

South Africa - Kruger (BM)

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

Another wonderful trip in South Africa's Kruger National Park focused on the mammals, with birds as a secondary aim as most of the group were rather keen on the feathered fauna, as well. All in all, we had pleasant weather, with temperatures ranging from a low of 14°C, on our morning in Dullstroom, to highs of around 33°C in the Kruger, and we recorded 37 mammal species, highlights including Leopard, Lion, Cheetah, Wild Dog and Sable Antelope, as well as 182 bird species.

Day 1

Monday 19th February

The tour started with an overnight flight from London Heathrow Airport to Johannesburg.

Day 2

Tuesday 20th February

Dullstroom

The BA flight arrived a little early, so we were loaded up and ready to go by 11.40am, heading east out of Johannesburg towards Dullstroom. We picked up some lunch en route and arrived around 3pm, with half an hour to settle in before a drive up to Veloren Valei Nature Reserve to end off the day. Highlights included a pair of Denham's Bustards, some 'wild' Blesbok, Grey Rhebok and a beautiful male Pallid Harrier, quartering the grasslands. With thick mist rolling in, we headed back to town to freshen up before dinner and an early night.

Mammal species for the day: 2

Day 3

Wednesday 21st February

Satara, Kruger Park

With constant overnight rain, it was just as well that we planned nothing before breakfast at 7.15am! After the meal we packed and departed at around 8.30, heading onwards through pea-soup-like visibility until we dropped down to a lower altitude closer to Lydenburg. After a fuel stop in town we headed on to the Taita Falcon eyrie on the Abel Erasmus Pass where, fortunately, the resident pair of falcons was waiting for us up on the cliff, so we wasted no time in getting some views before continuing. We arrived at Orpen Gate at 12.30 and swapped over to our open safari vehicles before having a bite to eat and some much-needed coffee. We then had the afternoon to drive the 50 kilometres to camp, getting our first taste of Kruger with a variety of birds and mammals – mainly plains game such as Plains Zebra, Blue Wildebeest, Giraffe, Impala and Steenbok. We arrived at around 5pm and had time to settle in before dinner and checklist duties.

Mammal species for the day: 13

Day 4

Thursday 22nd February

Satara, Kruger Park

Today we awoke early to light rain at around 4.30am before meeting up for coffee and tea at 5.15. We left camp at 5.30 for a long morning drive, doing a section of the Orpen Gate road and the Nwanetsi tar road, most the dirt roads having been closed off due to the heavy rain on the night of the 20th. It was a good morning overall, producing African Wild Cat, Spotted Hyena, Elephant, Buffalo and Black-backed Jackal as new species among the other species we'd already seen.

We arrived back in camp for brunch and a chance for the folks to book onto sunset or night drives, taking a bit of a rest before a midday drive to the north of the camp where we saw a pack of around eight to ten Wild Dogs resting in the grass just off the road, with good views occasionally as they moved from resting spot to resting spot. We also got news of some Lions at the Sweni River bridge further south, so set off to investigate. We got there to find three Lionesses under a bush about 100 yards off the road. They had made a kill and four Spotted Hyenas were taking the opportunity to snack on the leftovers, joined of course, by a number of vultures, including an immature Egyptian Vulture, a rare vagrant in the region, this one having been seen from time to time in the Satara area over the last few months. After this great sighting, we headed back to camp for time to get ready for the sunset drive or rest before dinner and the night drive, the group splitting to do the different drives (and some opting for neither drive but more time for dinner and drinks!). Sighting on the drives included the same Lions and Wild Dogs seen earlier in the day, as well as a few new species.

Mammal species for the day: 26

Day 5

Friday 23rd February

Skukuza, Kruger Park

We started off with coffee at 5.15 once again, followed by a morning drive down to the Girivana waterhole area where the night-drive crew had seen a Leopard kill up in a tree, but we were unable to locate the site in the daylight. On the way back to camp we had a fantastic quarter of an hour at a termite emergence, where Amur Falcons, European and Lilac-breasted Rollers, Grey Hornbills, four Tawny Eagles, a Fish Eagle and a Bateleur were making the most of the emerging alates, quite a spectacular show indeed. We then headed back to camp for breakfast and departed for Skukuza at 9.30, with 92 kilometres of game viewing and birding to fill up the rest of the day. Highlights included a pair of Lions, two more Wild Dog sightings, and good numbers of Elephants, which pleased everyone no end. We arrived in camp at 4.30pm and had some time to relax and explore the camp before dinner. A good day all round!

Mammal species for the day: 21

Day 6

Saturday 24th February

Skukuza, Kruger Park

Today we started off with tea and coffee at 5.15am, followed by our departure on a long game drive down to Lower Sabie for breakfast. The morning started off with a bang, with a Leopard appearing next to the road, standing for a brief moment before crossing the road right in front of one of our vehicles. From there it was

general game and birds all the way down, with a welcome breakfast overlooking the Sabie River. We then headed back to camp via the northern bank of the river, along the S128 'Salitjie' road. Along the way we saw Elephants, general game and some nice birds such as Southern Carmine Bee-eater, and then had a great surprise as four Cheetah materialised, chasing an Impala ram across the road in front of us and off into the bush on our left; they were not successful in the hunt though, eventually lying down in the thick grass to recover and socialise. Moving on, we meandered back to camp, arriving at 2.30 for some down time before an early dinner and a night drive for some of the crew, which produced a few new mammal species such as White-tailed Mongoose, Lesser Galago and African Civet.

Mammal species for the day: 21

Day 7

Sunday 25th February

Pretoriuskop, Kruger Park

We met up once again at 5.15am for coffee before a morning drive in the Skukuza area; this time we headed away from the river and down to the Renosterkoppies area and back via the H3 tar road. Highlights included a good sighting of three Southern White Rhino, which up to now we'd only had distant views of (not counting those at the Alzu service station on the first day), as well as a delightful sighting of a clan of Dwarf Mongooses looking out at the world from their termite mound den next to the road. Back at camp, we had breakfast and then took three hours to meander down to Pretoriuskop, where we took a break before a late afternoon drive, which produced some great views of a few pairs of Klipspringers resident on the granite outcrops in the area, as well as Elephants, Buffalo, general game and birds. In the evening we met up for a rather festive Wimpy dinner.

Mammal species for the day: 20

Day 8

Monday 26th February

Pretoriuskop, Kruger Park

On a cool and overcast morning we left camp at 5.30am on a long morning drive, stopping off at the Pretoriuskop day-visitors' site at around 6.15 for our caffeine fix before continuing on down the Voortrekker Road to Afsaal Picnic Site for a welcome breakfast. From there we headed north back up towards Skukuza and then west along the Napi Road all the way back to camp, arriving at 3pm. It was a 'big three' drive with Elephants, White Rhino and Buffalo among other general game sightings. Three Elephant encounters were among the highlights: we had a stand down with a big musth bull in the road, who fortunately gave way to us; another big bull pushing over a tree right next to us; and another, younger bull passing right behind our vehicle. Back at camp we had a chance to unwind before dinner and a final night drive for some of the crew.

Mammal species for the day: 20

Day 9

Tuesday 27th February

Johannesburg

Our final day started off at 5.30am with a morning drive, during which we scoured the various loops in the area searching for any new or exciting species. We narrowly missed a male Lion on the main road, but otherwise had

a pleasant drive before heading back to camp for breakfast and departure. Most of the group joined Jason for a drive down to Malelane Gate, where they exited the park at around midday (seeing a single male Sable Antelope as a final new mammal species) and then heading directly back to Johannesburg and the airport. Martin and Dee were staying on at the Blyde River Canyon and Leon took them there, dropping them off at 1.30 for a few more days of holiday in South Africa .

Mammal species for the day: 15

Day 10

Wednesday 28th February

Our overnight flight landed in the morning at London Heathrow Airport, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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Species Lists

Mammals (✓=recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	February							
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
4	Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>			✓		✓			
5	Cape Porcupine	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>			✓					
6	Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓
7	Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>						✓		
8	Wild Cat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>			✓					
9	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>			✓	✓				
10	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>						✓		
11	Common Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
12	Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
13	Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>			✓			✓		✓
14	African Civet	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>							✓	
15	Common Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>			✓					
16	Side-striped Jackal	<i>Canis adustus</i>			✓					
17	Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>			✓	✓				✓
18	African Wild Dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>			✓	✓				
19	Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga burchellii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>		✓					✓	✓
21	Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
25	Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>	✓							
26	Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>								✓
27	Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>				✓			✓	✓
29	Grey Rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>	✓							
30	Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31	Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>							✓	✓
32	African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
34	Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>						✓		
36	Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
37	Peters's Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>						✓	✓	

Birds

1	Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>			✓					
2	White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
3	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>					✓			
4	Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
5	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>				✓				
7	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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9	Natal Spurrowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Swainson's Spurrowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
11	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓			✓	
12	Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>				✓				
13	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				✓				
14	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
15	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>		✓		✓			✓	
16	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓				✓		
17	African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	✓							
18	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
19	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>					✓			
20	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					✓			
21	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓		
22	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
23	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	✓				✓	✓		
24	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>					✓			
25	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				✓	✓			
26	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				✓	✓			
27	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			
28	Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>					✓			
29	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓			✓		✓		✓
30	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>			✓		✓			
31	White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
32	White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>		✓	✓					
33	Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>			✓		✓			
34	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			✓					
35	Bateleur	<i>Terathopus ecaudatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
37	Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	✓	✓						
38	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>		✓						
39	Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
41	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>						✓		
42	Dark Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>							✓	
43	Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>							✓	
44	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	✓							
45	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			✓					
46	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
47	African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
48	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
49	Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	✓							
50	Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>			✓		✓		✓	
51	Denham's Bustard	<i>Neotis denhami</i>	✓							
52	Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>							✓	
53	Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>			✓					
54	Black Crane	<i>Amauromis flavirostra</i>				✓				
55	Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>			✓					
57	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓	✓				
58	Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	White-crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>				✓	✓			

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60	Senegal Lapwing	<i>Vanellus lugubris</i>		✓						
61	Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>			✓	✓			✓	
62	African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	✓			✓				
63	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
64	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>				✓	✓		✓	
65	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>							✓	
66	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				✓	✓		✓	
67	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓			
68	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>					✓			
69	Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	✓							
70	Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>		✓						
71	Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>					✓	✓		
74	African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>					✓		✓	
75	Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>					✓		✓	✓
76	Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>				✓	✓			
78	Levaillant's Cuckoo	<i>Clamator levaillantii</i>				✓				
79	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>		✓			✓			
80	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>					✓			
81	Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>							✓	
82	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>			✓					
83	African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>					✓			
84	European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>				✓				
85	Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>							✓	
86	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>					✓			
87	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartus melba</i>				✓				
88	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
89	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>							✓	
90	Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>			✓					
91	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>					✓	✓	✓	
94	Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
96	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>					✓			
97	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
98	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>				✓				
99	White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>					✓			
100	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
101	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
102	African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>			✓			✓	✓	
103	Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>					✓			
104	Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>							✓	
105	Southern Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>		✓					✓	
106	Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>						✓		
109	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110	Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>						✓		

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111	Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>					✓		✓	✓
112	Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>					✓	✓		✓
113	Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>			✓	✓		✓		
114	Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>			✓					
115	Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
116	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>						✓	✓	✓
117	Taita Falcon	<i>Falco fasciinucha</i>		✓						
118	Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>		✓	✓					
119	Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>			✓					
120	White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>					✓			
121	Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>							✓	
122	Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	✓							
123	Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>		✓						
124	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>			✓					
125	Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>						✓		
126	Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
128	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			✓		✓			
129	Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	✓	✓						
130	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				✓				
131	Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>						✓	✓	
132	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓
133	Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	✓							
134	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>		✓						
135	White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>		✓						
136	Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>							✓	
137	Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pyconotus tricolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
138	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139	White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>		✓						
140	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>					✓			
141	Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	✓							
142	Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>				✓	✓		✓	
143	Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>			✓	✓				
144	Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>				✓				
145	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>				✓				
146	Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>						✓		
147	Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
148	Gurney's Sugarbird	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>	✓							
149	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓						
150	Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓				
151	Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>						✓	✓	
152	Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
153	Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	✓	✓					✓	
154	Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
155	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>				✓				
156	Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>							✓	
157	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				✓				
158	White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>				✓				
159	White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>				✓				
160	Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>		✓						
161	African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	✓							

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			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
162	Mocking Cliff Chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>						✓		
163	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>								✓
164	Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	✓							
165	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>						✓	✓	✓
166	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
167	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>			✓	✓	✓			
168	Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>				✓	✓			
169	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>				✓				
170	Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	✓							
171	Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>	✓							✓
172	Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	✓							
173	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>					✓			
174	Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>						✓	✓	✓
175	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	✓							
176	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>		✓						
177	Long-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>			✓					
178	Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	✓	✓						
179	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>				✓	✓			
180	Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>	✓							
181	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>			✓			✓		✓
182	Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	✓							

Reptiles (7 species)

East African Serrated Mud Turtle, *Pelusios sinuatus*
 Large-scale Snake Lizard, *Chamaesaura macrolepis*
 Sekukhune Flat Lizard, *Platysaurus orientalis*
 Nile Crocodile, *Crocodylus niloticus*

Cape Dwarf Gecko, *Lygodactylus capensis*
 Highveld Crag Lizard, *Cordylus melanotus*
 White-throated Monitor, *Varanus albigularis*