Namibia, Botswana & Zambia – Etosha to the Victoria Falls!

Naturetrek Tour Report

24th February - 12th March 2023







Blue Cranes



Cheetahs



Buffalo

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Day 1

Saturday 25th February

Waterberg

Weather: Minimum 16, Maximum 34 Celsius with clear skies

Meeting the group at Windhoek airport, we loaded the luggage and departed. We had to make a short diversion to the local hospital as one of the clients was feeling unwell. While waiting at the hospital we saw Rosy-faced Lovebirds, Little Swift, African Palm Swift, Rock Martin, White-backed Mousebird, House Sparrow. Thankfully we were soon on the road again driving north towards our overnight stop, Waterberg Plateau Park where we saw Greater Kudu, Chacma Baboon, Rock Hyrax and Impala. A few notable birds included: Steppe Buzzard, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Black-winged Kite, Kori Bustard, Fork-tailed Drongo, Lilac-breasted Roller. We arrived at sunset and checked into our rooms and met for the short drive to dinner. On the way we heard and saw Freckled Nightjar as well as good views of a Small Spotted Genet.

Distance travelled: 310 km

Day 2

Sunday 26th February

Halali

Weather: Minimum 18 Maximum 37 Celsius with clear skies

Some of the group met just before sunrise at 06:30 for a short and easy walk to find a few birds. Others opted to lie-in and met for breakfast at 07:30.

We saw a pair of Verreaux's Eagles, African Grey Hornbill, Bradfield's Swift, Laughing Dove, Glossy Starling, Pale-winged Starling, Red-eyed Bulbul, Eurasian Golden Oriole and we heard a Rockrunner but didn't manage to catch sight of it. As for mammals we saw Chacma Baboons, Banded Mongoose and Damara Dikdik.

After breakfast we drove/walked back to our rooms and then departed with the vehicles at 09:00. Driving slowly to seek some of the Namibian endemics we had good views of Ruppel's Parrot, Lesser Masked and Southern Masked Weaver, Burchell's Starling, Glossy Starling, Groundscraper Thrush, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Grey Go-away-bird. We departed Waterberg at 10:00, stopping for lunch en-route to Etosha National Park and entering the park at 15:00.

In Etosha we saw: Gemsbok, Black Rhino, Springbok, Southern Giraffe, Black Faced Impala, Burchell's Zebra, Blue Wildebeest, Ostrich, Greater Kestrel, Western Red-footed Falcon, Kori Bustard, Northern Black Korhaan, Red-capped Lark, Spike-heeled Lark, Rufous-naped Lark, Sabota Lark, Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark. We met at 19:15 to do our checklist followed by dinner.

Distance travelled: 330 km

Day 3

Monday 27th February

Halali

Weather: Minimum 19 Maximum 36 Celsius and partly cloudy

Meeting at 06:00 we had a coffee or tea before we departed for our sunrise game-drive at 06:45, returning for breakfast at 09:00. During the drive we saw a mother and calf Black Rhino and other mammals including Giraffe, Greater Kudu, Springbok, Red Hartebeest, Black Faced Impala, Blue Wildebeest, Steenbok and Scrub Hare. Birding highlights included Ostrich, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Western Red-footed Falcon, Amur Falcon, Greater Kestrel, Gabar Goshawk, Norther Black Korhaan, Red-crested Korhaan, Kori Bustard, Black Crow, Pied Crow, Red-headed Finch, Red-billed Quelea, Red-capped Lark, Spike-heeled Lark, Rufous-naped Lark and Sabota Lark.

Following breakfast, we met for a walk through the grounds and to the floodlit waterhole. On the way we saw Black Kite, Fork-tailed Drongo, Wattled Starling, Glossy Starling, Shikra, Ovambo Sparrowhawk, and had excellent views of several Violet Wood-Hoopoes. After a siesta we met again at 16:00 for an afternoon gamedrive. We saw another Black Rhino, two separate sightings of a male and then a female Lion, a lone African Elephant bull, Black Faced Impala, Southern Giraffe and Springbok. We also saw a Bataleur Eagle, Tawny Eagle, Shikra, Bare-cheeked Babblers, Forked-tailed Drongo, Sabota Lark, Rufous-naped Lark, Lilac-breasted Roller, Eurasian Roller, Egyptian Geese, Red-billed Teal, Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Blacksmith and Crowned Lapwings and Black-winged Stilt. We returned to the lodge and met to do the checklist and have dinner. After dinner we searched for owls.

Distance travelled: 90 km

Day 4

Tuesday 28th February

Emanya Lodge

Weather: Minimum 19 Maximum 34 Celsius, partly cloudy

We all have breakfast at our own leisure, meeting with our bags and ready to go at 08:00.

We saw Violet Wood Hoopoe, Damara Hornbill. Southern White-crowned Shrike before departing. En-route we saw African Elephant, Black Rhino, Burchell's Zebra, Gemsbok, Greater Kudu, Springbok, Black-faced Impala, Banded Mongoose, Steenbok and Cheetah. The birds included Blue Crane, Kori Bustard, Greater and Lesser Flamingo, Black-winged Stilt, Northern Black Korhaan, Red-crested Korhaan, Ruff, Chestnut-banded Plover, Kittlitz's Plover, Greenshank, Double-banded Courser, White Stork, Marabou Stork, Western Cattle Egret, Little Egret, White-headed Vulture, White-backed Vulture, Lapped-faced Vulture, Gabar Goshawk, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Red-faced Mousebird, Lesser Kestrel, and Western Red-footed Falcon.

We arrived at Namutoni, the Eastern most camp in Etosha for lunch at 13:00. After lunch we did a short drive before we departed the park at 16:30 and headed to our overnight accommodation just outside the park. We

arrived at 17:00 and met to do the checklist followed by dinner at 19:00. Dinner was served outside under the African skies.

Distance travelled: 140 km

Day 5

Wednesday 1st March

Emanya Lodge

Weather: Minimum 19 Maximum 34 Celsius, partly cloudy

Following an early breakfast, we departed for our morning drive. Before we'd even left the lodge, we saw several birds as well as mammal species including Bearded Woodpecker, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Lesser Masked Weaver, Grey Go Away Bird, Greater Kudu, Cape Eland and Gemsbok.

During the full day in Etosha National Park, we had stunning views of African Elephant, Black Rhino, three Cheetah as well as most of the plain's mammals. The extensive bird list included Grey-headed Gull, Whiskered Tern, White-winged Tern, Marabou Stork, African Spoonbill, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Tawny Eagle, Bataleur Eagle, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Greater Kestrel, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Lesser Grey Shrike, Red-backed Shrike, Monotonous Lark, Red Capped Lark, Sabota Lark, Rufous-naped Lark, Red-breasted Swallow, Long-billed Crombec, Icterine Warbler, Rattling Cisticola, Desert Cisticola, Zitting Cisticola, Black-chested Prinia, Greybacked Cameroptera, to name a few.

Distance travelled: 130 km

Day 6

Thursday 2nd March

Emanya Lodge

Weather: Minimum 15 Maximum 35 Celsius, clear skies

After breakfast we got ready to depart and saw Southern White-crowned Shrike, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Black-faced Babbler, Marabou Stork, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Lesser Masked Weaver, Red-billed Spurfowl, Blacksmith Lapwing, Crowned Lapwing, and Bearded Woodpecker.

Unfortunately, just 10km into the journey one of the vehicles experienced some problems and we decided to return to the lodge where Neil arranged for another night in this great location whilst the vehicle was fixed. An afternoon game drive into Etosha National Park delivered many highlights.

Distance travelled: 60 km

Day 7 Friday 3rd March

Mahangu Safari Lodge

Weather: Minimum 18 Maximum 34 Celsius, clear skies

Following breakfast, we departed at 08:00 and drove to Mahangu Park which took most of the day.

On the way we saw Brown Snake Eagle, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Rufous-crowned Roller, Lilac-breasted Roller and Fork-tailed Drongo. We had a picnic lunch en-route and arrived at our next destination at 16:00.

After checking into our rooms and met on the deck overlooking the Okavango River for our afternoon boat activity that started at 17:00. The change to wet habitat presented a range of new species including Hippopotamus, Waterbuck, Red Lechwe, Impala, Chacma Baboon, Goliath Heron, Little Egret, Intermediate Egret, Squacco Heron, Striated Heron, African Fish Eagle, White-backed Vulture, Bataleur Eagle, Pied Kingfisher, Malachite Kingfisher, Woodland Kingfisher, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, White-fronted Bee-eater, Little Bee-eater, Water Thick-knee, Allan's Gallinule, Spur-winged Goose, Egyptian Geese, Pygmy Geese, White-faced Whistling Duck, Black-crowned Night Heron, White-backed Night Heron.

We returned to the lodge at 19:00 and met for dinner at 19:45.

Distance travelled: 600 km

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Day 8

Saturday 4th March

Mahangu Safari Lodge

Weather: Minimum 18 Maximum 36 Celsius, partly cloudy

Breakfast was taken on the wooden deck, and then departed for our game drive into the park were we saw: Buffalo, Giraffe, Impala, Red Lechwe, Roan Antelope, Vervet Monkey, alongside Open-billed Stork, Yellow-billed Stork, African Darter, African Spoonbill, Spur-winged Goose, Pygmy Goose, Goliath Heron, Black Heron, Little Egret and Intermediate Egret. We returned to the lodge and met for lunch on the deck.

After lunch and a siesta, and took a short walk in the gardens where we saw Lesser Honeyguide, African Paradise Flycatcher, White-browed Robin-chat, Cardinal Woodpecker, Bennet's Woodpecker, Marico Flycatcher, Long-billed Crombec, Black Crake and Swamp Boubou.

On our afternoon game drive, we saw several mammal species and added Common Reedbuck to our list. Some birds seen include Terrestrial Brownbul, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Blue Cheeked Bee-eater, Arrow-marked Babbler, Hartlaub's Babbler, Glossy Starling, Meve's Starling, Burchell's Starling, White-browed Scrub Robin, Ashy Flycatcher, Blue Waxbill, Red Billed Buffalo Weaver, White-browed Sparrow Weaver, Golden Weaver, Spectacled Weaver, Village Weaver and Red-billed Quelea - regarded as the most numerous undomesticated birds on earth. Once again we dined under the clear African skies.

Distance travelled: 80 km

Day 9 Sunday 5th March

Mahangu Safari Lodge

Weather: Minimum 21 Maximum 35 Celsius, partly cloudy

We took breakfast on the deck before departing the lodge at 08:00.

Crossing the border into Botswana, we took a very exciting boat trip to find some of the very elusive birds of the area. We got straight into two speed boats and jetted off on the Okavango River. Unfortunately we did not manage to see any Pel's Owls but we did have great views of many other bird species including: African Fish Eagle, Osprey, Yellow-billed Kite, Black Crake, Water Thick-knee, Long-toed Lapwing, Blacksmith Lapwing, Crowned Lapwing, African Jacana, Wood Sandpiper, African Openbill, Darter, Reed Cormorant, Hadada Ibis, Black-crowned and White-backed Night Heron, Purple Heron, Grey Heron, Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret, Hammerkop, African Marsh Harrier, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Little Bee-eater, Blue Cheeked Bee-eater, White-fronted Bee-eater, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Terrestrial Brownbul, Dark-capped Bulbul, Wire-tailed Swallow, Lesser Striped Swallow, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Greater Swamp Warbler, Chirping Cisticola, Luapula Cisticola, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Yellow White-eye and many more.

We had lunch in Botswana and return to our lodge for 17:00. The daily checklist was followed by dinner at 19:30.

Distance travelled: 120 km

Day 10 Monday 6th March

Zambezi River Lodge

Weather: Minimum 19 Maximum 34 Celsius, partly cloudy

We met on the deck to do a short walk in the gardens before departing on a breakfast cruise on the Okavango River. During the walk we saw Purple-banded Sunbird, Collared Sunbird, White-browed Coucal, Arrow-marked Babbler, Hartlaub's Babbler, Dark-capped Bulbul, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Grey-rumped Swallow, Lesser Striped Swallow, Mosque Swallow and an African Rock Python in a tree.

We had a great breakfast on the river and saw several bird species as well as mammals. We returned to the lodge at 09:30 and departed shortly afterwards.

During our drive to our lunch destination, we saw Steppe Buzzard, Yellow-billed Kite, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Bataleur Eagle, Lapped-faced Vulture. Mammals along the road included Chacma Baboon, Greater Kudu, Waterbuck, Elephants and Vervet Monkeys. Over lunch we added Peter's Epauleted Fruit Bat and also Chobe Dwarf Gecko to our ever-growing list. After lunch we continued our journey to our destination on the banks of the Zambezi River. We arrived just after 17:00 and, having checked into their rooms some of the group decided

to explore the grounds and found a good range of birds including Giant Kingfisher, Chinspot Batis, Comb-billed Duck, Spur-winged Goose, Allan's Gallinule, Water Thick-knee, Blacksmith Lapwing, Wattled Lapwing, African Jacana, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, African Openbill Stork, African Darter, White-backed Night Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Striated Heron, Barn Owl, Red-faced Mousebird, Green Woodhoopoe, Black-backed Puffback, Magpie Shrike, Lesser Grey Shrike, Red-backed Shrike, African Paradise Flycatcher,

After completing the checklist, we had dinner at 19:00

Distance travelled: 380 km

Day 11

Tuesday 7th March

Chobe Safari Lodge

Weather: Minimum 19 Maximum 34 Celsius, partly cloudy

Meeting for a short, pre-breakfast walk on the property, we saw Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Rufous-bellied Heron, African Darter, White-faced Whistling Duck, Spectacled Weaver, Brown-throated Weaver, Holub's Golden Weaver, Chinspot Batis, Icterine Warbler, Willow Warbler. Returning to breakfast and to collect the luggage, we set off at 09:00. We made a short coffee stop en route and saw Schalow's Turaco, Red Bishop and a few others. Continuing to our next destination we had lunch on the terrace overlooking the Chobe River and then in the afternoon, we had a short nature drive seeing African Elephant, Chacma Baboon, Warthog, Impala, Black-chested Snake Eagle, Black-headed Heron, Black heron, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Sacred Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Pink-backed Pelican, Comb-Billed Duck, Black Winged Stilt, Southern Ground Hornbill.

Returning to the lodge at 17:30 we met to do the checklist and had dinner.

Distance travelled: 180 km

Day 12

Wednesday 8th March

Chobe Safari Lodge

Weather: Minimum 19 Maximum 32 Celsius, mostly sunny

On a pre-breakfast walk we saw: White-backed Night Heron, Tropical Boubou, Half-collared Kingfisher, Terrestrial Brownbul, Yellow-bellied Greenbul.

What followed was a wonderful morning boat ride into Chobe National Park with excellent views of many animals including: Elephant, Buffalo, Hippo, Crocodiles, Nile Monitor, Impala, Chacma Baboons, Bushbuck, African Fish Eagle, Black Heron, Goliath Heron, Little Egret, Intermediate Egret, Great-white Egret, Striated Heron, Squacco Heron, African Darter, Reed Cormorant, Rosy-throated Longclaw, African Pipit, Yellow Wagtail, Cape Wagtail,

African Pied Wagtail, African Cuckoo, Levaillant's Cuckoo, Jacobin Cuckoo, Spur-winged Goose, Pygmy Goose, Red-billed Teal, White-faced Whistling Duck, Fulvous Whistling Duck to name a few.

Returning to the lodge we met for lunch on the terrace and then took a short siesta before the afternoon activity another wonderful boat trip with many Elephants swimming, drinking and cooling off in the river. We saw Southern Giraffe, Buffalo, Hippo, Impala, Chacma Baboon, Vervet Monkey, Warthog and several bird species on the river cruise, returning to the lodge just after 18:00.

Day 13

Thursday 9th March

Camp Nkwazi

Weather: Minimum 19 Maximum 34 Celsius, partly cloudy

Many in the group decided to do an optional extra game drive into the park starting at 05:45.

Those remaining took a short bird walk around the property before breakfast. They saw: Schalow's Turaco, Collared Palm Thrush, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Terrestrial Brownbul, Retz's Helmetshrike, Half-collared Kingfisher, Dark-capped Bulbul, White-browed Robin-chat, Blue Waxbill, Collared Sunbird, Warthog, Vervet Monkey and Bushbuck.

Crossing the border and the Zambezi River, we had lunch in Livingstone and explored the Victoria Waterfalls in all their might, with millions of liters of water dropping over the edge forming a curtain of water. Here we saw Red-winged Starling. We arrived at our lodge which is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River just after 17:00 and settled into rooms before meeting for dinner.

Distance travelled: 130 km

Day 14

Friday 10th March

Camp Nkwazi

Weather: Minimum 19 Maximum 33 Celsius, partly cloudy

Some of the group rose early and met on the deck to search for the African Finfoot and we took a short walk on the property before breakfast. Birds seen included: Red-faced Cisticola, Trumpeter Hornbill, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Black-backed Puffback, Copper Sunbird, Purple-banded Sunbird, Cut-throat Finch and Tropical BouBou.

The rest of the morning was spent at leisure and to relax in the stunning location. Lunch was on a deck overlooking the river and then we met up again at 16:00 for a quick cup of coffee/tea before departing on an afternoon sunset cruise along the Zambezi at 16:30.

Day 15

Saturday 11th March

Departure

Weather: Minimum 21 Maximum 33 Celsius, sunny

On this final day, a brief pre-breakfast walk delivered a few more bird species. We departed the lodge and headed for the Zimbabwe border at 09:00 and arrived at the airport three hours later.

Distance travelled: 60 km

Total species seen:

Birds: 319 Mammals: 37 Reptiles: 8

Total kilometres travelled: 2610 km

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From top left clockwise: Trumpet Thorn, Spotted Hyena, Rock Python, African Pygmy Goose

Species lists

Birds

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic I=	Introduced						ı	-ebrua	ry - Maı	rch 202	:3					
Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus		√	√	√				√							
White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna viduata							√	✓	√	√	√	√			
Fulvous Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna bicolor												✓			
Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis							√	√	√	√	✓	✓			
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos							✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca		√	✓	√			√	√	√	√	✓	✓			
South African Shelduck	Tadorna cana				√	√										
African Pygmy Goose	Nettapus auritus							√		√	✓	✓	√			
Blue-billed Teal	Spatula hottentota					√										
Cape Teal	Anas capensis					√										
Red-billed Teal	Anas erythrorhyncha			√	√	√		√	√	√		√	√			
Southern Pochard	Netta erythrophthalma				√	√										
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris		✓	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Crested Francolin	Ortygornis sephaena													√		
Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix				✓											
Red-billed Spurfowl	Pternistis adspersus	✓	√		√		√	√	✓	√	✓			√		
Swainson's Spurfowl	Pternistis swainsonii								✓				√			
Freckled Nightjar	Caprimulgus tristigma		√													
Square-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus fossii	✓														
African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	✓	√		√	√		√				✓				
Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba		√													
Common Swift	Apus apus	✓	√					√								
Bradfield's Swift	Apus bradfieldi		√													
Little Swift	Apus affinis	√	√	√				√								
White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	√	✓	√												
Grey Go-away-bird	Crinifer concolor	✓	√	✓	√											
Schalow's Turaco	Tauraco schalowi											✓				
Kori Bustard	Ardeotis kori		✓	✓	✓	√										
Red-crested Korhaan	Lophotis ruficrista			√	√	√										

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Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Northern Black Korhaan	Afrotis afraoides		√	✓	✓	√										
Coppery-tailed Coucal	Centropus cupreicaudus							V								
White-browed Coucal	Centropus superciliosus										✓		√			
Levaillant's Cuckoo	Clamator levaillantii									√			√			
Jacobin Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus					√				√			√			
Diederik Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx caprius															
Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas												√			
Black Cuckoo	Cuculus clamosus								✓							
African Cuckoo	Cuculus gularis												√			
Double-banded Sandgrouse	Pterocles bicinctus					√										
Rock Dove - I	Columba livia															
Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	✓	✓													
Mourning Collared Dove	Streptopelia decipiens							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√			
Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	√	√	√	√	√	√	✓	✓	√	✓	√	√			
Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	✓	✓	√	✓	√	√	✓	√	√	✓	√	√			
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos				√	√	√	✓	√	√	√	√				
Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis		√	√	√	√		✓		√	✓	√				
African Green Pigeon	Treron calvus									√	✓					
Lesser Moorhen	Paragallinula angulata				✓											
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus				√	√		✓				√	√			
Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata					√										
Allen's Gallinule	Porphyrio alleni							✓			✓	√				
Black Crake	Zapornia flavirostra								✓	√						
Wattled Crane	Grus carunculata								✓							
Blue Crane	Grus paradisea			✓	✓											
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis				✓	√										
Black-necked Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis				√											
Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus				√	√										
Lesser Flamingo	Phoeniconaias minor				√	√										
Common Buttonquail	Turnix sylvaticus				✓											
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus							✓	✓	√	✓	√	√			

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Common name	Scientific name	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus			✓	✓			√	√			√	√			
Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta				✓											
Long-toed Lapwing	Vanellus crassirostris									√	✓		√			
Blacksmith Lapwing	Vanellus armatus		✓	√	✓	√	√		√	√	✓	√	√			
White-crowned Lapwing	Vanellus albiceps											√	√	√		
Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus		✓	✓	✓	✓	√		✓	√			√			
African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus							√	✓		√	✓	√			
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius				✓	√							√			
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris			√								√	√			
Chestnut-banded Plover	Charadrius pallidus				✓	√										
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis					√										
African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus					√		√	✓	√	✓	√	√			
Ruff	Calidris pugnax				✓	√		√	✓							
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea					√										
Little Stint	Calidris minuta					√										
Great Snipe	Gallinago media					√										
Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa											✓	√			
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos										✓	√	√			
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis			√	√	√			✓							
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola			√	✓	✓		√	✓	√	✓	√	√			
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia			√	√	√										
Temminck's Courser	Cursorius temminckii			√												
Double Banded Courser	Rhinoptilus Africanus		✓	√	√											
Grey-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus					√										
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida					√							√			
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus					√						√	√			
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis								✓							
African Openbill	Anastomus lamelligerus							√	✓	✓	√	✓	✓			
Abdim's Stork	Ciconia abdimii		✓													
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia				✓											
Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumenifer		✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			
African Darter	Anhinga rufa							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√			

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Reed Cormorant	Microcarbo africanus							✓	√	✓		√	√			
African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus											√	√			
Hadada Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash									✓		√	√			
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus												√			
African Spoonbill	Platalea alba				√	✓		✓	√			√	√			
Dwarf Bittern	Ixobrychus sturmii							√		√						
White-backed Night Heron	Gorsachius leuconotus									√	✓		√			
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax							√			✓		√			
Striated Heron	Butorides striata							√		√	√	✓	√			
Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides							✓	✓		✓	√	√			
Rufous-bellied Heron	Ardeola rufiventris											✓				
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis			√	✓	✓		✓	✓	√	✓	√	√			
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea					✓		✓	✓		✓	√	√			
Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala											√				
Goliath Heron	Ardea goliath							√	✓		✓		√			
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea									√						
Great Egret	Ardea alba							✓					√			
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia							✓	✓	√	✓	✓	√			
Black Heron	Egretta ardesiaca								✓			✓	√			
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta				✓	✓		√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓			
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta								✓							
Pink-backed Pelican	Pelecanus rufescens											√				
Secretarybird	Sagittarius serpentarius		√	√												
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus									√		√				
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus		√	√						√						
White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus		√	✓	√	✓		√	√							
White-headed Vulture	Trigonoceps occipitalis				✓	√			✓							
Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotos				✓						✓					
Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis		✓									✓				
Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus						✓									
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax		✓	√	✓	√		✓	✓				✓			

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Verreaux's Eagle	Aquila verreauxii		√													
African Hawk-Eagle	Aquila spilogaster		√													
Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar		✓	√	√								√			
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates						√				√		√			
Pale Chanting Goshawk	Melierax canorus		√	√	√	√										
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro												√			
Shikra	Accipiter badius			√							√					
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus			√			√									
Ovambo Sparrowhawk	Accipiter ovampensis						√									
African Marsh Harrier	Circus ranivorus									✓						
Black Kite	Milvus migrans			√												
Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	√	√				✓	√	√	√	√	✓	√			
African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer							✓	✓	✓	√	√	√			
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		√	√				✓								
Western Barn Owl	Tyto alba										√					
Pearl-spotted Owlet	Glaucidium perlatum						✓									
African Barred Owlet	Glaucidium capense											√				
White-backed Mousebird	Colius colius		✓													
Red-faced Mousebird	Urocolius indicus				√			√	√	√	√	✓	√			
African Hoopoe	Upupa africana			√												
Green Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus								✓	√	√					
Violet Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus damarensis			√	√								√			
Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas					✓		√	✓	√						
Southern Ground Hornbill	Bucorvus leadbeateri											√				
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus damarensis			√												
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus rufirostris			√		√	✓									
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	Tockus leucomelas			√	✓	√	√			√		√				
Monteiro's Hornbill - N	Tockus monteiri									✓						
Bradfield's Hornbill	Lophoceros bradfieldi							✓	√	√	✓					
African Grey Hornbill	Lophoceros nasutus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓			
Trumpeter Hornbill	Bycanistes bucinator														✓	
Purple Roller	Coracias naevius		√			√		✓	✓	✓						

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Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudatus		√	√	√	✓		√	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	√	√	
European Roller	Coracias garrulus			√	√	✓										
Broad-billed Roller	Eurystomus glaucurus								✓	✓						
Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halcyon leucocephala			✓												
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	Halcyon albiventris								✓	✓		✓	✓		√	
Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti								√			✓	✓			
Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis								√	✓	✓	✓				
Malachite Kingfisher	Corythornis cristatus							✓		✓			√			
Half-collared Kingfisher	Alcedo semitorquata												√			
Giant Kingfisher	Megaceryle maxima										✓					
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis							√		√		√	√			
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	Merops hirundineus					√										
Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus								✓	✓	✓	✓	√			
White-fronted Bee-eater	Merops bullockoides							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	Merops persicus								✓	√			✓			
European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		✓	√	✓	√		✓	✓							
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	Merops nubicoides							✓	✓	√	✓	√	√			
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus											√			✓	
Acacia Pied Barbet	Tricholaema leucomelas				√	√			√							
Black-collared Barbet	Lybius torquatus								✓	√		√			✓	
Crested Barbet	Trachyphonus vaillantii										✓					
Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor								✓							
Bennett's Woodpecker	Campethera bennettii															
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	Campethera abingoni		✓						✓							
Bearded Woodpecker	Chloropicus namaquus					√										
Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens								√							
Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni				✓											
Rock Kestrel	Falco rupicolus		√			√										
Greater Kestrel	Falco rupicoloides		✓													
Red-footed Falcon	Falco vespertinus		✓	✓	√											
Amur Falcon	Falco amurensis			✓	√											
Meyer's Parrot	Poicephalus meyeri							✓	✓	√	✓	√				

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Rüppell's Parrot - N	Poicephalus rueppellii		√													
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor										✓	√				
Grey-headed Bushshrike	Malaconotus blanchoti														√	
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis		✓		✓	✓			√							
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla		✓		√				√	✓	✓	√			✓	
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius major											√	✓			
Swamp Boubou	Laniarius bicolor								√	✓						
Crimson-breasted Shrike	Laniarius atrococcineus		√						✓							
Brubru	Nilaus afer										✓					
Retz's Helmetshrike	Prionops retzii								✓					✓	✓	
Black Cuckooshrike	Campephaga flava														✓	
Magpie Shrike	Urolestes melanoleucus								✓	√	✓	✓	✓			
Southern White-crowned Shrike	Eurocephalus anguitimens				✓		✓				✓					
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio				√	✓		✓	✓	√						
Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor		√	✓	√	✓				✓	✓	√				
African Golden Oriole	Oriolus auratus															
Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus		√													
Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis	✓	√	✓	√	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓			
African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis		√							✓	✓	√	✓			
Cape Crow	Corvus capensis		√	√	✓			√	✓							
Pied Crow	Corvus albus		√	√	√			√		√	✓	√	√			
Southern Black Tit	Melaniparus niger											√				
Cape Penduline Tit	Anthoscopus minutus														✓	
Spike-heeled Lark	Chersomanes albofasciata		√													
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix verticalis		√	✓	√	✓										
Sabota Lark	Calendulauda sabota		√	√	√	✓										
Rufous-naped Lark	Mirafra africana		√	√	√	√										
Monotonous Lark	Mirafra passerina					✓										
Red-capped Lark	Calandrella cinerea		✓	√									√			
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	Chlorocichla flaviventris								√	√	✓	√	√			
Terrestrial Brownbul	Phyllastrephus terrestris								√	✓		√	√			
African Red-eyed Bulbul	Pycnonotus nigricans		✓	✓	✓	√										

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Dark-capped Bulbul	Pycnonotus tricolor								✓	√	√	√	√			
Banded Martin	Neophedina cincta					✓										
Brown-throated Martin	Riparia paludicola									√						
Grey-rumped Swallow	Pseudhirundo griseopyga									√	✓	√	√			
Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	√	√	√	√											
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√			
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica		✓	√	✓						✓	✓	√			
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum											√	√			
Red-breasted Swallow	Cecropis semirufa		√	✓	√	✓		✓	√							
Mosque Swallow	Cecropis senegalensis										✓	√	√			
Lesser Striped Swallow	Cecropis abyssinica	√	✓					✓		√	✓		√			
Greater Striped Swallow	Cecropis cucullata		√					✓								
Long-billed Crombec	Sylvietta rufescens				✓	✓	✓			√		✓				
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus											√				
Greater Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus rufescens										✓					
Lesser Swamp Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris									√	✓					
Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus									√						
Icterine Warbler	Hippolais icterina					✓			✓	√	✓					
Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops														✓	
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana					✓			✓							
Tinkling Cisticola	Cisticola rufilatus								✓							
Luapula Cisticola	Cisticola luapula									√			√			
Chirping Cisticola	Cisticola pipiens									√						
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		√		√	√										
Desert Cisticola	Cisticola aridulus		√	√	✓	✓										
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava							✓	√	✓	✓		✓			
Black-chested Prinia	Prinia flavicans		√	✓	√	√										
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida				✓											
Grey-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brevicaudata		✓	✓	✓	✓			√		✓					
Southern Yellow White-eye	Zosterops anderssoni								√	✓	✓	✓				
Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii								√	✓	✓					
Bare-cheeked Babbler	Turdoides gymnogenys			✓												

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Hartlaub's Babbler	Turdoides hartlaubii								√	√	✓					
Black-faced Babbler	Turdoides melanops						√									
Common Myna - I	Acridotheres tristis											√				
Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea		✓	√	✓	✓										
Cape Starling	Lamprotornis nitens	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	√	✓		√		√				
Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus								√	√	✓					
Meves's Starling	Lamprotornis mevesii								√	√	✓	√	√			
Burchell's Starling	Lamprotornis australis		✓					✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓			
Pale-winged Starling	Onychognathus nabouroup		✓													
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus									√			√			
Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorynchus		√					✓	✓	√		√	√			
Groundscraper Thrush	Turdus litsitsirupa		√								√					
Kurrichane Thrush	Turdus libonyana												√			
Kalahari Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas paena				✓											
White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys				✓	√			✓							
Marico Flycatcher	Melaenornis mariquensis				✓	√			✓	√	✓					
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata								✓		✓	√				
Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens								√	√						
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini								✓	√	✓	√	√			
Collared Palm Thrush	Cichladusa arquata												✓	✓		
African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus									√			√			
Capped Wheatear	Oenanthe pileata			√												
Collared Sunbird	Hedydipna collaris									√						
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis												✓			
Marico Sunbird	Cinnyris mariquensis		√			√			√	√		√				
Purple-banded Sunbird	Cinnyris bifasciatus										√		√			
White-bellied Sunbird	Cinnyris talatala									✓						
Dusky Sunbird	Cinnyris fuscus		✓		√	√										
Copper Sunbird	Cinnyris cupreus									✓			√			
Great Sparrow	Passer motitensis				√											
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer griseus											✓	✓			
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer diffusus		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				

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House Sparrow - I	Passer domesticus	✓	√													
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	Bubalornis niger				√	✓		√	√	✓	√	✓	√			
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	Plocepasser mahali		✓		✓	✓		√	✓		✓	✓				
Sociable Weaver	Philetairus socius		√													
Scaly-feathered Weaver	Sporopipes squamifrons				✓	✓										
Thick-billed Weaver	Amblyospiza albifrons									✓						
Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis								✓	✓		✓	√			
Holub's Golden Weaver	Ploceus xanthops								✓	✓	✓	✓	√			
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	Ploceus xanthopterus									✓			√			
Lesser Masked Weaver	Ploceus intermedius		✓		√	√										
Southern Masked Weaver	Ploceus velatus		✓		√	√						√				
Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus								✓							
Chestnut Weaver	Ploceus rubiginosus					✓										
Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea		√	✓		✓			✓		✓	√				
Southern Red Bishop	Euplectes orix				√	✓				✓		✓				
Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis												✓			
Fan-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes axillaris									✓			✓			
White-winged Widowbird	Euplectes albonotatus									✓						
Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullata											✓				
Black-faced Waxbill	Brunhilda erythronotos								✓							
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild									✓	✓					
Cut-throat Finch	Amadina fasciata														✓	
Red-headed Finch	Amadina erythrocephala				√											
Violet-eared Waxbill	Granatina granatina				√											
Blue Waxbill	Uraeginthus angolensis				√	√			✓			√			✓	
Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba				✓											
Shaft-tailed Whydah	Vidua regia		√		√				✓							
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	Vidua paradisaea				√				✓							
Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava												✓			
Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis									√		√	✓			
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp										✓	✓	✓			
Rosy-throated Longclaw	Macronyx ameliae												✓			

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African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus		√	√	√	✓			✓			✓	√			
Buffy Pipit	Anthus vaalensis				√				✓							
Plain-backed Pipit	Anthus leucophrys										✓					
Black-throated Canary	Crithagra atrogularis		√	√	√											
Lark-like Bunting	Emberiza impetuani		√	√												
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	Emberiza tahapisi		√													
Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris					✓										

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Common Rock Hyrax	Procavia capensis		√													
African Elephant	Loxodonta africana			√	√	✓				✓	√	✓	✓	√	✓	
Aardvark	Orycteropus afer													√		
Cheetah	Acinonyx jubatus				√	✓										
African Wildcat	Felis lybica				✓											
Lion	Panthera leo			✓												
Common Genet	Genetta genetta		✓													
Spotted Hyaena	Crocuta crocuta				✓											
Banded Mongoose	Mungos mungo		✓		✓	✓										
Black-backed Jackal	Lupulella mesomelas		✓		✓	✓						✓				
African Clawless Otter	Aonyx capensis									√						
Plains Zebra	Equus quagga		✓	√	✓	√			√	✓		✓				
White Rhinoceros - I	Ceratotherium simum				✓										✓	
Black Rhinoceros - I	Diceros bicornis		✓	√	✓	✓										
Common Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus				✓	✓			√	✓		✓	✓			
Giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis		✓	√	✓	√		√	√	√	√	✓	√			
Impala	Aepyceros melampus		✓	√	✓	✓			√	✓	√	✓	✓		✓	
Springbok	Antidorcas marsupialis		✓	√	√	√										
Common Wildebeest	Connochaetes taurinus		✓	√	√	√										
Roan Antelope	Hippotragus equinus								√							

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Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus							✓		√	√	√				
Southern Lechwe	Kobus leche							√	√		√	√				
Kirk's Dikdik	Madoqua kirkii		✓													
Gemsbok	Oryx gazella		✓	✓	✓											
Steenbok	Raphicerus campestris		✓	✓	√	√										
Southern Reedbuck	Redunca arundinum								✓							
Common Duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia					✓					√					
African Buffalo	Syncerus caffer								✓	✓		✓	√			
Common Eland	Tragelaphus oryx				✓	✓										
Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus							✓	✓	√		✓	√			
Greater Kudu	Tragelaphus strepsiceros	√	✓		✓	✓			✓	√	√		√			
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius							✓	✓	✓	√		√			
Peter's Epauletted Fruit Bat	Epomophorus crypturus										√					
Vervet	Chlorocebus pygerythrus								✓	✓	√					
Chacma Baboon	Papio ursinus		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	√			
Cape Scrub Hare - N	Lepus saxatilis			✓	✓											
Smith's Bush Squirrel	Paraxerus cepapi			✓	✓	√		✓	✓	✓	✓					
South African Ground Squirrel	Xerus inauris		✓	✓	✓											