



COMPLETE NAMIBIA BIRDING TOUR: CUSTOM TRIP REPORT

04 - 21 AUGUST 2022



Dune Lark.

Overview

Namibia is a must-visit African country, with the world's oldest desert containing spectacular red sand and the highest dunes in the world, rugged desert mountains along the bird-rich Namibian Escarpment and the vast Etosha National Park, one of the world's greatest wildlife destinations. Namibia also has a large variety of near-endemic birds which are shared only with neighbouring southern Angola (along with one true endemic, **Dune Lark**).

While in Namibia, searching for Namibian specials/near-endemics is high up on the agenda, and we certainly did well on this tour. Special birds we came across included **Hartlaub's Spurfowl**, **Rüppell's Korhaan**, **Violet Wood Hoopoe**, **Rüppell's Parrot**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Dune** and **Stark's Larks**, **Monteiro's** and **Damara Red-billed Hornbills**, **Black-faced**, **Hartlaub's** and **Bare-cheeked Babblers**, **Rockrunner** and **Carp's Tit**.

We also found many less range-restricted but equally important species such as **Secretarybird**, **African Pygmy Goose**, **African Skimmer**, **White-backed Night Heron**, **Bradfield's Hornbill**, **Ludwig's Bustard**, **Long-toed Lapwing**, **Lesser Jacana**, **Bradfield's Swift**, **Pygmy Falcon**, **Sociable Weaver**, **Red-billed Spurfowl**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Great Sparrow** and many others. 304 bird species were seen (plus 15 species heard only) for a trip total of 319.



Black Rhinoceros.

Namibia is also well-known for its incredible wildlife viewing opportunities and we managed to find some great mammals, including **Temminck's Ground Pangolin**, **Aardwolf**, **Western Rock Elephant-shrew**, **Spotted Hyena**, **Leopard**, (Hartmann's) **Mountain Zebra**, **Black**

Rhinoceros, African Elephant, African Buffalo, Roan, Giraffe, Gemsbok (Southern Oryx), **Damara Dikdik, Bat-eared Fox, Red Hartebeest, Red Lechwe, Black-faced Impala** and many other widespread mammal species. All in all, we recorded 41 mammal species.

Full bird and mammal species lists can be found at the end of this report.

Days 1 - 2, 4th - 5th August 2022. The Red Sand Sea of Sossusvlei

We started our Namibian adventure at Sossusvlei (after the clients flew in from the Fish River Canyon which they explored on their own). A spectacular charter flight took them over the breadth of the Namib and they also enjoyed an aerial perspective of Sossusvlei itself before the main tour began.

Our bird list got off to a great start here amongst the incredible desert scenery. Desert specials encountered around Sossusvlei over our two night stay included **Dune Lark, Rüppell's Korhaan, Common Ostrich, Greater Kestrel, Ludwig's Bustard, Double-banded Courser, Mountain Wheatear, Southern Fiscal, Lappet-faced Vulture** and **Stark's Lark**.

Patches of acacia trees around Sesriem and along the ephemeral Tsauchab River hosted a different suite of species, such as **Pririt Batis, White-backed Mousebird, Cape Sparrow, Red-headed Finch, White-throated Canary, Scaly-feathered Weaver** and **Dusky Sunbird**. A pair of diminutive **Pygmy Falcons** were another highlight. An incredible mammal encounter was the rarely-seen **Aardwolf** and the Sossusvlei area also had good numbers of **Gemsbok** (Southern Oryx) as well as **Springbok** and inquisitive **Ground Squirrels**. **Western Rock Elephant-shrew** was another excellent sighting.

Days 3 - 4, 6th - 7th August 2022. Coastal environs of Walvis Bay and Swakopmund

From Sossusvlei, we undertook a very scenic drive to the coast, via Solitaire and the Kuiseb Canyon. **Secretarybird** was one notable highlight en route, as were large numbers of **Stark's Lark** and **Grey-backed Sparrow-Larks**. Other species seen included **Short-toed Rock-Thrush, Booted Eagle, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Lark-like Bunting, Black-chested Snake Eagle** and **Chat Flycatcher**.

Birding in and around Walvis Bay and Swakopmund got our list ticking along nicely too. One morning we enjoyed a boat cruise in the Walvis Bay Harbour and Lagoon. Pelican Point, with its landmark lighthouse, is also home to over 60,000 resident **Cape Fur Seals**, the sight, sound and smell of which is quite an experience! We also enjoyed seeing the massive **Humpback Whale** on this pelagic trip, while bird species included **Kelp Gull, Hartlaub's Gull, Great White Pelican, Cape Cormorant, Crowned Cormorant, Sooty Shearwater, African Oystercatcher, Black-necked Grebe** and good numbers of terns such as **Caspian, Sandwich** and **Greater Crested Terns**.

The Walvis Bay salt works and lagoon is home to some of the largest concentrations of **Greater Flamingo** and **Lesser Flamingo**, a real spectacle. Some migratory shorebirds were also seen, such as **Curlew Sandpiper, Bar-tailed Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone** and **Grey Plover**. Three of

Namibia's most striking shorebirds were also seen; **Chestnut-banded Plover**, **White-fronted Plover** and **Pied Avocet**.

The clients also wanted to visit the remarkable Welwitschia Plains and an afternoon was spent exploring this fascinating area with the iconic *Welwitschia mirabilis*, a one-of-a-kind desert plant restricted to the coastal Namib being the highlight. Birding was also enjoyed along the ephemeral Swakop River and species such as **Orange River White-eye**, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird**, **African Reed Warbler**, **Grey Go-Away-Bird**, **Dusky Sunbird**, **Marico Sunbird**, **White-backed Mousebird**, **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **Purple Heron**, **Common Waxbill**, **Familiar Chat** and **Black-throated Canary** were seen well. A really bizarre find here was a totally out-of-range **Woodland Kingfisher**, a rare species for Namibia.



Monteiro's Hornbill.

Days 5 - 6, 8th - 9th August 2022. Dramatic Inselbergs

This unique itinerary paid homage to the spectacular inselberg of the mighty Spitzkoppe and a morning stop was made here to take in the scenery and do a bit of birding. **Pale-winged Starling**, **Chestnut-vented Warbler**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **White-tailed Shrike** and **African Red-eyed Bulbul** were all common. **Tractrac Chat** and **Karoo Chat** were seen on the nearby surrounding plains.

The Erongo Mountains rose like mighty whalebacks over the otherwise flat landscape and this was our base for two nights. This area had many Namibian specials and we added sought-after near-endemics such as **Rosy-faced Lovebird**, **Carp's Tit**, **Hartlaub's Spurfowl**, **Rockrunner**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Monteiro's Hornbill** and **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**. Also seen were

Kalahari Scrub Robin, Violet-eared Waxbill, Green-winged Pytilia, Cape Bunting, Barred Wren-Warbler, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver and Freckled Nightjar.

Our relaxed two-night stay in the Erongo area was highly enjoyable, with mammal highlights including **Rock Hyrax, Damara Dikdik**, and the **Kaokoveld Slender (Black) Mongoose**. A brief stop was also made in the nearby town of Omaruru where we added **Rüppell's Parrot** and **Bradfield's Swift** before our onward journey to Etosha.



African Skimmer.

Days 7 - 9, 10th – 12th August 2022. Great White Place – Etosha National Park!

Three nights were then spent in the incredible Etosha National Park. We birded woodland interspersed with open plains and a vast clay white pan that covers about 1900 square miles (almost 5000 square kilometers). Apart from the opportunity for predators and plains game, the park's birdlife is staggering. The floodlit waterholes at the lodges ("camps") within the park must provide one of the greatest wildlife shows on earth.

The Okaukeujo waterhole in particular was incredible in the evenings when good numbers of **African Elephants** and **Black Rhinoceros** came in to drink. The list of bird species found here was extraordinary with key birds including **Namaqua Sandgrouse, Kori Bustard, Northern Black Korhaan, Red-crested Korhaan, Great Sparrow, Double-banded Courser, Sociable Weaver, Sabota Lark, Spike-heeled Lark, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Red-crested Korhaan,**

South African Shelduck, Cape Teal, Red-billed Spurfowl, African Hawk-Eagle, Martial Eagle, Red-necked Falcon, Purple Roller, Crimson-breasted Shrike, South African Cliff Swallow, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Greater Painted-snipe, Desert Cisticola, Southern Red-billed Hornbill, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver and Violet Wood Hoopoe.

Etosha also afforded some great mammal viewing with **Spotted Hyena** and **Black-backed Jackal** plus large numbers of herbivores such as **Blue Wildebeest, Plains Zebra, Southern Giraffe** (Angolan subspecies), **Greater Kudu, Gemsbok** (Oryx), **Black-faced Impala** and **Springbok**.



African Finfoot.

Days 10 - 15, 13th – 18th August 2022. Magical Caprivi

From Etosha we continued northwards into the bird-rich environs of the Caprivi Strip. Our first layover on this leg was a one night stop at a lodge on the banks of the Kavango River just west of Rundu.

Morning and afternoon birding walks here were highly productive with a large number of new birds seen. These included the likes of **African Jacana, Red-eyed Dove, Coppery-tailed Coucal, White-browed Coucal, Swamp Boubou, Spotted Eagle-Owl** (found roosting in the late afternoon), **Pied Kingfisher, African Grey Hornbill, Black-collared Barbet, Black-backed Puffback, Black-headed Oriole, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Terrestrial Brownbul,**

Grey-backed Cameroptera, Arrow-marked Babbler, Southern Yellow White-eye, Burchell's Starling, Long-tailed Paradise Whydah (non-breeding), incredible numbers of **Violet-backed Starlings, Kurrichane Thrush, White-browed Scrub-Robin, Holub's Golden Weaver, Ashy Flycatcher** and **Brown Firefinch** to mention just a few. At night, both **Fiery-necked Nightjar** and **Square-tailed Nightjar** were quite vocal.

The Caprivi leg of the tour then continued eastwards and we travelled right across to the Katima Mulilo area for a welcome two-night stay. The immediate area was explored by boat, short drives and birding walks. The birds, in terms of numbers, kicked up a notch again and new additions to the list were thick and fast over our stay here.

Some of the highlights here included **African Finfoot, White-crowned Lapwing, African Skimmer, Yellow-throated Leaflove, Schalow's Turaco, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Southern Pochard, Blue-billed Teal, African Wood Owl, Lizard Buzzard, Lesser Jacana, African Pygmy Goose, White-faced Whistling Duck, Wire-tailed Swallow, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Plain-backed Pipit, White-browed Robin-Chat, Retz's Helmetshrike** and **Fan-tailed Widowbird**.

Katima Mulilo marked our furthest point from the capital city, Windhoek, and we then started making our way back towards the capital – although stopping off on the Namibian side of the Okavango Delta panhandle, in the hugely productive Mahango area. This is one of the country's top birding sites, with a wide diversity of habitats and the incredibly rich panhandle area of the Okavango Delta both contributing to the large number of birds residing here.

Another two-night stay was again very productive for both birds and mammals. We enjoyed two drives to the nearby Mahango Game Reserve, a morning boating trip on the Kavango River and a birding walk from the lodge where we were staying.

This area was a real haven for birdlife and some of the showstoppers that we were lucky enough to encounter included **African Skimmer, Wattled Crane, Slaty Egret, Long-toed Lapwing, African Pygmy Goose, Bradfield's Hornbill, Giant Kingfisher, White-backed Night Heron, Luapula Cisticola, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Greater Painted-snipe, Grey-rumped Swallow, Mosque Swallow, Hartlaub's Babbler, Brown Firefinch, Dickinson's Kestrel, Lesser Moorhen, Meyer's Parrot, Golden-breasted Bunting, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Bennett's Woodpecker, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, African Hoopoe, Green Wood Hoopoe, Swainson's Spurfowl, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Spotted Thick-knee** and **Yellow-throated Petronia**. We also encountered varied mammals, including **African Buffalo, Roan Antelope, Red Lechwe, Common Reedbuck**, numerous pods of **Hippopotamus, African Elephant, Warthog, Vervet Monkey, Southern Giraffe, Plains Zebra, Common Waterbuck** and **Common Impala**.

A one-night stop north of Grootfontein, to break the drive back to Windhoek, quickly added **Black-faced Babbler** and **Crested Francolin**. In the evening, the camp waterhole was quite busy with mammal species such as **Eland, Southern Giraffe, Blue Wildebeest, Black-backed Jackal** and **Gemsbok (Oryx)**. The endearing **Damara Dikdik** was also around the lodge. A short birding walk the following morning delivered species such as **Yellow-breasted Apalis**,

Rosy-faced Lovebird, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Green-winged Pytilia, Long-billed Crombec, White-bellied Sunbird, Acacia Pied Barbet and Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill.

Days 16 - 17, 19th – 20th August 2022. Okonjima Wilderness

A great ending to this itinerary was two nights at the Okonjima Nature Reserve, which is also home to the AfriCat Foundation. Here our guests enjoyed tracking **Leopard** and **Temminck's Ground Pangolin** and we were successful on both counts! A beautiful female **Leopard** and her cub was enjoyed twice and the **Temminck's Ground Pangolin** was located and seen well, albeit quite briefly before disappearing down a hole!

Okonjima is home to various other mammal species too, such as (Hartmann's) **Mountain Zebra**, **Black-backed Jackal**, **Springbok**, **Damara Dikdik**, **Steenbok**, **Chacma Baboon** and **Greater Kudu**. Morning birding activity was also extremely productive here for species such as **Rockrunner**, **Carp's Tit**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **African Hawk-Eagle**, **Yellow Canary** and **Black-faced Waxbill**.

This was a very relaxing end to a rather action-packed Namibia itinerary! On our drive out of Okonjima on the last morning we enjoyed one last highlight – a small group of **Bat-eared Foxes**, before an uneventful drive back to Windhoek.

Day 18, 21st August 2022. Back to Windhoek and departure

We drove back to Namibia's capital city to catch our flights home.

Bird List - Following IOC (11.2)

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

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable. The Namibian endemic is bolded.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ostriches (Struthionidae)	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
Blue-billed Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Pheasants and Allies (Phasianidae)	
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adpersus</i>
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
Petrels, Shearwaters, Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)	
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</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	<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>
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>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
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>
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>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
Crowned Cormorant	<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, Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
White-backed Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</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>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Ludwig's Bustard - EN	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppelii</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>
Finfoots (Heliornithidae)	
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
Rails, Crakes and Coots (Rallidae)	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Lesser Moorhen	<i>Paragallinula angulata</i>
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Wattled Crane - VU	<i>Grus carunculata</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Buttonquail (Turnicidae)	
Common Buttonquail	<i>Turnix sylvaticus</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>
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>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae)	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
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>
Gulls, Terns and Skimmers (Laridae)	
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</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>
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>
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)	
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Western Barn Owl (H)	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Scops Owl (H)	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</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>
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
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>
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros bradfieldi</i>
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>
African Barbets (Lybiidae)	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird (H)	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
Golden-tailed Woodpecker (H)	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
Bearded Woodpecker (H)	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
Dickinson's Kestrel	<i>Falco dickinsoni</i>
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
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 (H)	<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>
Orange-breasted Bushshrike (H)	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
Bokmakierie (H)	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Vangas and Allies (Vangidae)	
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Figbirds, Orioles & Turnagra (Oriolidae)	
Black-headed Oriole (H)	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>

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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)	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Karoo Long-billed Lark (H)	<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Dune Lark (Endemic)	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</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>
Yellow-throated Leaflove	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis</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>

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Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)	
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Reed Warblers and Allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Lesser Swamp Warbler (H)	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)	
Little Rush Warbler (H)	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Luapula Cisticola	<i>Cisticola luapula</i>
Neddicky (H)	<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>
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>
Barred Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
Laughingthrushes and 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>

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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 senegalensis</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
Meves's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</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)	
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>
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>

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Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
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>
Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</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>
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>

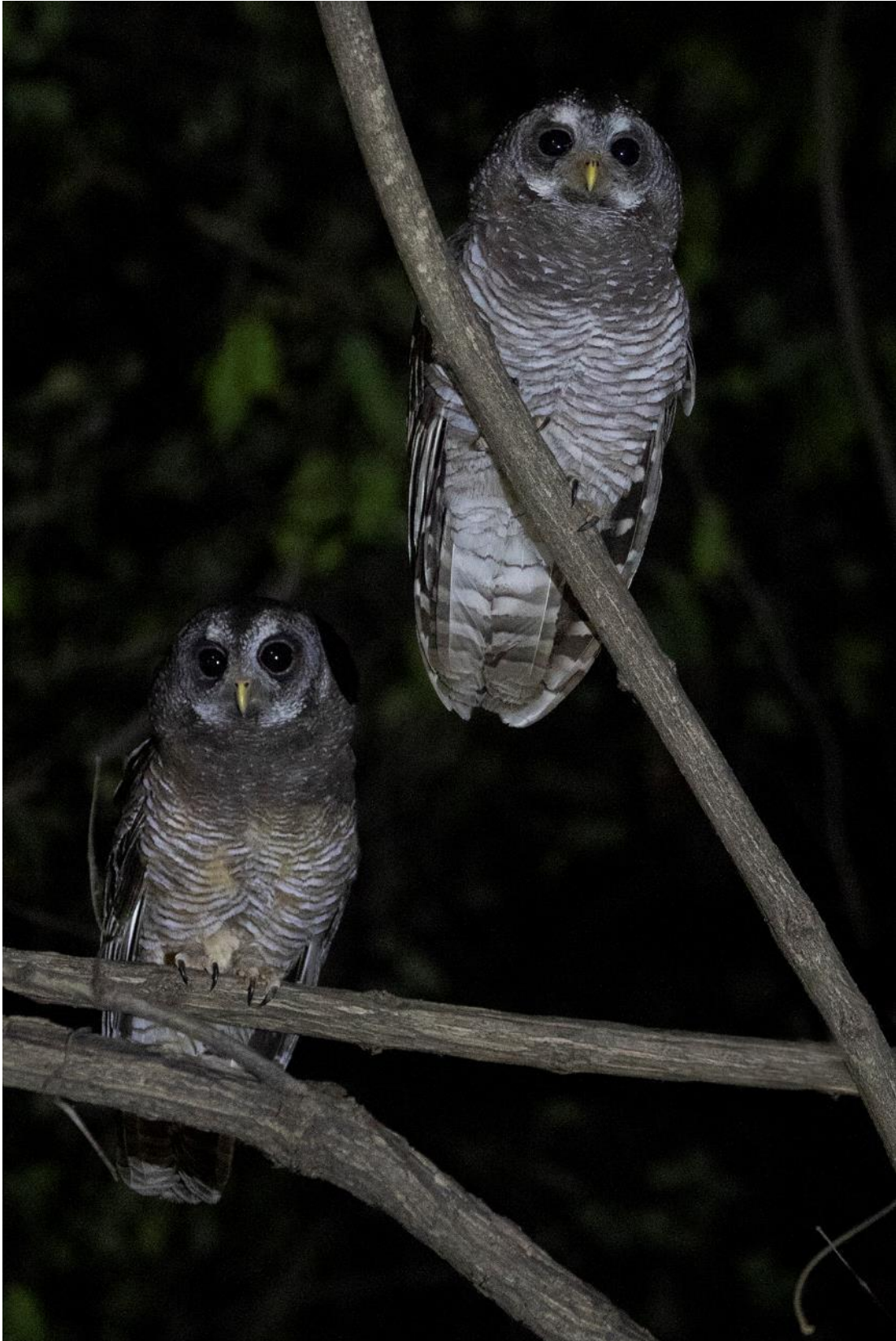
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Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</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>
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>
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
Total seen	304
Total heard only	15
Total recorded	319

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>

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Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
Pangolins (Manidae)	
Temminck's Ground Pangolin	<i>Manis temminckii</i>
Rabbits, Hares (Leporidae)	
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
Squirrels (Sciuridae)	
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>
Smith's Bush (Tree) Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
Elephant Shrews, Sengis (Macroscelididae)	
Western Rock Elephant Shrew	<i>Elephantulus rupestris</i>
Dogs, Wolves, Foxes (Canidae)	
Bat-eared Fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
Slender Mongoose	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Hyaenas, Aardwolf (Hyaenidae)	
Spotted Hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
Aardwolf	<i>Proteles cristatus</i>
Cats (Felidae)	
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
Elephants (Elephantidae)	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Hyraxes (Procaviidae)	
Rock Dassie	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
Horses, Asses, Zebras (Equidae)	
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus hartmannae</i>
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus burchellii</i>

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Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)	
Black Rhino	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
Hogs, Pigs (Suidae)	
Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Giraffes, Okapis (Giraffidae)	
Southern (Angolan) Giraffe	<i>Giraffa giraffa angolensis</i>
Bovids (Bovidae)	
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Roan	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Common Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Red Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>
Common Reedbuck	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Red Haartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>
Common Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Black-faced Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus ssp. petersi</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Damara Dikdik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
Whales (Balaenopteridae)	
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>
Eared Seals (Otariidae)	
Afro-Australasian Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus</i>
Total seen	41



African Wood Owl (*Strix woodfordii*) (photo Martin Benadie).