



# Limpopo and Kruger National Park Birding and Wildlife Safari

27<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014

## Trip Report



Above: Impala and Red-billed Oxpeckers.

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## Tour Summary

**Tour Participants:** Gerard and Alice Lillie, Portland, Oregon.

**Tour leader:** Leon Marais.

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**Temperature Range:** 10 – 36 °C.

**Total Birds Seen:** 329.

**Total Mammals Seen:** 45.

**Birds of the Trip:** Short-clawed Lark, African Crowned Eagle, Narina Trogon, African Finfoot, Grey-headed Parrot, Half-collared Kingfisher, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Violet-eared Waxbill, African Scops Owl, African Grass Owl, Pearl-spotted Owlet (with Little Swift kill), Goliath heron, Kori Bustard, Southern Bald Ibis, Knysna Turaco, Purple-crested Turaco, Yellow-breasted Pipit, Grey Crowned Crane, to mention a few!

**Trip Report Compiled By:** Leon Marais



Above: Roadside Baobab near Mapungubwe.

**Note:** The species mentioned in the report are only some of the species seen at each locality. Please refer to detailed checklists at end of the report for all species seen on this specific tour.

## Trip Breakdown

### **Day 1: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 ~ Polokwane.**

We had met up at Outlook Lodge on the Sunday night and were thus rearing to go come Monday morning. We started off with an early morning walk down to the Korsman Bird Sanctuary before breakfast, which produced a number of water-associated species such as Yellow-billed Duck, Cape Shoveler, Hottentot Teal, Maccoa Duck, Great Crested and Little Grebes, Sacred, Glossy and Hadedda Ibises, Squacco Heron, African Swampphen, Blacksmith, Crowned and African Wattled Lapwings, Lesser Swamp, African Reed and Little Rush Warblers. We also saw some general birds such as Spotted Thick-knee, Crested Barbet, Grey Go-Away Bird, African Olive Pigeon, Cape Sparrow, Karoo Thrush and many others. Back at the lodge we had breakfast and then packed and headed north to bird the Zaagkuil drift Road and Rust de Winter Nature Reserve. These regions fall within the arid western bushveld biome and we saw species such as Namaqua Dove, Northern Black Korhaan, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Black-chested Prinia, Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler, Burchell's Starling, Kalahari Scrub Robin, Marico Flycatcher, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Scaly-feathered Finch, Violet-eared and Black-faced Waxbills as species typical of the habitat. Unfortunately after some heavy rain there were some increasingly large and deep puddles along the dirt road, and even with the 4 x 4 we had we decided it was prudent to turn around rather than attempt to wade across the small lake which blocked our path at one point. We then decided to rather spend a bit of time at Rust De Winter Nature Reserve, where we saw African and Jacobin Cuckoos, African Fish Eagle as well as a troop of Vervet Monkeys along the roadside. With the afternoon drawing on we then headed back to the main N1 highway and pushed on to arrive in Polokwane in the late afternoon. At our lodge we settled in with a sundowner drink before a very good T-bone steak dinner.

**Route:** Johannesburg to Polokwane via Zaagkuilsdrift and Rust De Winter.

**Weather:** Fine and warm.

**Birds of the day:** Violet-eared Waxbill.

### **Day 2: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 ~ Shiluvuri, Lake Albasini.**

Today we had an early departure for Polokwane Nature Reserve with special early entrance arranged as the reserve only opens officially at around 07h00, which is very late by summer standards. This wonderful 3 200 hectare / 7 900 acre reserve conserves a tract of Pietersberg False Grassland habitat, characterised by open Themeda grass with scattered Acacia tortillis (Umbrella Thorn) and Acacia rehmanniana (Silky Thorn) trees. Dense vegetation lines the usually dry water courses, while there's a Mountain Aloe (Aloe marlothii) thicket which is also quite impressive. It was great to get into the reserve early and we had a wonderful few hours which included great views of one of the main specials for the reserve, the Short-clawed Lark. Other highlights included Northern Black Korhaan, Common Ostrich, Acacia Pied, Black-collared and Crested Barbets, Orange-breasted Bush Shrike, the breath-taking Crimson-breasted Shrike, Magpie Shrike, Ashy Tit, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Chestnut-vented Tit Babbler, Marico Sunbird, Golden-breasted Bunting and many others. The reserve is also home to a large variety of mammals (58 mammal species have been recorded in the reserve, though of course the bulk of these are smaller rodents and bats), and highlights for us included White Rhino and Southern Giraffe, always exciting to encounter for the first time. Moving on, it was soon time to head back to town for breakfast, after which we packed and headed back to the nature reserve for another couple of hours before heading northwards to Shiluvuri Lakeside Lodge, our base for the next two nights. After arriving we had a bit of time to relax before an afternoon boat cruise on the lake (it's called 'Lake Albasini' but it's actually an artificial dam), which produced Malachite Kingfisher and African Fish Eagle as well as general birds such as Reed and White-breasted Cormorants. There was some action right at the end however when a lone Crested Guineafowl attempted to fly across the lake. It wasn't cut out for long-distance flying however and had to ditch into the water and attempt to swim the rest of the way. This didn't go unnoticed by the Fish Eagle, which swooped in several times but failed to get a hold of the Guineafowl, which made it safely to the far shore. After the boat trip we had some time to get ready before dinner at the lodge.

**Route:** Polokwane to Lake Albasini.

**Weather:** fine and warm.

**Birds of the day:** Crimson-breasted Shrike.

### **Day 3: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 ~ Shiluvuri, Lake Albasini.**

Today we had an early departure from the lodge, with a rendezvous with local guide Samson Mulaudzi at a petrol station not too far from the lodge. With Samson on board we drove up into one of the nearby forests to search for African Broadbill. Not long after arriving we heard one calling, but unfortunately it didn't respond to any play-back calls. We spent some time looking for other species in the forest before heading on to a Bat hawk roost, finding two of these crepuscular raptors roosting high up in a massive Blue Gum tree. From there we spent some time at a few other forest birding spots, with breakfast alongside a beautiful stream, and then later had a great lunch in a little hide at Muirhead Dam, where three pairs of African Pygmy Geese and a pair of White-backed Ducks were on show on the water in front of us. From there we took a drive to Roodewal Forest, where we had great views of an African Crowned Eagle flying around its nest in a stand of pine trees. With the day drawing on we dropped Samson off back at the petrol station and then headed back to Shiluvuri for a rest followed by an afternoon walk in the lodge grounds before dinner. Birds seen for the day included Jackal Buzzard, Lesser-spotted Eagle, Black Crake, Klaas's Cuckoo, Narina Trogon, Brown-hooded, Striped, Half-collared, Giant and Pied Kingfishers, Lesser and Scaly-throated Honeyguides, Olive Woodpecker, Cape Batis, Grey Cuckooshrike, African Paradise Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied and Yellow-streaked Greenbuls, White-starred Robin, Chorister Robin-Chat, Collared, Southern Double-collared, White-bellied and Scarlet-chested Sunbirds, African Golden Weaver and many others.

**Route:** various routes in the Lake Albasini / Soutpansberg region.

**Weather:** fine and hot.

**Birds of the day:** African Crowned Eagle, Narina Trogon.

### **Day 4: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014 ~ Mopane Bush Lodge.**

Today we met up for sunrise coffee and rusks (biscotti-like baked snack) on the boat moored to the shore in front of the lodge. As I was setting up a few minutes before Gerard and Alice arrived I flushed an African Finfoot from the water close to the boat, a cracking bird which I hoped we could find a bit later after we had done with our drinks. After a wonderful sunrise over the lake we packed up and took a walk along the lakeside to see if we could locate the Finfoot. Further along, near the spa treatment room, we had a brief but clear view of the Finfoot scooting across the water in front of us, and also had a great view of a newborn baby Vervet Monkey and his mother. We then took a nice slow birding stroll all the way up the driveway towards the tar road, which produced some great birds. Meandering back to the lodge we then had breakfast on the porch before packing and departing for Mapungubwe National Park, with a few stops along the way, one of which was to admire a massive roadside Baobab tree from up close. We arrived at the lodge in time for lunch and a short rest before a wonderful afternoon excursion into the park, with time spent at the Confluence View Site where the Shashe and Limpopo Rivers converge and where the countries of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana meet. The final highlight of the day was a sundowner drinks session while birding from the elevated boardwalk along the Limpopo River, and under a fantastic sunset we made our way back to the camp for dinner in the boma area around a fire. Unfortunately disaster struck not long after dinner. Gerard was stung by a *Parabuthus transvaalicus*, otherwise known as the Transvaal Thick-tailed Scorpion, while descending the stairs inside the lodge dining area. This scorpion is venomous and hospital treatment was required, so we had to make a hasty departure for the private hospital in Louis Trichardt. Gerard was cared for expertly and needless to say he was kept in hospital for much of the following day, arriving back at Mopane Bush Lodge a bit sore but otherwise ok late in the afternoon of the 31<sup>st</sup>. Birds seen for the day included Yellow-billed Stork, Black-chested and Brown Snake-Eagles, African Hawk-Eagle, Meyer's Parrot, Diderick Cuckoo, Purple, Lilac-breasted and Broad-billed Rollers, Green Wood-hoopoe, African Grey Hornbill, Bearded Woodpecker, Retz's Helmetshrike, Meves's Starling, Olive Bushshrike, Bearded Scrub Robin, White-throated and White-browed Robin-Chats and many others.

**Route:** Lake Albasini to Mopane Bush Lodge.

**Weather:** fine and hot.

**Bird of the day:** Meyer's Parrot, Broad-billed Roller.

### **Day 5: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 ~ Mopane Bush Lodge.**

Today was pretty much a non event as far as birding was concerned. Gerard and Alice got a transfer back to the lodge from Louis Trichardt, arriving in the late afternoon for some time to relax and take it easy before an early dinner and bed, with all parties pretty bushed after the ordeal, but otherwise OK, though Gerard was still in considerable pain but at least able to continue with the holiday.

**Route:** N\A.

**Weather:** fine and warm.

**Birds of the day:** N\A.

**Day 6: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 ~ Punda Maria Rest Camp.**

With the scorpion ordeal more or less behind us we were free to look forward to the rest of the trip and set off early for a morning visit to the eastern side of Mapungubwe National Park, taking in the Khongoni Plains and Poacher's Corner and looping back to the main gate via the Confluence View Site, a beautiful route which gave Gerard and Alice a chance to take in the orange sandstone and Baobab landscape of this magnificent region. We also encountered our first Elephants, as a bit of a distance but nevertheless an exciting experience. We arrived back at the lodge a little after 09h00 and had a hearty breakfast before packing and departing, with fond farewells to the wonderful staff at the lodge, who had all been so supportive during our eventful stay there. We then made the trek to the northern Kruger National Park, arriving at the gate in the mid-afternoon. Pushing on, we encountered some Elephants at close quarters, saw an immature Brown Snake Eagle catching a snake next to the road, as well as our first Impala lamb, before arriving in camp in time for a bit of a rest. We then headed out for an afternoon drive along the Mahonie Loop, which produced some great birds, including Grey-headed Parrot, one of the specialities for the region, as well as a close encounter with a massive herd of African Buffalo, perhaps several hundred strong. We arrived back at camp in the evening and had a bit of time to enjoy a sundowner drink and get ready for dinner in the camp's little restaurant. Gerard was unfortunately not feeling up to it and needed to elevate his leg, so he had a takeaway hamburger, and Alice and I saw a Meller's Mongoose (lifer mammal!) on the way back to our safari tents.

**Route:** Mopane Bush Lodge to Punda Maria via Thoyoyandou.

**Weather:** Cool and windy to start becoming fine and warm.

**Birds of the day:** Grey-headed Parrot, Southern Ground Hornbill.

**Day 7: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 ~ Punda Maria Rest Camp.**

Today we had a 04h30 departure from camp, with a long excursion up to Pafuri Picnic Site and Crook's Corner on the cards. With some food and coffee with us, we had a wonderful time getting there via the Klopperfontein Road. With perfect weather (cool and overcast early, becoming partly cloudy and warm from mid-morning onwards) for birding we were the first to arrive at the picnic site and basically had the whole site to ourselves for at least half an hour before someone else arrived at the site. After 'breakfast' we pushed on to Crook's Corner, where South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique come together, and then started the long drive back to camp to arrive in the mid afternoon in time for a well-earned rest. In the late afternoon we then had a drive along the Mahonie Loop before making it back in time for dinner. Birds seen for the day included Saddle-billed and Marabou Storks, Secretarybird, Lizard Buzzard, Martial Eagle, White-crowned Lapwing, Western Barn Owl, Crowned, African Grey, Southern Red-billed, Southern Yellow-billed and Trumpeter Hornbills, Bennett's and Cardinal Woodpeckers, White-crested and Retz's Helmetshrike, Tropical Boubou, Southern White-crowned Shrike, Mosque Swallow, Meves's Starling, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Long-tailed Paradise Whydah and many others.

**Route:** Punda Maria to Pafuri Picnic Site.

**Weather:** cool and overcast to start, becoming partly cloudy and hot.

**Birds of the day:** Secretarybird, Tropical Boubou.

**Day 8: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 ~ Letaba Rest Camp.**

Rising early we left camp at 05h00 with our luggage and made our way southwards to Shingwedzi Rest Camp for breakfast. This camp overlooks the Shingwedzi River, which is currently holing a lot of water due to the heavy floods of early 2013, and the water attracts a lot of game during this otherwise dry part of the year. A late breakfast it was (late enough for Alice to order pizza!) as the drive down the Mphongolo Loop was simply fantastic, with plenty of birds and animals to be seen around every corner. After breakfast we pushed on, with a refreshment stop at Mopani Rest Camp, arriving at Letaba in the late afternoon in time for a short rest before dinner on the veranda overlooking the Letaba River (mostly a river of sand at this time of the year). Highlights for the day included Pearl-spotted Owlet, African Scops Owl, Verreaux's Eagle Owl, African Openbill, Woolly-necked Stork, African Green Pigeon, Brown-headed Parrot, Southern Ground Hornbill, Greater Honeyguide, Marico Sunbird and many others, while game highlights included driving



through a large herd of African Buffalo, which is quite an experience when you find yourself in the midst of a herd of several hundred, all looking at you like you shouldn't be there.

**Route:** Punda Maria to Letaba.

**Weather:** Fine and hot.

**Birds of the day:** Verreaux's Eagle Owl, African Scops Owl.

#### **Day 9: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 ~ Satara Rest Camp.**

With another early start we once again left camp with our luggage, this time exiting at 04h30 in the hopes of getting some night birds before the sun came up. We succeeded with a Square-tailed Nightjar calling from a perch, and had a wonderful drive down the Letaba River, only seeing another vehicle after over two hours – talk about having the place to yourself! We then pulled into Olifants Rest Camp for breakfast, with this camp having perhaps the best views of any camp in the park as it is situated high up on a bluff overlooking the Olifants River. After a wonderful breakfast we then pushed on to Satara, arriving early enough for a long rest (we were still recovering from the sleepless night at Mopane) before an afternoon drive via Nsemani Dam and the Timbavati Loop. At Nsemani we had our first glimpse of Lions, but they were resting off in the bush and with all the other cars there the view was not great, but at least we had them on the list, and we hoped for better sightings the following day. Near the Timbavati Picnic Site we saw our last Baobab Tree, this one being one of two trees on the southern limit of its range in the park. Boy, did we miss the big Baobabs of the northern Kruger and Mapungubwe! Nevertheless, we were in a way happy to trade the Baobab trees for more predator sightings... moving on we had a magnificent sunset drive through the open plains north of the camp and got in just before the gates closed at 18h30 for a good dinner before bed.

**Route:** Letaba to Satara via Olifants.

**Weather:** Fine and hot.

**Birds of the day:** Goliath Heron, Kori Bustard.

#### **Day 10: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 ~ Satara Rest Camp.**

Today we left camp as the gates opened at 04h30, with some hopes for a better Lion sighting, or two... We were in luck, and we found the pride we had brief seen the afternoon before crossing the road at Nsemani Dam. Very exciting stuff indeed, and we spent some time watching them interact before they disappeared into the bush to find a place to rest for the day. Moving on, we had a coffee stop at Muzandzeni Picnic Site before heading back to camp along the Sweni Road. At Sweni Waterhole we found another seven Lions resting, with the scene looking ripe for a kill, given the heat and the water in the vicinity. But after twenty minutes or so there was no movement and so, with our stomachs grumbling for food, we headed back to camp for breakfast. After the meal Gerard and Alice decided to take a rest, while I headed down to Sweni to see what was happening, and found that the pride had moved about a kilometre eastwards and had killed a Zebra close to the road. And thus began a day of kills... after our rest period we went back down to see the Sweni Pride, which were still feeding on the unfortunate Zebra. While we were watching them a Pearl-spotted Owlet suddenly landed on a branch right in front of us, carrying a freshly caught Little Swift, which it carefully draped over the branch before shooting off again, perhaps to see if it could catch another swift at the colony under the bridge close by. We then made our way back to camp, stopping to view the Double-banded Sandgrouse at the floodlit water hole in front of camp (this species comes in to drink and collect water in its breast feathers at last light) before dinner. After dinner Gerard and Alice went on the park night drive, which produced even more Lions, with a pride consuming a freshly caught Wildebeest as the highlight.

**Route:** various routes in the Satara region.

**Weather:** fine and hot.

**Birds of the day:** Pearl-spotted Owlet.

#### **Day 11: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 ~ Blyde River Canyon.**

Wanting to make the most of our last day in the Kruger, we left camp with our luggage at 05h00 and made our way southwards, with a planned exit from Phabeni Gate later in the day. Not far from camp we came across a pride of Lions with a freshly caught Buffalo cow and calf. We surmised that this was the same pride from the night drive, as one Lion was chewing on the remains of the calf while the cow was as yet untouched, while the rest of the pride were passed out all over the place with obviously distended bellies after having already eaten a Wildebeest. Moving on we had a temporary delay as the Sweni pride were

camped in the road just south of the bridge, meaning that no cars could get around them. Moving on, our next highlight came in the form of a large male Leopard making his way through an open area some distance off the road. With good binocular views we followed him for a while and then realised he was heading towards another road running perpendicular to the road we were on, and so went up ahead to set up an intercept for closer views. Parking on the slope to allow for maximum visibility we sat and waited in line with his projected path, only to see him pop out a little distance ahead of us at the junction. But he was in no rush and we eased down to get right up next to him as he marked his territory and ambled along on his morning patrol. More than chuffed, we set off after he disappeared into the bush, wondering what we would encounter next. Our thoughts didn't have too much time to develop when we came across a female Cheetah and two cubs lying in the road, with no other cars in sight. Soon after we stopped they moved off into some sparse scrub on our right, and a most comical scene unfolded. Mr. Black Backed Jackal came trotting down the road towards us, so nonchalantly that we could picture him whistling a merry tune as he went. This did not go unnoticed by the Cheetahs, and when they saw him veer off the road towards them they set up a 3-point ambush. Straight into the ambush the Jackal trotted, only to look up and see three Cheetahs converging on him at full speed. The cats were just toying with him however, and with his nonchalance gone and a carefree morning put right out of his mind he was last seen disappearing at high speed straight back down the road he wandered up. Next up was a lone Spotted Hyena and another Black-backed Jackal scrapping over the remains of a Buffalo kill, with a Hooded Vulture looking on and the rest of the Buffalo herd grazing close by. By then it was time for coffee and breakfast at Tshokwane, and a chance to digest the three magical hours we had just experienced. At Skukuza we had a short break, with Alice hitting the shop while Gerard and I tracked down a Purple-crested Turaco. Moving on we had a large White Rhino bull and a herd of Elpehants having a bit of an altercation over the rights to a small pool of water, plus numerous other sights, scenes and sounds, before finally and somewhat unwillingly leaving the park via Phabeni Gate. Well, all good things must come to an end, and one thing is for sure: you can never get enough of the Kruger National Park! Closer to the canyon we took in some of the views before heading on to our lodge. We then had a bit of a break before doing our list on the porch with a drink and then heading down to dinner.

**Route:** Satara to Blyde Canyon via Hazyview.

**Weather:** fine and hot.

**Birds of the day:** Southern Bald Ibis, Purple-crested Turaco.

### **Day 12: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 ~ Dullstroom.**

Today we started with the traditional coffee and rusks on the porch before a wonderful morning walk down to the Lower View Point and back via the Tufa Trail, which skirts the Kadisi Stream, a tributary of the Blyde River which is rich in calcium carbonate deposits. After the most enjoyable walk we had a big breakfast and then returned to the rooms to pack our gear and depart for Dullstroom. Our journey included a birding stint along the Vaalhoek Road on the way to Dullstroom, and a stop at Mount Sheba to put Knysna Turaco on the list (which we had missed in the forests around Lake Albasini). After a coffee stop in Lydenberg we approached Dullstroom from the north, attempting to do the De Berg Road down to town on the way there. Unfortunately we encountered a massive storm at the top of the pass, which put paid to any attempts to find Gurney's Sugarbird. Fortunately we had a 4 x 4 vehicle, so despite the deluge we still gave it a bash. Fortunately again the storm abated and we had a great time birding Veloren Valei Nature Reserve, the highlight of which was a rarely-seen African Grass Owl hunting over the marsh on the upper plateau. Moving on, we had time after arriving at our accommodation to do our bird list before a great dinner at The Mayfly. Birds seen for the day included Southern Bald Ibis, Lanner Falcon, Denham's Bustard, Southern Boubou, Olive Bush Shrike, White-necked Raven, Black Saw-wing, Banded Martin, Greater Striped and Lesser Striped Swallows, Dark-capped Yellow Warbler, Wailing Cisticola, Drakensberg Prinia, Cape Grassbird, Pied Starling, Cape and Red-capped Robin-Chats, Mountain Wheatear, Mocking Cliff Chat, Cape Rock Thrush, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Cape Weaver, Long-tailed Widowbird, Sweet Waxbill, Mountain Wagtail, Cape Longclaw, African, Long-billed, Striped and Yellow-breasted Pipits, to mention a few.

**Route:** Blyde Canyon to Dullstroom via the Vaalhoek Road and Mount Sheba.

**Weather:** cool and cloudy to start, warm and stormy in late afternoon.

**Birds of the day:** Knysna Turaco, African Grass Owl.

**Day 13: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014 ~ Johannesburg.**

On our final morning Gerard and I left town at 05h30 for a trip up into the Veloren Valei Nature Reserve. Unfortunately there was a thick mist, which made for very poor visibility on the plateau. Fortunately we had bagged most of the high altitude specials on the previous afternoon's drive to Dullstroom, so were only missing a handful of species. We soon bagged Red-winged Francolin, Bokmakierie, Eastern Long-billed Lark, Buff-streaked and Ant-eating Chats, Sentinel Rock Thrush and Cape Canary before heading back down for breakfast. We then loaded up the vehicle and left Dullstroom, taking the Tonteldoos Road which gave us Grey Crowned Crane and heading back to Johannesburg via Middleburg. Not far from Johannesburg we stopped at a pan a little distance off the highway, which was teeming with Greater Flamingos, Pied Avocets, Black-winged Stilts and a host of smaller waders that required a scope to identify definitively. There was however a big electrical storm approaching fast, and thus we decided to rather get out of the area and continued on to Johannesburg, arriving in the middle of a typical afternoon thunderstorm. We then had a bit of time to rest and catch up on the world via the wifi connection before a wonderful final steak dinner at Pappa Boa's.

**Route:** Dullstroom to Johannesburg via Tonteldoos and Middleburg.

**Weather:** cool and misty to start, becoming partly cloudy and mild with afternoon thundershowers over Johannesburg.

**Birds of the day:** Grey Crowned Crane, Yellow-breasted Pipit, Greater Flamingo.

**Summary:**

All in all this was a fantastic private safari, despite the scorpion incident at Mopane. Gerard and Alice were enthusiastic and were great company, resulting in two weeks of absolute fun, the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> and the day of the 31<sup>st</sup> notwithstanding. There was so much natural beauty and to enjoy on this route, packed with birds and wildlife from start to finish. Highlights were many and varied, but the three hours on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> during which we had a run of unbelievable game viewing will no doubt stick in the minds of all concerned as the absolute pinnacle of the experience. Lawson's thanks Gerard and Alice for travelling with us and we sincerely hope to be able to host them in Africa sometime in the future.

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**Bird List**

(Note: birds listed were seen by the guide and at least one member of the tour)

		27-Oct-14	28-Oct-14	29-Oct-14	30-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	01-Nov-14	02-Nov-14	03-Nov-14	04-Nov-14	05-Nov-14	06-Nov-14	07-Nov-14	08-Nov-14	Total	SCIENTIFIC NAME
<b>STRUTHIONIFORMES</b>																
<b>Struthionidae</b> <span style="float:right"><b>Ostriches</b></span>																
1	Common Ostrich		X					X	X	X	X				5	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
<b>GALLIFORMES</b>																
<b>Numididae</b> <span style="float:right"><b>Guineafowl</b></span>																
2	Helmeted Guineafowl	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
3	Crested Guineafowl		X	X	X										3	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>
<b>Phasianidae</b> <span style="float:right"><b>Pheasants, Fowl &amp; Allies</b></span>																
4	Red-winged Francolin													X	1	<i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
5	Crested Francolin					X		X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
6	Natal Spurfowl			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	9	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
7	Swainson's Spurfowl	X	X					X		X	X	X			6	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
<b>ANSERIFORMES</b>																
<b>Anatidae</b> <span style="float:right"><b>Ducks, Geese &amp; Swans</b></span>																
8	White-faced Whistling Duck		X							X					2	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
9	White-backed Duck			X											1	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>



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10	Spur-winged Goose	X								X					2	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
11	Knob-billed Duck										X				1	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
12	Egyptian Goose	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
13	African Pygmy Goose			X											1	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
14	Yellow-billed Duck	X											X		2	<i>Anas undulata</i>
15	Cape Shoveler	X												X	2	<i>Anas smithii</i>
16	Hottentot Teal	X													1	<i>Anas hottentota</i>
17	Maccoa Duck	X													1	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>
<b>PODICIPEDIFORMES</b>																
<b>Podicipedidae Grebes</b>																
18	Little Grebe	X	X	X	X									X	5	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
19	Great Crested Grebe	X													1	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
<b>PHOENICOPTERIFORMES</b>																
<b>Phoenicopteridae Flamingos</b>																
20	Greater Flamingo												X		1	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
<b>CICONIIFORMES</b>																
<b>Ciconiidae Storks</b>																
21	Yellow-billed Stork				X				X	X		X			4	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
22	African Openbill								X						1	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
23	Woolly-necked Stork								X	X					2	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
24	Saddle-billed Stork							X	X	X					3	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
25	Marabou Stork		X					X				X			3	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
<b>PELECANIFORMES</b>																
<b>Threskiornithidae Ibises &amp; Spoonbills</b>																
26	African Sacred Ibis	X	X						X						3	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
27	Southern Bald Ibis											X	X		2	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>
28	Hageda Ibis	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
29	Glossy Ibis	X													1	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
30	African Spoonbill				X				X	X					3	<i>Platalea alba</i>
<b>Ardeidae Herons &amp; Bitterns</b>																
31	Green-backed Heron				X			X		X					3	<i>Butorides striata</i>
32	Squacco Heron	X													1	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
33	Western Cattle Egret	X	X		X				X	X			X	X	7	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
34	Grey Heron							X	X	X		X			4	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
35	Black-headed Heron	X	X	X	X								X		5	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
36	Goliath Heron									X		X			2	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
37	Purple Heron									X					1	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
38	Western Great Egret								X	X					2	<i>Ardea alba</i>
39	Yellow-billed Egret	X												X	2	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
40	Little Egret		X		X				X	X		X			5	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
<b>Scopidae Hamerkop</b>																
41	Hamerkop						X	X	X			X	X		5	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
<b>Phalacrocoracidae Cormorants &amp; Shags</b>																
42	Reed Cormorant	X	X	X	X				X	X				X	7	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
43	White-breasted Cormorant	X	X		X							X	X		5	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
<b>Anhingidae Anhingas and Darters</b>																

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44	African Darter		X	X					X				X		4	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES</b>																
<b>Sagittariidae Secretarybird</b>																
45	Secretarybird							X							1	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
<b>Acciptridae Kites, Hawks &amp; Eagles</b>																
46	Bat Hawk			X											1	<i>Macheiramphus alcinus</i>
47	Black-shouldered Kite		X	X					X				X	X	5	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
48	Yellow-billed Kite							X	X	X	X	X	X		6	<i>Milvus parasitus</i>
49	African Fish Eagle	X	X					X	X	X	X	X			7	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
50	Hooded Vulture								X		X	X			3	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
51	White-backed Vulture							X	X	X	X	X			5	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
52	Cape Vulture		X												1	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
53	White-headed Vulture										X				1	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
54	Lappet-faced Vulture						X				X				2	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
55	Black-chested Snake Eagle				X	X	X						X		4	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
56	Brown Snake Eagle				X	X		X	X						4	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
57	Bateleur						X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
58	African Harrier-Hawk					X	X					X			3	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
59	Gabar Goshawk		X												1	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
60	Lizard Buzzard						X								1	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
61	Common Buzzard					X		X				X	X	X	5	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
62	Jackal Buzzard			X									X		2	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
63	Lesser Spotted Eagle			X											1	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>
64	Tawny Eagle					X	X		X						3	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
65	African Hawk-Eagle				X	X	X	X							4	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
66	Wahlberg's Eagle						X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
67	Martial Eagle						X	X	X	X					4	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
68	Crowned Eagle			X											1	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>
<b>FALCONIFORMES</b>																
<b>Falconidae Caracaras &amp; Falcons</b>																
69	Rock Kestrel												X		1	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>
70	Greater Kestrel		X												1	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
71	Lanner Falcon												X		1	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
<b>OTIDIFORMES</b>																
<b>Otididae Bustards</b>																
72	Kori Bustard								X						1	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
73	Denham's Bustard												X		1	<i>Neotis denhami</i>
74	Northern Black Korhaan	X	X												2	<i>Eupodotis afroides</i>
75	Red-crested Korhaan					X		X	X	X					4	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
<b>GRUIFORMES</b>																
<b>Heliornithidae Finfoots</b>																
76	African Finfoot				X										1	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
<b>Rallidae Rails, Crakes &amp; Coots</b>																
77	Black Crake		X	X	X			X	X						5	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
78	African Swampphen	X													1	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
79	Common Moorhen	X		X											2	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>

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80	Red-knobbed Coot	X												X	2	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
	<b>Gruidae</b>															<b>Cranes</b>
81	Grey Crowned Crane													X	1	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
	<b>CHARADRIIFORMES</b>															
	<b>Burhinidae</b>															<b>Thick-knees</b>
82	Water Thick-knee								X						1	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
83	Spotted Thick-knee	X	X												2	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>
	<b>Recurvirostridae</b>															<b>Stilts &amp; Avocets</b>
84	Black-winged Stilt				X				X	X		X		X	5	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
85	Pied Avocet													X	1	<i>Recurvirostra avoetia</i>
	<b>Charadriidae</b>															<b>Plovers</b>
86	Blacksmith Lapwing	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	9	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
87	White-crowned Lapwing							X							1	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>
88	Crowned Lapwing	X							X						2	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
89	African Wattled Lapwing	X	X										X	X	4	<i>Vanellus senegalensis</i>
90	Three-banded Plover				X				X			X			3	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
	<b>Jacaniidae</b>															<b>Jacanas</b>
91	African Jacana	X		X	X			X	X	X					6	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
	<b>Scolopaciidae</b>															<b>Sandpipers &amp; Snipes</b>
92	African Snipe												X	X	2	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
93	Marsh Sandpiper				X										1	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
94	Common Greenshank						X	X							2	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
95	Green Sandpiper									X	X				2	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
96	Wood Sandpiper				X					X	X				3	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
97	Common Sandpiper		X	X	X										3	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
98	Little Stint													X	1	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
99	Ruff				X										1	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
	<b>Laridae</b>															<b>Gulls, Terns &amp; Skimmers</b>
100	Grey-headed Gull	X													1	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
101	Whiskered Tern	X													1	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
	<b>PTEROCLIFORMES</b>															
	<b>Pteroclididae</b>															<b>Sandgrouse</b>
102	Double-banded Sandgrouse								X						1	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
	<b>COLUMBIFORMES</b>															
	<b>Columbidae</b>															<b>Pigeons &amp; Doves</b>
103	Rock Dove	X													1	<i>Columba livia</i>
104	Speckled Pigeon	X										X	X	X	4	<i>Columba guinea</i>
105	African Olive Pigeon	X													1	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
106	African Mourning Dove								X		X				2	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
107	Red-eyed Dove	X	X	X	X									X	5	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
108	Cape Turtle Dove	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
109	Laughing Dove						X	X	X	X	X	X		X	7	<i>Stigmatopelia senegalensis</i>
110	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove							X	X	X	X				4	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
111	Namaqua Dove	X					X								2	<i>Oena capensis</i>
112	African Green Pigeon								X			X			2	<i>Treron calvus</i>
	<b>Psittacidae</b>															<b>Parrots</b>

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113	Grey-headed Parrot						X								1	<i>Poicephalus fuscicollis</i>
114	Meyer's Parrot				X										1	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>
115	Brown-headed Parrot								X	X	X				3	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
<b>MUSOPHAGIFORMES</b>																
<b>Musophagidae</b>																
<b>Turacos</b>																
116	Knysna Turaco												X		1	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
117	Purple-crested Turaco											X			1	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
118	Grey Go-away-bird	X	X				X		X	X	X	X			7	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
<b>CUCULIFORMES</b>																
<b>Cuculidae</b>																
<b>Cuckoos</b>																
119	Burchell's Coucal							X	X			X			3	<i>Centropus burchelli</i>
120	Jacobin Cuckoo	X								X		X			3	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
121	Dideric Cuckoo				X						X				2	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
122	Klaas's Cuckoo			X											1	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
123	African Cuckoo	X						X							2	<i>Cuculus gularis</i>
<b>STRIGIFORMES</b>																
<b>Tytonidae</b>																
<b>Barn Owls</b>																
124	Western Barn Owl						X	X							2	<i>Tyto alba</i>
125	African Grass Owl												X		1	<i>Tyto capensis</i>
<b>Strigidae</b>																
<b>Owls</b>																
126	African Scops Owl								X						1	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
127	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl								X	X					2	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>
128	Pearl-spotted Owlet								X	X	X				3	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES</b>																
<b>Caprimulgidae</b>																
<b>Nightjars</b>																
129	Square-tailed Nightjar									X					1	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>
<b>APODIFORMES</b>																
<b>Apodidae</b>																
<b>Swifts</b>																
130	African Palm Swift	X	X	X				X	X				X		6	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
131	Alpine Swift											X			1	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
132	African Black Swift											X			1	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
133	Little Swift	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Apus affinis</i>
134	White-rumped Swift											X			1	<i>Apus caffer</i>
<b>COLIIFORMES</b>																
<b>Coliidae</b>																
<b>Mousebirds</b>																
135	Speckled Mousebird	X	X		X							X	X		5	<i>Colius striatus</i>
136	Red-faced Mousebird		X												1	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
<b>TROGONIFORMES</b>																
<b>Trogonidae</b>																
<b>Trogons</b>																
137	Narina Trogon			X											1	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>
<b>CORACIIFORMES</b>																
<b>Coraciidae</b>																
<b>Rollers</b>																
138	Purple Roller				X	X	X		X		X				5	<i>Coracias naevius</i>
139	Lilac-breasted Roller	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			9	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
140	Broad-billed Roller				X	X	X	X							4	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
<b>Alcedinidae</b>																
<b>Kingfishers</b>																

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141	Grey-headed Kingfisher											X			1	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>
142	Brown-hooded Kingfisher		X	X				X							3	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
143	Striped Kingfisher			X	X										2	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
144	Malachite Kingfisher		X												1	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
145	Half-collared Kingfisher			X											1	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>
146	Giant Kingfisher			X	X			X							3	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
147	Pied Kingfisher		X	X	X					X					4	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
<b>Meropidae</b>		<b>Bee-eaters</b>														
148	White-fronted Bee-eater						X	X	X						3	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
149	European Bee-eater		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X		8	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
<b>BUCEROTIFORMES</b>																
<b>Upupidae</b>		<b>Hoopoes</b>														
150	African Hoopoe	X		X	X		X	X		X		X			7	<i>Upupa africana</i>
<b>Phoeniculidae</b>		<b>Wood-hoopoes</b>														
151	Green Wood-hoopoe	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
152	Common Scimitarbill						X			X					2	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
<b>Bucerotidae</b>		<b>Hornbills</b>														
153	Crowned Hornbill							X							1	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>
154	African Grey Hornbill	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
155	Southern Red-billed Hornbill	X						X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
156	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	X						X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
157	Trumpeter Hornbill							X							1	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
<b>Bucorvidae</b>		<b>Ground Hornbills</b>														
158	Southern Ground Hornbill						X		X			X			3	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>
<b>PICIFORMES</b>																
<b>Lybiidae</b>		<b>African Barbets</b>														
159	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird			X										X	2	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
160	Acacia Pied Barbet		X												1	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
161	Black-collared Barbet		X	X	X							X			4	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
162	Crested Barbet	X	X						X	X	X				5	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
<b>Indicatoridae</b>		<b>Honeyguides</b>														
163	Lesser Honeyguide			X											1	<i>Indicator minor</i>
164	Scaly-throated Honeyguide			X											1	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>
165	Greater Honeyguide								X						1	<i>Indicator indicator</i>
<b>Picidae</b>		<b>Woodpeckers</b>														
167	Bennett's Woodpecker							X	X						2	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
168	Golden-tailed Woodpecker								X						1	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
169	Cardinal Woodpecker	X	X					X							3	<i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>
170	Bearded Woodpecker				X						X	X			3	<i>Dendropicus namaquus</i>
171	Olive Woodpecker			X											1	<i>Dendropicus griseocephalus</i>
<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>																
<b>Eurylaimidae</b>		<b>Broadbills</b>														
	African Broadbill			H												<i>Smithornis capensis</i>
<b>Platysteiridae</b>		<b>Wattle-eyes &amp; Batises</b>														
172	Cape Batis			X	X										2	<i>Batis capensis</i>
173	Chin-spot Batis		X						X		X	X			4	<i>Batis molitor</i>



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	<b>Prionopidae</b>																<b>Helmetshrikes</b>
174	White-crested Helmetshrike							X	X	X	X				4	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	
175	Retz's Helmetshrike				X			X							2	<i>Prionops retzii</i>	
	<b>Malaconotidae</b>																<b>Bushshrikes</b>
176	Grey-headed Bushshrike						X			X					2	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	
177	Olive Bushshrike				X								X		2	<i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>	
178	Orange-breasted Bushshrike		X					X	X	X					4	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	
179	Bokmakierie													X	1	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	
180	Brown-crowned Tchagra	X	X		X										3	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	
181	Black-crowned Tchagra									X					1	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	
182	Black-backed Puffback				X				X	X			X		4	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	
183	Tropical Boubou					X	X								2	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>	
184	Southern Boubou	X	X	X					X				X		5	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	
185	Crimson-breasted Shrike	X	X												2	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	
186	Brubru				X			X	X						3	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	
	<b>Campephagidae</b>																<b>Cuckooshrikes</b>
187	Grey Cuckooshrike			X											1	<i>Coracina caesia</i>	
188	Black Cuckooshrike				X										1	<i>Campephaga flava</i>	
	<b>Laniidae</b>																<b>Shrikes</b>
189	Magpie Shrike	X	X					X	X	X	X	X			7	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>	
190	Southern White-crowned Shrike				X		X	X							3	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>	
191	Common Fiscal	X	X										X	X	4	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	
	<b>Oriolidae</b>																<b>Figbirds &amp; Orioles</b>
192	Black-headed Oriole				X		X	X							3	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	
	<b>Dicuridae</b>																<b>Drongos</b>
193	Fork-tailed Drongo	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			9	<i>Dicurus adsimilis</i>	
	<b>Monarchidae</b>																<b>Monarchs</b>
194	African Paradise Flycatcher		X	X	X				X				X		5	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	
	<b>Corvidae</b>																<b>Crows &amp; Jays</b>
195	Cape Crow												X	X	2	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	
196	Pied Crow	X	X		X		X							X	5	<i>Corvus albus</i>	
197	White-necked Raven											X	X		2	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	
	<b>Paridae</b>																<b>Tits &amp; Chickadees</b>
198	Southern Black Tit			X									X		2	<i>Parus niger</i>	
199	Ashy Tit		X												1	<i>Parus cinerascens</i>	
	<b>Alaudidae</b>																<b>Larks</b>
200	Rufous-naped Lark	X													1	<i>Mirafra africana</i>	
201	Sabota Lark	X			X		X	X	X	X	X				7	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	
202	Eastern Long-billed Lark													X	1	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>	
203	Short-clawed Lark		X												1	<i>Certhilauda chuana</i>	
	<b>Pycnonotidae</b>																<b>Bulbuls</b>
204	Dark-capped Bulbul	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	
205	Sombre Greenbul												X		1	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	
206	Yellow-bellied Greenbul			X									X		2	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	
207	Terrestrial Brownbul			X	X										2	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	
208	Yellow-streaked Greenbul			X											1	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>	

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	<b>Hirundinidae</b>	<b>Swallows &amp; Martins</b>														
209	Black Saw-wing												X		1	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
210	Banded Martin												X	X	2	<i>Riparia cincta</i>
211	Barn Swallow	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
212	White-throated Swallow													X	1	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
213	Wire-tailed Swallow				X							X			2	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
214	Rock Martin				X										1	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
215	Common House Martin				X										1	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
216	Greater Striped Swallow	X											X	X	3	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
217	Lesser Striped Swallow				X		X	X	X			X	X		6	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
218	Red-breasted Swallow	X	X									X			3	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
218	Mosque Swallow						X								1	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
	<b>Phylloscopidae</b>	<b>Leaf Warblers &amp; Allies</b>														
220	Willow Warbler	X		X	X										3	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
	<b>Acrocephalidae</b>	<b>Reed Warblers &amp; Allies</b>														
221	Lesser Swamp Warbler	X													1	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
222	African Reed Warbler	X													1	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
223	Dark-capped Yellow Warbler												X		1	<i>Iduna natalensis</i>
	<b>Megaluridae</b>	<b>Grassbirds &amp; Allies</b>														
224	Little Rush Warbler	X													1	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
	<b>Cisticolidae</b>	<b>Cisticolas &amp; Allies</b>														
225	Red-faced Cisticola				X										1	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
226	Lazy Cisticola			X									X		2	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
227	Rattling Cisticola	X	X		X										3	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
228	Wailing Cisticola												X		1	<i>Cisticola lais</i>
229	Levaillant's Cisticola	X												X	2	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
230	Neddicky				X										1	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
231	Tawny-flanked Prinia	X	X	X	X										4	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
232	Black-chested Prinia	X	X												2	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>
233	Drakensberg Prinia												X		1	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
234	Bar-throated Apalis			X	X										2	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
235	Yellow-breasted Apalis			X			X								2	<i>Apalis flava</i>
236	Green-backed Camaroptera								X						1	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
237	Burnt-necked Eremomela		X												1	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
	<b>Macrosphenidae</b>	<b>Crombecs &amp; African Warblers</b>														
238	Cape Grassbird												X	X	2	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
239	Long-billed Crombec	X	X						X						3	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
	<b>Timaliidae</b>	<b>Babblers &amp; Parrotbills</b>														
240	Arrow-marked Babbler		X		X			X	X	X	X	X			7	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
	<b>Sylviidae</b>	<b>Sylviid Babblers</b>														
241	Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler	X	X												2	<i>Parisoma subcaerulea</i>
	<b>Zosteropidae</b>	<b>White-eyes</b>														
242	Cape White-eye		X	X	X								X		4	<i>Zosterops capensis</i>
	<b>Sturnidae</b>	<b>Starlings</b>														
243	Common Myna	X	X				X								3	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
244	Wattled Starling								X			X			2	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>

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245	Cape Glossy Starling	X	X						X	X		X			5	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
246	Greater Blue-eared Starling						X	X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>
247	Meves's Starling				X		X	X							3	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>
248	Burchell's Starling	X							X	X	X				3	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
249	Pied Starling												X	X	2	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>
250	Violet-backed Starling			X			X					X			3	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
251	Red-winged Starling						X			X	X	X			4	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
<b>Buphagidae</b>																
<b>Oxpeckers</b>																
252	Yellow-billed Oxpecker						X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>
253	Red-billed Oxpecker				X		X	X	X	X	X	X			7	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
<b>Turdidae</b>																
<b>Thrushes</b>																
254	Kurrichane Thrush			X	X		X	X	X						5	<i>Turdus libyanus</i>
255	Olive Thrush			X									X	X	3	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
256	Karoo Thrush	X													1	<i>Turdus smithii</i>
<b>Muscicapidae</b>																
<b>Chats &amp; Old World Flycatchers</b>																
257	White-starred Robin			X											1	<i>Pogonocichla stellata</i>
258	Cape Robin-Chat												X	X	2	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
259	White-throated Robin-Chat				X				X				X		3	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
260	White-browed Robin-Chat			X	X										2	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
261	Red-capped Robin-Chat												X		1	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
262	Chorister Robin-Chat			X											1	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
263	Bearded Scrub Robin				X							X			2	<i>Erythropygia quadrivirgata</i>
264	White-browed Scrub Robin		X					X							2	<i>Erythropygia leucophrys</i>
265	Kalahari Scrub Robin	X	X												2	<i>Erythropygia paena</i>
266	African Stonechat												X	X	2	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
267	Buff-streaked Chat													X	1	<i>Campicoloides bifasciata</i>
268	Capped Wheatear													X	1	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
269	Mountain Wheatear												X	X	2	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
270	Familiar Chat						X						X		2	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>
271	Ant-eating Chat													X	1	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
272	Mocking Cliff Chat						X					X	X		3	<i>Thamnotlea cinnamomeiventris</i>
273	Cape Rock Thrush												X		1	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
274	Sentinel Rock Thrush													X	1	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
275	Southern Black Flycatcher							X	X						2	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
276	Marico Flycatcher	X	X												2	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>
277	Fiscal Flycatcher													X	1	<i>Sigelus silens</i>
278	Spotted Flycatcher			X											1	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>
279	Ashy Flycatcher			X	X			X							3	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
<b>Nectariniidae</b>																
<b>Sunbirds</b>																
280	Collared Sunbird			X	X								X		3	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
281	Amethyst Sunbird													X	1	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
282	Scarlet-chested Sunbird			X	X										2	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
283	Southern Double-collared Sunbird			X											1	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>
284	Greater Double-collared Sunbird												X		1	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>
285	Marico Sunbird		X						X	X					3	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
286	White-bellied Sunbird			X	X			X					X		4	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>

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<b>Passeridae</b>		<b>Old World Sparrows</b>														
287	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	X	X										X		3	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
288	House Sparrow								X						1	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
289	Cape Sparrow	X	X												2	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
290	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
291	Yellow-throated Petronia								X						1	<i>Gymnoris supercilialis</i>
<b>Ploceidae</b>		<b>Weavers &amp; Widowbirds</b>														
292	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver							X			X	X			3	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
293	Scaly-feathered Finch	X													1	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>
294	Spectacled Weaver			X									X		2	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
295	Cape Weaver												X	X	2	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
296	African Golden Weaver			X											1	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
297	Lesser Masked Weaver									X					1	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
298	Southern Masked Weaver	X	X									X		X	4	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
299	Village Weaver		X												1	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
300	Red-headed Weaver							X	X						2	<i>Anaplectes melanotis</i>
301	Red-billed Quelea							X	X	X					3	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
302	Southern Red Bishop	X												X	2	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
303	Yellow Bishop			X									X		2	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
304	White-winged Widowbird											X			1	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
305	Long-tailed Widowbird												X	X	2	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
<b>Ploceidae</b>		<b>Waxbills, Munias &amp; Allies</b>														
306	Green-winged Pytilia							X	X						2	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
307	Red-billed Firefinch							X							1	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
308	African Firefinch	X			X										2	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
309	Jameson's Firefinch							X							1	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
310	Blue Waxbill	X	X					X	X	X	X	X			7	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
311	Violet-eared Waxbill	X	X										X		3	<i>Granatina granatina</i>
312	Swee Waxbill												X		1	<i>Coccopygia melanotis</i>
313	Common Waxbill	X													1	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
314	Black-faced Waxbill	X													1	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>
315	Bronze Mannikin		X												1	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
<b>Viduidae</b>		<b>Indigobirds &amp; Whydahs</b>														
316	Pin-tailed Whydah								X					X	2	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
317	Long-tailed Paradise Whydah							X							1	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
<b>Motacillidae</b>		<b>Wagtails &amp; Pipits</b>														
318	Cape Wagtail	X		X	X								X	X	5	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
319	Mountain Wagtail												X		1	<i>Motacilla clara</i>
320	African Pied Wagtail		X	X	X			X							4	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
321	Cape Longclaw											X	X		2	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
322	African Pipit											X	X		2	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
323	Long-billed Pipit											X	X		2	<i>Anthus similis</i>
324	Striped Pipit											X			1	<i>Anthus lineiventris</i>
325	Yellow-breasted Pipit											X	X		2	<i>Anthus chloris</i>
<b>Fringillidae</b>		<b>Finches &amp; Canaries</b>														
326	Cape Canary													X	1	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>

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327	Yellow-fronted Canary	X								X					2	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
328	Streaky-headed Seedeater												X		1	<i>Crithagra gularis</i>
<b>Emberizidae</b>		<b>Buntings &amp; New World Sparrows</b>														
329	Golden-breasted Bunting		X			X	X								3	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
	<b>Total</b>	36	67	79	98	0	33	96	16	38	53	83	74	60		

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<b>HYRACOIDEA</b>																
<b>Procaviidae</b> Hyraxes																
1	Yellow-spotted Rock Hyrax				X										1	<i>Heterohyrax brucei</i>
<b>PROBOSCIDEA</b>																
<b>Elephantidae</b> Elephants																
2	African Elephant				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			7	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
<b>LAGOMORPHA</b>																
<b>Leporidae</b> Hares, Rabbits & Rock Rabbits																
3	Scrub Hare		X		X										2	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
4	Natal Red Rock Rabbit													X	1	<i>Pronolagus crassicaudatus</i>
<b>RODENTIA</b>																
<b>Hystricidae</b> Porcupines																
5	Cape Porcupine									X					1	<i>Hystrix africae australis</i>
<b>Sciuridae</b> Squirrels																
6	Tree Squirrel				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
<b>PRIMATES</b>																
<b>Galagidae</b> Galagos																
7	Greater Galago								X						1	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>
<b>Cercopithecidae</b> Baboons & Monkeys																
8	Chacma Baboon	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			9	<i>Papio hamadryas</i>
9	Samango Monkey			X											1	<i>Cercopithecus albo-gularis</i>
10	Vervet Monkey	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>
<b>CARNIVORA</b>																
<b>Hyaenidae</b> Hyaenas																
11	Brown Hyaena				X										1	<i>Parahyaena brunnea</i>
12	Spotted Hyaena											X			1	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
<b>Felidae</b> Cats																
13	Cheetah										X				1	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
14	Leopard										X				1	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
15	Lion								X	X	X				1	<i>Panthera leo</i>
16	Serval												X		1	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>
<b>Viverridae</b> Civets & Genets																
17	African Civet				X										1	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>



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	<b>Herpestidae</b>															<b>Suricates &amp; Mongooses</b>
18	Slender Mongoose	X	X		X			X						X	5	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
19	Meller's Mongoose						X								1	<i>Rhynchogale melleri</i>
20	Banded Mongoose	X						X		X					3	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
	<b>Canidae</b>															<b>Foxes, Wild Dogs &amp; Jackals</b>
21	Side-striped Jackal										X				1	<i>Canis adustus</i>
22	Black-backed Jackal		X										X	X	3	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
	<b>PERISSODACTYLA</b>															
	<b>Rhinocerotidae</b>															<b>Rhinoceroses</b>
23	White (Square-lipped) Rhinoceros		X							X		X			3	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
	<b>Equidae</b>															<b>Zebras</b>
24	Plains (Burchell's) Zebra		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Equus quagga</i>
	<b>SUIFORMES</b>															
	<b>Suidae</b>															<b>Pigs</b>
25	Common Warthog						X	X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
	<b>WHIPPOMORPHA</b>															
	<b>Hippopotamidae</b>															<b>Hippopotamuses</b>
26	Hippopotamus						X	X	X	X	X				5	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
	<b>RUMINANTIA</b>															
	<b>Giraffoidea</b>															<b>Giraffe</b>
27	Giraffe		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
	<b>Bovidae</b>															<b>Antelope &amp; Buffalo</b>
28	African Buffalo						X	X	X	X	X	X			6	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
29	Greater Kudu		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
30	Nyala		X				X	X	X						4	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
31	Bushbuck			X			X	X	X					X	4	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
32	Eland		X												1	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
33	Blue Wildebeest		X				X	X	X	X	X	X			7	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
34	Red Haartebeest		X				X								2	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>
35	Blesbok												X	X	2	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>
36	Tsessebe		X						X						2	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>
37	Sable		X												1	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>
38	Gemsbok				X		X								2	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
39	Red Duiker												X		1	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>
40	Common (Grey) Duiker			X			X	X	X				X		4	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
41	Waterbuck		X		X		X		X	X	X	X			7	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
42	Grey Rhebok												X		1	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>
43	Steenbok		X		X		X			X	X	X			6	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
44	Impala		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			8	<i>Aepyceros melampus melampus</i>
45	Klipspringer				X		X								2	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	4	17	5	17	0	20	17	18	18	15	20	9	4		