



1-DAY DINOKENG/ZAAGKUILSDRIFT BIRDING TOUR



*We have good chances of finding the stunning **Crimson-breasted Shrike** on this day tour.*

After an early collection at your hotel in Johannesburg or Pretoria, we'll head north into prime "bushveld" habitat north of Pretoria. A summer outing here offers over 100 species in a few hours in a morning.

Birds include greater Kalahari specials such as **Southern Pied Babbler**, **Ashy Tit**, **Chestnut-vented Warbler**, **White-throated Robin-Chat**, **Kalahari Scrub Robin**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Shaft-tailed Whydah**, **Violet-eared Waxbill**, and **Barred Wren-Warbler**. Other common birds we'll probably find are **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**, **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill** and two other hornbill species, **Burchell's Starling**, and several beautiful bee-eater and roller species. In summer we may find a number of migrants including **Abdim's Stork**, **Montagu's** and **Pallid Harriers**, **Amur Falcon**, **Lesser Kestrel**, **African Pygmy Kingfisher**, **Blue-cheeked** and **Southern Carmine Bee-eaters** and **Eurasian Golden Oriole**. Towards the end of summer, the place comes alive with calling warblers such as **River**, **Icterine**, **Marsh** and **Olive-tree** as well as **Thrush** **Nightingale** and **Common Whitethroat**.



The beautiful Shaft-tailed Whydah can be seen in breeding plumage in the summer months.

After heavy rains the floodplain and adjoining grassland harbors large numbers of birds move into the area including **Black Heron**, **Dwarf Bittern**, **Lesser Moorhen**, **Allen's Gallinule**, **Striped** (rare), **African**, **Baillon's** and **Corn Crake**, **Harlequin Quail**, **Greater Painted-snipe**, **Caspian Plover**, **Black-winged Pratincole** and **Temminck's Courser**. In the adjoining scrub and grasslands we are also likely to find **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Western Yellow Wagtail**, **Great Sparrow**, **Scaly-feathered Weaver**, **Red-headed Finch**, **Yellow-crowned Bishop** and **Red-breasted Swallow**. After lunch (unless you only want to do a half-day trip), we

can travel southwards to visit diverse areas of woodland, wetland, and rocky outcrop. We can visit the Seringveld Conservancy, where **Kurrichane Thrush, Striped Kingfisher,** and **Southern Black Flycatcher** are likely. Local specials here include **Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Bushveld Pipit, Pale Flycatcher, White-throated Robin-Chat, Green-capped Eremomela,** and **Tinkling Cisticola.**

The guide for day trips is allocated only after you have booked, as all of them are run as private trips. But we always use the country's top birding guides.

Duration: 1 day

Start: Johannesburg/Pretoria

End: Johannesburg/Pretoria

Price: R4,500 for one person (then R500 per extra person)