



**SOUTH AFRICA: Custom Tour – Eastern Escarpment and
Kruger National Park
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Leopard – we couldn't get enough of them!

TOUR ITINERARY**Overnight**

Day 1 – Suikerbosrand and Marievale	Johannesburg
Day 2 – Drive to Dullstroom	Linger Longer, Dullstroom
Day 3 – Dullstroom Birding – Mt Sheba	Mt Sheba, Pilgrims Rest
Day 4 – Mt Sheba and the Panorama Route	Mt Sheba, Pilgrims Rest
Day 5 – Mt Sheba – Kruger National Park	Berg en Dal, KNP
Day 6 – Kruger National Park	Berg en Dal, KNP
Day 7 – Kruger National Park	Satara, KNP
Day 8 – Kruger National Park	Satara, KNP
Day 9 – Kruger – Sabie Sands Private Reserve	Cheetah Plains, Sabie Sands
Day 10 – Sabie Sands Private Reserve	Cheetah Plains, Sabie Sands
Day 11 – Sabie Sands Private Reserve	Cheetah Plains, Sabie Sands
Day 12 – Sabie Sands Private Reserve - White River	White River (End of Tour)

OVERVIEW

This trip was specially designed for Kieran and Pattie to see the very best of the escarpment of South Africa and the low-lying Kruger National Park to the east. The beautiful scenes of the Blyde River Canyon, Pilgrims Rest village, the rolling grasslands and rocky hillsides of Dullstroom, and the indigenous forest of Mt Sheba offer some incredible birding with many a photo opportunity. The Kruger National Park and the Sabie Sands Private Game Reserve gave us a perfect balance of birding and special close-up mammal sightings. Kieran, who has been birding for a long time and who has joined us on many trips – most recently to Cuba with Chris Lotz – was relishing the chance to finally get stuck into birding in Southern Africa. Species such as Gurney’s Sugarbird, Secretarybird, African Hoopoe, and African Barred Owl were all on the cards. Pattie, on the other hand, was patiently awaiting sightings of special mammals such as the powerful lion and the mystical leopard as well as cheetah and a chance to see wild dog.

3 May - Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve and Marievale Bird Sanctuary

A day trip with senior tour leader Dylan Vasapoli was a fantastic way to kick things off here in the southern hemisphere. A total of 106 species were recorded for the day, including some cracking grassland species from Suikerbosrand and some waterfowl from Marievale Bird Sanctuary. In Suikerbosrand **Cape Rock Thrush** and **Mocking Cliff Chat** were seen calling from the same song-post, while both **Brown Snake Eagle** and **Jackal Buzzard** put in a nice display. The thorn veld scrub was productive: **Common Scimitarbill**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, and **Green-winged Pytilia** were all seen. Marievale was stunning in the afternoon light. **African Snipe**, **Black Crake**, and **African Rail** were moving around and feeding quite close to the road. A true highlight was watching multiple **Marsh Owls** flying slowly over the open grassy areas.

4 - 5 May – Drive to Dullstroom and Dullstroom birding

We started our drive to the eastern escarpment of South Africa. We would stay one night in Dullstroom to bird the surrounding high-altitude grasslands and then two nights at Mt Sheba to enjoy forest walks as well as some more escarpment birding and extravagant scenery. En route to Dullstroom we decided to fit in some birding in the Wilge River Valley north of Bronkhorstspuit. Here we kicked off our list with the likes of **Striped Pipit**, **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird**, **Thick-billed Weaver**, **Black Cuckooshrike**, **Southern Black Tit**, **Black-crowned Tchagra**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow**, and a noisy party of **Arrow-marked Babblers**. Other birds en route included **Southern Black Flycatcher**, **Pied Starling**, and an elegant **Long-crested Eagle**. Dullstroom birding was enjoyable: **Eastern Long-billed Lark**, **Rock Kestrel**, **Buff-streaked Chat**, **Mountain Wheatear**, and **African Olive Pigeons** all performed in one way or another. The town is quaint, and we surely won't forget the excellent omelets and the fresh trout!

6 - 7 May – Mt Sheba Birding and the Panorama Route

It's a beautiful drive to Mt Sheba, and the rocky hillsides and golden grasslands quickly become an indigenous-forested descent toward the beautiful lodging. The forested descent, as one would expect, holds a really awesome list of forest bird species as well as samango monkey. We caught up in the forest with species like **Knysna Turaco**, **Chorister Robin-Chat**, **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler**, **Southern Double-Collared Sunbird**, and **Olive Thrush**.



Gurney's Sugarbird, Mt Sheba

We spent a full day birding the surrounding forest edges in the morning and traversing the beautiful sites that the famous Panorama Route has to offer. The morning's birding session was productive, yielding **African Goshawk**, **African Dusky Flycatcher**, **African Olive Pigeon**, **Olive Woodpecker**, **Cape Batis**, **Lemon Dove**, and the beautiful **White-starred Robin**. We were also very fortunate to pick up some escarpment species like **Southern Tchagra** and **Red-necked Spurfowl** as well as **Gurney's Sugarbird**. The sugarbird was completely confiding and sat up in the open for an extended period of time – a great sighting! A stunning, clear day meant that our drive to Pilgrim's Rest and to Graskop and then northwards to the Blyde River Canyon lookouts was thoroughly enjoyable. The Pinnacle Rock lookout as well as God's Window were the first couple of stops. However, the Three

Rondavels lookout was definitely the favorite spot of the day. Lunch was at a local spot called Boskombuis (Afrikaans for ‘bush kitchen’), which served traditional meals such as Pap en sous, Chicken Potjie, and a traditional curried mince dish called Bobotie. This was a spot that I will be sure to visit more often from now on!



A panoramic view at the Three Rondavels – whoa!

8 - 9 May – Drive to Kruger National Park and Berg en Dal area birding

Kieran, Pattie, and I set off down the escarpment towards the town of Hazyview. We planned on entering the Kruger National Park at Phabeni Gate and from there making our way to Pretoriuskop for lunch. After picking up some local fresh fruit from a road farm stall we made our way into Kruger.

The excitement of having lots of animals and birds around every corner was huge, and it wasn't long before we enjoyed a few new birds and some more of the common mammal species. Birding highlights en route to our accommodation for the next two nights included **White-crested** and **Retz's Helmetshrikes**, **Bushveld Pipit**, **Green-capped Eremomela**, and an adult and later an immature **Dark Chanting Goshawk**. The sounds of **Burchell's Starlings** and **Brown-headed Parrots** were almost perpetual on the road leading toward the rest camp, while the grounds of the camp held **African Paradise Flycatcher**, **Grey Tit-Flycatcher**, **Collared** and **White-bellied Sunbirds**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, **Little Sparrowhawk**, **Black-headed Oriole**, **Burchell's Coucal**, **Purple-crested Turaco**, **African Barred Owlet**, **Hamerkop**, **Bearded Scrub Robin**, **White-browed Robin-Chat**, and **Greater Blue-eared Starling** as well as both **Orange-breasted** and **Grey-headed Bushshrikes!** What a haul!

A super-productive night drive from Berg en Dal was enjoyed. Common duiker (an occasional road-kill-scavenging antelope – as we learned on the drive), steenbok, and spotted hyena were in good numbers, as too was **Bronze-winged Courser** – a ridiculous 17 individuals were seen on the drive! Other birding highlights in the area were **Martial Eagle**, **Burchell's Coucal**, **Bushveld Pipit**, **Black Stork**, and **Red-billed Oxpecker**.



African Barred Owlet, Berg en Dal Rest Camp

10 - 11 May – Birding Satara and surrounds

Drought in the area over the past year and a half was followed by a really good rainfall season this past January through March. This meant that certain species were doing really well. The Satara area was testament to that with excellent numbers of **Common Buttonquail** and **Harlequin Quail**. The buttonquail were particularly special as they were often seen on the road accompanied by a number of little balls of fluff on toothpick-legs. They would soon scurry off into the long grass, not to be seen again. We had booked ourselves onto a night drive in Berg en Dal, and we did the same thing up here in Satara. We checked out the air strip nearby as the local pride of lion often hangs around there – but no luck. We did pick up both **Square-tailed** and **Fiery-necked Nightjar** in addition to African elephant, blue wildebeest, and scrub hare. Not long after that we bumped into an African wild cat – what a stunning little cat! A pair of **Marsh Owls** was a nice surprise, hunting over the open fields for small rodents. Other night drive highlights included spotted hyena, (probable) large spotted genet, **Common Quail**, and a large male leopard that unfortunately moved off into the long grass before everyone could get onto it. We spent time in the Satara and Olifants areas over the course of the next day, and it was a privilege to see great numbers of African elephant, giraffe, waterbuck, greater kudu, warthog, vervet monkey, and chacma baboon. Birding was slow at times but great in the camp sites – we enjoyed the likes of **White-headed**, **Hooded**, and **Lappet-faced Vultures**, **African Hawk-Eagle**, **Shikra**, **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**, **White-throated Robin-Chat**, **Mourning Collared Dove**, **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver**, **African Green Pigeon**, and a stunning **Secretarybird** gliding through the grassland. We were also fortunate enough to find a couple of **Southern Ground Hornbills** patrolling the area right alongside Satara Rest Camp. Some of the local ponds and rivers held **Knob-billed Duck**, **Black Crake**, **Water Thick-knee**, and both **Woolly-necked** and the gigantic **Saddle-billed Stork** – a Kruger great!



Black Stork – Near Berg en Dal, Kruger National Park

12 - 14 May – Sabie Sands Private Game Reserve, Cheetah Plains

It was to be a fairly short drive that morning from Satara through the Orpen Gate and into Sabie Sands at Gowrie Gate. We picked up a few things along the way – an adult **Tawny Eagle** standing out as one of the better sightings. We kicked things off with a drive that afternoon already, and we were rewarded with a sighting of a coalition of cheetahs crossing through the Cheetah Plains property in the west. ‘Breathtaking elegance on paws’ is about the only way I know how to describe these majestic animals. We weren’t done yet – we bumped into a couple of **Red-crested Korhaans** en route north. These guys were a treat to watch as they gave us their characteristic click-peep call that repeats over and over rapidly. Eventually we made our way to where a pride of lions was reported. Sure enough, we found them – a whole pride right alongside the road with a host of cubs! This was one of the best game drives that I have personally been on; not only were the sightings great, but it was a beautiful evening with great company.



Cheetah

Over the course of the next few days we made sure to be out nice and early in the mornings, leaving just before sunrise to catch the first bit of light possible. This meant an early cup of coffee as well as a very South African rusk to wake you up. Once you're out there in the fresh, cool air, waiting for the next sighting, nothing could be better! We had great sightings of some of the more common animals such as giraffe, plains zebra, greater kudu, blue wildebeest, impala, and nyala, while seeing side-striped jackal was a little less common. Bird parties commonly held **Blue Waxbill**, **Chinspot Batis**, **White-crested Helmetshrike**, **Black-backed Puffback**, and **Golden-tailed, Cardinal**, and **Bearded Woodpeckers**. Terrestrial birds included the very vocal **Coqui Francolin** and **Swainson's** and **Natal Spurfowls**, **Crested Francolin**, and **Helmeted Guineafowl**. A pair of **Bateleur** perched high on an open branch was a real treat! This species is more often than not seen in its characteristic rocking motion while on the wing.



A pair of Bateleur, Sabie Sands

We were completely spoiled when it came to the charismatic **Southern Ground Hornbill**. We bumped into a group of four birds a couple of times and were able to observe them prowling the grasslands in search of any little (or large) morsel they could find. Other hornbill species were also abundant during the trip; these were **Southern Yellow-billed**, **Southern Red-billed**, **Crowned**, and **African Grey Hornbills**. The gardens at the lodge were super-productive. Kieran and I enjoyed walking up and down, checking to see what was knocking about. Suddenly, "What's that calling?" – **Scarlet-chested Sunbird!** A small flowering creeper was growing on the wall alongside the reception; the sunbird couldn't resist the nectar from these flowers. What a stunning bird! Before we knew it, our last morning was upon us, and I'm still not sure that we can believe it ourselves, but our last drive on the last morning of our tour was really special! We had mentioned in passing that this would indeed be the last chance for us to spot the enigmatic African wild dog. Well, you guessed it: Out of the blue we bumped right into a small pack of three dogs that had just spotted a large group of impala. This can't be happening – are we about to see a wild dog kill? In a flash they were off, full speed ahead! Impala scattered everywhere. Well, the dogs were close but unsuccessful this time around, and unfortunately after all that excitement they quickly disappeared into the thickets. Well, we had major excitement to end off a wonderful trip!

There were many great memories made and many new species of bird seen – a huge thanks to Kieran and Pattie! I hope you guys will continue to enjoy the natural world as much as you do now!

South Africa - The Escarpment and Kruger National Park May 2017 Bird List

Bold = Country endemic		
Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered, CE = Critically Endangered		
Common name IOC 7.2	Scientific name IOC 7.2	Trip
	STRUTHIONIFORMES	
<u>Ostriches</u>	<u>Struthionidae</u>	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
<u>Ducks, Geese and Swans</u>	<u>Anatidae</u>	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	1
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	1
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	1
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	1
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	1
	GALLIFORMES	
<u>Guineafowl</u>	<u>Numididae</u>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	1
<u>Pheasants and allies</u>	<u>Phasianidae</u>	
Coqui Francolin	<i>Peliperdix coqui</i>	1
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	1
Natal Spurrow	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>	1
Red-necked Spurrow	<i>Pternistis afer</i>	1
Swainson's Spurrow	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	1
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	1
Harlequin Quail	<i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
<u>Grebes</u>	<u>Podicipedidae</u>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1
	CICONIIFORMES	
<u>Storks</u>	<u>Ciconiidae</u>	
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	1
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	1
	PELECANIFORMES	

<u>Ibises, Spoonbills</u>	<u>Threskiornithidae</u>	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	1
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	1
<u>Hérons, Bitterns</u>	<u>Ardeidae</u>	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	1
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
<u>Hamerkop</u>	<u>Scopidae</u>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	1
	SULIFORMES	
<u>Cormorants, Shags</u>	<u>Phalacrocoracidae</u>	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	1
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
<u>Secretarybird</u>	<u>Sagittariidae</u>	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	1
<u>Kites, Hawks and Eagles</u>	<u>Accipitridae</u>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	1
Hooded Vulture - CE	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	1
White-backed Vulture - CE	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	1
White-headed Vulture - CE	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	1
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	1
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	1
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	1
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	1
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	1
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	1
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	1
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	1
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	1
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	1
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	1
	OTIDIFORMES	
<u>Bustards</u>	<u>Otididae</u>	
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>	1

	GRUIFORMES	
<u>Rails, Crakes and Coots</u>	<u>Rallidae</u>	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
<u>Buttonquail</u>	<u>Turnicidae</u>	
Common Buttonquail	<i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>	1
<u>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</u>	<u>Burhinidae</u>	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	1
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	1
<u>Plovers</u>	<u>Charadriidae</u>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	1
White-crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	1
Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>	1
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	1
<u>Courasers, Pratincoles</u>	<u>Glareolidae</u>	
Bronze-winged Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i>	1
	PTEROCLIFORMES	
<u>Sandgrouse</u>	<u>Pteroclididae</u>	
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>	1
	COLUMBIFORMES	
<u>Pigeons, Doves</u>	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	1
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	1
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	1
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	1
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	1
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	1
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	1
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	1
	MUSIPHAGIFORMES	
<u>Turacos</u>	<u>Musophagidae</u>	
Knysna Turaco	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>	1
Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>	1
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
<u>Cuckoos</u>	<u>Cuculidae</u>	
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>	1
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
<u>Owls</u>	<u>Strigidae</u>	

African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	1
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	1
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>	1
Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
<u>Nightjars</u>	<u>Caprimulgidae</u>	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	1
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>	1
	APODIFORMES	
<u>Swifts</u>	<u>Apodidae</u>	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	1
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	1
	COLIIFORMES	
<u>Mousebirds</u>	<u>Coliidae</u>	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	1
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
<u>Rollers</u>	<u>Coraciidae</u>	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	1
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	1
<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Alcedinidae</u>	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	1
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	1
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1
<u>Bee-eaters</u>	<u>Meropidae</u>	
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	1
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	1
	BUCEROTIFORMES	
<u>Hoopoes</u>	<u>Upupidae</u>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1
<u>Wood Hoopoes</u>	<u>Phoeniculidae</u>	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	1
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	1
<u>Ground Hornbills</u>	<u>Bucorvidae</u>	
Southern Ground Hornbill - VU	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>	1
<u>Hornbills</u>	<u>Bucerotidae</u>	
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	1
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>	1

African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	1
	PICIFORMES	
<u>African Barbets</u>	<u>Lybiidae</u>	
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	1
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	1
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	1
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	<u>Picidae</u>	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	1
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>	1
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	1
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
<u>Caracaras, Falcons</u>	<u>Falconidae</u>	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	1
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	1
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1
	PSITTACIFORMES	
<u>African & New World Parrots</u>	<u>Psittacidae</u>	
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
<u>Wattle-eyes, Batises</u>	<u>Platysteiridae</u>	
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	1
Chin-spot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	1
<u>Helmetshrikes</u>	<u>Prionopidae</u>	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	1
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>	1
<u>Bushshrikes</u>	<u>Malaconotidae</u>	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	1
Olive Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>	1
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	1
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	1
Southern Tchagra	<i>Tchagra tchagra</i>	1
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	1
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	1
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	1
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	1
<u>Cuckooshrikes</u>	<u>Campephagidae</u>	
Grey Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>	1
<u>Shrikes</u>	<u>Laniidae</u>	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>	1
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>	1
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	1

<u>Figbirds, Orioles</u>	<u>Oriolidae</u>	
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	1
<u>Drongos</u>	<u>Dicruridae</u>	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	1
<u>Monarchs</u>	<u>Monarchidae</u>	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>	1
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	1
<u>Crows, Jays</u>	<u>Corvidae</u>	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	1
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	1
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	1
<u>Tits, Chickadees</u>	<u>Paridae</u>	
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	1
<u>Larks</u>	<u>Alaudidae</u>	
Eastern Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>	1
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	1
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	1
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>	1
<u>Bulbuls</u>	<u>Pycnonotidae</u>	
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	1
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	1
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	1
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>	1
<u>Swallows, Martins</u>	<u>Hirundinidae</u>	
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	1
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	1
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	1
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	1
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	1
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	1
<u>Crombecs, African Warblers</u>	<u>Macrosphenidae</u>	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	1
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	1
<u>Leaf Warblers and allies</u>	<u>Phylloscopidae</u>	
Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i>	1
<u>Cisticolas and allies</u>	<u>Cisticolidae</u>	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	1
Lazy Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>	1
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	1
Wailing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lais</i>	1
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	1

Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>	1
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	1
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	1
Drakensberg Prinia	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>	1
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>	1
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	1
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	1
Stierling's Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	1
Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>	1
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>	1
<u>Laughingthrushes</u>	<u>Leiothrichidae</u>	
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoidea jardineii</i>	1
<u>White-eyes</u>	<u>Zosteropidae</u>	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>	1
<u>Sugarbirds</u>	<u>Promeropidae</u>	
Gurney's Sugarbird	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>	1
<u>Starlings, Rhabdornis</u>	<u>Sturnidae</u>	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	1
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	1
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	1
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>	1
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>	1
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	1
<u>Oxpeckers</u>	<u>Buphagidae</u>	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	1
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorynchus</i>	1
<u>Thrushes</u>	<u>Turdidae</u>	
Orange Ground Thrush	<i>Geokichla gurneyi</i>	1
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>	1
Kurriehane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>	1
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	1
<u>Chats, Old World Flycatchers -</u>	<u>Muscicapidae</u>	
Bearded Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>	1
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	1
Brown Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas signata</i>	1
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	1
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	1
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>	1
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>	1
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	1

African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	1
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	1
White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>	1
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	1
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>	1
Chorister Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>	1
White-starred Robin	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>	1
Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>	1
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	1
Buff-streaked Chat	<i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i>	1
Mocking Cliff Chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>	1
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	1
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	1
<u>Sunbirds</u>	<u>Nectariniidae</u>	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	1
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>	1
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	1
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	1
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>	1
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>	1
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	1
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	1
<u>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches</u>	<u>Passeridae</u>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	1
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>	1
<u>Weavers, Widowbirds</u>	<u>Ploceidae</u>	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	1
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	1
Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	1
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	1
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	1
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	1
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	1
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	1
Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	1
<u>Waxbills, Munias and allies</u>	<u>Estrildidae</u>	
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>	1
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	1
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>	1
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	1
Quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>	1

Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	1
<u>Indigobirds, Whydahs</u>	<u>Viduidae</u>	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	1
<u>Wagtails, Pipits</u>	<u>Motacillidae</u>	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	1
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>	1
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	1
Striped Pipit	<i>Anthus lineiventris</i>	1
Bushveld Pipit	<i>Anthus caffer</i>	1
<u>Finches</u>	<u>Fringillidae</u>	
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	1
Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>	1
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	1
<u>Buntings, New World Sparrows</u>	<u>Emberizidae</u>	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	1
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	1
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Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	RODENTIA	
	Sciuridae	
Smith's bush squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>	1
	LAGOMORPHA	
	Leporidae	
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	1
	PRIMATES	
	Cercopithecidae	
Chacma baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	1
Vervet monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	1
Samango monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis labiatus</i>	1
	CARNIVORA	
	Canidae	
African wild dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	1
Black-backed jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	1
Side-striped jackal	<i>Canis adustus</i>	1
	Felidae	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	1

Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	1
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	1
African wild cat	<i>Felis silvestris lybica</i>	1
	Hyaenidae	
Spotted hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	1
	Viverridae	
Cape genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>	1
	Herpestidae	
Yellow mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	1
Banded mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	1
Slender mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>	1
	PROBOSCIDEA	
Elephants:	Elephantidae	
African/Savannah Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	1
	PERISSODACTYLA	
	Equidae	
Plains zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	1
	Rhinocerotidae	
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	1
	CETARTIODACTYLA	
	Suidae	
Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	1
	Hippopotamidae	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	1
	Giraffidae	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	1
	Bovidae	
African buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	1
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	1
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	1
Blue wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus taurinus</i>	1
Oribi	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>	1
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>	1
Common duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	1
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	1
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	1
Grey rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>	1
Greater kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	1
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	1
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	1
TOTAL		36