



8-DAY WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA: SET-DEPARTURE TRIP REPORT

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The endemic Protea Canary was seen well on this trip.

Overview

This Birding Ecotours 8-day Western Cape birding tour was a whistle-stop trip around the south-western Cape, aiming to find as many of the area's endemics as possible while also enjoying the wildlife and spectacular scenery the Cape has to offer. This trip took us from the open ocean to the biologically-rich mountain fynbos to the desolate plains of the Tankwa Karoo.

Due to the diversity of habitats we were able to accumulate a good trip list of 205 species seen, including **African Penguin, Bank, Cape, and Crowned Cormorants, Grey-winged Francolin, Cape Spurfowl, Blue Crane, Southern Black and Karoo Korhaans, Large-billed, Cape Long-billed, and Karoo Larks, Cape and Sentinel Rock Thrushes, Karoo, Sickle-winged, Tractrac, and Ant-eating Chats, Cape Rockjumper, Ground Woodpecker, Victorin's Warbler, Cape Grassbird, Cape Penduline Tit, Karoo Eremomela, Namaqua and Rufous-eared Warblers, Fairy Flycatcher, Pririt Batis, Cape Sugarbird, Orange-breasted and Southern Double-collared Sunbirds, Sweet Waxbill, Protea and Forest Canaries, and Cape Siskin.**



Cape Gannets were seen in large numbers on our pelagic trip.

While traveling through the Western Cape we also found a few interesting mammal and reptile species, including **Bontebok, Gemsbok, Marsh Mongoose, Hippopotamus, Humpback Whale, and Black Spitting Cobra.**

Detailed Report

Day 1, 7th October 2018. Arrival in Simonstown

Today was mostly an arrival day, with most people only arriving late in the afternoon. Jessica and I, however, did spend most of the afternoon at Strandfontein Sewage Works, which is one of Cape

Town's best birding spots. As usual there were birds everywhere around the ponds, and we soon found **Black-necked Grebe, Cape Teal, Cape Shoveler, Maccoa Duck, Greater and Lesser Flamingos, Black Sparrowhawk, Black-winged Kite**, and some smaller species in the surrounding scrub, including **Karoo Prinia, Cape Bulbul, and Cape Robin-Chat**.

Back in Simonstown we met the rest of the group and enjoyed a tasty meal while discussing the trip and what birds we might expect over the next week.

Day 2, 8th October 2018. Day trip to Betty's Bay

The first full day of birding promised to be an exciting one! With our packed breakfast we headed out early to the eastern side of False Bay. Our first short stop in some proper mountain fynbos quickly saw us add **Orange-breasted and Malachite Sunbirds, Cape Sugarbird, Cape Bunting, and Cape Robin-Chat**.



Cape Sugarbirds were abundant around Betty's Bay and Rooi-Els.

Our first birding destination was Rooi-Els, where Cape Rockjumper was the big target. While enjoying our breakfast packs on the edge of the village we found **Cape Rock Thrush, Grey-backed Cisticola, Karoo Prinia, Cape Bulbul, Speckled Mousebird, and African Black Swifts** overhead. Further down the road it did not take too long before a pair of **Cape Rockjumpers** showed themselves, along with **Ground Woodpecker, Sentinel Rock Thrush, Neddicky, and Cape Siskin**.

We then strolled around the picturesque Harold Porter National Botanical Garden in Betty's Bay, where we added **Cape Grassbird, Cape Batis, Southern Double-collared Sunbird, Sombre Greenbul, Cape Spurfowl, Sweet Waxbill (Johanne only), and Pin-tailed Whydah** before we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the restaurant.

We left Betty's Bay in the early afternoon and managed an hour's birding at Strandfontein, where the group caught up on most of the species we had seen the afternoon before, with **Glossy Ibis**, **African Marsh Harrier**, and **Lesser Swamp Warbler** being new birds.

That afternoon we received the good news that the pelagic trip would be going out the next day, with good weather predicted.

Day 3, 9th October 2018. Pelagic trip from Hout Bay

We left Simonstown before sunrise and enjoyed the spectacular views from Chapman's Peak on our way to Hout Bay, from where our boat was departing. While waiting for the boat to launch we were treated to a flyby of a young **African Harrier-Hawk** (well spotted, Johanne!), which proved to be our only sighting of this species of the trip.

The morning was a great one for a trip out to sea: a bit of cloud cover, almost no wind, and a relatively small swell. We made good time heading out into the deep, and it wasn't long before we had our first true pelagic bird in the form of **White-chinned Petrel** as well as many **Cape Cormorants** and small flocks of **Cape Gannets**. We also had close views of a single **Humpback Whale** before it dived, never to be seen again. Soon after this the exciting news came in from the skipper that there was a trawler on the horizon and we should catch up to it in the next 30 minutes! As we got closer to the trawler bird numbers picked up dramatically, and we quickly found **Shy Albatross**, **Great Shearwater**, **Cape Petrel**, and **Wilson's Storm Petrel**.



The deep-water hake trawler we followed for a few hours, with large numbers of birds in tow!

We stayed with the trawler for a few hours and were surrounded by thousands of seabirds. Among the flocks of **White-chinned Petrels** and **Shy Albatrosses** we picked out **Black-browed**, **Atlantic Yellow-nosed**, and **Indian Yellow-nosed Albatrosses**, **Northern** and **Southern Giant Petrels**, **Sooty Shearwater**, **European Storm Petrel**, **Brown Skua**, and a single **Manx Shearwater** that showed really well.



This Manx Shearwater was particularly obliging.

We then left the trawling grounds, and before getting back into Hout Bay harbor we stopped at Seal Island, where we saw large numbers of **Cape Fur Seals** as well as **Cape, Crowned, and Bank Cormorants**.

Before dinner we visited the Boulder's Beach penguin colony, where we saw many breeding **African Penguins** as well as our first **African Oystercatchers**.

Day 4, 10th October 2018. West Coast birding

Today we had breakfast at our accommodation in Simonstown, which was interrupted by a flyover **Peregrine Falcon**. After breakfast we made our way north along the West Coast, where we would spend the day birding.

Our first stop was the farmlands along the Darling Hills Road, which quickly yielded **Pearl-breasted Swallow, Banded Martin, Jackal Buzzard, Rock Kestrel, Grey-winged Francolin, Blue Crane, Namaqua Dove, Capped Wheatear, Pied Starling, White-backed Mousebird, African Hoopoe, and Cape Weaver**, as well as a colony of beautifully-colored **European Bee-eaters** that posed nicely for the cameras.

At a small wetland along this road we had brief views of **Southern Red and Yellow Bishops** as well as **African Paradise Flycatcher, Bar-throated Apalis, and African Marsh Harrier**.

After a quick roadside lunch we entered the West Coast National Park and headed straight to the Abrahamskraal waterhole, where we enjoyed a pleasurable hour or so photographing birds coming in to drink. Waterbirds here included **African Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Duck, and Cape Shoveler**, while smaller birds seen in the nearby scrub included **Yellow Canary, Karoo Scrub Robin, and Cape Sparrow**. Good numbers of **Common Ostriches** were also seen in the general area as well as great views of a single **Bontebok**.

Checking the various bird hides for waders gave us better views of **African Oystercatcher** along with a suite of new waders such as **Grey, Kittlitz's, White-fronted, and Common Ringed Plovers** as well as **Little Stint** and **Curlew Sandpiper**. A pair of **South African Shelducks** gave us a good but brief flyby too. On our walk to the Seeberg Hide Jen got the surprise of her life when she discovered a nice big **Mole Snake**, while we also saw **Cape Penduline Tit, Bokmakierie, and Chestnut-vented Warbler** in the general area.

We checked into our accommodation at the West Coast town of Langebaan and then went for a very pleasant dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 5, 11th October 2018. West Coast to Tankwa Karoo

After an early breakfast we headed into the farmlands around Vredenburg to look for a few more endemics. The morning's birding proved to be extremely productive, and we managed good views of **Cape Long-billed** and **Large-billed Larks, Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark, Sickle-winged** and **Ant-eating Chats**, and much-improved views of a number of **Blue Cranes**.



Cape Long-billed Lark performed for us in the morning light.

We stopped briefly at the nearby Velddrif Salt Works, where we added **Chestnut-banded Plover, Red-necked Phalarope** (now in full breeding dress!), and **Caspian Terns**, as well as a small group of **Pied Kingfishers**.

We had a good drive ahead of us for the afternoon to get over the escarpment and into the plains of the Tankwa Karoo. Unfortunately not too much was seen on the drive except **Mountain Wheatear, Karoo Chat, and White-throated Canary**. We did also stop briefly to enjoy some Khoisan cave paintings en route.

In the evening we headed out to look for some nocturnal animals; however, we did not find anything of interest. Despite this the stars were spectacular, and it was an enjoyable experience.

Day 6, 12th October 2018. Tankwa Karoo birding

Today we had the whole day to enjoy the stark beauty of the Tankwa Karoo and its many endemic bird species. We started with an early-morning drive to Eierkop before breakfast, where we found **Karoo Eremomela**, and in the surrounding plains we saw **Karoo Korhaan**, **Spike-heeled** and **Karoo Larks**, and **Rufous-eared Warbler**.



Rufous-eared Warbler was seen on a couple of occasions in the plains of the Tankwa Karoo.

After a delicious breakfast we headed to Skitterykloof to look for Cinnamon-breasted Warbler. Upon arriving at Skitterykloof Jen spotted a large snake crossing the road. But as the group was jumping out of the vehicle to have a closer look we realized, when it started to raise its hood, that this was not a harmless Mole Snake but rather an extremely dangerous **Black Spitting Cobra**. This quickly sent us back into the safety of the vehicle!

The birding appeared tame after this, but we did add **Fairy Flycatcher**, **Layard's Warbler**, **White-throated Canary**, and **Cape Bunting**. Unfortunately **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler** eluded us, despite hearing its distant call.

After Skitterykloof we headed north toward Tankwa Karoo National Park. By this stage the winds had really picked up, creating mini sand storms across the semi-desert landscape. We did, however, manage to find **Tractrac Chat**, **Pale Chanting Goshawk**, **Greater Kestrel**, **Pririt Batis**, and **Southern Masked Weaver**. Just as we entered the park we saw a distant group of **Gemsboks** before discovering a closer pair just over the next rise, which posed nicely for the group.

Day 7, 13th October 2018. Tankwa Karoo to Cape Town

After one last failed attempt at finding Cinnamon-breasted Warbler (but finding **African Reed Warbler** and **Booted Eagle** as consolation prizes) we headed out of the plains of the Tankwa

Karoo and back into the mountain fynbos near Paarl. Before leaving the Tankwa Karoo we had a quick stop at Karooport, where we eventually managed decent views of **Namaqua Warbler**, and **Streaky-headed Seedeater** was also new.

In the mountain fynbos we found our next big targets in **Protea Canary** and **Victorin's Warbler** while also enjoying **Orange-breasted Sunbird**, **Jackal Buzzard**, and **Cape Siskin**.

We arrived in the afternoon at our accommodation on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain and headed out for some birding in the forested areas around Constantia. The few hours birding here were extremely productive, and we added a number of new birds such as **African Olive Pigeon**, **Swee Waxbill**, **Forest Canary**, **African Paradise** and **African Dusky Flycatchers**, **Common Chaffinch**, and **Cape Batis**.



Swee Waxbill was common in the forests around Constantia.

After dinner we did a quick night-time excursion and managed to find an obliging **African Wood Owl** (impressive pics, Doug!), which capped off a great day's birding.

Day 8, 14th October 2018. Cape Peninsula birding

Today was the last day of the tour, and we were to have the full day's birding on the Cape Peninsula to try to find any species we had missed thus far on the trip. We started around the Constantia greenbelts again, where we had even better views of most of yesterday's species as well as **Amethyst Sunbird**, **Olive Woodpecker**, and **Little Rush Warbler** in a nearby wetland.

Next we headed to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden for the rest of the morning, where we spent time photographing **Orange-breasted** and **Southern Double-collared Sunbirds**. We tried for the Spotted Eagle-Owls at their nest site; however, all we could find was an abandoned egg, which was very worrying.

After lunch at Kirstenbosch we started our final afternoon's birding on the peninsula. We first stopped at Rondevlei Nature Reserve, where we had a great couple of hours and saw **Malachite Kingfisher, Yellow Bishop, Red-faced Mousebird, Fiscal Flycatcher, Great Crested Grebe, White-faced Whistling Duck, and Hottentot Teal**. We were also treated to two non-avian highlights in the form of **Hippopotamus** and **Marsh Mongoose**.

For the last hour of light we went back to Strandfontein Sewage Works, where we found a few new birds such as **African Fish Eagle, Grey-headed Gull, African Swamphen, Ruff, and Black-crowned Night Heron**.

This final afternoon's birding ended a great week around the Cape with many lifers for the group, including a number of Cape endemics.



*This breeding-plumaged **Red-necked Phalarope** was seen at a salt works on the West Coast.*

Bird List - Following IOC 8.2

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen.

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: CE = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. South African endemics are bolded.

Common name	Scientific name
Ostriches (Struthionidae)	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Ducks, Geese and Swans (Anatidae)	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
Hottentot Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</i>
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
Maccoa Duck - VU	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Pheasants and allies (Phasianidae)	
Grey-winged Francolin	<i>Scleroptila afra</i>
Cape Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis capensis</i>
Common Quail (H)	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
Penguins (Spheniscidae)	
African Penguin - EN	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
Austral Storm Petrels (Oceanitidae)	
Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>
Albatrosses (Diomedidae)	
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>
Shy Albatross	<i>Thalassarche cauta</i>
Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross - EN	<i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross - EN	<i>Thalassarche carteri</i>
Northern Storm Petrels (Hydrobatidae)	
European Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>
Petrels, Shearwaters & Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)	

Common name	Scientific name
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>
Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>
White-chinned Petrel - VU	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>
Sooty Shearwater - NT	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>
Great Shearwater	<i>Ardenna gravis</i>
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Gannets, Boobies (Sulidae)	
Cape Gannet - EN	<i>Morus capensis</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	

Common name	Scientific name
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
Crowned Cormorant - NT	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>
Bank Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
Cape Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Kites, Hawks and Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Karoo Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis vigorsii</i>
Southern Black Korhaan - VU	<i>Afrotis afra</i>
Rails, Crakes and Coots (Rallidae)	
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)	
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers (Laridae)	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Skuas (Stercorariidae)	
Brown Skua	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Klaas's Cuckoo (H)	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
Swifts (Apodidae)	
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
Hoopoes (Upupidae)	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Ground Woodpecker - NT	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker (H)	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)	
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>
Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Drongos (Dicuridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
Rockjumpers (Chaetopidae)	
Cape Rockjumper - NT	<i>Chaetops frenatus</i>
Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)	
Fairy Flycatcher	<i>Stenostira scita</i>
Penduline Tits (Remizidae)	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Cape Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda curvirostris</i>
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Karoo Lark	<i>Calendulauda albescens</i>
Large-billed Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
Cape Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
Victorin's Warbler	<i>Cryptillas victorini</i>
Reed Warblers and allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
Grassbirds and allies (Locustellidae)	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
Cisticolas and allies (Cisticolidae)	
Grey-backed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>
Namaqua Warbler	<i>Phragmacia substriata</i>
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler (H)	<i>Euryptila subcinnamomea</i>
Karoo Eremomela	<i>Eremomela gregalis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>
Layard's Warbler	<i>Sylvia layardi</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>
Sugarbirds (Promeropidae)	
Cape Sugarbird	<i>Promerops cafer</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)	
Karoo Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
Sentinel Rock Thrush - NT	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
Sickle-winged Chat	<i>Emarginata sinuata</i>
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Orange-breasted Sunbird	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)	
Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
Waxbills, Munias and allies (Estrildidae)	
Sweet Waxbill	<i>Coccygia melanotis</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Forest Canary	<i>Crithagra scotops</i>
Cape Siskin	<i>Crithagra totta</i>
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>
Brimstone Canary	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
Streaky-headed Seed-eater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>
Protea Canary - NT	<i>Crithagra leucoptera</i>
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
Buntings (Emberizidae)	
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>

Total seen	205
Total heard only	4
Total recorded	209

Mammal List

Common name	Scientific name
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Marsh Mongoose	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>
Cape Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes pulverulentus</i>
Eared Seals (Otariidae)	
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus</i>
Rorqual Whales (Balaenopteridae)	
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>
Bovids (Bovidae)	
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Hyraxes (Procaviidae)	
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
Rodents (Muridae)	
Bush Vlei Rat	<i>Otomys unisulcatus</i>
Squirrels, Chipmunks, Marmots, Prairie Dogs (Sciuridae)	
Eastern Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>

Total seen	13
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Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Land Tortoises (Testudinidae)	
Angulate Tortoise	<i>Chersina angulata</i>
Cobras, Mambas, Relatives (Elapidae)	
Black Spitting Cobra	<i>Naja nigricincta woodi</i>
Typical Snakes (Colubridae)	
Mole Snake	<i>Pseudaspis cana</i>
Girdled Lizards and Relatives (Cordylidae)	
Black Girdled Lizard	<i>Cordylus niger</i>
Karoo Girdled Lizard	<i>Karusaurus polyzonus</i>
Agamas (Agamidae)	
Southern Rock Agama	<i>Agama atra</i>
Total seen	6