

# Zambia's South Luangwa NP

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Tour participants: Fourteen Naturetrek clients with local naturalist guides and drivers

## Overview

We arrived at our base for the entire trip, Kafunta River Lodge at dusk on Monday 5th November feeling hot and tired after a long journey. However, this all changed when we entered the lodge and had time to take in the sweeping views across the illuminated man-made lagoon in front of us. It was like walking into a different world with lots of resident Pukus, Baboons, and numerous Hippos in the area starting their nightly conversations. During the evening meal we also spotted a White-tailed Mongoose and several Elephants coming in to drink from the pools.

Over the next six days, our fantastic guides, Abel, Jabes and John, enabled us to see nearly all the 'daytime' mammals in the area, including two prides of Lion, several Leopards, large and small families of Elephant, a large herd of some 300 Buffalo and, albeit briefly, Wild Dogs. The plains were also populated by large herds of Puku and Impala plus smaller quantities of Kudu, Bushbuck and Waterbuck.

On evening drives, we regularly saw nocturnal inhabitants, notably Genet, Bushy-tailed Mongoose and Elephant Shrew (Sengi).

For the birders, there were plenty of delights including many different water birds and waders, several owls, raptors, bee-eaters and lots of passerines.

Each morning we were woken at 5.15am, left camp at 6am after a quick breakfast and generally headed across the Luangwa river into the park. Every afternoon drive started at 4pm when we'd pass one of the large Hippo pods on the river - its members usually yawning and scrapping after a long day in the water. There was then a sundowner break and at least one hour of night spotting as we made our way back to the lodge for another superb meal.

Wildlife viewing didn't stop when we arrived back at camp; binoculars were often needed at dinner, notably for two Pel's Fishing Owls and most of us were awakened by Elephants passing our verandas with varying amounts of noise during the night.

## Weather

Very hot with temperatures reaching 40 degrees on the 7th and on average 35 degrees during all other days. We did have one short thunderstorm in the afternoon of the 8th and this did help to lower temperatures slightly.

## Day 1/2

## Sunday 4th / Monday 5th November

In transit via Dubai, Lusaka and Mfuwe.

## Day 3

## Tuesday 6th November

Our trip got off to a great start with a visit to the Southern Carmine Bee-eater colony in full swing, feeding chicks in cliff burrows close to the river Luangwa. There were probably c200 nests in this stretch of the bank, and the air and ground were alive with these beautiful birds and their incessant chatter.

Tearing ourselves away from the hundreds of birds flitting in and out of the burrows, we drove through woodland and scrub to find members of the main pride of Lions on the park side of the river, resting after a Warthog kill. We learned that this pride, with seven females and three adolescent Lions, is led by two legendary, 10-year old males, Ginger and Garlic. However, neither of these was in evidence as the other Lions – two of them wearing radio collars, as part of the park's research projects – dozed in the sun.

Later on we were also lucky enough to see our first Leopard, initially lying under a bush before striding past our vehicles across the track into thicker undergrowth. It was an amazing privilege to see this magnificent feline literally three feet away from us as we sat in our jeeps, mesmerised by this special experience.

On our first afternoon game drive we came across a small herd of Plains Zebras and several Thornicroft giraffes as well as all the normal antelopes.

Daily bird sightings on the river and outside our lodge included Blacksmith and White-crowned Lapwings, African Jacanas, Pied Kingfisher, Great Egrets, Black-headed Herons, Wood and Common Sandpipers, Kittlitz's Plovers, Sacred Ibises, Hadada Ibises and plenty of Egyptian Geese. In the park away from water we saw daily high numbers of Meeve's Starlings, Ring-necked Doves, Emerald-spotted Wood Doves, the beautiful Lilac-breasted Roller, Little and White-fronted Bee-eaters and Helmeted Guineafowls.

Other sightings today included African Harrier-Hawk, Shikra, African Fish Eagle, Yellow-billed Kite, Red-necked Falcon, Dickinson's Kestrel, Hooded and White-backed Vultures.

After our sundowner break, we started on our first night drive and came across Genets, Scrub Hares, Bushy- and White-tailed Mongoose and a stunning Verreaux's Eagle-Owl.

## Day 4

## Wednesday 7th November

Our morning Leopard sighting came thanks to the birders in the group! With the engine of our vehicle turned off, as we watched a group of Blue Waxbills and Red-billed Firefinches, our guide was able to hear a distant alarm call which ultimately led us to a female Leopard sitting on a log staring across a small gulley at an Impala. She appeared nervous and disappeared into an old burrow, making us wonder if she had young or was checking out suitable places to give birth. We waited patiently and saw her emerge from another exit to the burrow, but there was no sign of cubs.

The next highlight of the morning was watching a mother and very young Elephant quietly feeding. The baby, possibly only a few months old, was fast asleep by her mother, then woke up briefly to nestle up to her and then dropped back down to the floor for another sleep, clearly it was all too much for her!! We also came across a

large herd of Giraffe quietly feeding in bushes and it was fascinating to watch their interaction with each other and to learn about their unique markings from the guides.

The evening game drive produced our first sighting of a single Hyena, two Genets, three Scrub Hares and a Four-toed Sengi. Some lucky people in one of the jeeps also spotted an African Civet and a Common Duiker

Returning to the lodge in time for dinner we heard that a pride of Lions including several young cubs had been down at the pools at the lodge to drink and rest.

Different birds seen today included Spur-winged Goose, Red-necked Spurfowl, Yellow-necked Stork, Hamerkop, Senegal Coucal, Malachite Kingfisher, Tropical Boubou, Red-billed Quelea and Red-billed Oxpeckers on the Giraffes.

## Day 5

## Thursday 8th November

At breakfast we decided to try and find the pride of Lions from last night, as they had been seen recently in the mixed woodland and scrub near the lodge. In less than five minutes from leaving, one of our jeeps found the pride, which was different from the one we saw on our first full day at Luangwa. This second pride had very young cubs, and our guides explained that its resident male had disappeared some months before – possibly to hunters or poachers. The pride had crossed the river to avoid unrelated adult males in the park which could threaten the cubs. Now, there was a risk that, unless the pride was able to return to the park before the rains made the river too deep to cross, more animals would fall to poachers. We all watched the pride for several minutes before they disappeared into a dried-up river bed and were lost to view

Continuing our safari across the river and into the park, a Baboon started up an alarm call while staring towards a gully across one of the meadows. All of the Puku were also on alert and our guide knew instantly that something was afoot! We drove straight to the gully and found a huge male Leopard standing by a dead Puku which had obviously been killed only minutes before our arrival. As we and other vehicles arrived at the scene, the Leopard took cover under a nearby bush and, rather than risk him losing his meal, we left him to emerge in his own time.

We saw a Leopard almost every day, and this day, we saw a second - late in the afternoon, initially hidden under bushes but later posing co-operatively on the branch of a tree. Our guides believed that this was a daughter of the female Leopard who we had seen on our first day. We also came across four Hyenas resting on a bank and they slowly loped off, after giving us great, close-up views.

As well as the normal birds described above, we saw Swainson's Spurfowl, Yellow-billed Stork, Cattle Egrets around the Pukus, Water Thick-knee, Black-collared Barbet, Red-headed Weaver and Striated Heron.

## Day 6

## Friday 9th November

The highlight of this morning for most of us was a sighting of two five-year old male Lions marking territory overlooking the river. We learned that these animals - together with a third male - had their eyes on Ginger and Garlic's pride and were probably strong enough to make their move. However, without the quick action of park staff, things could have been very different: one of the young males had recently been freed from a poacher's

snare, and the fresh scars were clearly visible on his neck. The Lions were resting, and we saw signs of a kill nearby attended by vultures and a single Marabou Stork. The Lions then moved towards our jeeps and sprayed nearby bushes again marking territory. One of the Lions then came over to inspect one of our jeeps and came right up to the side, viewed the nervous and stunned occupants, and afforded them some great photo opportunities!!

Nearby, there was a Martial Eagle high up in a tree and, soon after, we spied a Bateleur flying across our path which added to the magic of the morning. After lunch we watched 12 Giraffes coming to our lodge lagoons for a drink, soon followed by two male Bushbucks.

After such great sightings of Lions and Leopards - not to mention some lovely views of 'towers' of Giraffe and 'dazzles' of Zebra - we went in search of Wild Dogs on the afternoon drive. After a brief diversion to see four hyenas lounging on some open ground and rolling on their backs, we drove north-east through the park towards the main entrance to an area where the dogs had been seen the day before. We covered a lot of ground and, just when our efforts seemed in vain, there they were! A 21-strong pack with eight pups and 13 adults, yelping and squealing as they finished off a kill. Within minutes, the meal was finished and the pack leaders were off in search of a new target, while one of the pups lingered for a few last mouthfuls before rushing after its family.

Then to round off this fantastic day, we met a huge herd of Buffalo heading down to the river for a drink. We made some rough calculations and believed that there were at least 300 adults and young in the herd.

New birds seen during the day were African Spoonbill, Lesser Grey Shrike, African Openbill, and a Black Heron hunting on the river by spreading out its wings to form an umbrella - encouraging fish to swim into the shade it created. There was also a nice end to the night spotting when an African Wood Owl was spotted near our lodge.

## Day 7

## Saturday 10th November

After the excitement of seeing the dogs, this was a slightly quieter day but still with some excellent sightings. To get some in-depth experience of the park's birdlife, some of us enjoyed a great morning focusing on the harder-to-spot and smaller birds. This proved to be very successful and we added the following species to our list: White-headed Vulture, Grey Go-away-bird, African Palm Swift, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Crowned and African Grey Hornbill, Retz's Helmetshrike, African Paradise Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Rattling Cisticola, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Spotted and Ashy Flycatcher, White-browed Robin-Chat, Yellow-throated Petronia, Spectacled and Lesser Masked Weavers, Green-winged Pytilia and Temminck's Courser.

Later in the morning we were attracted by two jeeps near to where we saw the male Leopard with the Puku kill. As we approached, the Leopard could be seen up a nearby sausage tree and 2 of the legs of the unfortunate puku were hanging down from a branch and clearly visible. Obviously, the Leopard had stashed its prize in the tree to keep it away from other predators. The Leopard then jumped down from the tree and disappeared into the gully.

For the afternoon drive as well as the usual mammals and birds we saw a Lesser Grey Shrike on top of a bush and then drove to a high point of the park and enjoyed a magnificent sunset whilst sipping our sundowner drinks. The night drive home also gave us our first Square-tailed Nightjar ending another wonderful day.

## Day 8

## Sunday 11th November

On the previous evening, one of the jeeps had come across an injured Buffalo near the river which appeared to have fallen down the low cliff and possibly broken its leg. It wasn't hard to predict what would happen.

In the morning, we found the park-based pride of Lions, this time accompanied by Ginger and Garlic, gorging themselves on the dead Buffalo. With his pale skin and unusual ginger mane, Ginger was soon filling up the memory cards of our cameras. Also on the kill was an emaciated male Lion that we had previously seen, apparently close to death. Somehow it had dragged itself to the kill and was being tolerated by the other Lions, possibly because it had relatives in the pride. We spent a good 30 minutes spellbound by this spectacle and fully absorbed in watching the interactions of the Lions as they growled and argued over the remains of the carcass.

We then moved on and saw a group of Elephants including several babies and a huge male feeding on mangoes that had fallen off a tree and also watched the adults pulling fruit from the tree with their trunks.

When we returned two hours later to the river all the Lions had left the carcass for the shade and there were at least 200 vultures and 12 Marabou Storks lining up to join the feast. We wondered why they were not on the kill and then spotted the sick Lion lying by it. Knowing he couldn't lie there all day in the sun, he walked slowly away to some shade at the water's edge and within 10 seconds the huge pack of waiting vultures were swarming all over what was left. This was an amazing sight!

As we were returning to the lodge for lunch, we were thrilled to see 20 Giraffes slowly parading in single file along the river edge. They then moved up the river bank and headed for our lodge, causing a road block as we moved slowly behind them.

In the afternoon we returned to the river bank and saw all of the Lions were lying on the sand and having a drink. By this time all of the vultures had gone and the carcass had been picked clean leaving only white bones gleaming in the sun.

We then drove off and saw the same young female Leopard as on day 4. She was lying under some bushes but then came out in full view by our jeep giving us great views of her magnificent coat and markings.

For our sundowner break we stopped by the river where there were at least 100 Hippos side by side in the dwindling waters. A very amusing half hour then ensued watching and listening to the Hippos grumbling and pushing each other and filling the air with their grunts and groans and also showing their huge gapes to rivals.

The night drive produced a single Hyena by our lodge, Genet, Bushy-tailed and White-tailed Mongoose and several Scrub Hares.

## Day 9

## Monday 12th November

Our final morning drive before heading to Mfuwe airport had one last big surprise for us! Thanks to some terrific detective work the previous evening, our guides thought they had discovered the female Leopard from day 4, with her teats showing signs that she was feeding cubs. When we drove to the area in the morning, we

were delighted to discover her in a well-hidden den where glimpses of at least one tiny cub confirmed she had given birth. The guides believed that there could be up to 3 cubs and they would be only a few days old as their eyes were still closed. She watched us with huge, alert eyes, so we didn't stay long before leaving her in peace to life as a new mother.

We also saw our first Waterbuck of the trip, three Hyenas resting in the shade and a very young Impala amongst a group of adults. Three new birds also rounded off the trip in style, these were Little Sparrowhawk, Pearl-spotted Owlet and a Greater Honeyguide. We then left the park by the main gate and headed back to our lodge for the last time. After lunch we finished packing and left for the airport at Mfuwe at 2.30pm.

## Day 10

Tuesday 13th November

Arrival back in the UK.

## Summary

Where to start and summarise our magical week is difficult to assess. The sightings of Leopards and Lions were utterly captivating and they held all of our attentions daily. To see Wild Dogs, albeit briefly, was another unexpected but magnificent spectacle. Elephants, especially babies, are always a joy to see and we spent many hours absorbed by these highly intelligent animals. The checklist shows that we saw 123 species of birds and 24 species of mammals. However, this does not give a full picture of the fantastic landscape and the sheer variety of wildlife we saw from first light to last.

We saw the whole cycle of life during our stay, from kills to tiny young animals just born. Most of the animals we saw had young with them and many of the Impala were ready to give birth soon. For me, the most emotional sight was of the newly born Leopard cubs and, with the vigilance of the wonderful staff in the park, I know that these precious animals will be looked after and will prosper.

Great company, outstanding guides, a superb lodge and excellent food all added to this rich experience, and we will all take home wonderful memories of this very special place.

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## Species Lists

### Mammals (✓=recorded but not counted)

A checklist for birds, mammals and other species has been prepared and is attached. There has been no attempt to record the number of each species seen each day - simply an occurrence daily. The bird checklist is mainly from John's sightings plus a few additional species seen by others. The daily activity log below does not try to record all of the common birds and mammals we saw every day but highlights other key species or major activities that we saw taking place. Please refer to the checklist for the full details.

	Common name	Scientific name	November								
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Four-toed Sengi	<i>Petrodromus tetradactylus</i>			✓	✓					
2	African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Vervet	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	
4	Yellow Baboon	<i>Papio cynocephalus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
6	Smith's Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
8	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
9	Bushy-tailed Mongoose	<i>Bdeogale crassicauda</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓	
10	White-tailed Mongoose	<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>		✓				✓		✓	
11	Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>		✓	✓				✓		
12	Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	African Civet	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>				✓			✓		
14	Central African Large-spotted Genet	<i>Genetta maculata</i>		✓	✓						
15	African Wild Dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>						✓			
16	Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>									✓
21	Puku	<i>Kobus vardonii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>									
23	African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer caffer</i>						✓			
24	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>				✓	✓				
25	Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
26	Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

### Reptiles

1	Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Water Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>								✓	
3	Land Monitor	<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>									✓
4	Agama sp									✓	

### Birds

1	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>		✓	✓		✓				
2	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Red-necked Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis afer</i>			✓					✓	✓
5	Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>			✓	✓					
7	African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>					✓			✓	

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
8	Abdim's Stork	<i>Ciconia abdimii</i>			✓						
9	Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
10	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>						✓		✓	
11	African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>						✓			
14	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>				✓					
15	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>				✓	✓			✓	✓
16	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>							✓		
17	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>						✓			
20	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>			✓	✓					
21	White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>				✓					
22	African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>		✓						✓	
23	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		✓							
24	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
26	White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>							✓		
27	Western Banded Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>				✓					
28	Bateleur	<i>Terathopus ecaudatus</i>						✓	✓		
29	Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>						✓			
30	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>								✓	
31	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>		✓							
32	Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>									✓
33	Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
35	Grey Crowned Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
36	Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓						✓	✓
38	Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	White-crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>			✓						
41	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>						✓	✓		
43	White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>			✓						
44	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>			✓					✓	
45	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
46	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		✓	✓						✓
47	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		✓		✓	✓				
50	Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>							✓		
51	African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>			✓						
52	Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>						✓			
55	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>			✓						
56	White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>				✓					
57	Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>							✓		
58	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>		✓						✓	

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59	Pel's Fishing Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>						✓			
60	African Wood Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>				✓			✓		
61	Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>								✓	
62	Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>							✓	✓	
63	African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>							✓	✓	
64	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Grey-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>							✓	✓	
66	Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>		✓							
67	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>			✓						
68	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>									✓
69	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
71	White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		
72	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>							✓		
74	Southern Ground Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>							✓		
77	African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>							✓		
78	Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>				✓					
79	Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>									✓
80	Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>								✓	
81	Grey Kestrel	<i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>				✓					
82	Dickinson's Kestrel	<i>Falco dickinsoni</i>				✓					
83	Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>		✓							
84	Lilian's Lovebird	<i>Agapornis lilianae</i>			✓						
85	Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>							✓		
86	Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>									✓
87	Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>		✓						✓	
88	Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius major</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
89	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>								✓	
90	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				✓					
91	African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>			✓						
92	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		
93	African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>							✓		
94	Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Little Greenbul	<i>Eurillas virens</i>							✓		
96	Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>								✓	
97	Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>		✓							
98	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>									✓
99	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
100	White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
101	Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>								✓	
102	Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>							✓		
103	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>							✓		
104	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>							✓		
105	Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>				✓					
106	Meves's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>						✓		✓	
108	Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓	
109	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>							✓		

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			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
110	Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>							✓		
111	White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>							✓		
112	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	
113	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>			✓				✓		
114	Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>							✓		
115	Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>							✓		
116	Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>							✓		
117	Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>				✓					
118	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>			✓					✓	✓
119	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>							✓	✓	
120	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
121	Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
122	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
123	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>		✓					✓	✓	



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