

Namibia's Etosha Pan & Skeleton Coast

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Giraffe drinking



Blue Cranes



Activity at Water Hole



Kudu

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Day 1

Thursday 5th November

London Heathrow to Windhoek (via Frankfurt)

A short hop took us to Frankfurt where we changed planes (and carrier) and boarded the uneventful overnight flight to Windhoek.

Day 2

Friday 6th November

Windhoek to Kulala (via Namib Grens Farm)

Weather, hot & sunny

The keen-eyed spotted our first birds on the walk from the aircraft to the terminal building; a Lilac-breasted roller, a Fork-tailed Drongo and many Little Swifts. Clearing immigration and customs, we were met by our local driver/guides Gerhard and Jeremia and we soon off in our two extended Land Rovers, where everyone gets a window seat. Passing through Windhoek, we were soon out in the wilds and picking up lots of new birds and mammals like Chacma Baboons, Gemsbok, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Ostrich, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater and Monteiro's Hornbill (our first endemic).

Following on from a hearty lunch at the rustic Namib Grens Farm (in the company of their pet Meerkat), we had a stroll through the grounds to the nearby 'dam' (reservoir). Birds were plentiful including; White-breasted Cormorant, Gabar Goshawk, Great White Pelican, Namaqua Dove, White-tailed Shrike (endemic number 2), Blacksmith's Lapwing, and Three-banded and Kittlitz's Plover.

Moving on, there were plenty more birds to be seen at our comfort stop in Solitaire where Pied Crow, Scaly-feathered Finch, Southern Masked Weaver were some of the species making use of this little oasis.

More driving, but with the occasional Ludwig's Bustard, Ruppell's Korhaan (endemic number 3), Greater Kudu, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra and Black-backed Jackal to help keep us alert! We arrived at Kulala to a glorious sunset, a fine dinner, and some excellent singing and dancing by the staff. The comfy beds in the lovely chalets were really welcome after our long journey.

Day 3

Saturday 7th November

Kulala, Deadvlei, Sossusvlei and the dunes

Weather, mostly hot & sunny

We were up before sunrise and off promptly in order to see the giant 300m dunes at their best – in the light of sunrise – and we were not disappointed with many photos being taken. En-route we saw Ostrich, Gemsbok and Springbok. Strolling across the sand we soon reached Deadvlei with its eerie long-dead acacias and on nearby dunes (and bushes) we spotted (super fast) Shovel-snouted Lizard, Familiar Chat and a Chestnut-vented Titbabbler.

Returning to the vehicles, we drove the short distance to the more famous, but perhaps less visually impressive, Sossusvlei where a Black-backed Jackal was prowling about looking for tasty bits & pieces dropped by picnicking visitors.

After lunch back at Kulala and a welcome siesta, we went off in search of Dune Lark, starting at Dune 1 and then another dune, but no joy. Instead we contented ourselves with Black-crested Prinia, Ruppell's Korhaan, and Sociable Weavers along with sundowners and snacks at sunset. Driving back in near darkness, some had fleeting views of Scrub Hare and Spotted Eagle Owl.

Day 4

Sunday 8th November

Kulala to Walvis Bay (via Dune 1, Solitaire and the Kuiseb River)

Weather, hot & sunny (cold wind at Walvis Bay)

A quick pre-breakfast walk to an artificial pool near the camp added Speckled Pigeon, White-backed Mousebird, Common Scimitarbill and Dusky Sunbird to our list. Post breakfast, we departed the lovely Kulala Camp and stopped again at Dune 1 in the hope of seeing Dune Lark – we found 3 almost immediately! (endemic number 4)...and some very nice Namaqua Sandgrouse into the bargain.

Soon we were at the Sesriem Canyon and, walking down and into this impressive geomorphological feature, we came across many White-throated Canary and Lark-like Bunting drinking at a small pool.

Our second comfort/fuel stop at Solitaire was more productive than the first, with excellent views of Rosy-faced Lovebird, Red-headed Finch, Red-billed Quelea and Cape Glossy Starlings, the latter resplendent in the morning sunshine. Driving on, we were at one point, 'raced' by a herd of Hartmann's Mountain Zebra that galloped alongside the road before crossing just in front of us. A soaring Black-chested Snake Eagle was also a welcome spot. Lunch was a picnic in the (dry) Kuiseb River bed followed by a quick stop to hunt for (and find) some garnets (sadly not of merchantable quality...).

We then travelled on to reach Walvis Bay in time for a quick scan of the waterfront, replete with (Pied) Avocet, Greater Flamingo, Grey and White-fronted Plovers, Cape and Hartlaub's Gulls. We were at our base, the Langholm Hotel, in good time for a shower and freshen up before dinner at the bizarrely named but lovely, Crazy Mammass.

Day 5

Monday 9th November

Walvis Bay Lagoon and salt-pans

Weather, a touch chilly on the boat – am, hot sunny and windy – pm

Post breakfast, most of us started the day with a 'pelagic' boat trip to the open ocean beyond Walvis Bay lagoon. Before we set off there were a few Crested as well as the more usual Cape Cormorants around the pier. Setting off, we headed straight for the open sea whilst the wind was still modest. We were soon boating through Sooty Shearwater, White-chinned Petrel, Black Tern, Cape Gannet and a couple of lovely Sabine's Gulls. A Hawksbill Turtle was also spotted before the wind strengthened and it was time to return to the relative shelter of the lagoon via the Cape Fur Seal colony with its attendant Cape Gulls. In the lagoon we were treated to very close (20m) views of a Southern Right Whale, which we celebrated with local oysters and other snacks, washed down with some tasty sparkling wine. On our return we fed a Great White Pelican and a Cape Fur Seal on board!

Lunch was followed by a slow drive to and around the local commercial salt-pans (including bright pink and turquoise ones). Loads of birds were seen, the highlights including; Ruff, Little Stint, Curlew and Wood Sandpiper, Sanderling, Chestnut-banded Plover, Caspian, Swift, Common, Sandwich and the endemic Damara Tern, Black-necked Grebe. However, bird of the day was probably the Red-necked Phalarope (some still in near breeding plumage). Dinner was at The Raft restaurant, situated on poles in the lagoon.

Day 6

Tuesday 10th November

Walvis Bay & Swakopmund (scenic flight for some)

Weather, warm and sunny (but with chilly breeze)

Some of us opted for a scenic flight from Swakopmund out to the dunes around Sossusvlei and back along the coast – much of it at no more than 100ft! That was close enough to properly view the Ostrich, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra and Cape Fur Seals. The rest of us either toured and shopped in Swakopmund, or visited the local salt-pans here, where we got up close to Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, (Pied) Avocet, Greater and Lesser Flamingo, Red-capped Lark and a lovely Tractrac Chat. A brief stroll along the beach added Whimbrel and great views of Bottle-nosed Dolphins surfing the breakers.

After lunch there was more shopping or sightseeing as well as a walk along the well vegetated promenade which revealed some nice Common Waxbills and White-backed Mousebirds. Returning to Walvis Bay we passed by the (stinky) sewage works, but they were rather dry and there was relatively little to see, a few Common Moorhen and Kittlitz's Plover. For dinner, it was back to Swakopmund and the delicious seafood of the beachside Tug restaurant (which is, in part, a converted tug...).

Day 7

Wednesday 11th November

Walvis Bay to Damaraland Camp (via lichen fields, Cape Cross and wreck of the Seal)

Weather, warm & sunny

After breakfast we picked up a picnic lunch and some snacks and set off on the long drive along the Skeleton Coast to Damaraland. Shortly after Swakopmund we stopped to take a look at an area of what are known as lichen fields, where the oranges, greys and greens of these fungi/algae amalgams encrust the rocks and stones, surviving primarily on moisture and nutrients in the frequent mists and fogs rather than in rainfall.

Later, we visited the large colony of Cape Fur Seals, and attendant Cape Gulls at Cape Cross(!). We also stopped briefly at the mouth of the Huab River, where a small lagoon held Cape Teal and Maccoa Duck, and at 13.00 (11.00 GMT) to commemorate Armistice Day.

Our picnic lunch was taken scenically on the coast in view of the wreck of the Seal. Post lunch and turning inland, we headed up onto the plateau and in this rocky desert what is claimed to be world's longest living plant (1000 years+), the Welwitschia makes its home. We wandered amongst several individuals with their short, thick, woody trunk and strap-like leaves that continuously grow from the base.

Large flocks of Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark seemed to welcome us as we approached Damaraland Camp at the end of a long day.

Day 8

Thursday 12th November

Around Damaraland Camp & the Huab River – am. Twyfelfontein – pm

Weather, hot & sunny

Sunrise was stunning and we were out shortly after this, in search of the desert-adapted Elephants. En-route to the Huab River-bed (where the elephants generally hang out) we paused to take in excellent views a couple of Secretary Birds, Red-crested Korhaan, and a fleeting Benguela Long-billed Lark (endemic 5).

Once in the river bed (dry at this time of year), we soon picked up on signs of elephant and, following their prints and plops, we soon came across the herd of 12, including some dinky little youngsters. We watched them for a good long while before heading back along the river bed where we stopped under some large old camelthorns and did some bird and mammal watching. The former included Common Scimitarbill, Yellow-billed Hornbill, Lanner Falcon, Acacia Pied Barbet, European Golden Oriole, Grey-headed Sparrow and, all too briefly, Carp's Tit (endemic 6). The latter was in the form of a very obliging Steinbok, which posed for photos only a few metres from us. Mammal treats were not complete, soon after we had moved on, 3 cheetahs exploded from under a shady tree and although they did not hang around for photos, we mostly got some excellent views.

Post a lovely lunch and short siesta, we set off for Twyfelfontein. A Ruppell's Parrot (endemic 7) was glimpsed on the way, along with Chacma Baboons and Springbok. At Twyfelfontein, we took a short walk to view the up to 5000(ish) year old engravings on the rocks depicting various local creatures and waterholes.

Dinner was a braai (barbeque) eaten under the stars in a boma (a traditional wooden fenced enclosure where stock are kept at night), accompanied by Cape Fox after titbits.

Day 9

Friday 13th November

Damaraland to Hobatere (via local village – Fontein and Kamanjab)

Weather, hot & sunny

First stop was a local village near Damaraland Camp where the chief of the Torra Conservancy lives. The Torra Conservancy works with Damaraland Camp and profits are shared, so that the local community benefits from tourism and is more inclined to conserve the local environment. The chief showed us his goats and Jeremia milked one! Moving on, we did not actually get very far before raptors were spotted cruising along a nearby cliff-top. Good views of Augur Buzzard, Black-chested Snake and Verreaux's Eagle were had within seconds of each other.

Lunch was in Kamanjab in the company of Namibia Rock Agamas. From there it was a relatively short drive to Hobatere Lodge. Here some opted for the optional afternoon game drive and saw (amongst others) Eland, Elephant, Crowned Plover and a lounging male Lion. The rest of the group were ferried to a hide near a water hole and also saw Elephant, along with Cinnamon-breasted and Golden-breasted Buntings, a Pearl-spotted Owllet, Ludwig's Bustard and that same lounging male Lion. Returning to the Lodge, a roosting, tiny African Scops Owl was pointed out to us.

After dinner it was time for a night drive. By the light of powerful spotlights we spotted Flap-necked Chameleon, African Wild Cat, Barn Owl, Pearl-spotted Owllet, Spotted Thick-Knee and a Striped Polecat.

Day 10

Saturday 14th November

Hobatere to Okaukuejo in Etosha National Park

Weather, hot & sunny

Some of us chose to partake of a guided pre-breakfast walk and immediately bumped into a Flap-necked Chameleon, Bare-cheeked Babbler (endemic 8) and Grey-backed Cameroptera. In the hills above the camp were basking Rock Hyrax, Dassie Rats and Day Geckos along with Elephant, Greater Kudu and distant views of Eland. Breakfast was accompanied by Damara Hornbills and Meve's Starlings.

Leaving Hobatere we soon entered the Etosha National Park by its western gate (special permit required). At one waterhole along our route there were many Elephants along with Burchell's Zebra and Black-headed Herons. A picnic lunch at another waterhole was in the company of many raptors including White-backed and Lappet-faced Vultures, a Bateleur and Tawny Eagle.

We arrived at the Okaukuejo Rest Camp late in the afternoon and the waterhole was quiet with only a couple of elephant, giraffe, and a few Banded Martins swooping down to drink.

Post dinner (with an over-friendly Black-backed Jackal), the now floodlit waterhole held more interest with Black Rhinoceros seeing off some (distant) Lions before approaching for a drink. Nine was the total seen that evening, along with Rufous-cheeked Nightjar, Marsh Owl, and a Verreaux's Eagle Owl taking a frog.

Day 11

Sunday 15th November

Around Okaukuejo

Weather, hot & sunny (almost a thunderstorm)

Out at dawn when the gates opened, we soon came across a Spotted Hyena very near the road. Even in the complementary light of the morning sun, it still had a very hard-to-love face. On the way to our first waterhole we spotted our first (of many) Northern Black Korhaan. At the waterhole were more Spotted Hyena, drinking and dribbling (having semi-stalked and not surprisingly failed to catch a Kori Bustard). At the second waterhole stop was a dead Black Rhinoceros being fed upon and guarded by Lions, nine in total, 4 of them cubs. The presence of the Lions was causing a bit of a crowd of Springbok, Gemsbok and Burchell's Zebra to gather – all waiting for a drink – while we were there, they never got one. Later we found out the Rhino probably died of natural causes.

Returning to camp for breakfast, it was still early enough for the waterhole there to be awash with life, including 7 species of ungulate; Red Hartebeest, Springbok, Gemsbok, Blue Wildebeest, Burchell's Zebra, Giraffe and Greater Kudu, along with a Black-backed Jackal hunting and catching drinking Namaqua Doves. After lunch and a relaxing early afternoon, some took a rather hot walk around camp and spotted African Hoopoe, Groundscraper Thrush, Icterine Warbler, Chestnut-vented Titbabbler and Ground Squirrels.

At around 4pm we set off on the afternoon game drive. The lions were still feeding on the rhino – some of the cubs disappearing inside it! Some of us made a special effort with some of the duller plumaged birds and sorted out a Stark's Lark from the more common Sabota Lark. Much more easy to sort were the dinky Harlequin Quails under a roadside bush and the Capped Wheatear, Marico Flycatcher, Kalahari Scrub-Robin and Burchell's and Double-banded Sandgrouse.

The evening waterhole watch gave us the treat of White and Black Rhinoceros as drinking partners along with a Cape Fox.

Day 12

Monday 16th November

Okaukuejo to Namutoni (via Halali)

Weather, showers – am, hot and sunny with thunderstorms - pm

We snatched a quick breakfast before setting off. As well as many 'old friends', new for the trip this morning were Leopard Tortoise, African Jacana, Red-breasted Swallow, Desert Cisticola, Rufous-naped Lark and Lesser Grey Shrike. At what seemed a mammal-free waterhole, patience (and a quiet word from the driver of another vehicle) revealed a lioness in a tiny clump of rush, only really visible when she lifted her head.

We also drove out onto the pan itself, an apparently lifeless expanse of off-white salty mud, it is criss-crossed with animal tracks and, following heavy rain, it comes alive with thousands of flamingo – we only saw two that day, one at a nearby waterhole and the second, a young chick, oddly far from water and with a couple of Blue Wildebeest for company.

Lunch was at Halali rest camp, today in the company of Striped Tree Squirrel, Cape Glossy Starling and White-crowned Shrike. We arrived at the bright white ex-German Fort of the Namutoni rest camp in the early afternoon, were greeted by some Banded Mongoose. We settled in, and then nipped out again. We soon saw the dinky Damaraland Dik-dik and, at a nearby waterhole, African Marabou, Black-winged Pratincole and a lonely Giraffe (wrapped in some wire – which we reported) all against an atmospheric backdrop of black threatening thunderclouds.

Day 13

Tuesday 17th November

Around Namutoni

Weather, overcast, then sunny, then thunderstorms

Pre breakfast South African Shelduck, Squacco Heron and a couple of Red-footed Falcons were seen at the camp waterhole. Post breakfast, the same nearby waterhole of the previous evening today sported two male Lions, one missing the end of his tail. Overnight rain had precipitated a termite emergence and near another waterhole, a host of birds including Green-winged Pytillia, Red-billed Quelea, Lesser Masked Weaver, Violet-eared and Blue Waxbills, were very busy feasting on these. New birds seen whilst driving around were Black-backed Puffback, Blue Crane and Spotted Flycatcher, along with more Damaraland Dik-dik, a band of Banded Mongoose (or should this be Mongeese?) and a single Slender Mongoose.

Back at the camp, lunch was followed by a siesta. A quick scan of the camp waterhole added Cape Shoveler to our bulging list and then it was off on the afternoon game drive. This was dominated by Elephants...Elephants, to our left, our right, in front and behind us, young Elephants (one perhaps only a couple of weeks old), old Elephants, teenage Elephants that pretended to charge us – a lot of Elephants!

On our return, one of the lions we had seen that morning strolled right past our van, and we smiled at the antics of a couple of warthogs reversing into a culvert under the roadway that they had made their own – well it saves digging your own den!

Day 14

Wednesday 18th November

Around Namutoni

Weather, overcast, with some light rain

Overnight rain had again encouraged termites to emerge and a couple of local ladies were making good use of this seasonal harvest, bundling handfuls into carriers for later roasting and eating (tastes like shrimp – apparently). Birds were also enjoying the bounty, especially Lesser Grey Shrike, hoards of Common Swifts and Barn Swallows, along with Marico and Chat Flycatchers.

In a thicket we managed to spot a couple of roosting Spotted Eagle Owls, which eyed us suspiciously with their piercing yellow eyes. Other highlights were three graceful Blue Crane, 'pronking' (a sort of stiff-legged vertical jump that is supposed to show predators the individual is very fit and not worth chasing – but just looks like a bit of fun), Springbok, and more Elephants drinking and splashing about.

Today's post lunch and siesta camp waterhole visit revealed an African Spoonbill, White-winged and Common Tern (amongst others). The afternoon game drive proved a touch quiet, perhaps because of impending thunderstorms. A lone elephant at a waterhole first gave itself a shower, then a nice mud bath, followed by a little bit of a warning headshake in our direction and finally off to bare ground nearby for a sandbath! Driving slowly back, quick roadside stops gave us great views of Ashy Tit, Burchell's Sandgrouse and the stunning, tiny Violet-eared Waxbill.

Day 15

Thursday 19th November

Namutoni to Waterberg

Weather, overcast then hot & sunny

There was relatively little to be seen on the drive to Waterberg, but we did see three new birds, Swainson's Francolin, Steppe Buzzard and a fleeting Emerald-spotted Wood-dove. The Helmeted Guineafowl seemed to be feeling particularly 'suicidal' today running everywhere except out of the way of our vans.

We arrived at Waterberg Plateau in time for lunch, which today had African Paradise Flycatcher and Grey-backed Cameroptera as welcome guests. A late afternoon stroll through the wooded slopes at first proved rather unproductive, but as soon as we got back to the access road between the chalets, birds appeared aplenty with excellent up close views of African Pied Barbet, Purple Roller, Marico Sunbird, Spotted Flycatcher, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Cardinal, Bearded and Golden-tailed Woodpeckers, and a flyby by a couple of Verreaux's Eagles. Grazing happily around some chalets were some Damaraland Dik-dik.

Day 16

Friday 20th November

Waterberg to Windhoek

Weather, hot sunny

On the pre-breakfast added a further 2 new birds, Lesser Striped Swallow and White-rumped Swift to our now 200+ long list. We also heard the lovely song of the Rockrunner (our 9th and final endemic), but most did not spot one until nearly at the breakfast venue when one perched and sang its heart out on a nearby bush. Roger and Jenny's own pre-breakfast stroll was very much enlivened by a fleeting glimpse of a Leopard!

Some had opted to go on a locally organised (National Park Authority) morning game drive. This started by skirting the bottom of the plateau where Reed Cormorant and Black-crowned Night Heron were seen (presumably there was unseen water nearby) before heading up onto the plateau (via Rock Hyrax and spectacular views) where the dense vegetation always makes any sort of wildlife spotting challenging. Giraffe, Greater Kudu, Bush Duiker and Warthog were glimpsed.

After lunch we headed south for Windhoek, stopping off only for a scenic photo opportunity, a comfort stop and to drop off Tony & Bella at a guest house (they were off the next day to Cape Town).

Arriving at the airport in good time, we bade our fond farewells to our two excellent local guides and boarded our overnight and again uneventful flight homeward.

Day 17

Saturday 21st November

London Heathrow (via Frankfurt)

We arrived at Heathrow (via Frankfurt) on time, bade each other fond farewells and made our ways home, full of memories of the 236 bird and 39 mammal species seen in our 3,400 km tour of that lovely place that is Namibia.

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Species Lists

Birds Key: ✓ = recorded H = heard only CAPITALS * = Namibian Endemic

	Common name	Scientific name	November														
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	15	4	2		2		1	2	16	2	2	2	2	10	2
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	2					1			1	1	13	4	14	2	
3	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				100+		1									
4	White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>				12											
5	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>				3											
6	Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>				19											
7	White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	4			2	✓	3									
8	Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓									
9	Reed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>															1
10	Crowned Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>				2											
11	African Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	1														
12	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	5		✓	✓	✓										
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1			3									1		
14	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>									22	1		1	1		
15	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			1	1	2	1		1							
16	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>										2	13	✓	✓	✓	
17	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>											1	1	2	1	
18	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>															1
19	African Marabou	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>											12	4	2		
20	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>			✓	✓	✓						10	16	✓	✓	
21	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>					30						1	2	✓		
22	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>											1	1	1		
23	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	3				20				2	2	14	✓	✓		
24	South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>											1	1	1		
25	Maccoa Duck	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>						6									
26	Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>													2		
27	Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>					40	7						16	✓	✓	
28	Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	8										3	2	✓	✓	

	Common name	Scientific name	November															
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
29	Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>			1		1		2	2	12			2	✓			
30	White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>								2	✓	1		50+	✓			
31	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>									3		1		1		1	
32	Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>								1								
33	Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>			1					1	2						1	
34	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>									2	1	2	2	1		4	
35	Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>								1							2	
36	African Hawk Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>																2
37	Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>							2	1								
38	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo vulpinus</i>																1
39	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1		1					1		2	2	3	1	1	3	
40	Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	8	2	2					4	8	1	2	4	✓	✓		
41	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	2															
42	Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>												1				
43	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>							2									
44	Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>														2		
45	Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	4	2	4			1	2	2	1		1					
46	Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>		1	3						2	2				2		
47	Red-billed Francolin	<i>Pternistes adspersus</i>							9	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48	Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>																7
49	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>					2	2	37	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50	Harlequin Quail	<i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>										2						
51	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	3											2	2	2		
52	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					6							2	4	4	2	
53	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>											1	1	2	2		
54	Blue Crane	<i>Anthropoides paradisea</i>												6	3			
55	Secretary Bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>							2		5		2	1				2
56	Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>							1		7	2	6	6	3			
57	Ludwig's Bustard	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	4	2	2			1		1								
58	RUPPELL'S KORHAAN	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>	8	4	6			3	5	2								
59	Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>	2									1						
60	Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis afroides</i>										4	7	12	4			2

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61	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			✓	✓	✓	3					1				
62	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1		2	4	2						3	6	3	2	
63	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				4											
64	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	4				3	2			1		1	1	1		
65	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	2				7						8	10			
66	Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>				1	1										
67	White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>			2	6	15+	3					1	1			
68	Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>								1	4	6	1	2	✓		
69	Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	3							1	7	20	12	✓	✓	✓	
70	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>			2	6											
71	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			✓	✓	✓										
72	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			1	3	2	6									
73	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			✓	✓	✓						3	1			
74	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			✓	✓	6										
75	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				6	1				2		1	4	4		
76	Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>				1	1						1	2	1		
77	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>					1				4		6	18	6		
78	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					4						2	7	5		
79	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			2	3							2				
80	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>			4		1										
81	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>					8										
82	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			1	4	9	2									
83	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>				18											
84	Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>											2		4		
85	Spotted Thick-Knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>								3		2	3		3		
86	Burchell's Courser	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>										3					
87	Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>										2	1	1			
88	Cape (Kelp) Gull	<i>Larus vetula</i>				1	1										
89	Sabine's Gull	<i>Larus sabini</i>				2											
90	Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Larus hartlaubii</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓									
91	Grey-headed Gull	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>				2	1							2	1		
92	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>			2	40	1										

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93	Swift Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>				4	7										
94	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>				12	19										
95	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓							2	2	
96	Damara Tern	<i>Sterna balaenarum</i>				4											
97	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>				5											
98	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>											6	4	4	2	
99	Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>									100+	100+				2	
100	Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>			3			6	13	✓		✓	✓				
101	Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>											✓	3			
102	Speckled (Rock) Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>			20+												2
103	Ferel Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>			✓	✓	✓										
104	Cape Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		1						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	3	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
106	Emerald-Spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>															1
107	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	6	4	2					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
108	RUPPELL'S PARROT	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>						1	1								2
109	Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>			4							14					2
110	Grey Go-Away-Bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	4						2			1		✓	✓	✓	✓
111	African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>											1				
112	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Oxylophus jacobinus</i>													2	1	2
113	Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>													1		
114	Verreaux's Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>								1	1	2					
115	Spotted Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>		1												2	
116	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>								1							
117	Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>									1	2					
118	Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>								2							
119	African Scops Owl	<i>Otis senegalensis</i>								1							
120	Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>										4					
121	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>															50+
122	Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>															10+
123	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
124	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓			1				✓	✓	✓					✓

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125	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>																20+
126	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>												2	✓			
127	White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	1	4	1	2	5			7	✓	✓						✓
128	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	1		2									9	12			
129	Madagascar (Olive)Bee-eater	<i>Merops superciliosus</i>									4	1						
130	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	4	2	2							4		1	1	1		
131	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>															1	
132	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>															2	
133	Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevia</i>	4							1	1		1		1		1	1
134	MONTEIRO'S HORNBILL	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>	2								1	1	2					3
135	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>										2			2		6	8
136	Sthn Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	2							2			1	2	3	7		✓
137	Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>														5	4	✓
138	Damara Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>								1	2	2						
139	Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>			1					3			3		2	1		1
140	African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	1								2		1					
141	Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	1							1			1	1		1	2	
142	Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>																2
143	Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>																2
144	Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>																2
145	Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>														H		
146	DUNE LARK	<i>Certhilauda erythrochlamys</i>			3													
147	Sabota Lark	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>	2									1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	
148	Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>												4				
149	Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>						1						7	1			
150	Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizcorys conirostris</i>										4						
151	Stark's Lark	<i>Eremalauda starki</i>												1				
152	Grey-backed Sparrowlark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>							100+				300+	50+				
153	Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>											1	1				
154	Benguela Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda benguelensis</i>								1								
155	Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>												4		2		
156	Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>																2

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157	South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>															1
158	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			2	2	1			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
159	Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>									5			2			
160	Rock Martin	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>	✓		19				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
161	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	2														
162	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	6							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
163	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>							1								
164	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	4	10	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
165	Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>		1	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
166	Ashy Tit	<i>Parus cinerascens</i>												1			
167	CARP'S TIT	<i>Parus carpi</i>							1		2						
168	BARE-CHEEKED BABBLER	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>									3						
169	African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
170	Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsitsirupa</i>	1							1	2	4	3			✓	✓
171	Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>	3							1							
172	Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	1	4	2			4	2	3			1				
173	Tractrac Chat	<i>Cercomela tractrac</i>						1	1								
174	Mountain Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>	4	1	4			3	12	10+							
175	Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>										2	2	1	1		
176	Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>									3			4			
177	Kalahari Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>										1	1	2	4	1	1
178	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>												2			
179	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>										1					
180	ROCKRUNNER	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>													H	1	2
181	African Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>												H			
182	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>									1					4	6
183	Chestnut-Vented Titbabbler	<i>Parisoma subcaeruleum</i>	1	1								2	1	1	1		
184	Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>							2						2	2	1
185	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>											1				
186	Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridula</i>											2	3			
187	Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>											H		1		
188	Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	1	H						1	1	2	1	✓	✓	✓	

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189	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>														1	1	
190	Chat Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis infuscatus</i>											4	2	4	4		
191	Marico Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>											1		20+	30+		
192	African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>															2	3
193	Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>			2	2	2											
194	Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1		4	6	4	2		2				1				
195	African (Grassveld) Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1		1					1	1			1				
196	Buffy Pipit	<i>Anthus vaalensis</i>										1			1			
197	Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	1								1	1						
198	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	2															
199	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>												3	20+	6		
200	Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	3	1	4			2	3	1			1	2				
201	Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>							1	1								
202	White Crested Helmet Shrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>															2	2
203	WHITE-TAILED SHRIKE	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>	2								1							
204	Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>															2	
205	Sthn White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguimans</i>												5				1
206	Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>							1						2	2		
207	Cape Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	5		12				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
208	Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>														12	✓	✓
209	Meve's (Long-tailed) Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>								6	8							
210	Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>	6	4	12			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓
211	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>																1
212	White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>													1		1	1
213	Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fusca</i>	1		2		1		2									
214	Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>															2	2
215	Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>								2	✓		✓	✓	✓			
216	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓		✓		✓										✓	
217	Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	12	6	✓		✓	✓	✓									
218	Sthn Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>							6	1		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
219	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>								1	1		4	✓	✓	✓		
220	White-browed Sparrow Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	✓							✓	✓							

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221	Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>		10+	✓							✓	✓	✓			
222	Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	6	4	6		2					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
223	Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	1												2		
224	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
225	Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>										3					
226	Scaly-feathered Finch	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	2	✓	✓							1	4	✓			
227	Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>		10	11							2	30+		40		
228	Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatinus</i>									4			1	6		
229	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>			2	1	7	4									
230	Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>											4	2	4		
231	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>													1		
232	Black-throated Canary	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>										6					
233	White-throated Canary	<i>Serinus albogularis</i>			2				1								
234	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>								4	1						
235	Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	1							1							
236	Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	1		16					10+							

Mammals

1	Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	14							10+	1					*	*
2	Southern Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>		1								2		1			
3	S. African Ground Squirrel	<i>Geosciurus inauris</i>						1			2	2					1
4	Striped Tree Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus sp.</i>											2				
5	Springhare	<i>Pedetes capensis</i>								1							
6	Striped Mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>									1						
7	Dassie Rat	<i>Petromus typicus</i>									1						
8	Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	8	1	1	1		2		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Cape Fox	<i>Vulpes chama</i>							1	1		1					
10	Zorilla (Striped Polecat)	<i>Ictonyx striatus</i>								1							
11	Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>									1			1	1		1
12	Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictic penicillata</i>										1	1				
13	Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>											9	16		6	
14	Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>										5	4				

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15	African Wild Cat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>									2	1						
16	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>															1	
17	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>									1		9	1		2		
18	Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>								3								
19	Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>										6						
20	African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>								12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	30		
21	Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus (quagga) burchelli</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>	4		34		10				✓	✓		✓				
23	Browse (Black) Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>									5	9	16				1	
24	White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>									1	1						
25	Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>	4									4				2	10	6
26	Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>									4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	9					10			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
28	Cape Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>									3	3					2	
29	Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	8	6	12			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
30	Bush Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>																1
31	Steinbuck	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>			2					4		✓		✓				
32	Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus caama</i>											9					
33	Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>										12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Black-faced Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus petersi</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Springbuck	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Damaraland Dik-dik	<i>Rhynchotragus kirki damarensis</i>												5		4	10	✓
37	Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>				✓	✓	✓										
38	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>					3											
39	Southern Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>				1												

Reptiles

1	Leopard Tortoise	<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>											✓				
2	Ovambo Tree Skink	<i>Trachylepis binotata</i>											✓				
3	Hawksbill Turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>				✓											
4	Reticulated Desert Lizard	<i>Meroles reticulatus</i>		✓													
5	Shovel-snouted Lizard	<i>Meroles anchietae</i>		✓													

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6	Namaqualand Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo namaquensis</i>							✓								
7	Flap-necked Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo dilepis</i>									✓						
8	Namaqua Day Gecko	<i>Rhoptropella ocellata</i>										✓					
9	Namibian Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>								✓							
10	Olive Grass Snake	<i>Psammophis phillipsi</i>														✓	