robin, Chorister Robin-Chat, Olive Woodpecker, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Southern Double-collared Sunbird, Terrestrial Brownbul, Sombre Greenbul and, away from the forest, other species such as Cape Grassbird, Red-winged Starling and Rock Martin. We had a good breakfast and then headed on to the Blyde Canyon, a few hours' drive away. As we emerged in the open area on the inland side of the escarpment we spotted a huge Denham's Bustard in flight. Unfortunately it quickly disappeared behind a ridge, but we rapidly disembarked and ran across the plain where we flushed a Black-backed Jackal and then had good views of a pair of bustards in flight, which made for one of the two best birding moments of the tour.

As the sun climbed higher it got very hot, so we basically headed straight on to the canyon without too many stops.

After taking in the views at the scenic spots we checked in at the resort and then had a break before some tea and an afternoon walk in the resort grounds.

The heat of the afternoon made for rather subdued birding and we didn't manage to record too many new species. Other birds for the day included Black-chested Snake-Eagle, Little Sparrowhawk, Cape Rock-Thrush, Familiar Chat, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Cape Batis (pictured above left), Lazy Cisticola, Neddicky, White-crested Helmet-Shrike, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Thick-billed Weaver and Streaky-headed Seed-Eater.

Daily Total: 50.
 New Birds:23.
 Trip Total:119.
 Birds of the day: White-starred Robin.
 Mammal total for the day: 7.

Day 4: Tuesday 9th September 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

We began the day, which looked set to be a scorcher, with a walk down to the lower viewpoint in the resort grounds. The morning proved to be far more productive than the previous afternoon and we had some great birding. Notable species recorded include Alpine Swift, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Black-collared Barbet, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Lesser-striped Swallow, Kurrichane Thrush, White-throated Robin-Chat, Mocking Cliff-Chat, Ashy Flycatcher, Striped Pipit, White-bellied Sunbird and Sweet Waxbill, among others. We also had great close-up views of Vervet Monkey (pictured left) and Chacma Baboon. The highlight of the



morning however was calling up a stunning male Narina Trogon along the forested stream below the lower viewpoint, and this proved to be bird of the trip by vote. After a well-deserve breakfast we departed for the Kruger National Park. On the way we stopped at the Taita Falcon eyrie alongside the main road on the Abel Erasmus Pass. The local site guide Michael wasn't there to show us the bird and we had to search for it ourselves – though we were helped by two of the local ladies from the curio stalls. After a long while of searching we eventually found one of the pair, and had the usual scope views of it on a ledge several hundred feet up. Heading on we reached the gate to the Kruger National Park at midday and drove the 50km's through the park to Satara Rest Camp in 35 degree plus heat. The plus side was that it was a very dry heat so as long as we were out of the direct sunshine it was bearable. The drive produced the usual array of Kruger birds, such as hornbills, rollers and raptors. We eventually arrived in camp in the late afternoon and had time to rest and shower before meeting up for dinner. Birds for the day included Common Ostrich, Saddle-billed Stork, White-backed and White-headed Vultures, Wahlberg's and Martial Eagles,

Dark Chanting Goshawk, Red-crested Korhaan, Water Thick-Knee, Brown-headed Parrot, Purple Roller, Southern Ground Hornbill, Red-breasted Swallow, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Mountain Wagtail, Southern White-crowned Shrike and others.

Daily Total: 98.

New Birds:65.

Trip Total:184.

Birds of the day: Narina Trogon.

Mammal total for the day: 15.

Day 5: Wednesday 10th September 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

We awoke to a warm, still dawn and, after a quick cup of coffee, headed out into the park as the gates opened at 6:00 AM. We drove north-east to the arid Mavumbye plains area, which surprisingly was much quieter than it had been on previous September tours. Nevertheless we did rack up some great birds, which included Lappet-faced Vulture, Tawny Eagle, Brown Snake-Eagle, Natal Francolin, Swainson's Spurfowl, Pearl-spotted Owlet (with amazing false eyes on the back of its head), White-rumped Swift, Southern Ground Hornbill (in total we saw three groups of three individuals of this species on the tour), Sabota Lark, Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark, Wire-tailed Swallow, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Black-crowned Tchagra, Marico Sunbird, Green-winged Pytilia, and Jameson's Firefinch, among others. We stopped at Gudanzi dam where we saw, in between the pods of Hippopotami and a herd of Elephants taking a drink and a splash, a host of waterbirds such as Spurwinged Goose, Yellow-billed and Saddle-billed Storks, Goliath Heron, African Openbill, African Jacana, Malachite Kingfisher and others, as well as a Kori Bustard strutting among a herd of Impala. We returned to camp via the Nwanetsi road, where we saw herds of Elephants and Cape Buffalo at close quarters and narrowly missed seeing several Lions (according to other visitors).

After breakfast we took a walk around the camp, which was quite productive. We saw two of the African Scops Owls that roost in the camp as well as African Goshawk, African Mourning Dove, Crested Barbet, Lesser Honeyguide, Orange-breasted and Grey-headed Bush-Shrikes, Burchell's, Cape Glossy and Greater Blue-eared Starlings and Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, among others. In the afternoon we took another drive, this time heading down to the Sweni Waterhole, where some lions had been seen in the morning. We didn't find any lions, but came across a large herd of several hundred Cape buffalo. We returned to camp in time to go on the sunset drive, which produced Fiery-necked Nightjar, two male Cheetah and several Lions bringing down a Buffalo bull.

Daily Total: 87

New Birds:39.

Trip Total:223.

Bird of the day: Kori Bustard.

Mammal total for the day: 18.

Day 6: Thursday 11th September 2008 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

Once again we embarked on an early morning, pre-breakfast drive, with the heat of the previous day having given way to cool, overcast and windy conditions. We started off by checking on the buffalo kill (pictured left of the previous evening, and found at least 8 Lions, including three adult males, feeding on the carcass. New birds were few and far between, and included Common Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Bearded Woodpecker and Golden-breasted Bunting (of course these were the only new birds, but we did see plenty of birds we'd already seen and ticked). After breakfast back at camp we drove south to Skukuza, our next camp. After arriving we had a walk in the camp grounds. The day remained cool and windy, and new birds seen for the day included Yellow-throated Petronia, Retz's Helmet-Shrike, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Green-backed Cameroptera, Mosque Swallow, Grey-rumped Swallow, White-browed Robin-Chat, African Palm Swift, African Green Pigeon, Hooded Vulture, Gabar Goshawk,



Little Egret, Woolly-necked Stork and African Black Duck.

Daily Total: 108.

New Birds:18.

Trip Total:241.

Bird of the day: African Black Duck.

Mammal total for the day: 18.

Day 7: Friday 12th September 2008 ~ Pretoriuskop, Kruger National Park

With the wind having dropped and a very fine rain, or 'mizzle', falling, we took a pre-breakfast drive along the Sabie River, making it as far as the Nkuhlu Picnic Site before turning around and heading back to Skukuza for breakfast. New birds for the morning included Purple-crested Turaco, Burchell's Coucal, Golden-tailed Woodpecker and Black Saw-wing. After breakfast we took a brief walk around camp, mainly to seek the Bearded Scrub-Robins that can sometimes be found scratching in the leaf litter in certain parts of the gardens, but we didn't manage to find any. We did have great views of Purple-crested Turaco, as well as Village and Lesser-masked Weaver in front of the cafeteria. We then drove on to Lake Panic Bird Hide, where we saw Black-crowned Night Heron, Green-backed Heron, Great Egret, Grey and Goliath Herons (pictured bottom right on previous page), Black Crakes, Pied Kingfisher, Little Bee-eater and mammals such as hippopotamus, greater Kudu, Elephant and Bushbuck. En-route to Pretoriuskop we recorded new birds such as Yellow-throated Longclaw, Croaking Cisticola, White-winged Widowbird, Yellow-bellied and Green-capped Eremomelas and Grey Penduline Tit. We had a run of excitement too with a big Elephant bull, a male Cheetah and a White Rhino bull in quick succession. After checking in at the camp we had time for an afternoon drive, recording Black Stork and Lizard Buzzard as final new birds for the day.



Daily Total: 110

New Birds:20.

Trip Total:261.

Bird of the day: Purple-crested Turaco.

Mammal total for the day: 21.

Day 8: Saturday 13th September 2008 ~ Departure

For our last activity we had a short morning drive before breakfast and departure. New bird species included Senegal Lapwing, Pale Flycatcher, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Flappet Lark and Red-headed Weaver. We also saw several White Rhino, and the highlight for the morning was an impressive, one-eared Black Rhino bull (only my second sighting of this species in the Kruger National Park, see photograph below) with a Black-bellied Bustard close by. With early flight departures we left the park at 9:00 AM, with the only new bird for the trip a White-fronted Bee-eater at a shopping centre in Nelspruit and White-winged Tern, Common Moorhen, Glossy Ibis

and Cape Teal at a pan not far from the airport.

Daily Total: 74.

New Birds:12.

Trip Total:273.

Bird of the day: Black-bellied Bustard.

Mammal total for the day: 11.

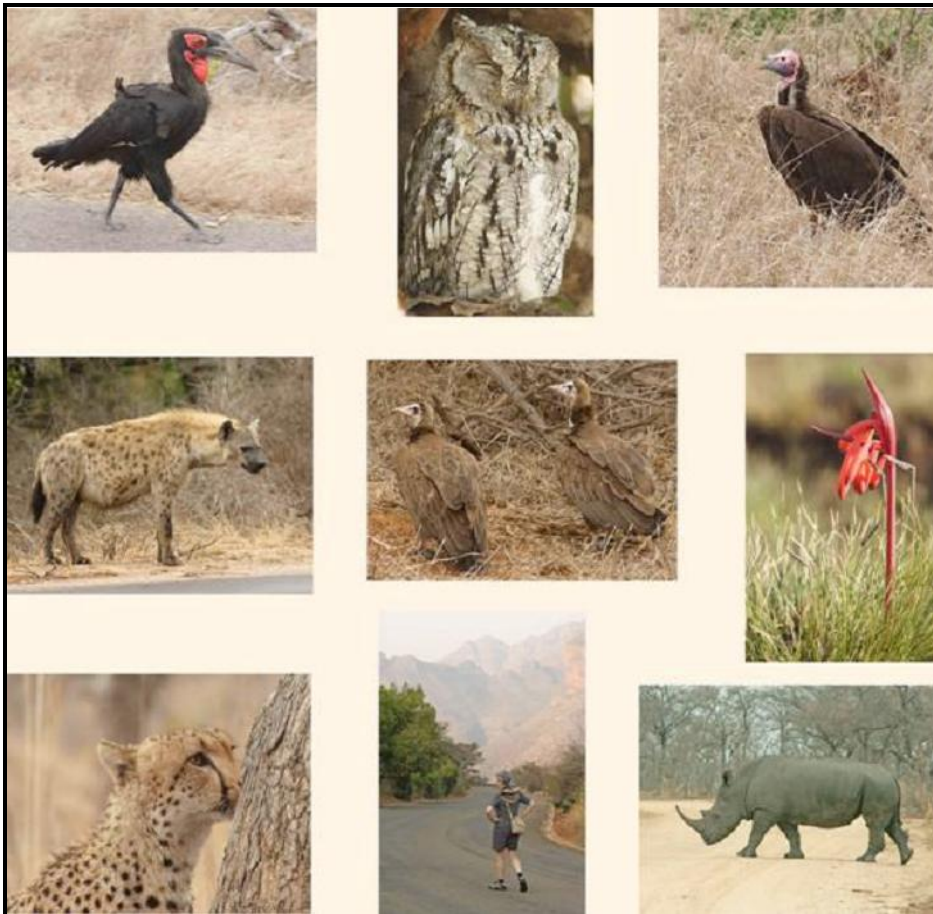
Total endemics / near endemic birds: 33.

Total Mammal species: 33.



Summary:

As usual this tour was thoroughly enjoyable and delivered a rich and varied wildlife experience, superb scenery and a healthy total bird list. The weather however was not the best, with heat, wind and dryness for much of the tour resulting in a slightly later start to the spring season. Nevertheless we managed to rack up a total of 652 recorded bird sightings of the 273 species, and 95 sightings of the 33 recorded mammal species. Thanks to all participants for their enthusiasm and hard work, which made for a fantastic trip in one of South Africa's most diverse regions. The two highlights for the tour turned out to be, according to vote, the Narina Trogon at the Blyde River as first and chasing after the Denham's Bustard near Mount Sheba as close second.



Clockwise from top left: Southern Ground Hornbill, KNP; African Scops Owl, KNP; Lappet-faced Vulture, KNP; Fire-lily species, Dullstroom, KNP; White Rhino, KNP; Angela on birding walk, Blyde River Canyon; Male Cheetah, KNP; Spotted Hyena, KNP; Hooded Vultures, KNP.

Bird List

	COMMON NAME	06-Sep-08	07-Sep-08	08-Sep-08	09-Sep-08	10-Sep-08	11-Sep-08	12-Sep-08	13-Sep-08	Total	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1	Common Ostrich				X					1	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
6	Great Crested Grebe	X								1	<i>Podiceps cri status</i>
8	Little Grebe	X								1	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
58	Reed Cor morant	X	X	X			X	X		5	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
60	African Darter	X	X			X		X		4	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
62	Grey Heron					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63	Black-headed Heron	X	X							2	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
64	Goliath Heron					X		X		2	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
65	Purple Heron		X					X		2	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
66	Great Egret							X		1	<i>Casmerodiusa albus</i>
67	Little Egret						X	X		2	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
71	Cattle Egret				X		X		X	3	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
74	Green-backed He ron							X		1	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
76	Black-crowne d Night-He ron							X		1	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
81	Hamerkop		X				X	X	X	4	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
84	Black Stork							X		1	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
86	Woolly-necked Stork						X			1	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
87	African Open bill					X				1	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
88	Saddle-billed Stork				X	X	X			3	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
89	Marabou Stork					X		X		2	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
90	Yellow-billed Stork					X				1	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
91	African Sacred Ibis	X	X						X	3	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
92	Southern Bald Ibis (E)		X							1	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>
93	Glossy Ibis								X	1	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
94	Haded a Ibis	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	7	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
95	African Spoonbill		X							1	<i>Platalea alba</i>
99	White-faced Duck	X								1	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
101	White-backed Duck	X								1	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>
102	Egyptian Goose	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
104	Yellow-billed Duck	X	X							2	<i>Anas undulata</i>
105	African Black Duck						X	X		2	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
106	Cape Teal								X	1	<i>Anas capensis</i>
108	Red-billed Teal	X								1	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
112	Cape Sh overler (E)	X							X	2	<i>Anas smithii</i>
113	Southern Pochard	X								1	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose	X	X			X		X		4	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
117	Maccoa Duck	X								1	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
121	Hooded Vulture						X			1	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
122	Cape Vulture (E)	X								1	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
123	(African) White-backed Vulture				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
124	Lappet-faced Vulture					X	X			2	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
125	White-headed Vulture				X	X	X			3	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
126b	Yellow-billed Kite					X	X	X		3	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
127	Black-shouldered Kite	X	X	X					X	4	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
132	Tawny Eagle					X		X		2	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
135	Wahlberg's Eagle				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
139	Long-crested Eagle	X							X	2	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>

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140	Martial Eagle				X	X	X			3	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
142	Brown Snake-Eagle					X	X			2	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
143	Black-chested Snake-Eagle			X	X					2	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
146	Bateleur				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle				X		X			2	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)		X	X						2	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
154	Lizard Buzzard							X	X	2	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
157	Little Sparrowhawk			X						1	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
158	Black Sparrowhawk	X								1	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
160	African Goshawk					X	X			2	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
161	Gabar Goshawk						X			1	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
163	Dark Chanting Goshawk				X			X		2	<i>Melierax metabates</i>
169	African Harrier-Hawk	X				X	X			3	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
176	Taita Falcon				X					1	<i>Falco fasciinucha</i>
181	Rock Kestrel		X	X	X					3	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
189	Crested Francolin				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Peliperdix sephaena</i>
191	Shelley's Francolin								H		<i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>
192	Red-winged Francolin		X							1	<i>Scleroptila levallantii</i>
196	Natal Francolin (NE)		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Pternistes natalensis</i>
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>
203	Helmeted Guinea fowl		X		X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
209	Grey Crowned Crane		X							1	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
213	Black Crake				X	X		X		3	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
226	Common Moorhen								X	1	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
228	Red-knobbed Coot	X	X						X	3	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
230	Kori Bustard					X				1	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
231	Denham's Bustard			X						1	<i>Neotis denhami</i>
237	Red-crested Korhaan				X		X			2	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>
238	Black-bellied Bustard								X	1	<i>Eupodotis melanogaster</i>
240	African Jacana					X		X		2	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
249	Three-banded Plover	X			X		X	X		4	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing		X				X			2	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
256	Senegal Lapwing								X	1	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
260	African Wattled Lapwing		X				X			2	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
264	Common Sandpiper						X	X		2	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper				X	X	X			3	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
270	Common Greenshank						X			1	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
272	Curlew Sandpiper				X					1	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
274	Little Stint				X					1	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
295	Black-winged Stilt	X							X	2	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
298	Water Thick-Knee				X	X		X		3	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
315	Grey-headed Gull	X							X	2	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
339	White-winged Tern								X	1	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
348	Rock Dove	X	X						X	3	<i>Columba livia</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon	X	X	X	X					4	<i>Columba guinea</i>
350	African Olive-Pigeon		X							1	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove	X	X		X				X	4	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
353	African Mourning Dove					X				1	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
354	Cape Turtle-Dove		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>

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355	Laughing Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
356	Namaqua Dove	X				X	X			3	<i>Oena capensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove				X			X		2	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
361	African Green -Pigeon						X	X	X	3	<i>Treron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot				X		X	X	X	4	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
370a	Knysna Turaco (E)				H						<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco							X	X	2	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey Go-away-bird				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)							X		1	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
396	African Scops-Owl					X	X			2	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
398	Pearl-spotted Owl					X				1	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
412	African Black Swift	X	X							2	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
415	White-rumped Swift					X				1	<i>Apus caffer</i>
417	Little Swift	X			X	X	X	X		5	<i>Apus affinis</i>
418	Alpine Swift	X			X					2	<i>Apus melba</i>
421	African Palm Swift						X	X	X	3	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird	X	X	X			X	X		5	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird	X				X	X	X		4	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
427	Narina Trogon				X					1	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher		X				X	X	X	4	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher					X	X			2	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
431	Malachite Kingfisher					X	X			2	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher				X	X		X		3	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher							X		1	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
443	White-fronted Bee-eater								X	1	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
444	Little Bee-eater							X		1	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
449	Purple Roller				X					1	<i>Coracias naevia</i>
451	African Hoopoe	X				X	X	X	X	5	<i>Upupa africana</i>
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitarbill				X		X		X	3	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
455	Trumpeter Hornbill				X		X			2	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
457	African Grey Hornbill					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
458	Red-billed Hornbill				X		X			2	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
463	Southern Ground-Hornbill				X	X	X			3	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
464	Black-collared Barbet				X	X		X		3	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
470	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird				X				X	2	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
473	Crested Barbet					X	X			2	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
474	Greater Honeyguide								H		<i>Indicator indicator</i>
476	Lesser Honeyguide					X				1	<i>Indicator minor</i>
481	Bennett's Woodpecker					X				1	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker							X		1	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker				X			X		2	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
487	Bearded Woodpecker						X			1	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>
488	Olive Woodpecker			X						1	<i>Dendropicos griseacephalus</i>
496	Flappet Lark								X	1	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)					X	X			2	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>
500	Eastern Long-billed Lark (E)		X							1	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>
507	Red-capped Lark		X							1	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>

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515	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark					X				1	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
520	White-throated Swallow	X	X	X					X	4	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
522	Wire-tailed Swallow					X	X	X		3	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
524	Red-breasted Swallow				X	X	X			3	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>
525	Mosque Swallow						X			1	<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>
526	Greater Striped Swallow (E)		X							1	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow				X		X	X		3	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
528	South African Cliff-Swallow (E)	X								1	<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>
529	Rock Martin	X		X	X					3	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
531	Grey-rumped Swallow						X		X	2	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>
533	Brown-throated Martin	X							X	2	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
536	Black Saw-wing							X		1	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
545	Black-headed Oriole	X			X		X	X		4	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
547	Cape Crow	X	X						X	3	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
548	Pied Crow			X	X					2	<i>Corvus albus</i>
554	Southern Black Tit				X		X	X		3	<i>Parus niger</i>
558	Grey Penduline Tit							X		1	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>
560	Arrow-marked Babbler				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
568	Dark-capped Bulbul	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
569	Terrestrial Brownbul			X			X	X		3	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul			X	X		X	X		4	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
576	Kurrichane Thrush				X		X	X		3	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
577	Olive Thrush	X								1	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
580	Groundscraper Thrush		X				X	X	X	4	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
581	Cape Rock-Thrush (E)			X	X					2	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
582	Sentinel Rock-Thrush (E)		X							1	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
586	Mountain Wheatear (Chat) (NE)		X							1	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
588	Buff-streaked Chat (E)		X							1	<i>Oenanthe bifasciata</i>
589	Familiar Chat			X	X					2	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>
593	Mocking Cliff-Chat				X					1	<i>Thamnolea cinnamomeiventris</i>
595	Ant-eating Chat (E)		X							1	<i>Myrmecocichla forficivora</i>
596	African Stone chat	X	X	X				X		4	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
598	Chorister Robin-Chat (E)			X						1	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
599	White-browed Robin-Chat							X	X	2	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
600	Red-capped Robin-Chat					X	X	X		3	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
601	Cape Robin-Chat	X	X							2	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
602	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)				X			X		2	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
606	White-starred Robin			X						1	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>
613	White-browed Scrub-Robin				X	X				2	<i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i>
635	Lesser Swamp-Warbler								X	1	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
645	Bar-throated Apalis	X		X						2	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis			X	X				X	3	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec					X	X	X		3	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
653	Yellow-bellied Eremomela							X		1	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
655	Green-capped Eremomela							X		1	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>
656	Burnt-necked Eremomela					X	X			2	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
657a	Green-backed Camaroptera						X	X		2	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
661	Cape Grassbird (E)			X						1	<i>Sphenoecus afer</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>

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677	Le vaillant's Cisticola	X	X							2	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
678	Croaking Cisticola							X	X	2	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
679	Lazy Cisticola			X	X					2	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
681	Neddicky			X				X	X	3	<i>Cisticola fulvicapillus</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia		X	X			X	X	X	5	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
691	Ashy Flycatcher				X					1	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
693	Grey Tit-Flycatcher								X	1	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
694	Southern Black Flycatcher					X		X		2	<i>Melaenornis pamme laina</i>
696	Pale Flycatcher								X	1	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
700	Cape Batis (E)			X	X					2	<i>Batis capensis</i>
701	Chinspot Batis				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Batis molitor</i>
708	Blue-mantled Crested-Flycatcher			X						1	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
711	African Pied Wagtail			X			X	X		3	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
712	Mountain Wagtail				X					1	<i>Motacilla clara</i>
713	Cape Wagtail	X	X	X	X					4	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
716	African Pipit		X			X	X			3	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
720	Striped Pipit				X					1	<i>Anthus lineiventris</i>
727	Cape Longclaw (E)		X							1	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw							X	X	2	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
732	Common Fiscal	X	X	X					X	4	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
735	Magpie Shrike				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)	X			X			X		3	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
740	Black-backed Puffback				X		X	X	X	4	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru				X		X	X	X	4	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra				X					1	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra					X		X	X	3	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
746	Bokmakierie (E)	X	X							2	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike					X	X	X		3	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
750	Olive Bush-Shrike				H						<i>Telophorus olivaceus</i>
751	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike					X	X			2	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
753	White-crested Helmet-Shrike			X	X		X	X		4	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
754	Retz's Helmet-Shrike						X	X		2	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
756	Southern White-crowned Shrike (NE)				X	X				2	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
758	Common Myna	X								1	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
759	Pied Starling (E)		X						X	2	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
760	Wattled Starling					X				1	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)				X	X	X			3	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
764	Cape Glossy Starling					X	X	X		3	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling					X	X	X		3	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling	X		X	X					3	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
774	Gurney's Sugarbird (E)		X							1	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>
775	Malachite Sunbird		X	X						2	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
779	Marico Sunbird					X	X	X		3	<i>Nectarinia mariquensis</i>
783	Southern Double-collared Sunbird (E)			X						1	<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>
785	Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)		X	X	X					3	<i>Nectarinia afra</i>
787	White-bellied Sunbird				X		X	X		3	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>
791	Scarlet-chested Sunbird						X	X		2	<i>Nectarinia senegalensis</i>
792	Amethyst Black Sunbird		X	X	X					3	<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>
793	Collared Sunbird				X		X			2	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>

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796	Cape White-eye (E)	X		X	X		X			4	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
798	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver				X	X	X			3	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
801	House Sparrow	X						X	X	3	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
803	Cape Sparrow (NE)	X								1	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	Yellow-throated Petronia						X			1	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>
807	Thick-billed Weaver			X	X					2	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver				X					1	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
811	Village Weaver							X		1	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
813	Cape Weaver (E)	X	X							2	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked-Weaver	X	X							2	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
815	Lesser Masked-Weaver							X		1	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
819	Red-headed Weaver								X	1	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea				X	X				2	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird							X		1	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
832	Long-tailed Widowbird	X	X	X						3	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia					X	X			2	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
841	Jameson's Firefinch				X					1	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
842	Red-billed Firefinch					X	X			2	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
844	Blue Waxbill					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
846	Common Waxbill							X		1	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
850	Sweet Waxbill (E)				X					1	<i>Estrilda melanotis</i>
857	Bronze Mannikin				X					1	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
860	Pin-tailed Whydah			X				X		2	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
869	Yellow-fronted Canary			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
870	Black-throated Canary	X								1	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>
872	Cape Canary	X	X	X					X	4	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
881	Streaky-headed Seed-Eater		X	X	X					3	<i>Serinus gularis</i>
884	Golden-breasted Bunting						X	X	X	3	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>

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2	Baboon, Chacma			X	X	X		X		4	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
7	Blesbok		X	X						2	<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi</i>
8	Buffalo				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
10	Bushbaby, Thick-tailed						H				<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
11	Bushbuck				X		X	X		3	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
14	Cheetah					X		X		2	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
18	Duiker, Common		X					X	X	3	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
21	Elephant, African				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
25	Giraffe, Southern				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
27	Hare, Scrub					X				1	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
30	Hippopotamus					X	X	X	X	4	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
31	Hyaena, Spotted							X		1	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
32	Impala				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>

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33	Jackal, Black-backed			X		X				2	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
36	Kudu, Greater				X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
38	Lion					X	X	X		3	<i>Panthera leo</i>
40	Mongoose, Banded				X					1	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
41	Mongoose, Dwarf						X			1	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
42	Mongoose, Slender				X		X	X		3	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
44	Mongoose, Yellow		X							1	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
45	Monkey, Samango			X						1	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
46	Monkey, Vervet				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
47	Nyala						X	X		2	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
56	Rhebok, Grey		X	X						2	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>
57	Rhinoceros, Black								X	1	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
58	Rhinoceros, White							X	X	2	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
62	Springbok								X	1	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
63	Squirrel, Tree			X		X	X		X	4	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
64	Steenbok		X		X	X	X	X		5	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
67	Warthog				X	X		X	X	4	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
68	Waterbuck, Common				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
71	Wildebeest, Blue				X	X	X	X		4	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
72	Zebra, Burchell's			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Equus burchelli</i>