

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

Naturetrek Tour Report

11th – 25th March 2023

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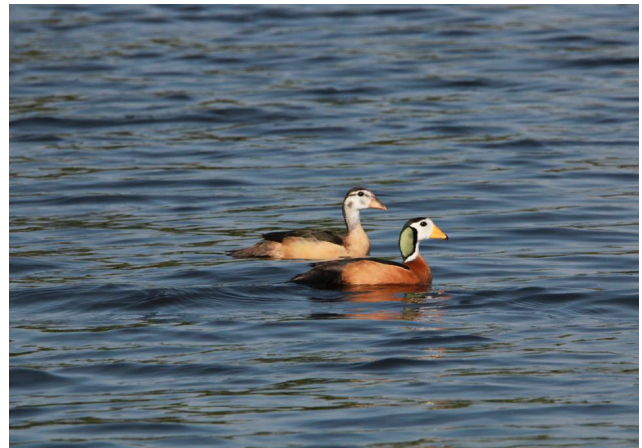
Victoria Falls



Black Rhino



Spotted Hyaena



African Pygmy Goose

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## Day 1

**Friday 10th March**

Our evening flight from London landed at Johannesburg early the next day for the onward flight to Victoria Falls.

## Day 2

**Saturday 11th March**

### Camp Nkwazi

The group arrived at Victoria Falls airport at 2pm to a hot 34°C, where we swiftly loaded up the luggage to head towards our first overnight lodging. After a long day of travelling, guests headed off swiftly to drop their bags in their rooms, refresh and then to bed!

During the afternoon, we were fortunate to cross off our first species of the tour, seeing Long-tailed Paradise Whydah, Puff-backed Shrike, Pied Wagtail, Pied Crow, Cape Turtle Dove, Common Myna (invasive to Zambia) and Fork-tailed Drongo.

## Day 3

**Sunday 12th March**

### Camp Nkwazi

We met on the deck of our lodge at 6:30am for an early morning refreshment, followed by a short birdwatching walk on the property. Here we saw Village, Thick-billed and Golden Weavers, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Pied Wagtail, Wire-tailed Swallow, Hadada Ibis, Trumpeter Hornbill, Collared Sunbird, Osprey, Dark-capped Bulbul, Little Bee-eater, White-fronted Bee-eater, Pied Kingfisher, Red-faced Cisticola, Red-eyed Dove, African Palm Swift, and Jameson's Firefinch.

We returned for breakfast at 8.00 am before departing to Livingstone to see the mighty Victoria Falls.

During this portion of the day, we were lucky to spot some further species, including Northern Grey-headed Sparrow, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Blue Waxbill, Forked-tailed Drongo, Augur Buzzard, Black Swift, White-rumped Swift, Rock Martin, Giant Kingfisher, White-winged Widowbird, and Red Bishop, as well as our first mammals of the tour: Zebra, Vervet Monkeys and Chacma baboons.

After lunch we had a short siesta out of the heat, before departing on our afternoon boat activity on the Zambezi River in the late afternoon, spotting Osprey, Pied Kingfisher, Village Weaver, Little Bee-eater, White-crowned Lapwing, Water Thick-knee, Blacksmith Lapwing, Black-collared Barbet, and Cape Vulture, as well as Chacma Baboon, Vervet Monkey and our first pods of Hippopotamus of the tour!

## Day 4

Monday 13th March

### Chobe Safari Lodge

We met on the deck at 6.30am for coffee and tea before heading out on an early morning birding walk. Paradise Flycatcher, Village Weaver, Dark-capped Bulbul, Hadada Ibis, Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Osprey, African Fish Eagle and Schalow's Turaco were all spotted.

We returned to our lodge for a hearty breakfast at around 9.00 am and collected our luggage for our onward drive to Botswana, all the while stopping for different wildlife sightings. During our journey, Spur-winged and Egyptian Goose, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Three-banded Plover, Blacksmith Lapwing & Sacred Ibis were all seen. Mammalian highlights include Hippopotamus, Chacma Baboon, Vervet Monkey, Impala & Warthog.

We arrived at our lodge for lunch, after which guests had some time to unpack, refresh and unwind. We reconvened at 4:00 pm for a short drive to a few selected areas, spotting Go-away-bird, Red-billed Teal, Knob-billed Duck, Terrestrial Brownbul, Green-backed Heron, African Sacred Ibis, Marabou Stork, Blue Waxbill, Crested Barbet and Magpie Shrike.

We returned to our lodge at 18:00 to do the checklist followed by dinner at 19:30.

## Day 5

Tuesday 14th March

### Chobe Safari Lodge

The group convened pre-breakfast for a short bird walk before we departed on our morning excursion on the Chobe River.

African Pygmy Goose, Red-billed Teal, Red-eyed Dove, Ring-necked Dove, Laughing Dove, Emerald-spotted Dove, Long-toed Lapwing, Blacksmith Lapwing, White-crowned Lapwing, African Jacana, Whiskered Tern, African Darter, Reed Cormorant, African Sacred Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Striated Heron, Squacco Heron, Purple Heron, Grey Heron, African Fish Eagle, Pied Kingfisher, Collared Palm Thrush, Little, White-fronted and Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Tropical Boubou, Luapula Cisticola, Red-billed Oxpecker, African Stonechat and Southern Red Bishop were all spotted during this trip. What a morning!

We returned to our lodge for lunch followed by a short siesta, gathering again at 3.00 pm for our afternoon boat excursion. We had a great afternoon on the river with some strong winds bringing in excellent sightings of new birds, including Collared and Black-winged Pratincoles, Little Bee-eater, Goliath Heron & Black-headed Heron.

We were also lucky with many mammals: Elephant, Buffalo, Impala, Warthog, Chacma Baboon, Waterbuck, Hippo and Lion were all seen over the course of our day!

## Day 6

**Wednesday 15th March**

### Zambezi River Lodge

Today we left Botswana and headed towards Namibia for the next leg of our three countries tour. The group met at 7:00am and had a short walk pre-breakfast.

White-backed Night Heron, Striated Heron, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher, Knob-billed Duck, Black Kite, Collared Palm Thrush, White-browed Robin-Chat, Terrestrial Brownbul, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Blue Waxbill, Fork-tailed Drongo, Dark-capped Bulbul, Collared Sunbird and Yellow-breasted Apalis were all spotted. After breakfast, we loaded up our vehicles, and leave the lodge just after 10.00 am.

On our way to Namibia, we spotted Black Egret, Cattle Egret, Knob-billed Duck, Grey Heron, Long-billed Crombec, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Collared Palm Thrush, Ground Hornbill, Striped Kingfisher, Pearl-spotted Owllet, Grey Hornbill. We also spotted many Buffalo, Waterbuck, Impala, Warthog, Southern Giraffe, Vervet Monkey, Elephant, Sable and Zebra.

We arrived at our next destination at 15.40pm. The group checked-in and took the afternoon to relax before meeting at our lodge bar, overlooking the Zambezi River at 19.00pm, where the checklist was completed, and we enjoyed the sundown.

## Day 7

**Thursday 16th March**

### Mahangu Safari Lodge

We met for an early morning refreshment at the lodge restaurant at 6:30am and departed on a short walk before breakfast. We departed the lodge at 8:30am, before driving to our next destination at Mahangu Safari Lodge. We took lunch on the wooden deck overlooking the Okavango River, after which guests had the afternoon to relax, and arranged to meet again for our bird walk at 17:00pm. We manage to see several raptors and other birds on the road including: Bateleur, Yellow-billed Kite, Black Kite, Grey Hornbill, Bradfield's Hornbill, Magpie Shrike, Lilac-breasted Roller.

We returned to the lodge at 18.45pm, have a shower and meet to do the checklist at 19:20pm followed by dinner.

## Day 8

**Friday 17th March**

### Mahangu Safari Lodge

We met on the deck at 7:00am for a walk before a breakfast cruise on the Okavango River. Magpie Shrike, Golden Weaver, Village Weaver, Little Bee-eater, White-fronted Bee-eater, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Pied Kingfisher, African Harrier Hawk, Swamp Boubou, Collared Sunbird and African Paradise Flycatcher were all spotted throughout the course of our day. Another excellent day of wildlife watching in Southern Africa!

## Day 9

Saturday 18th March

### Mahangu Safari Lodge

Today we returned to Botswana for our day excursion. An amazing morning was spent watching Impala, Warthog, Southern Giraffe, Waterbuck, Baboons, and Kudu. We also saw a lot of birds and a few to mention are: Lesser-striped Swallow, Barn Swallow, Wire-tailed Swallow, Long-billed Crombec, Blue Waxbill, Willow Warbler, African Paradise Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Green-winged Pytilia, Collared Sunbird, Hartlaub's Babbler, Dark-capped Bulbul, Terrestrial Bulbul, Red-billed Spurfowl, Pels Fishing Owl, Lesser-swamp Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, White-backed Night Heron, Orange-breasted Bushshrike and Black-collared Barbet.

## Day 10

Sunday 19th March

### Kaisosi River Lodge

We met on the deck of our lodge for coffee at 07:00am for a pre-breakfast walk on the property before we departed on our breakfast cruise on the Kaisosi River. We saw Magpie Shrike, Meyer's Parrot, Glossy Ibis, African Pygmy Goose, Squacco Heron, White-faced Whistling Duck, Pied Kingfisher, Allan's Gallinule, African Darter, Black-faced Waxbill and the African Fish Eagle.

We departed this stunning location at 10:00am, and headed towards our next destination near the town of Rundu arriving for lunch. En route we manage to see Yellow-billed Kite and Lilac-breasted Roller. We met at 17:00pm to do our afternoon bird drive, returning after dark for some potential nocturnal species. Unfortunately it was a bit quiet but we saw Wood Sandpiper, Ruff, Cape Teal, Blue-billed Teal, White-faced Whistling Duck, Red Bishop, Lesser-swamp Warbler, Greater Painted Snipe, and Dwarf Bitten.

*Weather: Partly cloudy min 18, max 32*

*Distance travelled: 220 km*

## Day 11

Monday 20th March

### Mokuti Etosha Lodge

We met on the deck at 6:45 am, and whilst enjoying our morning drinks, we spotted Village Weaver, Purple Heron, Rufous-bellied Heron, Reed Cormorant, African Darter, African Openbill, Glossy Ibis, Striated Heron, Pied Kingfisher, Lesser Moorhen, and Thick-billed Weaver.

We enjoyed a leisurely breakfast and then pack the vehicle before a short walk on the property, departing shortly after 9am.

At our first stop we saw: Wood Sandpiper, Pied Kingfisher, Squacco Heron, Black Crake, Red Bishop, Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, Long-toed Lapwing, Blacksmith Lapwing, Common Moorhen, Red-knobbed Coot. At our lunch stop we manage to see Southern Masked Weaver, Violet-eared Waxbill, Blue Waxbill, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Red-eyed Bulbul, Black-faced Babbler, Cape Glossy Starling.

We arrived at our final destination at 16:30, checked in and arranged to meet at the pool bar at 19:00 for dinner and the wildlife checklist.

## Day 12

**Tuesday 21st March**

### Mokuti Etosha Lodge

We had breakfast and met for our morning game drive at 08:00. This morning we had an extensive drive into Etosha National Park and returned to our lodge for lunch at midday. Highlights of the national park include herds of Elephant, Springbok, Black-faced Impala, Zebra, Southern Giraffe, Black-backed Jackal, and Blue Wildebeest. Some avian highlights include Greater Flamingo, Red-billed Teal, Cape Teal, European Roller, African Shelduck, Little Grebe, Black-winged Stilt, Wood Sandpiper, Violet-eared Waxbill, Blue Waxbill, Green-winged Pytilia, Red-headed Finches, Damara Hornbill, Yellow-billed and Grey Hornbill.

We had a short siesta before meeting for our afternoon drive at 15:30pm, adding to our numbers of the mammals spotted above. Just before we had to leave the park, we saw a pride of three Lions! We returned to the lodge at 18:40pm, reconvening after an hour to do our checklist followed by dinner.

## Day 13

**Wednesday 22nd March**

### Halali

We met for a pre-breakfast walk at 07:00am and departed the lodge at 08:30. We drove through the park to our next accommodation, Halali resort. We had excellent luck this morning, spotting many animals including White Rhino, Elephant, and many Giraffes! Lots of birds were seen along the way and we arrived at our destination for lunch. After a short siesta, we met for the afternoon game drive at 16:00. On the game drive we saw many more mammals, including Black-faced Impala, Zebra, Steenbok, Honey Badger, Red Hartebeest, Springbok, as well as some excellent birdlife, including Lanner Falcon, Sabota Lark, Rufous-naped Lark, Plain-backed Pipit, Bare-cheeked Babbler and a few others. We arrived back to the camp for 18:00pm and met to do the checklist at 19:00 followed by dinner.

*Weather: Mostly sunny min 18 max 31*

*Distance travelled: 140 kilometres*

## Day 14

**Thursday 23rd March**

### Halali

An early morning breakfast was arranged this morning before we headed out on our first game drive. Zebra, Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest, Black-faced Impala, Amur Falcons, Abdim's Stork, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Sabota Lark, Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark, African Pipit, Desert Cisticola and African Cuckoo were all spotted over the course of the morning - an excellent start indeed!

We returned to the lodge for lunch, after which guests had some time to enjoy the camp facilities, before meeting at 16:30 for another game drive. We were offered great views of Carp's Tit, African Harrier Hawk, Great Spotted Cuckoo, Tawney Eagle, Amur Falcon, Abdim's Stork, Red-necked Falcon, Black-shouldered Kite and Blue Cranes. We saw Southern Crowned Shrike and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting (new for our list)! We also saw two Black Rhino, Black-faced Impala, Southern Giraffe, Springbok and Blue Wildebeest.

We returned to the lodge at 18:45 and meet for the checklist and dinner at 19:30.

## Day 15

## Friday 24th March

### Waterberg

We were packed and ready for the road at 08:00 having had a quick breakfast. We enjoyed four hours through the park before we exited the Anderson's gate and continued our journey to Waterberg Plateau Park. On the way out and within Etosha we saw: Springbok, Wildebeest, Hartebeest, Black-faced Impala, Giraffe, Zebra, Secretary Bird, Rufous-eared Warbler, Sociable Weaver, Lesser Kestrel, and Martial Eagle.

We stopped for lunch en-route and arrived at Waterberg at 15:45pm, where we checked into our rooms. The group met to do a short walk at 16:30, spotting Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Rosy-faced Lovebird, White-bellied Sunbird, Pale-winged Starling and Grey-backed Cameroptera. We then drove down to the restaurant and had a refreshing cold drink, before we completed our checklist and had our final dinner.

## Day 16

## Saturday 25th March

### Departure

An early start this morning, leaving Waterberg at 07:00 and driving towards Windhoek for the flight back to the UK via Johannesburg, landing in London at 06:30 on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Weather: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms min 14, max 27*

*Distance travelled: 310 km*

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Total species seen:

Birds: 300

Mammals: 37

Reptiles: 8

Total kilometres travelled: 2760 km

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## Species lists

### Birds

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic I=Introduced		March 2023													
Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>						✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</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>				✓		✓	✓	✓						
Blue-billed Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>											✓			
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>									✓		✓			
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>			✓				✓		✓		✓			
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>				✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>				✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>					✓						✓			
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			✓											
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>		✓												
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>														✓
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>														✓
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>		✓			✓									✓
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Crinifer concolor</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>			✓											
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>				✓		✓				✓				
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>			✓											
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>											✓		✓	
Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>				✓										

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Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>							✓							
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>													✓	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>													✓	
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>					✓								✓	
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>											✓			
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓					
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>				✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>			✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>							✓							
Lesser Moorhen	<i>Paragallinula angulata</i>									✓	✓				
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓						✓	✓				
Allen's Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio alleni</i>									✓					
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>									✓					
Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>									✓					
Wattled Crane	<i>Grus carunculata</i>							✓						✓	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓			
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>											✓			
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					
Double banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus Africanus</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓				✓				✓	✓	✓	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>											✓			
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>							✓				✓	✓	✓	
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>											✓			
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>											✓			

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Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>									✓					
Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>				✓	✓									
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>											✓			
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>											✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓								
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>							✓				✓			
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>		✓	✓	✓										
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓						
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>			✓	✓	✓					✓				
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>						✓								
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓				
Abdim's Stork	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>													✓	✓
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>			✓	✓			✓							
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</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>				✓										
Dwarf Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sturmii</i>									✓					
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>				✓										

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Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>							✓							
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>										✓				
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				✓		✓	✓							
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>			✓	✓										
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>			✓			✓								
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>		✓												
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓							
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>									✓					
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>						✓	✓						✓	
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>								✓			✓		✓	
Cape Vulture	<i>Gyps Coprotheres</i>	✓													
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>													✓	
Western Banded Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>				✓										
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	
Bat Hawk	<i>Macheiramphus alcinus</i>									✓					
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>							✓							✓
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>							✓	✓						
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>														✓
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>								✓						
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>							✓				✓			
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>							✓							
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>			✓				✓						✓	
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>			✓								✓			
Ovambo Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>													✓	
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>						✓								
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>					✓	✓			✓	✓				
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>		✓												

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Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>					✓									
Pel's Fishing Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>								✓	✓✓					
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>						✓								
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>							✓							
Southern Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>					✓									
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Monteiro's Hornbill - N	<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>		✓												
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>				✓										
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓				
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>											✓			✓
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓					
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>				✓		✓		✓						
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			✓	✓			✓			✓	✓		✓	
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	✓					✓								
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>														✓

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Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓				
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>			✓				✓							
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>						✓								
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>		✓												
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>														✓
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>													✓	
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>													✓	✓
Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>												✓	✓	✓
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>													✓	✓
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>														✓
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓					
Grey-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>					✓									
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>								✓						
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</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>							✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>										✓				✓
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>							✓							
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>							✓		✓	✓				✓
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>							✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>							✓							
African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>			✓										✓	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>						✓				✓				
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>												✓	✓	✓
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>							✓							
Carp's Tit - N	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>													✓	

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Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>														✓
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>													✓	
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>														✓
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>							✓							
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓						
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓						
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Banded Martin	<i>Neophedina cincta</i>								✓			✓			
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>												✓		
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>								✓						
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>			✓											✓
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>				✓					✓					
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>										✓	✓			
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>				✓			✓	✓						
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>					✓	✓	✓					✓		
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>						✓	✓							
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>								✓	✓	✓				
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>								✓						
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>						✓						✓		
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>		✓												
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>										✓	✓			
Luapula Cisticola	<i>Cisticola luapula</i>				✓										
Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</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>														✓

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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>								✓						
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓					
Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>												✓		
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>										✓				
Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides Bicolor</i>							✓				✓			
Common Myna - I	<i>Acridotheres tristis</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>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>			✓				✓							
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>		✓												
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>														✓
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>				✓										
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>			✓	✓										
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>												✓		
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</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>							✓							
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>						✓								
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>					✓	✓	✓			✓				
Collared Palm Thrush	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>				✓	✓									
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>				✓										
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>														✓
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓							



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Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>		✓								✓				
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>							✓							✓
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>							✓							
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>											✓			
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</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>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓
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>		✓	✓		✓	✓								
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</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>				✓	✓		✓				✓		✓	✓
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>				✓				✓						
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>		✓												
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>			✓											
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Brunhilda erythronotos</i>									✓					
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>											✓			
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>		✓					✓							
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>										✓				
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>				✓			✓			✓		✓		✓
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>		✓		✓										
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>		✓												
Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>							✓							
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>		✓												

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Purple Indigobird	<i>Vidua purpurascens</i>							✓							
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>							✓				✓			
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>			✓							✓				
Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua obtusa</i>			✓				✓				✓			
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				✓										
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>			✓	✓	✓									
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>				✓							✓	✓	✓	✓
Buffy Pipit	<i>Anthus vaalensis</i>											✓	✓		
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>							✓					✓		
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>				✓										
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>													✓	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>													✓	
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>										✓				
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>										✓			✓	

## Mammals

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Common Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>				✓	✓						✓	✓		
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>				✓							✓			✓
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>												✓	✓	✓
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>														✓
Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>					✓	✓								
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>			✓									✓		✓
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>			✓								✓	✓		
Honey Badger	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>												✓		
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
White Rhinoceros - I	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>												✓		
Black Rhinoceros - I	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>												✓		

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Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>							✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Southern Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>							✓			✓				
Kirk's Dikdik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>												✓		✓
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>														✓
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>												✓		✓
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>										✓	✓	✓		
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>				✓		✓	✓							
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>				✓	✓	✓								
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓							✓
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						
Peter's Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>						✓								
Vervet	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓						
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓							
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>					✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>														✓

## Reptiles

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic I=Introduced		March 2023													
Common name	Scientific name	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>							✓				✓			
Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>											✓	✓		
Stripe-bellied Sand Snake	<i>Psammodromus subtaeniatus</i>												✓		
Puff Adder	<i>Bitis arietans</i>														✓

Bocage's Skink - N	<i>Trachylepis binotata</i>					✓		✓							
Rainbow Skink	<i>Trachylepis margaritifera</i>					✓		✓							
Western Three-striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis occidentalis</i>										✓				
Tree Skink	<i>Trachylepis planifrons</i>								✓						
African Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis striata</i>												✓		
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓					