



## 8-DAY WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA SET-DEPARTURE TRIP REPORT

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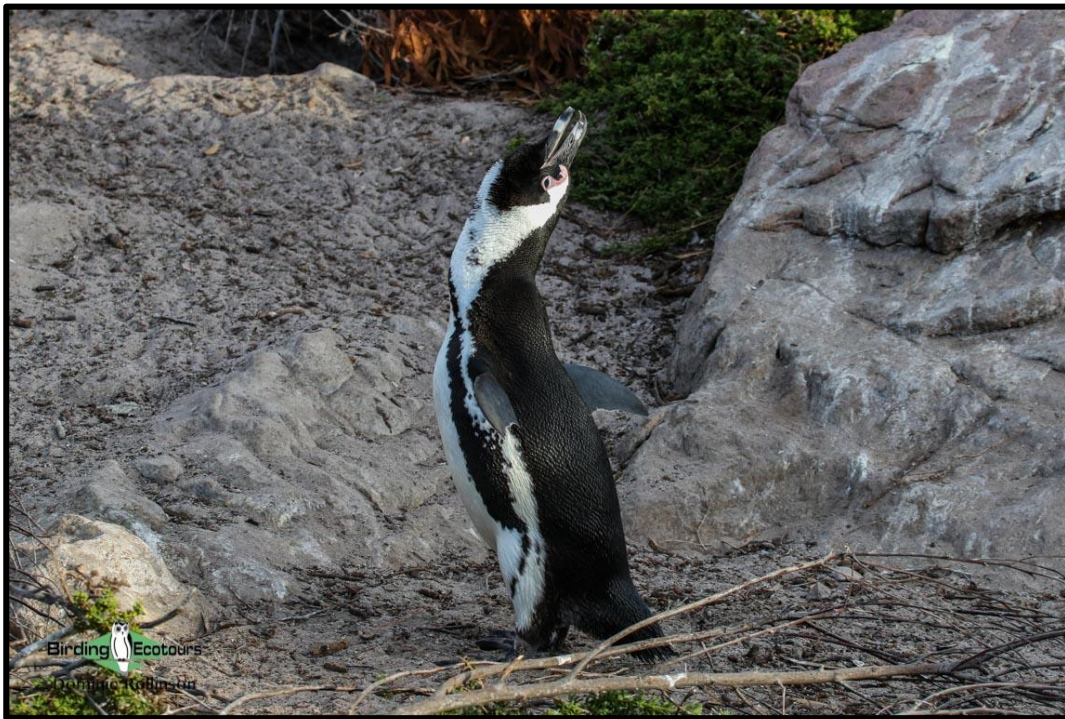


*The endemic Cape Siskin put on a show for us at Rooi Els.*

### Overview

This short Cape tour was designed to provide a snapshot of what the beautiful Cape has to offer. The Cape has an incredibly high level of avian endemism (mostly due to the unique Fynbos vegetation found here), and it was many of these endemics that we spent our time searching for. This tour also has a lot more to offer than just the birding; the food and accommodation are top class, the scenery is at times breathtaking, and the weather is mostly perfect.

During this eight-day tour we managed an impressive bird list of 222 species (plus an additional 11 species heard only), including many South African endemics and near-endemics, such as **African Penguin**, **Cape Gannet**, **Bank, Cape**, and **Crowned Cormorants**, **Jackal Buzzard**, **Grey-winged Francolin**, **Cape Spurfowl**, **Blue Crane**, **Ludwig's Bustard**, **Southern Black Korhaan**, **Large-billed**, **Cape Long-billed**, and **Karoo Larks**, **Cape Rock Thrush**, **Karoo, Sickie-winged**, **Tractrac**, and **Ant-eating Chats**, **Cape Rockjumper**, **Ground Woodpecker**, **Cape Grassbird**, **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Karoo Eremomela**, **Cinnamon-breasted**, **Namaqua**, and **Rufous-eared Warblers**, **Fairy Flycatcher**, **Pririt Batis**, **Cape Sugarbird**, **Orange-breasted** and **Southern Double-collared Sunbirds**, **Swee Waxbill**, **Forest Canary**, and **Cape Siskin**.



*African Penguins were seen at their breeding colony at Stony Point.*

During our travels we also came across a few interesting mammal species, with the highlights being **Bontebok**, **Gemsbok**, **Common Eland**, **Cape Grey Mongoose**, and **Cape Porcupine**.

### Detailed Report

#### **Day 1, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Arrival in Simonstown**

With most clients only arriving later in the day we did not do a great deal of birding today. However, we did manage to visit Boulders Beach in Simonstown, where recorded a number of coastal species such as **African Penguin**, **African Oystercatcher**, **Greater Crested Tern**, **Crowned** and **Cape Cormorants**, and **Hartlaub's Gull**. In the vegetated patches we also found **Speckled Mousebird**, **Cape Bulbul**, **Karoo Prinia**, **Cape White-eye**, and **Cape Robin-Chat**. Later in the afternoon we headed to some nearby wetlands, which had some good birding. Here we found **Malachite Kingfisher**, **Red-knobbed Coot**, **Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant**, **Fiscal Flycatcher**, **Malachite Sunbird**, **Southern Masked** and **Cape Weavers**, and a few impressive male **Pin-tailed Whydahs**. When we arrived back at our accommodation in Simonstown we picked out a distant **Brown Skua** over False Bay. In the evening we enjoyed a great meal with the anticipation of a full week's birding around the Cape ahead of us!

#### **Day 2, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Day trip to the Betty's Bay area**

We were on the road before sunrise this morning to ensure we could be at our first birding spot in the glorious early-morning light. We arrived at Rooi Els in good time and soon began our hunt for the elusive Cape endemic, Cape Rockjumper. While searching for rockjumpers we came across a number of other good birds along our walk, including **Cape Bunting**, **Cape Spurfowl**, **African Black Swift**, **Jackal Buzzard**, **Rock Kestrel**, **Cape Grassbird**, **Neddicky (Piping Cisticola)**, **Grey-backed Cisticola**, **Victorin's Warbler** (heard only), **Cape Rock Thrush**, **Cape Sugarbird**, **Orange-breasted** and **Southern Double-collared Sunbirds**, and **Cape Siskin**. It took a while, but eventually a pair of **Cape Rockjumpers** showed well, and soon after that a **Ground Woodpecker** showed itself too (well spotted, Rudolf!). Unfortunately a calling **Sentinel Rock Thrush**, higher up the slope would not play along! A quick seawatch had a few **White-chinned Petrels** and **Cape Gannets** but not too much else unfortunately.

We then moved around the corner to Harold Porter National Botanical Garden in Betty's Bay, where we wandered around the beautifully kept, indigenous garden. Highlights here included **Cape Batis**, **African Paradise Flycatcher**, **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher** (heard only unfortunately), **Sombre Greenbul**, **Black Saw-wing**, **Olive Thrush**, **African Dusky Flycatcher**, **Yellow Bishop**, **Brimstone** and **Cape Canaries**, and a magnificent pair of soaring **Verreaux's Eagles**, which gave us prolonged views.

For our lunch stop we enjoyed another fantastic meal at the Stony Point penguin colony (one of only two mainland African Penguin colonies), where we saw many comical **African Penguins**, a few **African Oystercatchers** feeding on the rocks, and good views of a large colony of breeding **Bank, Crowned, Cape, and White-breasted Cormorants** nearby.

In the early afternoon we made our way back toward Simonstown but made sure that we had enough time left for a visit to Strandfontein Sewage Works, which is surely one of the top birding spots around Cape Town. Soon after arriving we were inundated with new birds, thousands of **Greater Flamingos** (with smaller numbers of **Lesser Flamingos**), a wide range of waterfowl species (**Spur-winged** and **Egyptian Geese**, **South African Shelduck**, **Yellow-billed** and **Maccoa Ducks**, **Cape Shoveler**, **Cape, Hottentot**, and **Red-billed Teals**, and **Southern Pochard**) and a few common Palearctic shorebirds. Other species which took a bit more work to find included **Black-necked (Eared) Grebe**, **White Stork**, **Spotted Thick-knee**, **Grey-headed**



**Gull, Purple Heron, Whiskered Tern, Intermediate Egret, and Glossy Ibis.** In the surrounding scrub and reedbeds we found **Black-winged Kite, Little Rush** and **Lesser Swamp Warblers, Cape Longclaw, and Cape Weaver.**



*The beautiful **Orange-breasted Sunbird** is common in mountain fynbos of the Cape.*

### **Day 3, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Cape Peninsula birding**

Unfortunately due to strong winds and swells our pelagic trip was called off today. However, that meant that we had more time to bird the Cape Peninsula and target a few species which generally require a bit more effort to find.

Our first stop for the day was the Zeekoevlei wetland, where we managed to find **Black Crake, Black-crowned Night** and **Purple Herons, African Spoonbill, and African Darter.** Afterwards we drove around the corner to Rondevlei Nature Reserve, where we spent a few hours exploring the wetland from the various well-positioned hides. Rondevlei has a different mix of wetland bird species from Strandfontein Sewage Works, and hence we managed to add a number of new birds to our trip list, including **Great Crested Grebe, African Swamphen, Little Bittern** (fleeting glimpses), **African Marsh Harrier, African Reed Warbler, Greater Striped Swallow, and Red-faced Mousebird.**

Next was the world-famous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden for a very different mix of species. We spent a good couple of hours walking around these beautiful gardens, with Table Mountain as a backdrop, and managed to find some great birds. Highlights of our time here were **Lemon Dove, Cape Batis, Bar-throated Apalis, Cape Bulbul, Sweet Waxbill, Forest, Brimstone, and Cape Canaries,** and a really vocal **Klaas's Cuckoo,** which annoyingly would just not show itself. The resident **Spotted Eagle-Owls** also showed really well for us and posed for photographs.



*The resident **Spotted Eagle-Owl** showed well at Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden (photo Rudolf Koes).*

#### **Day 4, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018. West coast birding**

This morning we headed out early to bird some wetlands not far from Simonstown before coming back for breakfast at the guest house. The early morning's birding did not produce too much but did get us our first **Southern Boubou** of the trip.

After breakfast we packed the vehicle and headed north to the west coast, where we were to spend the day birding. En route to West Coast National Park we birded some farmlands and strandveld vegetation just outside the park and had a really productive couple of hours there. Some of the highlights from our time here included **Blue Crane, Martial Eagle, Jackal Buzzard, Lanner Falcon, Southern Black Korhaan, White-backed Mousebird, African Hoopoe, European Bee-eater, Greater Honeyguide, Pearl-breasted Swallow, Cardinal Woodpecker, Bokmakierie, Red-capped Lark, Pied Starling, African Stonechat, Capped Wheatear, and Karoo Scrub Robin**. A quick stop at a patch of nearby grassland had us adding **Large-billed Lark, Cape Longclaw, and Cloud Cisticola**.

Once in the West Coast National Park we headed to Abrahamskraal bird hide, which overlooks the only freshwater in the park. Here we found **Yellow Canary, Cape Weaver, African Swamphen, Black Crake, and White-throated Swallow**, and, just as we were leaving, we had amazing views of an incredibly confiding **African Rail**. Later in the afternoon we stopped at

Seeberg hide, which overlooks some mudflats within the huge Langebaan Lagoon. Here we found an assortment of shorebirds, including **Whimbrel**, **Eurasian Curlew**, **Grey**, **Common Ringed**, **Kittlitz's**, **White-fronted**, and **Three-banded Plovers**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, and **Common Greenshank**. The tern roost had large numbers of **Greater Crested**, **Caspian**, and **Sandwich Terns** and a single **Common Tern**. Other good birds seen throughout the park included **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Chestnut-vented Warbler**, **Grey-winged Francolin**, and great sightings of at least two **Black Harriers**!

#### **Day 5, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. West Coast to Tankwa Karoo**

For those who were keen to join we left on a predawn mission to look for displaying Cape Clapper Larks. Unfortunately, there were none calling in the area, and so we headed back for an early breakfast at the guest house before making our way farther north up the west coast. En route to the farmlands of Vredenburg we stopped around Langebaan, where we found a number of displaying **Cape Clapper Larks** as well as **Cape Long-billed** and **Karoo Larks** and **Southern Black Korhaan**. The farmlands proved really productive with sightings of **Blue Crane** (dozens!), **Spotted Thick-knee**, **Capped Wheatear**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Grey Tit**, **Banded Martin**, and **Sickle-winged Chat**, with sighting of the day going to a distant **Ludwig's Bustard**.



*Southern Black Korhaan was seen on the west coast.*

After leaving the farmlands we stopped briefly at a salt works in Velddrif, where we added **Chestnut-banded Plover** (many), **Red-necked Phalarope**, and **Pied Kingfisher** before we headed inland toward the Tankwa Karoo. Before crossing the mountains into the Tankwa Karoo Betty brought the car to a halt, as she had spotted a **Secretarybird** that provided us all with fantastic views of one of the weirder-looking birds on the planet. We also found another new bird en route in form of **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**. Before dinner some of us managed to hear the distant call of a **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar**; unfortunately the bird could not be seen!



**Day 6, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Tankwa Karoo birding**

Today we had the full day to bird the vast open plains of the Tankwa Karoo; always an exciting prospect when you understand just how many special birds are on offer here! First thing in the morning we headed into the plains, where we soon found **Karoo Eremomela**, **Rufous-eared Warbler**, **Karoo** and **Tractrac Chats**, **Karoo Korhaan** (heard only), and **Spike-heeled Lark**. Before breakfast we thought we would give a nearby gorge a try for **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler**. Alfonso produced the goods soon after we jumped out the car, as he had spotted a pair of warblers working their way along the scree slope. This was definitely the shortest time I've ever spent looking for this species, which can give you the runaround for hours. Other good birds seen here included **Fairy Flycatcher**, **African Reed Warbler**, **White-throated Canary**, **Layard's Warbler**, **Mountain Wheatear**, and **Dusky Sunbird**. Around our accommodation we found a very obliging pair of **Nicholson's Pipits** (a recent Long-billed Pipit split). The morning couldn't have started much better!



*White-throated Canary was common in the Tankwa Karoo.*

After a hearty breakfast we headed north into the plains toward the Tankwa Karoo National Park. Birding was a little slower during the heat of the day, but we did accumulate a number of new birds throughout the afternoon, including **Pale Chanting Goshawk** and **Greater Kestrel** perched up on electricity pylons, **Pririt Batis**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Namaqua Warbler** in dry riverbeds, and **Ant-eating Chat** and **Lark-like Bunting** in the open plains. In the Tankwa Karoo National Park we came across a number of larger game species including **Gemsbok**, **Springbok**, and **Steenbok**.

In the late afternoon we tried a large reedbed for views of **Red-chested Flufftail**; however, we had to be content with just hearing them for now! In the evening we went for a night drive, but

unfortunately the wind was blowing strong and the best we could do was to hear distant **Freckled Nightjars** and **Western Barn Owl**.

### Day 7, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Tankwa Karoo to Cape Town

This morning we headed back to the reedbeds to have another crack at Red-chested Flufftail. As we arrived at the site we flushed a couple of **African Snipes** and then began the vigil of waiting for the flufftails to show themselves. After a long wait a couple of us managed brief views of a single male **Red-chested Flufftail** as it briefly crossed the path.



*Waiting for a flufftail!*

On our way out of the Tankwa Karoo we had great sightings of a single **Verreaux's Eagle** as it flew by low over the road. The Tankwa Karoo is notoriously tough-going on cars and tires, and up until now I had been fortunate, after dozens of trips, to never have a flat tire. Unfortunately it seemed my luck had run out today; we had three flat tires while making our way back through the Tankwa Karoo, which cut into our birding time. Thankfully at one of the tire-change stops a **Black-headed Canary** decided to show itself and at the next a **Diederik Cuckoo**; however, it did mean that we had run out of time (and tires) to look for Protea Canary on our way home.

Once we had made it back to Cape Town we did some forest birding in the late afternoon to look for anything we had missed during our time around Kirstenbosch. We added a few new birds in form of **African Goshawk**, **Common Chaffinch** and **African Olive Pigeon**. Later in the evening, after our final dinner of the trip, we headed out once more to search for **African Wood Owl** and were rewarded with good views of a confiding pair.



**Day 8, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Departure**

After a fantastic week of birding around the Cape unfortunately the tour came to an end this morning. As we were packing the vehicle an **African Harrier-Hawk** flew by briefly before we headed to the airport, where some of us would be carrying on to join our 18-day Subtropical South Africa tour starting in Durban later that afternoon.



*Cormorants, such as this **Cape Cormorant**, were seen well at Stony Point.*

**Bird List - Following IOC (9.2)**

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

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. South African endemics are bolded.

Common name	Scientific name
<b>Ostriches (Struthionidae)</b>	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
<b>Guineafowl (Numididae)</b>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
<b>Pheasants and allies (Phasianidae)</b>	
<b>Grey-winged Francolin</b>	<i>Scleroptila afra</i>
<b>Cape Spurfowl</b>	<i>Pternistis capensis</i>
Common Quail (H)	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
<b>Ducks, Geese and Swans (Anatidae)</b>	
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
Hottentot Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</i>
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
Maccoa Duck - VU	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
<b>Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)</b>	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar (H)	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>
Fiery-necked Nightjar (H)	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Freckled Nightjar (H)	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
<b>Swifts (Apodidae)</b>	

Common name	Scientific name
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
<b>Bustards (Otididae)</b>	
Ludwig's Bustard - EN	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>
Karoo Korhaan (H)	<i>Eupodotis vigorsii</i>
<b>Southern Black Korhaan - VU</b>	<b><i>Afrotis afra</i></b>
<b>Cuckoos (Cuculidae)</b>	
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo (H)	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
<b>Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)</b>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
African Olive Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</i>
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
<b>Flufftails (Scolothruridae)</b>	
Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Scolothrura rufa</i>
<b>Rails, Crakes and Coots (Rallidae)</b>	
African Rail	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
African Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
<b>Cranes (Gruidae)</b>	
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>
<b>Grebes (Podicipedidae)</b>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>



Common name	Scientific name
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
<b>Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)</b>	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
<b>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)</b>	
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
<b>Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)</b>	
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>
<b>Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)</b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
<b>Plovers (Charadriidae)</b>	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover - NT	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
<b>Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)</b>	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Eurasian Curlew - NT	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
<b>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers (Laridae)</b>	

Common name	Scientific name
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
<b>Skuas (Stercorariidae)</b>	
Brown Skua	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>
<b>Penguins (Spheniscidae)</b>	
African Penguin - EN	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
<b>Petrels, Shearwaters &amp; Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)</b>	
White-chinned Petrel - VU	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>
<b>Storks (Ciconiidae)</b>	
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
<b>Gannets, Boobies (Sulidae)</b>	
Cape Gannet - EN	<i>Morus capensis</i>
<b>Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)</b>	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
Crowned Cormorant - NT	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>
Bank Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
Cape Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>
<b>Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)</b>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
<b>Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)</b>	
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
<b>Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)</b>	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
<b>Pelicans (Pelecanidae)</b>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
<b>Secretarybird (Sagittariidae)</b>	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
<b>Kites, Hawks and Eagles (Accipitridae)</b>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
Black Harrier - EN	<i>Circus maurus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
<b>Barn Owls (Tytonidae)</b>	
Western Barn Owl (H)	<i>Tyto alba</i>
<b>Owls (Strigidae)</b>	
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
<b>Mousebirds (Coliidae)</b>	



Common name	Scientific name
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
<b>Hoopoes (Upupidae)</b>	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
<b>Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)</b>	
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
<b>Bee-eaters (Meropidae)</b>	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
<b>African Barbets (Lybiidae)</b>	
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
<b>Honeyguides (Indicatoridae)</b>	
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
<b>Woodpeckers (Picidae)</b>	
Ground Woodpecker - NT	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
<b>Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)</b>	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
<b>Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)</b>	
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>
Pririt Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>
<b>Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)</b>	
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
<b>Shrikes (Laniidae)</b>	

Common name	Scientific name
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
<b>Monarchs (Monarchidae)</b>	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher (H)	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
<b>Crows, Jays (Corvidae)</b>	
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
<b>Rockjumpers (Chaetopidae)</b>	
Cape Rockjumper - NT	<i>Chaetops frenatus</i>
<b>Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)</b>	
Fairy Flycatcher	<i>Stenostira scita</i>
<b>Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)</b>	
Grey Tit	<i>Melaniparus afer</i>
<b>Penduline Tits (Remizidae)</b>	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
<b>Larks (Alaudidae)</b>	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Cape Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda curvirostris</i>
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Karoo Lark	<i>Calendulauda albescens</i>
Cape Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafrapa apiata</i>
Large-billed Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
<b>Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)</b>	
Cape Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
<b>Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)</b>	
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psaldiprocne pristoptera</i>
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>

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Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
<b>Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)</b>	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Victorin's Warbler (H)	<i>Cryptillas victorini</i>
<b>Reed Warblers and allies (Acrocephalidae)</b>	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
<b>Grassbirds and allies (Locustellidae)</b>	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
<b>Cisticolas and allies (Cisticolidae)</b>	
Grey-backed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Cloud Cisticola	<i>Cisticola textrix</i>
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>
Namaqua Warbler	<i>Phragmacia substriata</i>
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler	<i>Euryptila subcinnamomea</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Karoo Eremomela	<i>Eremomela gregalis</i>
<b>Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)</b>	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>
Layard's Warbler	<i>Sylvia layardi</i>
<b>White-eyes (Zosteropidae)</b>	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>



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<b>Sugarbirds (Promeropidae)</b>	
Cape Sugarbird	<i>Promerops cafer</i>
<b>Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)</b>	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
<b>Thrushes (Turdidae)</b>	
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
<b>Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)</b>	
Karoo Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
<b>Cape Rock Thrush</b>	<b><i>Monticola rupestris</i></b>
Sentinel Rock Thrush - NT (H)	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
Sickle-winged Chat	<i>Emarginata sinuata</i>
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
<b>Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)</b>	
<b>Orange-breasted Sunbird</b>	<b><i>Anthobaphes violacea</i></b>
Amethyst Sunbird (H)	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>
<b>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)</b>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>

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<b>Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)</b>	
<b>Cape Weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
<b>Waxbills, Munias and allies (Estrildidae)</b>	
Sweet Waxbill	<i>Coccygia melanotis</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
<b>Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)</b>	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
<b>Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)</b>	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>
<b>Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)</b>	
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
<b>Forest Canary</b>	<i>Crithagra scotops</i>
<b>Cape Siskin</b>	<i>Crithagra totta</i>
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>
Brimstone Canary	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
Black-headed Canary	<i>Serinus alario</i>
<b>Buntings (Emberizidae)</b>	
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetواني</i>
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>
<b>Total seen</b>	
<b>222</b>	
<b>Total heard only</b>	
<b>11</b>	
<b>Total recorded</b>	
<b>233</b>	

**Mammal List**

Common name	Scientific name
<b>Mongoose (Herpestidae)</b>	
Cape Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes pulverulentus</i>
<b>Bovids (Bovidae)</b>	
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
<b>Hyraxes (Procaviidae)</b>	
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
<b>Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)</b>	
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
<b>Rabbits and Hares (Leporidae)</b>	
Cape Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
<b>Squirrels, Chipmunks, Marmots, Prairie Dogs (Sciuridae)</b>	
Eastern Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
<b>True Mice (Muridae)</b>	
Four-striped Grass Mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>
<b>Old World Porcupines (Hystricidae)</b>	
Cape Porcupine	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>
<b>Total seen</b>	<b>13</b>



**Reptiles and Amphibians List**

Common Name	Scientific Name
<b>Land Tortoises (Testudinidae)</b>	
Angulate Tortoise	<i>Chersina angulata</i>
<b>Girdled Lizards and Relatives (Cordylidae)</b>	
Karoo Girdled Lizard	<i>Karusasaurus polyzonus</i>
<b>Skinks (Scincidae)</b>	
Red-sided Skink	<i>Trachylepis homalocephala</i>
<b>African Common Frogs (Pyxicephalidae)</b>	
Dark-throated River Frog	<i>Amietia fuscigula</i>
<b>Total seen</b>	<b>4</b>