



**EASTERN SOUTH AFRICA CUSTOM TOUR
TRIP REPORT**

13 - 24 AUGUST 2017

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Drakensberg Rockjumper was one of the main targets.

Overview

This custom tour mainly followed our normal 'Subtropical South Africa' route, with the exception of deleting the bushveld of Kruger and the thornveld of the Rust de Winter/Pienaarsrivier area. As such it focused almost entirely on KwaZulu-Natal, taking in the high mountains of the Drakensberg, the lush coastal forests, grassland, and bush of the east coast, and the montane grasslands around Wakkerstroom. Although this tour took place during the austral winter, with adverse weather conditions, along with many migrants notably absent and resident species difficult to locate, we did exceptionally well with finding many of the most sought-after species in the country and the majority of our targets. With a focus on photography we also spent a bit longer on each of the species seen, within reason, and did not solely seek out new species.

Day 1, August 13. Arrival in Durban

After collecting the clients, John and Maggie, from the King Shaka International Airport a little after midday we made our way to our comfortable accommodation on the outskirts of Umhlanga. We wasted no time in making the most of the day, and after dropping off our things we headed to the nearby Umhlanga Lagoon Nature Reserve. Sadly, the weather wasn't on our side, with a heavy wind blowing and some light drizzle falling every now and again, which made the birding tough. We slowly walked the trails and the wetland edges, but activity was low. **Thick-billed, Spectacled,** and **Eastern Golden Weavers** were first up, followed soon by a group of the attractive **Little Bee-eaters**. A male **Cardinal Woodpecker** called from an exposed branch, providing good views, while **Southern Boubou** and **Terrestrial Brownbul** moved in the thickets below. Our last sighting of any significance was that of a pair of **Crowned Eagles** that floated over the coastal bush before alighting in the distance. We enjoyed good but distant perched views before calling it a day.

Day 2, August 14. Durban to Underberg

We had a long travel day, making our way to Underberg via some of the south coast hotspots. Our first spot was at the scenic Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve. We had quite a bit of wind again this morning, and the birding was on the slow side, but we slowly picked up species as we worked our way down the valley to the river. **Cape Batis**, along with **Bar-throated Apalis**, **Green-backed Camaroptera**, **African Dusky Flycatcher**, and a trio of **Sunbirds**, **Collared, Olive** and **Grey**, showed well early on. We heard a **Knysna Woodpecker** but failed to locate it. Further along we picked up **Square-tailed Drongo**, **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher**, and **Tambourine Dove** before we ran into a bird party containing a group of stunning **Grey Cuckooshrikes**, **Forest Canary**, **Olive Woodpecker**, **Crowned Hornbill**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, and **Greater Double-collared Sunbird**. While enjoying the activity around us, another shrill cry revealed **Knysna Woodpecker**, and after some effort we enjoyed some good but brief views of this bird before it melted away into the forest. Some wailing **Trumpeter Hornbills** were found perched atop the canopy. We tried our best for African Finfoot on the river but had to be content with a few **Reed Cormorants**. Just as things were quieting down a lone **Crowned Eagle** came into view and sailed low over our heads, giving us some great views! Both Samango and Vervet Monkeys and Bushbuck were seen on the mammal side. We made our way onward to Harding, where we picked up some **Grey Crowned Cranes** close to the road before continuing to the Ingeli Forest Lodge for lunch. Then we tackled the forest at Ingeli, but we had to work hard for the birds. The edges delivered **Olive Bushshrike**, **Black-headed Oriole**, and **Sombre**

Greenbul, along with flitting **Forest Canary**, **Amethyst Sunbird**, and **African Firefinch**. We found a few highly vocal **Bush Blackcaps** and enjoyed great views of this tricky endemic, before an **Olive Thrush** flew in; we were thinking it to be its more difficult counterpart, Orange Ground Thrush. We eventually picked up a calling **Orange Ground Thrush**, and after tracking it down for a while enjoyed some great, close views of this highly-prized species. A noisy group of **Knysna Turacos** passed overhead and brought an end to our time in the forest. We spent the remainder of the afternoon on the road and arrived just at nightfall at our guesthouse in Underberg. Our only other sightings of interest along the route were **Jackal Buzzard**, **Cape Vulture**, and **Cape Crow**.

Day 3, August 15. Sani Pass

This is always a highly-anticipated day, as we head up the spectacular Sani Pass and enjoy a plethora of endemic and localized species, and fortunately today was not different. We woke to a cold morning and met local birding expert Stuart Mclean before heading up the pass. We stopped for the resident **Spotted Eagle-Owl** in Himeville before a roadside wetland gave us **Pied** and **Giant Kingfishers**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **African Spoonbill**, **African Marsh Harrier**, **Lesser Swamp Warbler**, and **Brown-throated Martin**. A bit further along stops produced **Brown-backed Honeybird**, **Red-throated Wryneck**, **Streaky-headed Seedeater**, **Cape Rock Thrush**, and **Green Wood Hoopoe** before we headed onto the pass proper. We slowly worked our way to the top, stopping regularly, and enjoyed many of the specials: **Grey-winged Francolin**, **Cape Vulture**, **Bokmakierie**, **Ground Woodpecker**, **Wailing Cisticola**, **Drakensberg Prinia**, and the very much hoped-for **Gurney's Sugarbird**.



The stunning Gurney's Sugarbird

We also enjoyed **Sentinel Rock Thrush**, **Malachite Sunbird**, **Cape Canary**, and **Cape Bunting**. The switchbacks gave us **Drakensberg Rockjumper**, and after some effort we were

rewarded with great views! Over the top of the pass and into Lesotho saw us encounter some stiff wind, but we continued, adding the specials, and enjoyed **South African Shelduck**, **Southern Bald Ibis**, many groups of **Ground Woodpeckers**, **White-necked Raven**, a family of **Grey Tits**, **Red-capped Lark**, **Karoo Prinia**, **Sickle-winged Chat**, **Mountain Wheatear**, **Yellow Canary**, and eventually **Drakensberg Siskin** at the last hour – after having us thinking that we were going to miss this usually common species. We made the trip to Black Mountain for **Bearded Vulture**, but we had to be content with somewhat obstructed views of an adult on the nest. Just as we were about to call it a day and begin making our way back down the pass, an adult **Bearded Vulture** passed overhead and gave us somewhat more satisfying views before disappearing out of sight. The trip back down was pretty quiet, as the wind picked up, and, with a bit of daylight still left, we tried our luck with the local pair of **Wattled Cranes**. With Stuart's local knowledge he took us straight to the dam where they were nesting, and we enjoyed some good, but distant views of this in South Africa critically endangered bird (Endangered Wildlife Trust), with fewer than 50 pairs left in the country, as both adults attended to their small chick!

Day 4, August 16. Underberg to Eshowe

We again had a full day in front of us, as we had the long transfer to Eshowe, where we would spend two nights. With a packed lunch in hand we set off for the Marutswa Forest and arrived in a thick mist. We enjoyed our breakfast and some tea before heading onto the trails. As if right on cue the main specials flew in just as we got going – a group of **Cape Parrots**, a species that is not doing too well locally and is always a treat to see. We enjoyed some good scope views as they sat perched on the tops of some trees, but the mist prevented us from getting good photos. The forest was bustling with life, and the mist soon dissipated, allowing us to see unhindered. Here we enjoyed the likes of **African Olive Pigeon**, **Knysna Turaco**, **Brown-backed Honeybird**, better views of **Olive Woodpecker**, **Southern Black Tit**, **Sombre Greenbul**, **Terrestrial Brownbul**, **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler**, and another very vocal pair of **Bush Blackcaps** that showed well. The star of the morning was the dainty **White-starred Robin**, however, as we were treated to great, close views of this shy species. As we exited the forest and made our way back to the car an **African Harrier-Hawk** gave us a good aerial display. After a few hours on the road we arrived at the Sappi Stanger wetlands, where we visited the well-placed hide and birded from the road edge. The birding, as it often is around wetlands, was excellent, and we enjoyed a wealth of species that showed wonderfully! A number of ducks were present and included **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **Hottentot** and **Red-billed Teals**, **Cape Shoveler**, and **Southern Pochard**, and we also added **Grey** and **Black-headed Herons**, **White-breasted Cormorant**, **African Darter**, **African Fish Eagle**, and **Giant Kingfisher**. The reed edges and mudflats played host to **African Rail**, **Black Crake**, **African Swamphen**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **African Jacana**, **Ruff**, **Wood Sandpiper**, and **African Pied Wagtail**, while the reeds themselves held noisy **Little Rush Warbler**, **Rufous-winged Cisticola**, and **Fan-tailed Widowbird**. On our way out we ran into a **Burchell's Coucal** and, rather surprisingly, a group of **Southern Bald Ibis** on a patch of lawn – a bit odd for a mountainous, montane grassland species. We arrived at our comfortable guesthouse in the early evening and enjoyed a wonderful, home-cooked meal.

Day 5, August 17. Eshowe and surrounds

We began the day at the Dlinza Forest Aerial Boardwalk and spent the morning slowly walking the trails. The birding was slow, and we had to work hard for our birds, but as the morning went

on we bit by bit picked up most of the specials. **Narina Trogon** fell early on, with some quick, but good views before the bird melted into the forest. **Spotted Ground Thrush** also fell without too much stress, with the distinct contact call ringing from the undergrowth. Waiting a few minutes paid dividends, and we enjoyed some good looks. **Scaly-throated Honeyguide** and **African Emerald Cuckoo** taunted us with their calls at regular intervals, and we had to put lots of effort in to get our views, but both birds eventually showed. **Black Sparrowhawk**, **Grey Cuckooshrike**, **Cape Batis**, **Grey-headed Bushshrike**, **White-eared Barbet**, **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**, **Square-tailed Drongo**, **Collared, Olive, and Greater Double-collared Sunbirds**, and **Dark-backed Weaver** were also seen over the course of the morning. Following lunch we headed to Amatikulu Nature Reserve, where we spent the remainder of the afternoon. A drive to the dam took us through tracts of coastal bush and some lush coastal grasslands and provided us with some good birding before we turned back in the early evening. A **Black Sparrowhawk** flew overhead just after we had entered the reserve and gave us a better view than earlier today, with the other highlights being **Cape Shoveler**, **Red-billed Teal**, **Glossy Ibis**, **Western Osprey**, **African Jacana**, **Little Bee-eater**, **Orange-breasted Bushshrike**, **Black-crowned Tchagra**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **Black Saw-wing**, **Brown-throated Martin**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, **Black-bellied Starling**, **Red-billed Oxpecker**, **Ashy Flycatcher**, **Red-capped Robin-Chat**, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird**, **Thick-billed Weaver**, **Yellow-throated Longclaw**, and **Plain-backed Pipit**. We also enjoyed a few mammals, notably Plains Zebra and Giraffe.



A female Narina Trogon tried to remain hidden.

Day 6, August 18. Eshowe to St Lucia

Today was one of those annoying days where the weather hampered us throughout. Our morning began at Ongoye Forest, with near gale-force winds, and although it wasn't raining the birding was painfully slow with almost nothing calling or responding. After a few hours we had eked out **White-eared Barbet**, **Grey-headed Bushshrike**, **Grey Cuckooshrike**, and **Olive Thrush** and

had heard **Yellow-streaked Greenbul**, among a few others, before we headed to the coast at Mtunzini. A first stop and scan for the resident Palm-nut Vulture gave us **Trumpeter Hornbill** and **Southern Black Flycatcher**, but not the vulture. And then the rain started. Our next location was the Umlalazi Nature Reserve, where we spent a while birding between bouts of rain. A walk along the river gave us **Giant Kingfisher** and **Black-throated Wattle-eye**, and with the rain getting heavier we quickly headed back to the car, where we arrived just as the heavens opened. After a much needed cup of tea and a warm lunch in town, with the rain still bucketing down, we cut our loses here as well and headed up the coast to St Lucia. We arrived with the rain just behind us and quickly made the most of the now dry conditions. A stop on the bridge gave us **Southern Brown-throated Weaver** along with great views of **Little Swift** and **Lesser Striped Swallow** and **Yellow-billed Kite**. But before long the rain had caught up with us, and we checked into our guesthouse and waited for the rain to die down, which sadly only happened just at dusk.

Day 7, August 19. iSimangaliso Wetland Park

Following the unfortunate weather of yesterday we woke to a patchy morning, with small bouts of rain, patches of sunshine, and rather heavy winds. We began our morning at the western shores of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park and spent the first half of the day here. We did battle for birds for the most part, but came away with **Woolly-necked Stork**, **Long-crested Eagle**, **Senegal Lapwing**, **Malachite Kingfisher**, **Banded Martin**, **Red-breasted Swallow**, **Rufous-winged** and **Croaking Cisticolas**, **Rudd's Apalis**, **Fan-tailed Widowbird**, **African Pipit**, and **Rosy-throated Longclaw** – definitely one of the highlights, although the bird didn't venture too close. We enjoyed a number of mammals as well, including a large herd of African Buffalo, Side-striped Jackal, and Southern Reedbuck among others. We picked up our lunch in town and headed back into the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, this time on the eastern shores. The weather had eased up somewhat, and we only had a single rain shower and enjoyed pleasant overcast conditions for the most part. We found a few species identical to this morning but also many new ones. Some of the dams and shores of the large Lake St Lucia held **Hottentot Teal**, **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **African Spoonbill**, **African Wattled Lapwing**, **Collared Pratincole**, **Grey-headed Gull**, and **Caspian Tern**. The coastal grasslands were mostly quiet, although they did give us both **Black-chested** and **Brown Snake-Eagles** – just not the wanted snake eagle here, Southern Banded, sadly. The zones of coastal bush and surrounding dune forest were the highlight and provided some spectacular birding. Here we enjoyed the likes of **Crested Guinea fowl**, **Livingstone's Turaco**, the difficult **Green Malkoha**, **African Pygmy Kingfisher**, **Olive Bushshrike**, **Grey** and **Black Cuckooshrikes**, **African Paradise Flycatcher**, **Rudd's Apalis**, **Black-bellied Starling**, **Ashy**, **African Dusky**, and **Southern Black Flycatchers**, **Red-capped Robin-Chat**, **Grey Sunbird**, and the much-wanted and unpredictable **Grey Waxbill**. A group of five White Rhinoceroses was the highlight on the mammalian side for the afternoon, while other species included Hippopotamus, Common Warthog, Impala, Waterbuck, and another large group of African Buffalo.

Day 8, August 20. St Lucia to Mkhuze Game Reserve

We woke to a clear morning and headed out onto the nearby Igwala Gwala Forest Trail, with the forest alive with birds. We spent the next few hours slowly walking the trails, picking off our targets one after another, and ultimately enjoyed a very successful morning. **African Goshawk** and **African Fish Eagle** graced the sky, while the canopies held bounding **Livingstone's**

Turaco, Narina Trogon, Trumpeter Hornbill, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, and Golden-tailed Woodpecker. The lower strata in the thickets were perhaps the most rewarding, and the species we found included **Woodward's Batis, Olive and Gorgeous Bushshrikes, Terrestrial Brownbul, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Rudd's and Yellow-breasted Apalis, Brown Scrub Robin, and Green Twinspot.** The highlight of the morning, however, was a **Mangrove Kingfisher** we found along the river, and we spent around 20 minutes with it as it quietly sat in the open, calling every now and again and otherwise just taking it easy. Following a great breakfast we set off northwards to our final destination for the day, Mkhuze Game Reserve, although we did bird en route at False Bay and Mpempe Pan. Not far out of town we picked up the desired **Southern Banded Snake Eagle** and enjoyed some excellent views as it sat next to the road. After picking up our lunch in Hluhluwe we headed to some sand forest near False Bay, where we tried to get African Broadbill. Unfortunately, being the wrong time of day, we failed, but we enjoyed a few other species, including **Tambourine Dove, Purple-crested Turaco, White-throated Robin-Chat, Purple-banded Sunbird,** and a small group of **Grey Waxbills.** The nearby Mpempe Pan followed, and we added **Goliath Heron, Crowned Lapwing, Kittlitz's Plover, Little Stint, Collared Pratincole, Malachite Kingfisher, African Hoopoe, Wattled Starling,** nesting **Grey-rumped Swallow,** and our main target, **Lemon-breasted Canary.** After much searching we eventually found a bird perched atop a lala palm, and on closer inspection found a massive flock, well into the thousands, feeding on the ground close by. We spent some time enjoying them before heading onward to Mkhuze. With the afternoon fading we made our way to camp, where we checked in and called it a day. **Crested Francolin, White-crested Helmetshrike, Long-billed Crombec, and Pale Flycatcher** were the last birds seen. A wonderful South African braai rounded off our day, complete with the local, and very naughty, Thick-tailed Greater Galagos (Bushbabies).



We enjoyed extended views of Mangrove Kingfisher.

Day 9, August 21. Mkhuze Game Reserve

We had a full day to explore the biodiverse wealth within Mkhuze, and it certainly didn't disappoint. A birding walk around the camp was first, and we enjoyed many species. The main

highlight was a friendly family group of **Pink-throated Twinspots**, although the two youngsters were perhaps the most inquisitive, with their parents keeping to the thicker areas. **Crested Guinea-fowl**, **Purple-crested Turaco**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Red-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Brown-backed Honeybird**, **Chin-spot Batis**, **Brubru**, **Black Cuckooshrike**, **Southern Black Tit**, **Grey Penduline Tit**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **Long-billed Crombec**, **Burnt-necked Eremomela**, **Bearded Scrub Robin**, **Yellow-throated Petronia**, **Blue Waxbill**, **Dusky Indigobird**, **Long-tailed Paradise Whydah**, and **Golden-breasted Bunting** were all thoroughly enjoyed as well. After breakfast we headed out to begin exploring the rest of the reserve. We stuck to the hides and the dam and surrounding thickets before eventually arriving back at the camp in the early evening. We had an incredibly productive day, and aside from the many specials within the reserve we also managed to find some species rare to this part of the country. The wetland birding was supreme and yielded a pair of the seldom-seen **African Pygmy Goose** along with **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **Yellow-billed** and **Woolly-necked Storks**, **African Spoonbill**, **Squacco**, **Grey**, and **Goliath Herons**, **Great** and **Little Egrets**, **Pink-backed Pelican**, **Black-winged Stilt**, and **Whiskered Tern**, among others. While watching a few **Common Moorhens** moving about in the sedges on the edge of the dam I took notice of another bird coming into the picture and almost dropped my binoculars when I realized that it was a **Lesser Moorhen** – another scarce migrant, and pretty rare where we were, not to mention this being the wrong season. The bird stuck around for a while, and we enjoyed many looks as it quietly crept around before disappearing from view. A steady stream of species came down to drink at regular intervals over the midday period at one of the hides and provided lots of entertainment. Here we enjoyed **Tambourine Dove** and **Emerald Spotted Wood Dove**, **Red-faced Mousebird**, **Acacia Pied** and **Black-collared Barbets**, **Red-billed Oxpecker**, **Lesser Masked Weaver**, **Red-billed** and the difficult **Red-headed Queleas**, **White-winged Widowbird**, **Green-winged Pytilia**, **Pink-throated Twinspot**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, **Grey**, **Blue**, and **Common Waxbills**, **Dusky Indigobird**, **Yellow-fronted Canary**, and **Golden-breasted Bunting**.



A male Pink-throated Twinspot came out of the thicket for a few moments.

The thicker tracts of sand forest and more traditional woodland too proved productive and gave up a number of gems, including **African Goshawk, Bearded Woodpecker, Gorgeous Bushshrike, Black-crowned Tchagra, Black-headed Oriole, Square-tailed Drongo, African Paradise Flycatcher, Rudd's Apalis, White-browed Scrub Robin, Grey Tit-Flycatcher,** and **Scarlet-chested, Marico, White-bellied,** and **Purple-banded Sunbirds** along with the highly unpredictable **Neergaard's Sunbird**. We also enjoyed many mammals over the course of the day, and some of the highlights were Nyala, Plains Zebra, Natal Red and Common Duikers, Blue Wildebeest, Greater Kudu, Hippopotamus, and Giraffe. Another braai rounded off a fine day in one of the greatest birding areas in the country.

Day 10, August 22. Mkhuze Game Reserve to Wakkerstroom

Following our great success yesterday we didn't have too much further to seek, and once again we began with a morning walk around the camp. Although it was not as busy as the previous day, we still enjoyed a wealth of activity and managed to add a few new species here and there. A **Southern Banded Snake Eagle** was heard calling somewhere along the river below camp as soon as we began our birding. The next few hours produced **African Harrier-Hawk, Red-faced Mousebird, Striped Kingfisher, Green Wood Hoopoe, Trumpeter Hornbill, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Grey-headed and Gorgeous Bushshrikes, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Brubru, Black Cuckooshrike, Grey Penduline Tit, Yellow-bellied and Burnt-necked Eremomelas, Bearded Scrub Robin, Ashy, Pale, and Southern Black Flycatchers, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Purple-banded Sunbird, Green-winged Pytilia, Cut-throat Finch, and Village Indigobird.** All too soon, though, we were on our way out of this fantastic reserve and en route to Wakkerstroom. We arrived in the area in the mid-afternoon and took the backroads to Wakkerstroom, although the weather began to deteriorate. The bird activity was rather low, but we managed to see **Jackal Buzzard, Red-capped Lark, Pied Starling, Buff-streaked and Ant-eating Chats, Cape Weaver, Yellow Bishop, and Cape Longclaw** before arriving at our lodge in the late afternoon and calling it a day.

Day 11, August 23. Wakkerstroom and surrounds

We had a full day to explore the montane grasslands and surrounding farmlands that make up this area, and we had a very successful one. We met up with our local guide, Norman, in the morning before heading out for the day, with a brief lunch break back in town. We headed north for the morning, where we tried for the big targets, Rudd's and Botha's Larks, among many others. We had spectacular weather and enjoyed fruitful birding, considering the time of year. A quick stop at the wetland on the outskirts of town produced **South African Shelduck, Hottentot and Red-billed Teals, Cape Shoveler, Southern Pochard, Squacco Heron, African Snipe,** and **Black Crane,** while **African Rail** was heard but remained unseen. Before long we were in the grasslands, and the birds fell bit by bit. A family group of **Blue Korhaans** patrolled a fire-break edge, as did a covey of **Grey-winged Francolins** and many **Swainson's Spurfowls**. A small group of **Blue Cranes** stood sentinel in a field, although they always remained distant, with a large group of **Black-winged and Crowned Lapwings** moving in recently ploughed sections and a **Marsh Owl** quartered a small wetland nearby. After a hard search we eventually managed to find **Rudd's Lark,** but we failed to locate its nomadic cousin, Botha's Lark. We had to be content with **Spike-heeled, Eastern Clapper, and Pink-billed Larks** as consolation. A single **Quailfinch** posed well for us next to the road, giving us some great views of this notoriously difficult-to-see species! The afternoon period saw us heading south into the more

mountainous zones, but it was much slower compared with the morning. We had to work hard but came up trumps with **White-backed Duck**, **Southern Bald Ibis**, a pair of the much-wanted **Secretarybird**, **Blue Crane**, **Bokmakierie**, **Eastern Long-billed Lark**, **Wailing** and **Wing-snapping Cisticolas**, **Sentinel Rock Thrush**, **Buff-streaked**, **Mocking Cliff**, and **Ant-eating Chats**, **Mountain** and **Capped Wheatears**, **Cape Longclaw**, **Cape Canary**, and **Cape Bunting**. We returned to town in the late afternoon, content after a successful day. Groups of stately Meerkats along with Yellow Mongoose and Grey Rhebok were seen on the mammalian side.



The unpredictable Pink-billed Lark showed well.

Day 12, August 24. Wakkerstroom to Johannesburg

Following a great breakfast we departed for Johannesburg, but not before working some other areas for Botha's Lark, which we had missed the previous day. With a strong wind barreling through this morning, the grasslands were seemingly lifeless, and we only eked out **Spike-heeled** and **Red-capped Larks**, **Pied Starling**, and **Long-tailed Widowbird**, and almost nothing else. We cut our losses after a futile few hours and decided to explore some areas closer to Johannesburg. We chose Leeupan, near Leandra, and this proved a good move. The surrounding grasslands delivered **Orange River Francolin**, **Black-throated Canary**, and **South African Cliff Swallow**, and slowly working the shoreline produced great views of all the many water-associated species. A few **Black-necked Grebes** were found in groups of **Little Grebes**, with **African Darters** drying out on the shoreline among **Kittlitz's**, **Three-banded**, and **Chestnut-banded Plovers** (the latter a regional rarity), **Ruff**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Little Stint**, **Wood Sandpiper**, **Common Greenshank**, **Grey-headed Gull**, and **Cape Wagtail**. All too soon we had to continue to Johannesburg, where the tour came to an end, and I parted ways with John and Maggie.

I just want to thank John and Maggie for a great tour. Even though the weather was frustrating and hindered the birding at times, we did exceptionally well and enjoyed many of the country's most prized species! Our wonderful day on the Sani Pass together with the exceptional day in

Mkhuze Game Reserve would probably prove the main highlights for the tour, although having a group of four Thick-tailed Greater Galagos nearly raid our braai one evening wasn't too far away!

EASTERN SOUTH AFRICA CUSTUM TOUR BIRD LIST AUGUST 2017		
Bold = country endemic		
Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered		
Common name	Scientific name	Trip
	ANSERIFORMES	
<u>Ducks, Geese and Swans</u>	<u>Anatidae</u>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	1
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>	1
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	1
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	1
African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>	1
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	1
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	1
Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>	1
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	1
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	1
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	1
	GALLIFORMES	
<u>Guineafowl</u>	<u>Numididae</u>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>	1
<u>Pheasants and allies</u>	<u>Phasianidae</u>	
Grey-winged Francolin	<i>Scleroptila afra</i>	1
Orange River Francolin	<i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>	1
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
<u>Grebes</u>	<u>Podicipedidae</u>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
<u>Storks</u>	<u>Ciconiidae</u>	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	1
Woolly-necked Stork - VU	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1

	PELECANIFORMES	
<u>Ibises, Spoonbills</u>	<u>Threskiornithidae</u>	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	1
Southern Bald Ibis - VU	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>	1
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	1
<u>Hérons, Bitterns</u>	<u>Ardeidae</u>	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	1
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	1
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
<u>Hamerkop</u>	<u>Scopidae</u>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1
<u>Pelicans</u>	<u>Pelecanidae</u>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	1
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	1
	SULIFORMES	
<u>Cormorants, Shags</u>	<u>Phalacrocoracidae</u>	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	1
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	1
<u>Anhingas, Darters</u>	<u>Anhingidae</u>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
<u>Secretarybird</u>	<u>Sagittariidae</u>	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	1
<u>Ospreys</u>	<u>Pandionidae</u>	
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1
<u>Kites, Hawks and Eagles</u>	<u>Accipitridae</u>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	1
Bearded Vulture - NT	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	1
Cape Vulture - EN	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>	1
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	1
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	1
Southern Banded Snake Eagle - NT	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>	1
Crowned Eagle - NT	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>	1

Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	1
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	1
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	1
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	1
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	1
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
<u>Bustards</u>	<u>Otididae</u>	
Blue Korhaan - NT	<i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i>	1
	GRUIFORMES	
<u>Rails, Crakes and Coots</u>	<u>Rallidae</u>	
African Rail	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>	1
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	1
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	1
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1
Lesser Moorhen	<i>Paragallinula angulata</i>	1
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	1
<u>Cranes</u>	<u>Gruidae</u>	
Grey Crowned Crane - EN	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	1
Wattled Crane - VU	<i>Grus carunculata</i>	1
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
<u>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</u>	<u>Burhinidae</u>	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	1
<u>Stilts, Avocets</u>	<u>Recurvirostridae</u>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
<u>Plovers</u>	<u>Charadriidae</u>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	1
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>	1
Black-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>	1
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	1
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	1
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	1
<u>Jacanas</u>	<u>Jacanidae</u>	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	1
<u>Sandpipers, Snipes</u>	<u>Scolopacidae</u>	
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	1

Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	1
Curlew Sandpiper NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1
<u>Courasers, Pratincoles</u>	<u>Glareolidae</u>	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	1
<u>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</u>	<u>Laridae</u>	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	1
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	1
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	1
	COLUMBIFORMES	
<u>Pigeons, Doves</u>	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	1
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	1
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	1
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	1
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	1
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	1
	MUSOPHAGIFORMES	
<u>Turacos</u>	<u>Musophagidae</u>	
Livingstone's Turaco	<i>Tauraco livingstonii</i>	1
Knysna Turaco	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>	1
Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>	1
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
<u>Cuckoos</u>	<u>Cuculidae</u>	
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>	1
Green Malkoha	<i>Ceuthmochares australis</i>	1
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	H
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
<u>Owls</u>	<u>Strigidae</u>	
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	1
Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
<u>Nightjars</u>	<u>Caprimulgidae</u>	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	H

	APODIFORMES	
<u>Swifts</u>	<u>Apodidae</u>	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	1
	COLIIFORMES	
<u>Mousebirds</u>	<u>Coliidae</u>	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	1
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	1
	TROGONIFORMES	
<u>Trogons</u>	<u>Trogonidae</u>	
Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
<u>Rollers</u>	<u>Coraciidae</u>	
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	1
<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Alcedinidae</u>	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	1
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	1
Mangrove Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegaloides</i>	1
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>	1
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	1
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	1
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1
<u>Bee-eaters</u>	<u>Meropidae</u>	
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	1
	BUCEROTIFORMES	
<u>Hoopoes</u>	<u>Upupidae</u>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1
<u>Wood Hoopoes</u>	<u>Phoeniculidae</u>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	1
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	1
<u>Hornbills</u>	<u>Bucerotidae</u>	
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>	1
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>	1
	PICIFORMES	
<u>African Barbets</u>	<u>Lybiidae</u>	
White-eared Barbet	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>	1
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>	1
Red-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>	1

Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	1
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	1
<u>Honeyguides</u>	<u>Indicatoridae</u>	
Brown-backed Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>	1
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	H
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>	1
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	<u>Picidae</u>	
Red-throated Wryneck	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>	1
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	1
Knysna Woodpecker - NT	<i>Campethera notata</i>	1
Ground Woodpecker - NT	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>	1
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>	H
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	1
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>	1
	PSITTACIFORMES	
<u>African & New World Parrots</u>	<u>Psittacidae</u>	
Cape Parrot - VU	<i>Poicephalus robustus</i>	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
<u>Wattle-eyes, Batises</u>	<u>Platysteiridae</u>	
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	1
Woodward's Batis	<i>Batis fratrum</i>	1
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	1
Black-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira peltata</i>	1
<u>Helmetshrikes</u>	<u>Prionopidae</u>	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	1
<u>Bushshrikes</u>	<u>Malaconotidae</u>	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	1
Olive Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>	1
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	1
Gorgeous Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus viridis</i>	1
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	1
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	1
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	1
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	1
<u>Cuckooshrikes</u>	<u>Campephagidae</u>	
Grey Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>	1
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>	1
<u>Shrikes</u>	<u>Laniidae</u>	

Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	1
<u>Figbirds, Orioles</u>	<u>Oriolidae</u>	
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	1
<u>Drongos</u>	<u>Dicruridae</u>	
Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>	1
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1
<u>Monarchs</u>	<u>Monarchidae</u>	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>	1
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	1
<u>Crows, Jays</u>	<u>Corvidae</u>	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	1
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	1
<u>Rockjumpers</u>	<u>Chaetopidae</u>	
Drakensberg Rockjumper - NT	<i>Chaetops aurantius</i>	1
<u>Tits, Chickadees</u>	<u>Paridae</u>	
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	1
Grey Tit	<i>Melaniparus afer</i>	1
<u>Penduline Tits</u>	<u>Remizidae</u>	
Grey Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>	1
<u>Larks</u>	<u>Alaudidae</u>	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	1
Eastern Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>	1
Rudd's Lark - EN	<i>Heteromiraфра ruddi</i>	1
Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Miraфра fasciolata</i>	1
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Miraфра africana</i>	1
Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>	1
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	1
<u>Bulbuls</u>	<u>Pycnonotidae</u>	
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	1
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	1
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	1
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>	H
<u>Swallows, Martins</u>	<u>Hirundinidae</u>	
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>	1
Grey-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>	1
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	1
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	1
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	1

Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	1
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	1
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	1
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>	1
<u>Crombecs, African Warblers</u>	<u>Macrosphenidae</u>	
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	1
<u>Leaf Warblers and allies</u>	<u>Phylloscopidae</u>	
Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i>	1
<u>Reed Warblers and allies</u>	<u>Acrocephalidae</u>	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	1
<u>Grassbirds and allies</u>	<u>Locustellidae</u>	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	1
<u>Cisticolas and allies</u>	<u>Cisticolidae</u>	
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	1
Wailing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lais</i>	1
Rufous-winged Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>	1
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	1
Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>	1
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1
Wing-snapping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	1
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>	1
<u>Drakensberg Prinia</u>	<u>Prinia hypoxantha</u>	1
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>	1
Rudd's Apalis	<i>Apalis ruddi</i>	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	1
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	1
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>	1
<u>Sylviid Babblers</u>	<u>Sylviidae</u>	
Bush Blackcap - VU	<i>Lioptilus nigricapillus</i>	1
<u>White-eyes</u>	<u>Zosteropidae</u>	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>	1
<u>Sugarbirds</u>	<u>Promeropidae</u>	
Gurney's Sugarbird - NT	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>	1
<u>Starlings, Rhabdornis</u>	<u>Sturnidae</u>	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	1
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	1
Black-bellied Starling	<i>Notopholia corrusca</i>	1

Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	1
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>	1
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	1
<u>Oxpeckers</u>	<u>Buphagidae</u>	
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	1
<u>Thrushes</u>	<u>Turdidae</u>	
Orange Ground Thrush	<i>Geokichla gurneyi</i>	1
Spotted Ground Thrush - EN	<i>Geokichla guttata</i>	1
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	1
<u>Chats, Old World Flycatchers</u>	<u>Muscicapidae</u>	
Bearded Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	1
Brown Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas signata</i>	1
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	1
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	1
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>	1
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	1
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	1
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	1
White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>	1
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>	1
Chorister Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>	H
White-starred Robin	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>	1
<u>Cape Rock Thrush</u>	<u>Monticola rupestris</u>	1
Sentinel Rock Thrush - NT	<i>Monticola explorator</i>	1
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	1
Buff-streaked Chat	<i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i>	1
Sickle-winged Chat	<i>Emarginata sinuata</i>	1
Mocking Cliff Chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>	1
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	1
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>	1
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	1
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	1
<u>Sunbirds</u>	<u>Nectariniidae</u>	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	1
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>	1
Grey Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra veroxii</i>	1
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	1
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	1

Neergaard's Sunbird - NT	<i>Cinnyris neergaardi</i>	1
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>	1
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	1
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>	1
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	1
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches	Passeridae	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	1
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	1
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>	1
Weavers, Widowbirds	Ploceidae	
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	1
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	1
Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	1
Eastern Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>	1
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>	1
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	1
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	1
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	1
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>	1
Red-headed Quelea	<i>Quelea erythropis</i>	1
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	1
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	1
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	1
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	1
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	1
Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	1
Waxbills, Munias and allies	Estrildidae	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	1
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>	1
Green Twinspot	<i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>	1
Pink-throated Twinspot	<i>Hypargos margaritatus</i>	1
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	1
African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	1
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	1
Grey Waxbill	<i>Estrilda perreini</i>	1
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	1
Quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>	1
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	1
Indigobirds, Whydahs	Viduidae	

Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	1
Dusky Indigobird	<i>Vidua funerea</i>	1
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>	1
<u>Wagtails, Pipits</u>	<u>Motacillidae</u>	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	1
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>	1
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	1
Rosy-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx ameliae</i>	1
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	1
<u>Finches</u>	<u>Fringillidae</u>	
Forest Canary	<i>Crithagra scotops</i>	1
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>	1
Lemon-breasted Canary	<i>Crithagra citrinipectus</i>	1
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	1
Drakensberg Siskin	<i>Crithagra symonsi</i>	1
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	1
Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>	1
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	1
<u>Buntings, New World Sparrows</u>	<u>Emberizidae</u>	
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	1
TOTAL		308

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Common name	Scientific name	Trip
	CARNIVORA	
	Canidae	
Side-striped Jackal	<i>Canis adustus</i>	1
	Herpestidae	
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	1
Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>	1
Meerkat	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	1
	CERTIODACTYLA	
	Bovidae	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	1
Natal Red Duiker	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>	1

Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>	1
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	1
Grey Rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>	1
Blue Duiker	<i>Philantomba monticola</i>	1
Southern Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>	1
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	1
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	1
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	1
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	1
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>	1
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	1
	Giraffidae	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	1
	Hippopotamidae	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	1
	Suidae	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	1
	HYRACOIDEA	
	Procaviidae	
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	1
	PERISSODACTYLA	
	Equidae	
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	1
	Rhinocerotidae	
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	1
	PRIMATES	
	Cercopithecidae	
Samango Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis labiatus</i>	1
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	1
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	1
	Galagidae	
Thick-tailed Greater Galago	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>	1
	RODENTIA	
	Muridae	
Sloggett's Vlei Rat	<i>Otomys sloggetti</i>	1
	Sciuridae	
Red Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus palliatus</i>	1
TOTAL		29