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Worldwide Birding Adventures

Cape & Kruger III Trip Report

09th to 19th September 2016 (11 days)



Lesser Jacana by Greg de Klerk

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The best of South Africa: Cape and Kruger provided our participants with the opportunity to witness these spectacular habitats at their very best with thriving populations of birds and mammals. Our tour began in the dramatic mountain ranges of the Cape Peninsula, where the array of endemic bird species was spectacular. Awakening to a lovely, sunny, wind-free morning, we immediately made the most of the conditions and after a hearty breakfast, headed for Rooi-els on the



Cape Spurfowl by Greg de Klerk

Cape Peninsula, connecting with Black-winged Kite, African Oystercatcher, Greater Crested Tern, Hartlaub's and Kelp Gulls, Speckled Pigeon and White-necked Raven. The weather, however, caused some major havoc as it turned from lovely sunshine to cloudy and rainy and back again over the course of the morning because of an approaching cold front. This made birding very testing as the bitterly cold rain bucketed down at our first stop of the morning. We attempted to locate the Cape Rockjumper but the combination of poor weather and the breeding season of these enigmatic birds meant that they stayed out of sight. As we prepared to depart, the skies cleared, and with bright sunshine once again showering the mountainside, we tried again in vain to find the Cape Rockjumper, although on this occasion we at least heard an individual calling but couldn't locate it. We also added Orange-breasted Sunbird, Cape Sugarbird, Cape Bulbul, Cape Robin-Chat and Karoo Prinia.

The beautiful fynbos based Harold Porter Botanical Gardens was our next destination and allowed us to get close to Familiar Chat, Southern Fiscal, Sombre Greenbul, Cape Rock Thrush, Fiscal Flycatcher and Sweet Waxbill while a Giant Kingfisher performed a brief flyover; however, the tricky Victorin's Warbler stayed just out of reach, calling loudly from an impenetrable thicket. We then returned to Simon's Town, collecting Greater Flamingo, Common Moorhen, Red-knobbed



Cape Sugarbird by Greg de Klerk

Coot and Great Egret along the way before enjoying a magnificent seafood dinner.

Conditions had deteriorated rapidly overnight and a strong south-easterly wind barreled through Simon's Town as we headed out. The weather meant that our pelagic experience was cancelled for the tour but we soldiered on in the frosty weather with bright sunlight lighting up the beauty of the world-renowned



Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in the shelter of Table Mountain.

Many families with children had descended onto the manicured lawns of this region and that made birding challenging but we still connected with a breeding pair of Spotted Eagle-Owl, Olive Thrush, Cape Canary, Cape White-eye, Southern Double-collared, Malachite and Orange-breasted Sunbird, Common Waxbill, African Dusky Flycatcher, Helmeted Guineafowl and a magnificent Cape Batis before enjoying a good coffee with lunch.



African Oystercatchers by Greg de Klerk

We then visited the hidden gem of Cape Town birding spots, Strandfontein Water Treatment Works. The large number of waterfowl, and occasionally rare shorebirds, attract large numbers of birders to the area, although the strong wind was a major deterrent for many today. We connected with many duck species, including large numbers of Cape Teal, Yellow-billed Duck, Cape Shoveler, Southern Pochard and Red-billed Teal while getting excellent views of Little Grebe, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Glossy Ibis, Spotted Thick-knee and Little Egret. The spectacularly colourful gathering of Greater Flamingos outnumbered all! Levillant's Cisticola and Lesser Swamp Warbler both showed well and then the highlight of the day, a magnificent flyover by a very confused Soft-plumaged Petrel - forced inland by strong winds accompanying the next cold front - left us all excited; providing a fitting end to a great day's birding. A small mammal highlight was a curious Cape Grey Mongoose.



African Penguin by Greg de Klerk

Our final full day in Cape Town saw us head inland toward Swellendam and the De Hoop Nature Reserve. The drive provided amazing scenery as we crested Sir Lowry's Pass. The birding, however, was spectacular. We encountered large numbers of Blue Crane, Jackal Buzzard, Red-capped and Large-billed Larks, Zitting Cisticola, Pied Starling, Karoo Scrub Robin, beautiful breeding plumaged Red-billed Quelea, Southern Red Bishop, Capped Wheatear, Spur-winged

Goose, African Sacred and Hadada Ibises, African Spoonbill, Grey and Black-headed Herons,



Western Cattle Egret, Booted Eagle, Pale Chanting Goshawk and African Fish Eagle while Agulhas Long-billed Lark displayed atop a fence post, giving cracking views.

As we progressed into De Hoop Nature Reserve, we began to encounter a good few mammals too, including Common Eland, Mountain Zebra (in this case the subspecies Cape Mountain Zebra *Equus zebra zebra*), Blesbok (in this case the subspecies Bontebok *Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*), Chacma Baboon and Southern Reedbuck. At lunch, Acacia Pied Barbet, Bokmakierie and a vocal pair of Southern Boubou joined us.



Southern Red Bishop by Greg de Klerk

We departed the area after lunch and headed on the back roads to Stony Point penguin colony. Here we connected with South Africa's only resident and endemic species of Penguin, the African Penguin, at close quarters. We were also fortunate to get views of all the marine species of Cormorant - with Bank, Crowned, Cape and White-breasted Cormorant all showing well, while Rock Hyraxes scurried across the rocks. We then took a slow meander back to Simon's Town along the scenic coastal road before arriving for a lovely dinner and a great rest.

After an enjoyable breakfast, we departed Simon's Town and headed toward West Coast National Park. We stopped at a little nature reserve en route and immediately connected with Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk, Orange-breasted Sunbird, Cape Grassbird and Cape Sugarbird. Our journey then took us to the wetlands near Blouberg Beach. Here we added Great-crested Grebe, Great White Pelican, African Darter, African Fish Eagle, Yellow-billed Kite and White-backed Duck to our growing lists.



Southern Black Korhaan by Greg de Klerk

Arriving at West Coast National Park, covered in the colours of spring, we immediately set out to find as many species as we could with Common Ostrich, Greater and Lesser Flamingoes, Karoo Scrub-Robin, two separate sightings of the endemic Southern Black Korhaan and Black Harrier before getting an excellent view of a pair of African Marsh Harrier quartering over a small pan. We were treated to great views of White-fronted and Kittlitz's Plovers, Whimbrel, Common



Greenshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Greater Crested Tern, Common Tern, Caspian Tern and African Oystercatcher at another hide while at the restaurant, we had a fair amount of success, locating Yellow Bishop, Cardinal Woodpecker, Chestnut-vented Warbler, White-backed Mousebird and Cape Weavers as we enjoyed a light meal. Bar-throated Apalis, Cape Penduline Tit, Red-faced Mousebird, White-throated Canary and Grey-backed Cisticola all made an appearance



Southern Double-collared Sunbird by Greg de Klerk

before we departed the park in the direction of Ceres. Along the route, we had brief views of Little Swift before we arrived at our accommodation in the late afternoon and immediately settled in for the night in anticipation of an interesting day in the Karoo.

The low shrubby vegetation of the Tankwa Karoo, with its many hidden gems, would play host to us for a full day trip. The seemingly uninviting habitat showed signs of recent rainfall and as a result, many birds were in full song. A pair of Namaqua Warbler, flitting between the Phragmites reeds and grasses, was the first species to capture our attention while White-rumped Swift, White-backed Mousebird and Yellow-bellied Eremomela provided good views as we progressed into the region. A rocky outcrop also provided us with superb views of a pair of Mountain Wheatear chasing each other, a flyover by a Greater-striped Swallow and a distant view of a flying Ludwig's Bustard were obtained by one member of the group. We then explored an Acacia-lined, dry river course which produced Pririt Batis, Chestnut-vented Warbler and Yellow Canary while a solitary Greater Kestrel was seen



Blue Crane by Greg de Klerk

perched on a fence post. Further along the road, we stopped to search for Karoo Eremomela and were rewarded with amazing views of a family group moving through the thickets while nearby a Grey Tit and a Rufous-eared Warbler were located as they called from their exposed positions near a granite dome. Karoo Chats, Pale Chanting Goshawk and Long-billed Crombec all kept us entertained. A Cape Clapper



Lark provided us with some amazing viewing as it displayed in the vast open spaces while Karoo Lark, Large-billed Lark and Spike-heeled Lark also provided excellent views.

Not yet done with the area, we also recorded Fairy Flycatcher and Malachite Sunbird in another Acacia thicket while also getting excellent views of Cinnamon-breasted Warbler scurrying along a cliff face, African Snipe and Rock Kestrel were acquired as we made our way through a



Jackal Buzzard by Greg de Klerk

rocky pass with a small reed-lined stream. Atop the pass, we stopped to take in the magnificent vista before locating a pair of Protea Canary and a single Layard's Warbler. To add to the amazing birding highlights, we were also fortunate to find a small group of Springbok all before returning to Ceres. The road back to the accommodation revealed a few more impressive species, as we located a pair of Southern African Shelduck and Cape Shoveler. Stunned by the success of the day's birding, we returned to Ceres for dinner and our final night's rest in the Cape before heading to the much-anticipated Kruger National Park.

A testing yet enjoyable five days in the Cape concluded as we departed for Ceres to Cape Town International Airport for our connecting flight to Skukuza in the Kruger National Park. We arrived in warm, sunny conditions but the environment was very dry. Dirk, our driver and guide for the next five days, met us and took us across to Skukuza Camp where we checked in before heading out for



Shelley's Francolin by Greg de Klerk

an afternoon drive. The bushveld savanna was a hive of activity and we connected with Coqui and Crested Francolins, Marabou Stork, White-backed Vulture, the distinctive Bateleur with its unbalanced flight and short tail, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Grey Go-away-bird, gaudy Lilac-breasted Roller, our first sighting of the impressive Southern Ground Hornbill, comical Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Black-collared Barbet, Magpie Shrike, our first Dark-capped Bulbul,



Rattling Cisticola, Tawny-flanked Prinia, noisy Arrow-marked Babbler, Southern Black Flycatcher, Mocking Cliff Chat and Red-billed Oxpeckers associated with the various mammals we saw.

The mammal sightings were no less spectacular, with Impala, Waterbuck, Nyala, Giraffe and Common Warthog playing an able supporting role to the main cast of a herd of drinking African Elephant, a small group of the grumpy looking African Buffalo, a White Rhinoceros cow with a young calf and the major surprise - a single Black Rhinoceros. Before arriving back at camp, a pack of Spotted Hyena entertained us around their den site with a



Black Rhinoceros by Greg de Klerk

particularly inquisitive youngster coming to visit us. As the shadows stretched across the dry bushveld, we returned to camp, where we enjoyed an excellent dinner in the company of a Thick-tailed Greater Galago moving through the nearby trees.

Our first full day dawned in Kruger National Park and we set off at the crack of dawn to try to find as many amazing mammals and birds as we could. Our route would take us south along the Sabie River to the Lower Sabie rest camp. Crested Francolin, Natal Spurfowl, African Paradise Flycatcher, Orange-breasted Bushshrike and Green-backed Camaroptera would get the morning underway while Speckled and Red-faced Mousebirds were seen sunning themselves in the morning sun. As we turned



Grey-headed Bushshrike by Greg de Klerk

along the river course, the stench of death permeated the air, a Hippopotamus had died, attracting a large host of White-backed and Hooded Vultures. A little further on, we encountered the monotypic Hamerkop, the world's largest heron - Goliath Heron, Striated Heron, Great and Little Egrets, Grey Heron and a single African Black Duck. We also got great views of at least two Lionesses on an old kill in the company of a pair of Woolly-necked Stork, many African Elephant along the



Sabie River with Saddle-billed and Yellow-billed Stork in attendance, Hippopotamus, Nile Crocodile and a host of antelope, including the tiny Steenbok, Common Duiker and Bushbuck.

A brief stop allowed us the opportunity to bird in a picnic area where we found White-crowned Lapwing and Southern Black Tit. We then headed further south where a Martial Eagle flew overhead. We also recorded a Lappet-faced Vulture and an African Fish Eagle before arriving at a large dam where we found African Spoonbill, White-faced Whistling Duck, Three-banded Plover, Black-winged Stilt, Blacksmith Lapwing, Common Greenshank, Red-billed Buffalo



Mocking Cliff Chat by Greg de Klerk

Weaver, Burchell's Starling and Ruff. We then settled at Lower Sabie for a good breakfast before another session of campsite birding; where we located Pearl-spotted Owlet, White-browed Scrub Robin, Black-headed Oriole, Chinspot Batis, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Greater Blue-eared, Burchell's and Cape Starling, Marico, White-bellied and Scarlet-chested Sunbird and Southern Grey-headed Sparrow.

We departed Lower Sabie, taking an alternate route back to Skukuza. Many of the species were now resting up in the heat of the day but we still managed to record African Pied Wagtail, Pied Kingfisher, Giant Kingfisher, Wire-tailed Swallow, Common Ostrich, Purple Roller, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, African Grey Hornbill, Chinspot Batis, Black-backed Puffback and Brubru. A stop at a



African Wild Dog Pups by Greg de Klerk

viewing hide produced more sightings of White Rhinoceros while Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Mocking Cliff Chat, Speckled Mousebird and Spectacled Weaver all showed well. We arrived back at Skukuza for a brief afternoon siesta. We then headed out for a short afternoon drive in search of a Leopard that had been seen earlier but we had to settle for one of Africa's most endangered mammals in the form of African Wild Dogs at a den near the roadside. We were

entertained by a pack of nine, including five pups that were playing boisterously while we also



managed excellent views of a Verreaux's Eagle-Owl in a nest before we returned to camp in time for a good dinner and a much-needed night's rest.

Blue skies greeted us the next morning as we set out to investigate the western edges of the park. We started off with the nesting Verreaux's Eagle-Owl once again and before long, we had also connected with Crowned Hornbill, Purple-crested Turaco, White-crested and Retz's Helmetshrikes, Bearded Woodpecker, Crested Barbet, Common Scimitarbill, Green Woodhoopoe, Striped Kingfisher, Barn Swallow and Violet-eared Waxbill. A stop



African Grey Hornbill by Greg de Klerk

for breakfast, followed by a session of birding around the Skukuza golf course allowed us to locate Common Myna, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Black Crake and a great view of a Lesser Jacana. We then visited a nearby hide where African Jacana, Water Thick-knee, African Fish Eagle and Grey Penduline Tit were recorded before we retreated to our accommodation for a lunchtime siesta; but not before locating a White-headed Vulture and a Tawny Eagle in the company of White-backed Vultures.

An afternoon walk around the camp provided us with the opportunity to locate an African Green Pigeon, Bearded Scrub Robin, Ashy Flycatcher and Collared Sunbird while we also recorded Peters's Epauletted Fruit Bat. We then took an afternoon drive, locating White-fronted Bee-eater,



Martial Eagle with Slender Mongoose by Greg de Klerk

a lovely dinner and reflected on an incredible day behind us, we drifted off to our rooms to sleep before departing Skukuza for Satara the next morning.

Common Sandpiper and another view of White-crowned Lapwing. However, the mammals would take the cake this evening as we found a pride of Lion around a recently killed African Buffalo, a rather confused, normally nocturnal African Civet milling around feeding in broad daylight and the star of the show; a large male Leopard rolling in Elephant dung to cover his scent before moving off into the night to hunt. The excitement was tangible as we returned to camp where we enjoyed



We departed Skukuza early the next morning and a family of Southern White-crowned Shrike finally showed well for us, followed by magnificent views of Shelley's Francolin, Swainson's Spurfowl, Cape Vulture in flight, Brown Snake Eagle, a Martial Eagle with a still alive Slender Mongoose in its talons, Little Stint and Mosque Swallow around a waterhole while our breakfast stop produced comparative views of Cape and Greater Blue-eared Starlings, Black Crake and Grey-headed Bushshrike. The mammal viewing also had not been



White-browed Robin Chat by Greg de Klerk

too shabby as we recorded a pack of twenty-one African Wild Dog on a kill, a Leopard on a kill, a small herd of Buffalo coming to drink, two Spotted Hyena relaxing next to the road, a herd of African Elephant browsing and a male White Rhinoceros grazing. As we continued north, it became hotter and the environment became much quieter. We still found a single Lion asleep in the shade of a large tree in the distance and a good view of a Wahlberg's Eagle but we arrived at Satara ready for a good lunch, having had a spectacular morning. The gardens in Satara produced a pair of Kurrichane Thrush, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver and Red-billed Hornbill. After a satisfying lunch, we retired for a midday siesta in preparation for a good afternoon drive.

The conditions were swelteringly hot as we left for the afternoon drive. Most the mammals and bird species were hiding so we visited a nearby hide to see what we could find. Water Thick-



Leopard by Greg de Klerk

knee, African Pied Wagtail and Ring-necked Dove showed well but we were treated to fantastic views of a Grey-headed Bushshrike and a Golden-tailed Woodpecker. Most the usual mammal suspects were around and between groups of Greater Kudu, Impala and a few Giraffe, we found more Plains Zebra, Common Wildebeest and a pair of Steenbok. We returned to camp to have a quick dinner before departing on a night drive. The wind and clouds had blown up at this point as an approaching cold

front finally arrived in the region and after finding a pride of Lion on a Buffalo kill - with a single Spotted Hyena and a couple of Jackal in attendance, a light drizzle began to fall. We pushed on and



added Cape Porcupine and White-tailed Mongoose to our mammal lists before the heavens opened and we returned to camp. The rain fell gently through the night as we drifted off to sleep.

The early morning brought with it cold, windy and rainy conditions but we had planned to head north to Letaba Camp to see the Elephant Museum and bird along the way. There was little activity as we pushed north, although a single Spotted Hyena did come running at full pace past us at one point. As the wind died down a bit, we started to encounter a few mammals and birds, including a herd of Buffalo with Yellow-billed Oxpeckers cleaning all the parasites from their bodies. We also managed views of a flying Black-chested Snake-Eagle, White-crowned and Blacksmith Lapwings and a pair of Kori Bustard. We arrived at Letaba for a good breakfast and a warm coffee and immediately began birding. Here we managed to locate Brown-crowned Tchagra, Grey-rumped and Red-breasted Swallow and White-browed Robin-Chat while Scarlet-chested, White-bellied and Marico Sunbirds flitted around restlessly. We also had a Smith's Bush Squirrel ensuring the quality of our coffee was good as we waited for our meal.

We then departed the camp and managed to locate a small group of Green-capped Eremomela, a male and female Black Cuckooshrike and Red-headed Weaver in a small river crossing while Yellow-billed Stork, Kittlitz's Plover, Ruff, Common Greenshank, Wood and Common Sandpipers were all in attendance at the Olifants River view point. A call close to the road alerted us to the presence of a Red-crested Korhaan and we managed to find a pair hiding in a thicket to avoid the icy weather. We then returned to camp with little further success as the weather worsened. A warm shower was followed by our farewell dinner as Dirk parted ways with us to join another tour, our farewell dinner was jovial and an excellent sleep followed.

Our final breakfast in Kruger National Park was enjoyable and we all took the time to savour our last morning in the park. A short while later, we departed the camp and managed to locate a Golden-breasted Bunting before we were all shocked to find a single Cheetah coursing through the bush as we were departing the park. Our journey to Johannesburg took us through the dramatic foothills of the Northern Drakensberg where we found Purple-crested Turaco, Blue Waxbill, Cape and Pied Crow and Long-crested Eagle before stopping for lunch. We reached our destination later that afternoon and added Red-headed Finch and Karoo Thrush in the final minutes of our tour. We parted company a short while later with amazing memories of a truly special tour of Southern Africa.

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicates the number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

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Birds (291 in total: 286 seen, 5 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2015. IOC World Bird List (v 5.3).

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Ostrich *Struthionidae***Common Ostrich***Struthio camelus australis*

(4) De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae***White-faced Whistling Duck***Dendrocygna viduata*

(1) Kruger NP - Lower Sabie 15.9.

White-backed Duck*Thalassornis leuconotus leuconotus*

(1) Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.

Spur-winged Goose*Plectropterus gambensis niger*

(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Ceres 12.9.

Egyptian Goose*Alopochen aegyptiaca*

(10) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Ceres 13.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-19.9.

South African Shelduck*Tadorna cana*

(1) Ceres 13.9.

Cape Teal*Anas capensis*

(2) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.

African Black Duck*Anas sparsa sparsa*

(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Seen along the Sabie River

Yellow-billed Duck*Anas undulata undulata*

(4) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and Ceres 13.9.

Cape Shoveler*Anas smithii*

(3) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and Ceres 13.9.

Red-billed Teal*Anas erythrorhyncha*

(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

Southern Pochard*Netta erythrophthalma brunnea*

(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

Guineafowl *Numididae***Helmeted Guineafowl***Numida meleagris coronatus*

(9) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Skitterykloof 13.9, Ceres 14.9, observed Kruger NP 15-17.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies *Phasianidae***Coqui Francolin***Peliperdix coqui coqui*

(1) Kruger NP 14.9.

Shelley's Francolin*Scleroptila shelleyi shelleyi*

(1) Kruger NP 17.9.

Crested Francolin*Dendroperdix sephaena sephaena*

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Cape Spurfowl

Pternistis capensis

(5) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9 and Ceres 13.9.

Natal Spurfowl

Pternistis natalensis natalensis

(4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Swainson's Spurfowl

Pternistis swainsonii swainsonii

(3) Observed Kruger NP 17-19.9.

Penguins Spheniscidae

African Penguin (EN)

Spheniscus demersus

(1) Stony Point 11.9.

Shearwaters and Petrels Procellariidae

Soft-plumaged Petrel

Pterodroma mollis

(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

The very strange record of this species flying over an inland fresh water wetland.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis

(6) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Ceres 13.9, Ceres 14.9 and Ceres 19.9.

Great Crested Grebe

Podiceps cristatus infuscatus

(1) Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo

Phoenicopterus roseus

(3) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9 and Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.

Lesser Flamingo (NT)

Phoeniconaias minor

(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork

Mycteria ibis

(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Woolly-necked Stork

Ciconia episcopus microscelis

(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Saddle-billed Stork

Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis

(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Marabou Stork

Leptoptilos crumenifer

(4) Kruger NP 14.9, 16.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis

Threskiornis aethiopicus

(5) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Hadada Ibis

Bostrychia hagedash hagedash

(11) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Ceres 13.9, Ceres 14.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-19.9.



A species seen and heard regularly throughout the tour.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

(3) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*

(4) De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Striated Heron *Butorides striata atricapilla*

(4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

(5) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Ceres 13.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea cinerea*

(8) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Ceres 13.9, Ceres 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*

(3) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9 and Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Great Egret *Ardea alba melanorhynchos*

(6) Simon's Town 9.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Ceres 13.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(5) De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta umbretta*

(3) Observed Kruger NP 15-17.9.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

(1) Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.

Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus africanus*

(4) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.

Crowned Cormorant *Microcarbo coronatus*

(1) Stony Point 11.9.

Bank Cormorant (EN) *Phalacrocorax neglectus*

(1) Stony Point 11.9.

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*

(6) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Stony Point 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Cape Cormorant (NT) *Phalacrocorax capensis*

(3) Simon's Town 9.9, Simon's Town 10.9 and Stony Point 11.9.



Anhingas Anhingidae**African Darter***Anhinga rufa rufa*

(2) Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**Black-winged Kite***Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*

(2) Simon's Town 9.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.

Hooded Vulture (EN)*Necrosyrtes monachus*

(4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

White-backed Vulture (NT)*Gyps africanus*

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Cape Vulture (VU)*Gyps coprotheres*

(1) Kruger NP 17.9.

White-headed Vulture (VU)*Trigonoceps occipitalis*

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Lappet-faced Vulture (VU)*Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotos*

(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Black-chested Snake Eagle*Circaetus pectoralis*

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Brown Snake Eagle*Circaetus cinereus*

(1) Kruger NP 17.9.

Bateleur (NT)*Terathopius ecaudatus*

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Martial Eagle (NT)*Polemaetus bellicosus*

(3) Observed Kruger NP 15-17.9.

Long-crested Eagle*Lophaetus occipitalis*

(1) Dullstroom 19.9.

Wahlberg's Eagle*Hieraaetus wahlbergi*

(4) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Booted Eagle*Hieraaetus pennatus*

(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

Tawny Eagle*Aquila rapax rapax*

(2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Pale Chanting Goshawk*Melierax canorus*

(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Karooport 13.9.

Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk*Accipiter rufiventris rufiventris*

(1) Silver Mine NR 12.9.

African Marsh Harrier*Circus ranivorus*

(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Black Harrier (VU)*Circus maurus*

(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Yellow-billed Kite*Milvus aegyptius parasitus*

(9) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Ceres 14.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-19.9.

African Fish Eagle*Haliaeetus vocifer*

(6) De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Common Buzzard*Buteo buteo vulpinus*

(1) Dullstroom 19.9.

Jackal Buzzard*Buteo rufofuscus*

(4) Simon's Town 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9 and Dullstroom 19.9.



Bustards *Otididae***Kori Bustard***Ardeotis kori kori*

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

A lovely pair walking around Satara area

Ludwig's Bustard (EN)*Neotis ludwigii*

(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Red-crested Korhaan*Lophotis ruficrista*

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Southern Black Korhaan*Afrotis afra*

(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Two males, one displaying and another crossing the road.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae***African Rail***Rallus caerulescens*

(1) 1 heard Skitterykloof 13.9.

Black Crane*Amaurornis flavirostra*

(3) Observed Kruger NP 16-18.9.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus meridionalis*

(5) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Red-knobbed Coot*Fulica cristata*

(5) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Ceres 13.9 and Ceres 14.9.

Cranes *Gruidae***Blue Crane (VU)***Grus paradisea*

(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Ceres 13.9.

Thick-knees *Burhinidae***Water Thick-knee***Burhinus vermiculatus vermiculatus*

(3) Observed Kruger NP 16-18.9.

Spotted Thick-knee*Burhinus capensis*

(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

Oystercatchers *Haematopodidae***African Oystercatcher (NT)***Haematopus moquini*

(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Stony Point 11.9 and Simon's Town 12.9.

Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae***Black-winged Stilt***Himantopus himantopus*

(6) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, West Coast NP 12.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Pied Avocet*Recurvirostra avosetta*

(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae***Blacksmith Lapwing***Vanellus armatus*

(10) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9, Ceres 13.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-19.9.



White-crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>
(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Ceres 14.9.	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola squatarola</i>
(1) West Coast NP 12.9.	
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris</i>
(4) De Hoop NR 11.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>
(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.	

Jacanas Jacanidae

Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>
(1) Kruger NP 16.9.	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.	

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis nigripennis</i>
(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus phaeopus</i>
(1) West Coast NP 12.9.	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
(4) West Coast NP 12.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
(3) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
(3) Observed Kruger NP 16-18.9.	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
(2) Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
(1) West Coast NP 12.9.	
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
(1) Kruger NP 16.9.	

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poiocephalus</i>
(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.	
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>
(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Stony Point 11.9 and Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.	
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus dominicanus</i>
(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Stony Point 11.9 and Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
(1) West Coast NP 12.9.	



Greater Crested Tern*Thalasseus bergii bergii*

(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Common Tern*Sterna hirundo hirundo*

(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae**Rock Dove***Columba livia livia*

(8) Observed Simon's Town 9-12.9, Ceres 13.9, Ceres 14.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Sunrock Gesthouse 19.9.

Speckled Pigeon*Columba guinea phaeonota*

(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, Stony Point 11.9 and Ceres 12.9.

Mourning Collared Dove*Streptopelia decipiens ambigua*

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Red-eyed Dove*Streptopelia semitorquata*

(9) Simon's Town 9.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Ceres 13.9, Ceres 14.9, observed Kruger NP 15-17.9 and Sunrock Gesthouse 19.9.

Ring-necked Dove*Streptopelia capicola*

(5) Ceres 13.9, observed Kruger NP 16-18.9 and Sunrock Gesthouse 19.9.

Laughing Dove*Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*

(6) Ceres 14.9, observed Kruger NP 15-18.9 and Sunrock Gesthouse 19.9.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove*Turtur chalcospilos*

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Namaqua Dove*Oena capensis capensis*

(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

African Green Pigeon*Treron calvus delalandii*

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Turacos Musophagidae**Purple-crested Turaco***Tauraco porphyreolophus porphyreolophus*

(2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.

Grey Go-away-bird*Corythaixoides concolor*

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Owls Strigidae**African Scops Owl***Otus senegalensis senegalensis*

(2) Duplicate - site already exists 18.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 19.9.

Spotted Eagle-Owl*Bubo africanus africanus*

(1) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9.

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl*Bubo lacteus*

(3) Observed Kruger NP 15-17.9.

Pearl-spotted Owlet*Glaucidium perlatum licua*

(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Swifts Apodidae**African Palm Swift***Cypsiurus parvus*

(3) Ceres 14.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

African Black Swift*Apus barbatus barbatus*

(2) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and De Hoop NR 11.9.

Little Swift*Apus affinis*

(5) West Coast NP 12.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.



White-rumped Swift*Apus caffer*

(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.

Mousebirds Coliidae**Speckled Mousebird***Colius striatus*

(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Ceres 15.9, Kruger NP 18.9 and Sunrock Gesthouse 19.9.

White-backed Mousebird*Colius colius*

(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Skitterykloof 13.9.

Red-faced Mousebird*Urocolius indicus*

(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.

Rollers Coraciidae**Purple Roller***Coracias naevius mosambicus*

(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Lilac-breasted Roller*Coracias caudatus caudatus*

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Brown-hooded Kingfisher***Halcyon albiventris*

(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Giant Kingfisher*Megaceryle maxima maxima*

(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis rudis*

(4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Little Bee-eater***Merops pusillus meridionalis*

(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

White-fronted Bee-eater*Merops bullockoides*

(2) 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Hoopoes Upupidae**African Hoopoe***Upupa africana*

(4) De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, 16.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Woodhoopoes and Scimitar-bills Phoeniculidae**Green Wood Hoopoe***Phoeniculus purpureus*

(2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Common Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

(2) 15.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae**Southern Ground Hornbill (VU)***Bucorvus leadbeateri*

(3) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Hornbills Bucerotidae**Southern Red-billed Hornbill***Tockus rufirostris*

(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 19.9.



- Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill** *Tockus leucomelas leucomelas*
 (4) 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.
Crowned Hornbill *Lophoceros alboterminatus*
 (1) Kruger NP 16.9.
African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus epirhinus*
 (3) 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 18.9.

African Barbets *Lybiidae*

- Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus chrysoconus extoni*
 (1) 1 heard Kruger NP 19.9.
Acacia Pied Barbet *Tricholaema leucomelas*
 (1) De Hoop NR 11.9.
Black-collared Barbet *Lybius torquatus torquatus*
 (3) 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.
Crested Barbet *Trachyphonus vaillantii vaillantii*
 (2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

- Golden-tailed Woodpecker** *Campethera abingoni*
 (1) Kruger NP 17.9.
Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*
 (2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.
Bearded Woodpecker *Dendropicos namaquus*
 (1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

- Rock Kestrel** *Falco rupicolus*
 (4) Rooi-Els 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, Skitterykloof 13.9 and Dullstroom 19.9.
Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides rupicoloides*
 (1) Karoopoort 13.9.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

- Brown-headed Parrot** *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus cryptoxanthus*
 (3) Kruger NP - Lower Sabie 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Wattle-eyes and Batises *Platysteiridae*

- Cape Batis** *Batis capensis*
 (1) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9.
Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor*
 (4) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9, Kruger NP 18.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.
Pirit Batis *Batis pririt*
 (1) Karoopoort 13.9.

Helmetshrikes and Allies *Prionopidae*

- White-crested Helmetshrike** *Prionops plumatus poliocephalus*
 (1) Kruger NP 16.9.
Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii*
 (1) Kruger NP 16.9.



Bushshrikes and Allies Malaconotidae**Grey-headed Bushshrike***Malaconotus blanchoti*

(2) Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Orange-breasted Bushshrike*Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus similis*

(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Bokmakierie*Telophorus zeylonus*

(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Ceres 12.9.

Brown-crowned Tchagra*Tchagra australis*

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Black-backed Puffback*Dryoscopus cubla*

(3) Kruger NP 15.9, 16.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 18.9.

Southern Boubou*Laniarius ferrugineus*

(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Brubru*Nilaus afer*

(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**Black Cuckooshrike***Campephaga flava*

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Shrikes Laniidae**Magpie Shrike***Urolestes melanoleucus*

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Southern White-crowned Shrike*Eurocephalus anguitimens*

(1) Kruger NP 17.9.

Southern Fiscal*Lanius collaris*

(6) Simon's Town 9.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Karooport 13.9, Ceres 14.9 and Dullstroom 19.9.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae**Black-headed Oriole***Oriolus larvatus larvatus*

(2) Kruger NP - Lower Sabie 15.9 and 16.9.

Drongos Dicruridae**Fork-tailed Drongo***Dicrurus adsimilis*

(7) De Hoop NR 11.9 and observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae**African Paradise Flycatcher***Terpsiphone viridis*

(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**Cape Crow***Corvus capensis capensis*

(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Dullstroom 19.9.

Pied Crow*Corvus albus*

(7) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Karooport 13.9, Ceres 14.9 and Dullstroom 19.9.

White-necked Raven*Corvus albicollis*

(4) Rooi-Els 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9 and Ceres 12.9.

Rockjumpers Chaetopidae

Cape Rockjumper

Chaetops frenatus

(1) 1 heard Rooi-Els 9.9.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

Fairy Flycatcher

Stenostira scita

(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Chickadees and Tits Paridae

Southern Black Tit

Melaniparus niger

(5) Observed Kruger NP 15-19.9.

Grey Tit

Melaniparus afer

(1) Eierkop 13.9.

Penduline-Tits Remizidae

Grey Penduline Tit

Anthoscopus caroli hellmayri

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Cape Penduline Tit

Anthoscopus minutus

(1) Karooport 12.9.

Larks Alaudidae

Spike-heeled Lark

Chersomanes albofasciata

(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Agulhas Long-billed Lark

Certhilauda brevirostris

(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

Karoo Lark

Calendulauda albescens

(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Cape Clapper Lark

Mirafrapa apiata

(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Large-billed Lark

Galerida magnirostris

(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Red-capped Lark

Calandrella cinerea cinerea

(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Cape Bulbul

Pycnonotus capensis

(5) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and Ceres 13.9.

Dark-capped Bulbul

Pycnonotus tricolor layardi

(6) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP - Lower Sabie 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9, Kruger NP 19.9.

Sombre Greenbul

Andropadus importunus

(4) Harold Porter N. Botanical Garden 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Swallows Hirundinidae

Grey-rumped Swallow

Pseudhirundo griseopyga griseopyga

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.



Brown-throated Martin (1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.	<i>Riparia paludicola paludicola</i>
Barn Swallow (1) Kruger NP 16.9.	<i>Hirundo rustica rustica</i>
White-throated Swallow (4) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and West Coast NP 13.9.	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow (4) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9, Kruger NP 18.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.	<i>Hirundo smithii smithii</i>
Rock Martin (3) Rooi-Els 9.9, Ceres 12.9 and Skitterykloof 13.9.	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula anderssoni</i>
Greater Striped Swallow (1) Karoopoort 13.9.	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow (7) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, Ceres 13.9, 14.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.	<i>Cecropis abyssinica unitatis</i>
Red-breasted Swallow (1) Kruger NP 18.9.	<i>Cecropis semirufa semirufa</i>
Mosque Swallow (1) Kruger NP 17.9.	<i>Cecropis senegalensis monteiri</i>

Crombecs, African warblers *Macrosphenidae*

Cape Grassbird (2) Rooi-Els 9.9 and Silver Mine NR 12.9.	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
Long-billed Crombec (3) Skitterykloof 13.9, 16.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 18.9.	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
Victorin's Warbler (1) 1 heard Harold Porter N.Botanical Garden 9.9.	<i>Cryptillas victorini</i>

Cisticolas and Allies *Cisticolidae*

Red-faced Cisticola (1) 1 heard Kruger NP 17.9.	<i>Cisticola erythrops nyasa</i>
Rattling Cisticola (1) Kruger NP 14.9.	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
Grey-backed Cisticola (1) West Coast NP 12.9.	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>
Wailing Cisticola (1) Rooi-Els 9.9.	<i>Cisticola lais</i>
Levaillant's Cisticola (4) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Simon's Town 11.9 and Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
Zitting Cisticola (1) De Hoop NR 11.9.	<i>Cisticola juncidis terrestris</i>
Tawny-flanked Prinia (2) 14.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.	<i>Prinia subflava</i>
Karoo Prinia (3) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and Silver Mine NR 12.9.	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>
Namaqua Warbler (1) Karoopoort 13.9.	<i>Phragmacia substriata</i>
Bar-throated Apalis (2) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>



Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
(1) Kruger NP 16.9.	
Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
(2) 15.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 18.9.	
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler	<i>Eurypytila subcinnamomea</i>
(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.	
A difficult species which we worked hard to connect with on a cliff face.	
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>
(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.	
Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops scotops</i>
(1) Kruger NP 18.9.	
Karoo Eremomela	<i>Eremomela gregalis gregalis</i>
(1) Eierkop 13.9.	
A wonderful family group moving through the scrub.	

Laughingthrushes *Leiothrichidae*

Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii jardineii</i>
(4) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.	

Old World Warblers *Sylviidae*

Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcaerulea</i>
(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Skitterykloof 13.9.	
Layard's Warbler	<i>Sylvia layardi barnesi</i>
(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.	

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies *Zosteropidae*

Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>
(3) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and Ceres 12.9.	

Sugarbirds *Promeropidae*

Cape Sugarbird	<i>Promerops cafer</i>
(4) Harold Porter N.Botanical Garden 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, Simon's Town 11.9 and Silver Mine NR 12.9.	

Starlings *Sturnidae*

Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis tristis</i>
(2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Sunrock Guesthouse 19.9.	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris vulgaris</i>
(5) Observed Simon's Town 9-12.9 and Ceres 13.9.	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
(1) Kruger NP 18.9.	
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
(6) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9, 16.9, Kruger NP 17.9, Duplicate - site already exists 18.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.	
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus nordmanni</i>
(3) 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.	
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
(4) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9, Duplicate - site already exists 18.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 19.9.	
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>



(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Ceres 12.9.

Red-winged Starling

Onychognathus morio morio

(6) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, Stony Point 11.9, Silver Mine NR 12.9, Karooport 13.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker

Buphagus africanus africanus

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Red-billed Oxpecker

Buphagus erythrorhynchus

(5) Observed Kruger NP 14-18.9.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae

Kurrichane Thrush

Turdus libonyana

(1) Duplicate - site already exists 17.9.

Olive Thrush

Turdus olivaceus

(2) Harold Porter N.Botanical Garden 9.9 and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9.

Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Karoo Scrub Robin

Cercotrichas coryphoeus

(3) De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9 and Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Bearded Scrub Robin

Cercotrichas quadrivirgata quadrivirgata

(1) 16.9.

White-browed Scrub Robin

Cercotrichas leucophrys leucophrys

(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and 16.9.

Grey Tit-Flycatcher

Myioparus plumbeus

(1) Kruger NP 17.9.

Southern Black Flycatcher

Melaenornis pammelaina

(2) Kruger NP 14.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Fiscal Flycatcher

Melaenornis silens

(1) Harold Porter N.Botanical Garden 9.9.

Ashy Flycatcher

Muscicapa caerulescens

(1) 16.9.

African Dusky Flycatcher

Muscicapa adusta

(2) Harold Porter N.Botanical Garden 9.9 and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9.

Cape Robin-Chat

Cossypha caffra

(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.

White-browed Robin-Chat

Cossypha heuglini

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Red-capped Robin-Chat

Cossypha natalensis

(1) Kruger NP - Lower Sabie 15.9.

Cape Rock Thrush

Monticola rupestris

(1) Harold Porter N.Botanical Garden 9.9.

Karoo Chat

Emarginata schlegelii

(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Tractrac Chat

Emarginata tractrac nebulosa

(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Mocking Cliff Chat

Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris

(2) Kruger NP 14.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.



Mountain Wheatear (1) Karooport 13.9.	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola monticola</i>
Capped Wheatear (1) De Hoop NR 11.9.	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
Familiar Chat (3) Harold Porter N.Botanical Garden 9.9, De Hoop NR 11.9 and Tanqua Karoo 13.9.	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

Collared Sunbird (1) 16.9.	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
Orange-breasted Sunbird (3) Rooi-Els 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and Silver Mine NR 12.9.	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>
Scarlet-chested Sunbird (5) 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9 and observed Kruger NP 17-19.9.	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis gutturalis</i>
Malachite Sunbird (5) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9 and Tanqua Karoo 13.9.	<i>Nectarinia famosa famosa</i>
Southern Double-collared Sunbird (5) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9 and Tanqua Karoo 13.9.	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>
Marico Sunbird (3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis mariquensis</i>
White-bellied Sunbird (3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

House Sparrow (3) De Hoop NR 11.9, Ceres 13.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.	<i>Passer domesticus domesticus</i>
Cape Sparrow (3) De Hoop NR 11.9, Silver Mine NR 12.9 and Ceres 13.9.	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow (3) Observed Kruger NP 15-17.9.	<i>Passer diffusus</i>

Weavers and Allies Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver (2) Duplicate - site already exists 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
Spectacled Weaver (2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
Cape Weaver (5) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Ceres 13.9 and Ceres 14.9.	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
Southern Masked Weaver (4) De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Kruger NP 18.9 and Sunrock Guesthouse 19.9.	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
Village Weaver (2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Sunrock Guesthouse 19.9.	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Red-headed Weaver (1) Kruger NP 18.9.	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps rubriceps</i>
Red-billed Quelea (1) De Hoop NR 11.9.	<i>Quelea quelea lathamii</i>
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix orix</i>



(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.

Yellow Bishop

Euplectes capensis

(4) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9 and Karooport 13.9.

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

Red-headed Finch

Amadina erythrocephala

(1) Sunrock Guesthouse 19.9.

Blue Waxbill

Uraeginthus angolensis niassensis

(1) Kruger NP 19.9.

Violet-eared Waxbill

Uraeginthus granatinus

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Sweet Waxbill

Coccothraupis melanotis

(2) Harold Porter N. Botanical Garden 9.9 and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9.

Grey Waxbill

Estrilda perreini incana

(3) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, Karooport 13.9 and Kruger NP - Lower Sabie 15.9.

Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail

Motacilla capensis capensis

(5) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9 and Skitterykloof 13.9.

African Pied Wagtail

Motacilla aguimp

(4) Kruger NP - Lower Sabie 15.9 and observed Kruger NP 16-18.9.

African Pipit

Anthus cinnamomeus

(2) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9 and De Hoop NR 11.9.

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae

Yellow-fronted Canary

Crithagra mozambica

(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Yellow Canary

Crithagra flaviventris

(5) Rooi-Els 9.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Tanqua Karoo 13.9 and Ceres 14.9.

White-throated Canary

Crithagra albogularis

(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Protea Canary

Crithagra leucoptera

(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.

Cape Canary

Serinus canicollis canicollis

(3) Harold Porter N. Botanical Garden 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and Ceres 13.9.

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae

Cape Bunting

Emberiza capensis

(3) Simon's Town 9.9, De Hoop NR 11.9 and Silver Mine NR 12.9.

Golden-breasted Bunting

Emberiza flaviventris

(1) Kruger NP 19.9.

Mammals (44 in total: 44 seen)

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the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals *Canidae*

Black-backed Jackal *Canis mesomelas*

(1) Duplicate - site already exists 17.9.

African Wild Dog *Lycaon pictus*

(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Cats *Felidae*

Cheetah *Acinonyx jubatus jubatus*

(1) Kruger NP 19.9.

Wild Cat *Felis silvestris*

(2) Kruger NP 17.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 18.9.

Lion *Panthera leo leo*

(3) Observed Kruger NP 15-17.9.

Leopard *Panthera pardus pardus*

(2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Mongoose *Herpestidae*

Cape Grey Mongoose *Herpestes pulverulentus*

(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

Slender Mongoose *Herpestes sanguineus*

(1) Kruger NP 14.9.

White-tailed Mongoose *Ichneumia albicauda*

(1) Kruger NP 17.9.

Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo*

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Hyaenas, Aardwolf *Hyaenidae*

Spotted Hyaena *Crocuta crocuta*

(4) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Weasels, Skunks, Otters *Mustelidae*

Honey Badger *Mellivora capensis*

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Vivets, Genets *Viverridae*

African Civet *Civettictis civetta*

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

A peculiar sighting of a single, usually nocturnal, male walking around in broad daylight.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae*

Impala *Aepyceros melampus melampus*

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Springbok *Antidorcas marsupialis*

(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

Common Wildebeest *Connochaetes taurinus*

(3) Observed Kruger NP 17-19.9.

Blesbok *Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*

(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.



Waterbuck (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus</i>
Klipspringer (2) Rooi-Els 9.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
Steenbok (4) Kruger NP 15.9 and observed Kruger NP 17-19.9.	<i>Raphicerus campestris campestris</i>
Southern Reedbuck (1) De Hoop NR 11.9.	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>
Common Duiker (4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
African Buffalo (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.	<i>Syncerus caffer caffer</i>
Nyala (5) Observed Kruger NP 14-18.9.	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>
Common Eland (2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>
Bushbuck (4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Greater Kudu (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>

Giraffe, Okapi Giraffidae

Giraffe (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis giraffa</i>
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Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus (4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius capensis</i>
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Pigs Suidae

Common Warthog (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.	<i>Phacochoerus africanus sundevallii</i>
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Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

Peters's Epauletted Fruit Bat (1) 16.9.	<i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>
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Hylaxes Procaviidae

Rock Hyrax (2) Stony Point 11.9 and Karooport 13.9.	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
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Rabbits, Hares Leporidae

Scrub Hare (1) Kruger NP 17.9.	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>
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Zebras, Horse, Asses Equidae

Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>
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(4) Kruger NP 15.9 and observed Kruger NP 17-19.9.

Mountain Zebra

Equus zebra zebra

(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

Rhinceroses *Rhinocerotidae*

White Rhinoceros

Ceratotherium simum

(5) Observed Kruger NP 14-17.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.

Black Rhinoceros

Diceros bicornis

(2) Kruger NP 14.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Vervet

Chlorocebus pygerythrus

(5) 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9, Kruger NP 17.9, Duplicate - site already exists 18.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.

Chacma Baboon

Papio ursinus ursinus

(6) Rooi-Els 9.9, De Hoop NR 11.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Galagos *Galagidae*

Thick-tailed Greater Galago

Otolemur crassicaudatus crassicaudatus

(1) 14.9.

Elephants *Elephantidae*

African Elephant

Loxodonta africana

(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Old World Porcupines *Hystriidae*

Cape Porcupine

Hystrix africaeaustralis

(1) Kruger NP 17.9.

True Mice and Rats, Gerbils, Spiny Mice, Crested Rat *Muridae*

Four-striped Grass Mouse

Rhabdomys pumilio

(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Smith's Bush Squirrel

Paraxerus cepapi

(4) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Reptiles (10 in total: 10 seen)

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Crocodiles and relatives *Crocodylidae*

Nile Crocodile

Crocodylus niloticus cowiei

(4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Agamas *Agamidae*



Southern Tree Agama

Acanthocercus atricollis atricollis

(1) Kruger NP - Lower Sabie 15.9.

Southern Rock Agama

Agama atra atra

(1) Silver Mine NR 12.9.

Geckos Gekkonidae

House Gecko

Hemidactylus mabouia

(2) 16.9 and 17.9.

Skinks Scincidae

African Five-lined Skink

Trachylepis quinquetaeniata

(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

African Striped Skink

Trachylepis striata striata

(1) Kruger NP 14.9.

Monitor Lizards Varanidae

Nile Monitor

Varanus niloticus

(1) Duplicate - site already exists 17.9.

Afro-American Sideneck Turtles Pelomedusidae

Helmeted Turtle

Pelomedusa subrufa nigra

(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Tortoises Testudinidae

Angulated Tortoise

Chersina angulata

(2) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.

Leopard Tortoise

Stigmochelys pardalis

(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

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