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SOUTH AFRICA PHOTO JOURNEY

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The stunning Malachite Kingfisher in Kruger National Park.

Introduction:

With an incredible combination of stunning landscapes, beautiful birds, and world famous wildlife, South Africa is simply an incredible destination for photography. This tour aims to get you onto as many unique and interesting photographic opportunities as possible, while getting a true feel for this amazingly diverse country. Of course we visit the world-famous Kruger National Park and its huge bird and mammal diversity, but the most scenically beautiful and endemic-rich regions of the country are the other-worldly Fynbos of the Cape region, the floristically gobsmacking succulent Karoo and Namaqualand, along with rich and rugged coastlines. On this tour we both maximize the number of photographic experiences, yet still spend the time needed to get amazing shots of the most unique photo subjects.

South Africa does not have the extensive feeder and blind set-ups like one would see in other photographic destinations, rather here we use our field skills and knowledge to visit the right locations at the right time to get shots of our target species. That being said, on this tour we visited an African Penguin colony, a Cape Gannet colony, Kruger waterhole blinds, and scenic scenarios where we can set up for photography, compared to many other times where we track our photo subjects to get the truly “wild” shot.

Although this is a relatively short tour, we did very well with 301 species of birds photographed by at least one member of the group, out of 322 species seen or heard. And of these, 161 species were photographed well (see trip list below for details). We also came away with 25 species of mammals photographed well out of the 41 species we saw. Although, this is still only scratching the surface. Add to this the incredible shots of wildflowers, insects, reptiles, and stunning scenery, and this really is a photographers paradise.

Itinerary

September 10	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden and Strandfontein Sewage Works
September 11	Kommetjie, Cape Peninsula NP, and Boulder’s Beach Penguin Colony
September 12	West Coast NP (Postberg) to Lambert’s Bay
September 13	Lambert’s Bay Gannet colony to Vanrhynsdorp
September 14	Nieuwoudtville to Klien Cedarberg, Tanqua Karoo
September 15	Tanqua Karoo to Overberg
September 16	Bontebok NP to Cape Town. Flight to Johannesburg
September 17	Marievale Bird Sanctuary to Misty Mountain
September 18	Kruger NP: Letaba area
September 19	Kruger NP: Letaba
September 20	Kruger NP: Letaba to Oliphants
September 21	Kruger NP: Oliphants
September 22	Kruger NP: Oliphants to Skukuza
September 23	Kruger NP: Skukuza to Letaba
September 24	Letaba to departure

September 10, 2015

With cool temperatures this morning at the world famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden in Cape Town, the birds were less active, but they stayed low, and the colors seemed to pop. Here is where we have our first glimpse of the unique Fynbos, a plant kingdom endemic to South Africa where Proteas, Ericas, and Restios dominate, all with the stunning backdrop of Table Mountain. In the garden we were able to track down some nice birds, including the endemic Cape Sugarbird, and plenty of colorful Southern Double-collared Sunbirds.



The Southern Double-collared Sunbird and the long-tailed, endemic male Cape Sugarbird are common, yet colorful photo subject in the Botanic Garden.



Table Mountain makes an impressive back drop to any scene around Cape Town, especially in the spring

After lunch in the garden we headed to the marshes of Strandfontein Sewage Works south of Cape Town. This is a great place to shoot from the car as you drive the system of dykes criss-crossing the marshes. The car acts as a blind so we were able to get quite close to our photo subjects. Hundreds of waterfowl dot the pools, mainly; Spur-winged Geese, Red-billed Duck, Cape Teal, and Southern Pochard. We spent some time with a sizeable flock of at least 100 Greater Flamingos, and we were treated to close encounters with the beautiful Orange-throated Longclaw.



A multitasking Greater Flamingo.

September 11, 2015

Today we spent our time in the scenically stunning Cape Peninsula, and first thing in the morning we were in the sleepy coastal town of Kommetjie. With the tide slowly coming in we could get quite close to a colony of roosting Great Crested Terns as well as plenty of Great and Cape Cormorants. We stalked a pair of African Oystercatchers for some time, but came up empty. From here we continued down the rugged coastline eventually to the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point itself. Within the National Park system this is one of the few places you can see wild Ostrich feeding close to the ocean, making for an interesting contrast. We found a large troop of Chacma Baboons here too, which were great fun to photograph, especially the mother and young. However the wind was quite strong here today, making bird photography somewhat tricky with birds not wanting to perch up, but with 20 foot waves crashing on the rocky coast, and thousands of Cape and bank Cormorants streaming through, it was the making of some very dramatic shots.

After a nice lunch in Simonstown we set up at the famous Boulder's Beach to capture one of this tours highlights. Timed and positioned perfectly we had lots of fun photographing African Penguins as they returned back to their burrows after a days fishing. We took advantage of today's nice afternoon light until it was time to eventually head back to our hotel north of the city.



A Great Cormorant having a morning stretch, and the odd sight of Ostrich by an angry coast.



These African Penguins always seem to be striking a pose at Boulder's Beach.



An African Penguin coming home after a full day of fishing.

September 12, 2015

Very early this morning we packed up and headed north of Cape Town to West Coast National Park, to a new habitat, for new photo subjects. On arrival to the park we found a few interesting species such as Karoo Scrub-Robin, White-backed Mousebird, and Yellow Canary. Next we explored the coast a little to photograph a pair of African Oystercatchers foraging on the rocks, but the focal point of our visit here was spending time in the Postberg section of the park and its famous fields of spring flowers. This tour is timed specifically to give us a shot at seeing this spring spectacle, and we timed it right this year. We arrived in low morning light surrounded by a fairly normal looking open fields, but once the sun had risen these fields exploded in vibrant oranges, yellows, and purples of the millions upon millions of Asters. These fields are also perfect grazing areas for the plentiful Springbok, Eland, and Bontebok that call West Coast NP home. The incredible sight of these large antelope surrounded by vibrant flowers is truly stunning, and holds endless photographic potential. Even birds like Cattle Egret, and Pied Crows look a little something extra in a field of flowers.

After a great lunch in the park surrounded by Cape Weavers, Cape Wagtails, and Cape Sparrows we ventured north all the way to Lambert's Bay to base ourselves for the night.



A Springbok surrounded by color in West Coast NP (photo by Keith Barnes)



Gazanias (native to South Africa) are in the Asteraceae and explode with color during the South African springtime here in West Coast NP.



Even the Cattle Egrets look better in a field of flowers. (photo by Keith Barnes)



Capped Wheatear and a pair of African Oystercatchers. More common sites in West Coast (photos by Keith Barnes).

September 13, 2015

Now in the coastal fishing village of Lambert's Bay, we spent the morning hours at the most accessible Cape Gannet colony in the world. Thousands of breeding Gannets call Bird Island Reserve home and we were able to get quite close to these sleek birds. The Cape Gannet is the most threatened of the worlds Gannet species, and this location being one of just six major breeding colonies. With no fog in site, the morning light glowed off their butterscotch colored heads, and with a breeding colony like this we were able to get great shots of pair bonding rituals, flight shots, and the constant squabbles between neighboring birds.

From here we drove east and away from the coast to the isolated town of Vanrynsdorp, our base and gateway to the Karoo region. The afternoon session had us exploring the low Karoo scrub for some Karoo specialty birds. We did well, despite the wind, and came away with shots of; Rufous-eared Warbler, Lark-like Bunting, Pale-chanting Goshawk, Karoo Lark, Large-billed Lark, and Yellow Canary among many others.



Cape Gannet skypointing at Lambert's Bay (photo by Keith Barnes).





A stunning Yellow Canary is a common and colorful bird of the Karoo (photo by Keith Barnes).



More Karoo specialties in habitat, clockwise from top left; Pale-chanting Goshawk, Rufous-eared Warbler, Karoo Lark, Large-billed Lark. (photos by Keith Barnes)

September 14, 2015

An early start had us driving further east from Vanrynsdorp to just outside Nieuwoudtville at another wild flower reserve. On the way we stopped to photograph a flock of African Spoonbills, and a small creek crossing held a colony of Cape Weavers and Red Bishops. The wild flower reserve here in Namaqualand are even more diverse than the flower spectacle we visited a couple days ago in West Coast NP, it also attracts a few different species of birds. We found a few Southern Black Korhaan, many Cape Clapper Larks, a cooperative Namaqua Warbler, African Stonechats, and other lifeforms such as the striking Koppie Foam Grasshopper, and Angulate Tortoises. After filling up on flowers we drove back south and into the Tanqua Karoo of Klein Cedarberg but first we crossed over the Cedarberg Mountains which gave way to patches of Fynbos with Proteas which endemics like Cape Sugarbird and the striking Orange-breasted Sunbird. The latter posing nicely for us on top of a tall Protea. Eventually we made it to our accommodation in the wilderness and we were soon photographing the local birds hanging around the lodge feeders. Lots of Cape Sparrows, and Cape Buntings, and best of all a resident Malachite Sunbird. The temperature soon dropped though so we retreated to the roaring fire with a glass of wine and a delicious homemade dinner.



This endemic Orange-breasted Sunbird is common and attractive (photo by Keith Barnes)



The Cape Clapper Lark (left) an uncommon and hard-to-photograph species, and Greater Striped Swallow (photos by Keith Barnes).



Red Bishop and Cape Weaver add a nice splash of color to Namaqualand (photos by Keith Barnes).



It is not just birds with this Koppie Foam Grasshopper and an Angulate Tortoise.

September 15, 2015

More time was spent this morning shooting Mousebirds, Sparrows, Weavers, and Sunbirds around Klein Cedarberg before heading down into the Tanqua Karoo. Here we made a short stop where we found another good species, the cute Fairy Flycatcher, but soon the harsh midday sun came out. We used this time to make the long journey south to the rolling wheat fields and remnant fynbos of the Overberg. On the way, keen eyed Keith spotted a tiny Tortoise crossing the road which turned out to be the seldom seen Parrot-beaked Padloper, a cute endemic. Our main stop this afternoon however was at a great Sacred Ibis and Cattle Egret rookery within the picturesque town of Montague. Here we had a great position on a platform to shoot the comings and goings, and the hustle and bustle of these interesting birds. The surrounding trees were also home to a pair of Pied Barbets.

Eventually we made it to our luxurious accommodation in Buffeljagsrivier where our fantastic hosts treated us to a great home cooked meal and interesting stories.



The full display of a Sacred Ibis, with inflated sac and all (photo by Keith Barnes).



A busy mother Cattle Egret and a frisky Sacred Ibis at the Montague rookery.



The tiny Parrot-beaked Padloper (photo by Scott Watson), and stunning Yellow Bishop (Keith Barnes).



The Rameron (African Olive) Pigeon perched nicely in Bontebok NP (photo by Keith Barnes).

September 16, 2015

This morning's photography took place in the nearby Bontebok National Park, so named as it was the last refuge for the then critically endangered Bontebok, but now they are doing well in the region. This park is home to an impressive list of birds and this morning we had fun photographing a wide range of species from the car, and on foot. One spot gave us good shots at the endemic Cape Grassbird, Klass's Cuckoo, and Black-headed Heron. While a grassy clearing near a stream held a perched Rameron Pigeon (pictured above), and a Greater Double-collared Sunbird. At the campsite we had a fantastic run-in with a curious Bar-throated Apalis, and sifting through sandy mole hills we found both Cape Sand Frog and Cape Sand Toad. Our last stop here was for a huge white foam ball otherwise known as a displaying Stanley Bustard, strutting its stuff not too far from the vehicle. Now on our way back to Cape Town but first a stop for a flock of dancing Blue Cranes, South Africa's National Bird. We had seen some earlier but were slightly too far away. This Overberg area is the best place to see them. After shooting here it was back to Cape Town to catch our flight to Johannesburg and to our hotel.



A tour highlight was capturing the dance of the Blue Crane (photo by Keith Barnes).



A very curious Bar-throated Apalis and the strange and secretive Cape Sand Frog from Bontebok NP.



The Stanley Bustard is a huge bird to begin with, but massive when in display like this male from Bontebok NP (photo by Keith Barnes).

September 17, 2015

Another early start had us positioned in the photo blind at Marivale Bird Sanctuary just outside of Johannesburg. A series of wetland pools are accessed via an elevated dyke system which lead to 5 different photo blinds, perfect to photograph the plentiful waterfowl, shorebirds, herons, and rails which call Marievale home. Hottentot Teal, Red-billed Ducks, Yellow-billed Ducks, and Southern Pochard were in abundance, as were the Pied Avocets, migrant Ruff, and Curlew Sandpiper. One hide has great, close perches for the resident White-throated Swallow, and here we were lucky enough to call in the normally very shy Little Bittern. The Rail species here are even active into the late morning with Black Crake, African Swamphen, and Red-knobbed Coots. We even had great encounters with Spot-necked Otters and a curious Marsh Mongoose.



Frisky Yellow-billed Ducks (top) Little Bittern (left) and a Pied Stilt at Marievale Bird Sanctuary.



The tiny Hottentot Teal and less than secretive Black Crake from the blind at Marievale.



A nice surprise was this Marsh Mongoose which strolled by while shooting this White-throated Swallow.

September 18 - 24, 2015 – KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

After staying the night in the misty mountains we explored the lodge grounds before making the drive out to Kruger National Park. This tour was designed to end in the most diverse part of the country, and experience at true “safari” experience. We did well this trip at photographing the “Big 5” (Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino, and African Buffalo) as well as many other mammal species, and unlike other safaris we don’t shy away from the small stuff too like Rodents, Reptiles, Dragonflies, and Butterflies. The bird diversity was great as usual here, with some of the best bird photography taking place in the rest camps themselves, with birds like Hornbills and Barbets not being afraid of people. We did quite well from Lake Panic hide near Skukuza rest camp this trip, with lots of cooperative Hippos and Nile Crocodiles, but a Malachite Kingfisher called the reed bed next to the blind home, so we spent some time here. During our Kruger stint we stayed at 3 different rest camps in order to take advantage of three different habitat types in the park. We started in the drier northern section of Letaba, moved south to the stunning river side camp of Oliphants, and eventually to Skukuza and Lake Panic. Most of our shooting was done from our vehicle (which you must stay in while in the park), but you can leave the vehicle to go to the many hides, while the fenced rest camps are where we concentrated on our bird photography, setting up water drips right outside our cabins. The following is a gallery of photos from our time in Kruger National Park to finish up a very enjoyable photo journey of South Africa.



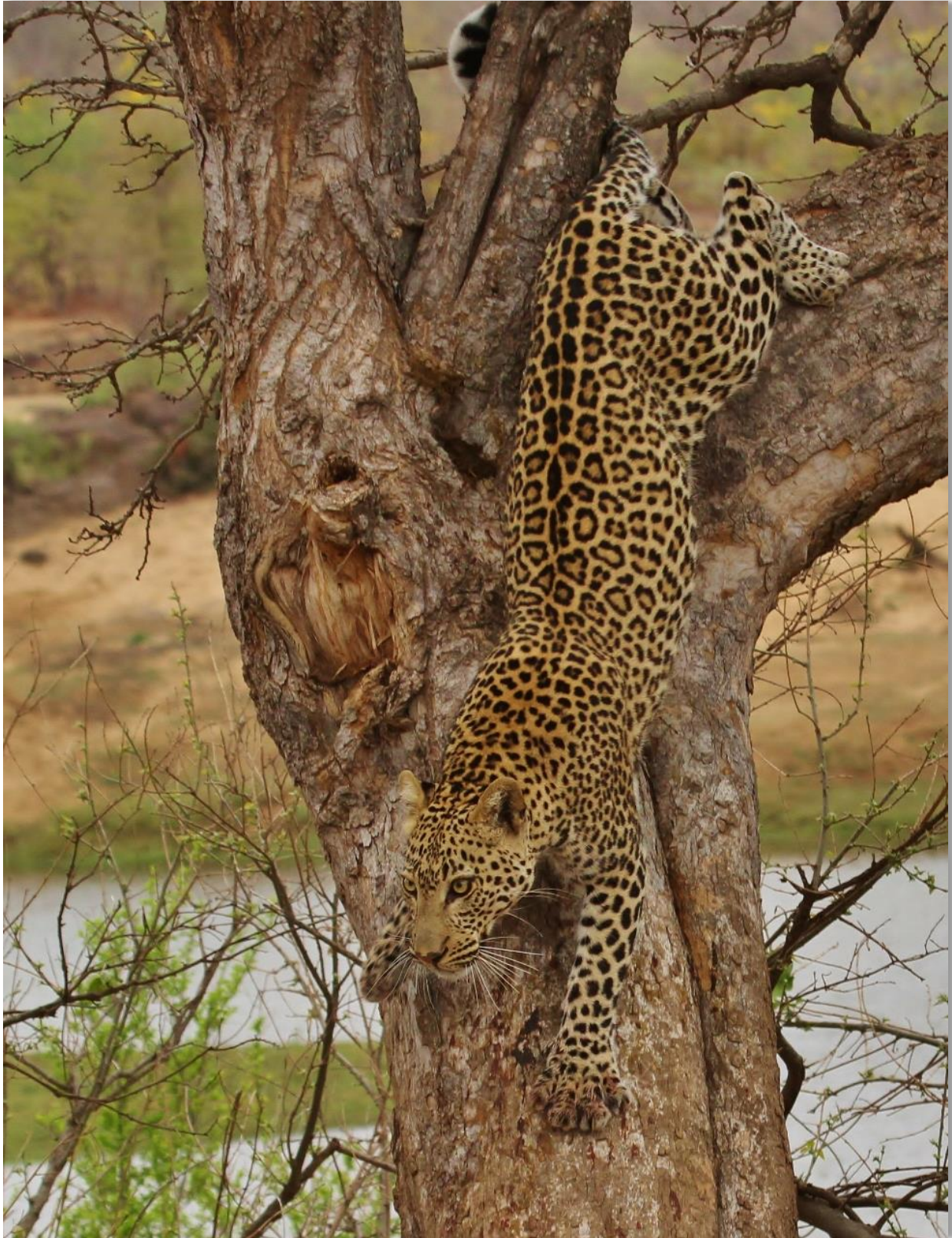
First stop in Kruger, at a lake where Goliath Herons meet Crocodiles and Water Thick-knees look on.



Crested Barbet (top) and Laughing Dove are 2 very common species around the rest camps.



A clash of Hornbills at the same feeder; Southern Yellow-billed (top) and Southern Red-billed.



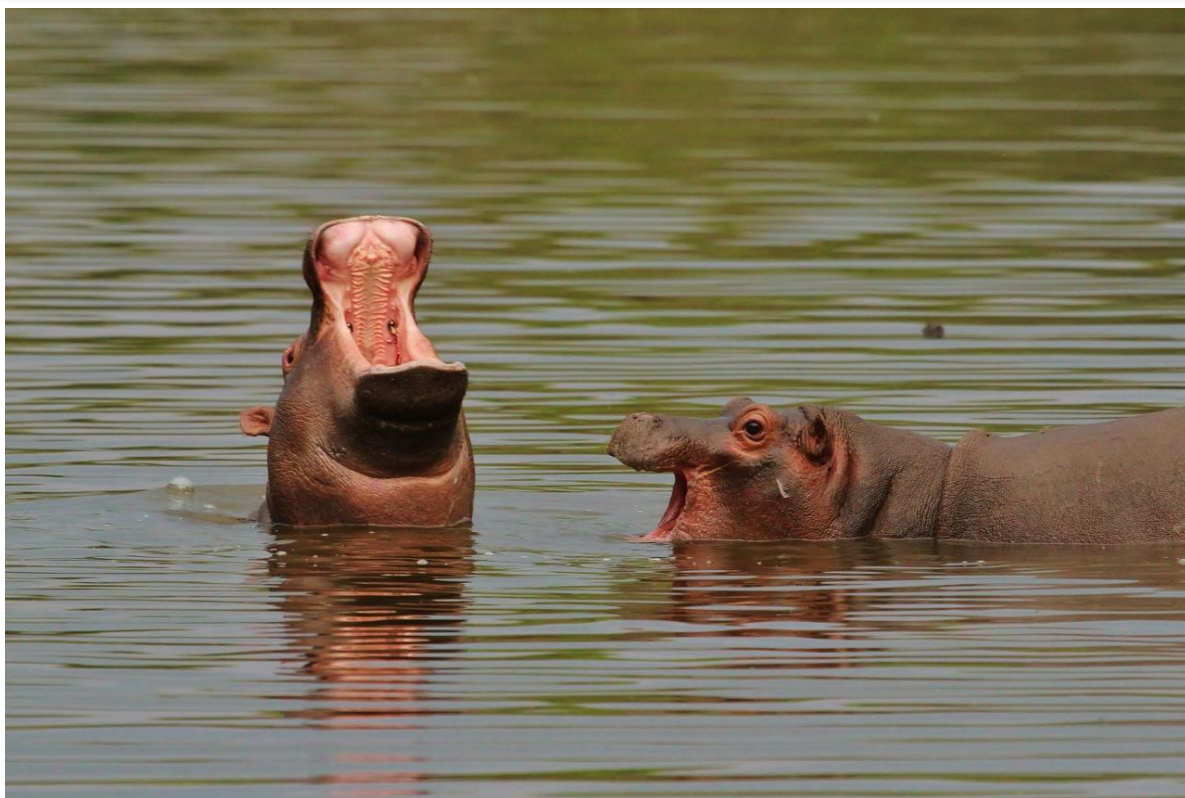
We were lucky in getting some Leopard action, and this one descending from its Impala kill in the tree.



Swainson's Francolin and White-browed Robin-Chat from Oliphants rest camp.



The subtle beauty of a Yellow-bellied Greenbul at Letaba.



Yet another Leopard encounter and some young Hippos having a laugh at Lake Panic.



Everyone's favorite Kingfisher, the startlingly blue Malachite from Lake Panic.



African Jacana (left) and a Broad Scarlet (Dragonfly) near Skukuza rest camp.



The complex violets and blues of the Burchell's Glossy-Starling is amazing.



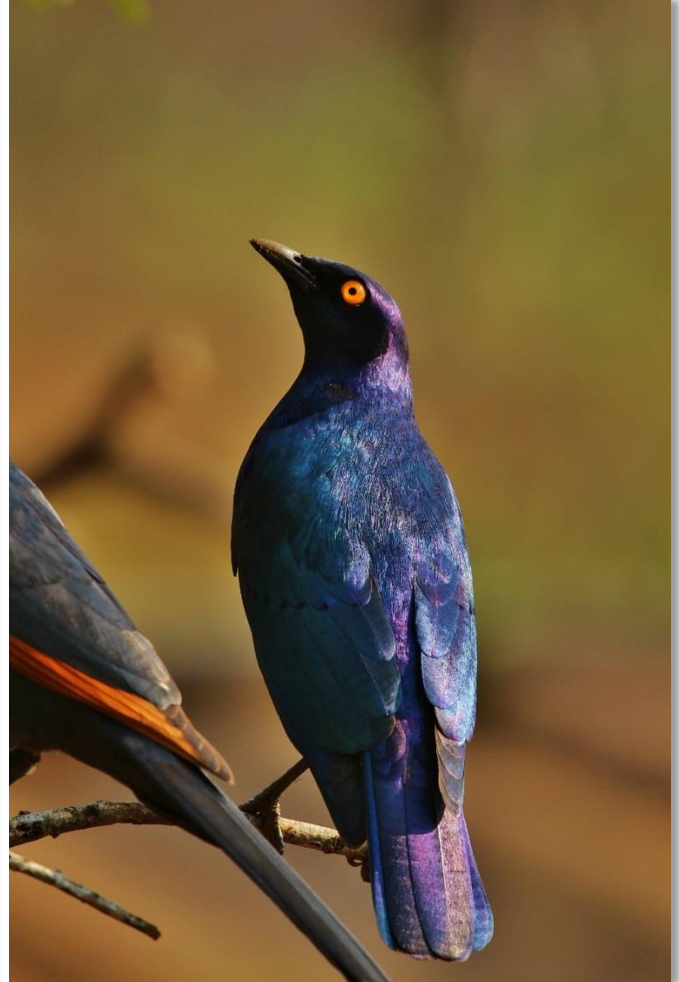
Warthog (above), and a full Spotted Hyena vs. a very patient Hooded Vulture.



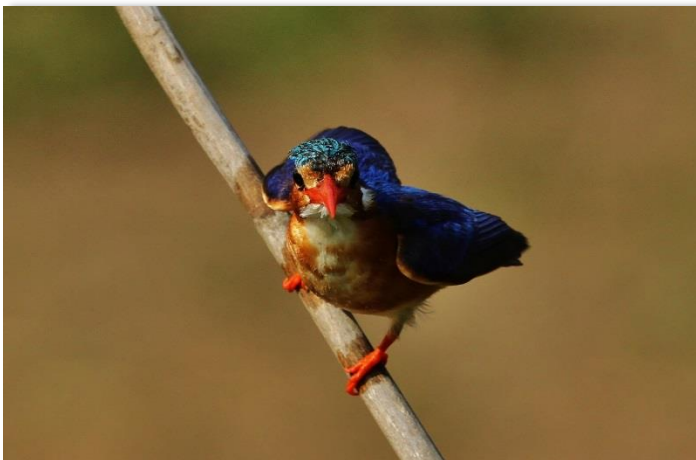
Both giants in their own right; African Elephant, and Southern Ground-Hornbill.



Common yet very photo worthy, the Common (Dark-capped) Bulbul from Letaba.



Not your average introduced Starling, the Red-winged (left) and Cape Glossy from Oliphants.



Two more Malachite Kingfisher photos just for good measure, Lake Panic.



Finally, a Crested Barbet from Letaba, and some very alert female Nyala from Lake Panic.

Bird List: Using Clements 6.9

Birds and mammals listed were at least photographed by one person in the group.

Birds or mammals marked with an “X” in the right column were photographed well by all in the group.

STRUTHIONIFORMES: Struthionidae		
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	X
ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae		
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	X
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>	
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	X
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	X
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	X
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>	
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	X
Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>	
Red-billed Duck (Teal)	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	X
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	X
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	X
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	
GALLIFORMES: Numididae		
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	X
GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae		
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>	X
Gray-winged Francolin	<i>Francolinus africanus</i>	
Cape Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus capensis</i>	X
Natal Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus natalensis</i>	X
Swainson's Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>	X
PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	X
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	
Eared (Black-necked) Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	
PHOENICOPTERIFORMES: Phoenicopteridae		
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	X
SPHENISCIFORMES: Spheniscidae		
Jackass (African) Penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>	X
CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae		
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	X
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	
SULIFORMES: Sulidae		
Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>	X
SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae		

Great (White-breasted) Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo (lucidus)</i>	X
Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	
Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	
Crowned Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	X
SULIFORMES: Anhingidae		
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	
PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae		
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	X
PELECANIFORMES: Scopidae		
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	
PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae		
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	X
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	X
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	X
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	X
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	X
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	X
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	X
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	X
PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae		
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	X
(African) Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	X
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	X
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Sagittariidae		
Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	X
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae		
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	X
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	X
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	X
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	X
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i>	
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	X
Dark Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	
Pale Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	X

Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	
African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	X
Black Goshawk	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	
African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	X
Common (Steppe) Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo (vulpinus)</i>	
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	
OTIDIFORMES: Otididae		
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	X
Ludwig's Bustard	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	
Stanley Bustard	<i>Neotis denhami</i>	X
Red-crested Bustard (Korhaan)	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>	X
(Southern) Black Bustard (Korhaan)	<i>Eupodotis afra</i>	
GRUIFORMES: Rallidae		
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	X
African Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	X
Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	X
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	X
GRUIFORMES: Gruidae		
Blue Crane	<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>	X
CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae		
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	X
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	X
CHARADRIIFORMES: Haematopodidae		
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>	X
CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae		
Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	X
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	X
(African) Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	X
CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae		
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	X
CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	X
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	X
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	X
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	X
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	X
CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae		

Gray-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	X
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	X
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	
Great Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	X
PTEROCLIFORMES: Pteroclididae		
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	
COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae		
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	X
Rameron (African Olive) Pigeon	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	X
(African) Mourning Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	X
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	X
Ring-necked (Cape Turtle-) Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	X
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	X
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	
African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	
CUCULIFORMES: Musophagidae		
Purple-crested Turaco	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>	
Gray Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	X
CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae		
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	X
Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	
White-browed (Burchell's) Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus (burchelli)</i>	X
STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae		
African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	
CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae		
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>	X
APODIFORMES: Apodidae		
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	
African Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	X
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	
COLIIFORMES: Coliidae		
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	X
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	X
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae		
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	X
Gray-headed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	

Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>	
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	X
CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae		
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	X
CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae		
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	X
Rufous-crowned Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Upupidae		
Eurasian (African) Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops (africana)</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Phoeniculidae		
Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	X
Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Bucerotidae		
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	X
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	X
African Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	X
CORACIIFORMES: Bucorvidae		
Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>	X
PICIFORMES: Lybiidae		
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	X
(Acacia) Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	X
PICIFORMES: Indicatoridae		
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	
PICIFORMES: Picidae		
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>	
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicus namaquus</i>	
FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae		
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	X
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae		
Brown-headed Parrot	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae		
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	X
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae		
White Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae		
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	X
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	
Southern Tchagra	<i>Tchagra tchagra</i>	
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	X

Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	
Sulphur(orange)-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>	
Gray-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae		
Southern (Common) Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	X
Magpie Shrike	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae		
African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae		
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae		
African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae		
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	X
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	X
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae		
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafrā africana</i>	
Flappet Lark	<i>Mirafrā rufocinnamomea</i>	
Cape Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafrā apiata</i>	X
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	X
Karoo Lark	<i>Calendulauda albescens</i>	X
Eastern Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>	
Gray-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	
Large-billed Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae		
Plain (Brown-throated) Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	X
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	
Greater Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	
Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	X
Rufous-chested (Red-breasted) Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae		
Fairy Flycatcher	<i>Stenostira scita</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Paridae		
Southern Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae		
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	X
Common (Dark-capped) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	X
Cape Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae		
Cape (Long-billed) Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	X

Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae		
African Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	
Lesser Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae		
Little Rush-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae		
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>	X
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>	X
Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>	
Red-headed (Grey-backed) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>	X
Tinkling (Levaillant's) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	
Piping Cisticola (Neddicky)	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	
Cloud Cisticola	<i>Cisticola textrix</i>	
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	X
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>	X
Namaqua Prinia (Warbler)	<i>Prinia substriata</i>	X
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae		
Rufous-vented Warbler (Chestnut-v T-Bab.)	<i>Sylvia subcaerulea</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae		
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae		
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Promeropidae		
Cape Sugarbird	<i>Promerops cafer</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Muscipidae		
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis infuscatus</i>	
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Sigelus silens</i>	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	X
Karoo Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphaeus</i>	X
Red-backed (White-browed) Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	X
Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	X
White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>	X
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	
Chorister Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>	
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	
Southern Anteater-Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	
Mocking Cliff-Chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>	X
Karoo Chat	<i>Cercomela schlegelii</i>	
Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	X
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae		

Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsitsirupa</i>	
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>	X
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae		
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	
Cape Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	X
Burchell's Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>	X
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	
African Pied Starling	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>	X
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Buphagidae		
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	X
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae		
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	X
Orange-breasted Sunbird	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>	X
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>	X
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	X
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>	X
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>	
White-breasted Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae		
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	X
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	X
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	
Bush (Bushveld) Pipit	<i>Anthus caffer</i>	
Orange-throated (Cape) Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>	X
Yellow-throated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae		
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	X
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	X
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	X
PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae		
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	X
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	
Forest Canary	<i>Serinus scotops</i>	X
Brimstone Canary	<i>Serinus sulphuratus</i>	
Yellow Canary	<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>	X
White-throated Canary	<i>Serinus albogularis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae		
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	X
Southern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	X
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae		

Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	
Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	X
Southern Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	X
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	
Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	X
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	X
White-winged Widowbird	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae		
Sweet Waxbill	<i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i>	
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	X
Blue-breasted Cordonbleu (Waxbill)	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	X
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>	
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	X
African Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Viduidae		
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	X
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	

Mammals

Galagidae : Galagos		
Lesser Galago	<i>Galago moholi</i>	
Cercopithecidae: Cheek-pouched Monkeys		
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	X
Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>	X
Equidae: Horses		
Cape Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus z. zebra</i>	
Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus burchellii</i>	X
Rhinocerotidae: Rhinoceroses		
White Rhino	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	
Hippopotamidae: Hippopotamuses		
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	X
Suidae: Pigs		
Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>	X
Giraffidae: Giraffes		
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	X
Bovidae: Horned Ungulates		
African (Cape) Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	X
Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	

Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	X
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	X
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	X
Gemsbok (Southern Oryx)	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	
Common Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	X
Grey Rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>	
Cape Grysbok	<i>Raphicerus melanotis</i>	
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	X
Red Haartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>	
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus p. pygargus</i>	X
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	X
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	X
Elephantidae: Elephants		
(African) Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	X
Procaviidae: Hyraxes		
Cape Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	X
Canidae: Dogs & allies		
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	
Mustelidae: Mustelids		
Spot-necked Otter	<i>Hydricteis maculicollis</i>	
Herpestidae: Mongooses		
Small (Cape) Grey Mongoose	<i>Galerella pulverulenta</i>	X
Slender Mongoose	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>	
Marsh Mongoose	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>	X
Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>	X
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	
Viverridae: Genets & Civets		
Common (Small-spotted) Genet	<i>Genetta genetta</i>	
African Civet	<i>Civettictis civetta</i>	
Hyaenidae: Hyaenas		
Spotted Hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	X
Felidae: Cats		
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	X
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	X
Otariidae: Sea Lions		
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus p. pusillus</i>	
Muridae: Rats & Mice		
Southern African Vlei Rat	<i>Otomys irroratus</i>	
Sciuridae: Squirrels		
Tree (Smith's Bush)Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>	X
Lagomorpha: Hares		
Cape Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	X