



NAMBIA, OKAVANGO AND VICTORIA FALLS: CUSTOM TRIP REPORT

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We had great views of White-tailed Shrike on this trip.

Overview

This 21-day trip of Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia was a customized trip for Susan and Aileen from the Republic of Ireland, which started in Walvis Bay, Namibia, on 20 August 2018 and ended in Livingstone, Zambia, on 9 September 2018. On this trip we aimed to find as many species of birds as possible while also enjoying the many animals and amazing sceneries the countries had to offer. The trip involved some fairly intense birding; however, we also enjoyed many relaxing boat cruises, a hot air balloon flight over the Namib Desert, and Khoisan cave paintings.

A total of 360 bird species were seen (plus 9 species heard only), with some of the birding highlights including **African Pygmy Goose, Orange River Francolin, Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Saddle-billed Stork, White-backed Night Heron, Rufous-bellied Heron, Secretarybird, Western banded Snake Eagle, Verreaux's Eagle, Augur Buzzard, Kori Bustard, Rüppell's Korhaan, African Finfoot, Wattled Crane, Burchell's and Double-banded Coursers, Rock Pratincole, African Skimmer, Schalow's Turaco, Pel's Fishing Owl, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Violet Wood Hoopoe, Damara Red-billed, Bradfield's, and Monteiro's Hornbills, Southern Ground Hornbill, Grey and Dickinson's Kestrels, Pygmy Falcon, Rüppell's Parrot, White-tailed Shrike, Dune and Gray's Larks, Rufous-eared Warbler, Black-faced, Bare-cheeked, and Hartlaub's Babblers, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Herero Chat, and Cinderella Waxbill.**



Dune Lark performed well for us on this trip.

We also came across a number of rare and impressive mammal species such as **Lesser Bushbaby, Congo Rope Squirrel, Lion, African Elephant, Black Rhinoceros, Hartmann's Mountain**

Zebra, Roan Antelope, Sable Antelope, Sitatunga, Gemsbok, Damara Dik-dik, and Heaviside's Dolphin.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 20th August 2018. Arrival in Walvis Bay

I picked up Susan and Aileen from Walvis Bay's small yet quite smart airport late in the afternoon. We only had a couple of hours of daylight and therefore decided to head to nearby Rooibank, where we would target one of Namibia's only two endemic bird species, **Dune Lark**. The larks were not hard to find, and we soon had a few birds displaying near to us. Other species in the area included **Namaqua Dove, Bokmakierie, Southern Fiscal, African Red-eyed Bulbul, and Pale-winged Starling**. On the way out of the area we stopped for some pictures of Rooibank's church in the desert, which in the gloomy light looked quite eerie. On our way into Walvis Bay we picked up **Lesser and Greater Flamingos** as well as **South African Shelduck**, which proved to be the only sighting of this species on the whole trip!

Day 2, 21st August 2018. Boat cruise and birding around Walvis Bay

Breakfast was enjoyed from our B&B patio, which overlooked Walvis Bay Lagoon, meaning we could tick **Caspian Tern, Great White Pelican**, and more flamingoes with almost no effort at all. As we were going to be reminded again and again on the trip, showing up for meals without binoculars was at your own risk!

After breakfast we headed out for our boat cruise around Walvis Bay Lagoon. Soon after starting we had **Great White Pelican** literally taking fish from our hands, as well as enjoying droves of **Cape Cormorants** (with a few **Crowned Cormorants**) and **Kelp Gulls**. **Greater Crested and Sandwich Terns** were seen throughout the trip, while the highlight of the trip was probably the small group of **Heaviside's Dolphins**, a Benguela Current endemic, which bow-rode for a good 20 minutes. We also stopped at a massive **Cape Fur Seal** colony, which had a few opportunistic **Black-backed Jackals** hanging around, before we made our way back into the harbor.

After the boat cruise we decided to head into the nearby desert to look for a unique and bizarre plant, *Welwitschia mirabilis*, as well as our first taste of desert birding. We found many *Welwitschia* plants (some even with cones!) as well as a number of new bird species, including **Tractrac Chat, Common Ostrich**, and our target bird for the afternoon, **Gray's Lark**, which successfully avoided becoming lunch for an opportunistic **Rock Kestrel**. On our way back to the B&B we also came across an impressive group of at least 20 **Lappet-faced Vultures**!

A quick walk along the promenade before dinner gave us our first looks at **Common Whimbrel, Kittlitz's, Three-banded, and White-fronted Plovers, Common Greenshank, Ruddy Turnstone, and Pied Avocet**.



Gray's Lark before it was harassed by a hungry Rock Kestrel

Day 3, 22nd August 2018. Walvis Bay birding and south to the Solitaire area

After another scrumptious breakfast we headed to the saltworks just south of Walvis Bay to target a few waders and other coastal species. We didn't have any success with Damara Tern, our main target for the morning, which had probably still to arrive from its West African wintering grounds; however, we did manage thousands of **Common Terns** (with a few **Arctic Terns** among them), **Cape Teal**, **Black-necked Grebe**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Chestnut-banded Plover**, **Ruff**, **Curlew** and **Marsh Sandpipers**, **Little Stint**, and **Red-necked Phalarope**.

Our next destination was Barchan Dune Retreat near Solitaire, which was to be our base for the next couple of days to be able to visit the red dunes of Sossusvlei and also for our hot air balloon ride over the Namib Desert. Driving through the desert we were lucky enough to find a large **Namaqua Chameleon**, which posed nicely for our cameras. We took most of the afternoon to do the drive, taking in the sights and sounds of the vast desert. New birds en route included **Pale Chanting Goshawk**, **Northern Black Korhaan**, **Bradfield's Swift**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **Pirit Batis**, **Mountain Wheatear**, and **Karoo Chat**. On arrival at Barchan Dune Retreat we saw **Lark-like Bunting**, **Dusky Sunbird**, **Red-headed Finch**, and **White-throated Canary**. An active **Sociable Weaver** nest nearby had a resident **Pygmy Falcon**, which provided us with great scope views. The friendly, resident **Meerkat** was enjoyed close to our accommodation. We went to sleep to the sound of **Common Barking Geckos**, which, despite a quick nocturnal search, would not reveal themselves.



Namaqua Chameleon, an unexpected surprise in the Namib Desert

Day 4, 23rd August 2018. Sossusvlei area

We had an early start to enjoy an impressive sunrise over the nearby mountains while waiting for the birdsongs to begin. Not surprisingly the birds were a little late to rise in the cold conditions; however, while wandering around the property we eventually found **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Sabota Lark, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Cape Bunting, Acacia Pied Barbet, Cape Starling, and Great Sparrow**. We left for Sossusvlei around lunchtime so that we could enjoy the red dunes in the afternoon light. En route to Sossusvlei we encountered **Martial Eagle, Greater Kestrel, Namaqua Sandgrouse**, and more **Common Ostriches**. After driving through Sesriem we came across our target bird for the day, **Burchell's Courser**. A small group of them were seen on the seemingly desolate gravel plains with the red dunes as backdrop. Then we spent a couple of hours enjoying Dead Vlei in the afternoon light, the bright white sand of the dry pan contrasting with the bright red sand of the surrounding dunes, with hundreds of long-dead trees filling the pan, made for a picturesque view. On our drive back through the desert we found a very obliging **Rüppell's Korhaan**, which posed for our cameras.

Day 5, 24th August 2018. Sossusvlei area and north to Spitzkoppe

This morning was our highly-anticipated hot air balloon flight over the Namib Desert. We left Barchan early and arrived around sunrise at Solitaire, from where our balloon was leaving. The hour-long flight over the desert was incredible; we all really enjoyed seeing the desert from an entirely different perspective. Toward the end of the flight we were even lucky enough to see **Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Common Warthog, and Rüppell's Korhaan**. Just before landing the wind picked up to 40 km per hour, which meant we had to do a controlled crash landing; thankfully we were all OK and then headed back to Barchan for breakfast.



Impressive views from our hot air balloon over the Namib Desert

We had a fairly long drive today to Spitzkoppe but still managed a few new birds on the drive, including **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Scaly-feathered Weaver**, and **White-throated Canary**. On the approach to Spitzkoppe, the Matterhorn of Africa, we stopped frequently to enjoy and photograph this massive, granitic feature. After checking into our accommodation at Spitzkoppen Lodge we had a stroll around the area and soon came across **Karoo Long-billed Lark**, **Red-billed Spurfowl**, **Bradfield's Swift**, and **Chat Flycatcher**, as well as a few new mammals such as **Rock Hyrax** and **Yellow Mongoose**. We enjoyed the amazing sunset from the deck of the lodge with a cold beer in hand – always a great way to end the day.

Day 6, 25th August 2018. Spitzkoppe to Erongo

Our big target today was Herero Chat, because Spitzkoppe was probably our only locality for this sought-after bird. While wandering around the low shrubs at the base of Spitzkoppe we found **White-tailed Shrike**, **Augur Buzzard**, **White-backed Mousebird**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Pirit Batis**, **Marico Flycatcher**, and eventually after many hours of searching an obliging pair of **Herero Chats**.

Before lunch we had a guided tour of the many Khoisan cave paintings around Spitzkoppe. In these painting we could see the depiction of wildlife that previously used to roam the area.

After lunch we headed north to Erongo Wilderness Lodge. The habitat changed quite suddenly from open desert plains to tall bushveld. The habitat change resulted in a number of new species, including **Lilac-breasted Roller**, **Ashy Tit**, **Chestnut-vented Warbler**, and **Green-winged Pytilia**.

Erongo Wilderness Lodge is set among granite koppies, and there is some great birding to be had just sitting at the restaurant and waiting for the birds to come to you. In this way and strolling around the camp we found **Chestnut Weaver**, **Black-throated Canary**, **Red-billed Spurfowl**, and **Monteiro's Hornbill**, while **Verreaux's Eagle** and **African Hawk-Eagle** were seen

overhead. A few **Damara Dik-diks** and **Dassie Rats** were seen around the camp, with the best bird for the afternoon being a **Rockrunner** while we were busy with the day list! We enjoyed dinner on the deck overlooking the waterhole, with **Freckled Nightjars** and a **Common Genet** keeping us company.



Monteiro's Hornbill was seen at a number of localities in central Namibia.

Day 7, 26th August 2018. Erongo area and north to Kamanjab

We were up at sunrise the next morning, with **Hartlaub's Spurfowl** the big target. These birds did not take too long to find, and we soon had a pair calling from the top of a large koppie. Other birds around camp included **African Grey Hornbill**, **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, and **White-tailed Shrike**. We then moved into the plains and explored a dry river bed. We had a really productive hour here with **Rüppell's Parrot**, **Violet Wood Hoopoe**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Barred Wren-Warbler**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill** (Namibia's second endemic bird), **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, and **Pearl-spotted Owlet**.

We had a decent drive ahead of us today north to Kamanjab, and so we set off soon after our late breakfast. On the drive we had more new birds such as **Ovambo Sparrowhawk**, **Tawny Eagle**, **Black-winged Kite**, **Purple Roller**, **Shaft-tailed Whydah**, **Southern White-crowned Shrike**, and **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**.

A quick walk around the Oppi-Koppi Restcamp in the late afternoon produced **Violet-eared** and **Black-faced Waxbills**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, and **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**.

Day 8, 27th August 2018. Kamanjab to Kunene River

A quick walk this morning before breakfast did not produce too much of interest besides **African Grey Hornbill**. However, we did see **Wattled Starling** and **Monteiro's Hornbill** from the breakfast table, which were nice surprises. From Kamanjab we headed north to Kunene River

Lodge, which is located in some great riparian vegetation along the Namibia/Angola border. On the drive we encountered some good raptors, including **Shikra** and **Gabar** and **Pale Chanting Goshawks**.

The afternoon's birding around the lodge in a new habitat saw us tick off many new trip birds, such as **Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush**, **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Mourning Collared Dove**, **Swamp Boubou**, **Black-backed Puffback**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **Groundscraper Thrush**, and **Meves's Starling**.

We ended the evening with sundowners on the deck overlooking the Kunene River, hoping for a feeding Grey Kestrel, but we had to settle with **Giant**, **Malachite**, and **Pied Kingfishers**, **Striated Heron**, and **Wire-tailed Swallows** for now. An obliging pair of **African Scops Owls** were seen just before retiring to bed.



*We had amazing views of **Malachite Kingfisher** on this trip.*

Day 9, 28th August 2018. Zebra Mountains and Kunene River

Today we started really early, as we were heading out with Peter Morgan to look for **Angolan Cave Chat**, which was discovered as a Namibian breeding resident as recently as 2012! We arrived in the Zebra Mountains just before sunrise and scurried up the hillside to wait in position for the birds to hopefully show themselves. Unfortunately the bird, although making it onto our 'heard only' list, would not show itself. Peter mentioned that they were strangely quiet this morning, which was unusual. The trip back, however, did produce great views of another Kunene special in the form of **Cinderella Waxbill**. We were able to watch a group of 15-20 birds coming to drink, along with **Violet-eared Waxbills**. Other good birds in the area included **Double-banded Sandgrouse**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Golden-breasted Bunting**, **Red-headed Weaver**, **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**, **White-crested Helmetshrike**, and **African Hoopoe**.

The afternoon's birding was highly productive, and we were able to add **Red-billed Firefinch**, **Water Thick-knee**, **Bennett's** (of the distinctive *capricorni* subspecies) and **Bearded Woodpeckers**, **White-browed Coucal**, **Holub's Golden Weaver**, and what appeared to be a

hybrid Green/Violet Wood Hoopoe. Waiting for Grey Kestrel on the deck this evening still did not produce the goods.



Bennett's Woodpecker of the capricorni subspecies

Day 10, 29th August 2018. Kunene River and south to Hobatere Lodge

We did a fantastic sunrise boat cruise this morning along the Kunene River. The highlight of this trip was undoubtedly **Grey Kestrel**, which showed nicely, presumably before heading off to hunt for the day. Other new species included **Black Crane, Lesser Swamp Warbler, African Pied Wagtail, Spectacled Weaver, African Darter, and Goliath Heron.**

After a late breakfast we headed south to Hobatere Lodge on the western edge of Etosha National Park. The afternoon's birding produced **Verreaux's Eagle, Southern Red-billed Hornbill, White-tailed Shrike, Rüppell's Parrot, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, and Bare-cheeked Babbler.**

We enjoyed dinner while overlooking a nearby waterhole, which had hundreds of **Double-banded Sandgrouse**, which were being unsuccessfully hunted by a **Black-backed Jackal**, as well as **Gemsbok, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Greater Kudu, and Springbok.**

Day 11, 30th August 2018. Hobatere and Etosha National Park

A morning drive before breakfast yielded our target bird in the form of a pair of calling **Orange River Francolins**. While having breakfast we had brief views of a melanistic **Gabar Goshawk** and were further distracted by **Bare-cheeked Babbler** and **Rüppell's Parrot.**

Around mid-morning we left Hobatere and entered the world-renowned Etosha National Park via its western entrance. We had a long drive through the park to our accommodation at Okaukuejo Camp, where we were to be based for the next two nights. The drive through the park produced great views of **Double-banded Courser, Kalahari Scrub Robin, Fawn-colored Lark, Ant-**

eating Chat, Greater Kestrel, Secretarybird, Bateleur, Tawny Eagle, and Northern Black Korhaan.

After retiring to our rooms for a couple of hours to escape the midday heat we took a drive into the plains and enjoyed the sunset. This drive was really productive and produced more **Double-banded Coursers**, **Pink-billed**, **Red-capped**, **Eastern Clapper**, and **Spike-heeled Larks**, **Caspian Plover**, **Kori Bustard**, and a lone **Spotted Hyaena**. A stroll down to the floodlit waterhole at Okaukuejo after dark gave us good sightings of **Black Rhinoceros**, **African Elephant**, and **Giraffe**.

Day 12, 31st August 2018. Etosha National Park

Today we had the whole day in Etosha and spent much of the day exploring the large network of roads and many waterholes. The day started well with **Rufous-eared Warbler** east of Okaukuejo Camp, here at the northern limit of its range. On the plains we came across many **Common Ostriches**, **Kori Bustard**, **Northern Black Korhaan**, **Spotted Thick-knee** (surprisingly the only sighting of the trip!), more **Double-banded Coursers**, **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Desert Cisticola**, and a number of raptors including **Bateleur**, **African Hawk-Eagle**, **Greater Kestrel**, **Shikra**, and **Red-necked Falcon**. The waterholes were teeming with large numbers of both **Chestnut-backed** and **Grey-backed Sparrow-Larks**. We stopped for lunch at Halali Camp, and here we had good views of nesting **Violet Wood Hoopoes** as well as **Southern White-crowned Shrike** and **Red-headed Weaver**. On the afternoon drive we watched **Blue Wildebeest** kicking up dust, which made for amazing photographic opportunities in the golden light, as well as getting views of the endemic **Etosha Agama**.



Blue Wildebeest in the gorgeous late afternoon light in Etosha

Day 13, 1st September 2018. Etosha National Park

We had most of the day in the park today, as we were staying at Mokuti Lodge just outside of the park tonight, and so took our time as we slowly made our way east through the park. Good birds en route included **Rufous-naped Lark**, **Rattling Cisticola**, **Red-breasted Swallow**, **African Harrier-Hawk**, **Cape Vulture**, and **Red-crested Korhaan**. Lunch in the woodlands around Namutoni Camp provided a host of new species, including **Common Scimitarbill**, **Marico Sunbird**, and **Lesser Masked Weaver**, while the waterhole yielded **Quailfinch**, **Red-necked Falcon**, and **African Reed Warbler**. The change in habitat also meant that we enjoyed a few new mammals for the trip, including **Common Eland** and **Black-faced Impala** (considered a full species by some authorities).

A quick walk around Mokuti Lodge gave us **Carp's Tit**, many **Red-billed Spurfowls**, and also a new mammal in the form of **Smith's Bush Squirrel**.

Day 14, 2nd September 2018. Mokuti Lodge to Rundu

We once more were up early this morning, and it didn't take long to find our target species, **Black-faced Babbler**, which was moving around in a small, noisy group. After breakfast we left camp and headed east to Hakusembe River Lodge near Rundu. En route we stopped to view the Hoba meteorite near Grootfontein, the world's heaviest meteorite. In this area we found **Southern Pied Babbler** as well as more **Violet-eared Waxbills**. Just north of Grootfontein we saw **Bradfield's Hornbill**, a species which occurs in low densities on this route.

As we arrived at Hakusembe River Lodge we were immediately confronted with a number of new species, here at their westernmost distribution, including **Collared Pratincole**, **Coppery-tailed Coucal**, **Lesser Honeyguide**, **Magpie Shrike**, **Black-headed Oriole**, **Hartlaub's Babbler**, **African Yellow White-eye**, **Violet-backed Starling**, and **Southern Black Flycatcher**.



We had great views of Coppery-tailed Coucal on our trip.

We did a sunset cruise along the Kavango River, which was a really enjoyable and relaxing experience with some great birds too, namely **African Openbill**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **White-faced Duck**, **Great Egret**, **African Wattled Lapwing**, **African Jacana**, and **Malachite Kingfisher**. We also saw some impressive specimens of **Nile Crocodile** here.

Day 15, 3rd September 2018. Rundu to Mahangu Safari Lodge

We left Hakusembe early the next morning, as we wanted to bird the broad-leaved woodlands east of Rundu before it got too hot. On the drive out of Hakusembe we found our first **African Pipits** and **Yellow-crowned Bishops** of the trip. We arrived at a patch of fairly intact woodland before it had warmed up too much, and we spent the next couple of hours walking through it looking for bird parties. In these bird parties we found **Green-capped Eremomela**, **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Green Wood Hoopoe**, **Striped Kingfisher**, **Chinspot Batis**, **Southern Black Tit**, **Tinkling Cisticola**, **Yellow-throated Petronia**, and **Pale Flycatcher**. Overhead we had our first views of the beautifully-colored **Southern Carmine Bee-eater** and brief views of noisy **Meyer's Parrots**.

Mahangu Safari Lodge was our destination for the night, and the lush riparian vegetation along the edge of the Kavango River resulted in some great birds right in camp. While enjoying our lunch overlooking the river we soon saw **Intermediate Egret** and **Black, Squacco**, and **Goliath Herons**, as well as a pair of loud and excited **Giant Kingfishers**. In the surrounding riparian forest we enjoyed **White-browed Robin-Chat**, **Terrestrial Brownbul**, **Orange-breasted Bushshrike**, and **Collared Sunbird**. A stroll into the nearby floodplain did not produce too much; however, we did see **Grey-rumped Swallow** and **Zitting Cisticola** as well as many drinking starlings. Unfortunately none of these flocks contained Sharp-tailed Starling, with most being **Greater Blue-eared Starlings**.

While enjoying sundowners and watching **African Skimmers** fly up and down the river we were distracted by a small group of **Brown Firefinches** as they fed right underneath the deck. Not a bad way to end the day!

Day 16, 4th September 2018. South into Botswana

After being up very early once more we headed into the floodplain again. The area was much more productive this morning with **Rufous-bellied Heron** showing well along with a distant pair of **Wattled Cranes**. **Bradfield's Hornbill** also gave us good views as it flew by.

After breakfast we made our way south toward the Botswana border. We stopped for a few hours of birding in Mahango Game Reserve, which was really great. We managed to find a number of new species around the floodplain, including **Long-toed Lapwing**, **Saddle-billed Stork**, and good numbers with better sightings of **Wattled Cranes**. We also had a few new antelope species in Mahango Game Reserve, namely **Bushbuck**, **Roan Antelope**, and **Southern Lechwe**.



*We had good views of a small herd of **Roan Antelope** in Mahango Game Reserve.*

The border crossing into Botswana was painless, and we soon arrived at Drotsky's Cabins in Shakawe for lunch. Lunch out on the lawn was a distracting affair, as we had birds all around us, such as **White-fronted Bee-eater**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, **Hartlaub's Babbler**, and **White-browed Coucal**.

The late afternoon was spent wandering around the property and enjoying views over the impressive Okavango swamps.

Day 17, 5th September 2018. Okavango Panhandle

Today was one of the highlights of the trip, as we had a morning and evening on a boat to ourselves with our driver. It did not take long before we had great views of **African Skimmer** on the sand banks and then great views of a pair of a shy, swamp-dwelling antelope known as **Sitatunga**. Amazingly we were to find seven of these seldom-seen animals on our morning trip! We spent a bit of time with groups of herons following the barbel run, when these larger predatory fish moved through the area, displacing other smaller fish species and sending the fish-eating bird species into a feeding frenzy. We had groups of over a hundred herons and egrets, including **Great**, **Little**, and **Intermediate Egrets** and **Grey**, **Purple**, **Black**, and **Squacco Herons**. Hiding in the reedbeds nearby we also found **Striated Heron** and **Little Bittern**.



The rare, swamp-dwelling antelope Sitatunga

There were also many waterfowl around, including **Red-billed Teal**, **White-faced Whistling** and **Knob-billed Ducks**, while a quieter bay provided a pair of **African Pygmy Geese**. Although **African Fish Eagles** were plentiful along the river, the prize for the best raptor was awarded to **Pel's Fishing Owl**, which provided great views at one of its known roost sites. We were also able to closely approach a small group of feeding **African Elephants** as they fed quietly on the river bank, and a few **South African Cliff Swallows** visited us briefly.

In the afternoon we headed out again on the boat, this time to try to get visuals of a few smaller, skulking species. We eventually managed decent views of both **Little Rush** and **Greater Swamp Warblers** and **Chirping Cisticola**. A few **Southern Brown-throated** and **Holub's Golden Weavers** were seen busily constructing their neat nests in the reedbeds. We had more great views of **African Skimmer** and **African Fish Eagle** this afternoon and enjoyed a great African sunset to cap off a really fun day.



African Fish Eagle was seen in good numbers in the Okavango swamps.

Day 18, 6th September 2018. Through the Caprivi Strip to Katima Mulilo

This morning we had a walk in the sand forest behind Drotsky's Cabins before breakfast. It was mostly quiet; however, we did have great views of **African Barred Owlet**. After breakfast we headed back into Namibia with a fairly long drive across the Caprivi Strip scheduled for the day. Driving back through Mahango Game Reserve we had good views of **Sable Antelope**, surely one of Africa's best-looking antelopes, as well as of **Dark Chanting Goshawk** and **Rock Pratincole** seen nearby. Driving through the Caprivi we were lucky enough to come across a **Dickinson's Kestrel**, which gave us a brief flyby.

We arrived at our accommodation in Katima Mulilo in the midafternoon, where we were quickly shown a roosting **African Wood Owl**. After we had settled in we had a stroll around the adjacent bushveld and soon added **Tropical Boubou**, **Black-crowned Tchagra**, **Crested Barbet**, and **Brown-hooded Kingfisher** to our list.

Later in the afternoon we did a boat cruise along the Zambezi River. Almost straight away after leaving the lodge we found one of our targets, a roosting **White-backed Night Heron**. We next hit Finfoot Alley, which, as expected, gave us great views of a number of **African Finfoots** as well as **Half-collared Kingfisher**. In the riparian vegetation along the river we had good views of **Schalow's Turaco**, **Trumpeter Hornbill**, and the red-bellied subspecies of **Olive Woodpecker**, which only just makes it into the Caprivi Strip.



*You might not notice it at first, but there's an **African Finfoot** above those bright-red legs.*

Day 19, 7th September 2018. Katima Mulilo to Livingstone

This morning we headed to a nearby pan, which provided a pair of **Hottentot Teal** but unfortunately no **White-backed Duck**, with **Senegal Coucal** and **Lizard Buzzard** seen nearby. Moving into the nearby broad-leaved woodlands we found one of our main targets for the morning, **Western Banded Snake Eagle**, which allowed us amazing scope views. We also found **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Amethyst Sunbird**, **Grey-headed Bushshrike**, **Golden-tailed Woodpecker**, and surprisingly a single **Wood Pipit**.

Our next two nights were to be just about out of Livingstone, and so we crossed into Zambia at the Sesheke border post, and the border crossing, despite a bit of running back-and-forth, went relatively smoothly.

The long drive east to Livingstone was fairly uneventful, with the highlights being **Little Sparrowhawk** and a small group of the massive **Southern Ground Hornbills** working their way through the woodlands.

After arriving at Camp Nkwazi just outside of Livingstone it did not take long before we had found both **Collared Palm Thrush** and **Bearded Scrub Robin** hopping around in the undergrowth.

In the late afternoon, after it had cooled down a bit, we headed into the nearby woodland, where we were hoping for a few miombo specials. Unfortunately things were dead quiet, and the best we could manage was **Yellow-throated Petronia** and **Kurrichane Thrush**.

Day 20, 8th September 2018. Livingstone and Victoria Falls

Today we headed across the border into Zimbabwe to enjoy the world-famous Victoria Falls. The border crossing was amazingly quick, and we were soon trekking through the lush rainforest, with the loud roar of the falls drowning out most bird calls. It was amazing to think that just a couple of weeks ago we were walking the barren and dry plains of the Namib Desert and now we were enjoying one of the world's most impressive waterfalls! We spent a while walking the various

paths around the falls and also managed to find a few new birds for the trip. **Red-winged Starling**, **Bronze Mannikin**, **White-crowned Lapwing**, and **Red-faced Cisticola** were all new, while we also got better views of **Schalow's Turaco**.

For our final afternoon we decided to do a boat cruise along the Zambezi River, and this turned out to be one of the more enjoyable boat cruises of the trip. We managed a good number of birds and mammals that were all very approachable from the boat. **Rock Pratincoles** provided us greatly improved views from before, **African Skimmers** cruised up and down the river, and **White-crowned Lapwings** were seen on the river banks. We saw small herds of **African Elephants**, **African Buffalo**, **Giraffe**, **Waterbuck**, and many **Hippopotamuses** as well as **Vervet Monkeys** and **Chacma Baboons**. We were treated to one final impressive African sunset before we were to catch our flights the next morning.



African Skimmers gave us a good send-off on our final evening.

Day 21, 9th September 2018. Livingstone and departure

With our flights out of Livingstone at around midday we were able to go for one last walk around Camp Nkwazi, followed by a hearty breakfast. We found **Grey Penduline Tit** and **Black Cuckooshrike** on our walk as well as brief views of **Village Weaver**. We then transferred to Livingstone, where we went our separate ways after a fantastic three weeks around this beautiful and diverse part of the world.

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. Southern Africa 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>
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
Hottentot Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Pheasants and allies (Phasianidae)	
Orange River Francolin	<i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>
Crested Francolin (H)	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>
Red-necked Spurfowl (H)	<i>Pternistis afer</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>

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Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</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)	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Rufous-bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</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>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>

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Crowned Cormorant - NT	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
Cape Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Secretarybird (Sagittariidae)	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</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>
Cape Vulture - EN	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Western Banded Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Ovambo Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>

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Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>
Finfoots (Heliornithidae)	
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
Rails, Crakes and Coots (Rallidae)	
African Rail (H)	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Wattled Crane - VU	<i>Grus carunculata</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</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>
White-crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</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>
Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>

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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>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</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>
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>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</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>

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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)	
Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
Spotted Eagle-Owl (H)	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
Pel's Fishing Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
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>
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>

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Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Half-collared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</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>
Ground Hornbills (Bucorvidae)	
Southern Ground Hornbill - VU	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
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>
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
African Barbets (Lybiidae)	

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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>
Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)	
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>
Dickinson's Kestrel	<i>Falco dickinsoni</i>
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</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>
Helmetsrikes (Prionopidae)	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	

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Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius major</i>
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitemens</i>
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Figbirds, Orioles & Turnagra (Oriolidae)	
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Drongos (Dicuridae)	
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>
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>
Penduline Tits (Remizidae)	
Grey Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>

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Karoo Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanooides</i>
Dune Lark	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>
Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</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)	
Grey-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>
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>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)	
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Reed Warblers and allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Greater Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>
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>

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Cisticolas and allies (Cisticolidae)	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Tinkling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola rufilatus</i>
Luapula Cisticola (H)	<i>Cisticola luapula</i>
Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</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>
Barred Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</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>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
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>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>

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Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>
Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorynchus</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
Kurrihane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)	
Bearded Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
Grey Tit-Flycatcher (H)	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</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>
Angolan Cave Chat (H)	<i>Cossypha ansorgei</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Collared Palm Thrush	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>
Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush	<i>Cichladusa ruficauda</i>
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</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>
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
Herero Chat	<i>Namibornis herero</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>

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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>
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
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>
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>
Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
Waxbills, Munias and allies (Estrildidae)	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</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>
Cinderella Waxbill	<i>Estrilda thomensis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
Quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Wood Pipit	<i>Anthus nyassae</i>
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>
Buntings (Emberizidae)	
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
Total seen	360
Total heard only	9
Total recorded	369

Mammal List

Common name	Scientific name
Dogs, Wolves, Foxes (Canidae)	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Cats (Felidae)	

Common name	Scientific name
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
Meerkat	<i>Suricata suricatta</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)	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Roan Antelope	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Southern Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>
Kirk's Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Sitatunga	<i>Tragelaphus spekii</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Dolphins (Delphinidae)	
Heaviside's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus heavisidii</i>
Giraffes, Okapis (Giraffidae)	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
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)	
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
Elephant Shrews (Macroscelididae)	
Bushveld Sengi	<i>Elephantulus intufi</i>
Western Rock Sengi	<i>Elephantulus rupestris</i>
Horses, Asses, Zebras (Equidae)	
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>
Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)	
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
Bushbabies, Galagos (Galagidae)	
Southern Lesser Galago	<i>Galago moholi</i>
Elephants (Elephantidae)	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Dassie Rat (Petromuridae)	
Dassie Rat	<i>Petromus typicus</i>
Squirrels, Chipmunks, Marmots, Prairie Dogs (Sciuridae)	
Congo Rope Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus congicus</i>
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>

Total seen	43
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Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Marsh Terrapin (Pelomedusidae)	
Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>
Colubrine Snakes (Colubridae)	
Boomslang	<i>Dispholidus typus</i>
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Ovambo Tree Skink	<i>Trachylepis binotata</i>
Plated Lizards and relatives (Gerrhosauridae)	
Common Giant Plated Lizard	<i>Matobosaurus validus</i>
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Rock Monitor	<i>Varanus albigularis</i>
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Agamas (Agamidae)	
Namibian Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>
Etosha Agama	<i>Agama etoshae</i>
Chameleons (Chamaeleonidae)	
Namaqua Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo namaquensis</i>
Geckos (Gekkonidae)	
Turner's Thick-toed Gecko	<i>Pachydactylus turneri</i>
Common Barking Gecko (H)	<i>Ptenopus garrulus</i>
True Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)	
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Total seen	11

