

Birding Ecotours



NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA AND VICTORIA FALLS SET DEPARTURE TRIP REPORT

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Bare-cheeked Babbler is a striking species frequently encountered on this tour.

Overview

Our Namibia, Botswana and Victoria Falls set-departure tour is always a popular one. We cover a large distance from west to east, which means we get to enjoy a broad range of habitats; consequently, this tour usually yields a high bird list. Besides the large numbers of special birds the tour also normally boasts good numbers of large and charismatic mammals and some of the smaller, lesser-known species too. These animals are particularly evident when we visit Etosha National Park, one of Africa's great wildlife refuges. We also visit one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World when we visit Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, which always leaves one in awe of its size and power. The Namib Desert, the world's oldest desert, offers something entirely different with its huge, rolling dunes and specially adapted species

On this 2019 tour we saw an impressive 403 bird species (plus an additional four species heard only) including many specials, such as **Orange River Francolin, White-backed Night Heron, Rufous-bellied Heron, Slaty Egret, Bank, Crowned, and Cape Cormorants, Secretarybird, African Cuckoo-Hawk, Western Banded Snake Eagle, Verreaux's Eagle, Rüppell's Korhaan, African Finfoot, Allen's Gallinule, Wattled Crane, African Oystercatcher, Chestnut-banded Plover, Lesser Jacana, Double-banded Courser, Rock Pratincole, African Skimmer, Damara Tern, Namaqua and Double-banded Sandgrouse, Schalow's Turaco, Pel's Fishing Owl, Pennant-winged Nightjar, Bradfield's Swift, Violet Wood Hoopoe, Monteiro's Hornbill, Miombo Pied Barbet, Rüppell's Parrot, White-tailed Shrike, Carp's Tit, Cape Penduline Tit, Gray's and Dune Larks, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Angolan Cave Chat, Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush, and Brown Firefinch.**



*The feisty **Pearl-spotted Owlet** was seen on a number of occasions on this tour.*

Over the 18-day trip we also recorded 44 species of mammals, with some of the highlights including **African Elephant, Black and White Rhinoceroses, African Buffalo, Hippopotamus, Lion, African Wild Cat, Cape Fox, Spotted Hyaena, Kaokoland Slender Mongoose, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Sitatunga, Roan and Sable Antelopes, Kirk's (Damara) Dik-dik, Southern Lechwe, Common Eland, and Greater Kudu.**

Detailed Report

Day 1, 2nd November 2019. Arrival and Walvis Bay birding

As some guests had arrived the previous day we could head out straight after breakfast and let the birding begin. We spent the morning birding the Walvis Bay Lagoon and nearby salt works, which is always a great place to spend a few hours. The birding started well with good sightings of the cute **Damara Tern** along with other **Tern** species such as **Caspian, Sandwich, Greater Crested, and Common.** Other waterbirds seen in the area included **Black-necked Grebe, Cape Teal,** thousands of both **Greater and Lesser Flamingos,** and **Great White Pelican.** Some of the most exciting birding to be had at the salt works is to spend time working through the thousands of waders on display. By doing this we added **Whimbrel, Eurasian Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, Grey, Common Ringed, White-fronted, and Chestnut-banded Plovers, Sanderling, Little Stint, Ruff, Ruddy Turnstone, Marsh and Curlew Sandpipers, and Common Greenshank.**



Damara Tern showed well at the Walvis Bay salt works.

After fetching the last few clients in the early afternoon we headed inland to Rooibank to search for Dune Lark, Namibia's only endemic bird species. It didn't take too long until a **Dune Lark** popped up and gave us good views as it scurried in between the small, vegetated sand dunes. Other birds in the area included **Cape Sparrow**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Dusky Sunbird**, **Southern Masked Weaver**, and a distant calling **Bokmakierie**, which unfortunately would not show itself. When we got back to our accommodation in the late afternoon we had good looks at **Orange River White-eye** in the garden before enjoying a delicious seafood dinner.

Day 2, 3rd November 2019. Walvis Bay boat cruise and birding

This morning was set aside for a boat cruise in the Walvis Bay Lagoon, which always proves good fun and has some great birds too. It did not take long until we had **Great White Pelicans** landing on the boat, looking for an easy meal and allowing close-up views of these impressive birds. We visited the huge, loud, and smelly **Cape Fur Seal** colony, which was an assault on the senses but gave us the opportunity to watch the seals play around in the shallows. Unfortunately we could not find any Heaviside's Dolphins, but we did come across a number of good bird species such as **White-chinned Petrel**, **Sooty Shearwater**, more **Damara Terns**, and **Cape Cormorant**.



Cape Cormorant was common on our boat cruise around Walvis Bay.

After a quick bite to eat we headed into the Namib Desert to target a few desert specials. Both **Gray's Lark** and **Tractrac Chat** did not prove difficult to find, and with the extra time available

we went to look at the weird desert-adapted plant *Welwitschia mirabilis*, of which some individuals are suspected of being over 2000 years old!

Later in the afternoon we headed back to the Walvis Bay salt works so the rest of the group (who had not joined us yesterday morning) could become acquainted with the waders and waterbirds we had seen previously.

Day 3, 4th November 2019. Walvis Bay to Damaraland, Spitzkoppe birding en route

With breakfast and luggage packed early we made a pre-dawn start into the desert in the hope of getting to the Spitzkoppe area before the heat had picked up too much. En route we had good views of one of our targets, a pair of **Rüppell's Korhaans**, which posed nicely in the morning light, with another individual seen closer to Spitzkoppe that allowed even better views.

We enjoyed breakfast at the base of the impressive Spitzkoppe domes, which are always a great backdrop to some desert birding. We searched high and low for Herero Chat; however, unfortunately the birds were not inhabiting their normally reliable haunts. But we managed to find **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Pale Chanting Goshawk**, **Pirit Batis**, **Chestnut-vented Warbler**, **Black-backed Puffback**, **Sabota Lark**, **Mountain Wheatear**, and **Yellow-bellied Eremomela** as bycatch.

We still had a long, bumpy drive ahead of us today and so had to hit the road before it got too late. The temperatures today were incredibly hot, and this affected our birding as we unfortunately missed Benguela Long-billed Lark, which is normally reliable north of Uis.

Shortly before arriving at our accommodation for the next two nights we managed a few new birds in the form of **Double-banded Sandgrouse**, **Pale-winged Starling**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **Monteiro's** and **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbills**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, and **Great Sparrow**.

During list time in the evening we were interrupted by a **Freckled Nightjar** that flew down to drink from the small pond below the restaurant before we enjoyed another great meal.

Day 4, 5th November 2019. Damaraland birding

The morning was spent birding the various 'koppies' (small conical-shaped hills) around the lodge in the hope of finding more Namibian near-endemics. The birding was quite slow to start with but soon picked up, and we quickly added **African Hawk-Eagle**, **Olive Bee-eater**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **White-tailed Shrike**, and **Short-toed Rock Thrush**. The best we could do was to hear a distant **Rockrunner**, but unfortunately we could not find the bird.

After a scrumptious breakfast we went for a walk along a nearby dry river bed, which was a hive of activity. Some of our highlights included **Red-billed Spurfowl**, **Verreaux's Eagle**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Red-faced Mousebird**, **Rüppell's Parrot**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow**, **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**, **Red-headed Finch**, **Black-throated Canary**, and **Cinnamon-breasted and Lark-like Buntings**.



Red-billed Spurfowl is loud and conspicuous throughout most of northern Namibia.

In the afternoon after the heat had died down a bit we went for a walk along another dry river bed a little farther from the lodge, which again proved really productive as we managed good sightings of **Violet Wood Hoopoe**, **Bearded Woodpecker**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Southern White-crowned Shrike**, **Common Scimitarbill**, and **Cape Starling**.

After another fantastic dinner we went for a night drive, which yielded great views of **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar**, **Southern White-faced** and **African Scops Owls**, **Common Genet**, and a **Common Duiker** that we tried our best to turn into a fox or an Aardvark, but in the end we had to settle for a duiker!

Day 5, 6th November 2019. Damaraland to Kunene River Lodge

We had another shot this morning at finding Hartlaub's Spurfowl and Rockrunner; however, we had to be content with only hearing **Rockrunner** despite coming excruciatingly close to a number of birds. We did encounter a few other birds in the general area, including **Familiar Chat**, **Great Sparrow**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, and **Olive Bee-eater**.

After breakfast we packed the vehicle and headed north to Kunene River Lodge, which is right on the border with Angola. The drive was relatively quiet, but we did add the only **Ashy Tit** of the trip as well as **Tawny Eagle**.

After arriving at Kunene River Lodge in the early afternoon we retreated to the air-conditioned rooms for a while before heading out later in the afternoon to see what we could find around camp. The afternoon's birding proved really productive, and we quickly added **Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush**, **Holub's Golden Weaver**, **Bare-cheeked Babbler**, **Red-necked Spurfowl**,

Olive Bee-eater, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Meves's Starling, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Red-billed Firefinch, African Reed Warbler, and a very cooperative Pearl-spotted Owlet.

We enjoyed a great meal overlooking the Kunene River into Angola while discussing the plan for the next morning, when we were to target Angolan Cave Chat in the Zebra Mountains.



Olive Bee-eater was one of the seven bee-eater species seen on this tour.

Day 6, 7th November 2019. Zebra Mountains and Kunene birding

To ensure we were in the Zebra Mountains by sunrise a really early departure this morning was necessary. The nocturnal drive meant the front vehicle got lucky with sightings of **Springhare** and **Cape Fox**. Once we had negotiated the tricky drive we made our way up a rocky ridge and sat and waited. Almost immediately as we sat down we had distant views of an **Angolan Cave Chat**, and then we sat patiently as the bird edged its way toward us and were eventually rewarded with fantastic views of a bird which was only discovered in Namibia as recently as 2012! There was some great birding in the general area too as we added **White-bellied Sunbird**, **Carp's Tit**, **African Grey Hornbill**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Groundscraper Thrush**, and **White-crested Helmetshrike**. On the drive back we managed good views of **Dark Chanting Goshawk**.

Back at the lodge we enjoyed a relaxing lunch while being distracted by **Jacobin Cuckoo**, **Ashy Flycatcher**, and **Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush**, and after some downtime we headed out again for an afternoon walk. This walk along the river was particularly productive, and we soon added **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver**, **Brubru**, **African Hoopoe**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Mourning Collared Dove**, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird**, **Rattling Cisticola**, and **Bennett's** and **Cardinal Woodpeckers**.



Angolan Cave Chat was seen well in the Zebra Mountains.

We rushed back to camp to do an afternoon/sunset boat cruise up the Kunene River, which was very relaxing after a long day's birding but of course the birding did not stop here, and we soon added **Lesser Swamp Warbler, Malachite and Grey-headed Kingfishers, Striated Heron, African Pied Wagtail, Wire-tailed Swallow, Black Crake, Water Thick-knee, Black Cuckoo, and Olive Bee-eater.**

Day 7, 8th November 2019. Kunene River Lodge to Hobatere Lodge

We spent the morning birding around camp and added a few new birds such as **White-browed Coucal, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Swamp Boubou,** and the highlight of the morning, a confiding group of **Cinderella Waxbills.** After breakfast it was time to pack the vehicle and head south to Hobatere Lodge for the night.

The drive was uneventful, and we arrived at Hobatere in the midafternoon with enough time to take a late afternoon drive and walk around the property. Some of the highlights included **African Cuckoo, Tawny Eagle, Pearl-spotted Owlet,** and thousands of **Double-banded Sandgrouse** coming to drink from the waterhole. Later that evening some of the guests did a night drive with an **African Wild Cat** being the highlight.



*One of the thousands of **Double-banded Sandgrouse** coming to drink from the waterhole in the evening.*

Day 8, 9th November 2019. Hobatere Lodge to Etosha National Park

Orange River Francolin (probably soon to be split as Kunene Francolin) was the target for the morning, and it did not take much effort until we found a single bird on a small 'koppie', providing us with good views. With the target bird in the bag (so to speak) we left Hobatere and made our way southeast to Etosha National Park. En route we managed to find a single **Augur Buzzard**, a bird we were starting to worry that we might have missed it!

We arrived in Etosha in the early afternoon with enough time for a few hours of birding and wildlife viewing in the park. Highlights of the afternoon drive included **Gabar Goshawk**, **Red-crested** and **Northern Black Korhaans**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Spike-heeled**, **Eastern Clapper**, and **Stark's Larks**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Sociable Weaver**, and **Marico Flycatcher**. We also managed a sighting of **Black Rhinoceros** coming to drink at the Okaukuejo waterhole.

Day 9, 10th November 2019. Etosha National Park birding and wildlife viewing

We spent the morning in an open-top safari vehicle, which is always a great way to enjoy the park. The birding was good and included **Common Ostrich**, **Lesser Spotted Eagle**, **Kori Bustard**, **Banded Martin**, **Pink-billed Lark**, **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Desert Cisticola**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, **Chat Flycatcher**, and **Yellow Canary**. Some of our mammal sightings included **Black-backed Jackal**, **Banded Mongoose**, **Spotted Hyaena**, **African Elephant**, **Giraffe**, **Greater Kudu**, **Gemsbok**, and **Kirk's (Damara) Dik-dik**.

In the afternoon we birded around the lodge and added **Chestnut Weaver**, **Green-winged Pytilia**, **Buffy Pipit**, and **Spotted Thick-knee**.

Day 10, 11th November 2019. Etosha National Park to Mokuti Lodge

Today we were moving from our lodge in central Etosha to Mokuti Lodge on the eastern edge of Etosha, which meant quite a long drive through the park. But constant bird and mammal sightings made the time pass quickly. Some of our better sightings throughout the drive included **Secretarybird**, **Lappet-faced Vulture**, **Bateleur**, **Martial Eagle**, **Caspian Plover**, **Double-banded Courser**, **Red-necked Falcon**, **Rufous-naped Lark**, **South African Cliff Swallow**, **Icterine Warbler**, **Rufous-eared Warbler**, and **Burnt-necked Eremomela**. Driving through the more open areas we came across **White Rhinoceros** and good numbers of **Red Hartebeests**. We had a couple sightings of **Lion** throughout the day, including a large female on a zebra kill with good numbers of **White-backed Vultures** around.



Rufous-eared Warbler showed well in Etosha National Park.

Day 11, 12th November 2019. Mokuti Lodge to the Caprivi Strip

Having moved farther east yesterday and into the taller woodlands on the eastern edge of Etosha meant that we woke up to a different mix of bird species, and the morning walk around the lodge produced a number of new birds, such as **Black-faced Babbler**, **White-browed Scrub Robin**, **Crested Francolin**, **Violet-backed Starling**, and **Marico Sunbird**.

We had another long drive ahead of us today and so set off fairly early as it had not taken long to find our main target bird, **Black-faced Babbler**. During the drive east we found our first **Rollers**, in the form of **Purple** and **Lilac-breasted** as well as a large **Swift** flock near Grootfontein, which contained **Bradfield's**, **Common**, **Alpine**, and **White-rumped**.

We stopped at Rundu sewage works for lunch, and it was alive with waterbirds including **Hottentot Teal**, **Southern Pochard**, **Squacco** and **Black Herons**, **African Openbill**, calling **African Rail**, **Baillon's Crake**, **African Swamphen**, **Red-knobbed Coot**, and **Pied Kingfisher**.

We arrived at our accommodation in the Mahango area late in the afternoon but still had some time to wander around camp, where we found **Woodland Kingfisher**, roosting **Southern White-faced Owl**, **Emerald-spotted Wood Dove**, and **Meyer's Parrot**.

Day 12, 13th November 2019. Birding the Mahango area

We had the full day to bird this incredibly biodiverse area today and made sure that we were up at sunrise to take full advantage of this. Birding around camp in the morning was incredibly rewarding with **African Cuckoo-Hawk**, **Wahlberg's Eagle**, **African Green Pigeon**, **Coppery-tailed Coucal**, **White-fronted** and **Southern Carmine Bee-eaters**, **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Black-collared Barbet**, **Hartlaub's Babbler**, **White-breasted** and **Black Cuckooshrikes**, **Magpie Shrike**, **Mosque Swallow**, and **Collared Sunbird** all being seen.



*A number of **Wattle Cranes** were seen on the floodplain in Mahango Game Reserve.*

Later in the morning we headed to Mahango Game Reserve, where we spent a few hours enjoying the birds and animals attracted to the floodplain. **Sable** and **Roan Antelopes** and

Southern Lechwe soon bolstered our mammal list, while new birds included **Wattled Crane**, **Marabou Stork**, **Glossy Ibis**, **African Spoonbill**, **Rufous-bellied Heron**, **White-headed Vulture**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, and **Shaft-tailed Whydah**.

Later in the afternoon we headed into the broad-leaved woodlands west of Divundu to search for a few woodland specials. Here we managed to find **Yellow-fronted Canary**, **Wattled Starling**, **Orange-breasted Bushshrike** and **Southern Black Tit** before we had to make a hasty retreat with a big storm fast approaching. We did stop briefly on the way back to find a few **Rock Pratincoles** near Divundu. Later that evening we had good views of **African Wood Owl** around camp.

Day 13, 14th November 2019. Transfer to the Okavango Panhandle

Today we made the short transfer into Botswana to the Okavango Panhandle. We left camp (after adding **Levaillant's** and **Klaas's Cuckoo** and **African Golden Oriole**) and again made our way through Mahango Game Reserve, this time adding **Saddle-billed Stork**, **African Harrier-Hawk**, **Crested Barbet**, **Fawn-colored Lark**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, **Bradfield's Hornbill**, and **Tsessebe**.



Southern Pied Babbler was seen in Mahango Game Reserve.

As usual the border crossing was quick and easy, allowing us to do some birding in the afternoon, once having settled into our accommodation at Drotsky's Cabins. We enjoyed sundowners on the deck while watching birds flying back and forth over the massive swamps.

Some of the better birds seen included **Wattled Crane**, many **Hamerkops**, **African Marsh Harrier**, **Thick-billed Weaver**, **Southern Brown-throated Weaver**, **Arrow-marked Babbler**, and **Swamp Boubou**.

Day 14, 15th November 2019. Okavango Panhandle boat cruise and birding

As usual today would prove to be one of the highlights of the tour as we spent a large proportion of the day on a boat exploring the many waterways of the Okavango. Our main target for the day was **Pel's Fishing Owl**, which thankfully did not take too long to find thanks to the sharp eyes of our guide Otto. We were able to watch a single bird close to our boat at its day roost, which is always special to see. Other top birds seen this morning included **African Skimmer**, **Long-toed** and **African Wattled Lapwings**, **Collared Pratincole**, **Goliath Heron**, **White-backed** and **Black-crowned Night Herons**, **Greater Swamp Warbler**, **Chirping Cisticola**, **Hadada Ibis**, **Western Osprey**, **African Fish Eagle**, **Lanner Falcon**, **Malachite**, **Giant**, and **Pied Kingfishers**, **African Stonechat**, and **Fan-tailed Widowbird**.

After the boat cruise we had a walk around camp and found **African Barred Owlet**, **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**, **Green Wood Hoopoe**, **Southern Yellow White-eye**, **Brown Twinspot**, **Brown-hooded Kingfisher**, **Broad-billed Roller**, and **Terrestrial Brownbul**.

In the late afternoon we went for another boat cruise, but this time we headed south from Drotsky's Cabins, which resulted in a slightly different mix of species. Additional to this morning we found **African Pygmy Goose**, **Slaty Egret**, **Western Banded Snake Eagle**, **Allen's Gallinule**, **African Snipe**, and **Grey-rumped Swallow**.



Allen's Gallinule showed well during a brief downpour on our afternoon boat cruise.

Day 15, 16th November 2019. Okavango Panhandle to Katima Mulilo

We had a brief walk in the woodlands behind Drotsky's Cabins this morning, which did not add much besides a juvenile **Greater Honeyguide**. After this it was time to head back into Namibia, and we made our way east through the Caprivi Strip.

The long drive east did not produce much of interest, and we arrived at our accommodation at Caprivi Houseboat Safaris in Katima Mulilo with some time to bird during the afternoon. A quick walk around camp produced the beautiful **Schalow's Turaco** as well as **Grey Tit-Flycatcher**, **Purple-banded Sunbird**, **Long-tailed Paradise Whydah**, and **Jameson's Firefinch**.

Later that afternoon we did another boat cruise, this time along the Zambezi River, and were rewarded with great sightings of **African Finfoot**, **Purple Heron**, **African Openbill**, **White-crowned Lapwing**, **Half-collared Kingfisher**, **Trumpeter Hornbill**, **Little Bittern**, and **Tropical Boubou**.

After dinner we headed out with the lodge owner, Curt, who took us to a spot where he had seen nightjars the last few nights. Thanks to Curt's brilliant eyes we managed to find **Square-tailed**, **Fiery-necked**, and, most importantly, the spectacular **Pennant-winged Nightjar**. In the same area we also found **Western Barn Owl**.



*Bird of the trip for many: the male **Pennant-winged Nightjar** seen in Katima Mulilo*

Day 16, 17th November 2019. Katima Mulilo to Livingstone

We only had the morning to bird this incredibly bird-rich area, so we got up early to try to find as much as possible. We went to a pan which had **Lesser Jacana** on it, and it did not take long for a bird to pop out, with **African Pygmy Goose**, **Rufous-bellied Heron**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, and **Luapula Cisticola** all showing well nearby. In the surrounding woodlands we recorded **Western Banded Snake Eagle**, **Red-footed Falcon**, **Grey-headed Bushshrike**, **Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow** (Petronia), **Striped Kingfisher**, **Kurrichane Thrush**, **Grey Penduline Tit**, and **Amethyst Sunbird**.

Just as we were leaving our accommodation we had good looks at a male **Copper Sunbird** and then made our way nearby to the Namibia-Zambia border post. The border unfortunately took a while to negotiate, but eventually we were in Zambia and undertook the long and very slow drive to Livingstone.

After a long day's travel and settling into our accommodation we enjoyed a great meal and a well-deserved beer as we looked out over the Zambezi into Zimbabwe.

Day 17, 18th November 2019. Victoria Falls and Livingstone birding

Today was a day we were all looking forward to as we would make our way into Zimbabwe and to Victoria Falls. However, first things first, we had some birding to do in the broad-leaved woodlands close to the lodge. The morning's birding turned out to be highly successful as we added **Cut-throat Finch**, **Racket-tailed Roller**, **Neddicky**, **Stierling's Wren-Warbler**, **Pale Flycatcher**, **Miombo Rock Thrush**, **Eurasian Hobby**, **Lizard Buzzard**, and **White-winged Widowbird**, with the highlight being **Miombo Pied Barbet** here at its southern extent.

Thankfully the border crossing was quick and easy, and then we spent the next few hours walking around and enjoying the impressive falls from many different angles and vantage points. The local name 'Mosi-oa-Tunya', meaning 'the smoke that thunders', is certainly appropriate, with the noise at times deafening and the smoke (mist) wetting us all. While we were here, we certainly did not ignore the many birds in the area and soon recorded **Bearded Scrub Robin**, **Red-faced Cisticola**, **African Paradise Flycatcher**, **Spectacled Weaver**, **Red-winged Starling**, **Rock Pratincole**, and **African Black Swift**.

Our final afternoon's birding was spent wandering around camp, and it still produced the goods with **Olive Woodpecker**, **Red-chested Cuckoo**, **Collared Palm Thrush**, and **Village Weaver** all added to the list. We then enjoyed our last dinner of the trip and reminisced about the fun and sightings from the last couple of weeks.



*The attractive **Bearded Scrub Robin** was seen in the woodlands near Victoria Falls.*

Day 18, 19th November 2019. Livingstone birding and departure

On the final morning we again birded around camp, where we added **Bronze Mannikin** and **Natal Spurfowl**, with a group of **Southern Ground Hornbills** on the other side of the Zambezi being a last-minute bonus. However, the fun was not quite over, because just as we were leaving camp for the Livingstone airport we had a very close encounter with a medium-sized **Black Mamba**, which certainly gave us a little fright!

We then safely hopped back into the vehicle and concluded a really fun and highly successful 18 days in the region, with 403 bird species seen and lots of fond memories to look back to.

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: CE = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. The Namibian endemic is bolded.

Common name	Scientific name
Ostriches (Struthionidae)	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Orange River Francolin	<i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>
Red-necked Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis afer</i>
Natal Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
Ducks, Geese, 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>
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>
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
Pennant-winged Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus vexillarius</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Swifts (Apodidae)	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
Turacos (Musophagidae)	
Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppelii</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</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>

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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>
Finfoots (Heliornithidae)	
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
African Rail (H)	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Wattled Crane - VU	<i>Grus carunculata</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)	
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>

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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>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Eurasian Curlew - NT	<i>Numenius arquata</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>
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</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)	
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, 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>
Damara Tern - VU	<i>Sternula balaenarum</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
Petrels, Shearwaters, Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)	
White-chinned Petrel - VU	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>
Sooty Shearwater - NT	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</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>
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>

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Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
Herons, 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>
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>
Slaty Egret - VU	<i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Secretarybird (Sagittariidae)	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
Ospreys (Pandionidae)	
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
African Cuckoo-Hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>
White-backed Vulture - CE	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-headed Vulture - CE	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>

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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>
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i>
Tawny Eagle - VU	<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>
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
Southern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis granti</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>
Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Hoopoes (Upupidae)	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae)	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>

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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>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Racket-tailed Roller	<i>Coracias spatulatus</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</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>
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>
Olive Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>

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African Barbets (Lybiidae)	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
Miombo Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema frontata</i>
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)	
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</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)	
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>
Red-footed Falcon - NT	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</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>
Pririt Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>
Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>

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Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
Bokmakierie (H)	<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>
Vangas & Allies (Vangidae)	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
White-breasted Cuckooshrike	<i>Ceblepyris pectoralis</i>
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (Oriolidae)	
African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>

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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>
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</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 africanoides</i>
Dune Lark	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>
Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</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)	
Grey-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>

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South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)	
Rockrunner (H)	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Leaf Warblers & Allies (Phylloscopidae)	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
Reed Warblers & Allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Greater Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae)	
Little Rush Warbler (H)	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Luapula Cisticola	<i>Cisticola luapula</i>
Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</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>
Stierling's Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
Laughingthrushes & Allies (Leiothrichidae)	
Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>

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Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
Southern Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops anderssoni</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</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 nabouroup</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
Kurrichane 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	<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>
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
Angolan Cave Chat	<i>Cossypha ansorgei</i>

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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>
Miombo Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola angolensis</i>
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</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>
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>
Copper Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris cupreus</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 Bush Sparrow	<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>

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Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
Waxbills, Munias & 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>
Cinderella Waxbill	<i>Estrilda thomensis</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Buffy Pipit	<i>Anthus vaalensis</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>
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>

Total seen	403
Total heard only	4
Total recorded	407

Mammal List

Common name	Scientific name
Dogs, Wolves, Foxes (Canidae)	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Cape Fox	<i>Vulpes chama</i>
Cats (Felidae)	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
African Wild Cat	<i>Felis silvestris lybica</i>
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
Kaokoveld 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)	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>
Tsessebe	<i>Damaliscus lunatus lunatus</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>

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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>
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</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>
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 Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
Springhares (Pedetidae)	
Springhare	<i>Pedetes capensis</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>
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
True Mice (Muridae)	
Single-striped Grass Mouse	<i>Lemniscomys rosalia</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	46

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Land Tortoises (Testudinidae)	
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>
Marsh Terrapin (Pelomedusidae)	
Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>
Typical Snakes (Colubridae)	
Black Mamba	<i>Dendroaspis polylepis</i>
Short-snouted Grass Snake	<i>Psammophis brevirostris</i>
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Variegated Skink	<i>Trachylepis variegata</i>
Wahlberg's Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis wahlbergii</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Agamas (Agamidae)	
Namib Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>
Geckos (Gekkonidae)	
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Boulton's Namib Day Gecko	<i>Rhoptropus boultoni</i>
Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)	
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Total seen	12