South Africa - Bargain Birds (BB)

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Lions



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Saddle-billed Stork

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Day 1

Tuesday 15th March

Dullstroom

I met Jon and William at the airport in Johannesburg and we wasted no time in getting underway, heading out of the city and eastwards in the direction of Dullstroom. We had a couple of stops just off the highway, though the summer rains had filled up the dams and pans to capacity which, together with the abundance of surface water, meant that the water birds were a bit scarce. On the first dam we did find a single Greater Flamingo, as well as Fulvous Duck, Black-headed Heron, Grey Heron, Sacred Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Common Moorhen, Red-knobbed Coot, Little Grebe and some Southern Red Bishops flittering around in the reeds, though at this stage of the year they had lost that intense red of the breeding season. Moving on we had two other stops, racking up more water birds, and at the second stop – a South African Cliff-Swallow stakeout – we had great views of several African Snipes in a small wetland. With the eastern sky looking dark and menacing we pushed on to Dullstroom, where we did a part of the Uitvlugt Road and another dirt road loop back to town.

Birds seen for the afternoon included Secretarybird (the first of six sightings of this enigmatic bird of prey), Southern Bald Ibis, Black-shouldered Kite, Steppe Buzzard, African Harrier-Hawk, Amur Falcon, Wattled Lapwing, Greater Striped Swallow, Banded Martin, Ant-eating Chat, Cape Longclaw, Pied Starling and many others. We also has a fairly unique mammal encounter in the form of a troop of Meerkats, only the second time I've seen these endearing animals in the Dullstroom region.

With the afternoon drawing to a close we headed into town and checked in at the Duck and Trout accommodation, with a little time to settle in before dinner. A Spotted Eagle-Owl was calling loudly from the trees opposite the rooms, but we were unable to see it and it remained as an 'H' for heard only on the list. After the meal it was a hop and a skip to the rooms, and straight into bed after the overseas flight and a full day of birding.

Birds of the Day: African Snipe

Daily Total: 63 Trip Total: 63

Day 2

Wednesday 16th March

Dullstroom

Dullstroom can be wet and cold in the summer, and on our first morning we awoke to a cold mist enveloping the land, with the good side being that at least it wasn't raining. The weather can be changeable however, so despite the reduced visibility we carried on with the morning as planned, heading up into the high ground around the Veloren Vallei Nature Reserve. The mist held until we started the final ascent onto the plateau, after which the conditions improved and we had some great birding.

Notable birds for the morning included African Black Duck, Jackal Buzzard, Grey-winged Francolin, Sentinel Rock-Thrush, Mountain Wheatear, Buff-streaked Chat, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Bokmakierie, Malachite Sunbird and many others, with some good views of the free-ranging Blesbok up on the stark plateau. After a most successful and enjoyable morning (including a welcome coffee stop) we made our way back down to town for breakfast at the famous Harry's Pancakes of Dullstroom. We then had some time to freshen up before heading on to the municipal nature reserve for some more birding. The walk brought us Drakensberg Prinia and African Fish Eagle, though no Gurney's Sugarbirds as we'd hoped. The scenery was stunning and the day by now fine and partly cloudy, so the walk was still worthwhile.

We then headed back to town to relax for a little while before heading out on a long afternoon drive via the hamlet of Tonteldoos. Traditionally this has been a good route for Grey Crowned Cranes, but for the last while they have not been seen in the region. Still, we had a great afternoon of birding, recording species such as Hamerkop, Cape Vulture, Denham's Bustard, African Olive Pigeon, Namaqua Dove, Pied and Giant Kingfishers, European Beeeater, Brown-throated Martin, Village and Cape Weavers, African Qualifinch, Golden-breasted and Cape Buntings, among others. We arrived back in town in the late afternoon and later headed down to Fib's Restaurant for a wonderful dinner.

Birds of the Day: Grey-winged Francolin.

Daily Total: 75

New Birds of the Day: 35

Trip Total: 98

Day 3

Thursday 17th March

Blyde

Leaving Dullstroom early at 05h30, we made our way through Lydenberg and over Robber's Pass to Mount Sheba, a hotel set in a large patch of mist-belt forest on the eastern slopes of the escarpment. We arrived just after 07h00, with a pair of Red-necked Spurfowls seen on the entrance road, and began the birding with a walk into the forest. Things started off slowly but with a bit of persistence we recorded a handful of forest specials such as Olive Woodpecker, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Bar-throated Apalis, Barratt's Warbler, Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler, Cape Batis and Southern Double-collared Sunbird. We then had breakfast and did a bit more birding in the hotel grounds before continuing with our journey, heading on to Pilgrim's Rest and the spectacular Blyde River Canyon. We arrived and settled in before heading up to the view site to watch the sun turning the red cliffs an incredible hue of gold, while being watched at the same time by a curious Rock Hyrax, known locally as a Dassie. It was then time to head back to the chalets to get ready for dinner, after which we retired in anticipation of a full day to come.

Birds of the day: Olive Woodpecker.

Daily Total: 55

New Birds of the Day: 31

Trip Total: 129

Day 4

Friday 18th March

Satara, Kruger National Park

Our morning started with a cup of coffee and a rusk before we headed out on a long morning walk in the resort grounds. Our route took us past the restaurant and down to the lower view site and back to the chalets along the Kadisi Trail, which took us through a fantastic forested gorge, with dozens of unique Tufa geological formations on the stream course, the showpiece being a 12 foot high Tufa Waterfall, where, to top it all, we saw a magnificent Narina Trogon up in the forest canopy.

Back at the resort we had breakfast and departed shortly thereafter, heading on to the Abel Erasmus Pass and our appointment with Michael the falcon man, guardian of the pair of Tatia Falcons which nest high up on the cliffs next to the road. We had fairly good scope views of one of the birds and were soon on our way again, descending the pass and levelling out on the flat savannah of the north-east of South Africa. We had a stop on the Blyde River to look for a few specials such as Half-collared Kingfisher and Mountain Wagtail, but without any luck.

We then carried on and entered the Kruger at Orpen Gate before making our way to Satara Rest Camp. As it was a typically hot late summer day we took a bit of a rest before heading out for the remainder of the afternoon, with some great birds seen. The star bird was an extremely cooperative Grey-headed Kingfisher, while other birds seen included Saddle-billed and Marabou Storks, White-backed, Lappet-faced and White-headed Vultures, Tawny and Martial Eagles, Bateleur, Double-banded Sandgrouse, Grey Go-away Bird, Burchell's Coucal, Woodland Kingfisher, Green Wood-hoopoe, African Grey, Red-billed and Southern Yellow-billed Hornbills, Black-collared and Crested Barbets, Sabota Lark, Red-billed Oxpecker and many more species, giving an indication of the quality and quantity of birding still to come. We ended up back at camp and had an hour to get ready for dinner.

Birds of the day: Narina Trogon.

Daily Total: 87

New Birds of the Day: 59

Trip Total: 188

Day 5

Saturday 19th March

Satara, Kruger National Park

In the pre-dawn darkness we set off after our coffee, heading north to the Mavumbye Plains region in search of big birds such as Common Ostrich and Kori Bustard. One of the rarer finds for the morning was a Harlequin Quail, with great views as it sat in the road for a good few minutes. One of our other target birds for the morning, the Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark, was seen in abundance, as was Red-billed Quealea, which were swarming to and fro in large flocks. We also had great views of Secretarybird, and upon retracing our route back to the tar road came across a pair of Kori Bustards close to the road. On reaching the tar road we headed north to look for the world's largest bird, and were rewarded with a male Ostrich close to the Timbavati Picnic Site turn-off. Another reward came in the form of a trio of awesome Southern Ground Hornbills and a White Rhino bull. On the way back to camp we had one of the most memorable sightings of the tour, in the form of a walk-past by a pride of no fewer the 15 lions, a truly incredible experience and testament to the excitement of 'birding' in the Kruger National Park.

We then headed back to camp for breakfast and a birding walk around the camp before taking a well-earned rest. After a bite to eat we boarded the van for a long afternoon drive, heading south at first and then eastwards towards the Nwanetsi Picnic Site. The sky had cleared partially by this stage and the large raptors were out in full force, creating a raptor bonanza of note, with Tawny Eagles seen well, Bateleurs literally all over the place (8 birds seen together at one point), a pair of African Hawk Eagles harassing a juvenile Bateleur and large numbers of vultures crowding the skies, with one thermal containing around 100 individuals of 4 species (White-backed, Hooded, White-headed and Lappet-faced). All in all it was a fantastic afternoon and other notable birds seen for the day included Wahlberg's Eagle, Black-chested and Brown Snake-Eagles, Gabar Goshawk, Bronze-winged Courser, African Green-Pigeon, Brown-headed Parrot, African Scops Owl, Woodland Kingfisher, Southern Carmine Beeeater, Bennett's and Golden-tailed Woodpeckers, Red-capped Lark, Mosque Swallow, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Red-billed Firefinch and Long-tailed Paradise Whyda, to mention a few. All together an incredible day of birding and wildlife watching, and after arriving back at camp we had time to freshen up before dinner.

Birds of the day: Southern Ground Hornbill.

Daily Total: 105

New Birds of the Day: 36

Trip Total: 224

Day 6

Sunday 20th March

Skukuza, Kruger National Park

We once again met for coffee at 05h15 before leaving camp in the pre-dawn darkness, heading west towards Nsemani and Girivana Waterholes. Memorable sightings for the morning included a Gabar Goshawk perched close to the road and several airplane-sized Marabou Storks flying in low towards the camp, headed for the rubbish tip no doubt. We returned to camp for breakfast and then packed and departed, heading south to Skukuza Rest Camp some 92 kilometres away on the banks of the Sabie River. En-route we had some great bird watching, with the open plains featuring dozens of brightly coloured Southern Carmine and European Bee-eaters. We had a brief stop off at Tshokwane Picnic Site, where we bought a drink and got to grips with the subtle differences between Cape Glossy and Greater Blue-eared Starlings, large numbers of which frequent the picnic area, and then continued on to camp, arriving at 14h00 to check in and take a short break before heading out again.

We took the Sabie River Road, heading downstream for a while before turning around and heading back to camp. New species seen for the day included Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Purple-crested Turaco, Red-faced Mousebird, White-fronted Bee-eater, Lesser-striped Swallow, Southern Black Flycatcher, Southern White-crowned Shrike, Yellow-throated Longclaw, Marico Sunbird, Lesser Masked Weaver and Green-winged Pytilia, among others. We arrived back in camp in the late afternoon and later headed over to the Sleati Restaurant, which is based in the renovated railway platform, complete with original steam locomotive.

Birds of the day: Purple-crested Turaco.

Daily Total: 99

New Birds of the Day: 14

Trip Total: 238

Day 8

Monday 21st March

Pretoriuskop, Kruger National Park

For our final full day we once again had our early cup of coffee before setting off on a morning drive, heading back down the river road, with the idea of doing a relatively short drive before returning to camp for a birding walk before the heat built up too much. The walk delivered a few new species such as Klaas's Cuckoo, White-browed Robin-Chat, Green-backed Cameroptera, Willow Warbler, Ashy Flycatcher and Bronze Mannikin. We then had breakfast and soon thereafter departed for the Pretoriuskop region in the south-west of the park. We had a few stops on the way, spending a bit of time at the Lake Panic Bird Hide and Skukuza Nursery, spotting a few new species such as Little Bittern, Lesser Honeyguide and Brown-backed Honeybird.

With the day heating up we headed on down to our last camp, seeing a single Lioness hanging out besides a severely decomposed elephant carcass, and had a little time to cool off before an afternoon drive, which brought a juvenile African Cuckoo Hawk, stunning views of a Malachite Kingfisher, Lizard Buzzard, Striped Kingfisher, Croaking Cisticola, White-crested Helmet-Shrike and other birds. We then had time back in camp to unwind before a final dinner of the tour.

Birds of the day: Klaas's Cuckoo.

Daily Total: 92

New Birds of the Day: 23

Trip Total: 261

Day 9

Tuesday 22nd March

Departure

With less than full day left we headed out early once again, trying to maximise the new bird sightings, which eventually ended at 13 for the day to push the trip list up to 274 species, not the absolute record by any means but a fair total nevertheless, with the quality of the sightings and the numbers of individual birds being more impressive than what can be conveyed through the final figure. We took the Fayi Loop and Shabeni Outcrop loops on a wonderful clear and warm morning. New birds tricked onto the list slowly, including Dark Chanting Goshawk, Flappet Lark, Red-faced Cisticola and Pale Flycatcher as new birds for the morning. Back at camp we had breakfast and then packed and departed, heading for the Lowveld National Botanical Gardens in my home town of Nelspruit. En-route we stopped in at a Bat Hawk nest site in the town of White River, getting fairly good views of one of the birds up in a large Eucalyptus tree, in which the nest is also located. The elusive Bat Hawk is a difficult bird to see unless you know of nesting or roosting sites, so this was quite a fine bird to have on the list, and raptor species number 27 for the tour! We then pushed on to the botanical gardens where, despite the heat, we managed to rack up a few new birds such as Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Bearded Scrub-Robin and Mountain Wagtail. Just after lunchtime we boarded the van for the drive back to Johannesburg, where the trip came to an official end.

Birds of the day: Bat Hawk.

Daily Total: 48

New Birds of the Day: 13

Trip Total: 274

Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; E = endemic; NE = near endemic)

						Ma	rch			
	Common name	Scientific name	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus					✓			
2	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	✓							
3	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	✓	✓				✓		
4	White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus	✓	✓						
5	Reed Cormorant	Phalacrocorax africanus	✓	✓						
6	African Darter	Anhinga rufa		✓					✓	
7	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	✓				✓	✓		
8	Black-headed Heron	Ardea melanocephala	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
10	Green-backed Heron	Butorides striatus				✓	✓		✓	
11	Little Bittern	Ixobrychus minutus							✓	
12	Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra							✓	
14	Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus				✓		✓	✓	
15	Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis				✓	✓			
16	Marabou Stork	Leptoptilos crumeniferus				✓	✓	✓		
17	African Sacred Ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus	✓	✓						
18	Southern Bald Ibis (E)	Geronticus calvus	✓	✓						
19	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	✓							
20	Hadeda Ibis	Bostrychia hagedash	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
21	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus	✓							
22	White-faced Duck	Dendrocygna viduata				✓	✓	√	✓	
23	Fulvous Duck	Dendrocygna bicolor	✓							
24	Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiacus	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Yellow-billed Duck	Anas undulata	✓							
26	African Black Duck	Anas capensis		✓						
27	Southern Pochard	Netta erythrophthalma	✓							
28	Comb Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos				✓				
29	Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	✓	✓						
30	Secretarybird	Sagittarius serpentarius	✓				✓	✓		
31	Hooded Vulture	Necrosyrtes monachus					✓			
32	Cape Vulture (E)	Gyps coprotheres		✓						
33	White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus				✓	✓	✓		
34	Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotus				✓	✓			
35	White-headed Vulture	Trigonoceps occipitalis				✓	✓		✓	
36	Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
37	African Cuckoo Hawk	Aviceda cuculoides							✓	
38	Bat Hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus								✓
39	Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax				✓	✓			
40	Wahlberg's Eagle	Aquila wahlbergi					✓	✓		
41	African Hawk-Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus					✓			
42	Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus				✓		✓		
43	Brown Snake-Eagle	Circaetus cinereus					✓	✓		
44	Black-chested Snake-Eagle	Circaetus gallicus					✓			<u> </u>
45	Bateleur Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus				✓	✓	✓	/	
46	African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer		✓				√	✓	✓
47	Steppe Buzzard	Buteo buteo	/	✓	/					✓

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	Common name	Scientific name	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	Jackal Buzzard (E)	Buteo rufofuscus		✓	✓					
49	Lizard Buzzard	Kaupifalco monogrammicus								✓
50	Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar					✓	✓		
51	Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates								✓
52	African Harrier-Hawk	Polyboroides typus	✓							
53	European Hobby	Falco biarmicus							✓	
54	Taita Falcon	Falco fasciinucha				✓				
55	Amur Falcon	Falco amurensis	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
56	Rock Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		✓	✓					
57	Crested Francolin	Peliperdix sephaena				✓	✓	✓		
58	Grey-winged Francolin (E)	Scleroptila africanus		✓						
59	Red-winged Francolin	Scleroptila levaillantii		✓						
60	Natal Francolin (NE)	Pternistes natalensis	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
61	Red-necked Spurfowl	Pternistes afer			✓					
62	Swainson's Spurfowl (NE)	Pternistes swainsonii				✓	✓	✓		
63	Harlequin Quail	Coturni delegorguei					√			
64	Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	/	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓
65	Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostris					✓	✓	1	✓
66	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	√							
67	Red-knobbed Coot	Fulica cristata	/	✓						
68	Kori Bustard	Ardeotis kori					✓			
69	Denham's Bustard	Neotis denhami		✓						
70	African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus				✓	✓			✓
71	Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris				✓	✓	✓	1	
72	Crowned Lapwing	Vanellus coronatus		✓		✓	· /	✓	· ·	
73	Blacksmith Lapwing	Vanellus armatus	 	· ·		✓	· /	✓	· ·	✓
74	African Wattled Lapwing	Vanellus senegallus	· ·	·		•			+	<u> </u>
75	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	- V	,		✓		✓		
76	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	-			✓	✓	✓		-
77	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax				,	<u> </u>	✓		-
			✓					\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		-
78	African Snipe	Gallinago nigripennis	v				✓	✓	✓	_
79	Water Thick-Knee	Burhinus vermiculatus					∨	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	_
80	Bronze-winged Courser	Rhinoptilus chalcopterus					V			
81	Grey-headed Gull	Larus cirrocephalus								✓
82	Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybridus	√							-
83	White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus	√							-
84	Double-banded Sandgrouse	Columba livia				√	✓			-
85	Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea		√	✓	✓				
86	African Olive-Pigeon	Columba arquatrix		√						-
87	Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	✓	✓				✓	✓	<u> </u>
88	African Mourning Dove	Streptopelia decipiens				✓	✓			<u>.</u>
89	Cape Turtle-Dove	Streptopelia capicola	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis		✓			✓			<u> </u>
92	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	Turtur chalcospilos							✓	✓
93	African Green-Pigeon	Treron calva					✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Brown-headed Parrot	Poicephalus cryptoxanthus					✓	✓		
95	Purple-crested Turaco	Tauraco porphyreolophus						✓	✓	✓
96	Grey Go-away-bird	Corythaixoides concolor				✓	✓	✓		
97	Red-chested Cuckoo	Clamator jacobinus				✓				
98	Klaas's Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx klaas							✓	

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	Common name	Scientific name	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
99	Burchell's Coucal (NE)	Centropus burchellii				✓	✓	✓		
100	African Scops-Owl	Otus senegalensis					✓	✓		
101	Pearl-spotted Owlet	Caprimulgus fossii								✓
102	African Black Swift	Apus barbatus	✓							
103	White-rumped Swift	Apus caffer	✓	✓	✓	✓				
104	Little Swift	Apus affinis				✓	✓	✓	✓	
105	African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus			✓					
106	Speckled Mousebird	Colius striatus	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
107	Red-faced Mousebird	Urocolius indicus						✓		
108	Narina Trogon	Apaloderma narina				✓				
109	Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis		✓			✓		✓	
110	Giant Kingfisher	Ceryle maxima		✓			✓		✓	
111	Malachite Kingfisher	Alcedo cristata					✓		✓	
112	Woodland Kingfisher	Halcyon senegalensis				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Brown-hooded Kingfisher	Halcyon albiventris				✓		✓	✓	
14	Grey-headed Kingfisher	Halycon leucocephala				✓				
115	Striped Kingfisher	Halcyon chelicuti							✓	✓
116	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
117	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	Merops nubicoides					✓	✓		
118	White-fronted Bee-eater	Merops bullockoides						✓	✓	
119	Little Bee-eater	Merops pusillus				✓	✓	✓	✓	
20	European Roller	Coracias garrulus				✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Lilac-breasted Roller	Coracias caudata				✓	✓	✓	✓	
122	Purple Roller	Coracias naevia					✓	✓		
23	African Hoopoe	Upupa africana				✓	✓			
124	Green Wood-Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus				✓	✓	✓		
125	Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas					✓		✓	
126	Trumpeter Hornbill	Bycanistes bucinator			✓					
127	African Grey Hornbill	Tockus nasutus				✓	✓	✓		
128	Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus erythrorhynchus				✓	/	✓		
129	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	Tockus leucomelas				✓	/	✓	✓	✓
130	Southern Ground-Hornbill	Bucorvus leadbeateri				<u> </u>	✓	· ·	· ·	<u> </u>
131	Black-collared Barbet	Lybius torquatus				✓	<u> </u>		✓	✓
132	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	Pogoniulus chrysoconus				-			<u> </u>	· /
133	Crested Barbet	Trachyphonus vaillantii				✓	✓	✓		+ ·
134	Lesser Honeyguide	Indicator minor					_		✓	
135	Brown-backed Honeybird	Prodotiscus regulus							· /	
136	Bennett's Woodpecker	Campethera bennettii					✓		_	
137	Golden-tailed Woodpecker	Campethera abingoni					✓	✓	✓	
138	Cardinal Woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens					•	_	_	✓
139	Bearded Woodpecker	Dendropicos namaquus					✓			<u> </u>
					✓	✓	_			-
140	Olive Woodpecker	Dendropicos griseacephalus			· ·	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \				✓
141	Flappet Lark	Mirafra rufocinnamomea				✓	✓	✓		\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
142	Sabota Lark (NE)	Mirafra sabota				V		V		-
143	Red-capped Lark	Calandrella cineria					√			-
144	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark	Eremopterix leucotis					√			<u></u>
145	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	√	√	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146	White-throated Swallow	Hirundo albigularis	√	✓	✓					<u> </u>
'	Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	1				✓	✓	✓	
147 148	Mosque Swallow	Hirundo senegalensis					/	✓		-

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150 l	Lesser Striped Swallow	Hirundo abyssinica						✓	✓	
151 5	South African Cliff-Swallow	Hirundo spilodera	✓							
152 F	Rock Martin	Hirundo fuligula			✓					
153 (Common House Martin	Delichon urbica	✓					✓	✓	
154 E	Brown-throated Martin	Riparia paludicola		✓				✓		
155 E	Banded Martin	Riparia cincta	✓					✓		✓
156 E	Black Saw-wing	Psalidoprocne holomelas			✓					
157 F	Fork-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus adsimilis				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
158 E	Black-headed Oriole	Oriolus larvatus					✓			
159 (Cape Crow	Corvus capensis	✓	√						
	Pied Crow	Corvus albus			✓					
	White-necked Raven	Corvus albicollis			✓	✓				
	Southern Black Tit	Parus niger					√			
-	Arrow-marked Babbler	Turdoides jardineii				√	✓	✓		
	Dark-capped Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus	/	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	/
	Terrestrial Brownbul	Phyllastrephus terrestris	•	•		✓	•	_		-
	Yellow-streaked Greenbul	Phyllastrephus flavostriatus			✓	,				
		<u> </u>			✓	✓				-
	Sombre Greenbul	Andropadus importunus			V	V			✓	
	Kurrichane Thrush	Turdus libonyana							V	√
	Groundscraper Thrush	Turdus litsitsirupa	✓		✓					✓
	Cape Rock-Thrush (E)	Monticola rupestris			✓	✓				<u> </u>
	Sentinel Rock-Thrush	Monticola explorator		✓						<u> </u>
	Mountain Wheatear Chat (NE)	Oenanthe monticola		✓						<u> </u>
	Buff-streaked Chat (E)	Oenanthe bifasciata		✓						
	Familiar Chat	Cercomela familiaris			✓	✓				
	Mocking Cliff-Chat	Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris				✓	✓			
176	Ant-eating Chat (E)	Myrmecocichla formicivora	✓	✓						
177	African Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	✓	✓	✓					
178 \	White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini							✓	
179 F	Red-capped Robin-Chat	Cossypha natalensis								✓
180 (Cape Robin-Chat	Cossypha caffra			✓					
181 \	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)	Cossypha humeralis				√				
182 \	White-browed Scrub-Robin	Erythropygia leucophrys							✓	
183 E	Bearded Scrub-Robin	Erythropygia quadrivirgata								✓
	Barratt's Warbler	Bradypterus baratti			✓					
	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus							✓	✓
	Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler	Phylloscopus ruficapillus			✓					
	Bar-throated Apalis	Apalis thoracica			/					
	Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida							/	
	Long-billed Crombec	Sylvietta rufescens						✓	-	
	Green-backed Camaroptera	Camaroptera brachyura						,	✓	
	•				✓				, ·	-
	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		✓	∨					-
	Wing-snapping Cisticola	Cisticola ayersii								_
	Wailing Cisticola	Cisticola lais			✓					-
	Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana				✓	✓	✓	✓	√
	Red-faced Cisticola	Cisticola erythrops								✓
	Levaillant's Cisticola	Cisticola tinniens	✓	✓						
	Croaking Cisticola	Cisticola natalensis							✓	✓
	Lazy Cisticola	Cisticola aberrans			✓	✓				
	Neddicky	Cisticola fulvicapillus							✓	
200	Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava				✓		✓	✓	

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201	Drakensberg Prinia (E)	Prinia hypoxantha		✓	✓					
202	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
203	African Dusky Flycatcher	Muscicapa adusta			✓	✓				
204	Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens							✓	
205	Southern Black Flycatcher	Melaenornis pammelaina						✓	✓	✓
206	Pale Flycatcher	Melaenornis pallidus								✓
207	Cape Batis (E)	Batis capensis			✓					
208	Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor				✓	✓	✓	✓	
209	African Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone viridis						✓		
210	African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp			✓		✓	✓	✓	
211	Mountain Wagtail	Motacilla clara								✓
212	Cape Wagtail	Motacilla capensis		✓	✓	✓				
213	African Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus					✓			
214	Cape Longclaw (E)	Macronyx capensis	✓	✓						
215	Yellow-throated Longclaw	Macronyx croceus							✓	✓
216	Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor					✓	✓	✓	
217	Common Fiscal	Lanius collaris	✓	✓	✓					
218	Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio				✓	/	✓	/	
219	Magpie Shrike	Corvinella melanoleuca				✓	✓	✓	· ·	
220	Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla				-	✓ ·	-	✓	✓
221	Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis			✓		_		_	· /
222	Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegala				✓				· /
223	Bokmakierie (E)	Telophorus zeylonus	✓	✓		•				<u> </u>
224	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike	Telophorus sulfureopectus		•		✓			✓	-
225	White-crested Helmet-Shrike	Prionops plumatus				•			•	✓
226		Eurocephalus anguitimens							✓	<u> </u>
	Southern White-crowned Shrike (NE)	Acridotheres tristis	√		✓		✓		_	-
227	Common Myna		✓	✓	,		_			-
228	Pied Starling (E)	Spreo bicolor	_ V	V		✓	✓	✓	✓	-
229	Wattled Starling	Creatophora cinerea				V		V	V	├─
230	Violet-backed Starling	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster					√			-
231	Burchell's Starling (NE)	Lamprotornis australis				✓	✓	✓	√	<u> </u>
232	Cape Glossy Starling	Lamprotornis nitens				✓		✓	V	✓
233	Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus					✓	✓	✓	<u> </u>
234	Red-winged Starling	Onychognathus morio		✓	✓	√				<u> </u>
235	Red-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus erythrorhynchus				✓	✓	✓	✓	<u> </u>
236	Malachite Sunbird	Nectarinia famosa		✓	✓					<u> </u>
237	Marico Sunbird	Nectarinia mariquensis							✓	<u> </u>
238	Southern Double-collared Sunbird (E)	Nectarina chalybea			✓					<u> </u>
239	Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)	Nectarinia afra			✓	✓				ļ
240	White-bellied Sunbird	Nectarinia talatala				✓		✓		✓
241	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	Necarina senegalensis								✓
242	Amethyst Black Sunbird	Nectarinia amethystina			✓					✓
243	Collared Sunbird	Anthreptes collaris							✓	✓
244	Cape White-eye (E)	Zosterops pallidus			✓	✓				
245	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	Bubalornis niger				✓	✓	✓		
246	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓						✓	
247	Cape Sparrow (NE)	Passer melanurus	✓	✓						
248	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	Passer diffusus		✓		✓	✓	✓		
249	Yellow-throated Petronia	Petronia superciliaris							✓	✓
250	Spectacled Weaver	Ploceus ocularis							✓	
251	Village Weaver	Ploceus cucullatus		√						

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252	Cape Weaver (E)	Ploceus capensis		✓						
253	Southern Masked-Weaver	Ploceus velatus	✓							
254	Lesser Masked-Weaver	Ploceus intermedius						✓		
255	Red-billed Quelea	Quelea quelea				✓	✓	✓		
256	Southern Red Bishop	Euplectes orix	✓	✓						
257	Yellow Bishop	Euplectes capensis		✓						
258	Red-collared Widowbird	Euplectes ardens		✓	✓					
259	Long-tailed Widowbird	Euplectes progne	✓	✓						
260	Green-winged Pytilia	Pytilia melba						✓		
261	African Firefinch	Lagonosticta rubricata			✓		✓			
262	Red-billed Firefinch	Lagonosticta senegala					✓			
263	Blue Waxbill	Uraeginthus angolensis					✓	✓	✓	✓
264	Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild	✓	✓						✓
265	African Qualifinch	Ortygospiza articollis		✓						
266	Bronze Mannikin	Spermestes cucullatus							✓	
267	Pin-tailed Whydah	Vidua macroura	✓	✓			✓			
268	Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah	Vidua paradisaea					✓	✓	✓	
269	Yellow-fronted Canary	Serinus mozambicus			✓			✓	✓	
270	Cape Canary	Serinus canicollis	✓	✓						
271	Streaky-headed Seed-Eater	Serinus gularis		✓						
272	Golden-breasted Bunting	Emberiza flaviventris		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
273	Cape Bunting	Emberzia capensis		✓						
274	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	Emberiza tahapisi			✓	✓				

Mammals

1	Baboon, Chacma	Papio ursinus		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Blesbok	Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi		✓						
3	Buffalo	Syncerus caffer				✓	✓	✓		
4	Bushbuck	Tragelaphus scriptus						✓	✓	
5	Dassie, Rock (Hyrax)	Procavia capensis			✓					
6	Duiker, Common	Sylvicapra grimmia	✓							
7	Elephant, African	Loxodonta africana				✓	✓	✓		
8	Giraffe, Southern	Giraffa camelopardalis					✓	✓	✓	
9	Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Impala	Aepyceros melampus				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Jackal, Black-backed	Canis mesomelas					✓			
12	Jackal, Side-striped	Canis adustus	✓							
13	Klipspringer	Oreotragus oreotragus							✓	
14	Kudu, Greater	Tragelaphus strepsiceros				✓		✓	✓	
15	Lion	Pathera leo					✓		✓	
16	Suricate	Suricata suricatta	✓							
17	Mongoose, Yellow	Mungos mungo	✓							
18	Mongoose, Dwarf	Helogale parvula					✓	✓		
19	Mongoose, Slender	Galerella sanguinea				✓		✓	✓	
20	Monkey, Samango	Cercopithecus mitis			✓					
21	Monkey, Vervet	Cercopithecus aethiops				✓		✓	✓	✓
22	Rhinoceros, White	Ceratotherium simum					✓		✓	
23	Squirrel, Tree	Paraxerus cepapi				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Steenbok	Raphicerus campestris	✓				✓			
25	Warthog	Phacochoerus aethiopicus				✓	✓	✓	✓	
26	Waterbuck, Common	Kobus ellipsiprymnus					✓	✓	✓	

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27	Wildebeest, Blue	Connochaetes taurinus				✓	✓	✓		
28	Zebra, Burchell's	Equus burchelli				✓	✓	✓		

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