



# Namibia & Botswana 2016

A Tropical Birding Custom Trip

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The Crimson-breasted Shrike is Namibia's national bird.



## WINDHOEK

After arrival in Namibia's capital, we had a day to relax and enjoy the excellent birding on offer around this small and charming city.

Windhoek has a population of about 300,000, out of Namibia's tiny population of only 2.1 million, remarkable for a country that is twice the size of California.

Monteiro's Hornbill (left), one of many Namibian near-endemic birds that we were seeking.



On our morning walk at Avis Dam, we enjoyed African Hawk-Eagle (top left) and African Red-eyed Bulbul (middle left), while there were a bounty of waterbirds at the Gammons Water Care (Sewage!) Works, including Red-knobbed Coot (bottom left) and African Darter (right).



From Windhoek, in the central mountains, we descended into the Namib Desert, where species like the Common Ostrich survive despite incredibly harsh conditions.



South African Ground Squirrel (bottom right); Namib Dune Ant (top right); and Rueppell's Bustard (left), creatures of the Namib.



## WALVIS BAY AND SWAKOPMUND

The Namib dune fields hold Namibia's sole political endemic bird, the Dune Lark.

Walvis Bay itself is a mecca for waterbirds, including thousands of Lesser Flamingos (right-hand page).



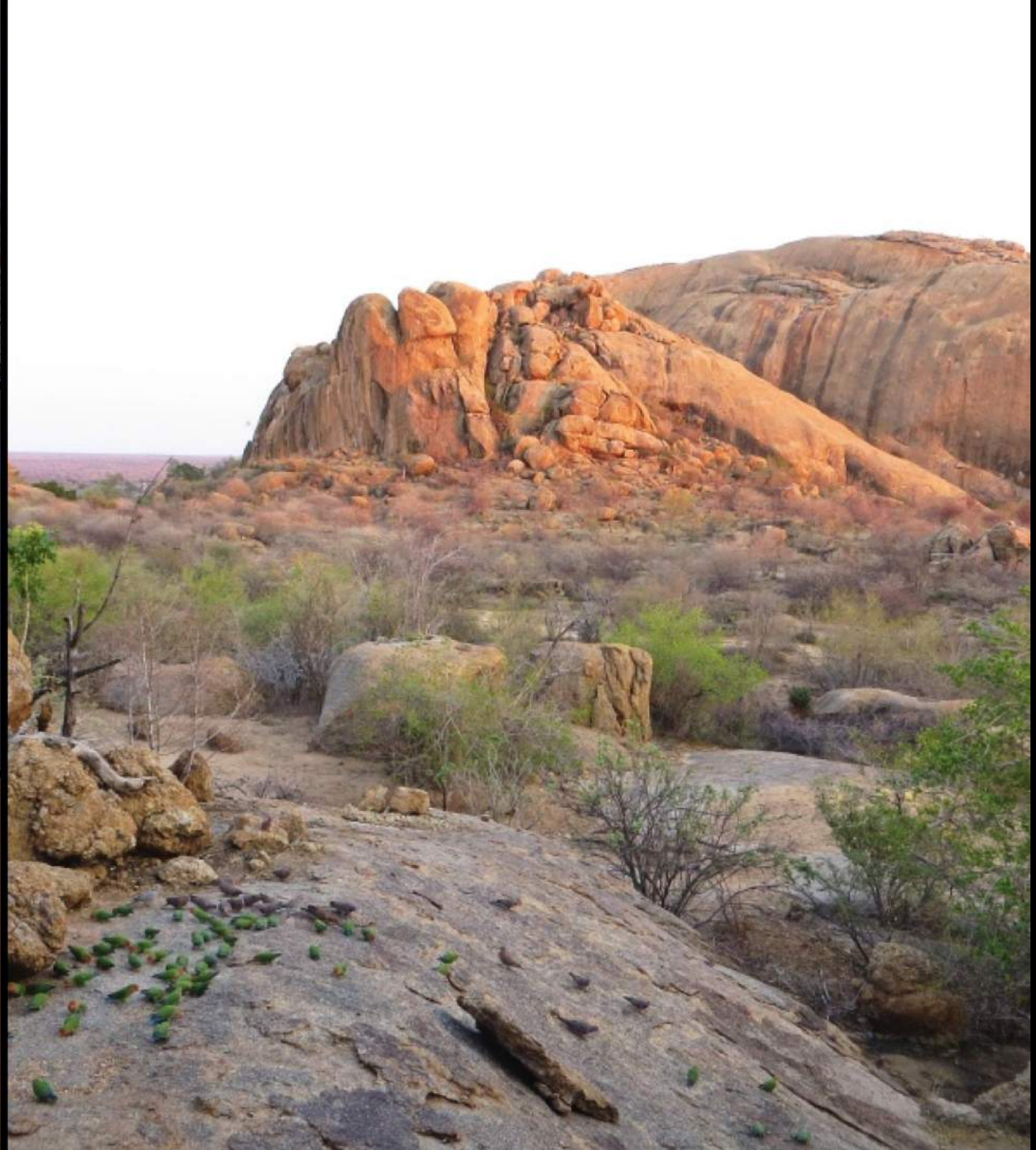




Spitzkoppe is Namibia's most distinctive and iconic mountain.



Our avian target at Spitzkoppe was the scarce Herero Chat.



## OMARURU AND THE ERONGO MOUNTAINS

Erongo landscape and one of Africa's best bird-feeding stations (right), Green-winged Pytilia (top left), Rockrunner (bottom left), and Damara dik-dik (middle left).



The bird feeders of Erongo Wilderness Lodge are among the best in Africa. Visitors included dozens of Rosy-faced Lovebirds.



Some of our best sightings around Omaruru: Rueppell's Parrot (top left), Violet Woodhoopoe (bottom left), and Marico Sunbird (bottom right). During dinner at Erongo, we had the rock-loving Freckled Nightjar (top right).

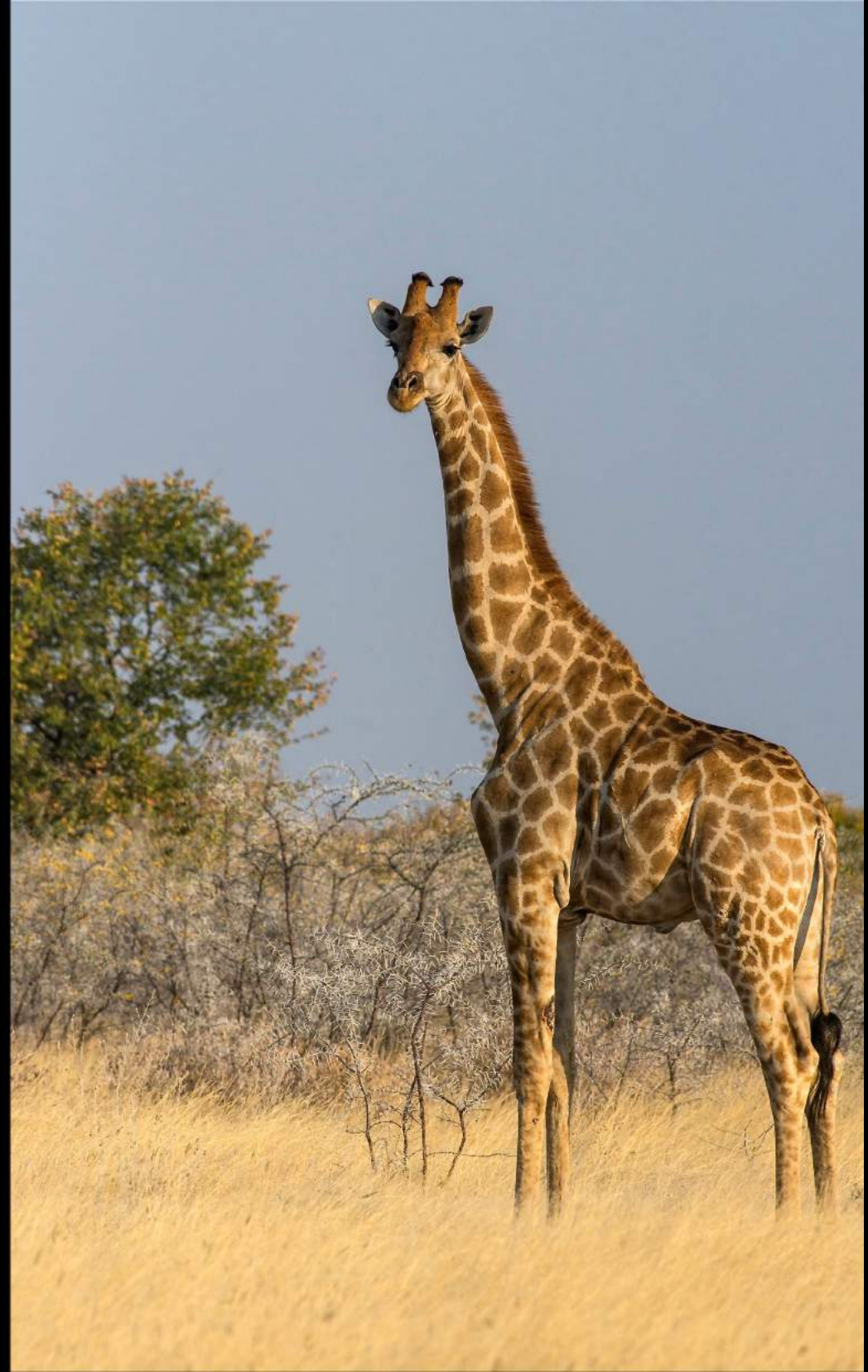


Prize sightings in central Namibia included Acacia Pied Barbet (above right) and male Hartlaub's Francolin (above left), alternately known as the "Hearthrob"!

## ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

The middle portion of our safari was spent in Etosha, one of the world's great parks. Our timing was perfect, as huge numbers of mammals and birds were concentrated around the park's waterholes due to the parched conditions prevailing late in the dry season.

Giraffe (right) against a typical dry season landscape of tawny grass, flowering *Acacia nebroni*, and a yellowing Mopane tree.





Dry season Etosha is all about the waterholes, whose visitors shown here include Red Hartebeest, Springbok, and Blue Wildebeest, just a taste of the bounty of wildlife that we saw by visiting waterholes.







Pale Chanting Goshawk (top left), Black-backed Jackal (bottom left), and Black Rhino (right).  
On the left-hand page are shown Kori Bustard (left), Namaqua Sandgrouse (top right), African Elephant at the Okakuejo waterhole (middle right), and Double-banded Sandgrouse (bottom right).





This page: Giraffe (top), Burchell's Courser (bottom left), and Honey Badger (bottom right).  
Left page: Groundscraper Thrush (top left), Greater Kudu and Black-faced Impala (top right), African Elephant (bottom left), and Lilac-breasted Roller (bottom right).



This page: Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill (bottom left); Crowned Lapwing (bottom right); Giraffes (top left); and White Helmetshrike (top right). Right page: Lion is at the top of the food chain in Etosha.





## KAVANGO REGION, NORTHERN NAMIBIA

We struck north for the Okavango ecosystem, where a bounty of creatures like this Pied Kingfisher awaited.



With species like Nile Crocodile (top) and Purple Heron (bottom right) around, life isn't safe for the fish of the Kavango! In the adjacent woodland, part of the group saw the rare Souza's Shrike (bottom left).



Seeing an Ostrich creche (left) attended by a protective pair was one of the highlights of Mahango Game reserve. In the Okavango, Giant Kingfisher and White-fronted Bee-eater are common birds (right).



## SHAGAWE & MAUN, BOTSWANA

We stayed at two lodges in the heart of the Okavango system, a matrix of open water, marsh, and riparian woodland. By walking around the lodge grounds and taking boat trips out into the vast adjacent wetlands, we turned up a huge array of birds and other wildlife.

The Okavango is a remarkable inland delta formed by several rivers which run out of the mountains of Angola, then pour into and evaporate upon the sands of the Kalahari semi-desert.

We watched African Fish-Eagles (right) plummeting out of the sky and snatching fish from the river.





We had wonderful views of the incredible Pel's Fishing-Owl (right) in Botswana. The Malachite Kingfisher (left) is a common denizen of the reeds along the Kavango River.



Jacques the hippo (top) is the resident lawnmower at the lodge where we stayed. While doing our checklist one night, he approached to within a few feet! Other garden residents there include Violet-backed Starling (bottom left) and Hartlaub's Babbler (bottom right).



Wading birds like this Rufous-bellied Heron (below) and Little Bittern (bottom right) are abundant throughout the Okavango.

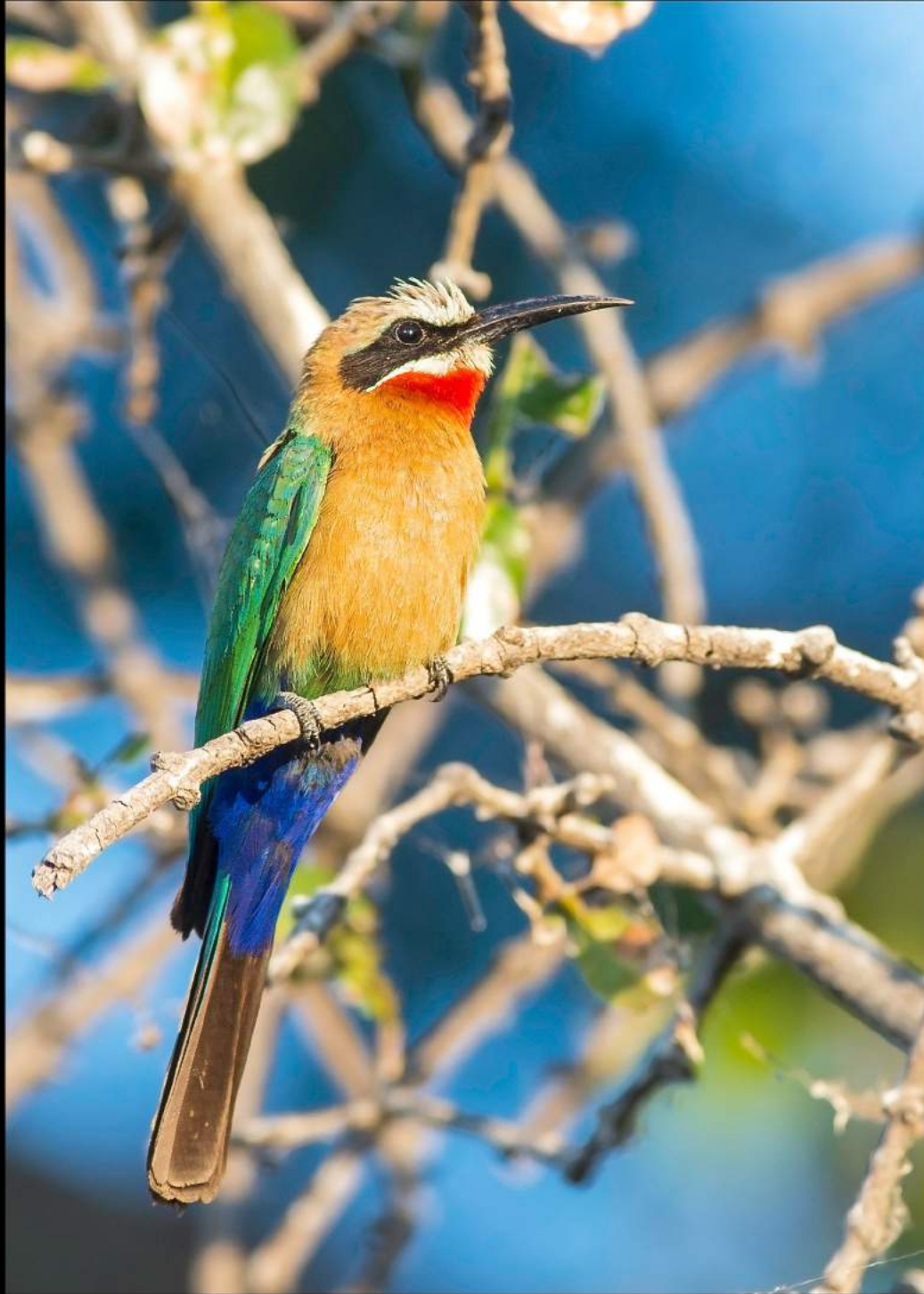
At Shagawe, we saw a brutal showdown between two African Hoopoes (top right).

Left page: the widespread Pied Kingfisher (left) and scarce African Skimmer (right).





African Darter, which we affectionally call the “ Daataa” (left). Southern Carmine Bee-eaters (top right) were just arriving to breed. Holub’s Golden Weaver (bottom right) was nesting just in front of our lodge.



The Okavango holds an abundance of colorful and conspicuous birds, like White-fronted Bee-eater (left), African Jacana (top right), and Giant Kingfisher (bottom right), which shocked the guides by hovering near the boat for an extended period, a very odd behavior for this huge kingfisher!



Photo by Jerry Connolly



Common Name	Scientific Name	Location
<b>Ostrich</b>	<b>Struthiidae</b>	
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	C-14 to Walvis Bay
<b>Ducks, Geese and Waterfowl</b>	<b>Anatidae</b>	
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Mahango
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	wet areas
Comb (Knob-billed) Duck	<i>Sarkidiormis melanotos</i>	Mahango
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, etc
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	Mahango
African Pygmy-Goose	<i>Nettapus Auritus</i>	Okavango Delta
Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>	Gammons Sewage Works
Red-billed Duck	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, etc.
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	Gammons Sewage Works
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	wet areas
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	Gammons Sewage Works
<b>Guineafowl</b>	<b>Numididae</b>	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	throughout
<b>Pheasants, Grouse and Allies</b>	<b>Phasianidae</b>	
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>	Kavango
Hartlaub's Francolin	<i>Francolinus hartlaubi</i>	Erongo
Red-billed Francolin	<i>Francolinus adspersus</i>	Throughout
Swainson's Francolin	<i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>	Mahango
<b>Grebes</b>	<b>Podiceps</b>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	wet areas
<b>Flamingos</b>	<b>Phoenicopteridae</b>	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Walvis Bay
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	Walvis Bay
<b>Storks</b>	<b>Ciconiidae</b>	
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	Okavango Delta floodplain
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	Mahango (Ken and Jerry)
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	Mahango, Okavango Delta
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	First at Kavango

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<b>Boobies and Gannets</b>		
	<b><i>Sulidae</i></b>	
Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>	Walvis Bay
<b>Cormorants and Shags</b>		
	<b><i>Ardeidae</i></b>	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Walvis Bay
Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	Walvis Bay
Bank Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>	Walvis Bay. Rare and unexpected!
Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, etc.
Crowned Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	Walvis Bay
<b>Anhingas</b>		
	<b><i>Anhingidae</i></b>	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, etc.
<b>Pelicans</b>		
	<b><i>Pelicanidae</i></b>	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Walvis Bay
<b>Hamerkop</b>		
	<b><i>Scopidae</i></b>	
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Kavango, Okavango Delta
<b>Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns</b>		
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Kavango, Okavango Delta
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	First at Sewage Works
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	Gammons Sewage works
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	Kavango, Okavango Delta
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	First at Kavango
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Okavango Delta
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Okavango Delta
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	wet areas
Slaty Egret	<i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Okavango Delta
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Okavango Delta
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Okavango Delta
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Okavango Delta
Rufous-bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>	Kavango
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	First at Kavango
<b>Ibises and Spoonbill</b>		
	<b><i>Threshkiornithidae</i></b>	

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Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Mahango
Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Mahango
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	Mahango
<b>Hawks, Eagles and Kites</b>	<b>Accipitridae</b>	
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	fairly widespread
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Kavango, Mahango
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	Mahango
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	fairly widespread
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	Etosha
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	Etosha, Kavango, Mahango
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Etosha, Mahango, delta.
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	Windhoek, Walvis Bay, Mahango
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	C-28, Etosha, Mahango
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	Mahango (Ken and Jerry)
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Spitzkoppe
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Etosha, Mahango, Okavango Delta
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	Windhoek, Walvis Bay (Roibank), Erongo
Lizzard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	morning walk near Kavango
Dark Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>	Etosha surprise
Pale Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	C-28, etc.
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Kavango, Mahango (Ken and Jerry)
African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	Kavango, Mahango
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Etosha
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	Thamalakane
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Kavango, Mahango
African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	first at Gammons Sewage Works
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	C-28, Spitzkoppe
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>	briefly Okavango Delta
<b>Bustards</b>	<b>Otididae</b>	
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	Etosha
Rueppell's Bustard	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>	C-28 to Walvis Bay
Red-crested Bustard	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>	Etosha
White-quilled (No. Black Korhaan) Bustard	<i>Eupodotis afraoides</i>	Etosha
<b>Rails, Gallinules and Coots</b>	<b>Rallidae</b>	
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	Kavango, Shakawe

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Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Kavango
Eurasian (Common) Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Etosha
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Walvis Bay
<b>Cranes</b>	<b>Gruidae</b>	
Wattled Crane	<i>Bugeranus carunculatus</i>	Mahango
<b>Thick-knees</b>	<b>Burhinidae</b>	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	Kavango, Okavango Delta
<b>Stilts and Avocets</b>	<b>Recurvirostridae</b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Walvis Bay, Kavango
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Walvis Bay, Etosha
<b>Plovers and Lapwings</b>	<b>Charadriidae</b>	
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	Mahango, Okavango Delta floodplain
Blacksmith Plover	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	widespread
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	fairly widespread
Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	Kavango
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Etosha
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Etosha
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	Walvis Bay, Kavango
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	Walvis Bay (Ken's Rover)
<b>Jacanas</b>	<b>Jacanidae</b>	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	widespread
<b>Sandpipers and Allies</b>	<b>Scolopacidae</b>	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Gammons Sewage Works, Kavango
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Walvis Bay
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Etosha, Kavango
<b>Pratincoles and Coursers</b>	<b>Glareolidae</b>	
Burchell's Courser	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>	Etosha
Double-banded Courser	<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>	Etosha
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Kavango

Common Name	Scientific Name	Location
<b>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</b>	<b>Laridae</b>	
Gray-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Walvis Bay, Etosha, Kavango
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	Walvis Bay
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Walvis Bay
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Walvis Bay
Great Crested (Swift) Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Walvis Bay
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	Kavango, Okavanga Delta
<b>Sandgrouse</b>	<b>Pteroclididae</b>	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	C-28, Etosha
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>	Etosha
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>	<b>Columbidae</b>	
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Windhoek, Walvis Bay
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Avis Dam, Omaruru, Thamalakane
Mourning Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	Okavango Delta
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	"I am a..." first in Kavango
Ring-necked (Cape Turtle-) Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	widespread
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	widespread
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	"...dead, dead, dead" first in Etosha
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	widespread
African Green-pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	Okavango Delta
<b>Turcaos</b>	<b>Musophagidae</b>	
Gray Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	widespread
<b>Cuckoos</b>	<b>Cuculidae</b>	
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>	Kavango, Okavango Delta
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	Mahango (Ken and Jerry); Botswana
<b>Barn-Owls</b>	<b>Tytonidae</b>	
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Halali Camp
<b>Owls</b>	<b>Strigidae</b>	
African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	Halali Camp
Verreaux's (Giant) Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>	nice find for Emily at Mahango on nest
Pel's Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>	Okavango Delta

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Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	Avis Dam, Erongo, Mokuti
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>	Shakawe
<b>Nightjars and Allies</b>	<b>Caprimulgidae</b>	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	Kavango
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	Erongo
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossil</i>	Heard-only at Kavango
<b>Swifts</b>	<b>Apodidae</b>	
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	widespread
<b>Mousebirds</b>	<b>Coliidae</b>	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	first six days
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Shakawe
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Alcedinidae</b>	
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	Kavango, Okavango Delta
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>	Okavango Delta
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	most common kingfisher
<b>Bee-eaters</b>	<b>Meropidae</b>	
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	Mahango, Okavango Delta
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Shakawe
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	Mahango, Okavango Delta
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>	Kavango, Okavango Delta
<b>Rollers</b>	<b>Coraciidae</b>	
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	widespread
Rufous-crowned Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	first on ride to Etosha, not as common as L-B Roller
<b>Hoopoes</b>	<b>Upupidae</b>	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	best was the "battle" at Shakawe
<b>Woodhoopoes and Scimitar-bills</b>	<b>Phoeniculidae</b>	
Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	Mahango, Okavango Delta
Violet Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>	Omaruru, Halali

Common Name	Scientific Name	Location
Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	Mahango
<b>Hornbills</b>	<b>Bucerotidae</b>	
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>	C-28, Omaruru, Etosha
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	Etosha
Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>	Omaruru
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	widespread
Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Tockus bradfieldi</i>	Mahango, Shakawe
African Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	widespread
<b>African Barbets</b>	<b>Lybiidae</b>	
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	Mahango, Shakawe
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	Kavango dry area, Shakawe
Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	Avis Dam, Omaruru, Shakawe
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	Kavango dry area, Shakawe
<b>Honeyguides</b>	<b>Indicatoridae</b>	
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	Thamalakane
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Picidae</b>	
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennetti</i>	Mahango (K and J); Charley's "detour" on ride to Maun
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campether abingoni</i>	Heard-only at Shakawe
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>	fairly widespread (first at Onganga)
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicus namaquus</i>	Shakawe
<b>Falcons and Caracaras</b>	<b>Falconidae</b>	
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	C-28
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Avis Dam, C-28, Etosha
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	Etosha
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Spitzkoppe
<b>Old World Parrots</b>	<b>Psittaculidae</b>	
Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	Avis Dam, C-28, Erongo
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	Mahango
Rueppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>	Omaruru
<b>Wattle-eyes and Batises</b>	<b>Platysteiridae</b>	

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White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>	Omaruru
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>	Roiibank
<b>Vangas, Helmetshrikes and Allies</b>	<b>Vangidae</b>	
White Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Kavango dry area, Mahango
<b>Bushshrikes and Allies</b>	<b>Malaconotidae</b>	
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	Kavango dry area
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	Shakawe
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	Mokuti, Mahango
Gabon (Swamp) Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>	first at Kavango
Crimson-breasted Gonolek	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	fairly widespread
Sulpher-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>	Shakawe, Mahango
<b>Shrikes</b>	<b>Laniidae</b>	
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	common roadside shrike on first half of tour
Souza's Shrike	<i>Lanius souzae</i>	Kavango dry area specialty
Magpie Shrike	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Shakawe
White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>	first in Omaruru, common in Etosha
<b>Old World Orioles</b>	<b>Oriolidae</b>	
African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	Kavango dry area, Mahango, Shakawe
<b>Drongos</b>	<b>Dicruridae</b>	
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	widespread
<b>Crows, Jays and Magpies</b>	<b>Corvidae</b>	
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	widespread
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	widespread
<b>Larks</b>	<b>Alaudidae</b>	
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	most common lark
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>	Mahango (K and J)
Dune Lark	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>	Namibia's only true endemic! Roiibank (near Walvis)
Gray's Lark	<i>Amomomanopsis grayi</i>	Walvis Bay
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	C-28, Etosha
Karoo Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>	Early a.m. near Spitzkoppe



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Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	Etosha
Gray-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	Etosha
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	Walvis Bay
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>	"Stahk's Lahk"; Drive: Spitz. to Omaruru (Ken's Rover)
Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>	Etosha
<b>Swallows</b>	<b>Hirundinidae</b>	
Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Kavango, Mahango
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	Avis, Kavango, Mahango, Okavango Delta
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	Avis Dam, Etosha
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Kavango, Mahango, delta
Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	Kavango, Mahango, delta
Rufous-chested Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	Etosha, Kavango
South African (Cliff) Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>	Etosha
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Kavango afternoon walk
Gray-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>	Kavango, Mahango
<b>Chickadees and Tits</b>	<b>Paridae</b>	
Southern Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	Kavango
Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>	Erongo
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>	Avis Dam, Spitzkoppe
<b>Bulbuls</b>	<b>Pycnonotidae</b>	
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	Shakawe
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	Shakawe
Common (Dark-capped) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Kavango onward
Black-fronted (African Red-eyed) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	most days through Etosha (like the old name way more)
<b>African Warblers</b>	<b>Macrospenidae</b>	
Cape Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	fairly widespread
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>	Avis Dam was the only sighting of this charismatic sp.
<b>Reed-Warblers and Allies</b>	<b>Acrocephalidae</b>	
African Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	Avis Dam
Lesser Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	Kavango
Greater Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>	Okavango Delta

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<b>Grassbirds and Allies</b>	<b>Locustellidae</b>	
Little Rush-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	Okavango Delta
<b>Cisticolas and Allies</b>	<b>Cisticolidae</b>	
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	Mokuti, Shakawe
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	first at Mokuti (wicked hard to photograph!)
Barred Wren-Warbler	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>	Heard only at avis Dam
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	Avis Dam, Mahango
Winding Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>	Kavango afternoon walk
Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>	Kavango afternoon walk, Okavango Delta
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	Etosha
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Shakawe
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	widespread
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	Etosha
Greencap Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>	Kavango dry area specialty
Burnt-neck Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>	Avis Dam
<b>Sylvids</b>	<b>Sylviidae</b>	
Layard's Warbler (Tit-Babbler)	<i>Sylvia layardi</i>	Spitzkoppe
Rufous-vented Warbler (Tit-Babbler)	<i>Sylvia subcaerulea</i>	Avis Dam, ride to Etosha
<b>Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies</b>	<b>Zosteropidae</b>	
African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	Kavango, Shakawe
<b>Laughingthrushes and Allies</b>	<b>Leiothrichidae</b>	
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Shakawe
Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>	Mokuti
Southern Pied-Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>	Mahango (K and J); Charley's "detour" on ride to Maun
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Thamalakane
<b>Old World Flycatchers</b>	<b>Muscicapidae</b>	
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>	Kavango dry area
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis infuscatus</i>	C-28, Etosha
Mariqua Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>	fairly widespread
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	Shakawe
Kalahari Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	fairly widespread
Red-backed (White-browed) Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	Mokuti, Kavango

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Herero Chat	<i>Namibornis herero</i>	Spitzkoppe; limited distribution inselberg specialist
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	Shakawe, Thamalakane
Short-toed Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>	first at Avis Dam. Remarkably common in Etosha.
Southern Anteater-Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	ride from Spitz. To Omaruru; Etosha
Karoo Chat	<i>Cercomela schlegelii</i>	ride from Spitz. To Omaruru; Etosha
Tractrac Chat	<i>Cercomela tractrac</i>	ride from Spitz. (Ken's rover)
Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	Avis Dam, Erongo, Etosha
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>	Avis Dam, C-28, Erongo
<b>Thrushes and Allies</b>	<b>Turdidae</b>	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsitsirupa</i>	widespread
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>	Kavango, Shakawe
<b>Starlings</b>	<b>Sturnidae</b>	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	Gammons Sewage Works
Cape (Glossy-) Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	widespread
Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Mokuti, Mahango
Meves's Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>	Mahango, Shakawe
Burchell's Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>	ride to Etosha, Kavango, Shakawe
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Shakawe
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>	most days up to first day in Etosha
<b>Oxpeckers</b>	<b>Buphagidae</b>	
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	Mahango, Shakawe
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	Shakawe
<b>Sunbirds and Spiderhunters</b>	<b>Nectariniidae</b>	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	Shakawe
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	Onganga, Erongo
Mariqua Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	widespread
Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>	Kavango, Mahango, Shakawe
White-breasted Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	Kavango, Shakawe
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	Spitzkoppe, Omaruru, Erongo
<b>Wagtails and Pipits</b>	<b>Motacillidae</b>	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	Avis Dam, Shakawe
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Shakawe

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<b>Buntings and New World Sparrows</b> <i>Emberizidae</i>		
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	Avis Dam, Erongo
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	Halali, Kavango
<b>Siskins, Crossbills and Allies</b> <i>Fringillidae</i>		
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	Kavango, Mahango
Black-throated Canary	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>	fairly widespread on first half of tour
Yellow Canary	<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>	Onganga, drive to Etosha
White-throated Canary	<i>Serinus albogularis</i>	Spitzkoppe
<b>Old World Sparrows</b> <i>Passeridae</i>		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Windhoek
Great Rufous Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>	Erongo, Etosha
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	Roibank, Spitzkoppe
Southern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	widespread
<b>Weavers and Allies</b> <i>Ploceidae</i>		
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Gas station nest near Popa Falls, Shakawe
Scaly Weaver (Scaly-feathered Finch)	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	widespread
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	widespread
Social Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>	C-28, Etosha
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	Thamalakane
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	Shakawe
Holub's Golden-Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>	Shakawe
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>	Shakawe
Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	Shakawe
Southern Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	Avis Dam, Omaruru
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Avis Dam
Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>	drive to Etosha (leaky faucet stop)
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	first at Avis Dam; cast of millions (?) on drive to Maun!
Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	Avis Dam, Mahango
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	Shakawe
Grosbeak (Thick-billed) Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	Shakawe
<b>Waxbills and Allies</b> <i>Estrildidae</i>		
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Avis Dam, C-28

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Black-cheeked (faced) Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>	Avis Dam, Mahango
Blue-capped Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	widespread
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>	Avis Dam, Etosha
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	Erongo, Mahango
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Avis Dam, Shakawe
Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>	Shakawe
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	Avis Dam, Etosha
<b>Indigobirds</b>	<b>Viduidae</b>	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	Avis Dam
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>	Mahango
Village Weaver	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	On dirt road on the way out of Kavango

<b>MAMMALS</b>	
<b>Rodents</b>	<b>Rodentia</b>
Dassie Rat	<i>Petromus typicus</i>
Acacia Rat	<i>Thallomys paedulcus</i>
Damara Ground Squirrel	<i>Geosciurus princeps</i>
Tree Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>
<b>Hares</b>	<b>Lagomorpha</b>
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>
<b>Seals &amp; Sealions</b>	<b>Phocidae</b>
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Actophilornis pusillus</i>
<b>Dolphins</b>	<b>Delphinidae:</b>
Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>
<b>Cheek-pouched Monkeys</b>	<b>Cercopithecidae</b>
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
<b>Dogs &amp; allies</b>	<b>Canidae</b>
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
Bat-eared Fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>
<b>Cats</b>	<b>Felidae</b>
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
<b>Mongoose</b>	<b>Herpestidae</b>
Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguinea</i>
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>
<b>Mustelids</b>	<b>Mustelidae</b>
Ratel (Honey Badger)	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>
<b>Hyraxes</b>	<b>Procaviidae:</b>
Cape Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>

<b>Elephants</b>	<b>Elephantidae</b>
(African) Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
<b>Giraffes</b>	<b>Giraffidae</b>
Giraffe	<i>Camelopardus giraffa giraffa</i>
<b>Horses</b>	<b>Equidae</b>
Burchell's Common Zebra	<i>Equus quagga burchelli</i>
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus hartmannae</i>
<b>Hippopotamuses</b>	<b>Hippopotamidae</b>
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibious</i>
<b>Rhinoceroses</b>	<b>Rhinocerotidae</b>
Black Rhino	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>
<b>Pigs</b>	<b>Suidae</b>
Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>
<b>Horned Ungulates</b>	<b>Bovidae:</b>
African (Cape) Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>
Gemsbok (Southern Oryx)	<i>Oryx gazella</i>
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>
Roan (Antelope)	<i>Hippotragus equines</i>
(Red) Lechwe	<i>Kobus lechwe lechwe</i>
Common Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
Damara Dikdik	<i>Madoqua kirkii damarensis</i>
Southern Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
Black-faced Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus petersi</i>
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>
Blue Wildebeest (Brindled Gnu)	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>

<b>REPTILES</b>	
Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>
Bushveld Lizard	<i>Heliobolus lugubris</i>
Western Sandveld Lizard	<i>Nucras tessellata</i>
Wedge-snouted Lizard	<i>Sphenops sepsoides</i>
Bolton's Namib Day-Lizard	<i>Hemidaactylus mabouia</i>
Namibian Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>
Moreau's Tropical House Gecko	<i>Hemidaactylus mabouia</i>
Nile Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
Striped Skink	<i>Mabuya striata</i>
Ovambo Tree Skink	<i>Trachylepis bocagii</i>
Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>

<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	
Queen Purple Tip	<i>Colotis regina</i>
Orange Tip species	<i>Colotis sp.</i>
Common Diadem	<i>Hypolimnna misippus</i>
Cambridge Vagrant	<i>Nepheronia thalassina sinalata</i>
Guineafowl	<i>Hamanumida daedalus</i>



