

Namibia's Etosha Pan & Skeleton Coast

Naturetrek Tour Report

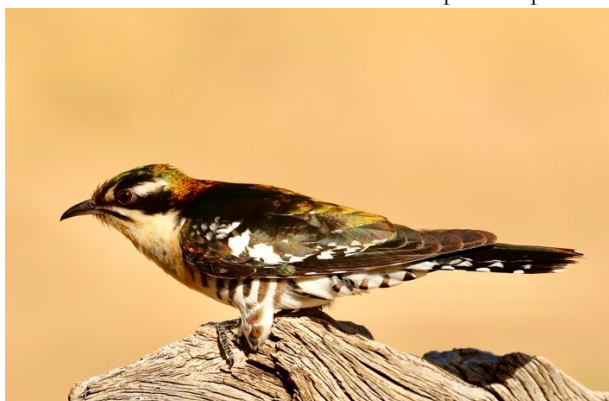
8th – 24th November 2023



Desert-adapted Elephants



Flamingoes



Diederik Cuckoo



Lion

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Day 1

Wednesday 8th November

Our various flights from the UK, arrived in Windhoek via Johannesburg the following day

Day 2

Thursday 9th November

Hosea Kutako International airport - Daan Viljoen Resort

We met at Hosea Kutako International airport and transferred to our overnight accommodation at Daan Viljoen Game Park, arriving at 15:30. On arrival we checked into our rooms and met at 17:30 for a short walk followed by dinner.

A few animals seen today include: Chacma Baboon, Red Hartebeest, Warthog, South African Ground Squirrel, Blue Wildebeest, Slender Mongoose, Southern Giraffe.

We also saw: Egyptian Goose, South African Shelduck, African Jacana, Red-knobbed Coot, Red-billed Teal, Blacksmith Lapwing, Common Moorhen, Three-banded Plover, African Reed Warbler, Black-faced Waxbill, Pirit Batis, White-tailed Shrike, Verraux's Eagle Owl, Yellow-billed Hornbill, Grey Hornbill, Groundscraper Thrush, African Hoopoe, Cape Wagtail, Red-eyed Bulbul, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Rockrunner, Red-billed Firefinch, Blue Waxbill, Greater Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow.

Distance travelled: 80 km

Day 3

Friday 10th November

Daan Viljoen Resort – Dead Valley Lodge

We met at 06:00 and did a short walk before breakfast. We saw several bird species including: Speckled Pigeon, Common Moorhen, Red-knobbed Coot, Red-billed Spurfowl, Helmeted Guineafowl, Egyptian Goose, South African Shelduck, Rockrunner, Greater Striped Swallow, Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, Golden-breasted Bunting, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, African Jacana, Reed Cormorant, White-breasted Cormorant, Darter, Green-winged Pytilia, Black-cheeked Waxbill, Blue Waxbill. Mammals included Southern Giraffe, Blue Wildebeest, Chacma Baboon, Springbok, Southern Ground Squirrel. We then loaded up and departed at 08:30.

En route to Sossusvlei we saw several new bird and mammal species - Klipspringer, South African Ground Squirrel, Greater Kudu, Springbok, Gemsbok, Steenbok. In terms of birds, we saw Lappet-faced Vulture, White-backed Vulture, Augur Buzzard, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Rock Kestrel, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Karoo Scrub Robin, Herero Chat, Karoo Long-billed Lark, Stark's Lark, Rufous-naped Lark, Sabota Lark, Mountain Wheatear, Ruppel's Korhaan, Alpine Swift, Bradfield's Swift, Little Swift and African Palm Swift.

We had lunch en-route and arrived at our overnight accommodation at 16:30. We then checked in and met to do the checklist followed by dinner at 19:00.

Distance travelled: 320 km

Day 4

Sunday 11th November

Dead Valley Lodge

We met at 04:30 for early morning coffee/tea and departed the lodge at 05:00 to drive to Deadvlei/Sossusvlei where we explored the dunes and took photos of the sunrise.

We all met again at 08:30 and drove to Sossusvlei where we had our picnic-breakfast. After breakfast, coffee/tea we departed and did a slow drive back to our lodge. We saw Oryx, Springbok, Black-backed Jackal and Four Striped Grass Mouse. We stopped and searched for Dune Lark here. Other birds seen: Cape Sparrow, Rock Martin, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler, Familiar Chat, Barn Swallow, Pale-winged Starling, Ostrich.

We had lunch at 12:30 and met at 16:00 to do our checklist followed by our afternoon activity, which was a visit to the Sesriem Canyon and the area of Elim Dune.

It was a very good afternoon starting with a family of four Pygmy Falcons and two young birds practicing their flying skills; one landed on one of our vehicles for an even closer view. We also saw Burchell's Coursers, Ludwig's Bustards, Ostrich, Scaly Weaver, Pied Crow, Familiar Chat, Speckled Pigeon, Pale-winged Starling, Cape Glossy Starling, Sociable Weaver. The afternoon ended with a distant sighting of Bat Eared Foxes!

We met for dinner at 19:30.

Distance travelled: 190 km

Day 5

Sunday 12th November

Dead Valley Lodge - Swakopmund

Breakfast starts at 07:00 and we departed the lodge at 08:00. We did a quick stop at Solitaire for a cup of coffee and a portion of the world-renowned apple pie before we continued our long drive to the coast.

We enjoyed a picnic lunch en-route and saw several species of mammal and bird. Blue Wildebeest, Gemsbok, Springbok, Yellow Mongoose, South African Ground Squirrel, Suricate (Meerkat). We also saw several bird species including: Ruppel's Korhaan, Karoo Long-billed Lark, Gray's Lark, Sabota Lark, Black-chested Snake-eagle, Double-banded Courser, Rock Kestrel, Greater Kestrel. We also add two new reptiles to our list: Namaqua Chameleon and Namib Day Gecko.

We arrived at our hotel in Swakopmund at 16:30, checked in and then met to do the checklist followed by dinner at 18:30.

Distance travelled: 360 km

Day 6**Monday 13th November****Swakopmund**

Breakfast started at 07:00 and we departed the hotel at 07:30, heading to Walvis Bay for our morning activity, which is a marine experience starting at 08:00. We saw thousands of Cape Fur Seals, Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins, Black-backed Jackal, Cape Gannet, Sooty Shearwater, White-chinned Petrel, Pomarine Skua, Sub-Antarctic Skua, Wilson's Storm Petrel, Cape Cormorant, Crowned Cormorant. After a good morning with coffee, snacks, lots of birds and action on the boat, we returned to the harbour and our vehicles. We stopped to have a coffee/cake before we continuing our birdwatching along the lagoon. Birds seen included: Greater Flamingo, Lesser Flamingo, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Sanderling, Little Stint, Pied Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Curlew, Whimbrel and Grey Heron. We returned to the Hotel at 15:00, then met again at 18:00 to run through the checklist before driving to our dinner location at the Jetty Restaurant.

Distance travelled: 90 km

Day 7**Tuesday 14th November****Swakopmund**

Breakfast started at 07:00 and departed at 08:00 for a morning visit to Walvis Bay and surrounds. We returned to Swakopmund for lunch.

The afternoon is at leisure and for people to explore the town. Birds seen: Black-necked Heron, Purple Swamphen, Common Moorhen, Cape Shoveler, Cape Teal, Greater and Lesser Flamingo, Little Stint, Sanderling, Bar-tailed Godwit, Whimbrel, Grey Heron, Little Egret, Black Oystercatcher, Crowned Cormorant, Cape Cormorant, White-breasted Cormorant, White-fronted Plover, Chestnut-banded Plover, Common Ringed Plover, Red-knobbed Koot, Orange River White-eye and Common Waxbill.

We met to do the checklist followed by dinner at 19:00.

Distance travelled: 130 km

Day 8**Wednesday 15th November****Swakopmund – Camp Kipwe**

After breakfast, we departed at 08:00. We drove north along the coastline visiting the Saltworks, Lichen Fields and the Zeila shipwreck before we start heading East towards Damaraland and the Desert adapted Elephants.

We saw: Great White Pelican, Greater and Lesser Flamingo, White-breasted and Cape Cormorant, Crowned Cormorant, Chestnut-banded Plover, White-fronted Plover, Pied Avocet, Greenshank, African Black Oystercatcher, Orange River White-eye, Common Waxbill, Gray's Lark, Whimbrel, Ruppel's Parrot, Common Fiscal, Tractrac Chat, Mountain Wheatear, Benguela Long-billed Lark.

We arrived at our final destination at 16:00, checked in and then met at 18:00 to do our checklist followed by some time on top of the rock formation for sunset and some sundowners before dinner.

Distance travelled: 320 km

Day 9

Thursday 16th November

Camp Kipwe

Following breakfast at leisure, we departed at 08:00. We drove to the Huab Riverbed and search for the desert adapted Elephants. We spent some time watching these gentle giants before returning to our lodge for lunch. We also see Southern Giraffe, Springbok, Rock Hyrax, Dassie Rat. Birds seen included: Black Chested Snake-Eagle, Red-billed Spurfowl, Damara Hornbill, Monteiro's Hornbill, Yellow-billed Hornbill, Familiar Chat, Common Scimitar, Dusky Sunbird, Yellow Canary, Black-throated Canary, Pale-winged Starling, Cape Glossy Starling, Speckled Pigeon, Ring-necked Dove, Namaqua Dove, Laughing Dove.

We then had a short siesta and met at 16:30 for a short drive and walk seeking some more endemic bird species. A strong wind was blowing creating a lot of dust, but we managed to see Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark and four Ludwig's Bustards that walked very close to the vehicle. We returned to our lodge for sunset and dinner. After dinner we searched and found two very special frog species namely Damara Sand Frog and Hoesch's Pygmy Toad.

Distance travelled: 90 km

Day 10

Friday 17th November

Camp Kipwe – Okaukeujo Resort

We were on the road by 08:00. We visited Twyfelfontein Rock art world heritage site. We spend almost two hours on a walk observing and learning about the area and the rock art. Here we saw Damara Ground Squirrel and Dassie Rat. We also saw several birds here including: Verraux's Eagle, Lark-like Bunting, Cape Bunting, Pale-winged Starling, Red-eyed Bulbul, Laughing Dove, Speckled Pigeon, Mountain Wheatear and Familiar Chat.

We stopped to have lunch en route to Etosha National Park at a nice lodge with a huge green garden. It was extremely hot and dry and we struggled to find birds but we did note: Black-faced Waxbill, Icterine Warbler, Willow Warbler, Fork-tailed Drongo, Dusky Sunbird, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Southern Masked Weaver. We arrived at the park gate at 16:30 and checked into our rooms overlooking the waterhole at Okaukeujo. We saw Southern Giraffe, Burchell's Zebra and Springbok. We met at the waterhole at 19:00 and walk to dinner.

After dinner the waterhole delivers Black Rhino, Lions and Giraffe!

Distance travelled: 350 km

Day 11

Saturday 18th November

Okaukeujo Resort

We met at 06:15 and departed on our morning game drive. The morning starts out slowly, but we saw a pair of Lions mating; we also manage to see an African Wild Cat hunting doves at a waterhole before driving back to our lodge for breakfast at 08:30.

We also see Red Hartebeest, Burchell's Zebra, South African Ground Squirrel, Springbok, Blue Wildebeest, Southern Giraffe. Birds seen included: Ostrich, Northern Black Korhaan, Spike-heeled Lark, Sabota Lark, Grey-backed Sparrow Lark, Pied Crow, Black Crow, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Great Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Larklike Bunting, Red-billed Quelea, Rufous-eared Warbler, African Cuckoo, Cape Glossy Starling, and Wattled Starling.

After breakfast we had a short break and met at the waterhole at 10:00. We decided to spend the rest of the morning at the waterhole as there is a continuous string of activity. Springbok, Blue Wildebeest, Greater Kudu, and Burchell's Zebra, Gemsbok came to drink in great numbers and an Elephant showed up just before lunch.

We gathered for lunch at 12:30.

After lunch the waterhole keeps delivering a continuous line of activity and includes some very large Elephant bulls. Most of us opted for a short drive at 16:30, returning at 17:30. We saw Spike-heeled Lark, Double-banded Courser, Greater Kestrel, Northern Black Korhaan. We met to do the checklist and dinner at 19:00

Distance travelled: 70 km

Day 12

Sunday 19th November

Okaukuejo Resort – Mokuti Etosha Lodge

We loaded up and had breakfast at 07:00 departing the lodge at 08:00, moving east towards our next destination. Lion and Honey Badger are seen early on our drive. We saw several bird and mammal species as we continue through the park. We had lunch at 13:30 and after lunch, walk to the waterhole where we see a herd of 18 Elephants, Marabou Stork, White-backed Vulture, Lappet-faced Vulture and White-headed Vulture.

We saw White Rhino in the distance, Blue Wildebeest, Southern Giraffe, Springbok, Gemsbok, Greater Kudu, Black-faced Impala, Tree Squirrel, South African Ground Squirrel. We also added five new reptile species: Leopard Tortoise, Owambo Tree Skink, Kalahari Plated Lizard, African Rock Python and Wahlberg's Skink.

We arrived at our lodge at 16:00, checked in and relaxed in this stunning location until 19:00 when we met to do the checklist followed by dinner.

Distance travelled: 260 km

Day 13

Monday 20th November

Mokuti Etosha Lodge

We departed on our morning game drive at 07:00, visiting several waterholes. This was a long game drive with a highlights of a pair of very close mating Lions and the opportunity for some great photography.

We saw Blue Wildebeest, Southern Giraffe, Black-faced Impala, Springbok, Burchell's Zebra. Birds seen include: Blue Crane, Kori Bustard, Northern Black Korhaan, Red-crested Korhaan, Tawny Eagle, Montagu's Harrier, South African Shelduck, Cape Teal, Pied Avocet, Wood Sandpiper, Marsh Sandpiper, Black-winged Stilt, Pink-billed Lark, Sabota Lark, Rufous-naped Lark, Eastern Clapper Lark, Desert Cisticola, Banded Martin, Southern Anteater Chat.

We returned to the lodge at 12:30, had lunch and a short siesta before meeting again at 16:00 for our afternoon drive into Etosha National Park. The afternoon drive delivered: Bat-eared Fox, Banded Mongoose, Secretary Bird, Red-billed Hornbill, Monteiro's Hornbill, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Ludwig's Bustard and Kori Bustard. We ended our drive at a waterhole at sunset with a male Lion just finishing his last sip of water and a few nervous onlooking Zebra.

We returned to the lodge just before 19:00 and met to do the checklist at 20:00. Some did a bat walk and found Natal Long-fingered Bat, Cape Serotine Bat, Little Free-tailed Bat.

Distance travelled: 190 km

Day 14

Tuesday 21st November

Mokuti Etosha Lodge – Okonjima Lodge

We did a pre breakfast walk in the gardens starting at 06:15 after a quick coffee and saw: Common Duiker, Damara Dik-Dik, Bontebok, Angolan Fruit Bat, Banded Mongoose, Grey Go Away Bird, Crimson-breasted Shrike, White-bellied Sunbird, Marico Sunbird, Barn Owl, Black-faced Babbler, Grey-backed Bleating Warbler, Red-eyed Bulbul, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Orange-breasted Bush Shrike, Black-chested Prinia, Cape Glossy Starling and Red-billed Buffalo Weaver.

We returned for breakfast at 0700 and are packed and ready for the road at 08:30. We had lunch en-route to our destination and visited some ponds. We saw: Blue-billed Teal, Red-billed Teal, Cape Teal, Yellow-billed Kite, Black Kite, Three-banded Plover, African Jacana, Ruff, Little Stint, Wood Sandpiper, Reed Cormorant, Sacred Ibis, Little Egret, Cattle Egret, Black Crowned Night Heron, Black Chested Snake Eagle and Red-billed Hornbill.

We arrived at our accommodation at 16:00, checked into our very comfortable rooms and met to do the checklist at the waterhole at 18:30. Greater Kudu, Springbok and some Black-backed Jackal entertained us before dinner at 19:00. We departed on a night drive at 20:00. We manage to see good views of Brown Hyena and Scrub Hares and had great views of Freckled Nightjar.

Distance travelled: 350 km

Day 15

Wednesday 22nd November

Okonjima Plains Camp

We met at 6:00 for early morning coffee/tea and enjoyed a freshly made muffin. We sat on the veranda by the waterhole and saw Southern Giraffe, Springbok, Black-backed Jackal and added Ashy Tit to our bird list. We departed the lodge at 06:30 and go in search of Leopard. We had great success and also great photo opportunities. We continue our morning game drive and saw: Mountain Zebra, Greater Kudu, Springbok, Southern Giraffe, Steenbok, Black-backed Jackal, Gemsbok, Waterbuck and Sabel.

We also saw several new bird species before returning for brunch at 09:30. Tea time is at 15:30. Our afternoon activity departed at 16:00, returning at 20:00. We had very close views of a White Rhino as well as Mountain Zebra, Greater Kudu, Impala, Springbok and Steenbok. We also added a few new birds and include White-tailed Shrike, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Cardinal Woodpecker, Hammerkop and Hartlaub's Spurfowl.

Day 16

Thursday 23rd November

Okonjima Plains Camp – Hosea Kutako International airport

Whilst doing our checklist before breakfast we saw: Lesser Striped Swallow, Pearl -reasted Swallow, Helmeted Guineafowl, Southern Masked Weaver, Marico Sunbird and Dideric Cuckoo. After breakfast, we have to leave this amazing lodge and experience, heading for the airport and our return flights.

Distance travelled: 280 km

Total species seen: Birds: 264, Mammals: 43, Reptiles: 19. Total kilometres: 3, 080

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

N=Near-endemic		November 2023													
Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>													✓	
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	✓	✓				✓						✓	✓	
Blue-billed Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>													✓	
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</i>						✓								
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>						✓					✓	✓	✓	
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	✓	✓				✓						✓	✓	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crested Francolin	<i>Ortygornis sephaena</i>												✓		
Hartlaub's Spurfowl - N	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>														✓
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>	✓	✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>									✓				✓	✓
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>													✓	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓											✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>		✓								✓	✓			
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		✓									✓	✓	✓	
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Crinifer concolor</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Ludwig's Bustard	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>			✓					✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Rüppell's Korhaan - N	<i>Heterotetrax rueppelii</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓						
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>														✓
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>														✓
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>										✓			H	

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Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>				✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>									✓	✓		✓		✓	
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>												✓			
Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>					✓	✓									
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</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>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓				✓					✓	✓	✓		
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	✓	✓				✓					✓		✓		
African Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>						✓							✓		
Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>		✓									✓	✓	✓		
Blue Crane	<i>Grus paradisea</i>												✓			
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>						✓									
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>					✓	✓	✓								
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>					✓	✓	✓								
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>											✓				
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>						✓	✓								
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>										✓	✓	✓		✓	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>					✓	✓	✓								
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					✓	✓									
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>					✓	✓									
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓		
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>					✓	✓	✓								
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>					✓	✓									
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	✓	✓											✓		
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>					✓	✓	✓								

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Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>						✓								
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>						✓					✓	✓	✓	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>					✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓									
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>												✓		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>						✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				✓	✓	✓								
Burchell's Courser	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>			✓											
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>										✓	✓			
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>					✓	✓								
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>					✓	✓	✓							
Damara Tern	<i>Sternula balaenarum</i>						✓								
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					✓	✓								
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>					✓	✓								
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					✓									
Brown Skua	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>					✓									
Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>					✓									
Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>					✓									
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>					✓									
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>					✓									
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>											✓	✓		
Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>					✓									
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	✓	✓												
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	✓	✓											✓	
Crowned Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>					✓	✓	✓							

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Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>					✓	✓	✓								
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓								
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓														
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓	✓											✓		
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>													✓		
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>						✓						✓	✓		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>						✓							✓		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>						✓						✓	✓		
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>														✓	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					✓	✓	✓								
Secretarybird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>												✓		✓	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>												✓			
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>												✓		✓	
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>											✓				
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>		✓								✓	✓				
Cape Vulture	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>											✓				
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>											✓				
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>		✓		✓							✓				
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>				✓				✓					✓		
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>												✓			
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>										✓				✓	
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>											✓	✓		✓	
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>									✓						
Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>												✓			
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>													✓		
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>											✓		✓		
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>		✓													
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>													✓		
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>								✓			✓				
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Ketupa lactea</i>	✓														

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White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>						✓									
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>														✓	
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	✓	✓							✓	✓					
Violet Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>											✓				
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>								✓					✓	✓	
Damara Red-billed Hornbill - N	<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>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>													✓	✓	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>		✓		✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>		✓													
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>														✓	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>			✓	✓											
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>				✓			✓	✓							
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>				✓						✓	✓				
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>											✓				
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>											✓				
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓												
Rüppell's Parrot - N	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>							✓	✓	✓				✓		
Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>		✓					✓								
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>	✓	✓												✓	
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>														✓	
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>		✓													
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>														✓	
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	✓								✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Orange Breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>													✓		
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>											✓	✓			

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White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>											✓	✓			
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>												✓	✓		
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>		✓		✓			✓								
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>												✓			
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>					✓										
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>										✓				✓	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>										✓	✓				
Gray's Lark - N	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>				✓											
Karoo Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>		✓		✓											
Benguela Long-billed Lark - N	<i>Certhilauda benguelensis</i>							✓								
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>								✓		✓	✓	✓			
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>		✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dune Lark - N	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>			✓												
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>		✓													
Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>												✓			
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>												✓			
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>		✓													
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>													✓		
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Banded Martin	<i>Neophedina cincta</i>										✓	✓				
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	✓	✓													
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>												✓			
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	✓	✓												✓	
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>		✓													

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Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>	✓	✓													
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>											✓			✓	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓			
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	✓	✓											✓		
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>									✓	✓					
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>														✓	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>											✓	✓			
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>												✓			
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>				✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>											✓				
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>										✓	✓				
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>		✓										✓	✓	✓	
Barred Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>		✓													
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>								✓		✓					
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>														✓	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓			
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>				✓	✓	✓									
Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>											✓				
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>														✓	
Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>													✓		
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>											✓	✓			
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>		✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>														✓	
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓				✓		
Karoo Scrub Robin - N	<i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>		✓													
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>											✓	✓		✓	
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>											✓	✓			
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Agricola infuscatus</i>			✓	✓											
Herero Chat - N	<i>Namibornis herero</i>		✓													
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>													✓		
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>	✓	✓													

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Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsitsirupa</i>	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>				✓										
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>							✓							
Anteater Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>												✓		
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>												✓		
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓						
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>													✓	✓
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>											✓		✓	✓
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	✓	✓											✓	✓
House Sparrow - I	<i>Passer domesticus</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>		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>									✓					
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>													✓	
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Brunhilda erythronotos</i>	✓	✓							✓					
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>				✓	✓	✓								
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>											✓	✓		
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	✓													
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>	✓											✓		
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>		✓									✓	✓	✓	✓
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>		✓												✓
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>													✓	✓
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>												✓		

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Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓							
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>											✓	✓		
Buffy Pipit	<i>Anthus vaalensis</i>											✓	✓		
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>												✓		
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	✓	✓												
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓				
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>														✓
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>							✓		✓					
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuari</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>		✓						✓	✓					
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>		✓												

Mammals

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Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>								✓						
African Savanna Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>								✓		✓	✓			
African Wildcat	<i>Felis lybica</i>										✓				
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>														✓
Brown Hyena	<i>Parahyaena brunnea</i>														✓
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>				✓						✓				
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>	✓											✓		
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meerkat	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>				✓										
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bat-eared Fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>			✓									✓		✓
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>					✓	✓								
Honey Badger	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>											✓			✓
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>									✓	✓				✓

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White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>													✓	✓	
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra</i>	✓												✓	✓	
Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus quagga burchellii</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Southern Giraffe	<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black-faced Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus petersi</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>											✓			✓	
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>													✓	✓	
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>													✓	✓	
Kirk's Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>											✓	✓	✓		
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	✓	✓													
Sabel Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>														✓	
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>		✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bush Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>					✓										
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	✓	✓						✓					✓		
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>													✓		
Dassie Rat	<i>Petromus typicus</i>								✓	✓						
Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>	✓								✓	✓			✓		
Damara Ground Squirrel - N	<i>Xerus princeps</i>								✓	✓						
Cape Serotine Bat	<i>Laephotis capensis</i>)											✓				
Natal Long-fingered Bat	<i>Miniopterus natalensis</i>											✓				
Angolan Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus angolensis</i>											✓				
Xeric Four-striped Grass Rat	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>			✓												

Reptiles

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Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Rock Python	<i>Python sebae</i>											✓			
Western three Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis occidentalis</i>		✓								✓			✓	✓
Namibia Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓				
Ground Agama	<i>Agama aculeata</i>														✓
Shovel Snouted Lizard	<i>Meroles anchietae</i>			✓											
Kalahari Tree Skink	<i>Trachylepis spilogaster</i>	✓	✓												
Plain Sand Lizard	<i>Pedioplanis inornata</i>													✓	
Barking Gecko	<i>Ptenopus sp.</i>		✓												
Anchieta's Agama	<i>Agama anchietae</i>		✓												
Namaqua Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo namaquensis</i>				✓										
Namib Day Gecko	<i>Rhoptropus afer</i>				✓				✓	✓					
Wedge-snouted Desert Lizard	<i>Meroles cuneirostris</i>			✓											
Western yellow-bellied sand Snake	<i>Psammophis subtaeniatus</i>								✓						
Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>										✓	✓			
Button-scaled Gecko	<i>Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi</i>										✓				
Kalahari Plated Lizard	<i>Gerrhosaurus auritus</i>											✓			
Ovambo Tree Skink	<i>Trachylepis binotata</i>											✓			
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>											✓	✓		
Wahlberg's Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis wahlbergii</i>											✓			

Amphibians

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Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Damara Sand Frog	<i>Tomopterna ahli</i>								✓		✓	✓			
Hoesch's Toad	<i>Poyntonophrynus hoeschi</i>								✓						