



**NAMIBIA AND OKAVANGO: GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY
CUSTOM TRIP REPORT**

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We encountered large numbers of breeding African Skimmers on our Okavango boat trip.

Overview

This custom tour was put together for the Golden Gate Audubon Society and was designed to include a broad diversity of birds (including many Namibian near-endemics) and other wildlife. We traveled from the Namib Desert in the west to the panhandle of the Okavango Delta in the east. As the tour covered a good cross-section of Namibia and Botswana we also took in some truly impressive scenery and amazing African sunsets. We saw 296 species (and an additional four species were heard only) on this 12-day tour, including such highlights as **African Pygmy Goose, Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Rüppell's Korhaan, Cape Gannet, White-backed Night Heron, Bank, Crowned, and Cape Cormorants, Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, Wattled and Blue Cranes, Burchell's and Double-banded Coursers, Rock Pratincole, African Skimmer, Burchell's Sandgrouse, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Racket-tailed Roller, Violet Wood Hoopoe, Damara Red-billed, Bradfield's, and Monteiro's Hornbills, Pygmy and Red-necked Falcons, Rüppell's Parrot, Carp's Tit, Gray's, Dune, Stark's, Karoo Long-billed, and Pink-billed Larks, Mosque Swallow, Rockrunner, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Orange River White-eye, and many others.**



We had fantastic views of Carp's Tit in Etosha National Park.

As always with trips through Namibia and Botswana we also came across a number of exciting mammals species, including **Lion, African Elephant, Black and White Rhinoceros, African Buffalo, Roan Antelope, Gemsbok, Red Lechwe, Tsessebe, Damara Dik-dik, Cape Fox, Kaokoland Slender Mongoose, Honey Badger, Dassie Rat, Bushveld Elephant-shrew, and Spotted-necked Otter.**

Detailed Report

Day 1, 25th August 2019. Arrival in Walvis Bay

As we had all arrived in Walvis Bay the day before we could get an early start birding, and after our breakfast overlooking the lagoon (complete with feeding flamingos) we made our way to the Walvis Bay Salt Works. Waders and waterbirds were on the menu this morning, and it didn't take long until we had ticked off both **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos**, **Common Whimbrel**, **Cape Teal**, **Common Greenshank**, **White-fronted** and **Chestnut-banded Plovers**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Pied Avocet**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, and **Little Stint**. As we moved farther into the saltworks we found good numbers of **Terns** including **Common**, **Arctic**, **Greater Crested**, and **Caspian**, however, unfortunately no Damara Tern; it would appear they were still off West Africa in their wintering grounds. We continued to work through the large numbers of shorebirds and managed to pick out **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Ruff**, **Common Sandpiper**, and a few **Red-necked Phalaropes**.

After a hearty lunch we birded in the lodge garden, and here we found **Orange River White-eye**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Dusky Sunbird**, and **Red-faced Mousebird**, while a number of **South African Cliff Swallows** were seen along the esplanade. Later in the afternoon we took a drive to Rooibank, where we had fantastic views of at least three **Dune Larks** (Namibia's only endemic bird species) along with our first **Pale Chanting Goshawk**, **Pale-winged Starling**, and a few fly-over **Grey-backed Sparrow-Larks**.



A friendly Tractrac Chat was seen in the Namib Desert near Swakopmund.

Day 2, 26th August 2019. Boat cruise and birding around Swakopmund

This morning we had a very enjoyable boat cruise around Walvis Bay Lagoon, and although we did not have any luck with Heaviside's Dolphin we did find **Wilson's Storm Petrel**, **Cape Gannet**, **Sooty Shearwater**, **Cape Cormorant**, **Great White Pelican** (being hand-fed by the skipper), and **African Oystercatcher**. We also visited the massive **Cape Fur Seal** colony, which is always overwhelming for the senses of sight, sound, and smell!

We then took a drive north along the coast to Swakopmund, stopping at the guano platform en route for a full suite of marine **Cormorants** (**Bank**, **Crowned**, **Cape**, and **White-breasted**), and then headed inland into the Namib Desert. In the desert bird numbers were really low; however, we did encounter a few extremely confiding **Tractrac Chats** and a small group of **Gray's Larks** (a Namibian near-endemic bird). Farther along we found good numbers of the impressive, desert-adapted plant *Welwitschia mirabilis*. After a long, successful day we enjoyed a seafood dinner before packing it in for the evening.



Monteiro's Hornbill was one of six hornbill species seen on this tour.

Day 3, 27th August 2019. Walvis Bay to Erongo Mountains

We had an early breakfast today so that we could get in some desert birding before things heated up too much. We were heading inland to Erongo Wilderness Lodge but had some important birds to target en route. We birded the road to Spitzkoppe, which proved productive, and soon managed to find **Karoo Long-billed Lark**, **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Chestnut-vented Warbler**, and another small group of **Gray's Larks**. Birding and lunch at the Spitzkoppe Nature Reserve were also worthwhile, since we soon found **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Mountain Wheatear**, **Layard's Warbler**, **Pirit Batis**, **White-throated Canary**, **Common Scimitarbill**, and the two big targets, **Herero Chat** and

White-tailed Shrike. On our way out of the reserve we found **Marico** and **Chat Flycatchers**, and Eric produced the goods when he spotted a small group of **Rüppell's Korhaans**. Close to Karibib we scoped a field and eventually had distant views of both **Double-banded** (well spotted, Bob!) and **Burchell's Coursers** as well as **Ant-eating Chat** and **Southern Fiscal**.

We arrived at Erongo Wilderness Lodge late in the afternoon and enjoyed a drink on the deck as we watched **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Rosy-faced Lovebird**, and **Short-toed Rock Thrush**. Later that evening we had sightings of **Freckled Nightjar** while eating our dinner under the stars.

Day 4, 28th August 2019. Erongo birding

We birded around camp for the morning and were targeting Rockrunner and Hartlaub's Spurfowl in particular. **Rockrunner** was seen without too much difficulty; however, we didn't hear a peep of the spurfowl. We did have some other interesting sightings on our morning walk, though, including **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Red-billed Spurfowl**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Brubru**, and **White-browed Scrub Robin**. We also had good views of a pair of **Klipspringers**.

After a late breakfast we took a short drive below the lodge to a dry riverbed, where we had fleeting glimpses of a small flock of **Violet Wood Hoopoes** as well as **Great Sparrow**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, and a pair of **African Hawk Eagles** overhead.

After some downtime in the heat of the day we took a late afternoon drive to another dry river bed in hope of finding **Rüppell's Parrot** and a few others. The parrot proved tricky, but eventually we had good views of a feeding bird. Other birds seen along the riverbed included **Violet Wood Hoopoe**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Black-faced** and **Violet-eared Waxbills**, **Marico Sunbird**, and **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**. We also had great views of **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, which we were pleased to see again as Cynthia had missed the bird earlier this morning. On the drive back we saw a lone **Steenbok**. After getting back to camp we had another go at **Hartlaub's Spurfowl**, but unfortunately we only heard the bird. However, we had amazing views of **Rockrunner**.

Day 5, 29th August 2019. Erongo to Etosha

This morning was 'operation **Hartlaub's Spurfowl**', and thankfully within 30 minutes we had great views of at least five birds giving their raucous calls from nearby boulders. Peter and Bob headed back to the riverbed to try to improve their shots of Rüppell's Parrot and Marico Sunbird; unfortunately neither of their targets showed this morning. However, they did find **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Bearded Woodpecker**, **African Hawk Eagle**, **Carp's Tit**, **Hartmann's Mountain Zebra**, and the strikingly patterned **Western Barred Spitting Cobra**. Back around camp we found a pair of relaxed **Great Sparrows**, **Mountain Wheatear**, **Lesser Masked Weaver**, a cute **Bushveld Elephant-shrew**, many **Dassie Rats** (known locally as Noki and being neither a dassie or a rat!) and a pair of the range-restricted **Kaokoland Slender Mongoose**.



*We saw a fairly relaxed pair of **Kaokoland Slender Mongooses** in the Erongo Mountains.*

From Erongo we headed north to Etosha National Park. The drive was relatively uneventful apart from a **Brown Snake Eagle** and a small flock of **Alpine Swifts**. We entered the park in the early afternoon, and it didn't take long until we came across large numbers of game such as **Black-faced Impala**, **Springbok**, **Greater Kudu**, **Gemsbok**, **Plains Zebra**, **Giraffe**, and a few families of **South African Ground Squirrels**. Despite the heat the birding was still good, and we found **Marico** and **Chat Flycatchers**, **Scaly-feathered Weaver**, **Tawny Eagle**, **Common Ostrich**, **Kori Bustard**, **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, and **Southern White-crowned Shrike**.

After checking into our accommodation at Okaukuejo Camp we departed for a late-afternoon drive into the open plains, which proved productive. **Larks** showed particularly well with sightings of **Spike-heeled**, **Stark's**, **Sabota** and **Pink-billed**. We also had great views of **Double-banded Courser** and a pair of **Pale Chanting Goshawks**. On our way back to camp we had lovely sightings of **Cape Fox** and **Black-backed Jackal** in the golden afternoon light.

Day 6, 30th August 2019. Etosha birding

Today was our first full day in Etosha, and to take full advantage of the cooler morning we made sure we had a predawn breakfast. After breakfast we had a quick look at the camp's waterhole and saw a single **Spotted Hyaena** as well as a **Common** (Small Spotted) **Genet** nearby. We then went for a drive to the east of Okaukuejo and came across some great birds in the open desert plains and acacia bushveld. There were large numbers of larks about, including **Red-capped**, **Stark's**, **Spike-heeled** and **Sabota Larks**, as well as impressive flocks of **Grey-backed** and **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Larks** around the various waterholes. We also managed good views of **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Yellow Canary**, **Rufous-eared Warbler**, **Greater Kestrel**, **Double-banded Courser**, **Kori Bustard**, **Red-crested** and **Southern Black Korhaans**, and a group of

three **Burchell's Coursers**. We also had some fantastic mammal sightings including two young **Lions**, both **Black** and **White Rhinoceros**, **African Elephant**, **Giraffe**, and a few smaller mammals such as **Yellow Mongoose**, **South African Ground Squirrel**, and a lone **Honey Badger**. Just before getting back to camp we had an interesting interaction with three **Pale Chanting Goshawks** hunting a **Scrub Hare**. The goshawks made a few attempts at catching the hare, but eventually the hare seemed to escape to safety.

We had lunch at the Okaukuejo waterhole, which was interrupted slightly by a very obliging **Pygmy Falcon**. Afterwards we did an afternoon drive, which was much quieter but did produce a number of **White-backed Vultures** feeding on a dead black rhino as well as our first **Double-banded Sandgrouse** and more **Red-crested** and **Southern Black Korhaans**, **Kori Bustard**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, and **Double-banded Courser**. We also found a small troop of **Banded Mongooses**.



Burchell's Courser was seen a number of times on this trip.

Day 7, 31st August 2019. Okaukuejo Camp to Mokuti Lodge

After another predawn breakfast we left Okaukuejo early and headed east through the park. This morning provided a number of great hunting interactions. First we watched a **Gabar Goshawk** chase a **Rufous-eared Warbler** in and out of a dense bush for about five minutes, with the goshawk ultimately winning this duel. Next we briefly watched a **Honey Badger** on the prowl, closely flanked by a pair of **Pale Chanting Goshawks** that were hanging around waiting for animals to flush from the marauding badger. We then had great views of a pair of **Red-necked Falcons**, with one of them briefly going after some small passerines before coming back to its tree. The falcons were then joined by a group of **Helmeted Guinea-fowls**, which sought refuge in the safety of the same tree (the only one for miles around), as a **Black-backed Jackal** was trying its luck down below.

We stopped at a nearby waterhole which provided a few **Cape Teals**, a drinking **African Harrier-Hawk**, **Ruff**, **Little Stint**, and **Namaqua Sandgrouse** before carrying on farther east to Halali Camp, where we had our lunch stop. Halali is always a haven for birdlife, and today was no different; we had good sightings of our first **Southern Red-billed** and **African Grey Hornbills** of the trip along with **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Carp's Tit**, **Brown Snake Eagle**, **Little Swift**, and **White-crested Helmetshrike**.

After lunch we continued to Mokuti Lodge, at the eastern edge of the park, where we were based for the next two nights. After checking in we birded the grounds of the lodge, which proved really productive. During an hour's birding we had racked up a bunch of new trip birds, including the likes of **White-bellied Sunbird**, **Meyer's Parrot**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, **Bearded Woodpecker**, and our target bird, **Black-faced Babbler**. The lodge grounds also had dozens of **Congo Rope Squirrels** and small groups of **Banded Mongooses**.



Black-faced Babbler showed well at Mokuti Lodge.

Day 8, 1st September 2019. Etosha and Mokuti birding

The morning was spent on the back of an open-top safari vehicle, birding the eastern section of Etosha. Although it was a fairly quiet morning (made even tougher with a strong, cold wind) we still managed good views of **Double-banded Sandgrouse**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, **Brown-crowned Tchagra**, **Common House Martin**, **Bateleur**, **Tawny Eagle**, and a zebra carcass which had attracted a number of **Spotted Hyaenas**, **Black-backed Jackal**, and large numbers of **White-backed Vultures** with a single **Lappet-faced Vulture** also joining the mayhem.

After lunch at Mokuti we headed back into the park and made our way north of Namutoni Camp to the grasslands of the Andoni Plains. Here we found a good-sized flock of around 20 **Blue Cranes** as well as **South African Shelduck** and a single **Lesser Flamingo** at a waterhole. In the surrounding plains we had good numbers of **Kori Bustards**, **Northern Black Korhaans**, and **Double-banded Coursers**, as well as our first **Tinkling Cisticola** of the trip. The plains held

large numbers of herbivores including **Blue Wildebeest**, **Red Hartebeest**, **Springbok**, **Common Warthog**, **Giraffe**, and **Gemsbok**.

Day 9, 2nd September 2019. East to the Caprivi Strip

Today was mostly a travel day as we had to cover a large distance from eastern Etosha to the western Caprivi Strip. We did, however, stop a few times for birding here and there. We saw a number of raptors during roadside stops along the way, including **Martial Eagle**, **Bateleur**, **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **White-backed** and **Lappet-faced Vultures**, and last but certainly not least a pale-phase **Ayres's Hawk-Eagle**.

We stopped briefly in the tall woodlands west of Divundu to search for Souza's Shrike; unfortunately we did not have any luck with it. However, on our return to the vehicle Cynthia and Hanno had a treat waiting for us in form of a pair of **Racket-tailed Rollers** – bird of the day for most of the group; well spotted, Cynthia!



Racket-tailed Roller was seen well in the tall woodlands of the western Caprivi Strip.

Just south of Divundu we saw a few **Rock Pratincoles** on rocks in the Kavango River, and on arriving in camp later in the afternoon we were greeted by a flurry of new birds, including **Southern Carmine**, **White-fronted**, and **Little Bee-eaters**, **Swamp Boubou**, **White-browed Coucal**, **Hartlaub's** and **Arrow-marked Babblers**, **Brown Firefinch**, **White-browed Robin-Chat**, **Golden-tailed Woodpecker**, **Lilac-breasted Roller**, **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Mosque Swallow**, **Burchell's Starling**, and **Magpie Shrike**. On a nighttime excursion we managed to see **African Scops Owl** but could not lay our eyes on **African Wood Owl**, **African Barred Owlet**, **Fiery-necked** and **Square-tailed Nightjars**, which were all calling nearby.

Day 10, 3rd September 2019. Mahangu to Shakawe

Our early-morning birding in the Mahangu area proved to be some of the most productive birding of the entire trip. The riparian vegetation and adjacent floodplain were alive with birds, and we kept pulling ourselves away from one sighting to enjoy the next. Some of the top birds for the morning included **Wattled Crane**, **Coppery-tailed Coucal**, **Mosque Swallow**, **Lilac-breasted Roller**, **Bradfield's Hornbill**, **Black-collared Barbet**, **Southern Yellow White-eye**, **Southern Black Flycatcher**, **Holub's Golden** and **Village Weavers**, **African Reed Warbler**, **Rattling Cisticola**, and **Terrestrial Brownbul**. During breakfast we had fly-over views of **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Great White Pelican**, and **Burchell's Sandgrouse**. We were also able to scope a small herd of **African Buffalos** which was feeding on the opposite side of the riverbank.



Coppery-tailed Coucal was commonly encountered in papyrus swamps.

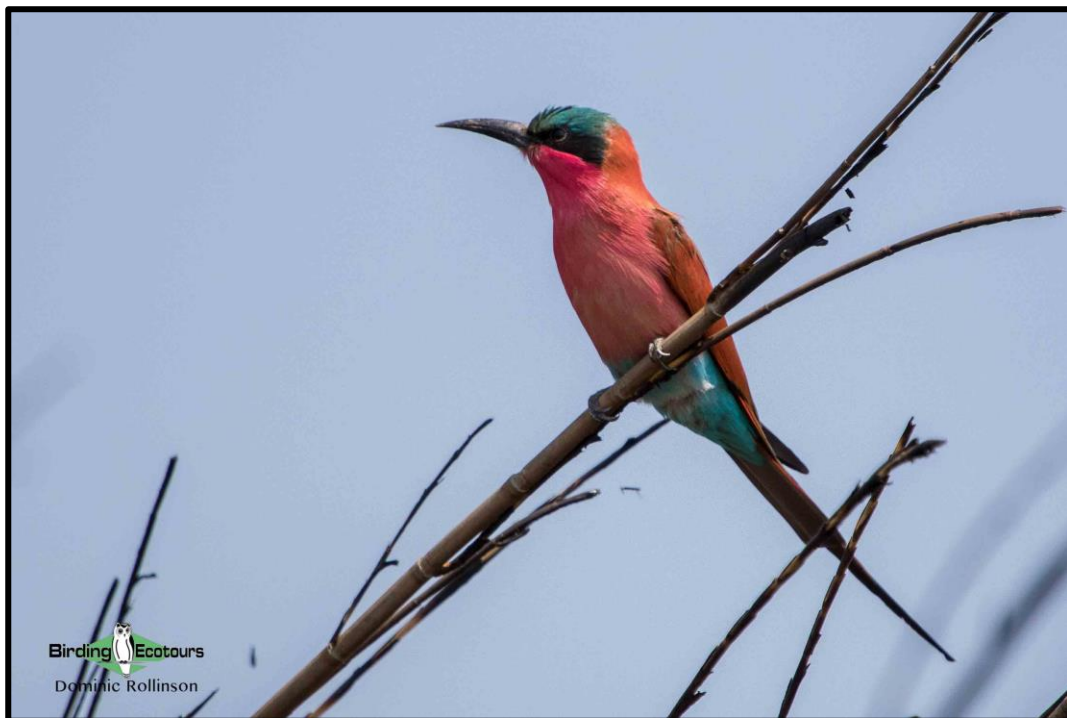
We then made our way south toward the Botswana border but first birded the impressive Mahangu core area of the Bwabwata National Park. The floodplain again proved really productive as we added **Goliath** and **Squacco Herons**, **Great Egret**, **White-faced Whistling Duck**, **African Spoonbill**, **African Openbill**, and **Glossy Ibis**, as well as some great birds in the nearby woodlands such as **Retz's Helmetshrike** and **Fawn-colored Lark**.

The border crossing was quick and painless, and we were soon into Botswana, continuing south toward Shakawe, where we would be based at Drotsky's Cabins for the next two nights. As usual the gardens of the lodge were full of birds, and wandering around the gardens produced **Holub's Golden Weaver**, **Hartlaub's** and **Arrow-marked Babblers**, **Golden-tailed** and **Bearded Woodpeckers**, **Mourning Collared Dove**, **White-browed Coucal**, **White-fronted**, **Little**, and **Southern Carmine Bee-eaters**, **Blue Waxbill**, and **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**. In the swamps and channels below the lodge we spotted **Hamerkop**, **Marabou Stork**, **Striated Heron**, **African Marsh Harrier**, and **Black Crane**.

Day 11, 4th September 2019. Okavango birding

Today we had a morning and afternoon boat trip along the Okavango River, which proved to be a real highlight of the tour. The morning trip started well with views of **White-backed Night Heron** hiding in some dense riverside vegetation. A little farther upstream we had fantastic views of a small colony of breeding **African Skimmers** with **Sanderling** and **African Wattled Lapwing** seen on exposed sandbanks nearby. In the dense reeds and papyrus lining the river we found **Chirping Cisticola** and **Little Rush** and **Greater Swamp Warblers** along with the occasional **Coppery-tailed Coucal**. In a quiet bay we found a single male **African Pygmy Goose**, which allowed for good photographic opportunities. Overhead we had views of **Collared Pratincole**, **African Openbill**, and **Marabou** and **Yellow-billed Storks**. There were good numbers of herons in the area too, including **Squacco**, **Goliath**, **Grey**, and **Striated Herons**. Other good birds seen on the morning boat trip included **African Marsh Harrier**, **White-winged Tern**, **Malachite**, **Giant**, and **Pied Kingfishers**, **Bradfield's Hornbill**, and **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**.

In the afternoon we concentrated our efforts on finding the elusive Pel's Fishing Owl; however, despite a lot of effort the bird would not show today. We enjoyed our final African sunset while sipping cold beers with more great photographic opportunities of **White-fronted**, **Little**, and **Southern Carmine Bee-eaters**. For some the highlight of the afternoon trip was brief looks at a **Spotted-necked Otter**, busy with its afternoon fishing activities.



Southern Carmine Bee-eater was one of a number of bee-eaters seen on this trip.

Day 12, 5th September 2019. Departure from Maun

Lunch time flights out of Maun meant a predawn departure from Shakawe. However, we did manage one last new bird for the trip as we were busy loading the vehicle, an **African Barred Owlet**. The trip back to Maun was uneventful and ended a successful twelve days in Namibia and Botswana.

Bird List - Following IOC (9.2)

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: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. Southern African endemics are bolded.

Common name	Scientific name
Ostriches (Struthionidae)	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
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>
African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</i>
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Pheasants and allies (Phasianidae)	
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>
Austral Storm Petrels (Oceanitidae)	
Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>
Petrels, Shearwaters & Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)	
Sooty Shearwater - NT	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</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)	
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Gannets, Boobies (Sulidae)	
Cape Gannet - EN	<i>Morus capensis</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
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>

Common name	Scientific name
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>
White-backed Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus ayresii</i>
Tawny Eagle - VU	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>
Rails, Crakes and Coots (Rallidae)	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Wattled Crane - VU	<i>Grus carunculata</i>
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)	
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</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>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit - NT	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Courasers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae)	
Burchell's Courser	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
Rock Pratincole	<i>Glareola nuchalis</i>

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Gulls, Terns and Skimmers (Laridae)	
African Skimmer - NT	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>
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>
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>
Turacos (Musophagidae)	
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
African Wood Owl (H)	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>

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African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Fiery-necked Nightjar (H)	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
Square-tailed Nightjar (H)	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
Swifts (Apodidae)	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Racket-tailed Roller	<i>Coracias spatulatus</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>
Hoopoes (Upupidae)	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae)	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
Violet Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>

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Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros bradfieldi</i>
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>
African Barbets (Lybiidae)	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
African & New World Parrots (Psittacidae)	
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>
Rüppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>
Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)	
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>

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Helmetshrikes (Prionopidae)	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	
Bokmakierie (H)	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Figbirds, Orioles & Turnagra (Oriolidae)	
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)	
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>
Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>
Penduline Tits (Remizidae)	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>
Karoo Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>

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Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>
Dune Lark	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>
Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrospenidae)	
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Reed Warblers and allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Greater Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
Grassbirds and allies (Locustellidae)	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
Cisticolas and allies (Cisticolidae)	
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Tinkling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola rufilatus</i>

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Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
Laughingthrushes & allies (Leiothrichidae)	
Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>
Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>
Layard's Warbler	<i>Sylvia layardi</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
Meves's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus naboroupp</i>
Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorynchus</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	

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Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
Kurriehane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)	
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
Herero Chat	<i>Namibornis herero</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>

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Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Waxbills, Munias and allies (Estrildidae)	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>
Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>
Buntings (Emberizidae)	
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>
Total seen	296
Total heard only	4
Total recorded	300

Mammal List

Common name	Scientific name
Dogs, Wolves, Foxes (Canidae)	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Cape Fox	<i>Vulpes chama</i>
Mustelids (Mustelidae)	
Honey Badger	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>
Spotted-necked Otter	<i>Hydrictis maculicollis</i>
Cats (Felidae)	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
Kaokoland Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes flavescens</i>
Hyaenas, Aardwolf (Hyaenidae)	
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
Eared Seals (Otariidae)	
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus</i>
Genets, Binturong, Civets (Viverridae)	
Common Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>
Bovids (Bovidae)	
Black-faced Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus petersi</i>
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>
Tsessebe	<i>Damaliscus lunatus lunatus</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>
Roan Antelope	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Red Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche leche</i>

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Damara Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua kirkii damarensis</i>
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Giraffes, Okapis (Giraffidae)	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Hogs, Pigs (Suidae)	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
Hyraxes (Procaviidae)	
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
Rabbits, Hares (Leporidae)	
Cape Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>
Elephant Shrews (Macroscelididae)	
Bushveld Elephant-shrew	<i>Elephantulus intufi</i>
Horses, Asses, Zebras (Equidae)	
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>
Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)	
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>

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Elephants (Elephantidae)	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
True Mice (Muridae)	
Four-striped Grass Mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>
Black-tailed Tree Rat	<i>Thallomys nigricauda</i>
Dassie Rat (Petromuridae)	
Dassie Rat	<i>Petromus typicus</i>
Squirrels, Chipmunks, Marmots, Prairie Dogs (Sciuridae)	
Congo Rope Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus congicus</i>
Damara Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus princeps</i>
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>
Total seen	48

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Colubrine Snakes (Colubridae)	
Western Barred Spitting Cobra	<i>Naja nigricincta</i>
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Agamas (Agamidae)	
Namib Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>
True Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)	
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Total seen	4