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SOUTH AFRICA: LAND OF THE ZULU

26th October – 5th November 2015



Drakensberg Siskin is a small, attractive, saffron-dusted endemic that is quite common on our day trip up the Sani Pass

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INTRODUCTION

The beauty of Tropical Birding custom tours is that people with limited time but who still want to experience somewhere as mind-blowing and birdy as South Africa can explore the parts of the country that interest them most, in a short time frame. South Africa is, without doubt, one of the most diverse countries on the planet. Nowhere else can you go from seeing Wandering Albatross and penguins to seeing Leopards and Elephants in a matter of hours, and with countless world-class national parks and reserves the options were endless when it came to planning an itinerary. Winding its way through the lush, leafy, dry, dusty, wet and swampy oxymoronic province of KwaZulu-Natal (herein known as KZN), this short tour followed much the same route as the extension of our South Africa set departure tour, albeit in reverse, with an additional focus on seeing birds at the very edge of their range in semi-Karoo and dry semi-Kalahari habitats to add maximum diversity.

*KwaZulu-Natal is an oft-underrated birding route within South Africa, featuring a wide range of habitats and an astonishing diversity of birds. This tour began in the lush tropical beach city of Durban, exploring local estuary and reedbed habitats infested with **Golden Weavers** before moving on to the mid-altitude open grasslands and agriculture of the Underberg and the daunting towering Sani Pass. From here we made our way to the tropical forests of Eshowe and the coastal dune forest of Mtunzini before progressing up the coast to the enormous estuary of St. Lucia, together with its fantastic coastal forest. Escaping unexpected dire weather, we also explored the world-famous Hluhluwe-Imfolozi park, where White Rhino was saved from extinction, before moving on to the equally famous Mkhuze Game Reserve and our luxury river-side hotel. Having explored the majority of KZN we progressed swiftly to Johannesburg and enjoyed an evening and morning exploring additional habitats, from the large wetland of Marievale and grasslands of Suikerbosrand to the scrubby open Kalahari thornveld of the Zaagkuil drift road.*



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This region of South Africa is a favourite amongst our guides, and this tour really showed it in its best light. From Red-headed Quelea to Wattled Crane, Lammergeier to Orange Ground-Thrush, Blue Duiker to Cheetah, the highlights were endless; by the end of our short tour we had racked up a respectable 351 species of bird and 33 species of mammal, and some truly fantastic photos to boot.

Day 1: Durban and Underberg



Having arrived post-dusk the night before, there was no time to be wasted on Day 1 of this tour. Leaving our plush hotel shortly after first light we made a short hop to the local Umhlanga Nature Reserve. Serving as a great introduction to a new continent for John and Irene we quickly racked up the lifers. **Red-winged Starling**, **Tawny-flanked Prinia**, **Black-headed Heron**, **Hadedalbis** and **African Golden Weaver** of course came first, and cursory glances skywards rewarded us with **Little**, **White-rumped** and **African Palm Swifts**. Sauntering along the boardwalk we soon added bird of the day, the incomparable **Southern Red Bishop**, along with the unique **Grosbeak Weaver**, and other highlights including some particularly showy **Burchell's Coucals** and **Little Bee-eaters**, a fantastic pair of **Purple-crested Turacos**, a group of **Red-headed Quelea** and some well-performing **Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins** just offshore.

With the first birds under the belt, and a swift coffee downed, we hit the road in earnest, heading for the agricultural town of Howick. Arriving shortly before midday we extensively surveyed the farmlands for our key targets: cranes! **Blue Crane** fell first, with a pair seen

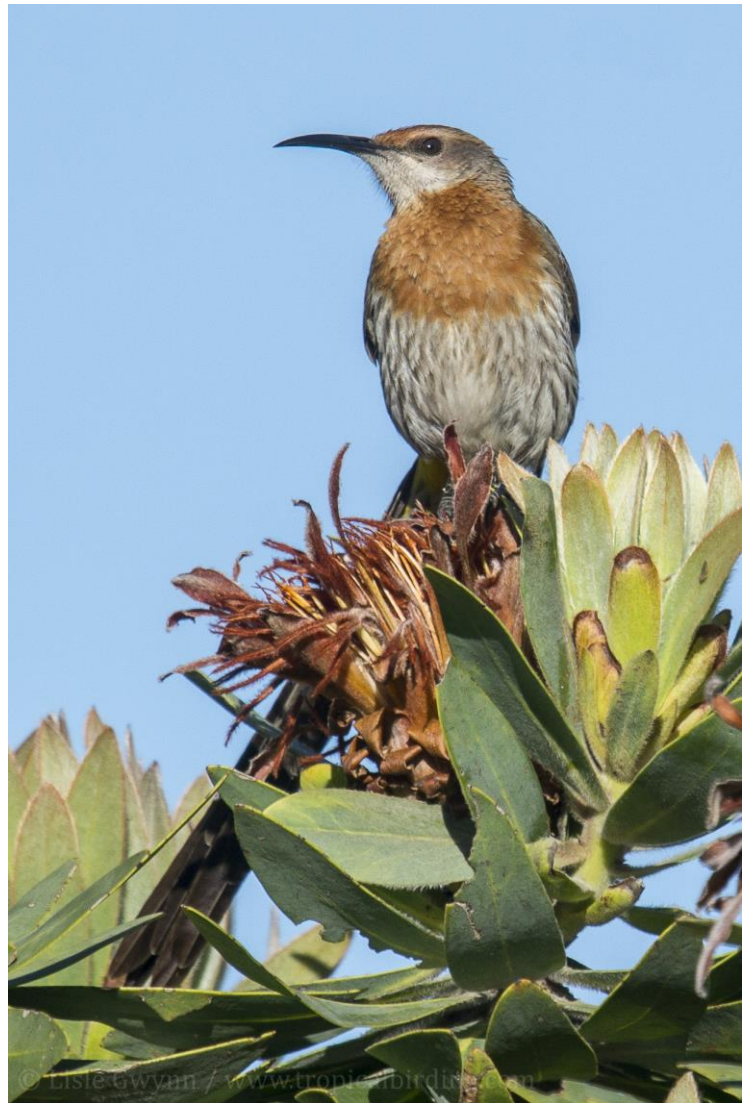
well if a little distantly, but they were soon followed by great views of another individual flying past. A roadside stop for **Jackal** and **Steppe Buzzards** was productive and also gained us some cracking **Pin-tailed Wydah** and a super-responsive **Dark-capped Yellow Warbler** as well as **Fork-tailed Drongo** and **White-throated**, **Greater-striped** and **Barn Swallows**. Moving to an area I'd sussed out a few days earlier we were

soon looking for 'the Big Boy': **Wattled Crane**. **Southern Red Bishops**, **Wailing Cisticola**, **Fiscal Shrike**, **Lanner Falcon** and **Yellow-fronted Canaries** provided ample distraction as we surveyed the open land before finally I spotted two tell-tale white patches in a field. Up went the scope for superb views of two **Wattled Cranes**, along with 50+ **Grey-crowned Cranes** a short distance away, to complete the set.

After some fantastic grub at a local pub we were soon storming through the Drakensberg foothills to our base for the next two nights, the quaint town of Underberg. Light was just getting golden, so John and I decided to make the very most of the last moments of light and headed to a couple of local sites. A walk through idyllic calm grassland netted us spectacular **Long-tailed Widowbirds**, **Pale-crowned**, **Levaillant's** and **Wing-snapping Cisticolas**, **African** and **Long-billed Pipits**, **African Stonechat**, **Cape Canary**, **Wattled Lapwing** and some whistling **Spur-winged Geese**, as well as walk-away super views and photo opps with an onomatopoeic **Bokmakirie**. Moving to a nearby wetland we boosted our list further with the likes of **Yellow-billed Duck**, **African Olive Pigeon**, **Cape Weaver**, **Little Rush** and **African Reed Warblers**, **Purple Heron** and a single **Spotted-necked Otter**. Final stop of the day was a wet depression in town where we enjoyed **Grey-crowned Cranes** coming to roost, more **Spotted-necked Otter**, **Purple Swamphen**, **Black Crake** and a flushed **African Snipe**.

Day 2: Sani Pass & Lesotho

The day in which we traverse the (in)famous Sani Pass and enter the kingdom of Lesotho is without a doubt one of the best days birding in Africa; the birds are fantastic, and the scenery is other-worldly. An early rise saw us enter our 4x4 and make our way slowly to the first slopes of the road to the pass. Heavy fog scuppered our lower slope plans a little but we still saw good **Red-collared Widowbird** and heard a lot of **Red-chested Cuckoos**, signaling the start of summer. The fog soon cleared and we made our way further, seeing first **Red-chested** and then **Black Cuckoos**, gorgeous **Greater Double-collared Sunbirds**, super views of a pair of **Bush Blackcap**, and instantly scoring incredible views of the tough **Barratt's Warbler** and walk-away point-blank looks at the gorgeous **Rufous-necked Wryneck**.



Our ascent in earnest started at the border post, where formalities were halted for a close-perched male **Cape Rock Thrush**. Shortly after we took a much-needed breakfast break to a backdrop of stunning mountains, scoring the likes of **Gurney's Sugarbird (previous page)**, **Buff-streaked Bushchat**, **Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk**, **Cape Grassbird**, the incomparable **Malachite Sunbird**, and **Drakensberg Prinia** complete with sandwiches and juice in hand. Making our way up the mountains thereafter we made near-constant stops along this incredibly bird-y stretch, racking up the likes of **Southern Boubou**, **Sentinel Rock Thrush**, **Drakensberg Siskin**, **Familiar** and **Sickle-winged Chats**, **Streaky-headed Seedeater**, **Cape Vulture** and two of our key targets and birds of the day: the stunning **Drakensberg Rockjumper** and utterly unique **Lammergeier**.

Formalities on the Lesotho side completed, we pushed forth into another new country for John and Irene in search of more endemics and a special effort to grab a couple of Karoo-birds at the edge of their range here. Both tasks were a great success, with **Mountain Pipit**, **Ground Woodpecker**, **Karoo Prinia**, **Karoo Scrub-Robin**, **Southern Grey Tit**, **Mountain Wheatear**, **Layard's Tit-Babbler**, **Fairy Flycatcher** and **Rock Kestrel** all affording great views. The abundance of **Cape Vultures** and **Lammergeiers** (at least 7 seen well) was only outdone by potentially my best ever encounter with an **African Rock Pipit**. Ordinarily this bird keeps its distance, but today the stars aligned and we had walk-away views of this cryptic beast which more-or-less perched on our noses. Spectacular!

By now time was moving on so we made a retreat down the mountains, though not before stopping for a look at the cute and endemic **Slogget's Ice Rats** and a beer at Africa's highest pub, where **Drakensberg Siskins** were giving their best views yet, perching on top of Red Hot Poker plants and posing for our cameras. The rest of the ride was filled with repeat views of birds we'd seen earlier, including a territorial dispute between two groups of **Drakensberg Rockjumper**. Back at the South African border post we added **Swee Waxbill** to our tally of endemics, whilst back on the road to Underberg we enjoyed point-blank views of **Grey-crowned Crane (next page)** and a surprise fly-over **Western Osprey**. Final surprise of the day though came from John and Irene revealing to our local guide Stuart that they'd



never seen Barn Owl and refused to believe they exist. Well, ask and you shall receive... It just so happened that Stuart knew a locally roosting **Barn Owl**, and a quick detour took us to phenomenal views of this iconic bird. All in all a real day of note, we retired exhausted but utterly fulfilled.



Day 3: Marutswa & Dlinza Forests

Today brought us another early start (as per usual) as we headed out from our accommodation and hit the road to the fantastic Marutswa Forest reserve. Marutswa is a stunning patch of cloud forest in the Natal



Midlands, home to a number of forest specials right on the easterly edge of their range here in Natal, as well as a handful of other targets. We had a great morning here, with fantastic views of **Southern Double-collared Sunbird**, **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler**, **Knysna Turaco**, and of course squawking **Cape Parrots**. My personal highlight of the morning was getting such obscure views of the skulky **Orange Ground-Thrush**.

Turning a corner on the trail we were stopped in our tracks by this stunning thrush, slowly making its way up the trail toward us until we were no more than 10 feet away; incredible! More squawking parrots overhead signaled timed to leave, but not without trying for a **Narina Trogon** that was calling somewhere along the ridge. Unfortunately it didn't respond, but we did come up trumps with better views of **Red-chested Cuckoo**



and a pair of cracking **African Paradise Flycatchers** before departing.

With breakfast under the belt we made the lengthy drive back to Durban and then onwards to the town of Mtunzini where a delectable lunch was consumed. On to the very Zulu town of Eshowe we checked in to our lovely accommodation and settled to escape the heat for a short while and chat photography technique. Soon though, it was time to once again stretch our legs so we opted for an extra evening in the fabled Dlinza forest as an insurance against our target: Spotted Ground-Thrush. This proved to be a good idea indeed...

Working our way slowly and silently through the forest we came across patches of activity including birds like **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher**, **Square-tailed Drongo**, **African Emerald Cuckoo**, **Black-bellied Glossy Starling**, **Terrestrial Brownbul** and the odd **Lemon Dove** crashing off the path in front of us. Reaching the furthest point of the walk a silent, dark shape drifted overhead beneath the canopy. A quick reshuffle and we were watching a pair of **African Wood Owls** which we'd probably disturbed from the final minutes of their roost. We spent until near-darkness watching the

owls and enjoying their presence before making our way out of the forest, via lots of **Blue Duikers** and a single **African Firefinch**. A garden-lurking **Woolly-necked Stork** was a surprise final bird.

Day 4: Ngoye, Mtunzini & Dlinza

Early mornings as the norm, we were up in the forest of Ngoye as the sun rose above the horizon today. Activity was unbelievably low, the forest barely making a noise, so we ventured to the furthest reach of the forest trying to eek out anything we could. **Spotted Ground-Thrush** called from the forest beyond, unreachable, but we were content with such drabities as **Croaking Cisticola** and **Eastern Olive Sunbird**.

Activity picked up little by little until eventually Ngoye was positively alive once more. **Trumpeter Hornbills** and **Tambourine Doves** seemed to call from every direction, one of which gave phenomenal views beside the track.

A walk along the road produced absolutely stunning walk-away views of a pair of **Narina Trogon** calling and chasing each other, some of the best views I've ever had of this species. The rarest highlight though had to go to a frustratingly tough **Green Barbet**, which eventually we managed good views of. Shortly after, a familiar sound drew us to a large and loud group of



Yellow-streaked Greenbuls (below) which even afforded good photographic opportunities.



Moving on to the town of Mtunzini and the Umlalazi Reserve we made a brief unsuccessful stop to look for Palm-nut Vulture. Working hard in the heat of the day, activity was low but we eeked out a stunning **Purple-banded Sunbird**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **Yellow-throated Longclaw**, **Rufous-winged Cisticola** and John and Irene's first **African Fish Eagles**.

Surprisingly we also saw our first **Blacksmith Plovers** and **Greenshank**. Returning to the town for lunch we settled on a favourite restaurant which just so happened to come with great views of a **Palm-nut Vulture** drifting overhead.

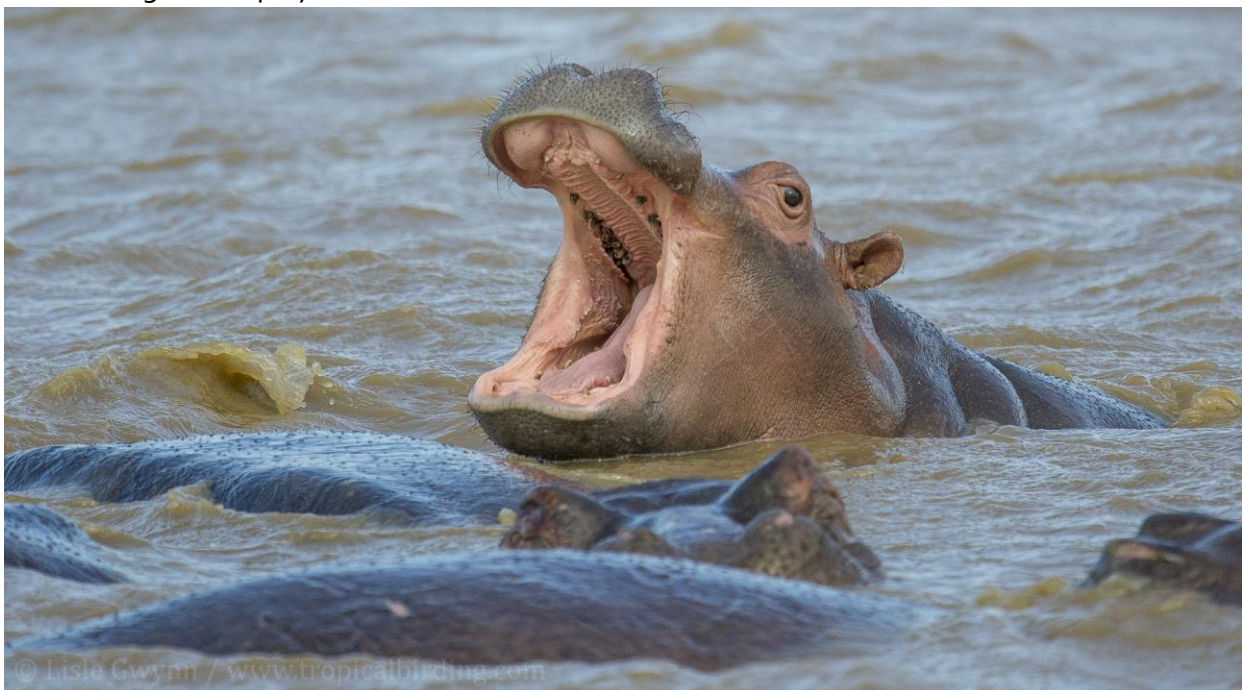
A return to Dlinza this evening resulted in many of the same birds as yesterday, with the notable additions of **Scaly-throated Honeyguide** and, after some not insignificant searching, the superb **Spotted Ground-Thrush**.



Day 5: Dlinza Forest and St. Lucia

We had one final session in Dlinza this morning with one key target in mind: Delegorgue's Pigeon. In a remarkable twist of luck we stopped for a Blue Duiker on the trail and arrived at the canopy tower just as Josh and another Tropical Birding custom tour got optics on a **Delegorgue's Pigeon** across the valley. With such luck straight off the bat we just spent some leisurely time enjoying the sunrise above the forest from this high vantage point. The birding wasn't bad either, with **Black-backed Puffback**, **Grey Cuckooshrike**, **African Emerald Cuckoo**, **Trumpeter Hornbill**, **African Goshawk** and an excruciatingly brief **African Crowned Eagle** being highlights.

After an excellent breakfast we made our way further into Zululand to our next base: St. Lucia. After a good fresh seafood lunch we opted for a boat trip on the estuary to look for the usually-difficult African Finfoot which is regular in the area. Luck was not on our side here though; a cyclone offshore meant we faced 60kmh+ winds and the trip had to be cut short. Still, we had good looks and photo opps with some good birds, including **Wire-tailed Swallow**, **Southern Brown-throated** and **Yellow Weavers**, **Pied** and **Giant Kingfishers** and some co-operative **Hippopotamus**. With the weather getting progressively worse John and I decided to bird the forest this evening as insurance against the weather. A few hours strolling the trails produced the goods with highlights including **Livingstone's Turaco**, **Brown Scrub-Robin**, **Broad-billed Roller**, **Crowned Hornbill**, **Grosbeak Weaver**, **Forest Weaver** and excellent views of **Eastern Nicator**. Unfortunately the wind meant that birding was extremely difficult, with **Woodward's Batis**, **Gorgeous Bushshrike** and **Green Malkoha** remaining frustratingly briefly heard but not seen. As darkness descended upon us and the winds increased yet further I decided we would at least try for nightjars. Even with persistent and positively huge gusts we managed fantastic views of both **Fiery-necked** and **Swamp Nightjars** as well as a pair of **Water Thick-knee**, a heard-only **African Wood Owl** and an unidentified snake. Another great dinner was then consumed before a mini night drive produced **Hippopotamus** within the town limits and a great display of unidentified fruit bats.



Day 6: St. Lucia, Hluluwe-Imfolozi & Mkhuze

We woke this morning to gale-force winds, grey skies and scattered rain – not ideal birding conditions in coastal forest! In fact, a quick survey of our morning site confirmed that trees were collapsing and birding was simply unsafe. A quick survey of the lagoon netted us a good few new birds including **Caspian** and **Swift Terns**, **Grey-headed Gull**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **White-fronted Plover**, **Common Ringed Plover**, **Eurasian Whimbrel**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Wood Sandpiper** and close (but not too close) looks at a tremendous **Bull Shark!**



Cowering from the wind we sipped good coffee and pondered our options. With a burning desire for some serious mammals we opted for the nearby Hluluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, which I gambled would be a little more sheltered.

Thankfully I was correct and we spent a day in nice weather seeing some great mammals including **African Elephant (next page top)**, **White Rhino (below)**, **Nyala**, **Impala**, **Cape Buffalo (next page bottom)**, **Blue Wildebeest**, **Burchell's Zebra**, **Giraffe** and **Warthog**.





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The birding wasn't bad either, in just a few hours we added new species including **Striped Kingfisher**, **Golden-breasted Bunting**, **Cape Glossy Starling**, **Red-crested Korhaan**, **Bateleur**, **Emerald-spotted Wood dove**, **Red-faced Mousebird**, **Golden-tailed & Olive Woodpeckers**, **Brubru**, **Black-crowned Tchagra**, **Black Cuckooshrike**, **Bearded Scrub-Robin**, **Wattled Starling**, **Red-billed Oxpecker**, **Blue Waxbill**, **African Firefinch** and **Eastern Paradise-Whydah**.

Making our way out of the park we made a quick stop for a low flying **Martial Eagle** which in turn spooked a group of **Black-winged Lapwings** from the field beside us – a great bonus! We had just enough time to get to Mkhuze before dark this evening and spent the last moments of light watching **White-fronted Bee-eaters** hawk for insects and perch close-by at a colony.



Day 7: Mkhuze Game Reserve

With just one full day in this world-famous game reserve we had every intention to bird from dawn until dusk. Arriving at the gate by 5am we were soon joining a small group of others, bound for the Fig Forest Walk in the eastern-most reaches of the reserve. John and Irene joined Patrick in the open-sided Land Rover whilst I followed behind and it wasn't long before they came to a screeching halt. I peered sideways out of my window as they left the road and headed into the bush, wondering what exactly they had seen. A tiny glimpse

of movement caught my eye, and upon lifting my bins I was blown away to see a whole family of **Cheetah**, complete with Impala kill, sat beneath a tree not 50 metres from the road. Cheetah is a great animal to get on any day, but is especially good in Mkhuze, and ultimately fortunate that they could be approached off-road for dream-calibre views. Very special indeed.



Setting our best foot forward into the fig forest, we went in search of a number of special inhabitants. Proceedings began well, with **Chacma Baboon** and **Green Vervet** monkeys providing comical entertainment, but the winds had not died down much over time, and we were still battling a game-altering bluster. A close-calling **Rudd's Apalis** flicked into view only briefly, but our second new species of the day was a much better performer... Rounding a corner, following up the rear of the group on Lion watch, I noticed Patrick suddenly hasten his pace and practically hop sideways. Rushing to the front of the now assembled group, I set the scope down and followed his directions to get the scope on a real gem... a magnificent **Pel's Fishing Owl**, our main target in this part of the park! The owl gave us views to our hearts' content, even waking from its slumber and surveying its surroundings, and us, for some time. Moving on through the forest the wind made for tough birding; a very pale **Wahlberg's Eagle** was briefly confusing, whilst male **Violet-backed Starlings** were not-so-briefly stunning. A



momentary **Broad-billed Roller** made us thankful for our extended views a couple of days previous'.

Parting ways with Patrick and the others, we opted to bird our way back through the park, stopping first at the massive Nsumo Pan. A good few new birds were enjoyed here, including the intricately painted **Yellow-billed Stork**, **African Openbill**, **Pink-backed** and **Great White Pelicans**, **Whiskered Terns**, **Red-billed Teal**, **Great** and **Little Egrets**, the colossal **Goliath Heron** and comical **African Spoonbill**. Moving on to the Sand Forest we spent time at a hide enjoying close views of animals like **Nyala**, **Chacma Baboon**, **Blue Wildebeest** and **Warthog**, whilst in the surrounding forest we located a superb **White-throated Robin-Chat**, some very co-operative **Chinspot Batis** and a small gaggle of **White-crested Helmet-Shrikes**. The bird of prey highlights for this park are always many, but in this small area we were afforded unbeatable views of **Bateleur** and **White-headed Vulture** in particular, the latter a surprisingly gorgeous beast.



Returning to the reception area, the heat now oppressive, John and I decided to undertake one last bash of the bush before retiring for lunch in the shade, which turned out to be a great decision. In the small area around the reception area alone we were soon having point-blank views of **Blue Waxbill** and **Chinspot Batis** (the latter with a nest), a couple of great **Cardinal Woodpecker**, both **Green Woodhoopoe** and **Common Scimitarbill**, **White-bellied Sunbird** and, the star of the lot and after much persistence, phenomenal views of **Neergard's Sunbird**. After lunch we opted to spend time on photography, rather than seeking new species,

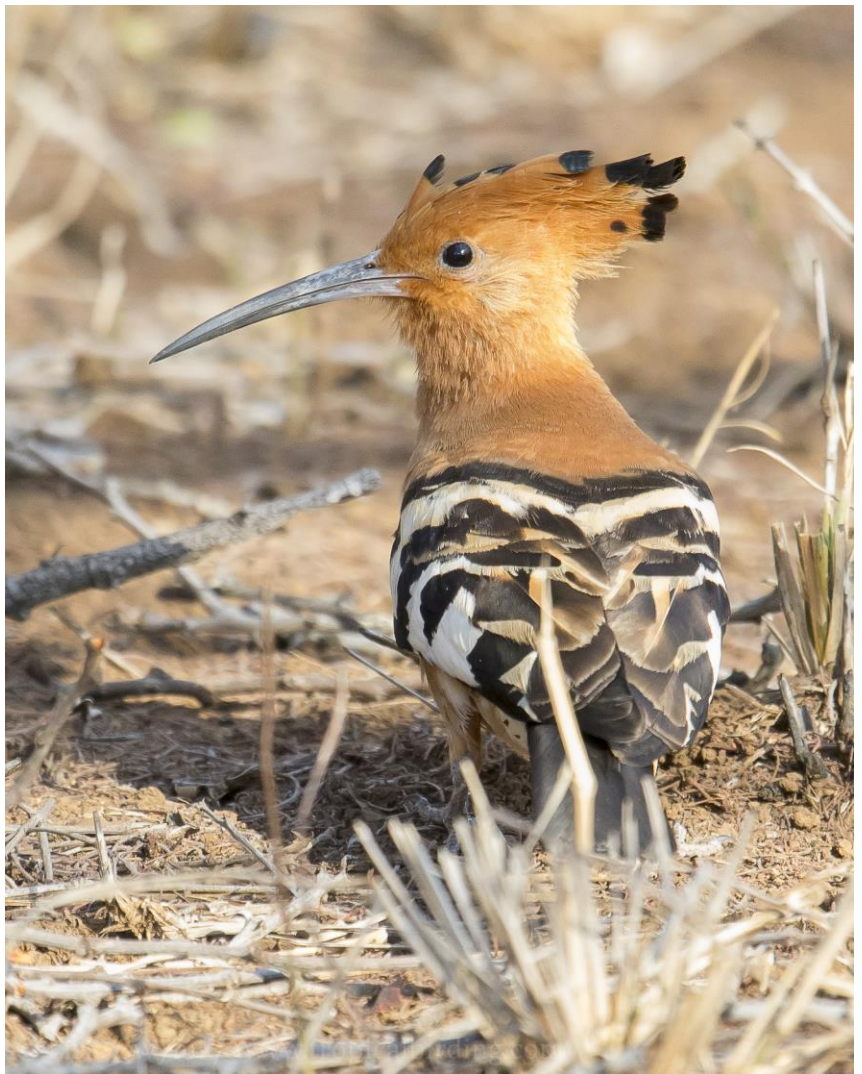
so we re-entered the park via yet more **Black Cuckooshrike**, a stunning **African Hoopoe** and a gorgeous **Orange-breasted Bushshrike** before settling in a new hide. Diversity was low, but opportunities were good with birds including **Crested Guineafowl (top)**, **African Pied Wagtail**, **Hamerkop**, **Green** and **Wood Sandpipers** (the former a rarity in South Africa), and the star of the show, a particularly confiding **African Pygmy Kingfisher (bottom)**. Safe to say, we retired more than a little happy this evening.



Day 8: Mkhuze & Zaagkuil drift

We began today on the deck of our swanky hotel, looking over a small wetland to the sun rising over Ghost Mountain. Under heavy atmosphere we admired **Purple Heron**, **African Black Duck**, **Black Crake**, **Long-tailed Cormorant** and **African Snipe** in perfect light. Moving toward the car, and the long journey ahead, we came across a small feeding flock of **Red-billed Firefinch**, a showy **Purple-banded Sunbird** and pair of **Burnt-neck Eremomela**, before departing on the long drive to Johannesburg, which was punctuated by a fly-over **Black-bellied Bustard** and numerous **Black-shouldered Kites**.

By the time we'd arrived in the big smoke of Jo'burg it was time to make a decision on our plan. I broached the idea of travelling another hour or so north to target a few of John's remaining 'most wanted' which we'd had no opportunity for before. Safe to say, we were soon on the road. Arriving at the Zaagkuil drift Road at the downturn of the heat, we spent every moment available to us trying to score a few bonus birds and add some extra diversity. Given that the habitat is entirely different to that which we'd birded before, we soon added a whole heap of new birds, including **Magpie Shrike**, **Northern Black Korhaan**, **Grey Go-Away Bird**, **Burchell's Glossy Starling**, **White-browed Sparrow Weaver**, **Namaqua Dove**, **Jameson's Firefinch**, **Green-winged Pytillia**, **Marico Flycatcher**, **Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler**, **African Grey Hornbill**, **Southern Red-billed Hornbill**, **Swainson's Spurfowl**, **Crested Francolin** and a stunning **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, as well as those more familiar, like **African Hoopoe**. A single fly-over **Marsh Owl** on the way 'home' was a fitting end to the day.



Day 9: Marievale Bird Sanctuary, Suikerbosrand, Zaagkuil drift & departure

Our time had boiled down to just one final long morning in South Africa before we had to catch our late afternoon flights out of Johannesburg, so we decided to combine our best photographic site in the best morning light with two 'smash and grab' attempts at two sites on opposite sides of the city.



The day began well with a long and extremely productive shooting session at Marievale Bird Sanctuary where we saw and scored great photos of a number of new and familiar species, including Goliath, Squacco, Purple, Grey, Black-crowned Night and Black Herons, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Whiskered Tern, Red-billed Quelea, Southern Red Bishop, African Spoonbill, Long-tailed and Red-collared Widowbirds, Ruff (next page top), Little Stint, Pied Avocet, African Snipe, Three-banded Plover (next page bottom), Blacksmith Plover, Sacred, Glossy and Hadedda Ibis, African Marsh Harrier, Red-billed and Hottentot Teal, Yellow-billed Duck, Southern Pochard, Cape Shoveller, White-throated and Greater Striped Swallows. Before long though the light had become harsh and the day was becoming warmer, so we made the quick dash to the pleasantly open-grassland of the Suikerbosrand nature reserve. Birding just along the roadsides we happily added Capped

Wheatear and Red-capped Lark to the list, along with a rather agitated Northern Black Korhaan for Irene, a good number and great looks at South African Cliff Swallow, Eastern Clapper and Spike-heeled Larks, Zitting and Cloud Cisticolas, Yellow-crowned Bishop and a covey of Orange River Francolins. With Irene having missed the birds we saw at Zaagkuil drift the evening before, we decided that with quite a few hours left to play with we should go first in search of good coffee (target achieved) and then on to Zaagkuil drift for the chance of maximum number of new species.



As expected, by the time we reached our destination the sun had risen high and the heat had picked up a bit, making birding less productive than would be ideal. John's "just one more new bird" mantra had changed today, for this final stab at our final site, to "just three more". That's all we needed, three new birds to leave the country more than happy. Luck was undoubtedly on our side, and almost immediately we were looking at bird number 1:

Southern Pied Babbler, a small group of which fumbled around the base of a tree as Irene admired a **Crested Barbet**. Bird number 2 was hot on the tail of the babbler, with a **Desert Cisticola** making its way on to the list. Bird 3 took some trying, and despite John being happy and signaling all was well to leave for the airport, I couldn't bring myself to leave without that last new bird. With eyes in full swing side to side as we drove slowly back toward the highway, it was with some luck and relief that I managed to spot a **Brown-hooded Kingfisher** perched some way back from the road – bird number 3 and, true to form, our final new bird of the trip. Arriving at the airport, we had one final lunch together and tallied the last of our 351 species, before parting ways.





Long-tailed Widowbird, Marievale Bird Sanctuary



Purple Heron, Marievale Bird Sanctuary



Blue Waxbill, Mkhuze Game Reserve



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Narina Trogon, Ngoye Forest



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Barn Owl, Underberg

BIRD LIST

The taxonomy of the bird list follows: Clements, James F., White, Anthony W., and Fitzpatrick, John W. The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World. Cornell, 2007.

This list is up to date with the major changes published by Cornell up until August 2014.

Regional endemic bird species are indicated with an E (endemic) or NE (near endemic) in column 3.

H in column 2 indicates a species that was HEARD only.

GO in column 2 indicates a species recorded by the GUIDE ONLY.

Numbers: 351 bird species and 33 mammal species recorded.

STRUTHIONIFORMES: Struthionidae				
1			Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae				
2			White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
3			Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
4			Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
5			African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
6			Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>
7		NE	Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>
8			Red-billed Duck (Teal)	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
9			Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>
10			Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
GALLIFORMES: Numididae				
11			Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
12			Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>
GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae				
13			Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
14			Swainson's Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>
PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae				
15			Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
16			Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
17			Eared (Black-necked) Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
PHOENICOPTERIFORMES: Phoenicopteridae				
18			Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae				
19			African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
20			Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
21			Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae				
22			Great (White-breasted) Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo (lucidus)</i>
23			Long-tailed (Reed) Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>

SULIFORMES: Anhingidae				
24			African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>
PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae				
25			Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
26			Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
PELECANIFORMES: Scopidae				
27			Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae				
28			Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
29			Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
30			Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
31			Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
32			Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
33			Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
34			Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
35			Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
36			Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
37			Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
38			Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae				
39			Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
40			(African) Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
41			Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
42			African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae				
43			Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae				
44			Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
45			African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
46			Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
47			Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
48			White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>
49			Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
50			White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
51		E	Cape Griffon (Vulture)	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
52			Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
53			Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
54			Crowned Hawk-Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>
55			Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
56			Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
57			Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
58			Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
59			Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>
60		NE	Pale Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
61			African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
62			African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>

63		Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>
64		Black Goshawk (Sparrowhawk)	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
65		Black (Yellow-billed) Kite	<i>Milvus migrans (parasitus)</i>
66		African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
67		Common (Steppe) Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo (vulpinus)</i>
68		Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
OTIDIFORMES: Otididae			
69		Red-crested Bustard (Korhaan)	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>
70	E	White-quilled Bustard (N. Black Korhaan)	<i>Eupodotis afraoides</i>
71		Black-bellied Bustard	<i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
GRUIFORMES: Rallidae			
72		Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
73		Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
74		Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
75		Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>
GRUIFORMES: Gruidae			
76		Gray Crowned-Crane	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>
77	E	Blue Crane	<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>
78		Wattled Crane	<i>Bugeranus carunculatus</i>
CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae			
79		Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae			
80		Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
81		Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae			
82		Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
83		Black-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>
84		Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
85		(African) Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
86		Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
87		Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
88		White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae			
89		African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae			
90		Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
91		Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
92		Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
93		Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
94		Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
95		Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
96		Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
97		Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
98		Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
99		Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
100		African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>

CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae				
101			Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae				
102			Gray-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
103			Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
104			Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
105			Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
106			Great Crested (Swift) Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae				
107		I	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
108			Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>
109			Rameron (African Olive) Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
110			Delegorgue's (E Bronze-naped) Pigeon	<i>Columba delegorguei</i>
111			Lemon Dove	<i>Columba larvata</i>
112			Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
113			Ring-necked (Cape Turtle-) Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
114			Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
115			Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
116			Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
117			Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>
118			African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>
CUCULIFORMES: Musophagidae				
119			Livingstone's Turaco	<i>Tauraco livingstonii</i>
120		E	Knysna Turaco	<i>Tauraco corythaix</i>
121			Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
122			Gray Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae				
123			Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
124		E*	White-browed (Burchell's) Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus (burchelli)</i>
STRIGIFORMES: Tytonidae				
125			Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae				
126			Pel's Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>
127			African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>
128			Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>
CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae				
129			Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
130			Swamp Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus natalensis</i>
APODIFORMES: Apodidae				
131			Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>
132			African Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
133			Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
134			Horus Swift	<i>Apus horus</i>
135			White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>
136			African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
COLIIFORMES: Coliidae				

137		Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
138		Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae			
139		Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>
CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae			
140		Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
141		Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
142		Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>
143		Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae			
144		White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
145		Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
146		European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae			
147		Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>
148		Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>
CORACIIFORMES: Upupidae			
149		Eurasian (African) Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops (africana)</i>
CORACIIFORMES: Phoeniculidae			
150		Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
151		Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
CORACIIFORMES: Bucerotidae			
152		Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
153		Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus albiterminatus</i>
154		African Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
155		Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>
PICIFORMES: Lybiidae			
156		Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
157		White-eared Barbet	<i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>
158		Green Barbet	<i>Stactolaema olivacea</i>
159		Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
160		Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
PICIFORMES: Indicatoridae			
161		Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>
162		Scaly-throated Honeyguide	<i>Indicator variegatus</i>
PICIFORMES: Picidae			
163		Rufous-necked Wryneck	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>
164		Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>
165	E	Ground Woodpecker	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>
166		Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
167		Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>
FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae			
168		Eurasian (Rock) Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus (rupicolus)</i>
169		Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae			
170		Brown-necked (Cape) Parrot	<i>Poicephalus r. robustus</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae				
171		E	Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>
172			Woodward's Batis	<i>Batis fratrum</i>
173			Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae				
174			White Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae				
175			Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
176			Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
177			Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
178		E	Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
179		NE	Crimson-breasted Gonolek (Shrike)	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
180		E	Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
181			Sulphur (Orange)-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
182	H	NE	Olive Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus olivaceus</i>
183	H		Four-colored (Gorgeous) Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus viridis</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae				
184			Black Cuckooshrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
185			Gray Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina caesia</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae				
186			Southern (Common) Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
187			Magpie Shrike	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae				
188			African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae				
189			Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>
190			Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae				
191			African (Blue-mantled) Crested-Flycatcher	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
192			African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae				
193			Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>
194			Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>
195			White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Chaetopidae				
196		E	Drakensberg Rockjumper	<i>Chaetops aurantius</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Nicatoridae				
197			Eastern Nicator	<i>Nicator gularis</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae				
198			Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>
199	H	NE	Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>
200		NE	Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
201			Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae				
202			Plain (Brown-throated) Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
203			Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>

204			Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
205			Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
206			White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
207			Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
208			Greater Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
209			Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
210			Rufous-chested (Red-breasted) Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
211			Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>
212		BE	South African (Cliff) Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>
213			Black Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae				
214		E	Fairy Flycatcher	<i>Stenostira scita</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Paridae				
215			Southern Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>
216		E	(Southern) Gray Tit	<i>Melaniparus afer</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae				
217			Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
218			Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
219			Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
220			Yellow-streaked Greenbul	<i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>
221			Common (Dark-capped) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae				
222			Cape (Long-billed) Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
223		E	Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae				
224			Yellow-throated Wood-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i>
225			Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae				
226			African (Dark-capped) Yellow-Warbler	<i>Iduna natalensis</i>
227			African Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
228			Lesser Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae				
229		E	Barratt's Warbler	<i>Bradypterus barratti</i>
230			Little Rush-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae				
231	H		Rudd's Apalis	<i>Apalis ruddi</i>
232			Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
233			Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
234			Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
235			Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
236			Wailing Cisticola	<i>Cisticola lais</i>
237			Winding (Rufous-winged) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
238			Tinkling (Levaillant's) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
239			Croaking Cisticola	<i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
240			Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
241			Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>

242		NE	Cloud Cisticola	<i>Cisticola textrix</i>
243			Pale-crowned Cisticola	<i>Cisticola cinnamomeus</i>
244			Wing-snapping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
245			Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
246		E	Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>
247		E	Drakensberg Prinia	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
248			Burnt-neck Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae				
249		E	Bush Blackcap	<i>Sylvia nigricapilla</i>
250		E	Layard's Warbler (Tit-Babbler)	<i>Sylvia layardi</i>
251		NE	Rufous-vented Warbler (Chestnut-v T-Bab.)	<i>Sylvia subcaerulea</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae				
252			Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae				
253			Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Tudoides bicolor</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Promeropidae				
254		E	Gurney's Sugarbird	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae				
255			Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>
256		NE	Mariqua (Marico) Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>
257			Southern Black-Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
258			Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
259			Gray Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
260		E	Karoo Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphaeus</i>
261		E	Brown Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas signata</i>
262			Bearded Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>
263			Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
264		E	White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
265			White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
266			Red-capped Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
267		E	Chorister Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
268		E	Sentinel Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
269		E	Cape Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
270			African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
271		E	Buff-streaked Bushchat	<i>Saxicola bifasciatus</i>
272		E	Southern Anteater-Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
273		E	Sicklewing Chat	<i>Cercomela sinuata</i>
274			Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>
275		NE	Mountain Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
276			Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae				
277			Spotted Ground-Thrush	<i>Geokichla guttata</i>
278			Orange Ground-Thrush	<i>Geokichla gurneyi</i>
279			Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsitsirupa</i>
280			Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae				

281		I	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
282		I	European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
283			Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
284			Cape Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
285		NE	Burchell's Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
286			Black-bellied Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis corruscus</i>
287			Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
288		E	African Pied Starling	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
289			Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Buphagidae				
290			Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae				
291			Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
292			Eastern Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
293			Mouse-colored (Grey) Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra veroxii</i>
294			Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
295			Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
296		E	Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>
297		E	Neergaard's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris neergaardi</i>
298		E	Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>
299			Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
300			White-breasted Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae				
301			Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
302			African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
303			African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
304			Mountain Pipit	<i>Anthus hoeschi</i>
305			Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>
306			Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
307		E	Yellow-tufted (African Rock) Pipit	<i>Anthus crenatus</i>
308		E	Orange-throated (Cape) Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
309			Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae				
310		NE	Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>
311			Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae				
312		E	Drakensberg Siskin	<i>Pseudochloroptila symonsi</i>
313		E	Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
314			Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
315			Black-throated Canary	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>
316			Brimstone Canary	<i>Serinus sulphuratus</i>
317		NE	Yellow Canary	<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>
318			Streaky-headed Seedeater	<i>Serinus gularis</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae				
319		I	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
320		NE	Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>

321			Southern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
322			Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae				
323			White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
324			Yellow Weaver	<i>Ploceus subaureus</i>
325			African Golden-Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
326			Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>
327			Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
328			Southern Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
329			Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
330			Forest Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
331			Red-headed Quelea	<i>Quelea erythroptus</i>
332			Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>
333			Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
334			Yellow-crowned Bishop	<i>Euplectes afer</i>
335			Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
336			Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>
337			Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
338			Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>
339			Grosbeak (Thick-billed) Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae				
340		E	Sweet Waxbill	<i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i>
341			Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
342			Blue-breasted Cordonbleu (Waxbill)	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
343	H		Pink-throated Twinspot	<i>Hypargos margaritatus</i>
344			Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
345			Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
346			African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
347			Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
348			Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
349			Black-and-white (Red-backed) Mannikin	<i>Spermestes bicolor</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Viduidae				
350			Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>
351			Eastern (Long-tailed) Paradise-Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>

MAMMALS			
Cercopithecidae: Cheek-pouched Monkeys			
1	NE	Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
2		Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
Lagomorpha: Hares			
3		Cape Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>
Sciuridae: Squirrels			
4		Red Bush Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus palliatus</i>
5		Tree Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
Muridae: Rats & Mice			
6	E	Sloggett's (Ice) Rat	<i>Otomys sloggetti</i>
Mustelidae: Mustelids			
7		Spotted-necked Otter	<i>Lutra maculicollis</i>
Herpestidae: Mongooses			
8		Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
9		Slender Mongoose	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
10	NE	Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
Felidae: Cats			
11		Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
Elephantidae: Elephants			
12		(African) Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Equidae: Horses			
13		Plains (Burchell's) Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>
Rhinocerotidae: Rhinoceroses			
14		White Rhino	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>
Suidae: Pigs			
15		Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
Hippopotamidae: Hippopotamuses			
16		Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Giraffidae: Giraffes			
17		Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
Bovidae: Horned Ungulates			
18		African (Cape) Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
19		Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
20		Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
21		Mountain Reedbuck	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>
22		Common (Southern) Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
23	E	Grey Rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>
24	E	Black Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>
25		Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
26	E	Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus p. phillipsi</i>
27		Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
28		Suni	<i>Neotragus moschatus</i>
29		Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
30		Red Duiker	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>
31		Blue Duiker	<i>Cephalophus monticola</i>

32		Common (Bush) Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
Delphinidae: Dolphins			
33		Indo-Pacific Bottlenosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops aduncus</i>

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REPTILES			
Crocodylidae: Crocodiles			
1		Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Scincidae: Skinks			
2		Red-sided Skink	<i>Mabuya homalocephala</i>
3		Striped Skink	<i>Mabuya striata</i>
Colubridae: Colubrid Snakes			
4		Olive Grass Snake	<i>Psammophis mossambicus</i>
Testudinidae: Tortoises			
5		Leopard Tortoise	<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>
Pelomedusidae: African Side-necked Turtles			
6		Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>