

# Namibia's Etosha Pan & Skeleton Coast

Naturetrek Tour Report

5th – 21st November 2025

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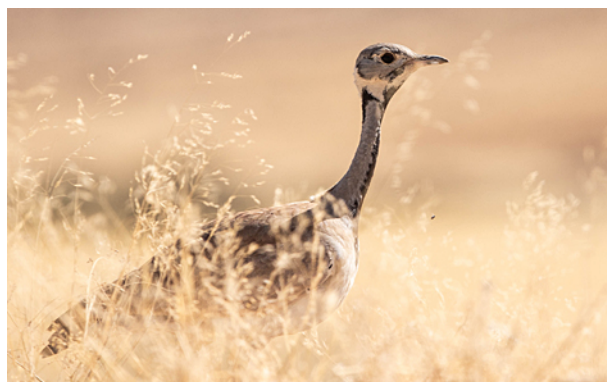
Lion



Gemsbok



Ground Agama



Rüppell's Korhaan

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## Day 1

**Wednesday 5th November**

### Travel day

Clients made the overnight flight from London Heathrow to Johannesburg.

## Day 2

**Thursday 6th November**

### Daan Viljoen

We met at Windhoek airport after our flight from Johannesburg and were packed and ready to depart just before 16.00. Along the way to Daan Viljoen, we had our first sightings of Chacma Baboon and Red Hartebeest. Birdlife was already rewarding, with species such as Helmeted Guineafowl, Black-winged Kite, Black-faced Waxbill and Alpine Swift.

We arrived at our accommodation at 17.20 and met again at 18.00 for a short walk around the area. The birding continued to impress, with sightings of African Palm, Bradfield's and Little Swifts, Common Moorhen, Red-knobbed Coot, Squacco, Grey and Black-crowned Night Heron, Egyptian Goose, Rattling Cisticola, Black-chested Snake Eagle and a two beautiful Verreaux's Eagle-Owls to end the walk on a high note. Before dinner, a few Blue Wildebeest and Common Warthogs joined the evening scene, making a fitting welcome to Namibia's wilderness.

## Day 3

**Friday 7th November**

### Dead Valley Lodge

We met in the morning at 06.30 for a pre-breakfast birding walk. Some of the birds seen included Common Moorhen, Black Crake, Red-knobbed Coot, Egyptian Goose, Reed Cormorant, Black-crowned Night Heron, Southern Masked Weaver and Verreaux's Eagle-Owl. Mammals seen included Blue Wildebeest and Gemsbok.

Breakfast was at 07.15 and by 08.30 we were ready to depart. On the way out of the reserve, we came across a large group of Southern Giraffe and a herd of Common Impala. Along the way, birds seen included Rufous-naped and Sabota Larks, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, Pygmy Falcon, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Tawny Eagle, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Lappet-faced and White-backed Vultures and Black-chested Snake Eagle. Mammals seen included Springbok, Gemsbok, and Steenbok, with the highlight being a Klipspringer standing proudly on a rock high up the hill.

We stopped for lunch just before 14.00 and, after a good break, continued our journey towards our accommodation. Along the way, we added several new birds to the list, including Chat Flycatcher, Scaly-feathered Weaver, Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark and Rüppell's Korhaan. A lone Blue Wildebeest resting under a small acacia tree also caught our attention. We arrived at our accommodation just before 17.00 and met again at 18.30 to complete our checklists before enjoying dinner together.

## Day 4

Saturday 8th November

### Dead Valley Lodge

We met at 04.30 for coffee and tea, and at 05.00 we departed for our morning activity: a visit to Deadvlei. Deadvlei is one of Namibia's most iconic sites, a white clay pan surrounded by towering red dunes, with ancient Camel Thorn trees that have stood lifeless for more than 600 years. The contrast between the dark trees, white pan and orange dunes makes it one of the most photographed places in the country. After a good time spent exploring and photographing Deadvlei, we continued to Sossusvlei, where we enjoyed breakfast and coffee under a large acacia tree in the company of many Cape Sparrows.

After breakfast, we made a slow drive back to the lodge. Birds seen along the way included Black-chested Prinia, Pied Crow and Common Ostrich. We stopped at a known spot to look for the Dune Lark, but were unsuccessful. Mammals seen on the drive included Gemsbok and Springbok.

We arrived back at our accommodation for lunch at 13.00, and met again at 16.00 for our afternoon activity. Our first stop was Sesriem Canyon, a narrow, winding gorge carved by the Tsauchab River millions of years ago. It is one of the few places in the area that holds water year-round, and provides an interesting look at the region's geological history. Here we saw Speckled Pigeon, Large Rock Martin, Pale-winged Starling and Mountain Chat (or Wheatear). After the canyon, we visited the well-known Elim Dune. Some of us searched for the Dune Lark again, and after about thirty minutes, were rewarded with great views of this Namib Desert endemic. Others enjoyed watching a Gemsbok nearby. On the way back to the lodge, we saw two Black-backed Jackals. We arrived at 18.30, and met again at 19.15 to complete our checklists, followed by a lovely barbeque dinner.

## Day 5

Sunday 9th November

### Hansa Hotel

Breakfast started at 07.00, and by 08.30 we were ready to depart for the coast. During the morning, we recorded Sabota Lark, Chat Flycatcher, Rüppell's Korhaan and Southern Fiscal shrike. Mammal sightings included Gemsbok, Southern Giraffe, and Black-backed Jackal.

En route, we stopped at a well-known apple pie stop, where some of the group enjoyed a slice of the famous treat. While there, we observed Red-headed Finch, Cape Sparrow, Familiar Chat, Pale-winged Starling, Pied Crow and Scaly-feathered Weaver. Mammals seen included South African Ground Squirrel and Yellow Mongoose.

Afterwards we continued along a very scenic route through the Gaub and Kuiseb Canyons, stopping at a lovely picnic spot along the road for lunch. After a wonderful break, we continued the drive through the Namib-Naukluft Park, with changing desert landscapes providing spectacular views throughout the afternoon. Birds seen during the afternoon included Lappet-faced Vulture, Gray's and Stark's Larks, Greater Kestrel and Common Ostrich. Mammals observed included Gemsbok and Springbok. Along the way, we also stopped to view the fascinating *Welwitschia mirabilis*, one of the world's oldest longest-lived plants, capable of surviving for over a thousand years in the harsh desert environment.

We arrived at our accommodation just before 18.00, where we saw Orange River White-eye, Common Waxbill and Speckled Pigeon in the gardens. We met again at 18.45 to complete our checklists, followed by dinner to end the day.

## Day 6

**Monday 10th November**

### Hansa Hotel

Breakfast started at 06.30, and by just before 08.00 we were ready to depart for our morning dolphin cruise. We started off with two Heaviside's Dolphins, and soon after, the captain received word that a large pod of Dusky Dolphins had been spotted nearby. We quickly made our way there and were rewarded with a wonderful sighting of about seventy Dusky Dolphins. We spent a long time with them as they swam and played in the wake of the boat; it was a truly magical experience.

Another highlight of the morning was spotting a massive Southern Elephant Seal resting among the Cape Fur Seal colonies, an unusual and exciting sight for the area. Birds seen during the cruise included Kelp and Hartlaub's Gulls, Barn Swallow, African Oystercatcher, Great White Pelican, Common and Arctic Terns, Sooty Shearwater and Cape Gannet. We also enjoyed delicious snack platters, fresh oysters and sparkling wine while taking in the ocean views.

We returned to the waterfront area at 13.00, where we enjoyed a good cup of coffee before heading out for some birding along the lagoon. Birds seen included Grey, White-fronted, Common Ringed and Chestnut-banded Plovers, Ruddy Turnstone, Bar-tailed Godwit, Little Stint, Sanderling, Greenshank, Ruff, Curlew Sandpiper, Avocet, Greater Flamingo, Whimbrel, Grey-headed Gull, and Caspian, Common, Sandwich, Greater Crested and Damara Terns. We also came across two baby Black-backed Jackals exploring the shoreline.

We returned to our accommodation at 17.00 and met again at 18.30 to complete our checklists, followed by dinner.

## Day 7

**Tuesday 11th November**

### Hansa Hotel

Breakfast started at 06.30 and everyone could come at their own leisure. The morning was spent shopping and exploring the charming coastal town of Swakopmund. Some of the group opted for the Sossusvlei scenic flight, an unforgettable experience that takes you over the vast Namib Desert, offering a bird's-eye view of the towering red dunes, ancient riverbeds and salt pans. The flight also follows the coastline, where the endless sand dunes meet the Atlantic Ocean in a dramatic display of contrasting landscapes. Those who joined were especially lucky to spot a Humpback Whale along the way.

In the afternoon, at 14.30, it was time for the Living Desert Tour, a fascinating experience which reveals the hidden life of the Namib's dunes. The guides introduced us to the incredible adaptations of desert creatures that survive in this harsh environment, often referred to as the "Little Five" of the desert. We were treated to sightings of Namaqua Chameleon, Fitzsimmon's Burrowing Skink and Namib Web-footed Gecko.

## Day 8

## Wednesday 12th November

### Lodge Damaraland

Breakfast started at 06.30 and we were packed and ready to depart by 08.15. Our first stop was at a nearby salt works, where we enjoyed excellent birding, with sightings of Lesser and Greater Flamingoes, Great White Pelican, Avocet, Little Stint, Sanderling, Curlew Sandpiper, White-fronted Plover, Cape Cormorant, and Greater Crested and Sandwich Terns.

We then stopped at a well-known spot to look for a small desert mammal known as Littledale's Whistling Rat, and we were rewarded with wonderful views of it. Along the way, we also saw Tractrac and Karoo Chats, Gray's Lark, White-throated Canary, and Bradfield's and African Palm Swifts. A South African Ground Squirrel was the mammal sighting of the morning.

We stopped for lunch at 13.00 and then continued our journey north. In the afternoon, we made a stop at a known site to look for the Herero Chat, a true Namibian special, and had fantastic views of this sought-after species, along with Dusky Sunbird and Cape Penduline Tit.

We arrived at our accommodation at 17.00 and met again at 18.30 to complete our checklists, followed by dinner. Whilst doing our checklists, we saw African Palm Swift and Large Rock Martin, but the highlight was an Augur Buzzard soaring high above.

## Day 9

## Thursday 13th November

### Lodge Damaraland

Breakfast started at 07.00 and we were ready to depart at 08.00. Birds seen during breakfast included Lark-like Bunting, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Familiar Chat, Bradfield's and African Palm Swifts and Large Rock Martin. We also saw a Western Rock Skink near the swimming pool.

Our morning began with a visit to the Twyfelfontein rock engravings, Namibia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. The site is home to over 2,500 rock carvings made by the San people thousands of years ago, depicting animals such as Giraffe, Elephant and Lion, as well as human and spiritual figures. The engravings were used both as a record of the surrounding wildlife, and as part of San cultural and shamanistic traditions. While exploring the site, we saw Pale-winged Starling, Red-headed Finch, Namaqua Dove and Dusky Sunbird, along with a Damara Ground Squirrel.

After visiting the rock engravings, we made our way down to the Aba Huab River. Thanks to local knowledge, we knew exactly where to look for the desert-adapted Elephants, and soon found them as they were making their way to the water. We watched them drink, play and throw water and sand over themselves to cool down. There were about twenty elephants in total, including a small calf estimated to be around a year and a half old.

After spending quality time with the herd, we drove further along the Aba Huab River and found a lovely spot under a large Ana tree for lunch and coffee. Other birds seen during the morning included Rüppell's Korhaan, Benguela Long-billed Lark and Cape Sparrow. We also saw Springbok along the way.

## Day 10

Friday 14th November

### Okaukuejo, Etosha National Park

Breakfast started at 07.00 and we departed at 09.00. The previous night's rain had transformed the landscape, bringing out all sorts of life. During the morning we saw Bradfield's and African Palm Swifts, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Familiar Chat, Lark-like Bunting, Laughing Dove, Mountain Wheatear, Pirit Batis and Southern Masked Weaver. We also spotted a Ground Agama and a Western Rock Skink, as well as a variety of insects.

We made several stops along the way and added more birds to our list, including Marico Sunbird, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Willow Warbler, Spotted Flycatcher, White-bellied Sunbird, Golden-breasted Bunting, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Carp's Tit, Acacia Pied Barbet and Verreaux's Eagle.

We stopped for lunch at 12.30 and then continued our journey to Etosha National Park. Upon entering the park, we took a slow drive to our accommodation, stopping at a waterhole where we saw Springbok, Blue Wildebeest, a Kori Bustard and African Pipit. Along the way, we also spotted Burchell's Plains Zebra, Black-faced Impala and additional Springbok.

## Day 11

Saturday 15th November

### Okaukuejo, Etosha National Park

We met at 06.00 this morning for our morning drive in Etosha National Park. The aim for the morning was to find predators taking advantage of the early morning cool temperatures. We started off with a female Black Rhino with her calf, as well as another lone Black Rhino. During the morning, we saw huge herds of Springbok, plus Blue Wildebeest, Plains Zebra, Black-faced Impala and Black-backed Jackal. The highlight was a pride of Lions resting under a shade tree with three to four cubs. Some birds seen during the morning included Northern Black and Red-crested Korhaans, African Grey Hornbill, Sabota Lark, Helmeted Guineafowl, Crowned Lapwing and Egyptian Goose.

We returned for breakfast at 09.30. Some of us met again at 10.30 for a birding walk around camp. Birds seen included Chestnut-vented and Icterine Warblers, Barred Wren-Warbler, Crimson-breasted Shrike, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Wattled and Cape Starlings, Little and White-rumped Swifts, Greater Striped Swallow, Large Rock Martin, Hoopoe, African Cuckoo and Cardinal Woodpecker.

Lunch was at 13.00, and we met again at 15.30 for our afternoon activity. We started off with an Elephant bull slowly walking past our vehicle. Soon after we found a big male Lion accompanied by three younger males. We then continued to see if we could find the Lions from the morning and, on the way, we saw a Black Rhino bull. After the Rhino, we continued and found the pride again, resting on the side of the road and some on the road.



Birds seen in the afternoon included Namaqua Sandgrouse, Sabota Lark, Chestnut-backed and Grey-backed Sparrow-Larks, Greater Kestrel, Cape Crow, Crowned Lapwing and Common Ostrich.

Later in the evening, some of the group visited the waterhole and were rewarded with a sighting of two Black Rhinos coming in to drink.

## Day 12

Sunday 16th November

### Mokuti, Etosha National Park

Breakfast was at 07.00 and we were ready to depart at 08.30. Today we drove to the eastern side of Etosha. Birds seen along the way included Sociable Weaver, Red-capped and Sabota Larks, Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark, Egyptian Goose, Common Ostrich, Double-banded Courser, Common Moorhen and Western Cattle Egret, to name but a few. Mammals included large herds of Springbok, Wildebeest and Plains Zebra. We also saw Red Hartebeest, Steenbok and Gemsbok. We stopped for lunch en route,, where we saw Violet Wood Hoopoe, Cape Starling and Damara Red-billed Hornbill.



Black-backed Jackal



Southern Giraffe

After lunch we continued our drive, seeing more herds of Springbok, Wildebeest and Plains Zebra. We stopped at an area where we saw White-backed and Lappet-faced Vultures gathered in a group and while scanning the area we spotted a Cheetah nearby. Other mammals seen included Southern Giraffe, Black-faced Impala and Banded Mongoose. We arrived at our accommodation at 16.30 and met again at 18.30.

## Day 13

Monday 17th November

### Mokuti, Etosha National Park

Breakfast started at 07.00 and we were ready to depart for our morning drive into the park. Birds seen during the morning included Southern Red-billed Hornbill, Helmeted Guineafowl, Crowned Lapwing, Egyptian Goose, Lesser Grey Shrike, Fork-tailed Drongo, Tawny Eagle and Gabar Goshawk. Mammals seen included Damara Dik-

dik, Black-faced Impala and Springbok, and the highlight was spending time with a herd of about fifteen Giraffes. We stopped for coffee/tea at 10.00. Birds seen here included Lappet-faced Vulture, Brubru, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Long-billed Crombec, Green-winged Pytilia, Eurasian Golden Oriole and African Red-eyed Bulbul.

After a lovely break, we continued our morning. Birds seen included White-headed and White-backed Vultures, Bateleur, Martial Eagle, Kori Bustard, Black-winged Stilt, Wood Sandpiper, Red-billed Teal, Squacco Heron, Marabou Stork, Greater and Lesser Flamingoes, European Bee-eater and Sabota Lark. A major highlight was seeing two Blue Cranes. Mammals included Plains Zebra, Springbok, Blue Wildebeest, Slender Mongoose and African Elephant. We returned to our accommodation at 12.30 and had lunch at 13.00.

We met again at 16.00 for our afternoon activity, a loop around Fischer's Pan. It was a beautiful drive with a variety of sightings. Birds seen included Kori Bustard, Secretarybird, Sabota Lark, Red-backed and Lesser Grey Shrikes, Red-necked and Lanner Falcons, White-backed Vulture, Ant-eating Chat, Double-banded Sandgrouse, Marabou Stork, Marsh Sandpiper and Black-winged Stilt. Mammals seen included huge herds of Plains Zebra and Blue Wildebeest, as well as a large number of Giraffes.

The drive back to the lodge was stunning. Some areas of the pan had filled with water and in the perfect late afternoon light, it looked like a scene from a nature documentary with many Plains Zebra, Giraffe and birds gathered around. We returned to our accommodation just before 19.00.

## Day 14

**Tuesday 18th November**

### Okonjima Plains Camp

Some of us met at 06.30 for a walk around the gardens of Mokuti. Birds seen during the walk included White-bellied Sunbird, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Cape Starling, Grey Go-away-bird, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Black-backed Puffback, Lesser Masked and Red-headed Weavers, Black Cuckooshrike, African Palm and Little Swifts and Red-billed Spurfowl. We also saw Common Duiker during the walk.

After the walk we had breakfast and departed at 08.30 for our next destination. Along the way we saw Little Swift, Pale Chanting Goshawk, House Sparrow, African Hawk-Eagle and Southern Red-billed Hornbill. As we entered the reserve we saw Common Impala, Common Warthog and Springbok. We arrived for lunch at 14.00 and met again at 18.00 to do our checklists. Whilst doing checklists, there were lots of Warthogs and Springbok around. Birds seen included Greater Striped and Barn Swallows, Large Rock Martin and Blacksmith Lapwing.

Afterwards we had dinner, then went on a night drive to look for the nocturnal animals of the area. Mammals seen on the included Brown Hyena, Springhare and Small-spotted Genet. We returned from the night drive at 22.00.

## Day 15

**Wednesday 19th November**

### Okonjima Plains Camp

We met at 06.00 for coffee/tea and muffins, before heading out on our morning activity, tracking Leopards. The reserve uses VHF telemetry, which allows guides to pick up a signal from a collared animal. By following the



direction and strength of the signal, we could narrow down the area where the Leopard was moving, making it possible to locate these otherwise elusive cats without disturbing them. We were fortunate to find a female Leopard with her cub, and we followed them for some time as they explored their territory. Another highlight was a Bat-eared Fox family with playful pups. Other mammals seen included Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Sable Antelope, Waterbuck, Gemsbok, Springbok, Common Impala, Blue Wildebeest and Greater Kudu.

We returned for breakfast just after 09.00. After breakfast, some of us did a short birding walk. Birds included Crimson-breasted Shrike, Kalahari Scrub Robin, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Green-winged Pytilia, Southern Masked Weaver, Scarlet-chested and Marico Sunbirds and Common Scimitarbill.

Some joined an activity at 11.00 to learn about the history of the reserve. Lunch was at 13.00 and we met again at 15.00 for afternoon coffee/tea and cake, followed by our afternoon drive at 15.30. During the drive we saw Plains Zebra, Common Impala, Greater Kudu, Steenbok and Southern Giraffe. We also had another great sighting of a Bat-eared Fox family. Just before sunset we found a huge male Leopard.

We stopped for a sundowner and ended the trip with a beautiful sunset: a perfect way to close off a wonderful journey. We returned to our accommodation at 19.30 and had dinner. After dinner, some guests joined the Pangolin-tracking activity and were rewarded with an excellent sighting of a female Temminck's Ground Pangolin.

## Day 16

**Thursday 20th November**

### Departure

Bags were out and packed by 06.45. Breakfast was at 07.00 and we did our final checklist at 07.45, before making our way to Windhoek airport for our goodbyes and our flight to Johannesburg. It marked the end of a wonderful journey through Namibia, filled with great sightings, shared experiences and memories that will stay with us for a long time.

## Day 17

**Friday 21st November**

### Return to UK

After an overnight flight from Johannesburg, clients arrived back at London Heathrow.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

N=Near-endemic, I=Introduced		November 2025													
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</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>											✓			
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>													✓	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</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>											H			
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>													H	
African Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>									✓					
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>			✓				✓			✓	✓			
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>									✓		✓			
Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓								
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								

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Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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>	✓													
Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>	✓													
Blue Crane	<i>Grus paradisea</i>												✓		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</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>				✓		✓					✓			
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>				✓										
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				✓										
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	✓			✓								✓		
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>									✓		✓	✓	✓	
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Anarhynchus pallidus</i>				✓										
White-fronted Plover	<i>Anarhynchus marginatus</i>				✓	✓	✓								
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>				✓										
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>				✓										
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>											✓			
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>											✓			
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				✓						✓	✓			
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>				✓										
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>				✓										

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Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				✓		✓								
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>				✓		✓								
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				✓		✓								
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>						✓					✓	✓	✓	
Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>													✓	
Damara Tern	<i>Sternula balaenarum</i>				✓										
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>				✓										
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>											✓			
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>				✓										
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				✓	✓									
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>				✓		✓								
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>				✓		✓								
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>				✓		✓								
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>				✓		✓								
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>				✓		✓								
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>				✓										
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>											✓			
Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>				✓										
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	✓													
Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>				✓	✓	✓								
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓		✓								
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>													✓	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓													
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓					✓		✓			
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	✓										✓			
Yellow-billed Egret	<i>Ardea brachyrhyncha</i>	✓													
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>										✓	✓			
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓							✓	✓					
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				

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Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	✓													
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	✓			✓		✓								
Secretarybird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>											✓			
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓												✓	
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>											✓			
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>											✓			
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	✓										✓			
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>							✓			✓	✓			
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>											✓			
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	✓								✓					
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>											✓			
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	✓										✓			
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>												✓		
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>								✓						
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>											✓			
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓	
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>						✓								
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>										✓			✓	
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	H											✓		
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Ketupa lactea</i>	✓													
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</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>											✓			
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>									✓				✓	
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>														
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	✓					✓						✓	✓	

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European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>								✓		✓	✓		✓	
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>									✓					
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>									✓					
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	✓		✓											
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>			✓						✓					
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>			✓								✓			
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>											✓			
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>											✓			
Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	H				✓									
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>													✓	
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>													✓	
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>													✓	
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>												✓	✓	
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	✓								✓	✓	✓		✓	
Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>												✓		
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>											✓			
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</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>	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Carp's Tit - N	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>								✓						
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>								✓						
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>						✓								
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albobasata</i>			✓											
Gray's Lark - N	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>			✓			✓								
Benguela Long-billed Lark - N	<i>Certhilauda benguelensis</i>							✓							



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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>													✓		
Dune Lark - N	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>		✓													
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Corypha africana</i>	✓														
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>			✓		✓										
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>									✓						
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>						✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Large Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓			✓	✓		
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓						✓	✓		
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	✓								✓			✓	✓		
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>										✓	✓		✓		
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>	H												H		
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>											✓				
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>															
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</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>	✓						✓	✓	✓				✓		
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>												✓	✓		
Barred Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>	H								✓						
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>		✓							✓				✓		
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>			✓			✓									
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>													✓		
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	✓								✓						
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓							
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	✓													✓
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Agricola infuscatus</i>	✓		✓			✓			✓					
Herero Chat - N	<i>Namibornis herero</i>						✓								
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>	✓								✓			✓	✓	
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>							✓	✓						
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>						✓								
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>			✓			✓								
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	✓										✓			
Mountain Chat (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>	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>						✓	✓							
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	✓									✓		✓	✓	
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Brunhilda erythronotos</i>	✓											✓	✓	

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Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>				✓											
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</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>										✓					
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓									
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>															
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>													✓		
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>									✓			✓			
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>															
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>							✓								
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>								✓							

## Mammals

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African Savanna Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>							✓		✓	✓	✓			
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>										✓			✓	
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>									✓					
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>													✓	
Common Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</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>									✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Bat-eared Fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>													✓	

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Afro-Australian Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>				✓	✓									
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonina</i>				✓										
Zorilla	<i>Ictonyx striatus</i>														✓
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>										✓				
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	✓								✓			✓	✓	
Southern Giraffe	<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Common Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	✓											✓	✓	
Black-faced Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus petersi</i>								✓	✓		✓			
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kirk's Dik-dik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	✓													
Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>		✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>										✓		✓	✓	
Bush Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	✓								✓		✓		✓	
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>												✓		
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>												✓	✓	
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>													✓	
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	✓		✓									✓	✓	
Littledale's Whistling Rat	<i>Parotomys littledalei</i>						✓								
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>											✓		✓	
Noki	<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>							✓							
Southern African Springhare	<i>Pedetes capensis</i>												✓		
Xeric Four-striped Grass Rat	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>		✓												
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>	✓													

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Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>			✓											✓
Burchell's Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga burchellii</i>								✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Aethalodelphis obscurus</i>				✓							✓			
Heaviside's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus heavisidii</i>				✓										
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>					✓									
Angolan Epulatted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus angolensis</i>											✓	✓		
Egyptian Slit-faced Bat	<i>Nycteris thebaica</i>												✓		
Temmnicks Ground Pangolin	<i>Smutsia temminckii</i>													✓	

## Reptiles

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Leopard Tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>	✓							✓			✓	✓	✓	
Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>													✓	
Jordan's Girdled Lizard	<i>Karusasaurus jordani</i>	✓										✓			
Ground Agama	<i>Agama aculeata</i>	✓						✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Namibian Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>	✓													
Etosha Agama	<i>Agama etoshae</i>									✓					
Three-striped Skink	<i>Acritoscincus duperreyi</i>		✓	✓											
Fitzsimmon's Burrowing Skink	<i>Typhlacontias brevipes</i>					✓									
Western Rock Skink	<i>Trachylepis sulcata</i>							✓	✓						
Wahlberg's Skink	<i>Trachylepis wahlbergii</i>													✓	
Namaqua Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo namaquensis</i>					✓									
Namibian Web-footed Gecko	<i>Pachydactylus rangei</i>					✓									