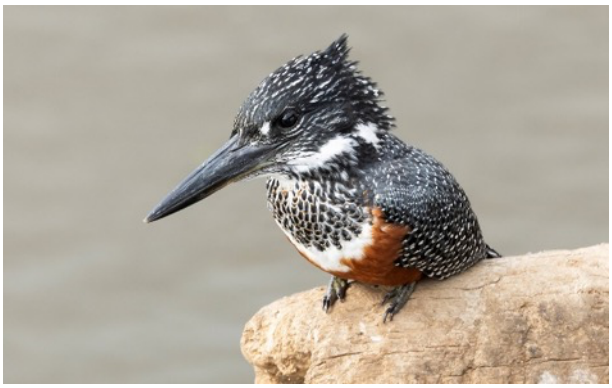
South Africa - Kruger (Birds)

Naturetrek Tour Report 3rd – 12th November 2025

White-crowned Lapwings



Giant Kingfisher

Juvenile African Fish Eagle

Narina Trogon

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Summary

Our tour traversed a wide variety of habitats, and encompassed the heights of the mountains around Dullstroom, the spectacular Blyde River Canyon, and the world-renowned Kruger National Park. Most of our days ended up being cloudy, and we had a spectacular thunderstorm on our second afternoon in Dullstroom. Temperatures were quite manageable, which was great, as November can be really hot! We compiled a list of 324 bird species, thirty-five mammals and five reptiles.

Day 1 Monday 3rd November

Departure from UK

The tour started with an overnight flight from London Heathrow to OR Tambo International, Johannesburg.

Day 2 Tuesday 4th November

Dullstroom

Everyone was on the same flight, and we had no issues when we collected the group from Johannesburg. We were soon on the road, heading north, to our first stop of Rietvlei Nature Reserve. This urban reserve is justly popular with locals, as it gives access to some Highveld birds, as well as mammals, close to the busy cities of Pretoria and Johannesburg. On our way, we stopped in at a service station and had our only Karoo Thrush of the trip, as well as initial views of Cape Robin-Chat and Cape Sparrow.

Once inside the reserve, birding started in earnest. Breeding season was in full swing, and the spectacular plumages of Long-tailed and Fan-tailed Widowbirds, Southern Red Bishop, and Southern Masked and Cape Weavers had everyone in awe. Northern Black Korhaan males (no fewer than three!) called from their raised calling posts, a surprise Coqui Francolin made an appearance, and Diederik and Klaas's Cuckoos showed well. Common Eland, White Rhinoceros, and perhaps the most relaxed Yellow Mongoose we've ever seen were the mammal highlights.

From Rietvlei, we struck out east along one of the country's major highways. Nearer the town of Dullstroom, our base for two nights, we had a Secretarybird trying to balance atop a lonely bush in strong winds, and Common Buzzard on roadside power lines.

Day 3 Wednesday 5th November

Dullstroom

Our full day in the Dullstroom area had us heading north out of town, onto the De Berg Road, and on to Verloren Vallei (Lost Valley) Nature Reserve. Highlights of the day included flight views of Blue Crane, Yellow-breasted Pipit, African Black Swift, African Wattled Lapwing, Long-crested Eagle, many sightings of Malachite Sunbird, a

pair of Gurney's Sugarbirds and, on rocky outcrops, Eastern Long-billed Lark, Buff-streaked Chat, and Sentinel Rock Thrush.

In the afternoon, we tried a different road, at a lower altitude, south of town. But, before we could get anything meaningful done, very dark skies chased us all the way home, and the heavens opened mere minutes after we arrived back at our lodgings!

Day 4 Thursday 6th November

Blyde River Canyon

We were off early, to Mt Sheba Nature Reserve, and had roadside sightings of eight Blue Cranes in a field, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, and Peregrine Falcon. Mount Sheba held, in addition to a delicious breakfast, Crowned Eagle displaying, African Emerald Cuckoo, Cape Batis, Drakensberg Prinia, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler, Chorister Robin-Chat, both Southern and Greater Double-collared Sunbirds, and Swee Waxbill. After a post-breakfast walk, we were off again to the splendid Blyde River Canyon. On the way, we stopped at a section of the well-known Panorama Route, where Blue Swallow were seen for the first time in decades: we were rewarded with flight views of a female.

The resort grounds at the Forever Blyde River Resort, including the top viewpoint, offered us Southern Bald Ibis, Black Sparrowhawk with dinner in its talons, Southern Boubou, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Striped Pipit, and Streaky-headed Seedeater.

Days 5 – 8 Friday 7th – Monday 10th November

Kruger National Park

We had another full day, which started with a pre-breakfast visit to the lower viewpoint, and birding along the road there and back. The main highlights were stupendous views of Narina Trogon, Purple-crested Turaco in flight, and a Denham's Bustard on its way to its feeding grounds. They were well supported by Little Sparrowhawk, Yellow-rumped and Yellow-fronted Tinkerbirds, Yellow-breasted Apalis, White-throated Robin-Chat, Cape Rock Thrush, and a very obliging Mocking Cliff Chat on the restaurant roof. On the way to Orpen Gate, heading into Kruger, we had a Rock Kestrel, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Cape Vulture and Black-chested Snake Eagle.

Our time in Kruger was divided between three different sections (and camps), starting with two nights at Satara. We explored the area north of here, which has more open grassland than further south, and managed to get sightings of all five of Kruger's vultures (White-backed, Cape, Lappet-faced, White-headed, and Hooded), Bateleur, African Cuckoo, colourful Lilac-breasted Roller, Red-breasted Swallow, Red-crested Korhaan, Black-bellied Bustard, Saddle-billed and Marabou Storks, African Openbill, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Orange-breasted Waxbill, Quailfinch, and Yellow-throated Longclaw. Elephants were seemingly around every corner, Plains Zebra kept us entertained with their antics, a Klipspringer eyed us from its rocky throne, and Chacma Baboons caused a bit of a traffic jam by playing in the road! A night drive added African Civet, which is always great to see.

Our next stop was Lower Sabie and, heading south, we added Red-billed and Yellow-billed Oxpeckers, Mourning Collared Dove, Monotonous Lark displaying, Gabar Goshawk, Jacobin Cuckoo, Senegal Lapwing with a chick, Pink-backed Pelican (a rarity for Kruger), Red-faced and Croaking Cisticola, and a quick view of Long-tailed Paradise Whydah. Cheetah, a Leopard with its Duiker kill, large herds of African Buffalo, two Sable Antelope bulls, and troops of Vervet Monkeys were more mammal highlights. After a long day, a vigil from the restaurant deck overlooking the Sabie River produced Little Egret, Squacco and Purple Herons, and African Jacana.

Southern Red-billed Hornbill

African Savannah Elephants

Purple-crested Turaco

Malachite Sunbird

Before breakfast the next day, we headed north along the Sabie River. Just outside camp, a stop at Sunset Dam produced, in addition to a large raft of Hippopotamus, Marsh Sandpiper, close-up Water Thick-knees, a Giant Kingfisher replete with fish, African Spoonbill, and White-crowned Lapwing. Further along, we had Purple-banded and Marico Sunbirds, Red-chested and Black Cuckoos, African Green Pigeon, African Fish Eagle, White-fronted Bee-eater, Black Cuckooshrike, and Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow. Two Lion sightings were also notable.

Our final full day saw us departing Lower Sabie and heading first south, then west, to Berg-en-Dal for the final night of the tour. African Sacred Ibis, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Red-headed Weaver, Caspian Plover, Temminck's Courser, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Trumpeter Hornbill, Pale Flycatcher, and Blue Waxbill were all seen along the way. More Lions, as well as African Elephant, showed themselves, and a roost of Peter's Epauletted Fruit Bats at Crocodile Bridge provided some entertainment as well. Close to Berg-en-Dal, we had a wonderful sighting of a Leopard again, this time in a tree overlooking the savanna around it.

Day 9 Tuesday 11th November

Departure

On our final morning, before departing Kruger, our drive on the loop road near camp produced Purple-crested Turaco busy collecting nesting material, and Yellow-billed Oxpeckers doing the same: theirs consisted of beakfuls of Impala fur. Also seen were Bearded, Cardinal, and Bennett's Woodpeckers, Grey Penduline Tit, (African) Hoopoe, Green Wood Hoopoe, Brown Snake Eagle, Eastern Nicator, and Trumpeter Hornbill.

En route to Johannesburg, we squeezed in three birding stops. The first was in a forested gorge near Kruger, where we had Crowned Eagle, Crowned Hornbill and Black-bellied Starling. Our second stop was a roadside pan close to the town of Middelburg, and here we had great views of South African Cliff Swallow, good numbers of Red-knobbed Coot, and the always scarce Lesser Jacana, well outside its known range. Our last stop was at another body of water, just under an hour from the airport. Final species for the trip added here included Cape Shoveler, Cape and Red-billed Teals, Southern Pochard, Maccoa Duck, Kittlitz's Plover, Whiskered Tern, Greater Flamingo and Black-necked Grebe. In the late afternoon, we arrived at OR Tambo International Airport, where everyone said their farewells, and commenced their onward journeys.

It had been a thoroughly enjoyable tour, filled with great sightings, good humour and thousands of photos!

Day 10 Wednesday 12th November

Arrival in London

Clients arrived safely home after a long transcontinental flight.

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic, I=Introduced		November 2025							
Common name	**Scientific name**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**
Common Ostrich	*Struthio camelus*	✓		✓	✓	✓			
White-faced Whistling Duck	*Dendrocygna viduata*				✓		✓	✓	
Spur-winged Goose	*Plectropterus gambensis*	✓						✓	
Knob-billed Duck	*Sarkidiornis melanotos*	✓				✓			
Egyptian Goose	*Alopochen aegyptiaca*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-billed Duck	*Anas undulata*	✓	✓						✓
Cape Teal	*Anas capensis*								✓
Red-billed Teal	*Anas erythrorhyncha*								✓
Southern Pochard	*Netta erythrophthalma*								✓
Maccoa Duck	*Oxyura maccoa*								✓
Helmeted Guineafowl	*Numida meleagris*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crested Francolin	*Ortygornis sephaena*				✓				✓
Coqui Francolin	*Campocolinus coqui*	✓							
Harlequin Quail	*Coturnix delegorguei*					✓			
Natal Spurfowl	*Pternistis natalensis*		✓			✓	✓		
Swainson's Spurfowl	*Pternistis swainsonii*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
African Palm Swift	*Cypsiurus parvus*						✓	✓	✓
Alpine Swift	*Tachymarptis melba*	✓		✓	✓				
African Black Swift	*Apus barbatus*		✓	✓					
Little Swift	*Apus affinis*	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-rumped Swift	*Apus caffer*	✓	✓		✓				
Grey Go-away-bird	*Crinifer concolor*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purple-crested Turaco	*Gallirex porphyreolophus*				✓			✓	✓
Knysna Turaco - N	*Tauraco corythaix*			✓					
Kori Bustard	*Ardeotis kori*					✓			
Denham's Bustard	*Neotis denhami*				✓				
Red-crested Korhaan	*Lophotis ruficrista*					✓	✓		
Southern Black Korhaan - E	*Afrotis afra*				✓				
Black-bellied Bustard	*Lissotis melanogaster*					✓			
Burchell's Coucal	*Centropus burchellii*				✓	✓	✓		
Jacobin Cuckoo	*Clamator jacobinus*						✓	✓	
Diederik Cuckoo	*Chrysococcyx caprius*	✓					✓	✓	
Klaas's Cuckoo	*Chrysococcyx klaas*	✓							
Black Cuckoo	*Cuculus clamosus*							✓	
Red-chested Cuckoo	*Cuculus solitarius*							✓	
African Cuckoo	*Cuculus gularis*				✓				
Rock Dove - I	*Columba livia*			✓					
Speckled Pigeon	*Columba guinea*	✓	✓	✓	✓				
African Olive Pigeon	*Columba arquatrix*		✓	✓					
Mourning Collared Dove	*Streptopelia decipiens*						✓		
Red-eyed Dove	*Streptopelia semitorquata*	✓							✓
Ring-necked Dove	*Streptopelia capicola*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Laughing Dove	*Spilopelia senegalensis*	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	*Turtur chalcospilos*					✓	✓	✓	
African Green Pigeon	*Treron calvus*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corn Crake	*Crex crex*								
Common Moorhen	*Gallinula chloropus*	✓	✓				✓		
Red-knobbed Coot	*Fulica cristata*								✓
Black Crake	*Zapornia flavirostra*					✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Crowned Crane	*Balearica regulorum*								
Blue Crane	*Grus paradisea*		✓	✓					
Little Grebe	*Tachybaptus ruficollis*		✓						✓
Black-necked Grebe	*Podiceps nigricollis*								
Spotted Thick-knee	*Burhinus capensis*	✓							
Water Thick-knee	*Burhinus vermiculatus*					✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-winged Stilt	*Himantopus himantopus*							✓	✓
Three-banded Plover	*Charadrius tricollaris*						✓	✓	
Blacksmith Lapwing	*Vanellus armatus*	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
White-crowned Lapwing	*Vanellus albiceps*						✓	✓	
Senegal Lapwing	*Vanellus lugubris*						✓		
Crowned Lapwing	*Vanellus coronatus*	✓				✓	✓	✓	
African Wattled Lapwing	*Vanellus senegallus*	✓	✓					✓	✓
Caspian Plover	*Anarhynchus asiaticus*							✓	
Kittlitz's Plover	*Anarhynchus pecuarius*								
Lesser Jacana	*Microparra capensis*								
African Jacana	*Actophilornis africanus*						✓	✓	✓
Common Sandpiper	*Actitis hypoleucos*							✓	✓
Marsh Sandpiper	*Tringa stagnatilis*							✓	
Wood Sandpiper	*Tringa glareola*						✓	✓	✓
Common Greenshank	*Tringa nebularia*							✓	
Ruff	*Calidris pugnax*							✓	
Little Stint	*Calidris minuta*								✓
Temminck's Courser	*Cursorius temminckii*							✓	
Collared Pratincole	*Glareola pratincola*						✓	✓	
Whiskered Tern	*Chlidonias hybrida*								
Grey-headed Gull	*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*	✓							✓
African Openbill	*Anastomus lamelligerus*					✓	✓		✓
Marabou Stork	*Leptoptilos crumenifer*					✓	✓		
Yellow-billed Stork	*Mycteria ibis*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Saddle-billed Stork	*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*					✓	✓	✓	
African Woolly-necked Stork	*Ciconia microscelis*				✓				
Black Stork	*Ciconia nigra*								
African Darter	*Anhinga rufa*	✓							
Reed Cormorant	*Microcarbo africanus*	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	*Phalacrocorax carbo*	✓							
African Sacred Ibis	*Threskiornis aethiopicus*	✓						✓	✓
Southern Bald Ibis	*Geronticus calvus*			✓	✓				
Hadada Ibis	*Bostrychia hagedash*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Glossy Ibis	*Plegadis falcinellus*	✓							✓

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African Spoonbill	*Platalea alba*							✓	
Black-crowned Night Heron	*Nycticorax nycticorax*					✓		✓	
Little Egret	*Egretta garzetta*						✓	✓	✓
Little Heron	*Butorides atricapilla*					✓	✓	✓	✓
Squacco Heron	*Ardeola ralloides*	✓					✓		
Great Egret	*Ardea alba*						✓	✓	✓
Yellow-billed Egret	*Ardea brachyrhyncha*	✓							✓
Western Cattle Egret	*Ardea ibis*	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Heron	*Ardea cinerea*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purple Heron	*Ardea purpurea*		✓				✓	✓	
Black-headed Heron	*Ardea melanocephala*	✓	✓						✓
Goliath Heron	*Ardea goliath*						✓	✓	
Hamerkop	*Scopus umbretta*	✓		✓	✓		✓		
Secretarybird	*Sagittarius serpentarius*	✓	✓			✓			
Black-winged Kite	*Elanus caeruleus*	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
African Harrier-Hawk	*Polyboroides typus*		✓			✓	✓		✓
White-headed Vulture	*Trigonoceps occipitalis*					✓	✓		
Lappet-faced Vulture	*Torgos tracheliotos*				✓		✓		
Hooded Vulture	*Necrosyrtes monachus*						✓	✓	
White-backed Vulture	*Gyps africanus*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Vulture	*Gyps coprotheres*				✓				
Bateleur	*Terathopius ecaudatus*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black-chested Snake Eagle	*Circaetus pectoralis*				✓		✓		
Brown Snake Eagle	*Circaetus cinereus*				✓		✓	✓	✓
Crowned Eagle	*Stephanoaetus coronatus*			✓					✓
Martial Eagle	*Polemaetus bellicosus*						✓		✓
Long-crested Eagle	*Lophaetus occipitalis*		✓						
Wahlberg's Eagle	*Hieraaetus wahlbergi*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tawny Eagle	*Aquila rapax*				✓	✓		✓	
African Hawk-Eagle	*Aquila spilogaster*					✓	✓		
Gabar Goshawk	*Micronisus gabar*					✓	✓		
Little Sparrowhawk	*Tachyspiza minulla*				✓				
Black Sparrowhawk	*Astur melanoleucus*			✓	✓				
Yellow-billed Kite	*Milvus aegyptius*				✓	✓		✓	
African Fish Eagle	*Icthyophaga vocifer*		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jackal Buzzard	*Buteo rufofuscus*		✓	✓					
Common Buzzard	*Buteo buteo*	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Pearl-spotted Owlet	*Glaucidium perlatum*						✓	✓	
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	*Ketupa lactea*					✓	✓		
Speckled Mousebird	*Colius striatus*	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓
Red-faced Mousebird	*Urocolius indicus*	✓				✓		✓	
Narina Trogon	*Apaloderma narina*				✓				
Common Hoopoe	*Upupa epops*								
Green Wood Hoopoe	*Phoeniculus purpureus*	✓			✓	✓			✓
Common Scimitarbill	*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*			✓			✓	✓	
Southern Ground Hornbill	*Bucorvus leadbeateri*					✓	✓		

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Southern Red-billed Hornbill	*Tockus rufirostris*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	*Tockus leucomelas*				✓		✓	✓	
African Grey Hornbill	*Lophoceros nasutus*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Trumpeter Hornbill	*Bycanistes bucinator*				✓			✓	
Purple Roller	*Coracias naevius*					✓			
Lilac-breasted Roller	*Coracias caudatus*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey-headed Kingfisher	*Halcyon leucocephala*							✓	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	*Halcyon albiventris*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Striped Kingfisher	*Halcyon chelicuti*								✓
African Pygmy Kingfisher	*Ispidina picta*						✓		
Malachite Kingfisher	*Corythornis cristatus*					✓	✓		
Giant Kingfisher	*Megaceryle maxima*					✓		✓	✓
Pied Kingfisher	*Ceryle rudis*		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Bee-eater	*Merops pusillus*					✓			
White-fronted Bee-eater	*Merops bullockoides*						✓	✓	✓
European Bee-eater	*Merops apiaster*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Crested Barbet	*Trachyphonus vaillantii*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	*Pogoniulus bilineatus*				✓				
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	*Pogoniulus chrysoconus*			✓					
Acacia Pied Barbet	*Tricholaema leucomelas*								✓
Black-collared Barbet	*Lybius torquatus*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-throated Wryneck	*Jynx ruficollis*	✓							
Bennett's Woodpecker	*Campethera bennettii*								✓
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	*Campethera abingoni*			✓	✓	✓			
Bearded Woodpecker	*Chloropicus namaquus*						✓		✓
Cardinal Woodpecker	*Dendropicos fuscescens*			✓			✓		
Rock Kestrel	*Falco rupicolus*		✓		✓				
Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus*			✓	✓				
Brown-headed Parrot	*Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*					✓	✓		✓
Cape Batis	*Batis capensis*			✓					
Chinspot Batis	*Batis molitor*			✓	✓			✓	
Grey-headed Bushshrike	*Malaconotus blanchoti*					✓			✓
Olive Bushshrike	*Chlorophoneus olivaceus*			✓					
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	*Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus*			✓		✓			
Bokmakierie	*Telophorus zeylonus*		✓						
Brown-crowned Tchagra	*Tchagra australis*							✓	
Black-crowned Tchagra	*Tchagra senegalus*					✓	✓		
Black-backed Puffback	*Dryoscopus cubla*			✓				✓	
Southern Boubou	*Laniarius ferrugineus*			✓					
Brubru	*Nilaus afer*				✓				
Black Cuckooshrike	*Campephaga flava*							✓	
Black-headed Oriole	*Oriolus larvatus*				✓	✓		✓	
Fork-tailed Drongo	*Dicrurus adsimilis*		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
African Paradise Flycatcher	*Terpsiphone viridis*	✓							
Southern White-crowned Shrike	*Eurocephalus anguitimens*				✓				✓
Magpie Shrike	*Lanius melanoleucus*				✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Southern Fiscal	*Lanius collaris*	✓	✓	✓					
Lesser Grey Shrike	*Lanius minor*					✓			
Cape Crow	*Corvus capensis*		✓	✓					
Pied Crow	*Corvus albus*	✓	✓	✓	✓				
White-necked Raven	*Corvus albicollis*				✓				
Southern Black Tit	*Melaniparus niger*			✓			✓		
Eastern Nicator	*Nicator gularis*								✓
Sabota Lark	*Calendulauda sabota*				✓	✓			
Monotonous Lark	*Mirafra passerina*						✓		
Flappet Lark	*Amirafra rufocinnamomea*				✓				
Rufous-naped Lark	*Corypha africana*	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sombre Greenbul	*Andropadus importunus*			✓					
Terrestrial Brownbul	*Phyllastrephus terrestris*								✓
Yellow-streaked Greenbul	*Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*			✓					
Common Bulbul	*Pycnonotus barbatus*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black Saw-wing	*Psalidoprocne pristoptera*		✓	✓					
Banded Martin	*Neophedina cincta*		✓						
Brown-throated Martin	*Riparia paludicola*	✓						✓	
Sand Martin	*Riparia riparia*					✓		✓	
Large Rock Martin	*Ptyonoprogne fuligula*	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Barn Swallow	*Hirundo rustica*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-throated Swallow	*Hirundo albigularis*	✓		✓	✓				
Wire-tailed Swallow	*Hirundo smithii*						✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	*Delichon urbicum*		✓						
Greater Striped Swallow	*Cecropis cucullata*	✓	✓	✓					
Lesser Striped Swallow	*Cecropis abyssinica*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red-breasted Swallow	*Cecropis semirufa*				✓	✓	✓		
Mosque Swallow	*Cecropis senegalensis*						✓		
South African Cliff Swallow	*Petrochelidon spilodera*	✓							✓
Cape Grassbird	*Sphenoeacus afer*		✓						
Long-billed Crombec	*Sylvietta rufescens*					✓	✓		
Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler	*Phylloscopus ruficapilla*			✓					
Red-faced Cisticola	*Cisticola erythrops*						✓		
Rock-loving Cisticola	*Cisticola aberrans*			✓					
Rattling Cisticola	*Cisticola chiniana*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Wailing Cisticola	*Cisticola lais*		✓	✓					
Levaillant's Cisticola	*Cisticola tinniens*	✓	✓						
Croaking Cisticola	*Cisticola natalensis*						✓		
Neddicky	*Cisticola fulvicapilla*	✓						✓	
Zitting Cisticola	*Cisticola juncidis*	✓							
Desert Cisticola	*Cisticola aridulus*						✓		
Wing-snapping Cisticola	*Cisticola ayresii*		✓						
Tawny-flanked Prinia	*Prinia subflava*						✓		✓
Black-chested Prinia	*Prinia flavicans*	✓							
Drakensberg Prinia - N	*Prinia hypoxantha*		✓	✓					
Bar-throated Apalis	*Apalis thoracica*			✓					

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Yellow-breasted Apalis	*Apalis flavida*				✓			✓	
Green-backed Camaroptera	*Camaroptera brachyura*			✓	✓				
Burnt-necked Eremomela	*Eremomela usticollis*								
Cape White-eye	*Zosterops virens*	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Arrow-marked Babbler	*Turdoides jardineii*					✓	✓	✓	✓
Gurney's Sugarbird	*Promerops gurneyi*		✓						
Common Myna - I	*Acridotheres tristis*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Wattled Starling	*Creatophora cinerea*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cape Starling	*Lamprotornis nitens*	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Greater Blue-eared Starling	*Lamprotornis chalybaeus*						✓	✓	
Burchell's Starling	*Lamprotornis australis*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pied Starling - N	*Lamprotornis bicolor*	✓	✓						
Violet-backed Starling	*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*			✓	✓		✓		
Red-winged Starling	*Onychognathus morio*	✓		✓	✓				
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	*Buphagus africanus*							✓	✓
Red-billed Oxpecker	*Buphagus erythrorynchus*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Groundscraper Thrush	*Turdus litsitsirupa*			✓	✓				
Olive Thrush	*Turdus olivaceus*		✓	✓					
Kurrichane Thrush	*Turdus libonyana*			✓	✓			✓	✓
Karoo Thrush	*Turdus smithi*	✓							
White-browed Scrub Robin	*Cercotrichas leucophrys*						✓	✓	
Pale Flycatcher	*Agricola pallidus*							✓	
Grey Tit-Flycatcher	*Fraseria plumbea*			✓				✓	
Ashy Flycatcher	*Fraseria caerulescens*							✓	
Southern Black Flycatcher	*Melaenornis pammelaina*				✓				
Fiscal Flycatcher	*Sigelus silens*	✓							
African Dusky Flycatcher	*Muscicapa adusta*			✓					
White-browed Robin-Chat	*Cossypha heuglini*							✓	
Chorister Robin-Chat	*Cossypha dichroa*			✓					
Red-capped Robin-Chat	*Cossypha natalensis*			✓	✓				
White-throated Robin-Chat	*Dessonornis humeralis*				✓			✓	
Cape Robin-Chat	*Dessonornis caffer*	✓	✓	✓					
Sentinel Rock Thrush	*Monticola explorator*		✓						
Cape Rock Thrush	*Monticola rupestris*			✓	✓				
African Stonechat	*Saxicola torquatus*	✓	✓	✓					
Buff-streaked Chat - N	*Campicoloides bifasciatus*		✓						
Mocking Cliff Chat	*Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*			✓	✓				
Capped Wheatear	*Oenanthe pileata*	✓	✓						
Familiar Chat	*Oenanthe familiaris*			✓	✓				
Collared Sunbird	*Hedydipna collaris*								
Amethyst Sunbird	*Chalcomitra amethystina*	✓	✓	✓					
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	*Chalcomitra senegalensis*				✓				
Malachite Sunbird	*Nectarinia famosa*		✓	✓					
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	*Cinnyris chalybeus*			✓					
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	*Cinnyris afer*		✓	✓					

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Marico Sunbird	*Cinnyris mariquensis*					✓		✓	
Purple-banded Sunbird	*Cinnyris bifasciatus*							✓	✓
White-bellied Sunbird	*Cinnyris talatala*			✓	✓			✓	
Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow	*Gymnoris superciliaris*							✓	
Cape Sparrow	*Passer melanurus*	✓	✓						
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	*Passer diffusus*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Sparrow - I	*Passer domesticus*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	*Bubalornis niger*							✓	✓
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	*Plocepasser mahali*			✓	✓	✓			
Thick-billed Weaver	*Amblyospiza albifrons*	✓							
Spectacled Weaver	*Ploceus ocularis*			✓					
Cape Weaver	*Ploceus capensis*	✓	✓						
Lesser Masked Weaver	*Ploceus intermedius*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Southern Masked Weaver	*Ploceus velatus*	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
Village Weaver	*Ploceus cucullatus*				✓				
Red-headed Weaver	*Anaplectes rubriceps*							✓	
Southern Red Bishop	*Euplectes orix*	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Yellow Bishop	*Euplectes capensis*		✓	✓					
Fan-tailed Widowbird	*Euplectes axillaris*	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Red-collared Widowbird	*Euplectes ardens*	✓	✓	✓					
Long-tailed Widowbird	*Euplectes progne*	✓	✓						
Bronze Mannikin	*Spermestes cucullata*						✓		
Swee Waxbill	*Coccopygia melanotis*			✓					
Common Waxbill	*Estrilda astrild*	✓	✓	✓					
Quailfinch	*Ortygospiza atricollis*					✓			
Cut-throat Finch	*Amadina fasciata*					✓			
Orange-breasted Waxbill	*Amandava subflava*					✓			
Blue Waxbill	*Uraeginthus angolensis*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Green-winged Pytilia	*Pytilia melba*					✓			
Red-billed Firefinch	*Lagonosticta senegala*					✓			
African Firefinch	*Lagonosticta rubricata*				✓				
Jameson's Firefinch	*Lagonosticta rhodopareia*						✓		
Pin-tailed Whydah	*Vidua macroura*	✓							
Cape Wagtail	*Motacilla capensis*	✓	✓	✓	✓				
African Pied Wagtail	*Motacilla aguimp*			✓			✓	✓	✓
Cape Longclaw	*Macronyx capensis*	✓	✓	✓					
Yellow-throated Longclaw	*Macronyx croceus*					✓			
African Pipit	*Anthus cinnamomeus*	✓	✓					✓	
Nicholson's Pipit	*Anthus nicholsoni*		✓						
Striped Pipit	*Anthus lineiventris*			✓					
Yellow-breasted Pipit	*Anthus chloris*								
Yellow-fronted Canary	*Crithagra mozambica*				✓		✓	✓	✓
Streaky-headed Seedeater	*Crithagra gularis*		✓	✓					
Cape Canary	*Serinus canicollis*			✓					
Cape Bunting	*Emberiza capensis*		✓						

Mammals

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Common name	**Scientific name**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**
African Savanna Elephant	*Loxodonta africana*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rock Hyrax	*Procavia capensis*			✓					
Blue Monkey	*Cercopithecus mitis*			✓	✓				
Vervet Monkey	*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*					✓			
Chacma Baboon	*Papio ursinus*			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Smith's Bush Squirrel	*Paraxerus cepapi*					✓		✓	
South East African Vlei Rat - E	*Otomys auratus*				✓		✓		
Side-striped Jackal	*Lupulella adusta*	✓	✓						
Black-backed Jackal	*Lupulella mesomelas*					✓	✓		
Cheetah	*Acinonyx jubatus*						✓		
Lion	*Panthera leo*							✓	
Leopard	*Panthera pardus*				✓				
Yellow Mongoose	*Cynictis penicillata*	✓	✓						
Common Slender Mongoose	*Herpestes sanguineus*					✓	✓		
Common Dwarf Mongoose	*Helogale parvula*				✓				
Spotted Hyena	*Crocuta crocuta*				✓				
White Rhinoceros	*Ceratotherium simum*	✓							✓
Plains Zebra	*Equus quagga*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Hippopotamus	*Hippopotamus amphibius*					✓	✓	✓	
Impala	*Aepyceros melampus*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hartebeest	*Alcelaphus buselaphus*	✓							
Black Wildebeest - N	*Connochaetes gnou*	✓							
Blue Wildebeest	*Connochaetes taurinus*				✓	✓			
Steenbok	*Raphicerus campestris*	✓				✓	✓		
Bush Duiker	*Sylvicapra grimmia*		✓						
Klipspringer	*Oreotragus oreotragus*					✓	✓		
Waterbuck	*Kobus ellipsiprymnus*					✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Reedbuck	*Redunca arundinum*		✓						
Mountain Reedbuck	*Redunca fulvorufula*		✓						
Cape Buffalo	*Syncerus caffer*					✓	✓		
Common Eland	*Tragelaphus oryx*	✓				✓			
Northern Bushbuck	*Tragelaphus scriptus*		✓			✓	✓	✓	
Greater Kudu	*Tragelaphus strepsiceros*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Southern Giraffe	*Giraffa giraffa*				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Warthog	*Phacochoerus africanus*					✓	✓	✓	

Reptiles

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Common name	**Scientific name**
Leopard Tortoise	*Stigmochelys pardalis*
Speke's Hinge-back Tortoise	*Kinixys spekii*
East African Serrated Mud Turtle	*Pelusios sinuatus*
Nile Crocodile	*Crocodylus niloticus*
Flap-necked Chameleon	*Chamaeleo dilepis*
Southern Tree Agama	*Acanthocercus atricollis*
Southern Rock Agama	*Agama atra*
Cape Dwarf Gecko	*Lygodactylus capensis*
Large-scale Snake Lizard	*Chamaesaura macrolepis*
Highveld Crag Lizard	*Cordylus melanotus*
Western Cape Crag Lizard - E	*Cordylus microlepidotus*
Sekukhune Flat Lizard - E	*Platysaurus orientalis*
African Striped Skink	*Trachylepis striata*
White-throated Monitor	*Varanus albigularis*
Nile Monitor	*Varanus niloticus*
Black Mamba	*Dendroaspis polylepis*
African Rock Python	*Python sebae*
Boomslang	*Dispholidus typus*
Mozambique Spitting Cobra	*Naja mossambica*
Giant Blind Snake	*Megatyphlops schlegelii*