



COMPLETE NAMIBIA — SET DEPARTURE BIRDING TRIP REPORT

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*This female **Hartlaub's Spurfowl** showed incredibly well in the Erongo Mountains.*

Overview

This fantastic 19-day Complete Namibia birding tour was to replace our regular Namibia, Botswana and Victoria Falls itinerary for 2021 due to travel limitations and difficulties during the Covid pandemic. The adjusted Complete Namibia itinerary would ensure no border crossings after arrival in Namibia. The itinerary would follow a similar route while in Namibia, however the Okavango Swamps (Botswana) and Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) would not be visited on this tour. We did however visit comparable habitats in Namibia's Caprivi Strip which resulted in a similar suite of bird and wildlife species.

While in Namibia, searching for Namibian specials/near-endemics is high up on the agenda and we certainly did well on this tour, managing to find many of these specials including **Hartlaub's Spurfowl, Rüppell's Korhaan, Damara Tern, Burchell's Sandgrouse, Violet Wood Hoopoe, Rüppell's Parrot, White-tailed Shrike, Souza's Shrike, Rufous-bellied Tit, Gray's, Benguela Long-billed, Karoo Long-billed, Dune and Stark's Larks, Monteiro's and Damara Red-billed Hornbills, Black-faced, Hartlaub's and Bare-cheeked Babbblers, Herero Chat and Sharp-tailed Starling**. We also found many less range-restricted but equally important species such as **Secretarybird, African Pygmy Goose, African Skimmer, White-backed Night Heron, Pallid Harrier, Augur Buzzard, Ludwig's Bustard, Long-toed Lapwing, Lesser Jacana, Burchell's Courser, Rock Pratincole, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, Pennant-winged Nightjar, Bradfield's Swift, Pygmy Falcon, Sociable Weaver, Crimson-breasted Shrike** and many others. The trip list totaled 407 bird species of which five were heard only!



Rüppell's Korhaan showed beautifully in the Sossusvlei area.

Namibia is also well-known for its incredible wildlife viewing opportunities and we managed to find some great mammals, including **Temminck's Ground Pangolin, Side-striped Jackal, Honey Badger, Small Spotted Genet, Spotted Hyena, Cheetah, Lion, Leopard, (Hartmann's) Mountain Zebra, Black and White Rhinoceros, African Elephant, African Buffalo, Sable, Giraffe, Gemsbok (Southern Oryx), Damara Dikdik** and many other widespread mammal species. All in all, we recorded 46 mammal species over the 19 days of this trip.



*Etosha normally provides great sightings of **Black Rhinoceros**.*

Finally, it would be amiss to not mention the incredible scenery and panoramas we experienced on this tour. The massive red dunes of Sossusvlei were visited early on in the trip, before we enjoyed the majesty of Spitzkoppe and then the vast and stark beauty of Etosha National Park, before heading northeast to the lush woodlands of the Caprivi Strip, with time spent on the mighty Zambezi River.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 30th October 2021. Windhoek birding

With Janis, Glenda and I all having arrived into Windhoek the previous evening, it meant we could start our birding right away. The morning's birding around our lodge grounds was a great introduction to Namibian woodland birding and it wasn't long before we had ticked off **Red-billed Spurfowl, Namaqua Dove, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Grey Go-away-bird, Black-chested Prinia, Chestnut-vented Warbler, Southern Pied Babbler, Groundscraper Thrush**, a family of **Common Ostrich** and the vividly colored **Crimson-breasted Shrike**. A short walk into the

surrounding woodlands produced a wonderful sighting of a **Pearl-spotted Owlet** which was having a hard time being mobbed by **Fork-tailed Drongo**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, **Pririt Batis**, **Marico Sunbird**, **Burnt-necked** and **Yellow-bellied Eremomelas** and **Violet-eared Waxbill**. Loud drumming from a nearby tree gave away a male **Bearded Woodpecker** and seedeaters were well represented with **Great Sparrow**, **Green-winged Pytilia**, **Red-billed Quelea** and **Scaly-feathered Weavers**, all seen well.



Crimson-breasted Shrike is always a popular species on Namibian tours.

After lunch we decided to head into Windhoek city for some wetland birding which proved to be really productive. A stop at a dam on the outskirts of Windhoek produced **African Swampphen**, **Common Moorhen**, **Red-knobbed Coot** and our two main targets, **Southern Pochard** and **Maccoa Duck**. It was the local sewage works next, which was full of birds with thousands of loud and conspicuous **Wattled Starlings** being the most abundant species. The waterbirds were well represented by **Grey and Squacco Herons**, **Black-crowned Night Heron**, **Blue-billed Teal**, **Little Grebe**, **Great White Pelican**, **Reed Cormorant**, **African Darter**, **Black Crake**, **Common and Wood Sandpipers** and many **Three-banded Plovers**. The surrounding bush had **Monteiro's** and **Damara Red-billed Hornbill**, **White-backed Mousebird** and many **European Bee-eaters**. En route back to our lodge in the late afternoon we came across a few **White-backed** and **Lappet-faced Vultures** both unfortunately now listed as Critically Endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)!

The evening ended perfectly when we were sat doing our bird list for the day and were distracted by a strange high-pitched call which turned out to be a **Western Barn Owl** as it was mobbing a **Verreaux's Eagle-Owl**. The eagle-owl posed perfectly for us and we were all able to enjoy prolonged scope views.

Day 2, 31st October 2021. Windhoek to Sossusvlei

As was to be the trend for the rest of the trip, we were again up early and went for a drive in the surrounding wooded areas. The drive started well as we finally got visuals of a **Barred Wren-Warbler** (which would not co-operate the day before) and had brief flyby views of **Ludwig's Bustard** and **South African Shelduck**. Further along the road we found good numbers of **Desert Cisticola** as well as **Black-chested Snake Eagle**, **Black-winged Kite**, **Pale Chanting Goshawk** (soon to be referred to as PCG!), **Red-crested Korhaan**, **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **African Hoopoe**, **Sabota Lark** and many **Sociable Weavers** near to their massive communal nests.

After a late breakfast we set off on the long drive west to the Sossusvlei area where we would be based for two nights. The drive was a scenic one and we made sure we stopped for anything of interest which included **Wahlberg's Eagle**, **Lark-like Bunting**, **White-throated Canary**, **Red-headed Finch**, **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, **Chat Flycatcher** and the unfortunate carcass of a Spotted Eagle-Owl. We enjoyed our lunch stop at the top of Spreegtshoogte Pass which has spectacular views out over the desert plains. In the general area we had a brief flyby **Augur Buzzard** and a very showy **Bokmakierie**.



White-throated Canaries were common in the arid areas of Namibia.

Once down in the plains, roadside stops produced **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Mountain Wheatear**, **African Red-eyed Bulbul** and a few new interesting mammals such as **Gemsbok** (Southern Oryx), **Springbok** and a pair of **Klipspringer** (a rock-loving antelope). We ended the day with a beautiful sunset as we enjoyed our tasty and wholesome dinner.

Day 3, 1st November 2021. Sossusvlei sightseeing and birding

We woke up before dawn and had an early breakfast as we were to spend the morning in the impressive and picturesque red dunes of Sossusvlei. Sightseeing was the main purpose of the morning (and the dunes certainly did not disappoint), however we still managed to tick off a few more important target birds along the drive to and from Sossusvlei. We spent a decent amount of time photographing the incredible landscape and even managed to get the hoped-for shot of a **Gemsbok** with the huge red dunes as a backdrop! Highlights of the morning (besides the red dunes) was a pair of showy and vocal **Rüppell's Korhaan** on the side of the road and a large group of 30-40 **Burchell's Coursers**. With the mercury rising, we decided to take it easy after our lunch before our afternoon trip out.

We began the afternoon's birding by visiting the impressive steep-sided canyon at Sesriem which was relatively quiet however we did find an obliging pair of the incredibly cute **Pygmy Falcon** in the general area. From here we headed to Elim Dune in the hope of finding Dune Lark however unfortunately our luck had run out for the day. Nearby we did manage to improve our views (and photos) of **Burchell's Courser** and a **Southern Fiscal** also showed well here.



*We had great views of **Pygmy Falcon** near Sesriem.*

Day 4, 2nd November 2021. Birding the desert and transfer to Walvis Bay

We began the morning by birding some of the dirt roads in the area which didn't prove terribly productive but did however produce another **Pygmy Falcon** as well as a couple groups of calling **Rüppell's Korhaan** before we enjoyed an early breakfast.

It was then the long dirt road to Walvis Bay with a couple stops en route producing **Karoo Long-billed Lark** and a dozen or so **Ludwig's Bustards**, in singles and pairs. Closer to Walvis

Bay we lucked upon a pair of extremely confiding **Gray's Larks** which made for great photographic opportunities (see below).



Gray's Lark was particularly friendly near to Walvis Bay.

Our afternoon around Walvis Bay was spent birding the salt works which despite the incredibly windy conditions, did produce a number of new shorebirds (waders) and other waterbirds. Highlights for the afternoon included **Red-necked Phalarope**, **Pied Avocet**, **White-fronted** and **Chestnut-banded Plovers**, **Ruddy Turnstone** and **Caspian**, **Greater Crested**, **Common** and **Sandwich Terns**.

Day 5, 3rd November 2021. Walvis Bay boat cruise and Walvis Bay birding

We started the morning by heading out pre-dawn to Rooibank where **Dune Lark** did not prove too difficult and eventually our patience was rewarded with fantastic views of Namibia's only bird endemic. In the area we also saw **Bokmakierie**, **Diederik Cuckoo** and **Pririt Batis**.

After a quick breakfast we headed out on our boat cruise of Walvis Bay which is always an entertaining morning out. **Great White Pelican** and **Afro-Australasian Fur Seals** joined us on the boat for some of the journey as they enjoyed an easy fish meal and we also added many **Sooty Shearwaters**, a single **White-chinned Petrel** and a pair of **African Penguins**. **Common Bottle-nosed Dolphins** were skittish but did eventually show well and **Cape** and **Crowned Cormorants** gave good views as we left and entered the harbor.

During lunch at our accommodation, we enjoyed brief views of **Orange River White-eye** which flitted about the leafy garden. The afternoon was spent back in the salt works to see what other species we could add here and we were rewarded with great views of a pair of the cute **Damara**

Tern as well the regular mix of shorebirds such as **Curlew** and **Marsh Sandpipers**, **Little Stint**, **Common Greenshank**, **Bar-tailed Godwit** and **Common Ringed** and **Grey Plovers**. We ended the day with a fantastic dinner overlooking the esplanade and enjoying another fine African sunset.

Day 6, 4th November 2021. Transfer to Ai-Aiba Lodge, Spitzkoppe birding en route

We left Walvis Bay early as we had a long day ahead of us with many important bird targets. Unfortunately, a quick stop at the guano platform just north of town did not produce the hoped-for Bank Cormorant however once we were through the sea mist and into the desert the birding soon picked up.

Nearby to the picturesque and impressive Spitzkoppe we found large flocks of the nomadic **Stark's Lark** as well as a few **Rüppell's Korhaans**. Once we were at the base of Spitzkoppe we birded the adjacent scrub and boulders and managed to find **Layard's Warbler**, **Dusky Sunbird**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **Pirit Batis** and eventually an incredibly confiding pair of **Herero Chats**. The chats quietly went about feeding in the shade of a tree and allowed us to watch and photograph them at point-blank distances which was a real treat to experience.



*We spent a while watching **Herero Chats** as they fed at Spitzkoppe.*

After eventually tearing ourselves away from the chats we headed northwest to the small mining town of Uis where we had another special lark to look for. It took a lot longer than anticipated and as we were about to give up (top tip: once you give up all hope, the desired species should show itself right away) we spotted a dark figure sheltering in the shade of a bush which turned out to be our target, a **Benguela Long-billed Lark**.

After breathing a heavy sigh of relief, we continued on to Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge where we were to stay for the next two nights. The afternoon's birding walk was rather quiet but did reveal **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Double-banded Sandgrouse**, **Cape Bunting** and the impressive rock art for which the area is well-known.

During our incredibly tasty dinner we were treated to views of **Freckled Nightjar** and **Double-banded Sandgrouse** coming to drink from the small waterhole. It was a great relaxed end to an intense and thoroughly rewarding day of birding!

Day 7, 5th November 2021. Birding the Namib Escarpment

We set out early from the lodge for a walk around the impressive granite koppies in the area. The walk started eerily quiet but once the sun came out this soon changed. Our prime target for the morning was **Hartlaub's Spurfowl** and after hearing a covey calling from some nearby rocks, we managed some fine views. Unfortunately, **Rockrunner** only showed briefly this morning and did not pose for the camera. Other great birds included small groups of the cute **White-tailed Shrike** as well as **Ashy Tit**, **Lanner Falcon**, **Rock Kestrel**, **Monteiro's Hornbill** and **Pirit Batis**.

During our late breakfast we watched as hordes of birds came in to drink from the bird bath, including the likes of **Red-headed Finch**, **Lark-like Bunting**, **Green-winged Pytilia**, **White-throated Canary**, **African Red-eyed Bulbul** and **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**.



We saw a number of groups of White-tailed Shrikes in the drier bushveld areas of Namibia.

We spent the heat of the late morning and midday in the air-conditioned car as well as some time in Omaruru which did not add much of interest, however we did come across more **White-tailed Shrikes** and our first **Giraffe** and **Kudu** of the trip.

Later in the afternoon we headed back into Omaruru where we had good views of feeding **Rüppell's Parrot** as well as **Damara Red-billed** and **Monteiro's Hornbills** and many attractive and noisy **Rosy-faced Lovebirds**. On our way home in the fading light, we came across a comical scene as a **Spotted Thick-knee** and **Black-backed Jackal** squared-up on the road, which ended with the jackal heading off into the bush.



The Rüppell's Parrots at Omaruru were particularly co-operative.

Day 8, 6th November 2021. Transfer to Etosha

With only fleeting glimpses of **Rockrunner** the previous morning, we decided to try to improve our views of this Namibian near-endemic today. We headed out to the same area as yesterday morning and after a bit of work, we eventually managed good views of a bird singing its beautiful warbling call, as it sat up on a boulder. Other birds seen during our early morning walk included **Common Scimitarbill**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **White-tailed Shrike**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Layard's Warbler** and a pair of **African Hawk-Eagles**.

After another scrumptious breakfast we packed up and left the escarpment and made our way north to Etosha National Park, surely one of Africa's top game parks. We arrived during the heat of the midday and so took it easy for a little while before heading out in the late afternoon for a game drive. Despite the intense heat, we soon notched up some good birds and wildlife sightings. Some of the highlights included **Red-capped**, **Stark's**, **Sabota**, **Pink-billed**, **Spike-heeled** and **Rufous-naped Larks**, **Capped Wheatear**, **Ant-eating Chat**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**, **Greater Kestrel**, **Double-banded** and **Bronze-winged Coursers**, **Desert Cisticola** and the huge

Kori Bustard. As always in Etosha, there were large numbers of game around and we came across **Black-backed Jackal, Plains Zebra, Giraffe, Gemsbok** (Southern Oryx), **Common Wildebeest, Springbok** and the cute **Steenbok**. After our dinner we spent some time at Okaukuejo's famous floodlit waterhole where we had six **Black Rhinoceros** coming down to drink and socialize and also saw **Marsh** and **Western Barn Owl**, while **Rufous-cheeked Nightjars** hawked insects above the water. Always a great way to end the day!

Day 9, 7th November 2021. Etosha birding and wildlife viewing

We woke up excited with the prospect of a full day enjoying the birds and wildlife of Etosha, and the day certainly did not disappoint! From Okaukuejo we headed east and ultimately arrived at Halali Camp in the late morning. Birding the open plains on the edge of the dry lake produced **Rufous-eared Warbler, Great Sparrow, Red-crested** and **Northern Black Korhaans, Chat Flycatcher, Common Ostrich** and a couple of **Secretarybirds**. Stops at waterholes close to the main road were productive with sightings of **Cape** and **Red-billed Teals, Little Egret** and the highlight in the form of a beautiful male **Pallid Harrier**, as it hunted in the surrounding plains. The game sightings on our drive were fantastic as we came across a particularly feisty **Black Rhinoceros**, a blood-soaked **Spotted Hyena** gouging on a young Springbok (with **Black-backed Jackals** in tow), a single **Honey Badger** and large numbers of commoner game such as **Impala, Springbok, Red Hartebeest, Common Wildebeest** and the massive **African Elephant** which is numerous in Etosha.



This Spotted Hyena was seen (and heard) snacking on an unfortunate Springbok.

Arriving at Halali Camp, it did not take long until we had bagged our targets which included **Bare-cheeked Babbler, Violet Wood Hoopoe** and **Carp's Tit**. The birdlife around the camp

was particularly lively where we also managed to find **African Grey**, **Damara Red-billed**, **Southern Red-billed** and **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbills**, **Southern White-crowned Shrike** and **Marico Flycatcher**. On our way back to Okaukuejo we found a kettle of vultures which comprised of mostly **White-backed Vultures** but also had a single **White-headed Vulture**.



Violet Wood Hoopoes were seen feeding chicks in Halali Camp.

Day 10, 8th November 2021. Eastern Etosha birding

Today was our last full day in Etosha as we made our way from Okaukuejo to the eastern edge of the park at Mokuti Lodge (right outside the eastern park entrance). We spent some time around Okaukuejo in the early morning where we managed to track down **Cape Penduline Tit** while the drive east through the park produced **Lappet-faced Vulture**, **Gabar Goshawk**, **Greater Kestrel**, **Brubru**, **Lesser Grey Shrike** and **Groundscraper Thrush**.

We enjoyed a late lunch at the park's most easterly camp, Namutoni and then enjoyed a walk around which gave us plenty of new birds including **Martial Eagle**, **Red-necked Falcon**, **Burchell's Starling**, **Black-backed Puffback** and a **Marabou Stork** at the waterhole. During our walk we heard a lot of commotion coming from a nearby tree, with birds giving their excited alarm calls, upon closer inspection we found a decent-sized **Southern African Rock Python** curled up in the higher branches, much to the annoyance of the local birds.

After Namutoni we headed north to the Andoni Plains in the hope of finding some grassland species and any form of big cat. The cats did not play along but we did find **Blue Crane**, **Eastern Clapper Lark** and good numbers of waterbirds including **Chestnut-banded** and **Kittlitz's Plovers** and **South African Shelduck**.

Late in the afternoon we headed out the park and into Mokuti Lodge where we used the last hour of daylight to track down **Black-faced Babbler**, **Meyer's Parrot**, **Crested Francolin**, **Orange-breasted Bushshrike** and **White-bellied Sunbird**. After a long day in the African bush we enjoyed a great braai (barbecue) and settled in for the evening.



Black-faced Babblers showed well at Mokuti Lodge.

Day 11, 9th November 2021. Eastern Etosha birding and transfer to Rundu

As we had not yet seen any big cats, we decided to head into Etosha National Park one last time to see if we could change our luck. Our luck certainly did change when we found two **Cheetahs** which we were able to enjoy for a while. After this Glenda spotted some movement under a bush which turned out to be a small pride of **Lions** which were lazing about under trees near a waterhole (as lions do).

We had a good drive ahead of us today so after getting our big cats we left the park and headed northwest towards Rundu. The drive was mostly uneventful however we did find **Bradfield's Hornbill**, **Black Cuckooshrike**, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird** and **White-crested Helmetshrike** during our lunch stop.

We arrived at Taranga Safari Lodge, near Rundu late in the afternoon and after unpacking we took a walk around camp to see what new species awaited us, now that we had moved significantly further east. The camp was alive with birds and it did not take long until we had a long list of trip ticks such as **White-browed Robin-Chat**, **White-browed Scrub Robin**, **Red-faced Mousebird**, **Greater Honeyguide**, **Violet-backed Starling**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **Dark-capped Bulbul**, **African Paradise Flycatcher**, **Swamp Boubou**, **Black-collared Barbet**, **Little Bee-eater** and many others. We spent a couple of hours waiting for the long-staying, vagrant Ross's Turaco to show but unfortunately that would have to wait until tomorrow.

Day 12, 10th November 2021. Rundu birding and transfer through the Caprivi Strip

We got up early and headed to the **Ross's Turaco** stakeout and thankfully it didn't take long until this unmistakable violet, red and yellow turaco showed for us. The bird was very skittish but after some effort we got decent views of this vagrant which normally occurs much further north of the border. The camp was again very birdy and we further added **White-browed** and **Coppery-tailed Coucals**, **Black** and **Jacobin Cuckoos**, **African Green Pigeon**, **Terrestrial Brownbul**, **Mosque Swallow** and **Hartlaub's Babbler**.

We had another long drive today, so we hit the road soon after breakfast and made our way east through the Caprivi Strip. We had recent information on Souza's Shrike and made a stop to search the woodlands near Katere. We parked the car, walked into the woodlands and within a few minutes we had a very obliging **Souza's Shrike** which allowed us to spend about 20 minutes watching it as it went about hunting, even impaling its prey on thorns! In the area we also had **Tinkling Cisticola**, **Klaas's Cuckoo**, **African Harrier-Hawk** and calling **Coqui Francolin**.



Souza's Shrike was found with relative ease in the broad-leaved woodlands of the Caprivi Strip.

With a lot of ground still to be covered we did not linger here and soon pressed onto Katima Mulilo where we would be based for the next two nights. Just outside Katima Mulilo we found a huge feeding flock of **Yellow-billed Kites** numbering into the thousands, we spent about 30 minutes enjoying the incredible spectacle and also had a couple **Lesser Spotted Eagles** come in to enjoy the flying ant feast. We arrived at Caprivi Houseboat Safaris late in the afternoon but still with enough time to enjoy a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. River cruises are always very peaceful and relaxing and the birds generally show very well and are quite approachable. Today was no different and we found a number of new birds on the cruise such as **African**

Skimmer, African Finfoot, Malachite, Pied and Giant Kingfishers, Hadada Ibis, White-crowned Lapwing, Broad-billed Roller and Holub's Golden Weaver.

Day 13, 11th November 2021. Katima Mulilo birding

We had the full day to explore the Katima Mulilo area and had local expert Curt to show us around and try tick off as many of our targets as possible. We started with the loud and beautiful **Schalow's Turaco** which showed well around camp before making our way nearby to the **Yellow-throated Leaflove** stakeout which did not prove too difficult either. After a quick breakfast we birded some nearby wetlands which proved really productive and we soon added **Knob-billed Duck, Blue-billed Teal, African Openbill, Rufous-bellied Heron, Hamerkop, Greater Painted-snipe, Lesser Jacana, Collared Pratincole, Eurasian Hobby, Southern Carmine Bee-eater and Plain-backed Pipit.**



Lesser Jacanas were surprisingly numerous in the wetlands around Katima Mulilo.

After some lunch and a quick siesta, we headed back out again to explore more wetlands and surrounding bushveld and again added a whole host of new and exciting species including the likes of **African Pygmy Goose, Brown and Jameson's Firefinches, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Willow Warbler, Southern Black and Spotted Flycatchers, Collared and Purple-banded Sunbirds**, with **Common Myna** and **Northern Grey-headed Sparrow** seen in town. A very scruffy-looking **Side-striped Jackal** was also seen in the adjacent grasslands. In the late afternoon we headed out on another boat cruise. This time we went upstream and found **Rock Pratincole, Village Weaver, African Wattled Lapwing, Whiskered Tern** and a roosting juvenile **White-backed Night Heron**.

We came back in for dinner and then headed out for an incredible evening of nightjars and owls. We had no less than three male **Pennant-winged Nightjars** displaying around us with their bizarrely long primaries being shown off and also found **Square-tailed Nightjar**, **African Scops Owl** and **African Barred Owlet**, with **Western Barn** and **Southern White-faced Owls** calling but not seen. We also saw a cute and friendly **Lesser Bushbaby** which bound effortlessly from tree to tree.



*The spectacular **Pennant-winged Nightjar** put on a show for us around Katima Mulilo.*

Day 14, 12th November 2021. Katima Mulilo birding and transfer to Mahango area

We had one last morning to clean up on any missing species and so birded some nearby woodlands which were alive with bird activity. We hit a brilliant bird party which gave us **Olive** and **Golden-tailed Woodpecker**, **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Long-billed Crombec**, **Green Wood Hoopoe**, **Chinspot Batis**, **Black Cuckooshrike**, **Kurrichane Thrush**, **Amethyst Sunbird** and **Spectacled Weaver**. In the more open areas, we found **Swainson's Spurfowl**, **European Honey Buzzard**, **Grey Penduline Tit**, **Black-crowned Tchagra**, **Fan-tailed Widowbird** and **Flappet Lark**.

After breakfast it was then the long drive back west through the Caprivi Strip to the Mahango area where we would be based for the next two nights. We arrived around mid-afternoon and then soon made our way out for the rest of the afternoon to the nearby Mahango Game Reserve. As always, the flood plain was alive with birds and animals and we quickly found **Long-toed Lapwing**, **Wattled Crane**, **Yellow-billed Stork**, **Goliath** and **Squacco Herons**, **Bateleur**, **Water Thick-knee** and large numbers of **Red Lechwe**. In the surrounding bush we found **European Roller**, **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**, **Green Wood Hoopoe**, **Swainson's Spurfowl** and the spectacular **Crimson-breasted Shrike**.

Day 15, 13th November 2021. Mahango birding

We left before dawn this morning to be back in the woodlands around Katere (where we saw Souza's Shrike a couple of days back) to look for a few other woodland specials. Our two primary targets were Sharp-tailed Starling and Rufous-bellied Tit. It didn't take long before a group of 3-4 **Rufous-bellied Tits** showed well, alongside **Brown-backed Honeybird**, **Yellow-throated Petronia**, **Neddicky** and **Striped Kingfishers**. Some further exploration of these woodlands produced more great birds including **Dark Chanting Goshawk**, **African Cuckoo-Hawk**, **Coqui Francolin**, **Grey-headed Kingfisher**, **Tinkling Cisticola** and a distant calling **Great Spotted Cuckoo**.



Coqui Francolin is rather scarce in the Caprivi Strip but showed well for us.

Having worked the area hard and still no luck with the **Sharp-tailed Starlings** we decided to try a new patch of woodlands which eventually delivered the goods with a single bird in amongst a small group of **Greater Blue-eared Starlings**. The area further yielded **Green-capped Eremomela** and **Black-headed Oriole**.

Once back at camp the rest of the afternoon was spent birding the surrounding riverine forest and floodplain which gave us **Mourning Collared Dove**, **Greater Blue-eared Starling** and **Yellow-billed Oxpecker**. After this we headed out on another boat cruise which was again productive and we saw **White-backed Night Heron**, **Collared** and **Rock Pratincoles**, **Woodland Kingfisher** and **South African Cliff Swallow**. After dinner we headed out for some nocturnal birding and found **Fiery-necked** and **Square-tailed Nightjars** and **African Wood Owl**.



African Wood Owls are always a treat to see!

Day 16, 14th November 2021. Leaving the Caprivi Strip

This was our last morning in the lush habitat of the Caprivi Strip before heading back west to the more arid zones of north-central Namibia and so we targeted any species we were likely to lose after today. The birding was a little on the slow side this morning but we did manage to find **Icterine Warbler**, **Magpie Shrike**, **Banded Martin** and **Brown Firefinch**.

Today was mostly a travel day as we made our way to Roy's Camp, just outside of Grootfontein. The drive was fairly uneventful, although we did find a pair of **Senegal Coucals** which showed really well for us. We had a wander around Roy's Camp just before dark which gave us good views of **Black-faced Babbler**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Red-billed Buffalo Weaver** and **Rosy-faced Lovebird**.

Day 17, 15th November 2021. Transfer to Okinjima

We did a couple hours of birding before breakfast which wasn't too busy but did get new birds in the form of **Yellow-breasted Apalis** and **Levaillant's Cuckoo**. After breakfast we made our way south to Okinjima Game Reserve where we were based for the next two nights. En route we found a couple of low-flying **Bradfield's Swifts** which we had missed up until this point of the trip.

After checking into our accommodation, we headed out on our leopard-tracking drive which proved to be a lot of fun. Okinjima has a number of radio-collared Leopards for research purposes and they have opened up this activity to guests. Every kilometer or so, our game guide would get out and set up the antenna listening for the beep of the radio signal, over the next couple of hours the signal grew louder and louder (with a huge rainstorm along the way) before

our guide spotted the **Leopard** just a few meters from our vehicle. We then sat with the Leopard for about 30 minutes as it noisily chomped away on a Steenbok carcass. While out on our drive we also came across a number of good birds including **White-tailed Shrike**, **African Hawk-Eagle**, **Double-banded Sandgrouse**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow**, **Southern Pied Babbler** and a singing **Rockrunner**.



*It took a while but we eventually managed to track down this beautiful radio-collared **Leopard**.*

The day's fun was however not yet over. After a scrumptious dinner, we headed out on a game drive vehicle and joined the pangolin-trackers as they listened for the beep of a radio-collared **Temminck's Ground Pangolin**. After some searching, the animal showed itself and we got to spend about 20 minutes quietly following this strange animal as it went about feeding. Certainly, an experience to remember!

Day 18, 16th November 2021. Okinjima birding and wildlife viewing

Today was our last full day in Namibia and we spent the day walking and driving around the large property. Although there was not much new to be seen, we did have some great sightings of **Common** and **Bradfield's Swifts**, **Purple Roller**, **Yellow Canary**, **Shaft-tailed Whydah**, **Burnt-necked Eremomela**, **Barred Wren-Warbler**, **Brubru**, **Dusky Sunbird**, **Great Sparrow**, **Rüppell's Parrot**, **Monteiro's Hornbill**, **Black-faced Waxbill**, **Short-toed Rock Thrush** and **Black-chested Snake Eagle**. The game viewing was impressive too with sightings of **White Rhinoceros**, (Hartmann's) **Mountain** and **Plains Zebras**, **Warthog**, **Giraffe**, **Kudu**, **Gemsbok** (Southern Oryx), **Damara Dikdik**, **Steenbok**, **Chacma Baboon** and **Black-backed Jackal**.

In the evening we saw **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar** and **Spotted Eagle-Owl** as well as a **Honey Badger** and **Small Spotted Genet**, while the bow-wow call of **Freckled Nightjar** was heard nearby.

Day 19, 17th November 2021. Transfer to Windhoek and departure

This morning we had a nice walk and drive around some nearby koppies (small conical hills) which gave us brief sightings of **Hartlaub's Spurfowl** and good views of **Short-toed Rock Thrush** and **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**. As we were having our breakfast at the lodge a small group of **Burchell's Sandgrouse** flew into the waterhole and provided nice views of a bird that we had missed up until now.



*One never grows tired of seeing the delicate and beautiful **Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**.*

Our flights home were in the late afternoon from Windhoek, so we had some time to bird around the city to see what last-minute species we could add to our list. We stopped at Avis Dam which was very birdy and provided trip ticks in the form of **Orange River Francolin**, **African Sacred Ibis** and **African Spoonbill** with **Cape Shoveler**, **South African Shelduck**, **Blue-billed Teal**, **Red-knobbed Coot** and **Great White Pelican** seen too. Soon afterwards, we had a late lunch and then headed to Windhoek Airport where we said our goodbyes after a fantastic 19 days in Namibia!

Bird List - Following IOC (11.2)

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. The Namibian endemic is bolded.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ostriches (Struthionidae)	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Guineafowl (Numididae)	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Coqui Francolin	<i>Peliperdix coqui</i>
Orange River Francolin	<i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
African Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
Hottentot Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</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>
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
Pennant-winged Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus vexillarius</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Swifts (Apodidae)	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
Turacos (Musophagidae)	
Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>
Ross's Turaco	<i>Musophaga rossae</i>
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
Bustards (Otididae)	
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
Ludwig's Bustard - EN	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
Great Spotted Cuckoo (H)	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
Black Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
Red-chested Cuckoo (H)	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</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>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>
Finfoots (Heliornithidae)	
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
African Swamphe	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
Cranes (Gruidae)	
Wattled Crane - VU	<i>Grus carunculata</i>
Blue Crane - VU	<i>Grus paradisea</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)	
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>
Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
White-crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>
Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae)	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</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>
Couriers, Pratincoles (Glareolidae)	
Burchell's Courser	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>
Bronze-winged Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i>
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
Rock Pratincole	<i>Glareola nuchalis</i>
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>
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>
Damara Tern - VU	<i>Sternula balaenarum</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Penguins (Spheniscidae)	
African Penguin - EN	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
Petrels, Shearwaters, Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)	
White-chinned Petrel - VU	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>
Gannets, Boobies (Sulidae)	
Cape Gannet - EN	<i>Morus capensis</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
Crowned Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
Cape Cormorant - EN	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
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>
Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Rufous-bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
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>

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Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Hamerkop (Scopidae)	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
Secretarybird (Sagittariidae)	
Secretarybird - VU	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
African Cuckoo-Hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>
White-backed Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
White-headed Vulture - CR	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture - EN	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
Martial Eagle - VU	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
Tawny Eagle - VU	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
Southern White-faced Owl (H)	<i>Ptilopsis granti</i>
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>
Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>
Mousebirds (Coliidae)	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
Hoopoes (Upupidae)	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>
Wood Hoopoes (Phoeniculidae)	
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
Violet Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros bradfieldi</i>
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>
African Barbets (Lybiidae)	
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)	
Brown-backed Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
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)	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
African & New World Parrots (Psittacidae)	
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>
Rüppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>
Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)	
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
Pririt Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>
Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)	
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius major</i>
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
Vangas & Allies (Vangidae)	
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>
Souza's Shrike	<i>Lanius souzae</i>
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</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)	
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>
Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>
Rufous-bellied Tit	<i>Melaniparus rufiventris</i>
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>
Penduline Tits (Remizidae)	
Grey Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>

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Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>
Karoo Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>
Benguela Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda benguelensis</i>
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>
Dune Lark (Endemic)	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>
Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafraga fasciolata</i>
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>
Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafraga rufocinnamomea</i>
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>
Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
Yellow-throated Leaflove	<i>Atimastillas flavicollis</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
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>
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>
Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrospheidae)	
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Leaf Warblers & Allies (Phylloscopidae)	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>

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Reed Warblers & Allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Greater Swamp Warbler (H)	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae)	
Little Rush Warbler (H)	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Tinkling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola rufilatus</i>
Chirping Cisticola (H)	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flava</i>
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>
Barred Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
Laughingthrushes & Allies (Leiothrichidae)	
Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>
Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>
Layard's Warbler	<i>Sylvia layardi</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
Southern Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops anderssoni</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>

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Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
Meves's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
Sharp-tailed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis acuticaudus</i>
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>
Oxpeckers (Buphagidae)	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
Kurichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)	
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</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>
Herero Chat	<i>Namibornis herero</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</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>
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</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>
Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrildidae)	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>
Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</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>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Lonchura cucullata</i>
Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)	
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>

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African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</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	402
Total heard only	5
Total recorded	407

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Dogs, Wolves, Foxes (Canidae)	
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Side-striped Jackal	<i>Canis adustus</i>
Cats (Felidae)	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>
Banded Mongoose	<i>Herpestes flavescens</i>
Mustelids (Mustelidae)	
Honey Badger	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>
Hyaenas, Aardwolf (Hyaenidae)	
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
Eared Seals (Otariidae)	
Afro-Australasian Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus pusillus</i>
Genets, Binturong, Civets (Viverridae)	
Common Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>
Bovids (Bovidae)	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
Common Reedbuck	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Southern Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>
Kirk's Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>

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Gemsbok (Southern Oryx)	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Sitatunga	<i>Tragelaphus spekii</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Giraffes, Okapis (Giraffidae)	
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
Hippopotamuses (Hippopotamidae)	
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Hogs, Pigs (Suidae)	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
Hyraxes (Procaviidae)	
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
Rabbits, Hares (Leporidae)	
Cape Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
Pangolins (Manidae)	
Temminck's Ground Pangolin	<i>Manis temminckii</i>
Horses, Asses, Zebras (Equidae)	
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>
Mountain Zebra (Hartmann's)	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>
Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae)	
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Elephants (Elephantidae)	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Squirrels, Chipmunks, Marmots, Prairie Dogs (Sciuridae)	
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>
Dolphins (Delphinidae)	
Common Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>

Total seen	46
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Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Land Tortoises (Testudinidae)	
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>
Pythons (Pythonidae)	
Southern African Rock Python	<i>Python natalensis</i>
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Ovambo Tree Skink	<i>Trachylepis binotata</i>
Wahlberg's Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis wahlbergii</i>
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Agamas (Agamidae)	
Namib Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>
Etosha Spiny Agama	<i>Agama etoshae</i>
Chameleons (Chamaeleonidae)	
Flap-necked Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo dilepsis</i>
Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)	
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Total seen	9