



PRIVATE SOUTHERN KRUGER BIRDING TRIP REPORT

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A magnificent pride of African Lions seen on our trip.

Overview

This short trip was put together to try and give a quick overview of the birds of the southern Kruger National Park for two private guests, however, being predominantly in the Kruger National Park also meant that we were exposed to many other wonderful mammal sightings and some spectacular scenery. The trip began with some birding outside the borders of the national park looking around the Buhala Lodge grounds, where I picked up Philip and Michelle, and proceeded into the park. Here we overnighted between Berg-en-Dal, Satara and Skukuza rest camps, as bases for exploration throughout southern Kruger. On our final day we decided to go birding around the Lowveld Botanical Gardens for two hours before dropping off the guests at the airport in Nelspruit.

Over five days of birding we racked up a list of 216 species which included some special birds and charismatic species. Some of our highlights included **Common Ostrich, Saddle-billed Stork, African Openbill, Hamerkop, Martial Eagle, Lizard Buzzard**, four vulture species including **Lappet-faced Vulture, Kori and Black-bellied Bustards, Buff-spotted Flufftail, Greater Painted-snipe, Collared Pratincole, African Skimmer, Double-banded Sandgrouse, African Barred** (heard only), **African Scops and African Wood Owls, Broad-billed Roller, Giant Kingfisher, Southern Ground and Trumpeter Hornbills, Bennett's Woodpecker, Retz's Helmetshrike, Mosque Swallow, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Bearded Scrub Robin, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Mountain Wagtail and Violet-eared Waxbill.**



The out-of-range pair of African Skimmers hanging around Malelane Bridge were seen as we entered Kruger National Park.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 12th October 2024. Arrival, birding the Buhala Lodge grounds and Berg-en-Dal

After meeting the guests at their hotel reception, we decided to check out the lush gardens and go for a walk between the sprinklers. Quite quickly we saw our first bird species (a **Black-headed Oriole**) which opened the floodgates to a whole suite of birds around the lodge. Both **Lesser** and **Greater Honeyguides**, **Trumpeter Hornbill**, **Ashy Flycatcher**, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird**, **Cardinal** and **Golden-tailed Woodpeckers** and many other species.

From Buhala we moved onto the Malelane Bridge where we stepped out the car to stand over the bridge. In addition to the two **African Skimmers** sitting on a sandbank in the midday sun, we got a few other iconic riverine species such as **Giant Kingfisher**, **Striated Heron**, a few **Saddle-billed Storks** and **African Openbills**, and **Goliath Heron**.

After checking in at the Berg-en-Dal rest camp and enjoying lunch, we decided to head out on a late afternoon game drive to pick up some of the bushveld birds in the area. No feeling is quite as great as showing guests their first **Lilac-breasted Rollers**, **Magpie Shrikes** and **Golden-breasted Buntings**. After another visit to the river, and a quick scan from the bridge, gave us even better views of the skimmers, this time skimming for us.

But alas, Kruger has to close its gates at some point and our viewing was short-lived. On our way back to camp we got three **White Rhinos** at a single sighting. When we arrived back, we elected to relax and look at some pictures from the day. As the sun went down, we were serenaded to sleep by the sounds of **African Barred Owlet**, **African Scops Owl** and **Fiery-necked Nightjar** in camp.

Day 2, 13th October 2024. Driving the Gardenia route and the long road to Satara

Out of the camp in the early morning, we headed off to the Gardenia hide area to try get better sightings of **White Rhino** than the day before. After improving our rhino views, we carried on along this route and caught up on some great bushveld species such as **Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow**, **Common Scimitarbill**, the flashy male **Violet-backed Starling**, the just-as-flashy **Klaas's Cuckoo**, **Violet-eared Waxbill** and an incredibly entertaining pair of **Bennett's Woodpeckers** displaying on an exposed tree.

After a quick lunch at Afsaal picnic site, we headed north at a decent speed, stopping only for birds that grabbed our attention. As we made our way beyond Skukuza in the blistering heat, we connected with some great species like **Tawny Eagle**, **Bateleur** and a confiding group of **Southern Ground Hornbills** (completing our hornbill checklist for the trip!) At Tshokwane picnic site we saw **Mourning Collared Dove** and shortly after that, a huge **Spotted Hyaena** was seen running by and gave us a shock. Finally, on our way into Satara, we got a few more special birds including **Kori Bustard**, **Lappet-faced** and **White-headed Vultures**, **Hamerkop** and the cherry on top of the cake, a lovely **Pearl-spotted Owlet**.

Our first night in Satara saw us getting a gorgeous **African Scops Owl** to end off a long day of intense travel.



*A **Spotted Hyena** getting a little too close for comfort at Tshokwane picnic site! He was just passing by with little interest in us, however.*

Day 3, October 14th. Birding the Satara and Olifants area

Today we were greeted by an amazing first sighting of ‘Casper the White Lion’, incidentally my client's first wild **Lion** ever (what are the chances?!) With that, we began an enjoyable morning's birding just south of Satara, getting some nice new birds for the trip list in the wooded area, such as **Red-crested Korhaan**, **African Hawk-Eagle**, **Purple Roller**, **Grey-headed Bushshrike** and a wild tickable **Common Ostrich**. We also got lucky with two separate **Honey Badger** sightings.

After our rest, we headed north towards Olifants on our quest to find a Secretarybird in the tall grasslands. Unfortunately, we never did find one, but that doesn't mean we didn't have plenty to keep us occupied during our search. The roadside attractions included **Brown Snake Eagle**, **Martial Eagle**, plenty of **Kori Bustards** and a nice sighting of two **Black-bellied Bustards** close to sunset.

This evening, we got a shock when the wind picked up out of nowhere and caused someone's braai to set their roof on fire with embers. Luckily the situation was handled well, and our accommodation remained intact for a peaceful sleep before our next day.

Day 4, October 15th. Driving to Skukuza and birding the area

Along the morning route to Skukuza we caught up on a few of the more general bushveld species that we'd glanced over so far, and improved on some other sightings. Some of the highlights along the way included **Mosque Swallow**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **European Bee-eater**, **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Red-faced Cisticola** and much improved **Lappet-faced Vulture** sightings. Coming into Skukuza we lucked our way into an amazing **Lion** pride which we had almost entirely to ourselves, a rarity in southern Kruger.

We decided after lunch to pop into the Skukuza nursery to try and get some more special species, including **Broad-billed Roller**, **Greater Honeyguide** and **Green-backed Camaroptera**. On the bridge, Philip asked me about a small bird in the bush below us. I couldn't believe my eyes when I realized that we were looking at a **Buff-spotted Flufftail!** An incredibly rare bird for the park and always a tough one to spot. To say I was excited on behalf of my guests, was an understatement.



*The extremely shy and unobtrusive **Buff-spotted Flufftail** in the boardwalk undergrowth.*

We finished the day off birding around Skukuza camp and keeping it relaxed, however we still managed to come across a pair of **African Black Ducks**, as well as **Common Sandpiper** and **Terrestrial Brownbul**, to add to the growing list total. A day well spent but probably mostly overshadowed by that amazing **Buff-spotted Flufftail!**

Day 5, October 16th: Driving to Lower Sabie and down to Crocodile Bridge

Today we had to scrape the bottom of the barrel for new species as it became noticeable that we were reaching a saturation point for southern Kruger. That's not to say that we didn't find some amazing new species, however, and great improvements on the ones already on our list.

The day began with a beautiful pair of **Bearded Scrub Robins** in Skukuza camp and a group of **Lions** not too far from it. One much improved sighting we had was an **African Harrier-Hawk** being mobbed by **Fork-tailed Drongos**, as it made its rounds through the bushveld. We decided to take the ever-famous Salitje road which didn't disappoint, with a great sighting of the rare **Sable Antelope**.

After a quick stop at Mlondozi, seeing some nice large wetland birds like **African Openbills**, **Black-winged Stilts**, **Great Egrets** as well as a **Black-headed Heron**, we made our way to Sunset Dam. One odd sighting on the way was a **Fiscal Flycatcher**, which isn't too common in the park, as well as a **Western House Martin** which, incidentally, is not too common either. Sunset Dam really delivered on the waders with **Wood**, **Common** and **Marsh Sandpipers** as well as a single **Ruff** and improved upon at Crocodile Bridge with a nice flock of **Collared Pratincoles**.

On our way back towards Skukuza we found the bird party of all bird parties, where we managed to pick out a fantastic **Sterling's Wren-Warbler** and **Grey Tit-Flycatcher**, in amongst a group of **Lesser Masked Weavers**, **Southern Black Tits**, **Black-backed Puffbacks** and many other species. As the sun went down for the final time on this fantastic trip and the moon rose over the horizon, Kruger still had one more present in store for us – a gorgeous pair of **African Wood Owls**, which we got to share with some other people in the camp.



The female African Wood Owl dueting with her partner by the Skukuza camp chalets.

Day 6, October 17th. Birding Lowveld Botanical Gardens and departure

Seeing as this was Philip and Michelle's last day in South Africa and we didn't have much time left before their 11:30 AM flight, I suggested we leave Kruger quickly to get into a new habitat – a decision we didn't regret!

We decided to pop into the Lowveld Botanical Gardens for the two hours we had before they had to get to the airport. Being rushed meant that most birds were hard to follow up on after calling, however, we did manage to get a spectacular view of a pair of **Yellow-rumped Tinkerbirds** excavating a nest in a tree, and we saw and heard plenty of other new species such as **Mountain Wagtail**, **Olive Sunbird**, **Willow Warbler**, **Red-capped Robin-Chat** and **Olive Bushshrike**. One cool mammal addition to our list was a **Greater Cane Rat** seen foraging in the undergrowth below the aerial boardwalk.

When time ran out, we made our way to the airport, seeing **Long-crested Eagle**, **Lizard Buzzard** and **Black-winged Kite** on the way. A great way to end a fun trip with some awesome clients!



A pair of Yellow-rumped Tinkerbirds excavating a nest in the Lowveld Botanical Gardens.

Bird List - Following IOC (14.2)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, birds seen by the guide only are marked with a (G) after the common name, all other species were seen both by clients and guide.

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International. CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near-Threatened.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Ostriches (Struthionidae)	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Crested Francolin	<i>Ortygornis sephaena</i>
Natal Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Fiery-necked Nightjar (H)	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Swifts (Apodidae)	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
Turacos (Musophagidae)	
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Crinifer concolor</i>
Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Gallirex porphyreolophus</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)	
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>

Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
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>
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>
Flufftails & Forest Rails (Scolopacidae)	
Buff-spotted Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura elegans</i>
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus Himantopus</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</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>
Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae)	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Coursers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae)	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincole</i>
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
African Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia microscelis</i>

Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbrette</i>
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
Hooded Vulture - CR	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
White-backed Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-headed Vulture - CR	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Bateleur - EN	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Martial Eagle - EN	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i>
Tawny Eagle - VU	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga vocifer</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
African Barred Owlet (H)	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>

Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
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>
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
Ground Hornbills (Bucorvidae)	
Southern Ground Hornbill - VU	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes buccinator</i>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
African Barbets (Lybiidae)	
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</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>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>
African & New World Parrots (Psittacidae)	
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>

Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)	
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
Olive Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</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)	
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Figbirds, Old World Orioles, Piopios (Oriolidae)	
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Drongos (Dicuridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
Magpie Shrike	<i>Lanius melanoleucus</i>
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)	
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunes</i>
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>

Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)	
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
Reed Warblers & Allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae)	
Little Rush Warbler (G)	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Bar-throated Apalis (H)	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
Stierling's Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>
Laughingthrushes & Allies (Leiothrichidae)	
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornises (Sturnidae)	
Common Myna (Introduced)	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</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>
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Agricola pallidus</i>
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria plumbea</i>
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria caerulescens</i>
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>

Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Sigelus silens</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Red-capped Robin-Chat (H)	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Dessonornis humeralis</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)	
Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffuses</i>
House Sparrow (Introduced)	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrildidae)	
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Mountain Wagtail	<i>Motacilla clara</i>
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
Streaky-headed Seedeater (H)	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>
Buntings (Emberizidae)	
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>

Species Seen	211
Species heard only	5
Total species recorded	216

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Elephants (Elephantidae)	
African Savanna Elephant - EN	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
Galagos (Galagidae)	
Thick-tailed Greater Galago	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
Squirrels (Sciuridae)	
Tree Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
Old World Fruit Bats (Pteropodidae)	
Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus wahlbergi</i>
Sheath-tailed Bats (Emballonuridae)	
Mauritian Tomb Bat	<i>Taphozous mauritanus</i>
Cane Rats (Thryonomyidae)	
Greater Cane Rat	<i>Thryonomys swinderianus</i>
Mustelids (Mustelidae)	
Honey Badger	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>
Canids (Canidae)	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>
Felids (Felidae)	
Lion - VU	<i>Panthera leo</i>
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
Common Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
Hyaenas (Hyaenidae)	
Spotted Hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
Civets, Genets, and Oyans (Viverridae)	
Large-spotted Genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>
Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)	
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
Equines (Equidae)	
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>

Bovids (Bovidae)	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Bush Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Cape Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Southern Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus sylvaticus</i>
Giraffes and Okapi (Giraffidae)	
Southern Giraffe	<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>
Suids (Suidae)	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)	
Common Hippopotamus - VU	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>

Species Seen	32
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Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Tortoises (Testudinidae)	
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>
Terrapins (Pelomedusidae)	
African Helmeted Turtle	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Variable Skink	<i>Plestiodon multivirgatus</i>
Rainbow Skink	<i>Trachylepis margaritifera</i>
Agamas (Agamidae)	
Southern Tree Agama	<i>Acanthocercus atricollis</i>
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Nile Water Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)	
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>

Species Seen	7
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