

SOUTH AFRICA: 16-DAY SUBTROPICAL SOUTH AFRICA TRIP REPORT, 10 – 25 March 2017

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Drakensberg Rockjumper – One of the birds of the trip!



TOUR ITINERARY

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Day 16 - Rust de Winter to Johannesburg airport

Overnight

Gateway Country Lodge, Umhlanga KarMichael Guest Farm, Himeville KarMichael Guest Farm, Himeville

Birds of Paradise B&B, Eshowe

Birds of Paradise B&B, Eshowe

Ndiza Lodge, St Lucia

Ndiza Lodge, St Lucia

Mantuma Camp, Mkhuze

Mantuma Camp, Mkhuze

Wetlands Country House, Wakkerstroom

Wetlands Country House, Wakkerstroom

Kruger National Park, Skukuza Kruger National Park, Skukuza

Linger Longer, Dullstroom

Leopardsong Game Lodge, Dinokeng

Flight home

OVERVIEW

This was a tour with incredible diversity, varying habitats, enjoyable company, and a host of endemic South African bird species. Our 16-day 'Subtropical South Africa' tour gave us 397 species of birds, with an additional 15 species being heard only. We also saw 37 mammal species, interesting reptiles, and a few rare South African butterflies. It was a very enjoyable tour that showcased the best of what South Africa has to offer in its eastern parts. Experiencing over 400 species of birds with excellent game viewing in world-famous parks such as Kruger National Park and Mkhuze Game Reserve as well as notching up Lesotho highland endemics at 3300 meters above sea level has indeed to go down as a truly brilliant trip!

Day 1, Umhlanga and surrounds

The Umhlanga area is a fantastic place to kick this tour off. It hosts a really nice variety of eastern, 'warmer climate' species, and this was evident right from the get-go when we spent some time birding the gardens of the guest house. Red-capped Robin-Chat, White-eared Barbet, Violet-backed Starling, Square-tailed Drongo, African Paradise Flycatcher, and Collared and Olive Sunbirds, as well as Green-backed Camaroptera were in good voice and showed nicely. Lesser Striped Swallow and Black Saw-wings cruised overhead, while a small group of the coastal Black-bellied Starling was sitting conspicuously at the top of a nearby tree. We spent some time birding the nearby Umhlanga Nature Reserve, which often delivers the goods. The reeds at the entrance provided good perches for a small family of Little Bee-eaters as well as the resident Rufous-winged Cisticola. It was incredible, albeit fairly bizarre, to have three species of wagtail walking along the boardwalk in front of us: Cape, African Pied, and Mountain Wagtails – at one stage in a single binocular frame. A pair of Black-throated Wattle-eye showed really nicely in the thicker tangles along the path, while Terrestrial Brownbul, Sombre and Yellow-bellied Greenbuls, and Cardinal Woodpecker all gave us glimpses. We enjoyed a quick lunch before making our way south to the Umgeni River mouth, where we spent some time looking for a few shorebirds and tern roosts. Woolly-necked Storks greeted us as we got to the site, while a couple of Water Thick-knee made their voices heard as they flushed to the other side of the estuary.



Common and Greater Crested Terns were both on view, while Common Greenshank was one of the few shorebirds around. A single Pink-backed Pelican was also feeding in the estuary, while a Yellow-billed Kite (who would soon depart northward again) was circling above us. We ended the day with some birding in the grasslands before our progress was halted by some heavy clouds and light rain. We did, however, connect with Dusky Indigobird, Red-collared Widowbird, and Rattling Cisticola.

Day 2, Oribi Gorge and Ingeli Forest to Himeville

A fairly early start traveling south along the coast to Oribi Gorge for some forest birding was on the agenda, and we did well to pick up both European Honey Buzzard and African Harrier-Hawk on the way. This brilliant natural forested reserve has a real good selection of mature forest species, including the likes of Knysna Turaco and Narina Trogon. We kicked things off, however, with a master skulker; Green Twinspot. We picked up on a pair calling nearby, and abandoning breakfast we spent some time tracking them and eventually enjoyed cracking visuals! The calls of Brown Scrub Robin and Chorister Robin-Chat echoed through the deep, dark forest patches; the latter only providing us with a glimpse. We did, however, thoroughly enjoy visuals of Knysna Woodpecker, Knysna Turaco, Forest Canary, and Grey and Collared Sunbirds, as well as Peregrine Falcon cruising above us. Later that morning we managed to find the stunning Blue Swallow cruising over the mistbelt grasslands, accompanied by Yellow-throated Longclaw, Wailing Cisticola, and Greater Striped Swallow. Cape Vulture showed high above us as we left for Ingeli. Ingeli Forest Lodge served us with a quick lunch as well as Malachite and Greater Double Collared Sunbirds, and before we knew it we were back in the forest, this time Ingeli Forest, to search for a few more species. The "vlei" we passed while heading towards the Ingeli Forest road held Thick-billed Weaver, Drakensberg Prinia, African Yellow Warbler, and African **Dusky Flycatcher**. The forest birding was fairly slow, but we were rewarded with sightings of the brilliant Narina Trogon as well as Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler, African Olive Pigeon, Long-crested Eagle, and a glimpse of Blue Mantled Crested Flycatcher.



Knysna Woodpecker, Oribi Gorge



Day 3, Sani Pass, Lesotho

A true birding highlight was the day trip up Sani Pass into Lesotho. We could not have asked for a better day to head up the pass in terms of weather, and, as we would find out later, the birding was incredible too! Both Bush Blackcap and Cape Grassbird showed well for us at the base of the pass, while further along we were able to enjoy stunning looks at a pair of Gurney's Sugarbird feeding on a large *Protea* bush alongside the road — a definite highlight! A couple of distant storks and vultures, including, Cape Vulture and Black as well as White Storks circled high above us as we started the main ascent. The endemic and striking Drakensberg Rockjumpers were actively moving around the rocks feeding, not at all bothered by our presence. We enjoyed an amazing interaction between a Verreaux's Eagle and a Jackal Buzzard on the slopes above us, while Fairy Flycatcher was calling behind us. Bearded Vultures were yet another highlight for us today — no less than two individuals circled high alongside the steep cliff face, where they had been breeding the past season. We also enjoyed a productive walk on one of the shrubby slopes, where we picked up Grey Tit, Layard's Warbler, Drakensberg Siskin, and Sentinel Rock Thrush, as well as a pair of Mountain Pipit. Mammals included grey rhebok, rock hyrax, and Sloggett's vlei rat.



Gurney's Sugarbird, Sani Pass

Day 4, Himeville to Eshowe

Today we traveled from Himeville in the southern Drakensberg to Eshowe, where we would spend two nights. A lot lay ahead of us as we departed Himeville and spent some time searching the area for cranes and Secretarybird. Grey Crowned Crane wasn't difficult to come by, and we enjoyed many of them; however, Wattled Crane didn't show on that morning. Some other species in the area were Pied Starling, Spur-winged Goose, African Marsh Harrier, African Harrier-Hawk, Cape Canary, Long-tailed Widowbird, and South African Cliff Swallow. The highlight of the morning was indeed a Secretarybird that was strolling along the rolling hills. We stopped off at Marutswa Forest to try to locate Cape Parrot, a species that hasn't been doing very well in past years. It seems that the Marutswa population is not doing well either, no birds were found on our visit. We did manage Orange Ground Thrush, Cape Batis, Olive Thrush, Knysna Turaco, Cape Grassbird in the surrounding grasslands, and a pair of Crowned Hornbill. Brimstone Canary was a highlight at lunch before we started the long drive to Eshowe.

Day 5, Birding Eshowe and surrounds



A full days birding in the greater Eshowe area included an early morning visit to Ongoye Forest Reserve as well as birding around Mtunzini and Amatikulu Nature Reserve. Birding was generally slow, and species were quiet, but a beautiful **Green Barbet** near an active nest sight was definitely a highlight. **Chorister Robin-Chat** and **Lemon Dove** were present, but only some members of the group managed visuals. **Yellow-streaked**, **Sombre**, and **Yellow-bellied Greenbuls** all showed, while the calls of **Square-tailed Drongo** and **Purple-crested Turaco** were echoing through the forest. The surrounding grasslands gave us **Croaking** and **Zitting Cisticolas**, and the woodland below Ongoye to the north produced **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**, **Rattling Cisticola**, **Blue Waxbill**, **Lesser Striped Swallow**, **Little Swift**, **Marsh Warbler**, and **Black-collared Barbet**. Mtunzini and Amatikulu were beautiful and green. **Woolly-necked Storks** circled over the Umlalazi estuary, while some **Emerald-spotted Wood Doves** were seen en route. Amatikulu didn't produce anything new besides a few rather incredible butterflies that were enjoyed thoroughly by all in the group.

Day 6, Eshowe to St Lucia

We spent the morning in Eshowe, exploring the Dlinza Forest Aerial Boardwalk, which is located right in the town itself. Dlinza Forest is home to breeding **Spotted Ground Thrush**, and we were certainly lucky to see an individual cruising around the forest floor collecting worms for its young. The canopy tower produced a great view over the forest as well as African Olive Pigeon, Trumpeter Hornbill, Olive Sunbird, and good numbers of Whiteeared Barbet. Other areas of the forest were productive and yielded Chorister Robin-Chat, Square-tailed Drongo, fleeting views of Olive Bushshrike, Black-backed Puffback, Purple-crested Turaco, and the sought-after Green Malkoha. We headed on toward St Lucia, a great birding destination with loads of excitement in store. We visited the estuary in the afternoon after a quick bite to eat at the St Lucia Ski Boat Club, picking up the likes of Sand Martin, Barn Swallows, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, ten Pink-backed Pelicans, Yellow-billed Stork, and both Little and Greater Crested Terns in the tern roost. The iGwala Gwala Forest Trail was as good as always, with the likes of Woodward's Batis, Rudd's Apalis, Livingstone's Turaco, Collared Sunbird, Dark-backed Weaver, Redcapped Robin-Chat, Brown Scrub Robin, and a slightly unexpected sighting of Pinkthroated Twinspot. We ended the day with a family of the extravagant Crested Guineafowl - six adult birds and three young.



Spotted Ground Thrush, Dlinza Forest



Day 7, iSimangaliso Wetland Park

The iSimangaliso Wetland Park is a UNESCO world heritage site, and it truly offers a fine day out birding and mammal watching! African Jacana, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, European Roller (over 30 individuals), and Black-chested and Brown Snake Eagles were some of the first species that we recorded, while a number of African buffalos were seen grazing away in the distant grasslands. We slowly worked our way towards Cape Vidal, taking some of the side road loops. Some of these were productive, and we recorded the likes of Striped Kingfisher, Red-breasted Swallow, Red-backed Shrike, Yellow-throated Longclaw and the zygodactyl Burchell's Coucal. Green Twinspot was one of the highlights on a small trail toward a lookout point over Lake St Lucia, while Senegal Lapwing and Woolly-necked Stork were seen in the open areas toward the shoreline of the lake. Two white rhino were really great to see as we were leaving the reserve in the afternoon, a relief for some of us, as things on the mammal front had been fairly slow for most of the day.



Green Twinspot, iSimangaliso Wetland Park

Day 8, St Lucia to Mkhuze Game Reserve

We decided to once again take a walk on the iGwala-gwala Forest Trail in St Lucia and worked on a few species that we had missed the day before. Yellow Weaver, African Marsh Harrier, African Goshawk and Thick-billed Weaver all gave us some visuals, while the likes of Grey Waxbill and Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, species that are normally not observed very well, really did put on a show for all of us;. The last species that morning before breakfast was Scaly-throated Honeyguide singing up in one of the beautiful 'flatcrown' forest trees. On leaving St Lucia we managed some nice sightings of Southern Brown-throated Weavers that bred in the reeds near the estuary bridge. A sub-adult Palmnut Vulture gave us a brilliant flight view as we pulled onto the main road north, a bird that we had previously dipped on. What a great sighting! False Bay produced the goods; Gorgeous Bushshrike, the beautiful master skulker, showed pretty well after a bit of work chasing it around the thicket bush. One of the Zululand specials, Neergaard's Sunbird was heard calling along the trail to the north and responded nicely. This is a 'sand-forest' species and is therefore restricted to small patches of this remnant woodland. We also managed to get some nice looks at: African Yellow White-eye, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Caspian Tern, and White-fronted Plover. Mpempe Pan was the next short stop along the way to Mkhuze – an open floodplain-type area that usually holds some interesting species. Here we recorded Western Yellow Wagtail, Senegal Lapwing, Crowned Lapwing, African Quailfinch,



Yellow-billed Stork, African Spoonbill, Hamerkop, African Jacana, Red-billed Teal, and the highlight, real good numbers of Lemon-breasted Canary!

Day 9, Mkhuze birding

One of my personal favorite birding locations in South Africa is Mkhuze Game Reserve. It offers extremely good mixed woodland, thicket, and sand-forest habitat and has a bird species list of over 440 species to date. Birding was decidedly slower than normal, but with a bit of effort we managed some enjoyable sightings. Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters were around in force and were a real treat for most of the day. Some of the hides in the area produced African Darter, Grey and Goliath Herons, Emerald Spotted Wood Dove, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Diederik Cuckoo, and Red-billed Oxpecker. The open areas to the south of the reserve gave us a few savanna species, including Grey Goaway-bird, Sabota, Rufous-naped, and Flappet Larks, Lilac-breasted Roller, and the stunning Bateleur. The Nsumo Pan was active with many White-winged Terns as well as African Fish Eagle and a few aerial-feeding species including Barn, Wire-tailed, and Lesser Striped Swallows as well as Little, White-rumped, and African Palm-Swifts. In the evening we joined a local night drive to give us another chance at seeing some nocturnal species including some interesting nocturnal mammals. The night drive turned out to be very productive for birds but unfortunately not as productive for mammals. We added the likes of Fiery-necked and European Nightiars, Tawny Eagle, and Spotted Thick-knee, as well as no less than four Bronze-winged Coursers. Mammals encountered during the day included white rhino, hippopotamus, scrub hare, giraffe, impala, thick-tailed greater galago, and chacma baboon.



Bronze-winged Courser, Mkhuze Game Reserve

Day 10, Mkhuze to Wakkerstroom

White-crested Helmetshrike, Common Scimitarbill, and Black Cuckooshrike were three of the passerines to greet us as we made our way out of the park's western gate. We stopped briefly in Mkhuze town for brunch as well as a bird or two and then started our long drive inland to the rolling grasslands of Wakkerstroom. Today was mainly be a travel day with some rest later that afternoon, as the next day would be a full day birding the brilliant grassland areas. Cloud Cisticola entertained us at a quick rest stop as we approached Wakkerstroom, while a few Hadada, African Sacred, and Southern Bald Ibis all gave us some visuals right near the town and guest house.



Day 11, Wakkerstroom birding

There was an early start with a full day's birding ahead. Wakkerstroom is a very well known birding area among the South African birding community. and they do well to support local guides. We made use of a local guide today who knows the area intimately. We kicked off the day on the Kwa Zulu Natal/Mpumalanga border, where we managed to find no less than four Yellow-breasted Pipits. These pipits were joined by Eastern Long-billed Lark, Wingsnapping Cisticola, Denham's Bustard, Pied Starling, and Sentinel Rock Thrush. We drove towards Zaaihoek Dam, where we did well to locate a single African Rock Pipit as well as singles of both Horus Swift and Cape Rock Thrush. Cape Bunting as well as a few rock hyraxes were more numerous. We then made our way to the grasslands in the northern parts of the area, where we spent most of our time trying to locate the red-data species Blue Korhaan, Botha's Lark, and one of South Africa's rarest birds, Rudd's Lark. Fickland Pan is one of the stronghold breeding areas for Rudd's Lark, and even though this species was just about done breeding for the day we managed to locate an individual that we watched for some time. The pan and surrounding areas held Wing-snapping Cisticola, Spike-heeled Lark, Maccoa Duck, Great Crested Grebe, and Banded Martin. After enjoying our packed lunches overlooking the dam we carried on, flushing two Blue Korhaans right in front of us – it truly is incredible how this species is able to hide in short grassland! Botha's Lark also 'played ball' and showed pretty well in the cattle tracks in a local field. Later that afternoon, while looking for the sought-after White-bellied Bustard, we located Black-wined Lapwing, Montagu's Harrier, and Grey-winged and Red-winged Francolins. It had been a very successful day so far, and we weren't quite done yet; after exhausting all our known spots for the bustard our local guide had one more area up his sleeve. This area did hold one White-bellied Bustard, and so, just like that, we ended a truly brilliant day in Wakkerstroom. Mammal highlights were yellow mongoose and the brilliant meerkat.



Grey-winged Francolin, Wakkerstroom surrounds



Day 12, Wakkerstroom to Kruger National Park

Today again was mainly a travel day, during which we drove from Wakkerstroom down the escarpment to Kruger National Park. We did, however, first spend some time birding the local Wakkerstroom wetlands before making our way to the amazing national park. The wetlands were productive as usual; no less than four African Rails showed for us in the morning light. We also encountered Black Crake, Hottentot Teal, Cape Weaver, Southern Red Bishop, Spur-winged Goose, African Wattled Lapwing, Amethyst and Malachite Sunbirds, and a brilliant African Hoopoe back at the guesthouse before we departed. We entered Kruger National Park at Phabeni Gate and used the last amount of time that the day had to offer to look for birds and game. Our drive towards Skukuza was highly productive; we observed the likes of Woodland Kingfisher, Burchell's Starling, Southern Whitecrowned Shrike, Lilac-breasted Roller, Lesser Grey Shrike, and some Wattled Starling hanging around a heard of African buffalo. We did also encounter our first African elephants of the tour (many of them) as well as two spotted hyenas near the entrance to Skukuza Restcamp.

Day 13, Kruger National Park

This was a full days of birding the greater Skukuza area of the Kruger National Park. We headed out as the gates opened at 5:30 a.m. to make the most of the early morning; A Marabou Stork was perched in a dead tree awaiting some sunlight, and a white rhino crossed the road in front of us. Southern Yellow-billed, Southern Red-billed, and African Grey Hornbills all made an appearance within a few minutes of one another, while the likes of Dark-capped Bulbul and Cape Glossy Starling were out early, checking the road for food. At the Skukuza high water bridge and the picnic site nearby we found Water Thickknee, Red-winged Starling, White-fronted Plover, Common Sandpiper, White-winged Widowbird, Red-billed Quelea, and Village Weaver. Sunset dam is one of those spots in the KNP where you could spend hours. Here we found Malachite Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher, Three-banded Plover, White-crowned Lapwing, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, and Lesser Masked Weaver actively attending nests in a dead tree in the lake, while both Grey and Black-headed Herons were perched nearby. A local brunch was enjoyed at the Lower Sabie Restcamp, overlooking the impressive Sabie River. **Brown-headed Parrot** gave us a flyby, and Greater Blue-eared Starling wanted the food from our plates. Chinspot Batis and Red-faced Cisticola were both in the area, and we picked up on these and a host more before leaving the camp area. Then we birded some of the open areas north of Lower Sabie and picked up a few new species for the trip. Harlequin Quails were calling all over, but unfortunately we couldn't get any visuals. We were rewarded, though, with sightings of Common Buttonquail on more than one occasion, some with young. We also picked up Swainson's Spurfowl, Magpie Shrike, White-headed and Lappet-faced Vultures, Bateleur, Purple Indigobird, and the stunning Mocking Cliff Chat. On route back to Skukuza we encountered a few raptor species catching some thermals; African Harrier-Hawk was present and so too was a juvenile Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, which is considered a rarity almost anywhere in South Africa. A very good bird for the day! We ended things nicely with a flock of Retz's Helmetshrikes, Common Scimitarbill, Brubru, and a family of **Crested Francolin.**





Juvenile Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, between Skukuza and Lower Sabie

Day 14, Kruger National Park to Dullstroom

We decided to have a walk through camp this morning instead of heading out for a drive. Many species we still needed reside in the camp, and we got nice visuals of the stunning Scarlet-chested Sunbird right near our chalets. White-throated Robin-Chat was another species that uses Skukuza as a home, and it didn't take long for us to pick out this beauty. Yellow-breasted Apalis, Long-billed Crombec, Southern Black Flycatcher, Black-collared Barbet, Speckled Mousebird, Collared Sunbird, African Paradise Flycatcher, and the stunning African Green Pigeon were all around before breakfast. After we had left the camp we birded toward the gate, checking for a few species in the broad-leafed habitat on the way out. We did pick up Green-capped Eremomela, Striped Kingfisher, and Gabar Goshawk before exciting at Phabeni Gate and traveling to Sabie for lunch. The Long Tom Pass was our preferred route to Dullstroom that afternoon, and it definitely has some spectacular scenery! As we were entering Dullstroom we stopped at a local spot to check for Denham's Bustard, but we only saw a distant African Harrier-Hawk as well as a pair of oribi – a small highveld grassland antelope, a treat for us as we were ending our day.

Day 15, Dullstroom to Dinokeng

The De Berg Road was enjoyable as usual; we picked up Denham's Bustard, Rock Kestrel, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Eastern Long-billed Lark, about seven Buff-streaked Chats, and a single Mountain Wheatear. Our route for the day was changed slightly due to an impassable road after good rains in the area. This, however, meant that we had time to pick up the tricky Melodious Lark on the way to Mabusa, a real treat of a lark among LBJ enthusiasts. Mabusa Nature Reserve did produce a few bits and pieces, but the heat of the day made things slow going. Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, Lazy Cisticola, Cape Grassbird, and Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird were all active and showed fairly well. On our way to Dinokeng we added sightings of Grey Go-away-bird, the striking Crimson-breasted Shrike, Red-billed Oxpecker, and Black-chested Snake Eagle.

Day 16, Dinokeng, Rust de Winter to Johannesburg, departure

Our last day of the tour kicked off with an early morning game drive. A beautiful morning was enjoyed even more as we came across a pair of Common Ostrich, Crested Francolin, Arrow-marked Babblers making their presence known to a Pearl-spotted Owlet, Violeteared Waxbill, Green-winged Pytilia, and Red-crested Korhaan. A local dam where we stopped for a coffee break gave us really good looks at African Fish Eagle, Whiskered and White-winged Terns (both going through different stages of plumage), Giant Kingfisher,



and Water Thick-knee. After breakfast and checking out we made our way to bird the roadside routes of the Rust de Winter Nature Reserve before heading south to Johannesburg. Here we picked up a number of beautiful Long-tailed Paradise Whydahs, Purple Indigobird, Black-chested Prinia, Desert Cisticola, Burnt-necked Eremomela, and Marico Flycatcher. Our last stop of the day was at the Pretoria Botanical Gardens, where we enjoyed lunch and added both Karoo Thrush and Black-throated Canary to the list before driving to Oliver Tambo International Airport for our flights home.

SOUTH AFRICA: 16-DAY SUBTROPICAL SOUTH AFRICA BIRD LIST Bold = Country endemic Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered, CE = Critically Endangered		
	STRUTHIONIFORMES	
Ostriches	Struthionidae	
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
Ducks, Geese and Swans	<u>Anatidae</u>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	1
Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	1
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	1
South African Shelduck	Tadorna cana	1
African Black Duck	Anas sparsa	1
Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata	1
Cape Shoveler	Anas smithii	1
Red-billed Teal	Anas erythrorhyncha	1
Maccoa Duck - NT	Oxyura maccoa	1
	GALLIFORMES	
Guineafowl	Numididae	
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	1
Crested Guineafowl	Guttera pucherani	1
Pheasants and allies	Phasianidae	
Coqui Francolin	Peliperdix coqui	1
Grey-winged Francolin	Scleroptila afra	1
Red-winged Francolin	Scleroptila levaillantii	1
Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena	1
Natal Spurfowl	Pternistis natalensis	1
Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistis afer	1
Swainson's Spurfowl	Pternistis swainsonii	1
Harlequin Quail	Coturnix delegorguei	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
Grebes	Podicipedidae	



Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	1
Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
Storks	<u>Ciconiidae</u>	
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	1
Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	1
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus	1
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	1
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
Ibises, Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	1
Southern Bald Ibis - VU	Geronticus calvus	1
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	1
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba	1
Herons, Bitterns	<u>Ardeidae</u>	
Striated Heron	Butorides striata	1
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	1
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	1
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	1
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath	1
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	1
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	1
<u>Hamerkop</u>	Scopidae	
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	1
Pelicans	<u>Pelecanidae</u>	
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens	1
	SULIFORMES	
Cormorants, Shags	Phalacrocoracidae	
Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus	1
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus	1
Anhingas, Darters	Anhingidae	
African Darter	Anhinga rufa	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
Secretarybird	<u>Sagittariidae</u>	
Secretarybird - VU	Sagittarius serpentarius	1
<u>Ospreys</u>	Pandionidae	
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1
Kites, Hawks and Eagles	Accipitridae	
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	1
African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus	1
Palm-nut Vulture	Gypohierax angolensis	1





Stone-curlews, Thick-knees	<u>Burhinidae</u>	
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus	1
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis	1
Stilts, Avocets	<u>Recurvirostridae</u>	
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	1
<u>Plovers</u>	<u>Charadriidae</u>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	Vanellus armatus	1
White-crowned Lapwing	Vanellus albiceps	1
Senegal Lapwing	Vanellus lugubris	1
Black-winged Lapwing	Vanellus melanopterus	1
African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus	1
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris	1
White-fronted Plover	Charadrius marginatus	1
Painted-snipes	Rostratulidae	
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis	1
Sandpipers, Snipes	Scolopacidae	
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	1
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	1
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	1
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1
Coursers, Pratincoles	Glareolidae	
Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii	1
Bronze-winged Courser	Rhinoptilus chalcopterus	1
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers	<u>Laridae</u>	
Grey-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus	1
Kelp Gull	Larus dominicanus	1
Greater Crested Tern	Thalasseus bergii	1
Little Tern	Sternula albifrons	1
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	1
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	1
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus	1
	COLUMBIFORMES	
Pigeons, Doves	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Rock Dove	Columba livia	1
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	1
African Olive Pigeon	Columba arquatrix	1
Lemon Dove	Columba larvata	1
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	1
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	1
Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	1
Tambourine Dove	Turtur tympanistria	1



Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	1
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus	1
	MUSOPHAGIFORMES	
<u>Turacos</u>	<u>Musophagidae</u>	
Livingstone's Turaco	Tauraco livingstonii	1
Knysna Turaco	Tauraco corythaix	1
Purple-crested Turaco	Tauraco porphyreolophus	1
Grey Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides concolor	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	<u>Cuculidae</u>	
Burchell's Coucal	Centropus burchellii	1
Green Malkoha	Ceuthmochares australis	1
Levaillant's Cuckoo	Clamator levaillantii	1
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus	1
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius	1
African Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx cupreus	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
Owls	<u>Strigidae</u>	
African Scops Owl	Otus senegalensis	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet	Glaucidium perlatum	1
African Barred Owlet	Glaucidium capense	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
<u>Nightjars</u>	<u>Caprimulgidae</u>	
European Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus	1
Fiery-necked Nightjar	Caprimulgus pectoralis	1
	APODIFORMES	
Swifts	<u>Apodidae</u>	
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	1
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba	1
African Black Swift	Apus barbatus	1
Little Swift	Apus affinis	1
Horus Swift	Apus horus	1
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	1
	COLIIFORMES	
<u>Mousebirds</u>	<u>Coliidae</u>	
Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	1
Red-faced Mousebird	Urocolius indicus	1
	TROGONIFORMES	
Trogons	<u>Trogonidae</u>	
Narina Trogon	Apaloderma narina	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
Rollers	Coraciidae	





Ground Woodpecker	Geocolaptes olivaceus	1
Bearded Woodpecker	Chloropicus namaquus	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens	1
Olive Woodpecker	Dendropicos griseocephalus	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
Caracaras, Falcons	Falconidae	
Rock Kestrel	Falco rupicolus	1
Amur Falcon	Falco amurensis	1
Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo	1
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	1
	PSITTACIFORMES	
African & New World Parrots	Psittacidae Psittacidae	
Brown-headed Parrot	Poicephalus cryptoxanthus	1
Old World Parrots	Psittaculidae	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri	1
-	PASSERIFORMES	
Wattle-eyes, Batises	<u>Platysteiridae</u>	
Cape Batis	Batis capensis	1
Woodward's Batis	Batis fratrum	1
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor	1
Black-throated Wattle-eye	Platysteira peltata	1
<u>Helmetshrikes</u>	Prionopidae	
White-crested Helmetshrike	Prionops plumatus	1
Retz's Helmetshrike	Prionops retzii	1
Bushshrikes	Malaconotidae	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti	1
Olive Bushshrike	Chlorophoneus olivaceus	1
Gorgeous Bushshrike	Telophorus viridis	1
Bokmakierie	Telophorus zeylonus	1
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegalus	1
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla	1
Southern Boubou	Laniarius ferrugineus	1
Crimson-breasted Shrike	Laniarius atrococcineus	1
Brubru	Nilaus afer	1
Cuckooshrikes	Campephagidae	
Grey Cuckooshrike	Coracina caesia	1
Black Cuckooshrike	Campephaga flava	1
<u>Shrikes</u>	<u>Laniidae</u>	
Magpie Shrike	Urolestes melanoleucus	1
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio	1
Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor	1







		
Bar-throated Apalis	Apalis thoracica	1
Rudd's Apalis	Apalis ruddi	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida	1
Green-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura	1
Stierling's Wren-Warbler	Calamonastes stierlingi	1
Green-capped Eremomela	Eremomela scotops	1
Burnt-necked Eremomela	Eremomela usticollis	1
Laughingthrushes	Leiothrichidae	
Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii	1
Sylviid Babblers	Sylviidae	
Bush Blackcap - NT	Lioptilus nigricapillus	1
Chestnut-vented Warbler	Sylvia subcoerulea	1
Layard's Warbler	Sylvia layardi	1
White-eyes	Zosteropidae	
Cape White-eye	Zosterops virens	1
African Yellow White-eye	Zosterops senegalensis	1
<u>Sugarbirds</u>	Promeropidae	
Gurney's Sugarbird	Promerops gurneyi	1
Starlings, Rhabdornis	Sturnidae	
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	1
Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	1
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea	1
Black-bellied Starling	Notopholia corrusca	1
Cape Starling	Lamprotornis nitens	1
Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus	1
Burchell's Starling	Lamprotornis australis	1
Pied Starling	Lamprotornis bicolor	1
Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	1
Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio	1
<u>Oxpeckers</u>	Buphagidae	
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorynchus	1
Thrushes	<u>Turdidae</u>	
Orange Ground Thrush	Geokichla gurneyi	1
Spotted Ground Thrush - EN	Geokichla guttata	1
Groundscraper Thrush	Turdus litsitsirupa	1
Kurrichane Thrush	Turdus libonyana	1
Olive Thrush	Turdus olivaceus	1
Karoo Thrush	Turdus smithi	1
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	<u>Muscicapidae</u>	
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	1
Brown Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas signata	1
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	Myioparus plumbeus	1





Southern Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus xanthopterus	1
Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius	1
Southern Masked Weaver	Ploceus velatus	1
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus	1
Dark-backed Weaver	Ploceus bicolor	1
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea	1
Yellow-crowned Bishop	Euplectes afer	1
Southern Red Bishop	Euplectes orix	1
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris	1
White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albonotatus	1
Red-collared Widowbird	Euplectes ardens	1
Long-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes progne	1
Waxbills, Munias and allies	Estrildidae	1
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba	1
Green Twinspot	Mandingoa nitidula	1
Pink-throated Twinspot	Hypargos margaritatus	1
Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala	1
African Firefinch	Lagonosticta rubricata	1
Jameson's Firefinch	Lagonosticta rhodopareia	1
Blue Waxbill	Uraeginthus angolensis	1
Violet-eared Waxbill	Uraeginthus granatinus	1
Grey Waxbill	Estrilda perreini	1
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild	1
Quailfinch	Ortygospiza atricollis	1
Red-backed Mannikin	Lonchura nigriceps	1
Bronze Mannikin	Lonchura cucullata	1
Indigobirds, Whydahs	<u>Viduidae</u>	
Village Indigobird	Vidua chalybeata	1
Purple Indigobird	Vidua purpurascens	1
Dusky Indigobird	Vidua funerea	1
Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura	1
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	Vidua paradisaea	1
Wagtails, Pipits	Motacillidae	
Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	1
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis	1
Mountain Wagtail	Motacilla clara	1
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	1
Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus	1
Cape Longclaw	Macronyx capensis	1
African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus	1
Mountain Pipit	Anthus hoeschi	1
African Rock Pipit	Anthus crenatus	1



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Common name	Scientific name	Trip
	RODENTIA	
Rats, mice and allies	Muridae	
Sloggett's vlei rat	Otomys sloggetti	1
Squirrels	Sciuridae	
Red bush squirrel	Paraxerus palliatus	1
Smith's bush squirrel	Paraxerus cepapi	1
	LAGOMORPHA	
Rabbits and hares	Leporidae	
Scrub hare	Lepus saxatilis	1
	HYRACOIDEA	
Hyraxes	Procaviidae	
Rock hyrax	Procavia capensis	1
	PRIMATES	
Bushbabies	Galagidae	
Thick-tailed greater galago	Otolemur crassicaudatus	1
Old World monkeys	Cercopithecidae	
Chacma baboon	Papio ursinus	1
Vervet monkey	Chlorocebus pygerythrus	1
Samango monkey	Cercopithecus mitis labiatus	1
	CARNIVORA	
Dogs, foxes and allies	Canidae	



