

Butterflies of South Africa

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Tour Summary

This was the first tour of an exciting new itinerary which was thoroughly enjoyed by the group. South Africa was introduced with its diverse natural history. Whilst butterflies were the main focus of this intro tour, we also looked at what else nature had to offer in this temperate eastern region – known as the Zululand region of Kwazulu-Natal.

Day 1

Saturday 25th March

Johannesburg to Wakkerstroom

Arrived in Johannesburg early morning, where group was met by their South African leader, Martin Benadie. Little time was wasted and we headed directly from the airport for the small village of Wakkerstroom in a high altitude grassland area of the beautiful Mpumalanga province. En route we stopped in at Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve in the scenic Heidelberg hills of the Gauteng Province.

This small reserve is in scenic mountains with varied habitats ranging from grasslands, rocky outcrops to Acacia woodland. Our explorations of the reserve were hampered by intermittent rain and cold conditions but some of our first butterflies included African Monarch, Yellow Pansy, Black Heart, Gaika Blue and the stunning Citrus Swallowtail. Other interesting insects included the Hummingbird Hawk-Moth and a striking moth called the Cream-striped Owl. Suikerbosrand had some interesting mammals and we saw highveld endemics such as Blesbok and Black Wildebeest, western species such as Springbok and Red Hartebeest and a herd of Eland, the largest antelope in Africa. At one stage we were entertained by a troop of Chacma Baboons. Some birding highlights included several western species that we did not encounter elsewhere on the trip, such as Pink-billed Lark, Yellow Canary, Red-eyed Bulbul, Red-headed Finch, Fiscal Flycatcher and Kalahari Scrub-Robin. Other good birds included Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, African Marsh Harrier, Green Wood-Hoopoe, Mountain Wheatear, Bokmakierie, hundreds of Amur Falcons, Black-collared Barbet and Grey Go-Away-Bird.

After a pleasant picnic lunch in the reserve we headed on to Wakkerstroom which was reached in the late afternoon. A few birding stops were made on route for the likes of Marsh Owl and SA Cliff Swallow. More rain hampered any late afternoon activities so we retired to our comfortable country inn for the evening.

Our first day's sightings were updated on the log during pre-dinner drinks and this was the pattern throughout the trip.

Days 2 & 3

Sunday 26th & Monday 27th March

Wakkerstroom to Mkhuze

The day was started with a pre-breakfast drive for the birders exploring the awesome grasslands and wetlands adjoining town. Star birds of the morning included Southern Bald Ibis, Jackal Buzzard, Grey Crowned Crane, Blue Korhaan, African Snipe, African Black Swift, Giant Kingfisher, Greater Striped Swallow, Cape Longclaw, Pied Starling and many more. A new mammal this morning was Yellow Mongoose.

After a delightful breakfast we left straight for Mkuze Game Reserve with its entirely new and varied habitats. Our first butterfly stop was the stunning gardens of the Ghost Mountain Inn close to the Mkuze village, with the mighty Lebombo Mountains forming an impressive backdrop whilst enjoying our lunch under a mighty old fig tree. New butterflies here included Garden Acraea, Blue Pansy, Painted Lady, Dotted Blue, African Common White, Brown-veined White, Green-banded Swallowtail and Small Striped Swordtail.

We then entered the Game Reserve itself, where our next two days were spent on drives and trails through Acacia thornveld, sensitive sand forest, mixed woodland, riverine fig and fever tree forests, and along pans and swamps. It was an exciting reserve for mammals and we saw White Rhinoceros, Nyala, Warthog, Blue Wildebeest and the diminutive Suni.

Other butterflies here were Friar, Novice, African Ringlet, Common Bush Brown, Small Orange Acraea, Spotted Joker, Common Scarlet, Long-horned Swift and numerous pierids such as Buquet's Vagrant, Bushveld Purple-Tip, Veined Orange, and Smokey Orange-Tip. Mkhuze is also well known as a birding destination and we managed to see Pink-throated Twinspot, Pink-backed Pelican, African Cuckoo Hawk, Lappet-faced and White-backed Vultures, Comb Duck, Bateleur, Crested Guinea fowl, Black-bellied Bustard, White-winged Tern and Red-fronted Tinkerbird. Dragonflies were numerous and included Blue Emperor, Banded Groundling, Tigertail, Violet & Red-veined Dropwing and also the striking Black Splash.

On one occasion a picnic brunch was enjoyed along the beautiful Nsumo Pan, which was home to Hippopotamus, prehistoric Nile Crocodile and a myriad of waterfowl, terns and kingfishers.

Our evenings in Mkhuze were spent savouring the culinary delights of Lawson's team members, Mavourneen and Don, cooked on open fires under spectacular African skies playing host to constellations like the Southern Cross and listening to the haunting cries of Thick-tailed Bushbabies resident in our camp. All in all, a truly African experience.

Days 4 & 5

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th March

Mkuze to Lake St Lucia

The group decided on a pre-breakfast walk in an enchanting fig and fever tree forest. On the drive down we encountered a pack of African Wild Dogs ambling towards us, truly one of the highlights of the tour. Once in the forest we managed to see a few new birds and butterflies. Evening Brown, many Spiller's Sulphur Yellow's, African Wood White was new, whilst Tambourine Dove, African Green-Pigeon, Trumpeter Hornbill, Lesser Honeyguide and White-eared Barbet were some of the new bird ticks.

We then moved south to the tropical coast and shores of Lake St. Lucia. This is the largest estuarine system in Africa, covering an area of 325 square kilometres. Also found here are the highest coastal dune forest in the world, unspoilt golden beaches and savanna grassland mosaics. During our time here we concentrated on the mouth of the estuary and various beautiful coastal forest trails. We even managed a leisurely stroll on the beach to take in the expanse and beauty of the Indian Ocean. In and around town we undertook several entertaining walks, as a lot of native vegetation has been conserved within the confines of town, providing a haven for a diverse number of birds and butterfly species.

Exciting new additions were Natal Acraea, African Leopard, a striking charaxes called Pearl Emperor, the visual stunning Gold-banded Forester, Common Joker, Golden Piper, Soldier Pansy, Purple-brown Hairstreak, Straight-line Sapphire, Clover Blue, Diverse White, Angled Grass-Yellow, Mocker Swallowtail and Christmas Forester.

The birding was just as action packed with gems including African Goshawk, Gymnogene, many Palearctic wader species such as Whimbrel, Cape Gannet, Cape Gull, Livingstone's Turaco, African Emerald Cuckoo, Burchell's Coucal, Little Tern, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Crowned Hornbill, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Brown Scrub-Robin, Rudd's Apalis, Woodward's Batis, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Grey Sunbird, Dark-backed Weaver, Red-backed Mannikin and one of the star birds of the tour, a male Green Twinspot allowing superb views!

Some new mammals here included the likes of Red Duiker, Tongaland Red Squirrel which is endemic, Banded Mongoose, Bushbuck, Common Reedbuck and Vervet Monkey.

Days 6 & 7

Thursday 30th & Friday & 31st March

Eshowe

We travelled south and inland to Eshowe for our last two nights. On route we made a detour to Futululu, which is another coastal forest patch with some open fringing grassland. This was a great stop for butterflies such as Blood-red Acraea, Streaked Sailor, Boisduval's Tree Nymph, Pied Piper, Brown Pansy and the very rare and localised Mamba Swordtail. A good new bird at this locality was White-backed Duck.

This small town of Eshowe is unique in that it surrounds 255 hectares of prime scarp forest, averaging 500 metres above sea level. This forest, known as Dlinza, has an aerial boardwalk high in the canopy which was explored as well as other forest trails and moist grassland adjoining the forest.

New butterflies found were Bush Beauty, Common Wanderer, Window Acraea, Dusky-veined Acraea, Blonde Glider fluttering over the forest canopy, Spotted Buff, Common Blue, Grass Jewel Blue, Rayed & Sooty Blue, Common Hottentot Skipper and Autumn Leaf Vagrant. Some special birds included Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Lemon Dove, Purple-crested Turaco, Malachite Kingfisher, Olive Woodpecker, Grey Cuckooshrike, Chorister Robin-Chat, Southern Double-collared Sunbird, Grosbeak Weaver, Amethyst Sunbird and Bronze Mannikin.

On one evening we enjoyed dinner at a local cultural village called Shakaland, and great views were had of a Spotted Eagle-Owl on the way home.

Day 8

Saturday 1st April

Eshowe to Durban International Airport

On the last morning the group decided to visit another forest nearby, Ntumeni, which is at a higher altitude. A stroll within the forest interior was a bit slow for butterflies, but we did manage to see a few new birds such as Cape Batis, African Olive-Pigeon and Dusky Indigobird.

The grasslands adjoining the forest was far better for butterflies with good views being obtained of several species already seen and the likes of Gaudy Commodore, Common Smoky Blue, Zebra White, Broad Bordered Grass-Yellow, Striped Policeman, Rainforest Brown and Wandering Donkey Acraea being added to our list.

Common Figtree Blue was our last new butterfly found during our final stop on our drive to Durban airport for the departure flight. After luggage check-in and updating lists for the last time, all concluded a great time was had and we bid our sad farewells.

Trip Totals:

Total Butterflies Identified - 88 species

Total Birds Identified - 254 species

Total Mammals Identified - 26 species

Species lists

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	Marsh							April
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	FAMILY NYMPHALIDAE								
	SUBFAMILY DANAINAE								
African Monarch	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Friar	<i>Amauris niavius</i>			+					
Novice	<i>Amauris ochlea</i>			+					
	SUBFAMILY SATYRINAE								
Twilight Brown	<i>Melanitis leda</i>				+	+	+		
Common Bush Brown	<i>Bicyclus safitza</i>			+			+	+	+
Squinting Bush Brown	<i>Bicyclus anynana</i>			+			+		
Bush Beauty	<i>Paralethe dendrophilus</i>							+	
Rainforest Brown	<i>Cassionympha cassius</i>								+
African Ringlet	<i>Ypthima asterope</i>		+						
	SUBFAMILY HELICONIINAE								
Common Wanderer	<i>Bematistes aganice</i>					+	+	+	+
Garden Acraea	<i>Acraea horta</i>		+						+
Wandering Donkey Acraea	<i>Acraea neobule</i>		+				+		+
Natal Acraea	<i>Acraea natalica</i>					+	+	+	+
Window Acraea	<i>Acraea oncaea</i>							+	
Blood-red Acraea	<i>Acraea petraea</i>						+	+	+
Dusky-veined Acraea	<i>Hyalites igola</i>							+	+
Small Orange Acraea	<i>Hyalites eponina</i>		+						
White-barred Acraea	<i>Hyalites encedon</i>						+	+	+
African Leopard	<i>Phalanta phalantha</i>					+	+	+	+
	SUBFAMILY CHARAXINAE								
Pearl Emperor	<i>Charaxes varanes</i>					+	+		
	SUBFAMILY LIMENITINAE								
Blonde Glider	<i>Cymothoe coranus</i>							+	
Gold-banded Forester	<i>Euphaedra neophron</i>					+			
Streaked Sailor	<i>Neptis goochi</i>						+		
	SUBFAMILY BIBLIDINAE								
Boisduval's Tree-Nymph	<i>Sevenia boisduvali</i>						+		
Common Joker	<i>Byblia anvatarata</i>		+	+		+	+	+	+
Spotted Joker	<i>Byblia ilithyia</i>		+				+		
Pied Piper	<i>Eurytela hiarbas</i>						+		
Golden Piper	<i>Eurytela dryope</i>			+		+	+		
	SUBFAMILY NYMPHALINAE								
Common Diadem	<i>Hypolimnias misippus</i>		+	+		+	+	+	
Variable Diadem	<i>Hypolimnias anthedon</i>				+	+			

Common name	Scientific name	Marsh							April
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Gaudy Commodore	<i>Precis octavia</i>								+
Soldier Pansy	<i>Junonia terea</i>					+			
Brown Pansy	<i>Junonia natalica</i>						+		
Yellow Pansy	<i>Junonia hierta</i>	+	+	+					+
Blue Pansy	<i>Junonia oenone</i>		+	+		+	+	+	+
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		+	+			+	+	
	FAMILY LYCAENIDAE								
	SUBFAMILY PORITIINAE								
Spotted Buff	<i>Pentila tropicalis</i>							+	+
	SUBFAMILY LYCAENINAE								
Common Figtree Butterfly	<i>Myrina silenus</i>								+
Common Scarlet	<i>Axiocerses tjoane</i>		+						
Damara Copper	<i>Aloeides damarensis</i>			+					
Straight-line Sapphire	<i>Iolaus silarus silarus</i>					+			
Purple-brown Hairstreak	<i>Hypolycaena philippus</i>					+	+		
Brown Playboy	<i>Deudorix antalus</i>		+						
Black-striped Hairtail	<i>Anthene amarah</i>						+		
Kersten's Hairtail	<i>Anthene kersteni</i>					+	+		
Black Heart	<i>Uranothauma nubifer</i>	+							
Dotted Blue	<i>Tarucus sybaris</i>		+						
Gaika Blue	<i>Zizula hylax</i>	+							
Common Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>		+					+	
Grass Jewel Blue	<i>Chilades trochylus</i>							+	
Common Smoky Blue	<i>Euchrysops malathana</i>								+
Rayed Blue	<i>Actizera lucida</i>							+	
Sooty Blue	<i>Zizeeria knysna</i>							+	
Clover Blue	<i>Zizina antanossa</i>					+			
Velvet-spotted Blue	<i>Azanus ubaldus</i>						+		
Natal Spotted Blue	<i>Azanus natalensis</i>		+						
	FAMILY PIERIDAE								
	SUBFAMILY PIERINAE								
Zebra White	<i>Pinacopteryx eriphia</i>			+					+
Buquet's Vagrant	<i>Nepheronia buquetii</i>			+					
Autumn-leaf Vagrant	<i>Eronia leda</i>			+			+	+	
Red-Tip	<i>Colotis antevippe</i>			+					
Sulphur Orange-Tip	<i>Colotis auxo</i>			+	+				
Small Orange-Tip	<i>Colotis evagore</i>			+					
Smoky Orange-Tip	<i>Colotis euippe</i>		+	+		+	+		
Common Orange-Tip	<i>Colotis evenina</i>		+						
Bushveld Purple Tip	<i>Colotis ione</i>		+	+					
Veined Orange	<i>Colotis vesta</i>			+					
Banded Gold-Tip	<i>Colotis eris</i>			+					
Brownveined White	<i>Belenois aurota</i>		+						
African Common White	<i>Belenois creona</i>		+	+	+	+	+		+
Spiller's Sulphur Yellow	<i>Dixeia spilleri</i>				+	+	+		
Diverse White	<i>Appias epaphia</i>					+	+		

Common name	Scientific name	Marsh							April
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
African Wood White	<i>Leptosia alcesta</i>				+	+	+		
Common Dotted Border	<i>Mylothris agathina</i>			+			+		
	SUBFAMILY COLIADINAE								
African Migrant	<i>Catopsilia florella</i>		+	+	+			+	
Broad-bordered Grass-Yellow	<i>Eurema brigitta</i>			+					+
Angled Grass-Yellow	<i>Eurema desjardinsii</i>					+		+	
Common Grass-Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>			+					
	FAMILY PAPILIONIDAE								
	SUBFAMILY PAPILIONINAE								
Mocker Swallowtail	<i>Papilio dardanus</i>			+		+	+	+	+
Citrus Swallowtail	<i>Papilio demodocus</i>	+	+	+		+	+	+	+
Green-banded Swallowtail	<i>Papilio nireus</i>		+	+		+	+	+	+
Large Striped Swordtail	<i>Graphium antheus</i>		+						
Veined Swordtail	<i>Graphium leonidas</i>		+						
Small Striped Swordtail	<i>Graphium policenes</i>		+						
Mamba Swordtail	<i>Graphium colonna</i>						+		
	FAMILY HESPERIIDAE								
	SUBFAMILY COELIADINAE								
Striped Policeman	<i>Coeliades forestan</i>							+	+
	SUBFAMILY PYRGINAE								
Christmas Forester	<i>Celaenorrhinus mokeezi</i>					+			
	SUBFAMILY HESPERIINAE								
Lesser-horned Swift	<i>Borbo lugens</i>				+				
Long-horned Swift	<i>Borbo fatuellus</i>			+					
Common Hottentot Skipper	<i>Gegenes niso</i>							+	

Birds

Common name	Scientific name	March								April
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>			+	+					
Cape Gannet (E)	<i>Morus capensis</i>				+					
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>							+	+	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>		+		+				+	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>			+	+			+		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				+	+	+			
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	+	+						+	
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>				+	+	+			
Great (White) Egret	<i>Casmerodiusa albus</i>			+						
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>					+	+		+	
Yellow-billed Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>		+	+						
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	+	+	+	+		+		+	
Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>								+	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	+		+					+	
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	+	+							
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>						+	+		
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>			+	+					
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	+			+				+	
Southern Bald Ibis (E)	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>		+							
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	+							+	
Hadedda Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>					+				
White-faced Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>				+		+			
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>						+			
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	+	+			+	+	+	+	
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>						+		+	
Comb (Knob-billed) Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>			+						
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>		+						+	
(African) White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>		+	+	+					
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>			+						
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	+	+		+					
African Cuckoo Hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>			+						
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>				+					
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>						+		+	
Black-chested (Black-breasted) Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				+				+	
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>			+						
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>				+	+	+			
Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	+	+							
Jackal Buzzard (E)	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>		+		+					
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>					+				
African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	+								
African Harrier-Hawk (Gymnogene)	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>					+				
Amur (Eastern Red-footed) Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>	+	+							
Crested Francolin	<i>Peliperdix sephaena</i>			+	+					

Swainson's Spurfowl (Francolin) (NE)	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>	+							
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	+							
Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>			+	+	+			
Grey (Southern) Crowned Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>		+						
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>				+				
African Purple Swamphen (Purple Gallinule)	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>		+						+
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						+		
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	+	+						
Blue Korhaan (E)	<i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i>		+						
Black-bellied Bustard (Korhaan)	<i>Eupodotis melanogaster</i>				+				
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>						+		+
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					+	+	+	+
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>					+	+		
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>		+		+		+		+
Crowned Lapwing (Plover)	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	+	+						
Blacksmith Lapwing (Plover)	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	+	+	+	+	+		+	+
African Wattled Lapwing (Plover)	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>						+		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						+	+	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				+	+			+
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>					+			
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				+				
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					+	+	+	+
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>					+			+
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>					+			
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>					+		+	+
African (Ethiopian) Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>		+						
Common Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>					+	+	+	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				+	+		+	
Cape (Kelp) Gull	<i>Larus vetula</i>							+	
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>					+	+	+	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					+			
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>				+				
Caspian Tern						+	+		
Little Tern							+		
Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>		+						
Speckled (Rock) Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	+	+						
African Olive-Pigeon (Rameron Pigeon)	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>								+
Eastern Bronze-naped (Delegorgue's) Pigeon	<i>Columba delegorguei</i>								+
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>					+	+	+	+
Cape Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		+			+			
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	+	+			+			
Emerald-spotted (Greenspotted) Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>				+	+			
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>					+		+	+
Lemon (Cinnamon) Dove	<i>Aplopelia larvata</i>								+
African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calva</i>		+			+			

Livingstone's Turaco (Lourie)	<i>Tauraco livingstonii</i>				H	+			
Purple-crested Turaco (Lourie)	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>		+	+				+	
Grey Go-away-bird (Lourie)	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	+							
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>					+			
Diderick Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>				+				
Green Malkoha (Coucal)	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>						H	H	
Burchell's Coucal (NE)	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>					+			
Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>	+							
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>							+	
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>		+						
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	+	+	+					+
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		+		+				
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>		+						
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>				+			+	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	+	+		+				
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	+	+	+					
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		+	+	+	+		+	
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>		+						
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>			+				+	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>		+	+	+				
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>		+		+				
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			+					
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>				+	+			
European Roller			+	+					
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>		+						
Green (Redbilled) Wood-Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	+							
Common (Greater) Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>			+					
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>				+	+	+	+	+
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>		+						
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>					+			
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	+	+	+					
Acacia Pied Barbet (NE)	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>			+					
White-eared Barbet	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>				+	+	+	+	
Red-fronted Tinkerbird (Tinker Barbet)	<i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>			+					
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>				+	+	+	+	
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	+							
Scaly-throated Honeyguide	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>							H	
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>				+				
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>			+		+			
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>		+	+					
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseacephalus</i>							+	
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>	+							
Pink-billed Lark (E)	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>	+							
Barn (European) Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albicularis</i>		+					+	+
Greater Striped Swallow (E)	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>	+	+						+
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>			+				+	
South African Cliff-Swallow (E)	<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>	+							
Rock Martin	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>							+	
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>		+						

Black Saw-wing (Swallow)	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>					+		+	
Grey Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>								+
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		+	+	+				
Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>			+	+	+	+	+	
(Eastern) Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>								+
Cape (Black) Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	+	+						
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>		+						+
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>								+
Southern Black Tit	<i>Parus niger</i>			+					
Red-eyed Bulbul		+							
Dark-capped (Blackeyed) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>		+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Terrestrial Brownbul (Bulbul)	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>			+	+	+			
Sombre Greenbul (Bulbul)	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>					+	+		
(African) Yellow-bellied Greenbul (Bulbul)	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>			+		+	+		
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>			+					
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>						+		+
Mountain Wheatear (Chat) (NE)	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>	+							
Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	+							
(Southern) Ant-eating Chat (E)	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	+							
African (Common) Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	+	+						+
Chorister Robin-Chat (Robin) (E)	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>								+
Red-capped Robin-Chat (Natal Robin)	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>					+			
Cape Robin-Chat (Robin)	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	+							
Brown Scrub-Robin (Robin) (E)	<i>Erythropygia signata</i>					+			+
Kalahari Scrub-Robin		+							
White-browed Scrub-Robin				+	+				
(Eastern) Bearded Scrub-Robin (Robin)	<i>Erythropygia quadrivirgata</i>			+					
African (Marsh) Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>		+						
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>			+					
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>								H
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>			+	+		+		
Rudd's Apalis (E)	<i>Apalis ruddi</i>					+	+		
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>			+					
Green-backed Camaroptera (Bleating Warbler)	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>				+		+		
Zitting (Fan-tailed) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		+						
Cloud Cisticola	<i>Cisticola textrix</i>	+							
Wailing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lais</i>								+
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>			+					
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	+	+						
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapillus</i>	+							
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>				+		+	+	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	+	+	+					
Ashy (Bluegrey) Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>		+				+		
Grey Tit-Flycatcher (Fan-tailed Flycatcher)	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>			+					

Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>		+		+		+		
Fiscal Flycatcher (E)	<i>Sigelus silens</i>	+							
Cape Batis (E)	<i>Batis capensis</i>							H	+
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>			+	+				
Woodward's Batis	<i>Batis fratrum</i>					+	+		
Black-throated Wattle-eye (Wattle-eyed Flycatcher)	<i>Platysteira peltata</i>				H				
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>				H	+			
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	+		+	+	+			
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>				+	+	+	+	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	+	+		+			+	+
African (Grassveld) Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>		+						
Cape (Orangethroated) Longclaw (E)	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>	+	+						
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>				+				+
Common Fiscal (Fiscal Shrike)	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	+	+		+			+	
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		+	+	+				
Southern Boubou (E)	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>				H	+			
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>		+	+	+	+	+	+	
Brown-crowned (Threestreaked) Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	+							
Bokmakierie (E)	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	+							
Gorgeous Bush-Shrike	<i>Telophorus quadricolor</i>				H		H		
Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>			+					
White-crested (White) Helmet- Shrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>			+					
Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	+	+		+		+	+	+
(African) Pied Starling (E)	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>	+	+						
Violet-backed (Plumcoloured) Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>						+		
Cape Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>		+						+
Black-bellied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>				+	+	+		
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	+	+					+	
Southern ('Lesser) Double- collared Sunbird (E)	<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>								+
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>			+					
Grey Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia veroxii</i>				+	+		+	
Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia olivacea</i>					+			
Amethyst (African Black) Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>								+
Collared Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>			+	+	+	+		
Cape White-eye (E)	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>						+		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		+		+				
Cape Sparrow (NE)	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	+	+						
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>		+			+			
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>					+	+	+	
Dark-backed (Forest) Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>			+	+	+	+		
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>			+	+	+			
Village (Spottedbacked) Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>								+
Cape Weaver (E)	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>		+						

Southern Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	+	+						
Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>		+		+				
Yellow Weaver	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>				+	+	+		
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver		+							
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	+	+						
Yellow-crowned (Golden) Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>	+							
Yellow Bishop (Yellowrumped Widow)	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	+							
Red-collared Widowbird (Widow)	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>	+	+						
Long-tailed Widowbird (Widow)	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	+	+						
Green Twinspot	<i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>					+			
Pink-throated Twinspot (E)	<i>Hypargos margaritatus</i>			+					
African (Bluebilled) Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>								H
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>			+					
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	+		+	+				
African Quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>		+						
Orange-breasted Waxbill	<i>Sporaeginthus subflavus</i>	+							
Red-headed Finch (NE)	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	+							
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>							+	
Red-backed Mannikin	<i>Spermestes nigriceps</i>						+		
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>							+	+
Dusky Indigobird (Black Widowfinch)	<i>Vidua funerea</i>								+
Yellow-fronted (Yelloweyed) Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>		+	+	+	+		+	
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>		+						
Brimstone (Bully) Canary	<i>Serinus sulphuratus</i>				+				
Yellow Canary		+							
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>			+					
Cinnamon-breasted (Rock) Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	+							

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name	March						
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Baboon, Chacma	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	+	+		+			
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi</i>	+	+					
Bushbaby, Thick-tailed	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>			H	H			
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>				+	+		
Dassie, Rock (Hyrax)	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	+						
Duiker, Blue	<i>Philantomba monticola</i>							+
Duiker, Common	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	+	+				+	
Duiker, Red	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>				+	+	+	
Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	+						
Hartebeest, Red		+						
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>			+	+	+		
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>		+	+	+			
Mongoose, Banded	<i>Mungos mungo</i>					+		
Mongoose, Slender	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>			+				
Mongoose, Yellow	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>		+					
Monkey, Vervet	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>		+	+	+	+	+	
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>		+	+	+			
Reedbuck, Common	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>					+		
Rhinoceros, White	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>		+					
Springbok		+						
Squirrel, Red	<i>Paraxerus palliatus</i>					+		
Suni	<i>Neotragus moschatus</i>			+				
Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>		+					
Wildebeest, Blue	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>		+			+		
Wildebeest, Black		+	+					
Zebra, Burchell's	<i>Equus burchelli</i>	+	+		+	+	+	
Wild Dog					+			