

Botswana's Desert & Delta (Mammals)

Naturetrek Tour Report

16th – 24th September 2025



Cheetah



Wild Dog



Honey Badger



Lion

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Summary

An amazing trip in northern Botswana exploring the southeastern corner of the Okavango Delta. Highlights included: two packs of Wild Dog; six Leopard; three prides of Lion; two families of Cheetah; five Honey Badger; and four Angolan Reed Frog.

Day 1

Thursday 16th September

We boarded our overnight flight from London Heathrow to Johannesburg. One client from California had an additional flight from San Francisco to London.

Day 2

Friday 17th September

Maun flight and drive to Khwai Concession.

The flight from London to Johannesburg and the onward flight to Maun in Botswana both arrived on schedule. The group met the guides, Partner and Arnold, in arrivals at Maun airport and we began with blue skies and temperatures reaching 34°C.

We boarded two safari vehicles. Our first stop was a local lodge to collect four clients who had arrived a few days earlier. Subsequently, we drove five hours along bumpy sandy and dirt roads to the first camp in Khwai Concession. Along the road, we spotted our first pack of African Wild Dog sheltering away from the heat, Southern Giraffe, Greater Kudu, Savanna Elephant, Plains Zebra, Red Lechwe, and Common Hippopotamus. We also had great views of African Jacana and Bateleur.

As we approached the first camp, we watched the first of many amazing red sunsets. In the subsequent twilight, and as we arrived at camp, we had a brief view of a Scrub Hare and saw Spotted Hyena illuminated by the vehicle headlights. A frog chorus also greeted us as we entered camp. Once disembarked, the camp staff guided us to our individual tents to drop belongings. After a delicious camp dinner in the mess/dining tent, we retired for the evening to the sounds of Spotted Hyena and Common Hippopotamus calling nearby.

Day 3

Saturday 18th September

Khwai Concession

Wakeup calls were 5.00am. Warm water was delivered to our outdoor sinks, and we splashed refreshing water on sleepy faces. Alfred, our camp manager, was ready to pour coffee and tea for us after we completed our torchlit morning routines. Breakfast was delivered soon after by Oni and Ice T, our cooks. The morning safari drives departed at 6.00am.

As the sun rose, we were able to see our wilderness safari camp under the shade of trees and situated close to large marsh. The comfortable and spacious tents were equipped with camp beds and side tables, bedding, pillows and ensuite facilities (bucket shower and 'bush loo'). A little M.A.S.H 4077-esque.

Our first sighting of the morning was of a small group of Lion relaxing in long grass. We watched them for a while but soon moved on because viewing was obscured and the Lions were resting. Other sightings of the morning included Red Lechwe, a sleeping African Elephant leaning against a large Sausage Tree, three stunning Sable and Chacma Baboon.

The morning tea stop was by a lake. While we enjoyed the views, we spotted a pair of Verreaux's Eagle-Owl in a nearby tree. One client also found a small frog in the weedy, shallows of the lake. It was identified as a Mozambique Ridged Frog.

We returned to camp to a tasty lunch cooked by camp staff. The menu was varied and expertly created in the outdoor kitchen. Everyone was complimentary of the food and the skills of the chef and camp team.

Satiated, we relaxed for the afternoon. During the siesta, warm water was delivered for the bucket showers. The bucket was hoisted up via a pulley system, and the water was delivered via a shower head by turning a valve below the bucket. The showers were refreshing and satisfactory.

The afternoon drive left at 3:30pm. The highlight of the first afternoon was being surrounded by a herd of over 100 African Savanna Elephant. The Elephants had been to the river to bathe. They were covered in mud, and the damp waterlines were still evident on their hides. It was a tremendous experience to be surrounded by such magnificent creatures as they strolled peacefully past the vehicles.

Later in the afternoon, we saw Common Dwarf Mongoose who had taken up residence in a derelict Termite mound. Their antics were fun to watch as they snaked through the entrances and corridors. Further long the drive, we spotted White-backed Vulture, African Buffalo, Common Warthog, Greater Kudu, and a Goliath Heron. Our final memory of the day was Spotted Hyena cubs. Under the cover of darkness, they were sufficiently confident to emerge from the den to investigate the safari vehicles. We watched the curious cubs for a while before heading back to camp for dinner.

Other birding highlights of the day included Striated Heron, Burchell's and Double-banded Sandgrouse, a pair of Wattled Crane, the first of many Lilac-breasted Roller, African Hoopoe, and Bennett's Woodpecker.

Day 4

Sunday 19th September

Khwai Concession and Boat Trip on the Khwai River

This morning, half of the group chose to take the mokoro canoe trip along the Khwai River. It was a clear morning, and travelling over the water was very peaceful. We drifted and manoeuvred through reeds, waterlilies, watershield, and water lettuce. We spotted the tiny Angolan Reed Frog on reed stalks and on floating leaves. A resting bull Elephant was also spotted at the far end of the marsh. We briefly stepped ashore on an island for morning tea, and the guides told us about the local wildlife and culture.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the group visited the further ranges of the Khwai Concession. With many exciting tracks, including Serval, African Wild Cat, Leopard, and Spotted Hyena, we followed their direction with no avail. As we reached the furthest point in our game drive, Arnold, spotted movement on the other side of the river and

found two lionesses sheltering in the shade under a tree. On the drive back through the reserve we enjoyed a large breeding herd of Elephants coming down to the river to bath and drink. As we were returning back to camp for lunch we received a radio call from the other group and quickly made a detour to join them.

The return journey in the vehicle was very exciting in that we had our first Leopard sighting. The female Leopard had hunted and killed an Impala. The Impala was too heavy for the Leopard to drag up high. Instead, it was devouring its meal on the ground under a large tree. We watched the Leopard feed, then cover the carcass with leaves, and finally rest. A Western Barn Owl was perched in a tree above the resting Leopard. After watching and photographing the Leopard for quite some time, we drove on. Later that afternoon, we spotted Southern Reedbuck, a group of Southern Ground Hornbill, Chacma Baboon, and Common Tsessebe.

Meanwhile, at camp, a drama was emerging. A large, hairy, gray spider took up residence in one of the “bush-loos”! The residents were somewhat disturbed by this unwanted guest. The camp staff tried and failed to remove the large arachnid. At one point, it was thought that the eight-legged monster, that was by now taking on a mythical persona, had been dispatched! But no! It returned to traumatize once more! Eventually, a curious client went to photograph the loo-spider, for identification purposes, of course. It appeared to be a type of Wandering Spider (still to be identified to species) and is probably still lurking in the toilet for the next campers!

Day 5

Monday 20th September

Drive to Moremi Game Park via North Gate

Today, we broke camp and drove to Moremi Game Reserve. Along the way, we spotted foraging Banded Mongoose, a sleeping male Lion, Southern Reedbuck, Common Hippopotamus, a pack of over 40 Wild Dog, Vervet Monkey, and a male Leopard in a tree with kill. After an impromptu bush stop behind the vehicle by our guide, Arnold, a Caracal bolted across the road but disappeared before anyone else in the group could see it. The only evidence of the sighting was the fresh paw prints left behind - a tantalising reminder of the elusive predator's presence. Subsequently, the group took a tea break by a large lake. There, we spotted the first Nile Crocodile.

In the afternoon, another crackle came over the radio; Partner was stuck in the mud! Despite this being the dry season in Botswana, there is lots of standing water, plus pools and lakes in every corner. Arnold started to laugh and explained to everyone in our vehicle that this is not Partner's first bogging experience. Apparently, he has a reputation for such incidents. After a succession of wheel spinning, Partner removed his shoes and waded across the deep, muddy pool with a tow rope. Fortunately, Arnold's vehicle was in a good position to assist. The incapacitated vehicle was hauled from the bog, and we resumed our journey.

Today's thrilling experience was encountering a female Cheetah with three cubs. Initially, they were resting in the shade of a large bush. After some time, the mother rose and walked away from us. The cubs followed. Our guides explained that the Cheetah were going to hunt. The vehicles also followed. Plains Zebra and Common Wildebeest were close by and watching intently. As we bumped and crashed over the terrain following the Cheetah family, we saw Impala running at speed in the distance. And as suddenly as it all began, everything came to a standstill as we found the mother Cheetah and her three cubs surrounding a dead Impala. The female Cheetah's mouth was clamped over the Impala's neck as she completed her kill. The cubs sat close by; they were all vigilant and keeping look out for any marauding Hyena. The mother sat for some time recovering. Eventually, she recuperated from

the effort and opened the carcass for the cubs to feed while the Plains Zebra, Impala and Common Wildebeest stood watching the scenes unfold mournfully in silence nearby. A great meal for the Cheetah family; an amazing sighting for us.

After such an exciting encounter, and a morning of great sightings, we didn't know what else might occur. Driving across a grassy area, a crackle came over the radio that there may be a Honey Badger sighting. Both vehicles rapidly set off across the grassland. As we converged, everyone saw the stocky, black and gray shapes of two Honey Badgers running as if they were late for an appointment. We were able to catch up with them and spent time watching their antics as they rolled around and dug holes. As quickly as they appeared, they departed, leaving us in awe of these characterful creatures. On the way back to camp, with the sky turning a fabulous orange and red colour that Botswana was renowned for, a Leopard drinking by the river was spotted briefly before quickly disappearing back into the bush despite our best efforts to relocate her.

During our transfer to Moremi, we also saw Bennett's Woodpecker, Secretarybird, a pair of Kori Bustard, White-backed Vulture and Southern Tawny Eagle. After an exciting day, we arrived at our new camp location overlooking a river. There, we settled in.

After exploring the camp and a hearty meal, we began to hear the surrounding wildlife, with Hippos emerging from the water, Elephants crossing the river and a few lucky guests glimpsed a nearby Leopard before it vanished back into the grasslands. We drifted off to sleep to the deep, echoing roars of Lions somewhere in the distance.

Day 6

Tuesday 21st September

Xakanaxa. Moremi Game Reserve

On today's game drives we discovered a Leopard that was relaxing in a tree. We also found a Lion pride and enjoyed watching the lions greeting each other. This pride is unusual in that there are five male brothers coexisting without conflict.

Later in the morning, we encountered three Wild Dog. As they entered long grass by the track, they appeared to be searching. We watched as the dogs repeatedly paused and then bayed. Arnold explained to us that the dogs were looking for and calling to the rest of the pack. The dogs moved quickly across grassland, and we left them to continue their reunion with the group. As we headed back to camp, our last sightings of the morning were of Brown Snake-Eagle and Water Thick-knee.

During our afternoon break, a large herd of African Buffalo, numbering over a thousand individuals, was seen across the river from camp. They were grazing and moving slowly through the landscape. It was quite a sight. That afternoon, a Southern Red-billed Hornbill was also seen feeding around the tents in camp.

During the afternoon safari drive, we rediscovered the pride of Lions, and spent time watching their interactions and behaviour, which was fascinating. On our return journey, we spotted Black-backed Jackal, Yellow Mongoose, and Chacma Baboon. Almost back at camp and in the twilight, we saw movement in the vehicle headlights and realized it was a bird. We were thrilled to see a pair of Square-tailed Nightjar flycatching in the beams of the Land Cruiser. The birds landed on the dirt road long enough for a couple of photos. An exciting moment.

Day 7

Wednesday 22nd September

Xakanaxa, Moremi Game Park

During breakfast, a group of eight excited Wild Dogs emerged from the dim morning light across the river, their calls echoing as they greeted one another before promptly moving out of sight.

On our morning safari drive, we discovered a Leopard for the trip. Characteristically, it was relaxing up on a tree branch. However, the light was perfect for some great photography. Shortly after, we were entertained by an amorous pair of Steenbok. Our guide explained that although typically solitary, Steenbok pairs mate for life and only come together to mate. Interestingly, the pairs occupy consistent territories while living independently, but stay in contact through scent markings, so that they know where their mate is most of the time.

Later, to our delight, we came across a large herd of Elephant mud bathing. The adult females were flicking and lobbing mud over their backs, while the younger Elephants were rolling and submerging themselves completely in the mud. It was tremendous to watch this essential part of the Elephants' daily routines. On our drive back to camp one client reported seeing a small cat. Luckily, we managed to get a brief view as it wandered into the undergrowth; it was an African Wildcat. Other sightings for the morning were Red-billed Spurfowl, Chacma Baboon, and a second Secretarybird.

During today's siesta, the African Buffalo herd was seen across the river from camp again. And to everyone's surprise a male Elephant strolled into camp, followed later by a small family group. We retreated to the dining tent for safety and watched at a safe distance as each of the elephants crossed the river. Another visitor to camp was a Smith's Bush Squirrel who took a nap in the knothole of a tree.

On the afternoon drive we tracked a couple of Cheetah brothers. The young male cats were wary of the vehicles. Arnold and Partner were careful not to disturb the youngsters; gently manoeuvring so we could view the siblings. Our final sighting of the day was a pride of Lion. Initially, the group were sleeping, but as twilight fell, they became more active. We watched the waking Lions as they rolled, tail-flicked, stretched; and bonded with nuzzling and grooming. It was fascinating to watch this pride behaviour as they cemented social bonds and reinforced family ties.

By this point in the tour, everyone had settled into the pace and rhythm of camp life. After returning from the morning game drive and lunch, Partner led us through the latest species lists with his unique style. After the list, we had a few hours to spare before the evening drive. Many relaxed and took showers, but others searched for dragonflies and damselflies around camp, and some of us did yoga. A small group started a competitive series of Uno card games. There was cheating, outdoing one another, underhanded moves, back-stabbing, and lots of laughter!

Day 8

Thursday 23rd September

Xakanaxa, Moremi Game Park

During our last morning, we rediscovered the Cheetah brothers. We watched them while they relaxed. We noticed that they weren't so spooked by the vehicle's approach today. Later in our search, we saw Southern Reedbuck, Spotted Hyena, Verreaux's Eagle Owls, Pied Kingfisher, Namaqua Dove, and a large butterfly, which was later identified as a Green-veined Emperor (*Charaxes candiope*).

Returning to camp for the last time, we packed our bags to prepare for the following morning's departure. The group enjoyed a final dinner together. We thanked our guides and camp hosts, who had ensured our trip to Botswana was memorable and comfortable. As we retired for the night, our luggage was already loaded onto the safari vehicles in preparation for tomorrow's departure.

One last surprise was awaiting a client as they returned to their tent. A Gray Foam-nest Treefrog (*Chiromantis xerampelina*). This unusual-looking and highly camouflaged treefrog is endemic to southern Africa. Females of this species have multiple mates on separate territories that guard the eggs and care for young. During the mating process, the female frog produces a foam nest in tree branches by water to keep the eggs moist.

Day 9

Friday 24th September

Drive from Moremi Game Park via South Gate and return to Johannesburg via Maun

We woke early and ate our last breakfast in the camp, after which we thanked our camp hosts and wished everyone a fond farewell. We watched our last red dawn over the Botswana landscape. Our return journey was via a different route, and we exited the Moremi Game Reserve by the south gate to return to Maun.

On the drive back, we glimpsed a Spotted Hyena as it ran away with a ribcage in its mouth. Further along the road, a large kettle of Hooded and White-backed Vultures swirled overhead. After a few hours of driving, we stopped for our last tea break under the shade of a tree. We took some group photos and selfies with Partner and Arnold.

We arrived in Maun with plenty of time before our flight. We expressed our thanks and gratitude to Partner and Arnold before heading to check-in. Some of the group visited the local shops to find souvenirs and gifts. The flight out of Botswana was timely and smooth.

At Johannesburg airport, the group bade our goodbyes, and some went off to find showers, a much-needed requirement after a week in the bush and in camp. More importantly, it was a thoughtful gesture to our fellow travellers on the long-haul return flight.



Leopard



Namaqua Dove



Square-tailed Nightjar



Plain's Zebra

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Species lists

Mammals

G = guide only		September 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vervet	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	✓		✓	✓				
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>				4		2	2	
Caracal	<i>Caracal caracal</i>				G				
African Wildcat	<i>Felis lybica</i>						1		
Serval	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>								
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>		1	2	1	18	15	11	
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>			1	3	1	1		
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>	✓					✓	✓	
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>				✓			✓	
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>					✓	✓	✓	
African Wild Dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	15			40	3	8		
Honey Badger	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Giraffe	<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>		✓						
Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Topi	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Southern Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	✓			✓		✓		
Southern Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Birds

		September 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>				✓	✓			
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Crested Francolin	<i>Ortygornis sephaena</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>					✓	✓		
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Crinifer concolor</i>		✓					✓	
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</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>			✓			✓	✓	✓
Wattled Crane	<i>Grus carunculata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>				✓				
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>					✓			
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>							✓	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>		✓						
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>					✓			
Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>		✓						
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				✓				
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	✓				✓			
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				✓	✓			
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>				✓	✓			✓
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
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>				✓	✓	✓		✓
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>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>							✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Slaty Egret	<i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>	✓					✓	✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>					✓		✓	
Secretarybird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>				✓		✓		
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>								✓
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	✓			✓	✓			
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>		✓						
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>					✓			
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Hawk-eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>			✓				✓	
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>								✓
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>			✓					
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>						✓		
Southern Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>			✓		✓		✓	
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>					✓			
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoloides</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>		✓						
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>								✓
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>			✓		✓			
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>		✓					✓	
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>							✓	
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>								✓
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>		✓						
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>				✓				
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>						✓	✓	✓
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>		✓				✓		

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Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>						✓		
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>				✓				
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	✓	✓	✓					
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>						✓		
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>						✓		
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>		✓						
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>		✓		✓				
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>			✓		✓			
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>			✓			✓	✓	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	✓	✓				✓		
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>				✓		✓		
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>				✓				
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	✓	✓						
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>					✓		✓	✓
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>					✓			
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>		✓						
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>			✓					