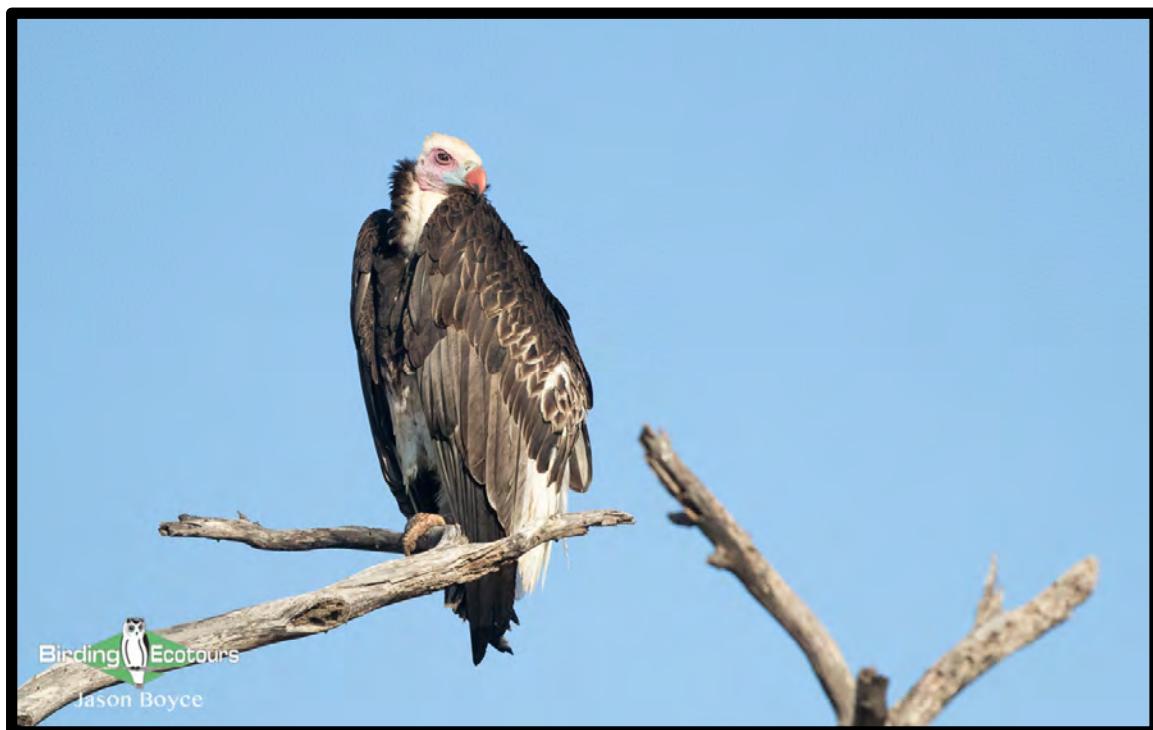




**SOUTH AFRICA: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AND
ESCARPMENT SET DEPARTURE TRIP REPORT**

29 SEPTEMBER – 7 OCTOBER 2019



*Kruger National Park is a great location to see many of the endangered Vulture species that we have in South Africa. Here is the Critically Endangered (IUCN) **White-headed Vulture**.*

Overview

This is one of my personal favorite areas to go birding in South Africa. The escarpment regions hold a variety of different habitats and can produce some really top birds, while the reputation of Kruger National Park speaks for itself. We spent a couple of days birding the grasslands of Dullstroom, the escarpment forests near Graskop, and the rocky landscapes through the J. G. Strijdom Tunnel. Top birds here included **Cape Eagle Owl**, **Blue Crane**, **Gurney's Sugarbird**, **Narina Trogon**, and **Knysna Turaco**, not to mention the pair of **African Finfoots** seen in the Wilge River Valley en route to Dullstroom. Kruger National Park delivered right from day 1 with **Dark Chanting Goshawk**, **White-headed Vulture**, and **Greater Painted Snipe** around Letaba. We worked our way south from Letaba Rest Camp all the way to Berg en Dal Rest Camp over the next few days, with Satara Rest Camp producing **Martial Eagle**, the magnificent **Saddle-billed Stork**, and a large pride of **Lions** with cubs on the famous S100. Berg en Dal Rest Camp was great for birding, once again producing **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Purple-banded Sunbird**, **African Barred Owlet**, **Purple-crested Turaco**, and **Bearded Scrub Robin**. Our last night's stay was in the famous birding area about one hour north of Pretoria, known as the Zaagkuil drift road and Kgomo-Kgomo floodplain. Here we picked up a number of dry-country species such as **Violet-eared Waxbill**, **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, and **Cape Vulture**. The trip also focused on smaller mammals and large game, and Kruger National Park delivered on both accounts: **Thick-tailed Greater Galago** and **Common Dwarf Mongoose** were both very entertaining. Sightings of **Lion**, **Leopard**, and **Spotted Hyaena** were also incredible!

Detailed Report

Day 1, 29th September 2019. The Wilge River Valley and drive to Dullstroom.

We started our tour with birding a fairly well-known Gauteng birding spot, the Wilge River Valley. Things were rather quiet and in general very dry, but some new growth in many of the plants and trees did liven things up. We enjoyed picking up the likes of **Familiar Chat**, **Greater Striped**, **Lesser Striped**, and **Red-breasted Swallows**, **Black-headed Oriole**, **Green Wood Hoopoe**, **Striped Kingfisher**, and **Black-winged Kite**. The morning's highlight, though, was a pair of **African Finfoots** cruising slowly on the Wilge River.

We arrived safely in Dullstroom, where we enjoyed a really good home-made-style lunch. Birding in Dullstroom for the afternoon was also slow. We headed up the De Berg Road and after some time with not much activity picked up **Pied Starling**, **Hadada Ibis**, and beautiful pair of **Blue Cranes**. **Cape Longclaw**, **Mountain Wheatear**, and **Eastern Long-billed Lark** were seen in good numbers, while a single male **Sentinel Rock Thrush** was on the lookout. We ended the day pretty well at the Dullstroom Nature Reserve, where we found a few **Yellow-billed Ducks**, **Intermediate Egret**, **Rock Martin**, **Greater Striped Swallow**, and, of course the bird of the evening, **Cape Eagle-Owl**. Cape Eagle-Owl is known to occur in this area, but finding it is a completely different story. We were lucky enough to see a pair of them, albeit from a distance.



Not often seen, Cape Eagle-Owl is certainly a sought-after species in South Africa.

Day 2, 30th September 2019. Verloren Valei and Mount Sheba Nature Reserves

Another morning in the Highveld grassland habitats around Dullstroom certainly proved to be productive. Bird species were not too vocal today, but we still managed to get a few great species. A pair of **Buff-streaked Chats** was looking really nice on some nearby rocks, while **Pied Starlings** were moving from their roost sites. No less than three **Marsh Owls** put on a great show for us by quartering over the grasslands at the top of Verloren Valei Nature Reserve for a good fifteen minutes. One flew by with a large mouse in its talons. **Mountain Wheatear**, **Cape Longclaw**, **Eastern Long-billed Lark**, and **African Pipit** were all plentiful. We did well to pick up a **Denham's Bustard** at least a kilometer away in the distance – an enjoyable sighting nonetheless. **Malachite Sunbird** was spotted landing on one of the few protea trees in the area. Later in the morning we tried a known spot for **Gurney's Sugarbird** and were not disappointed. At least three **Gurney's Sugarbirds** were around, singing away. We also picked up **Cape Bunting**, **Streaky-headed Seedeater**, **African Black Swift**, and another **Cape Eagle-Owl!** Getting another (even better) visual of the owl was both unexpected and incredibly welcome!

En route to Mount Sheba we enjoyed sightings of a few **Cape Crows** and a single **Alpine Swift** cruising overhead.



Blue Crane, South Africa's national bird.



Both sugarbird species, Cape Sugarbird and Gurney's Sugarbird, are almost always seen in association with protea plants.

Mount Sheba Nature Reserve is a well-known escarpment spot with the potential to deliver some excellent bird species. We arrived at the start of the forest and found a few **Bar-throated Apalises**, **Sweet Waxbill**, and a lively flock of **Cape White-eyes**. Farther into the forest we picked up a single **Lemon Dove** feeding on the side of the road. After check-in and a quick rest we headed back into the forest. **Narina Trogon**, **White-starred Robin**, and **Cape Batis** were almost immediately found. Farther up the road we also picked up **African Dusky Flycatcher**,

Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler, Grey Cuckooshrike, and one of the specials of the area, **Knysna Turaco!** Things didn't end there; we continued and found: **Olive Thrush**, and some **Sombre Greenbuls** showed well before the mist rolled in for the evening.



The only trogon species in South Africa, Narina Trogon

Day 3, 1st October 2019. Mount Sheba Nature Reserve to Kruger National Park

The famous Mount Sheba weather man struck again with misty, drizzly weather for most of the morning, but we still managed to pick up the likes of **Chorister Robin-Chat**, **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher**, **Olive Thrush**, and **Natal Spurfowl**. En route to Phalaborwa, where we would enter Kruger National Park, we picked up a single **Southern Bald Ibis** along a section of the escarpment. We spent some time at the J. G. Strijdom Tunnel, which has historically been a breeding site for Taita Falcon. Despite spending a fair amount of time here scanning we did not manage to find the falcon. Consolation prizes were **Cape Vulture**, **Cape Rock Thrush**, **Mocking Cliff Chat**, **Rock Martin**, **Alpine Swift**, **Sweet Waxbill**, and **White-bellied Sunbird**. We had a fairly easy drive to a cold and windy Phalaborwa Gate (with a nice **Purple Roller** sighting included). The weather was pretty unexpected for Kruger. We made the most of it and focused on enjoying a few bird sightings. First **Dark Chanting Goshawk** was seen chasing a **Smith's Bush Squirrel** around a dead tree. A single adult **Bateleur** came cruising over, while a small flock including **Golden-breasted Bunting**, **Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow**, **Cape Starling**, **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver**, and **Long-tailed Paradise Whydah** were feeding on the ground. Our first **Lilac-breasted Roller** produced the expected highs. Arriving at Letaba Rest Camp we birded around camp for a while, picking up the likes of **Greater Blue-eared Starling**, **Mourning Collared Dove**, **Arrow-marked Babbler**, and the awesome **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**. The river held **Goliath** and **Grey Herons**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, and three **Greater Painted snipes**. Areal feeders were in good numbers, with **Wire-tailed**, **Red-breasted**, **Lesser Striped**, and **Greater Striped Swallows** all present. The latter being a fairly rare passage migrant for Kruger National Park and the Lowveld in

general. **Spotted Hyena** was really super to see; two animals were trotting along the riverbed at dusk.

Days 4-5, 2nd-3rd October 2019. The Letaba Area and onward to Satara

We explored a few of the areas around Letaba Rest Camp. The Engelhard Dam lies just to the east of the camp, so we decided to check out that area. We enjoyed a few bushveld species before we arrived in the riverine woodland habitat; these included **Southern Black Tit**, **Green-winged Pytilia**, **Golden-breasted Bunting**, **Yellow-fronted Canary**, **Red-billed Firefinch**, **Blue Waxbill**, and a few **Yellow-throated Bush Sparrows**. We also picked up a family of **White-crested Helmetshrikes**, which were slightly uptight about the fact that a **Pearl-spotted Owlet** was hanging around nearby. The riverine woodland was nice and produced **Little Bee-eater**, **Arrow-marked Babbler**, **African Paradise Flycatcher**, and a **Red-capped Robin-Chat**. The river was teeming with birds; various plovers including **Common Ringed** and **White-fronted Plovers**, **Ruff**, **Common Greenshank**, **Little Stint**, **Common** and **Wood Sandpipers**, **Black-winged Stilt**, and **Collared Pratincole** made up the shorebird count, and **Saddle-billed Stork** and **African Openbill** were a real treat. An **African Fish Eagle** was keeping watch while **Striated**, **Squacco**, **Purple**, **Grey**, and **Goliath Herons** were all not far away.



Red-crested Korhaan is a very smart-looking bird species. It is even smarter-looking when it raises its striking crest in display.

It was also a good day for eagles; **Brown Snake Eagle**, **Tawny Eagle**, a pair of **African Hawk-Eagles** and **Martial Eagle** all made an appearance today in the Letaba area. Areal feeders were on the wing, decent numbers of **Grey-rumped Swallows** as well as a single **Banded Martin**. The latter is also a fairly scarce passage migrant through parts of central Kruger National Park. Our journey south to Satara Rest Camp the following day produced both **Red-crested Korhaan** and the sought-after **Kori Bustard**. A few vulture species were also a treat to see;

White-backed, White-headed, and Hooded Vulture all showed nicely, some in flight and others perched in nearby acacia trees. The past few days had also produced some great mammal sightings. **Spring Hare** had been seen in massive numbers in the evenings from the Letaba restaurant, and we had had sightings of **Slender Mongoose, Black-backed Jackal, Spotted Hyena, Lion, African Elephant, Common Warthog, Giraffe, Cape Buffalo, Greater Kudu, Impala,** and good numbers of **Blue Wildebeest**.

Day 6, 4th October 2019. Satara to Berg en Dal

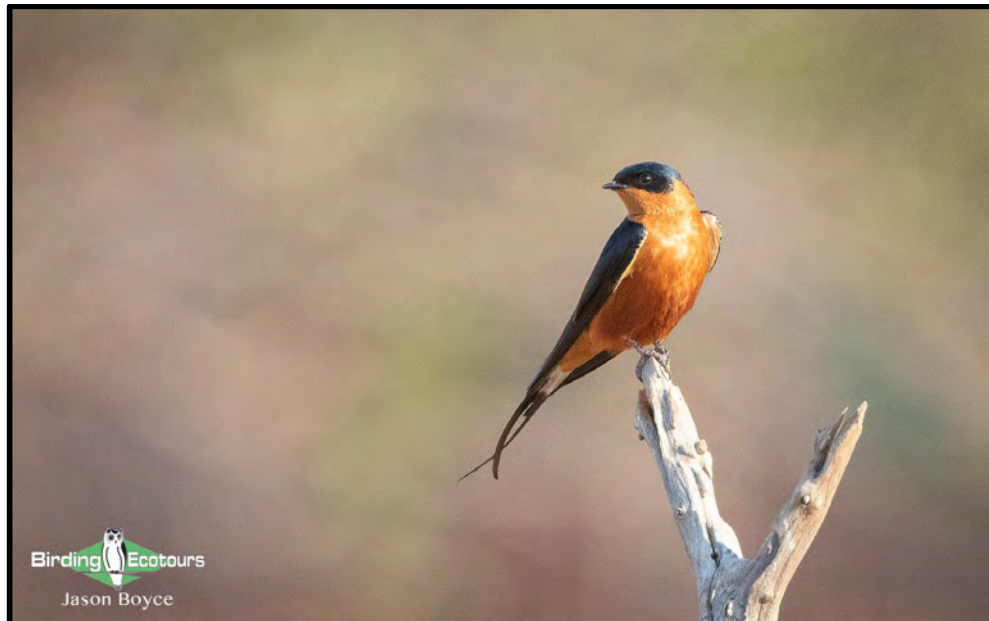
We enjoyed quite a long day's drive today, heading south to Berg en Dal Rest Camp via the best-known camp in the Kruger Park, Skukuza. Once again we had exceptional big-game sightings en route; in addition to the more common antelopes, **African Elephant** seemed to be around almost every corner at one stage, while **Cape Buffalo** did well to attract both **Red-billed** and **Yellow-billed Oxpeckers**. We couldn't relocate the Lion pride (which included seven cubs) that we had seen the afternoon before on the S100 but did have two fantastic sightings of **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl**. A **Little Sparrowhawk** was around to give one of the Owls a hard time. It was another good day for raptors; after the Sparrowhawk we also picked up **Dark-chanting Goshawk, Wahlberg's Eagle,** and **African Harrier-Hawk,** as well as many **Bateleurs** cruising overhead in the heat of the day. Some more common species around Skukuza included **Crowned Hornbill, African Hoopoe, African Green-Pigeon,** and **Red-faced Mousebird**. Berg en Dal is situated in a beautiful array of rocky hillsides and outcrops, where many Leopards roam during the night. Nocturnal species at the camp were very vocal (as we enjoyed our South-African-style braai), namely **Freckled Nightjar, Fiery-necked Nightjar,** both **Water** and **Spotted Thick-knees,** and then a number of different **African Barred Owlets** were also heard calling.

Days 7- 8, 5th-6th October 2019. Berg en Dal and travel to Zaagkuildrift

A full day in the Berg en Dal area produced well over one hundred bird species. We started in the Berg en Dal Rest Camp, where we picked up most of the day's specials. **Eastern Nicator** was the first of those specials, a single bird came by as we were having some coffee outside our cabin. **Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Green Wood Hoopoe,** and **Black-headed Oriole** were also around in good numbers. Both **White-browed** and **Red-capped Robin-Chats** were seen in small thickets, while **African Green-Pigeon** and both **Grey-headed** and **Orange-breasted Bushshrikes** were very vocal from the taller foliage. We ended up recording six species of sunbirds this morning; these were **Scarlet-chested, Amethyst, White-bellied, Marico, Collared,** and the prized **Purple-banded Sunbirds**. The latter has moved into the eastern parts of Mpumalanga in great numbers in the past couple of years, now being common in Nelspruit and along the Crocodile River. We finally managed to pick up one of the mammals that had alluded us on the trip so far, the last member of the big five, **Leopard**. A female was spotted in a large tree across one of the dry drainage lines. We started our journey back to Pretoria on the morning of the 6th of October after a final walk in the camp. A few striking species showed well this morning; **Purple-crested Turaco** and **Bearded Scrub Robin** were welcome. On the way back to the Malelane Gate we found **Southern White-crowned Shrike** as well as a surprising sighting of **Rock Kestrel**. The rest of the day was spent traveling back to the Highveld and then dropping again in altitude towards the bushveld region of Zaagkuildrift. A few species greeted us at the lodge: **Red-billed Firefinch, Crimson-breasted Shrike,** and a fly-over **Marsh Owl** just after sunset.

Day 9, 7th October 2019. Zaagkuilsdrift to Airport for international flight.

Our final morning of the tour was productive, we added around ten species to our trip list. The famous Zaagkuilsdrift Road has been known to produce good birding at all times of the year. We started with **Violet-eared** and **Black-faced Waxbills** before also getting onto **Chestnut-vented Warbler**. Small flocks of mixed seedeaters included **Red-billed** and **Jameson's Firefinches**, **Green-winged Pytilia**, and **Red-billed Quelea**. We stopped about two hundred meters before the floodplain starts and picked up a pair of **Cape Penduline Tits**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Barred Wren-Warbler**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Marico Flycatcher**, and a single **Neddicky**. The floodplain was very dry and produced **Capped Wheatear**, **Scaly-feathered Weaver**, and **Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**. Another pair of **Red-breasted Swallows** were located by their distinctive, robotic-sounding call. Other species that we picked up today in various spots before we started the journey to the airport were **Cape Vulture**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Southern Pied Babbler**, **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, and **Burnt-necked Eremomela**.



*One of our most striking swallow species is the migratory **Red-breasted Swallow**, which is among the early arriving migrant species.*

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: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened. South African endemics are bolded.

Common name	Scientific name
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Red-winged Francolin	<i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
Natal Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</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>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</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>
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Fiery-necked Nightjar (H)	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Freckled Nightjar (H)	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
Swifts (Apodidae)	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
Turacos (Musophagidae)	

Common name	Scientific name
Knysna Turaco	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Kori Bustard - NT	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Denham's Bustard - NT	<i>Neotis denhami</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo (H)	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>
Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)	
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</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>
Flufftails (Sarothruridae)	
Red-chested Flufftail (H)	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>
Finfoots (Heliornithidae)	
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo - NT	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
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>
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
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>
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>
Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae)	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	

Common name	Scientific name
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Coursers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae)	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
Southern Bald Ibis - VU	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
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>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</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>
Cape Vulture - EN	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
White-headed Vulture - CR	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Bateleur - NT	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
Tawny Eagle - VU	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Western Barn Owl (H)	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
Cape Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo capensis</i>
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>
Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Trogons (Trogonidae)	
Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</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>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</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>

Common name	Scientific name
African Barbets (Lybiidae)	
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</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>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
African & New World Parrots (Psittacidae)	
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)	
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>
Chin-spot 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>
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
Brubru (H)	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Vangas & Allies (Vangidae)	

Common name	Scientific name
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
Grey Cuckooshrike	<i>Cebilepyris caesius</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitemens</i>
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (Oriolidae)	
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
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>
Penduline Tits (Remizidae)	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
Nicators (Nicatoridae)	
Eastern Nicator	<i>Nicator gularis</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Eastern Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>

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Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Grey-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)	
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Leaf Warblers & Allies (Phylloscopidae)	
Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i>
Reed Warblers & Allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
African Yellow Warbler (H)	<i>Iduna natalensis</i>
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae)	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Wailing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lais</i>
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>

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Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
Wing-snapping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>
Drakensberg Prinia	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>
Barred Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
Laughingthrushes & Allies (Leiothrichidae)	
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>
Sugarbirds (Promeropidae)	
Gurney's Sugarbird - NT	<i>Promerops gurneyi</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>
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorynchus</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	

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Orange Ground Thrush (H)	<i>Geokichla gurneyi</i>
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
Kurriehane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)	
Bearded Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>
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>
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caeruleascens</i>
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
Chorister Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
White-starred Robin	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>
Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
Sentinel Rock Thrush - NT	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
Buff-streaked Chat	<i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i>
Mocking Cliff Chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</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>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>

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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 Bush Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</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>
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrildidae)	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>
Swee Waxbill	<i>Coccygia melanotis</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
Quailfinch (H)	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	

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Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>
Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</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	315
Total heard	9
Total recorded	324

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Common name	Scientific name
Elephants (Elephantidae)	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Galagos (Galagidae)	
Thick-tailed Greater Galago	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Blue Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
Squirrels (Sciuridae)	
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>

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Springhares (Pedetidae)	
Spring Hare	<i>Pedetes capensis</i>
rabbits and Hares (Leporidae)	
Cape Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
Hewitt's Red Rock Hare	<i>Pronolagus saundersiae</i>
Megabats (Pteropodidae)	
Epauletted Fruit Bat sp.	<i>Epomophorus sp.</i>
Cats (Felidae)	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Common Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
Hyaenas (Hyaenidae)	
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
Canids (Canidae)	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Horses & Allies (Equidae)	
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>
Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)	
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
Pigs (Suidae)	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Giraffids (Giraffidae)	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>

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Bovids (Bovidae)	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus</i>
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Grey Rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Total seen	33