

NATURETREK

Bargain Mammal Tour

* South Africa *

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Trip Report



Tour Summary

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Total Distance Travelled

1693kms

Temperature Range

11.5°C - 41 °C

Total Mammal Species seen

40

Total Bird Species Seen and Heard

207

Mammals of the Trip

Cheetah, Leopard, Elephant, Tree Squirrel and Mongoose

Birds of the Trip

Bateleur Interaction between male, female and juvenile
Interaction between male, female and juvenile Verreaux's Eagle Owl
Temminck's Courser
Shelley's Francolin

Trip Report Compilation

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Note: The species mentioned in the report are only some of the species seen at each locality. Please refer to the detailed checklists accompanying this report for all species seen on this Naturetrek tour.

Trip Breakdown

Day 1 : Saturday, 1 November 2008 ~ Dullstroom

Route: O R Tambo International Airport to Dullstroom

Distance: 287 kms

Weather: Clear, warm and sunny with slight cloud build up over the Escarpment

Temperature Range: 18° - 26°C

Day 2 : Sunday, 2 November 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

Route: Via Lydenburg, Ohrigstad, Abel Erasmus Pass and Klaserie

Distance: 308kms

Weather: Cool on Highveld, partly cloudy. Very warm and humid as we entered and traveled in the Lowveld

Temperature Range: 19° - 34°C

Day 3 : Monday, 3 November 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

Route: Satara area

Distance: 67kms

Weather: Hot, humid and airless. Storm eventually broke overnight

Temperature range: 26° - 38°C

Day 4 : Tuesday, 4 November 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

Route: Satara area

Distance: 95kms

Weather: Overcast, damp and windy and decidedly chilly!

Temperature Range: 18° - 24°C

Day 5 : Wednesday, 5 November 2008 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

Route: Satara to Skukuza via Tshokwane Picnic Site

Distance: 128kms

Weather: Overcast initially to partly cloudy. Threatened rain did not arrive

Temperature Range: 23° - 32°C

Day 6 : Thursday, 6 November 2008 ~ Lower Sabie, Kruger National Park

Route: Skukuza to Lower Sabie following Sabie River

Distance: 118kms

Weather: Cool in early morning and brightening to a sunny warm day, steady breeze from the river conditions very comfortable

Temperature Range: 22° - 36°

Day 7 : Friday, 7 November 2008 ~ Lower Sabie, Kruger National Park

Route: Lower Sabie area

Distance: 98kms

Weather: Cool, partly cloudy in morning developing into a hot, humid afternoon

Temperature Range: 17° - 41°C

Day 8 : Saturday, 8 November 2008 ~ Departure

Route: Lower Sabie to Johannesburg via Nelspruit

Distance: 503kms

Weather: Overcast and cool initially. From Nelspruit to Johannesburg initially overcast and damp with occasional mist and rain but after Witbank, torrential rain and strong winds made conditions atrocious

Temperature Range: 11.5° - 24°C

Trip Report

Day 1 : Saturday, 1 November 2008 ~ Dullstroom

After getting through passport control we met up at 0900 and were able to make a quick departure from the Airport. A short detour from the main N4 highway at Witbank enabled long distance views of our first mammals of the tour, namely Black Wildebeest, Springbok, Waterbuck, Burchell's Zebra and Blesbok. As we returned to the highway a large herd of Eland were resting on a grassy area close to the road and gave us an excellent viewing. Very welcome tea and coffee was enjoyed and we continued to our destination of Dullstroom, which at 2100m above sea level is often one of the coldest places in SA. But not today as the sun shone and welcomed us warmly to the Old Transvaal Inn and its English rose garden. Refreshed after showers and rests we set off to explore the Die Berg area in the hope of some more Highveld specials both mammalian and avian and were not to be disappointed with good views of Mountain Reedbuck and most specially, Grey Rhebok in fields close to the town itself. Birding was good with views of Mountain Wheatear, Buff streaked Chat and Malachite Sunbird. FIBS lifted all our spirits in the evening with an excellent dinner, surrounded by log fires burning, some of us trying the local speciality of trout and others the blesbuck entrée. An early night beckoned however as we eagerly anticipated the events of the next day.

Mammal sighting of the Day : Grey Rhebok

Daily Total : 10

Trip Total : 10

Birds of the Day : Mountain Wheatear, Buff streaked chat and Malachite Sunbird

Daily Total : 45

Trip Total : 45

Day 2 : Sunday, 2 November 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

A short birding walk was taken by some in the fields opposite the Old Transvaal Inn, which we all agreed was an excellent stopping off venue. Birds such as Speckled Pigeon, African Harrier Hawk, Cape Robin-Chat, Common Fiscal and African Hoopoe began to whet appetites. Our more basic appetites were well and truly sated with an excellent home cooked breakfast and the staff of the restaurant started our day with enormous smiles. After our leisurely start we headed off to the Abel Erasmus Pass, stopping in Lydenburg for a few provisions, and, for the majority of the group their first view of the Taita Falcon. Michael has enthused the curio stall holders well and one of the young lasses was delighted to be able to attract not one but two of the precious birds for our spotting delight. Two of our merry band are experienced falconers with an infectious enthusiasm for raptors. There are apparently two kinds of birds, raptors and raptor food! The sight of this small raptor made them, and the rest of us, extremely happy. But Kruger awaited and we arrived at Orpen Gate to be amongst the first to try out the newly opened Day Visitor Centre. Our picnic lunch was overlooked by a herd of Blue Wildebeest, grazing not 20 metres away from us and we set off full of expectations into the land we call Kruger National Park. Our drive to Satara produced good sightings of general game as we had hoped and got our eyes well practiced in spotting, is that large dark patch a tree? Does it have ears? Well perhaps it's not rock? Have I really been looking at a tree stump for 10 minutes? African Elephant, Southern Giraffe and Cape Buffalo were highlights along the main road to Camp and a short detour to the Nwanetsi Bridge, only 2 kms from Camp, provided us with a dream start to our tour as 2 female and 4 sub adult Lions lay resting only a metre from the road. Our day was completed with a delicious buffet dinner at Satara and a few of us were treated to a rare sight of a Spotted Hyena drinking from the flood lit water hole just metres from the Camp's southern fence line. The sound of hyena calling close to Camp echoed through our comfortable Rondavels as we slept the sleep of the well contented.

Mammal sighting of the Day : The Lion group at Nwanetsi Bridge

Daily Total : 16

Trip Total : 22

Birds of the Day : Taita Falcon, African Scops-Owl, Southern White Crowned Shrike

Daily Total : 44

Trip Total : 76

Day 3 : Monday, 3 November 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

Early to bed and even earlier to rise, makes a chap healthy, wealthy and wise. Well that remains to be seen but we started our first full day in Kruger early and were rewarded as, with coffee cups in hand, we watched a Honey Badger raiding dustbins next to us. Such a tenacious animal and real joy to share in the early dawn light. The S100 provided us with an awesome start as we sat with a pride of 2 male, 4



female and 2 very inquisitive sub-adult Lions as they too began their day. We sat and watched the early morning interaction between the group, one vehicle glimpsed three small cubs breaking their well hidden cover to greet a female, and we watched as one of the males greeted a returning female wondering where she might have been during the night hours. Excellent general game views of Burchell's Zebra, Southern Giraffe, Impala and Common Waterbuck highlighted why the pride were resident here. Gudzani Dam provided views of Hippopotamus, Nile Crocodile and a myriad of water birds including Greater Painted Snipe. A small waterhole along the S100 produced a lifer for one of our group when he spotted a Black Crake. We returned to Camp to an awaiting delicious breakfast, prepared under the shade of the Camp trees by Lawson's, many thanks to all involved. One of our falconers glimpsed a Lanner Falcon flying through the Camp, perhaps

dove hunting? After breakfast we were anxious to continue with 'Our Pride' and so returned to find most had taken advantage of the cooler drainage line and we watched as a group of 15 or so Cape Buffalo crossed the road in front of us heading in the direction of where we knew the Lions to now be resting. One female was flushed from cover and moved off in a westerly direction whilst one of the males was seen fleetingly walking through the reeds of the drainage line and out of the stream to the south. The heat then really got the better of us and we returned to Camp to rest before setting out again in the later afternoon.

Our destination was a reported sighting some 1.1kms south of the S126 and as we arrived at the location we were not disappointed as we found not one but two Cheetah resting in the shade of an acacia some 100ms off the road. Long distance it may have been but we sat for a long while relishing the sight of 1% of Kruger's total cheetah population. Excitedly we watched interaction between the cheetah and a Southern Giraffe who skirted their position in text book fashion keeping a close watch all the time. The Giraffe then flushed a Black backed Jackal from his hiding place, had he been waiting to dart in to steal any scraps from the kill the Cheetah had made the day before? The sight kept us all enthralled for a long while until the dipping sun reminded us we had to return to Camp. We decided to take a quick look at a Waterhole on the S126 about 2kms down and were not disappointed as upwards of 50 African Elephants came down in waves to drink and feed next to the vehicles, seemingly unaffected at all by our presence, just as it should be. A windy evening saw us eating outside, but the less said about that meal perhaps the better!!!

Mammal sighting of the Day : Cheetah and interaction with Giraffe and Black backed jackal and the 'raiding' Honey Badger

Daily Total : 21

Trip Total : 30

Birds of the Day : Greater Painted Snipe, Lanner Falcon and Black Crake

Daily Total : 56

Trip Total : 119

Day 4 : Tuesday, 4 November 2008 ~ Satara, Kruger National Park

Overnight we had been treated to a real bushveld storm with thunder and lightening crashing around us and threatening the electricity supply but all was well and our reasonably early start saw us heading north of Camp in cool and overcast conditions. Quite quickly we picked up a group of Spotted Hyena and followed them along the road for about 3 kms. We left the group as we did not wish to alter their movements but we all felt the privilege of watching the hyenas maintain their steady lopping pace and scent marking as they travelled. As we turned off the main road towards the Timbavati Picnic Site we were treated to calling between a juvenile and two adult Verreaux's Eagle Owls. The juvenile was very clear to view but the adults hidden more deeply in an Apple Leaf Tree, Lonchocarpus capassa, but the

hawk eye of one of our falconers found them and we watched as the juvenile called and the adults answered. We also had our first sighting of the trip of a White or Square Lipped Rhinoceros, very much on the wish list of one of our clients. Our sight was a fair distance off but we were able to see the calf that the female had at her side and watched them for a while slowly grazing but not coming closer to our vantage point. The Timbavati Picnic Site provided a welcome leg stretch and a bird party which saw us identifying 2 male Paradise Flycatchers, Orange breasted Bush Shrike, Violet backed Starling, Blue Waxbill, Eastern Black-headed Oriole and Tawny-flanked Prinia. Girivana Waterhole is currently dry but the over grazed surroundings provided us with a stunning view of a group of Dwarf Mongoose foraging amongst the fallen trees and dead tree tucks for insects and grubs. We spent a long time enjoying their antics and frenetic activity. Being cooler we decided to spend the mid day hours exploring. We made a stop at the Lion pride on the S100. One male, who appeared in very good condition, scent marked a small bush next to the road in front of the first vehicle to arrive and as the second came into the sighting the second male covered the scent with his own providing us with an excellent view of this lion behaviour. The first and stronger looking of the two males signalled his displeasure with the other coming too close with short growls which pushed the second further away from the group. Was this the beginning of the process to oust the second male's dominant place within the pride?



We wanted to explore another area and set off towards the Nwanetsi Picnic Site to the east of the Camp along the H6. The road produced us a distant sighting of a Lappet-faced Vulture and Black-chested Snake Eagle together with excellent sightings of Burchell's Zebra, Greater Kudu, Blue Wildebeest, Steenbok and Common Duiker. At Nwanetsi Look Out Point we watched a herd of African Elephants climbing the hillside opposite and enjoyed a Yellow-billed Kite hanging in the wind below us and glimpses of Acacia Pied Barbet and Mocking Cliff Chat. Returning to Camp along the S4 1 we sat on a low bridge crossing with a pod of Hippopotamus about 10 metres away emerging and then submerging just as focus points were reached, very tantalizing! The S100 stunned us with the most superb Southern Giraffe sighting, between 10 and 14 of them on the road and feeding as we sat almost within touching distance of the knees! One male asserted dominance over two others in the group, whilst the others were far too interested in the new fresh growth of the Albizia species they were feeding from. Those in one of the vehicles then saw a young Bushbuck barely a few days old. A brief sight of a Malachite Kingfisher was had by one vehicle. The giraffe carcass that was by now a number of days old provided us with excellent Hooded and White-backed Vulture interaction and we were thankful the weather cool and overcast. Most of the group opted to take the Night Drive from Satara this evening and were treated to sightings of African Elephant, Small Spotted Genet, Impala, Lion and Scrub Hare together with other general game and a puncture, not on the itinerary! Those of us left in Camp watched as a small family herd of African Elephant came to drink at the Camp's waterhole, we adjudged the herd to comprise three generations as they silently arrived, drank and slipped away again like ghosts in the night.

Mammal sighting of the Day : Southern Giraffe feeding by the road, Young Bushbuck, Male lions scent marking
Daily Total : 22
Trip Total : 32

Birds of the Day : Verreaux's Eagle Owl, Malachite kingfisher
Daily Total : 86
Trip Total : 146

Day 5 : Wednesday, 5 November 2008 ~ Skukuza, Kruger National Park

Leaving camp later in the morning (well this is a holiday after all) we travelled now south from Satara to our next destination which was the Camp of Skukuza. Our route took us along what is often referred to as the backbone of Kruger, the main tar road which traverses the Park north to south, with, for ease and simplicity, the granites and sourveld to the west and basalts and sweet veld to the east. Whilst one vehicle was explaining the various attributes of the Sjangbok Pod Cassia abbreviate to her clients the other was able to pick up a White-faced Scops Owl roosting in the same tree! We were treated to a sensational Bateleur sighting with both male and female on the ground on a carcass and then, as the male flew off, the juvenile arrived and was then fed by the female. A detour along the S86 N'waswitsonto

Loop produced a fascinating glimpse of Tree Squirrel activity with a group of upwards of 12 chasing and following each other through the tangled trunks and branches of the large Jackal Berry, *Diospyros mespiliformis*, and Natal Mahogany, *Trichilia emetica*, trees found along the loop road. Mazithi Dam, along the side of the road, saw a birder's identification field day with many waders and other water birds, the highlights here being a Wood Sandpiper and Greenshank. The Tshokwane picnic site and its attendant Vervet Monkeys provided us with a leg stretch and comfort stop and we set off to Skukuza, the main camp within Kruger. We arrived at Skukuza in good time for a quiet restful time and the time to do some Camp birding with Purple-crested Turaco, Green Pigeon, Black-collared Barbet and Speckled Mousebirds being seen. We also met up with the resident Peter's Epauletted Fruit Bats that roost under the eaves of the Deli's outside eating area. We then set off for a late afternoon drive along the Sabie River. Highlights of this short drive included a small group of Cape Buffalo, a large herd of African Elephants, playing and drinking in the waters of the river and feeding in the tall reed beds along its course in the warm, soft light of late afternoon, and 3 sub adult and 1 mature male Lions sleeping on the sand close by, but totally uninterested in their relatively close neighbours.

Mammal sighting of the Day : Tree Squirrels and African Elephants

Daily Total : 22

Trip Total : 34

Birds of the Day : Male, female and juvenile Bateleur feeding on carcass, Green Sandpiper, White-faced Scops Owl

Daily Total : 86

Trip Total : 172

Day 6 : Thursday, 6 November 2008 ~ Lower Sabie, Kruger National Park

We decided to explore the area to the west of Skukuza and made an early dawn departure from Camp. As we drank our coffee we heard the unmistakable sound of a Thick-tailed Bushbaby calling and we were able to watch its silhouette as it moved through the trees and along branches on its way back to its daytime roost. We maintained our 'record' of seeing Lion on each day and different ones, although today's sighting was not as exceptional as we had become used to! Five females sleeping but in quite thick bush, making photographing difficult. The early morning was quiet with little activity on the dirt or tar roads or at the waterholes we visited. The coolness of the weather probably affecting activity. Impala and Chacma Baboon together with general game occupied our mammal attention. After packing up and yet another hearty Kruger breakfast we set off to travel down the Sabie River to our next and final Kruger destination, the camp of Lower Sabie. Our journey kept us close to the river for 40+kms and provided us with outstanding views of a male Nyala, a real rarity for Kruger, Klipspringer, Greater Kudu, Hippopotamus, a group of 5 female Lions, a huge bull African Elephant wading through Sunset Dam and some special birds



such as Goliath Heron, Black Stork, Marabou Stork, Tawny Eagle and African Fish Eagle. Our accommodation at Lower Sabie was outstanding, overlooking the river and we sat during the mid afternoon watching Buffalo, Hippopotamus, Bushbuck, Southern Giraffe, Nile Crocodile and Impala all from our verandas. Our clients all chose to go out on the Sunset Drive from Lower Sabie which left at 17:30 and they were treated to views of Scrub Hare, Lion, Lesser Bushbaby, African Elephant and Spotted Hyena on what proved quite an eventful drive as the guide managed to get a bit stuck in soft sand quite close to a group of resting lions! All was well and the group arrived back in Camp around 21:00.

Mammal sighting of the Day : Thick tailed Bushbaby, Bull elephant in Sunset Dam, Nyala Bull

Daily Total : 25

Trip Total : 38

Birds of the Day : Black and Marabou Storks
Daily Total : 90
Trip Total : 187

Day 7 : Friday, 7 November 2008 ~ Lower Sabie, Kruger National Park

We decided to split the day into an early morning and later afternoon drives, allowing us to enjoy the magnificent surroundings of the Camp and in anticipation of a long day in the vehicles on the following day. Our early start took us for a short while south east along the River where we watched a group of Spotted Hyena flush some sleeping Warthogs from a culvert and then we headed north of Lower Sabie into areas of open grassland and sweeping plains. Those in one vehicle managed to see a Pallid Harrier. We found a White or Square Lipped Rhinoceros female and young calf that walked parallel with the vehicles until they crossed the track in front of us. In text book fashion the female kept the calf in front of her as they made their way across the open veld. We enjoyed an excellent aggregation of Southern Giraffe, Impala, Blue Wildebeest and Burchell's Zebra at the junction of the H10 and Muntsho Loop and as we followed the H10 south we came across a huge herd of African Elephants which crossed the road in front of us. We were taken especially with the tusks of one of the older



females and speculated as to their use to her. But this morning's drive has to go down as the Drive of the Warthog. There seemed to be one on every corner and at regular 10m intervals along the verges of the roads. Game viewing really does ignite appetites and Kruger never failed to live up to them!! We enjoyed our breakfast overlooking the Sabie River in the company of Lesser Masked Weavers, who showed a particular interest in the bacon scraps, and Dark-capped Bulbuls who tried to grab anything and everything. The day was then spent at leisure on the Camp and one of our group spotted a Little Bittern, as others enjoyed the Boardwalk, the River and the coolness of the cottages. Temperatures rose to 41 °C in the early afternoon. We left

Camp around 14:30 to see what Kruger had in store for us and we had a superlative drive. Starting off with a view of a young Leopard sleeping on the boughs of a Sausage Tree, *Kigelia Africana*, our spirits were soaring and all were highly elated as our drive took us southwards and we recorded Chacma Baboon, African Elephant, Southern Giraffe, Greater Kudu, Impala, Cape Buffalo, and we reached Gomondwane Waterhole full of what Kruger had shared with us. But she was not yet finished: as we drew up to the waterhole we had a close sighting of 3 female and 1 male Lions who were moving in the direction of the waterhole itself. In the open area near the water stood 4 White Rhinoceros. As the Lions went to drink so did 2 of the Rhino and we sat in awe watching these 2 species drink together, a first for all of us. As the Lions slowly moved away so did the Rhino, neither conceding that they had moved first!!! Moving swiftly back to camp, at the spot where we had found the young Leopard we found the female who had just killed an Impala and as we sat there in the glowing gloom we watched her come down from the tree and start feeding on the carcass. Inevitably there were branches between the cameras and the leopard but the memory of that sighting will live for a long while in the hearts and minds of all that were privileged to share that African moment. How we were not late for camp we shall never know but we managed to skid in before the gates were closed and celebrated a truly magnificent day in Africa at the veranda overlooking the Sabie River.

Mammal sighting of the Day : Leopard on a kill
Daily Total : 22
Trip Total : 40

Birds of the Day : Little Bittern, Shelley's Francolin, Cardinal Woodpecker, Spotted Flycatcher
Daily Total : 98
Trip Total : 190

Day 8 : Saturday, 8 November 2008 ~ Departure

How can a week pass so quickly? We packed up early from Lower Sabie and had to change our route plan slightly after some very heavy rain during the night. We realized a breakfast at a picnic site might be a bit soggy so we headed up towards Skukuza (can't keep us away from the buffet!). Not 8kms from



camp we spotted a big male Leopard at Lubyelubye, resting in a tree with its impala kill a few metres below him. Although the light was low we had an excellent sighting of this magnificent animal. Our journey along the River gave us more sightings of Hippopotamus, African Elephant, Buffalo, Common Duiker, Common Waterbuck and Southern Giraffe. As we turned into Skukuza a small 'herd' of vehicles alerted us to some activity and we caught sight of a Bushbuck dead under a bush very close to the road, teasingly the Leopard which had killed this Bushbuck only appeared fleetingly and was walking away from the activity of the vehicles. But we saw it nevertheless! After breakfast our drive to the Phabeni Gate allowed us some excellent photo opportunities of Greater Kudu, Impala, Steenbok, Burchell's Zebra, Banded Mongoose, Blue Wildebeest and a very close view of a male White Rhino who appeared to be re-marking territory by scent marking various small

shrubs and trees in a small area. Perhaps this area had been previously visited by a male and this one was over printing his scent. As we watched the Rhino a Temminck's Courser was spotted moving around in the recently burnt grass on the opposite of the road - what a perfect ending to satisfy both the 'mammalers' and the birders of this trip. We left Kruger with heavy hearts. She had shared with us some of her very best and given us an amazing week. But the wonderful thing about leaving Kruger is that she is always there waiting for our return. We drove to Nelspruit where our thanks go to Mavourneen and Sue for preparing a superb buffet lunch which was enjoyed by all. Driving to Johannesburg the heavens opened and unfortunately curtailed dramatically any sightings of Highveld mammals or birds that we may have wished for. Some species were seen again such as Long-tailed Widowbird, Red Bishop, Steppe Buzzard and distant Springbok and Blesbok but drizzle, mist and then torrential rain and strong winds kept drivers eyes firmly on the road ahead and the culmination of a series of early morning starts saw other eyes closing for varying periods. The Airport was a welcome sight as we pulled in around 17h30 and said our final farewells. As our group split for the first time in a week, those migrating northwards and returning home wondered how long they would have to wait before finally knowing the result of the American Presidential election and Richard and I returned home to the Lowveld which had, we hoped, tantalized our clients with plans for future visits and which had provided us all with some unique and special memories during the previous week.

Our thanks go to Naturetrek and Lawsons for arranging this tour and to Arthur, Gill, Paul and Phil, Graham, Margaret, Trevor and Judith for their interest, enjoyment, laughter and company over the past eight days. Travel safely and travel well, and come again!

Mammal sighting of the Day : 2 leopards in different locations, one with an impala kill, the other with a bushbuck kill

Daily Total : 23

Trip Total : 40

Birds of the Day : Temminck's Courser

Daily Total : 108

Trip Total : 196 with 11 heard only

Checklist of Mammals Seen

		01-Nov-08	02-Nov-08	03-Nov-08	04-Nov-08	05-Nov-08	06-Nov-08	07-Nov-08	08-Nov-08	TOTAL	SCIENTIFIC NAMES
3	Baboon, Chacma		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
4	Badger, Honey			X						1	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>
6	Bat, Fruit (Peter's Epauletted)				X	X	X		X	4	<i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>
12	Bat, Slit-face d (Common)						X			1	<i>Nycteris thebaica</i>
14	Blesbok	X								1	<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi</i>

15	Buffalo		X	X		X	X	X	X	6	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
16	Bushbaby, Lesser						X			1	<i>Galago moholi</i>
17	Bushbaby, Thick-tailed					X	X			2	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
18	Bushbuck		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
22	Cheetah			X						1	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
26	Duiker, Common	X			X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
27	Eland	X								1	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
28	Elephant, African		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
30	Genet, Small-spotted				X			X		2	<i>Genetta genetta</i>
32	Giraffe, Southern		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
34	Hare, Scrub				X		X			2	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
37	Hippopotamus			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
38	Hyaena, Spotted		X		X			X	X	4	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
39	Impala		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
40	Jackal, Black-backed			X						1	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
42	Klipspringer						X			1	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
43	Kudu, Greater		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
44	Leopard							X	X	2	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
45	Lion		X	X	X	X	X	X		6	<i>Panthera leo</i>
47	Mongoose, Banded					X			X	2	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
48	Mongoose, Dwarf			X	X	X		X	X	5	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
50	Mongoose, Slender		X	X		X			X	4	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
54	Monkey, Vervet			X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
60	Nyala						X			1	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
68	Reedbuck, Mountain	X								1	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>
69	Rhebok, Grey	X								1	<i>Palaea capreolus</i>
71	Rhinoceros, White				X		X	X	X	4	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
77	Springbok	X							X	2	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
78	Squirrel, Tree		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
79	Steenbok	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
82	Warthog		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
83	Waterbuck, Common	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
85	Wildebeest, Black	X								1	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>
86	Wildebeest, Blue		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
87	Zebra, Burchell's	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	<i>Equus burchelli</i>

Checklist of Birds Seen

	COMMON NAMES	SCIENTIFIC NAMES
1	Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
8	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
55	White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
58	Reed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
60	African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
62	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
64	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
66	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
67	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
68	Yellow-billed Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
71	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
74	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
78	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>

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81	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
84	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
87	African Open bill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
88	Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
89	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
90	Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
91	African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
93	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
94	Hadedda Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
95	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
99	White-faced Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
102	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
104	Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>
105	African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
121	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
123	White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
124	Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
125	White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonocaps occipitalis</i>
126b	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
127	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
132	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
135	Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
137	African Hawk Eagle	<i>Hieraetus fasciatus</i>
140	Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
142	Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
143	Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
146	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
149	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
160	African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
161	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
167	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>
169	African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
172	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
176	Taita Falcon	<i>Falco fasciinucha</i>
188	Coqui Francolin	<i>Francolinus coqui</i>
191	Shelley's Francolin	<i>Francolinus shelleyi</i>
196	Natal Francolin (NE)	<i>Francolinus natalensis</i>
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)	<i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>
203	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
213	Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
228	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
230	Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
237	Red-crested Korhaan (NE)	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>
240	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
242	Greater Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
249	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
260	African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
264	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>

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265	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
269	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
270	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
295	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
298	Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
300	Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>
315	Grey-headed Gull	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
353	African Mourning Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
354	Cape Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
355	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
356	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcophilus</i>
361	African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey Go-away Bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
375	African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>
377	Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
381	Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
382	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
385	Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
386	Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (E)	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
396	African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
397	Southern White-faced Scops-Owl	<i>Otus leucotis</i>
398	Pearl-spotted Owl	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
402	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
415	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
417	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
421	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
431	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
435	Brown-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
438	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
443	White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
449	Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevia</i>
451	African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
452	Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
457	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
458	Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
463	Southern Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
464	Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
465	Acacia Pied Barbet (NE)	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
470	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>

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473	Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
474	Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
487	Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Thripas namaquus</i>
494	Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>
518	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
520	White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albicularis</i>
524	Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
545	Eastern Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
547	Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
548	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
550	White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
554	Southern Black Tit	<i>Parus niger</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
576	Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
580	Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsirupa</i>
586	Mountain Wheatear (NE)	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
588	Buff-streaked Chat (E)	<i>Oenanthe bifasciata</i>
593	Mocking Cliff-Chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
596	African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
599	White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
613	White-browed Scrub-Robin	<i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i>
643	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
645	Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
659	Stierling's Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>
664	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
674	Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
689	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
694	Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
701	Chin-spot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
710	African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
711	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
720	Striped Pipit	<i>Anthus lineiventris</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
732	Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
733	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
735	Magpie Shrike	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
740	Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush Shrike	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
751	Grey-headed Bush Shrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
753	White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
756	Southern White-crowned Shrike (NE)	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>

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758	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
759	Pied Starling (E)	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
760	Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
761	Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
764	Cape 'Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
775	Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
779	Marico Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia mariquensis</i>
787	White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>
796	Cape White-eye (E)	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
798	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
801	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
813	Cape Weaver (E)	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
815	Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
824	Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
827	Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
832	Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
841	Jameson's Fire finch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
842	Red-billed Fire finch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
844	Blue Wax bill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
860	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
869	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
872	Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
884	Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>

