

# South Africa - Best of the Cape

Naturetrek Tour Report

4th – 13th September 2025

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Cape Rockjumper



African Penguins



Cape Sugarbird



Prange-breasted Sunbird

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## Summary

This short Western Cape tour was designed to showcase the very best that Cape Town and its surroundings have to offer. The programme combined botany, birding, and cultural exploration, giving participants a well-rounded experience of the region. While the primary focus was on the remarkable plant life and rich bird diversity, the tour also highlighted the cultural heritage and history that make the Cape such a unique and rewarding destination.

In addition to five days exploring the Cape Peninsula and surrounding highlights, an additional two days in the Overberg region offered participants the chance to experience world-class land- and boat-based whale watching at Hermanus, along with further insights into the landscapes, flora, and fauna of this special area.

### Day 1

**Thursday 4th September**

Depart UK

Most clients departed from London Heathrow.

### Day 2

**Friday 5th September**

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden

We welcomed the first members of our group at Cape Town International Airport, sharing a cup of coffee together while waiting for the final international flight to arrive. Fortunately, everything ran smoothly, and before long we were on our way to the famous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden for lunch, birding, and an introduction to South Africa's unique flora.

Kirstenbosch is the oldest botanical garden in South Africa and holds the distinction of being the first and only botanical garden in the world included in a World Heritage Site. Nestled against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, it showcases an astonishing diversity of habitats. The garden is one of the best places to encounter the fynbos biome, which harbours nearly 9,000 plant species, many of them found nowhere else on Earth.

Our afternoon offered a delightful combination of birding and botany. Among the avian highlights were Cape Canary, Forest Canary, Cape Spurfowl, Cape Batis, Cape Sugarbird, and the dazzling endemic Orange-breasted Sunbird.

In the late afternoon, we travelled across the peninsula to our guesthouse in Noordhoek, which would prove ideally situated for exploring Cape Town's surrounding natural and cultural treasures over the coming days. After a welcoming dinner, most of the group retired early: a natural choice after long-haul flights and an exciting first taste of the Cape.

## Day 3

## Saturday 6th September

### Pelagic trip, Cape Point & False Bay Nature Reserve

Today the group divided according to their interests. Two participants were eager to join a pelagic birding trip, departing from Simon's Town Harbour. We dropped them off early in the morning, where they set out to sea with fellow birders.

The rest of the group remained on land, focusing on Cape Town's endemic birdlife and the rich plant diversity of the fynbos biome. We admired the dazzling variety of *Proteas*, 'restios' (members of the cape reed family, Restionaceae), *Ericas*, and members of the daisy family, while also encountering some of the region's iconic bird species.

By mid-afternoon, the pelagic team returned, brimming with excitement and stories of their remarkable sightings. Their highlights included an outstanding range of seabirds: Cape Gannet, Cape, Bank, Great and Crowned Cormorants, African Penguin, Northern and Southern Giant Petrels, Sooty and Great Shearwaters, White-chinned and Pintado Petrels, Black-browed, Shy, Indian Yellow-nosed, Atlantic Yellow-nosed, Northern Royal, and Southern Royal Albatrosses, Brown Skua, Sabine's Gull, and even the migratory Arctic Tern.

Later in the afternoon, the reunited group explored False Bay Nature Reserve, where the excellent sewage ponds are renowned for attracting waterbirds. Here we enjoyed sightings of Greater Flamingo, Cape Shoveler, Cape Teal, Red-billed Teal and many other water-associated species. As the sun set, we returned to our guesthouse in Noordhoek for an early dinner and a well-earned rest after another full day of birding and exploration.

## Day 4

## Sunday 7th September

### Cape Point, Kommetjie & surrounds

With great enthusiasm, the group set out once again for Cape Point Nature Reserve, part of Table Mountain National Park, to enjoy a full day of birding, botany, and cultural exploration.

Our visit included several iconic landmarks: the Cape of Good Hope, the two most south-westerly lighthouses on the African continent, and the historic stone crosses (*padrões*) erected by early Portuguese explorers. These stone markers are among the very few traces left by the Portuguese at the Cape. Historians suggest they may have been placed to assert maritime dominance, as guide points for following sailors, or might simply bear witness to their Christian faith during their voyages of discovery.

In between the cultural stops, we immersed ourselves in the reserve's fynbos vegetation, admiring its extraordinary botanical richness, while also observing a range of bird species characteristic of this windswept coastline. We were also very fortunate to find several Humpback Whales and some Southern Right Whales.

We continued to Kommetjie, where we visited a tern roost, which at times holds species such as Antarctic Tern, but sadly not today. By late afternoon, we returned to our guesthouse in Noordhoek, where another early dinner and restful evening prepared us for the days ahead.

## Day 5

**Monday 8th September**

### Chapman's Peak Drive, Robben Island & Table Mountain

We began the morning with a drive along the spectacular Chapman's Peak Drive, a coastal engineering marvel often described as one of the most scenic routes in the world. The pass is named after John Chapman, a sailor who once climbed the peak to help his ship orient itself, an important task in the days when navigators were often uncertain whether they were entering False Bay or the Atlantic proper. Along the way, we enjoyed sweeping viewpoints, striking geological formations, and diverse fynbos vegetation, with plenty of time for photography.

At Hout Bay, we paused at the bronze statue of a Leopard, a memorial to the large predators that once roamed these shores. Here we were rewarded with a rare and special sighting: a pod of Heaviside's Dolphins, an endemic species found only along southern Africa's southwest coast, playing in the surf near the rocks.

From there we travelled to the V&A Waterfront to board the ferry to Robben Island, a site of both natural beauty and deep historical significance. We explored the stark prison complex, hearing moving first-hand accounts from our guide Vuyani, a former political prisoner, who shared powerful insights into daily life and resilience during apartheid. The island's seabirds, small mammals, and hardy vegetation added another layer to the experience, reminding us that this is both a cultural landmark and a natural sanctuary.

After a light meal back on the mainland, we ascended Table Mountain via the cable car, where panoramic views stretched across Cape Town, the Cape Peninsula and the vast Atlantic beyond. On the summit plateau, we encountered a range of fynbos plants, endemic reptiles, and birds, including the Southern Rock Agama, Cape Crag Lizard and the striking Black Girdled Lizard.

In the evening, we returned to our guesthouse in Noordhoek, where a relaxed dinner and quiet rest rounded off a day that seamlessly combined the Cape's cultural heritage with its extraordinary natural environment.

## Day 6

**Tuesday 9th September**

### Kirstenbosch

We had to change our plans to visit the West Coast National Park, unfortunately, but, adapting to the circumstances, we redirected our day to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and resolved to make the most of the remainder of our time. The group split into smaller parties, focusing on either birding or botany. Highlights included a majestic Spotted Eagle-Owl and several fynbos specialists, such as the Cape Sugarbird, Orange-breasted Sunbird, and a Brown-backed Honeybird, the first honeyguide sighting for many of the group.

Late in the afternoon, we returned to our guesthouse in Noordhoek, readying ourselves for the next leg of the journey: a two-day exploration of the Overberg region, and the promise of world-class whale watching at Hermanus.

## Day 7

### Wednesday 10th September

#### Rooi Els, Stony Point & Harold Porter Botanical Gardens

After breakfast, we set out toward Hermanus, making our first stop at Rooi Els to search for iconic fynbos specialists such as Cape Rock Thrush and Cape Rockjumper. Successfully locating both species was a highlight for many. The latter represents one of the only two endemic bird families in South Africa. The excitement was further amplified when we observed a Black Harrier hunting low over the vegetation nearby.

Our next stop was Stony Point, which is home to a rare land-based breeding colony of African Penguins, where we also enjoyed excellent views of Crowned, Bank, Cape and White-breasted (sadly soon to be relumped with Great) Cormorants. This site offered a unique opportunity to witness the penguins up close, while appreciating the coastal scenery.

Following a quick lunch, we explored the Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, immersing ourselves in the region's extraordinary flora and enjoying more birding along its scenic trails. We continued to Hermanus, checked into our accommodation, and had a brief orientation around town. We then enjoyed some free time along the cliff footpaths, keeping a lookout for whales and dolphins, before gathering for dinner and an early night.

## Day 8

### Thursday 11th September

#### Hermanus, Stanford & Uilenkraalsmond

Our final full day began with a whale-watching trip from Hermanus Harbour, where we were treated to spectacular sightings Southern Right Whales. We saw cows and calves, courtship and mating behaviour; there was also a large pod of two to three hundred dolphins playing offshore.

For those who preferred to remain on land, we explored the Overberg region, where participants located iconic species such as the Blue Crane. Others enjoyed visits to the Stanford Flower Show, while some focused on birding at Uilenkraalsmond, observing the rich diversity of coastal and wetland birds.

Later in the afternoon, the group reconvened in Hermanus, with some participants taking additional time to enjoy cliff-path birding and whale-watching, savouring their final moments along this remarkable stretch of coastline.

## Day 9

### Friday 12th September

#### Departure

On our final morning, a few participants rose early to watch for whales and dolphins from the hotel before breakfast. Afterwards, we revisited the Overberg region, enjoying sightings of Blue Crane and Cape Clapper Lark.

The group then returned to Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, where we delighted in the rich flora and birdlife, including species such as the Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher and Cape Batis. The elusive Victorin's Warbler remained hidden, teasing us with its song from the thickets on the opposite side of the stream.

Finally, we travelled along the scenic coastal road to Gordon's Bay for our last group lunch, before heading to the airport to drop off most participants. A few members continued on to their guesthouse to join a specialised botany tour for the following days, extending their experience of the Cape's remarkable flora.

## Day 10

Saturday 13th September

### Return home

Clients arrived safely back in the UK.

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## Species lists

### Birds

E= Endemic, N=Near-endemic, I=Introduced		September 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>							✓	✓
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>		✓					✓	✓
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>		✓					✓	✓
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>		✓						
Maccoa Duck	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>		✓						
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chukar Partridge - I	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>				✓				
Cape Spurfowl - N	<i>Pternistis capensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>				✓				
African Black Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>				✓			✓	✓
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>								✓
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>						✓	✓	✓
Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>							✓	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>						✓	✓	✓
Blue Crane	<i>Grus paradisea</i>							✓	✓
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		✓						
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		✓						
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>			✓	✓				
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>		✓					✓	
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Anarhynchus pecuarius</i>								✓
White-fronted Plover	<i>Anarhynchus marginatus</i>		✓					✓	
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>							✓	
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		✓						
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>							✓	
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>		✓						
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓						
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			✓					
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>		✓						
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>		✓				✓	✓	

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Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brown Skua	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>		✓		✓		✓		
African Penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>		✓		✓		✓		
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>		✓						
Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>		✓						
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche carteri</i>		✓						
Shy Albatross	<i>Thalassarche cauta</i>		✓						
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>		✓						
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>		✓						
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>		✓						
Pintado Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>		✓						
Great-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>		✓						
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>		✓						
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>		✓						
Great Shearwater	<i>Ardenna gravis</i>		✓						
Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>							✓	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>						✓	✓	✓
Crowned Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Bank Cormorant - N	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					✓			
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>						✓		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>					✓	✓		
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓						
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓		✓		✓			✓
African Goshawk	<i>Aerospiza tachiro</i>								✓
Black Sparrowhawk	<i>Astur melanoleucus</i>	✓							✓
Black Harrier	<i>Circus maurus</i>						✓		
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga vocifer</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Forest Buzzard	<i>Buteo trizonatus</i>	✓							
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>						✓	✓	
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>							✓	
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>				✓		✓		
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Brown-backed Honeybird	<i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>					✓			
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓		✓				

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Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>				✓	✓		✓	
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	✓							✓
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>								✓
African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>						✓		✓
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>							✓	✓
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Rockjumper - E	<i>Chaetops frenatus</i>						✓		
Cape Clapper Lark - N	<i>Corypha apiata</i>							✓	✓
Large-billed Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>							✓	✓
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>						✓	✓	✓
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Bulbul - E	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black Saw-wing	<i>Psilidoprocne pristoptera</i>	✓			✓		✓		✓
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>		✓						
Large Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>			✓				✓	✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓			✓	✓		
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>						✓	✓	✓
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Victorin's Warbler - E	<i>Cryptillas victorini</i>							✓	✓
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		✓				✓		
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	✓						✓	✓
Grey-backed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>							✓	
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Sugarbird - E	<i>Promerops cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Starling - I	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Sigelus silens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Dessonornis caffer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>						✓	✓	✓
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>							✓	✓
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>							✓	✓
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓
Orange-breasted Sunbird - E	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>							✓	
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Sparrow - I	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>								✓
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sweet Waxbill	<i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>						✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Chaffinch - I	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Forest Canary - N	<i>Crithagra scotops</i>	✓				✓			
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>		✓						
Brimstone Canary	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Mammals

E= Endemic, N=Near-endemic		September 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Afro-Australian Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓
Egyptian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>								✓
Cape Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes pulverulentus</i>			✓				✓	
Southern Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Bryde's Whale	<i>Balaenoptera brydei</i>		✓					✓	
Long-beaked Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus capensis</i>							✓	
Heaviside's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus heavisidii</i>				✓				
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Sagmatias obscurus</i>				✓				
Bontebok - N	<i>Damaliscus pygargus</i>		✓	✓					
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>		✓	✓					
Cape Grysbok - E	<i>Raphicerus melanotis</i>		✓						
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>					✓			
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>		✓	✓					

## Reptiles

		September 2025							
Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>				✓				
Angulate Tortoise	<i>Chersina angulata</i>				✓				
Southern Rock Agama	<i>Agama atra</i>		✓		✓				
Cape Crag Lizard	<i>Pseudocordylus microlepidotus</i>	✓			✓				
Black Girdled Lizard	<i>Cordylus niger</i>	✓	✓		✓				