

South Africa - Kruger & Drakensberg

Tuesday 27 October – Thursday 12 November 2009

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Total Distance Travelled: 3060 Km

Temperature Range: 10°C -33 °C

Total Number of Birds Seen: 339 birds seen and 9 birds heard not seen. Total 347

Total Number of Mammals Seen: 44

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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 REPORT

Day 1: Wednesday 28 October 2009 ~ Dullstroom.

Route: *OR Tambo Airport (Johannesburg) to Dullstroom*

Distance: *340km*

Weather: *Warm and sunny with thunderstorms*

Temperature range: *26*

The participants arrived at OR Tambo International Airport and we set off for Dullstroom, three-hour's drive to the east in the highlands of the province. The summer rains had commenced and the countryside had started to turn green after a long dry winter and spring. We stopped at a natural pan adjacent to the highway near Delmas, which yielded African Spoonbills, Maccos Ducks, White-winged Terns and others.

Our lunch stop near Middleburg allowed us to photograph a Black-shouldered Kite. As we approached Dullstroom we were able to stop near a farm dam visible from the road. This was very fruitful as we watched a solitary African Fish Eagle catch a fish and carry it to the dam bank where it started devouring its quarry. After settling into our accommodation we still had time to explore some of the district roads around Dullstroom and saw Long-crested Eagle, and Forest, Jackal and Steppe Buzzards.

It was a long day for the overseas participants and we ended with an early dinner

Daily Total: *5, Bird of the day: African Fish Eagle taking a fish*

Day 2: Thursday 29 October 2009 ~ Dullstroom

Route: Dullstroom area and Verloeren Valei

Distance: 70km

Weather: Mist and rain early, then cloudy but no rain

Temperature range: 12-20

A thunderstorm during the night heralded a change in the weather and we woke to mist and rain. Dullstroom is at about 2000m asl and such weather is not unexpected in summer. Nevertheless we started off at 06h00 in the optimistic hope that the weather would lift. We headed towards the Verloeren Valei Nature Reserve, a beautiful nature reserve preserving the highveld grasslands and important water catchment areas, but unfortunately the weather worsened, with visibility down to 10 meters. Birding was difficult, to say the least, and we returned to town for breakfast at 08h00.

By 09h00 the mist was lifting and again optimistically we set off for Verloeren Valei once again. We collected Themba – a Verloeren Valei guide – after which the weather cleared and we had a wonderful 4 hours being shown areas of the nature reserve not normally visited by tourists. Part of Themba's tour was a 1 km walk through the grasslands to view a Wattled Crane from a distance. What a privilege to see this endangered bird and we were impressed with Themba's care not to disturb it.

Later we saw another Wattled Crane (thank goodness for our scopes!) and a Denham's Bustard gave us a spectacularly long 180-degree sighting as it flew over us. Other specials for the area were two Red-winged Francolins, which tried to hide from us at 10 meters in short grass, and Southern Bald Ibises seen on 3 occasions. We also saw an unusually large flock of about 50 Cape Crows.

Verloeren Valei is also well known for its grassland mammals and we saw Common Duiker, Steenbok, Mountain Reedbuck, Grey Rhebok and a panorama of 150 Blesbuck in one location. Verloeren Valei is also known for its wild flowers and we saw many unidentified species just pushing at the start of the season.

Daily Total: 61, New Birds: 24, Trip Total: 85, Bird of the day: Wattled Crane and Denham's Bustard

Day 3: Friday 30 October 2009 ~ Satara K.N.P.

Route: Dullstroom to Satara Camp via Abel Erasmus Pass

Distance: 320km

Weather: Cold and misty early. Cloudy and cold with some rain later

Temperature range: 10-19

Another day starting out cold and misty, but we were on our way to Satara Camp in the Kruger National Park. The thick mist lasted until we came down off the highveld at Lydenburg and even though we left at 08h00 after breakfast, the going was slow and eventually we needed to take the shortest route to Satara. South of Lydenburg we had our first sighting of Cape and White-backed Vultures, probably in the region because of a private nature reserve in the area. Excitement erupted at Abel Erasmus pass where after searching the cliffs for a while we finally saw two Taita Falcons. This is the only publicly-accessible nesting location in South Africa of this small falcon (there may be one or two other non-accessible sites). One falcon appeared to be on a nest, which we could not see, as it disappeared back into the rock ledge and did not reappear. The other was observed flying and sitting on a ledge. The next stop was the Kruger National Park (KNP). It was interesting to see how the bird sightings dramatically increased once we passed through the entrance gates. The switch from grassveld to bushveld birds was very obvious and resulted in a high number of new species. White-backed and Lappet-faced Vultures were seen near an old giraffe carcass. The drive from the gate to Satara Camp traverses the gabbro, Ecca shales and basalt regions that occur in the KNP. The fertile soils from this geology support an abundance of game and particularly good sightings of elephant, buffalo, kudu and zebra were had. A difficult sighting of a leopard introduced us to the cats. We arrived at Satara with 5 minutes to spare before camp gate closure and enjoyed a pleasant meal in the restaurant and well-earned rest.

During the night we were entertained by an African Scops-Owl and a Spotted Eagle-Owl, the latter perched on the roof of Jane's chalet.

Daily Total: 67, New Birds: 47, Trip Total: 132, Bird of the day: Taita Falcon

Day 4: Saturday 31 October 2009 ~ Satara K.N.P

Route: Around Satara Camp on the S100 and H1-4

Distance: 82km

Weather: Cool, predominantly cloudy. Very clear air.

Temperature range: 16-24

The day broke with a clear sky on the eastern horizon, a beautiful sunrise complete with the booming call of a party of Southern Ground Hornbills in the distance. We departed camp at 05h30 and travelled east along the S100, planning to reach the Nwanetsi picnic site. The birding was very good and the progress slow and we only went half way before turning back for brunch at Satara. New bushveld birds continued to grow our list with specials such as Yellow-throated Longclaw, Southern Ground Hornbill and a Gabar Goshawk chased by a Lilac-breasted Roller. A surprise was a Red-headed Finch, which is outside its normal range here in the Kruger, usually occurring much further to the west.

The Nwanetsi River was dry with only a few stagnant pools, around which the wildlife was concentrated. Along the river we found Saddle-billed Storks, Black Crakes and Trumpeter Hornbills in a large Sycamore Fig tree. The final pool produced lots of excitement with a large pod of hippo, crocodiles and a leopard. The leopard walked within 2 meters of one of our vehicles offering photo opportunities par excellence.

After brunch a trip north along the H1-4 found Chestnut-backed Sparrowlarks and a close viewing of an old bull elephant. A sunset drive produced another leopard, three white rhino, a hippo out of water, an African Scops-Owl, Square-tailed Nightjar and a Goliath Heron.

Daily Total: 89, New Birds: 49, Trip Total: 180, Bird of the day: Saddle-billed Stork, Southern Ground Hornbill

Day 5: Sunday 1 November 2009 ~ Pretoriuskop K.N.P

Route: Satara Camp to Pretoriuskop Camp via Tshokwane and Skukuza

Distance: 184km

Weather: Clear and warm

Temperature range: 18-32

Another "long day in the saddle" but this proved to be a day of great diversity. The KNP changed the camp gate opening time to an hour earlier than in October and we were out of the gates at 04h30 on our way to Pretoriuskop Camp via Tshokwane picnic spot and Skukuza Rest Camp. The trip through 6 of KNP's ecozones resulted in excellent diversity of vegetation, mammals and birds. The route took us through knobthorn savanna, mixed broadleaf woodland, acacia thorn thickets, grasslands with low shrubs, granite outcrops and riverine bush. A dam and the perennial Sabi River provided ideal habitat for water dependent species. Not surprisingly this day yielded the highest daily total of birds. Specials were a Black-chested Snake-Eagle, African Jacana, Lesser Grey Shrike, Black-bellied Bustard, Goliath Heron, Pearl-spotted Owllet and Violet-backed Starling. Spotted hyaena were encountered close to the Satara Camp, and two lionesses had just finished feeding on a buffalo near Tshokwane, which had attracted a large number of White-backed and Hooded Vultures. The Mazithi dam was the drinking site for a herd of about 300 buffalo. Elephant were seen all along the route. As we got close to Pretoriuskop Camp a large male leopard posed for us on a termite mound and we had close sightings of 8 white rhino. Not a bad day for birds and big game!

Daily Total: 108, New Birds: 27, Trip Total: 207, Bird of the day: Mammals stole the day – leopard, lion, rhino.

Day 6: Monday 2 November 2009 ~ Pretoriuskop K.N.P

Route: Circular routes around Pretoriuskop Camp

Distance: 34km

Weather: Clear and cool becoming cloudy.

Temperature range: 16-24

We were now used to getting up early and had become battle hardened so we started out once again at 04h30, the reward being a most beautiful sunrise over a large granite outcrop. The Pretoriuskop area has the highest rainfall of the KNP and sandy granitic soils. Following recent rains the area was very green and lush. Our morning drive did not take us far as we looked for new species. Little Rus h-Warbler, Lizard Buzzard, Golden-breasted Bunting, African Darter, Red-headed Weaver, Martial Eagle and Scarlet-chested Sunbird were new birds seen. After our brunch we walked around the Pretoriuskop Camp and found Black Cuckooshrike and Purple-crested Turaco. A total of 10 white rhino were seen.

The night drive was very interesting with Barn Owl and a mating pair of lions. We were able to watch the mating behaviour of the lions who were unconcerned with our proximity.

Daily Total: 88, New Birds: 10, Trip Total: 217, Bird of the day: Lizard Buzzard

Day 7: Tuesday 3 November 2009 ~ Wakkerstroom

Route: Pretoriuskop Camp to Wakkerstroom via Carolina Dam

Distance: 430km

Weather: Cool and overcast with mist in the mountains

Temperature range: 10-22

We left Pretoriuskop in overcast weather and saw our first Levaillant's Cuckoo and a few more white rhino. After saying farewell to a good stay in the KNP we crossed the Barberton Mountains in thick mist and made our way to the Carolina Dam for a tea break. We left the bushveld behind us and were back in the grasslands. The dam was very good for Green-backed and Grey Herons and we saw Fantailed Widowbirds in the grasslands. We arrived in Wakkerstroom in time to settle into the Wakkerstroom Country Inn and then visit the wetlands on the Amersfoort road bridge. South African Cliff Swallows were nesting in large numbers under the bridge and we watched them swooping through the sky and under the bridge. An African Rail tempted us with its call but remained hidden in the reeds. An African Purple Swampphen was on a nest, and a couple of Black-crowned Night-Herons were clearly visible before flying off as dusk approached. As we were about to depart from the wetlands with sunset well progressed, a pair of Grey Crowned Cranes flew to a dead tree and stood silhouetted against the evening sky.

Daily Total: 105, New Birds: 9, Trip Total: 226, Bird of the day: Black-crowned Night-Heron

Day 8: Wednesday 4 November 2009 ~ Wakkerstroom

Route: District roads around Wakkerstroom, reaching Dirkiesdorp

Distance: 175km

Weather: Early mist and rain clearing to partly cloudy

Temperature range: 10-24

This was a day for the grassland specials but we were apprehensive about the weather with a forecast of rain and mist. We collected "Lucky" our local guide in light rain and mist at 06h00 and set off with a packed breakfast/lunch heading for lower altitude at Dirkiesdorp, prepared for anything but hoping the weather would clear up. Fortunately the weather slowly lifted and the specials duly presented themselves.

We saw and heard African Snipe drumming in the wetlands. Near Dirkiesdorp we found Denham's Bustard and a pair of Secretarybirds, and on the Utrecht road a walk through the grasslands unearthed Yellow-breasted Pipit. North of Wakkerstroom in ploughed fields we watched dancing Grey Crowned Cranes, Barrow's Korhaan and Red-capped Larks. Our local guide, Lucky, has an arrangement with some of the farmers in the area which allowed him to take us walking through their fields and he painstakingly hunted down both Botha's and Rudd's Lark for us to see. These are both endemics to the area and endangered so the sightings on foot were very special. The day ended with 2 roosting Grey Crowned Cranes silhouetted against the darkening sky in a repeat of the previous day.

Daily Total: 79, New Birds: 12, Trip Total: 238, Bird of the day: Grey Crowned Cranes dancing, Rudd's and Botha's Larks.

Day 9: Thursday 5 November 2009 ~ Mkhuze

Route: Wakkerstroom to Mkhuze Game Reserve via Luneburg, Vryheid and Candover

Distance: 335km

Weather: Sunny but cold and windy leaving Wakkerstroom

Temperature range: 12-30

Wakkerstroom produced its unexpected weather - a sunny, cold and very windy morning and we were all looking forward to some good summer warmth at lower altitude. Before that, however, we did an early trip to the Snake River and were rewarded by a flock of 12 Grey Crowned Cranes and Ground Woodpeckers emerging from their burrow nests in the cuttings at Snake River. After breakfast we set off for warmth and the road to Luneburg was dotted with sightings of a few Blue and Grey Crowned Cranes, and a solitary White Stork. We arrived at Mkhuze Game Reserve in the late afternoon and only had time to drive the route to Mantuma Camp. One of the first birds was Crested Guineafowl with their unique cackling call. We were back in bee-eater country with many European and White-fronted Bee-eaters seen.

The accommodation was in safari tents in an unfenced wooded area through which nyala and warthogs roamed freely. Our catering team of Don and Mavourneen prepared a delicious braai (barbeque) for us all, which we enjoyed with the sounds of the bush all around.

Daily Total: 89, New Birds: 15, Trip Total: 253, Bird of the day: Crested Guineafowl

Day 10: Friday 6 November 2009 ~ Mkhuze

Route: Mkhuze Game Reserve tourist roads, including the Fig Tree forest.

Distance: 85km

Weather: Partly cloudy and warm

Temperature range: 16-33

One of the icons of Mkhuze Game Reserve is the fig tree forest, and this was the first stop on the day's program. While waiting to collect our guide we stalked the call of an elusive Bearded Scrub-Robin before finally getting a good sighting. The 2-hour walk through the fig tree forest was one of the highlights of the whole trip. The chorus of birdcalls was amazing. With heads craned upwards we tried to find the call owners and saw Trumpe ter Hornbill, Purple-crested Turaco, Square-tailed Drongo, Black-collared Barbet, Crested Barbet, White-eared Barbet and Black-bellied Starling. In the forest under storey there were Red-capped Robin-Chats and a displaying Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher. At the stream crossing were Egyptian Geese and Malachite Kingfishers. As a surprise Don and Mavourneen had arranged a picnic brunch at Nsumo Pan. The pan was abnormally full of water and with consequently less bird life than usual. However we saw African Darter, Pink-backed Pelican, Grey-headed Gull and an African Marsh Harrier. The reeds on the shoreline had nesting Golden and Yellow Weavers.

After resting in the shade at the pan we set out for our afternoon drive and witnessed a Southern Banded Snake-Eagle being mobbed by Fork-tailed Drongos and a Greater Honeyguide giving us his chattering 'follow me' call. A new mammal seen was the beautifully coloured Red Duiker.

Don and Mavourneen had already spoilt us so to experience too much of a good thing we enjoyed another sumptuous braai.

Daily Total: 77, New Birds: 27, Trip Total: 280, Bird of the day: Southern Banded Snake-Eagle, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher.

Day 11: Saturday 7 November 2009 ~ St Lucia

Route: . Mkhuze Game Reserve to St Lucia

Distance: 195km

Weather: Warm and partly cloudy

Temperature range: 16-32

We started our trip to St Lucia with a final early drive around Mkhuze and had good sightings of Brown

Snake-Eagle and Martial Eagle. We saw our first giraffe in Mkhuze and two males demonstrated their fighting technique, taking turns to hit each other with heads swinging like clubs on long necks. Ophanzi Gate pan, just outside the reserve, contained Black Herons fishing with spread wing canopies, Yellow-billed Stork, Hottentot Teal, Ruff, Collared Pratincole, and others. This shallow ephemeral pan contained more bird species than Nsumo Pan.

On the way to Hluhluwe we passed Muzi Pan, also full of water, where we found a Squacco Heron and White-winged Terns. On the road near Hluhluwe Lemon-breasted Canaries were perched on acacias giving us a good sighting. We arrived at St Lucia in time to check in and walk the Gwala Gwala trail. We saw Rudd's Apalis and a pod of hippos near the (closed) estuary mouth. The gardens of the guest house yielded Thick-billed Weaver and Bronze Mannikin.

Daily Total: 101, New Birds: 25, Trip Total: 305, Bird of the day: Black Herons fishing with wing canopy spread.

Day 12: Sunday 8 November 2009 ~ St Lucia

Route: St Lucia to Cape Vidal through Isimangaliso Wetland Park

Distance: 100km

Weather: Sunny with a strong easterly wind

Temperature range: 18-33

We certainly were experiencing the full range of summer weather. The wind started blowing during the night and by morning was very strong and generating white horses on the sea – wild enough to cancel the pelagic trip that had been scheduled for the morning. So instead we set off up the coast to explore the birding in the Isimangaliso Wetland Park, now a World Heritage Site. The Yellow-billed Kites revelled in the windy conditions, and were seen all day performing with their aerial manoeuvres. The Mission Rocks lookout and picnic spot was our breakfast stop with a wonderful 360-degree view of the area. It also produced Grey Sunbird and Woodward's Batis. Catalina Bay on Lake St Lucia was the best waterbird spot with a large flock of distant Pink-backed Pelicans, a flock of Curlew Sandpipers, Ruff, Common Greenshank and Caspian Terns. Also seen were Eastern Olive Sunbird and the elusive Sombre and Yellow-bellied Greenbuls – which we had been hearing regularly at Mkhuze and St Lucia.

The Isimangaliso Wetland Park is a giant conservation success story, with lobbyists preventing it being used for mining and exotic tree plantations. It has the highest concentration of common reedbuck in South Africa, a fact we could attest to with our many sightings.

Daily Total: 84, Trip Total: 313, Bird of the day: Violet-backed Starling

Day 13: Monday 9 November 2009 ~ Sani Pass

Route: St Lucia to Sani Pass Hotel via Mtunzini

Distance: 490km

Weather: Windy on the coast moderating inland

Temperature range: 17-30

This was a travelling day – another long day in the saddle to get to the Drakensberg Mountains. But we took a detour to Mtunzini and found a Palm-nut Vulture in the raffia palms. Our lunch stop was at Howick and included a quick consultation with the local doctor. This stop allowed us to visit the Howick Falls, an impressive fall of 97m with cliffs that housed Red-winged Starlings. The area also produced a Groundscraper Thrush. When we reached the Sani Pass Hotel we had climbed 2000 meters from our start. We arrived in time for a walk around the hotel gardens and nearby waterfall where Southern Bald Ibises had nested. The walk produced Olive Thrush, Amethyst Sunbird, Dark-capped Yellow-Warbler, Drakensberg Prinia and Southern Bald Ibis.

Daily Total: 56, New Birds: 6, Trip Total: 321, Bird of the day: Palm-nut Vulture

Day 14: Tuesday 10 November 2009 ~ Sani Pass

Route: Up Sani Pass to Lesotho

Distance: 60km

Weather: Misty below the escarpment, clear on the top

Temperature range: 10-18

Rain fell during the night and our hearts dropped when we woke. The whole area was misted in. Fortune favours the brave so off we went, through the border post into Lesotho, and what a relief when we pierced through the cloud into brilliant sunshine on the top of the mountains. The Drakensberg are famous for the Bearded and Cape Vultures and these magnificent birds were seen soaring high above us.

The area is also unique for its montane grasslands, fynbos and forest patches which added some more specials to the list. Seen were Gurney's Sugarbird, Mountain Pipit, Drakensberg Siskin, Red-collared Widowbird, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Sickle-winged Chat, Barratt's Warbler, Bush Blackcap, Drakensberg Rockjumper, Large-billed Lark and Grey Tit. The highlight of the day was more than just the birds though, as everyone enjoyed the experience of the precarious Sani Pass road, the unique geology and mountains, and the remote beauty of the "Roof of Southern Africa".

Daily Total: 62, New Birds: 15, Trip Total: 336, Bird of the day: Bearded Vulture, Gurney's Sugarbird

Day 15: Wednesday 11 November 2009 ~ Departure

Route: Sani Pass Hotel to Durban

Distance: 230km

Weather: Clear and sunny

Temperature range: 15-30

The last day! And we still added birds to our list! As we packed our vehicles a Red-chested Cuckoo bid us farewell calling from out in the open. We had heard this bird so often but never managed to see it.

South African Shelduck, African Black Duck, Common Moorhen and an African Fish-Eagle graced a local farm dam on our route. Near Bulwer we stopped at the Marutswa indigenous forest, a little forest patch where the disappearing Cape Parrot is seen. We were unsuccessful with the parrot but did see Cape Batis, Knysna Turaco and Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler. The lasting impression was of beautiful bird sounds, which included Olive Woodpecker and Black Cuckoo. We said our goodbyes and separated at Durban Airport.

The end of a wonderful trip.

Daily Total: 31, New Birds: 6, Trip Total: 342, Bird of the day: Red-chested Cuckoo

BIRDS OF THE TRIP: (Participants' choice)

Wattled Cranes

Grey Crowned Cranes

Violet-backed Starlings

Egyptian Goose (the only bird seen every day)

BIRD LIST:

	BIRDS COMMON NAME	Total Days Seen	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1	Common Ostrich	1	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
50	Pink-backed Pelican	2	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
55	White-breasted Cormorant	5	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
58	Red Cormorant	6	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
60	African Darter	5	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
62	Grey Heron	7	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
63	Black-headed Heron	7	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
64	Goliath Heron	3	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
65	Purple Heron	1	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
66	Great Egret	3	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
67	Little Egret	2	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
68	Yellow-billed Egret	1	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
69	Black Heron	1	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
71	Cattle Egret	10	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
72	Squacco Heron	1	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
74	Green-backed Heron	1	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
76	Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
79	Dwarf Bittern	1	<i>Ixobrychus sturmi</i>
81	Hamerkop	7	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
83	White Stork	1	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
86	Woolly-necked Stork	5	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
87	African Openbill	2	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
88	Saddle-billed Stork	4	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
89	Marabou Stork	2	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
90	Yellow-billed Stork	2	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
91	African Sacred Ibis	8	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
92	Southern Bald Ibis (E)	6	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>
93	Glossy Ibis	2	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
94	Hadda Ibis	13	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
95	African Spoonbill	5	<i>Platalea alba</i>
102	Egyptian Goose	15	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
103	South African Shelduck (E)	1	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
104	Yellow-billed Duck	8	<i>Anas undulata</i>
105	African Black Duck	3	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
108	Red-billed Teal	3	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
112	Cape Shoveler (E)	1	<i>Anas smithii</i>
115	Comb Duck	2	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose	7	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
117	Maccoa Duck	1	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
118	Secretarybird	3	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
119	Lammergeier	1	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
121	Hooded Vulture	1	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
122	Cape Vulture (E)	2	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
123	White-backed Vulture	4	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
124	Lappet-faced Vulture	2	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
126	Yellow-billed Kite	8	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
127	Black-shouldered Kite	7	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
132	Tawny Eagle	2	<i>Aquila rapax</i>

133	Steppe Eagle	1	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
135	Wahlberg's Eagle	4	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
139	Long-crested Eagle	3	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
140	Martial Eagle	2	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
142	Brown Snake-Eagle	4	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
143	Black-chested Snake-Eagle	2	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
144	Southern Banded Snake-Eagle	1	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>
146	Bateleur	2	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
147	Palm-Nut Vulture	1	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
148	African Fish Eagle	6	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
149	Steppe Buzzard	7	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
150	Forest Buzzard (E)	3	<i>Buteo trizonatus</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)	6	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
154	Lizard Buzzard	1	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
161	Gabar Goshawk	3	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
165	African Marsh-Harrier	3	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
169	African Harrier-Hawk	1	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
172	Lanner Falcon	1	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
176	Taita Falcon	1	<i>Falco fasciinucha</i>
181	Rock Kestrel	3	<i>Falco rupicolis</i>
189	Crested Francolin	4	<i>Peliperdix sephaena</i>
190	Grey-winged Francolin	1	<i>Scleroptila africanus</i>
192	Red-winged Francolin	2	<i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
196	Natal Francolin (NE)	3	<i>Pternistes natalensis</i>
199	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)	6	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>
200	Common Quail	1	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
203	Helmeted Guineafowl	10	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
204	Crested Guineafowl	4	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>
207	Wattled Crane	1	<i>Grus carunculatus</i>
208	Blue Crane (E)	2	<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>
209	Grey Crowned Crane	3	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
210	African Rail	1	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
213	Black Crake	1	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>
223	African Purple Swamphen	1	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
226	Common Moorhen	5	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
228	Red-knobbed Coot	7	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
231	Denham's Bustard	2	<i>Neotis denhami</i>
233	Barrow's Korhaan (E)	1	<i>Eupodotis barrowii</i>
234	Blue Korhaan (E)	1	<i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i>
237	Red-crested Korhaan	2	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>
238	Black-bellied Bustard	5	<i>Eupodotis melanogaster</i>
240	African Jacana	3	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
246	White-fronted Plover	1	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
249	Three-banded Plover	5	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing	5	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing	9	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
264	Common Sandpiper	4	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
266	Wood Sandpiper	3	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
270	Common Greenshank	2	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
272	Curlew Sandpiper	1	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
284	Ruff	2	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
286	African Snipe	1	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
294	Pied Avocet	1	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
295	Black-winged Stilt	2	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
297	Spotted Thick-knee	1	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
298	Water Thick-Knee	5	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>

304	Collare d Pratincole	1	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
312	Kelp Gull	1	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
315	Grey-headed Gull	1	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>
322	Caspian Tern	1	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
324	Swift Tern	1	<i>Sterna bergii</i>
338	Whiskered Tern	2	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
339	White-winged Tern	1	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
348	Rock Dove	1	<i>Columba livia</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon	7	<i>Columba guinea</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove	6	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
353	African Mourning Dove	1	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
354	Cape Turtle-Dove	12	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
355	Laughing Dove	11	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	4	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
361	African Green-Pigeon	5	<i>Treron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot	5	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
370a	Knysna Turaco (E)	1	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco	5	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey G o-away-bird	5	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
377	Red-chested Cuckoo	1	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
378	Black Cuckoo	1xH	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
381	Levaillant's Cuckoo	1	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
382	Jacobin Cuckoo	2	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
385	Klaas's Cuckoo	2xH	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
386	Diderick Cuckoo	3	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)	6	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
392	Barn Owl	1	<i>Tyto alba</i>
396	African Scops-Owl	1	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
398	Pearl-spotted Owlet	1	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
401	Spotted Eagle-Owl	1xH	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
405	Fiery-necked Nightjar	1	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
409	Square-tailed Nightjar	2	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
412	African Black Swift	2	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
415	White-rumped Swift	6	<i>Apus caffer</i>
417	Little Swift	10	<i>Apus affinis</i>
418	Alpine Swift	3	<i>Apus melba</i>
421	African Palm Swift	3	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
424	Speckled Mousebird	8	<i>Colius striatus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird	4	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher	8	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher	1	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
431	Malachite Kingfisher	2	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher	4	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher	6	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
438	European Bee-eater	7	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
443	White-fronted Bee-eater	1	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
444	Little Bee-eater	5	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller	6	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
449	Purple Roller	2	<i>Coracias naevia</i>
450	Broad-billed Roller	1	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
451	African Hoopoe	4	<i>Upupa africana</i>
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe	6	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitarbill	5	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
455	Trumpeter Hornbill	4	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
457	African Grey Hornbill	2	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
458	Red-billed Hornbill	4	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>

459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	5	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
463	Southern Ground-Hornbill	1	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
464	Black-collared Barbet	7	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
466	White-eared Barbet	2	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>
469	Red-fronted Tinkerbird	1xH	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>
470	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	1	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
471	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	1xH	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
473	Crested Barbet	6	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
474	Greater Honeyguide	1	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
476	Lesser Honeyguide	2	<i>Indicator minor</i>
480	Ground Woodpecker (E)	3	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker	2	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker	3	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
487	Bearded Woodpecker	1	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>
488	Olive Woodpecker	1xH	<i>Dendropicos griseacephalus</i>
489	Red-throated Wryneck	2	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>
494	Rufous-naped Lark	4	<i>Mirafra africana</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)	4	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>
499	Rudd's Lark (E)	1	<i>Heteromirafra ruddi</i>
500	Eastern Long-billed Lark (E)	1	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>
506	Spike-heeled Lark	1	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
507	Red-capped Lark	2	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
509	Botha's Lark (E)	1	<i>Spizocorys fringillaris</i>
512	Large-billed Lark (E)	1	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>
515	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark	1	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
518	Barn Swallow	12	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
520	White-throated Swallow	5	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
524	Red-breasted Swallow	5	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>
526	Greater Striped Swallow (E)	9	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow	6	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
528	South African Cliff-Swallow (E)	2	<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>
529	Rock Martin	2	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
530	Common House Martin	1	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
533	Brown-throated Martin	2	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
534	Banded Martin	4	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
536	Black Saw-wing	1	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>
538	Black Cuckoo-shrike	1	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
545	Black-headed Oriole	4	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
547	Cape Crow	7	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
548	Pied Crow	5	<i>Corvus albus</i>
549	House Crow	1	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
550	White-necked Raven	3	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
551	Grey Tit (E)	1	<i>Parus afer</i>
554	Southern Black Tit	6	<i>Parus niger</i>
560	Arrow-marked Babbler	4	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
565	Bush Black cap (E)	1	<i>Lioptilus nigricapillus</i>
568	Dark-capped Bulbul	12	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
569	Terrestrial Brouwer's Bulbul	1	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul	2	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
574	Yellow-bellied Greenbul	2	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
575	Eastern Nicator	1xH	<i>Nicator gularis</i>
576	Kurrichane Thrush	5	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
577	Olive Thrush	2	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
577	Karoo Thrush (E)	1xH	<i>Turdus smithi</i>
580	Groundscraper Thrush	4	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
581	Cape Rock-Thrush (E)	2	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>

582	Sentinel Rock-Thrush (E)	3	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
586	Mountain Wheatear (NE)	2	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
588	Buff-streaked Chat (E)	5	<i>Oenanthe bifasciata</i>
591	Sickle-winged Chat (E)	1	<i>Cercomela sinuata</i>
595	Ant-eating Chat (E)	4	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
596	African Stonechat	8	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
598	Chorister Robin-Chat (E)	1	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
600	Red-capped Robin-Chat	2	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
601	Cape Robin-Chat	6	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
602	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)	1	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
612	Drakensberg Rock-Jumper (E)	1	<i>Chaetops auran tius</i>
613	White-browed Scrub-Robin	5	<i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i>
617	Bea rded Scrub-Robin	1	<i>Erythropygia quadrivirga ta</i>
622	Layard's Tit-babbler (E)	1	<i>Parisoma layardi</i>
637	Dark-capped Yellow Warbler	1	<i>Chloropeta natalensis</i>
638	Little Rush-Warbler	3	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
639	Barratt's Warbler (E)	1	<i>Bradypterus barratti</i>
644	Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler	1	<i>Phylloscopus ruficapillus</i>
645	Bar-throated Apalis	2	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis	4	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
649	Rudd's Apalis (E)	1	<i>Apalis ruddi</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec	3	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
656	Burnt-necked Eremomela	1	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
657a	Green-backed Camaroptera	4	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
661	Cape Grassbird (E)	2	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
664	Zitting Cisticola	3	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
666	Cloud Cisticola	1xH	<i>Cisticola textrix</i>
667	Wing-snapping Cisticola	2	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
670	Wailing Cisticola	1	<i>Cisticola lais</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola	8	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
674	Red-faced Cisticola	2	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
677	Levaillant's Cisticola	5	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia	6	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
686b	Drakensberg Prinia (E)	3	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
689	Spotted Flycatcher	2	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
690	African Dusky Flycatcher	1	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
691	Ashy Flycatcher	1	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
694	Southern Black Flycatcher	6	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
696	Pale Flycatcher	1	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
701	Chin-spot Batis	3	<i>Batis molitor</i>
704	Woodward's Batis	1	<i>Batis fratrum</i>
706	Fairy Flycatcher (E)	1	<i>Stenostira scita</i>
708	Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	1	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
710	African Paradise Flycatcher	3	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
711	African Pied Wagtail	5	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
713	Cape Wagtail	7	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
716	African Pipit	4	<i>Anthus cinnamo meus</i>
717	Long-billed Pipit	2	<i>Anthus similis</i>
901	Mountain Pipit (NE)	1	<i>Anthus hoeschi</i>
725	Yellow-breasted Pipit (E)	1	<i>Hemimacronyx chloris</i>
727	Cape Longclaw (E)	3	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw	5	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
731	Lesser Grey Shrike	1	<i>Lanius minor</i>
732	Common Fiscal	9	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
735	Magpie Shrike	4	<i>Lanius souzae</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)	1	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>

740	Black-backed Puffback	9	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru	2	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra	3	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra	3	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
746	Bokmakierie (E)	2	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike	4	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
751	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike	2	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
753	White-crested Helmet-Shrike	2	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
754	Retz's Helmet-Shrike	1	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
757	Common Starling	1	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
758	Common Myna	7	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
759	Pied Starling (E)	5	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
760	Wattled Starling	3	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
761	Violet-backed Starling	7	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)	4	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
764	Cape Glossy Starling	9	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling	4	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
768	Black-bellied Starling	3	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
769	Red-winged Starling	8	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker	6	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
774	Gurney's Sugarbird (E)	1	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>
775	Malachite Sunbird	4	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
779	Marico Sunbird	2	<i>Nectarinia mariquensis</i>
780	Purple-banded Sunbird	3	<i>Nectarinia bifasciata</i>
785	Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)	2	<i>Nectarinia afra</i>
787	White-bellied Sunbird	7	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>
789	Grey Sunbird	2	<i>Nectarinia veroxii</i>
790	Eastern Olive Sunbird	1	<i>Nectarinia olivacea</i>
791	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	3	<i>Nectarinia senegalensis</i>
792	Amethyst Sunbird	1	<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>
793	Collared Sunbird	4	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>
796	Cape White-eye (E)	5	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
797	African Yellow White-eye	1	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>
798	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	2	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
801	House Sparrow	9	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
803	Cape Sparrow (NE)	2	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	3	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	Yellow-throated Petronia	4	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>
807	Thick-billed Weaver	1	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
808	Dark-backed Weaver	1	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver	2	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
811	Village Weaver	5	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
813	Cape Weaver (E)	5	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked-Weaver	5	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
815	Lesser Masked-Weaver	8	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
816	Golden Weaver	1	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
817	Yellow Weaver	2	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>
819	Red-headed Weaver	1	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea	5	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
824	Southern Red Bishop	8	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
827	Yellow Bishop	1	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
828	Fan-tailed Widowbird	6	<i>Euplectes axilaris</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird	2	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
831	Red-collared Widowbird	2	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>
832	Long-tailed Widowbird	7	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia	2	<i>Pytilia melba</i>

Monkey, Samango	x	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
Monkey, Vervet	x	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
Nyala	x	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
Reedbuck, Common	x	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
Reedbuck, Mountain	x	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>
Rhebok, Grey	x	<i>Pala capreolus</i>
Rhinoceros, White	x	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
Springbok	x	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Squirrel, Red	x	<i>Paraxerus palliatus</i>
Squirrel, Tree	x	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
Steenbok	x	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Warthog	x	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
Waterbuck, Common	x	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Wildebeest, Black	x	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>
Wildebeest, Blue	x	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Zebra, Burchell's	x	<i>Equus burchelli</i>
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REPTILES COMMON NAME

Agama, Tree	x	<i>Agama atricollis</i>
Chameleon, Flap-necked	x	<i>Chamaeleo dilepis</i>
Crocodile Nile	x	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Lizard, Blue Tailed sandveld	x	<i>Nucras caesiaudata</i>
Lizard, Drakensberg Crag	x	<i>Pseudocordylus melanotus</i>
Lizard, Giant Plated	x	<i>Gerrhosaurus validus</i>
Monitor, Nile	x	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Skink, Striped	x	<i>Mabuta striata</i>
Snake, Red Lipped Herold	x	<i>Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia</i>
Terrapin, Marsh	x	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>
Terrapin, Serate d Hinged	x	<i>Pelusios sinuatus</i>
Tortoise, Bell's Hinged	x	<i>Kinixys belliana</i>
Tortoise, Leopard	x	<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>

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