Cape & Kruger III
Trip Report
09th to 19th September 2016 (11 days)

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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 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 Swee 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 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 Cape Spurfowl by Greg de Klerk

Cape Sugarbird by Greg de Klerk

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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.

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! Levaillant’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.

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.

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.

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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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, 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 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.
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 too shabby as we recorded a pack of twenty-one African Wild Dog on a kill, a Leopard on a kill, a small heard 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 Kurrrichane 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-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 Cuckoo-shrike 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.

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.
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**

*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.

**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 erythropthalma brunnea*

(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

**Guineafowl Numididae**

*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*
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(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.

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**Penguins Spheniscidae**

*African Penguin (EN)*

*Spheniscus demersus*

(1) Stony Point 11.9.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Ibis 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*

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

**Herons, 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 melaniceps*
(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 Phalacorocoracidae**

**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)** *Phalacorcorax neglectus*
(1) Stony Point 11.9.

**White-breasted Cormorant** *Phalacorcorax 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)** *Phalacorcorax capensis*
(3) Simon's Town 9.9, Simon's Town 10.9 and Stony Point 11.9.
**Anhingas Anhingidae**

**Anhinga rufa rufa**

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

**Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**

**Elanus caeruleus caeruleus**

**Black-winged Kite**
- (2) Simon's Town 9.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.

**Necrosyrtes monachus**

**Hooded Vulture (EN)**
- (4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

**Gyps africanus**

**White-backed Vulture (NT)**
- (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

**Gyps coprotheres**

**Cape Vulture (VU)**
- (1) Kruger NP 17.9.

**Trigonoceps occipitalis**

**White-headed Vulture (VU)**
- (1) Kruger NP 16.9.

**Torgos tracheliotus tracheliotos**

**Lappet-faced Vulture (VU)**
- (2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

**Circaetus pectoralis**

**Black-chested Snake Eagle**
- (1) Kruger NP 18.9.

**Circaetus cinereus**

**Brown Snake Eagle**
- (1) Kruger NP 17.9.

**Terathopius ecaudatus**

**Bateleur (NT)**
- (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

**Polemaetus bellicosus**

**Martial Eagle (NT)**
- (3) Observed Kruger NP 15-17.9.

**Lophaetus occipitalis**

**Long-crested Eagle**
- (1) Dullstroom 19.9.

**Hieraaetus wahlbergi**

**Wahlberg's Eagle**
- (4) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

**Hieraaetus pennatus**

**Booted Eagle**
- (1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

**Aquila rapax rapax**

**Tawny Eagle**
- (2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

**Melierax canorus**

**Pale Chanting Goshawk**
- (2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Karooopoor 13.9.

**Accipiter rufiventris rufiventris**

**Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk**
- (1) Silver Mine NR 12.9.

**Circus ranivorus**

**African Marsh Harrier**
- (1) West Coast NP 12.9.

**Circus maurus**

**Black Harrier (VU)**
- (1) West Coast NP 12.9.

**Milvus aegyptius parasitus**

**Yellow-billed Kite**
- (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.

**Haliaeetus vocifer**

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

**Buteo buteo vulpinus**

**Common Buzzard**
- (1) Dullstroom 19.9.

**Buteo rufofuscus**

**Jackal Buzzard**
- (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 ruficrissa*  
(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 Crake**  
*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*  

**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  
*Vanellus albiceps*  
(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Crowned Lapwing  
*Vanellus coronatus*  
(2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and Ceres 14.9.

Grey Plover  
*Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*  
(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Kittlitz's Plover  
*Charadrius pecuarius*  
(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Three-banded Plover  
*Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris*  
(4) De Hoop NR 11.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

White-fronted Plover  
*Charadrius marginatus*  
(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Lesser Jacana  
*Microparra capensis*  
(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

African Jacana  
*Actophilornis africanus*  
(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

African Snipe  
*Gallinago nigripennis nigripennis*  
(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.

Whimbrel  
*numenius phaeopus phaeopus*  
(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Common Greenshank  
*numenius nebularia*  
(4) West Coast NP 12.9, Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Wood Sandpiper  
*Tringa glareola*  
(3) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Common Sandpiper  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  
(3) Observed Kruger NP 16-18.9.

Little Stint  
*Calidris minuta*  
(2) Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Curlew Sandpiper  
*Calidris ferruginea*  
(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Ruff  
*Philomachus pugnax*  
(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Grey-headed Gull  
*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poiocephalus*  
(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

Hartlaub's Gull  
*Chroicocephalus hartlaubii*  
(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Stony Point 11.9 and Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.

Kelp Gull  
*Larus dominicanus dominicanus*  
(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Stony Point 11.9 and Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.

Caspian Tern  
*Hydroprogne caspia*  
(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*  

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  
(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.

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

White-backed Mousebird  
(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Skitterykloof 13.9.

Red-faced Mousebird  
(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.

Rollers Coraciidae
Purple Roller  
(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Lilac-breasted Roller  
(6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae
Brown-hooded Kingfisher  
(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Striped Kingfisher  
(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

Giant Kingfisher  
(1) Kruger NP 15.9.

Pied Kingfisher  
(4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Bee-eaters Meropidae
Little Bee-eater  
(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

White-fronted Bee-eater  
(2) 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Hoopoes Upupidae
African Hoopoe  
(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  
(2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Common Scimitarbill  
(2) 15.9 and Kruger NP 16.9.

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae
Southern Ground Hornbill (VU)  
(3) Kruger NP 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

Hornbills Bucerotidae
Southern Red-billed Hornbill  
(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 19.9.
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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, Karoopoort 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, Karoopoort 13.9, Ceres 14.9 and Dullstroom 19.9.

White-necked Raven  
*Corvus albicollis*
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(4) Rooi-Els 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9 and Ceres 12.9.

**Cape Rockjumper**
Chaetoptila frenatus

1) I heard Rooi-Els 9.9.

**Fairy Flycatcher**
Stenostira scita

1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.

**Southern Black Tit**
Melaniparus niger


**Grey Tit**
Melaniparus afer

1) Eierkop 13.9.

**Grey Penduline Tit**
Anthoscopus caroli hellmayri

1) Kruger NP 16.9.

**Cape Penduline Tit**
Anthoscopus minutus

1) Karoopoort 12.9.

**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**
Mirafra 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**
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


**Swallows Hirundinidae**
Pseudhirundo griseopyga griseopyga

1) Kruger NP 18.9.
Brown-throated Martin
Riparia paludicola paludicola
(1) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9.

Barn Swallow
Hirundo rustica rustica
(1) Kruger NP 16.9.

White-throated Swallow
Hirundo albigularis
(4) Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9 and West Coast NP 13.9.

Wire-tailed Swallow
Hirundo smithii smithii
(4) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9, Kruger NP 18.9 and Kruger NP 19.9.

Rock Martin
Ptyonoprogne fuligula anderssoni
(3) Rooi-Els 9.9, Ceres 12.9 and Skitterykloof 13.9.

Greater Striped Swallow
Cecropis cucullata
(1) Karoopoort 13.9.

Lesser Striped Swallow
Cecropis abyssinica unitatis
(7) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, Ceres 13.9, 14.9 and observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.

Red-breasted Swallow
Cecropis semirufa semirufa
(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Mosque Swallow
Cecropis senegalensis monteiri
(1) Kruger NP 17.9.

Crombecs, African warblers Macrosphenidae
Cape Grassbird
Sphenoeacus afer
(2) Rooi-Els 9.9 and Silver Mine NR 12.9.

Long-billed Crombec
Sylvietta rufescens
(3) Skitterykloof 13.9, 16.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 18.9.

Victorin's Warbler
Cryptillas victorini

Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae
Red-faced Cisticola
Cisticola erythrops nyasa
(1) I heard Kruger NP 17.9.

Ratting Cisticola
Cisticola chiniana
(1) Kruger NP 14.9.

Grey-backed Cisticola
Cisticola subruficapilla
(1) West Coast NP 12.9.

Wailing Cisticola
Cisticola lais
(1) Rooi-Els 9.9.

Levaillant's Cisticola
Cisticola tinniens
(4) Simon's Town 9.9, Strandfontein Sewage Works 10.9, Simon's Town 11.9 and Rietvlei Wetlands (WC) 12.9.

Zitting Cisticola
Cisticola juncidis terrestris
(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

Tawny-flanked Prinia
Prinia subflava
(2) 14.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.

Karoo Prinia
Prinia maculosa
(3) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and Silver Mine NR 12.9.

Namaqua Warbler
Phragmacia substriata
(1) Karoopoort 13.9.

Bar-throated Apalis
Apalis thoracica
(2) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.
Yellow-breasted Apalis  
(1) Kruger NP 16.9.  

Green-backed Camaroptera  
(2) 15.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 18.9.  

Cinnamon-breasted Warbler  
(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.  
A difficult species which we worked hard to connect with on a cliff face.  

Yellow-bellied Eremomela  
(1) Tanqua Karoo 13.9.  

Green-capped Eremomela  
(1) Kruger NP 18.9.  

Karoo Eremomela  
(1) Eierkop 13.9.  
A wonderful family group moving through the scrub.  

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae  

Arrow-marked Babbler  
(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  
(2) West Coast NP 12.9 and Skitterykloof 13.9.  

Layard's Warbler  
(1) Skitterykloof 13.9.  

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies Zosteropidae  

Cape White-eye  
(3) Simon's Town 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and Ceres 12.9.  

Sugarbirds Promeropidae  

Cape Sugarbird  

Starlings Sturnidae  

Common Myna  
(2) Kruger NP 16.9 and Sunrock Guesthouse 19.9.  

Common Starling  

Wattled Starling  
(1) Kruger NP 18.9.  

Cape Starling  
(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  
(3) 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.  

Burchell's Starling  
(4) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9, Duplicate - site already exists 18.9 and Duplicate - site already exists 19.9.  

Pied Starling  
Lamprotornis nitens  

Lamprotornis chalybaeus nordmanni  

Lamprotornis australis  

Lamprotornis bicolor
(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, Karoopoort 13.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

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**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.

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**Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**

Kurruichane Thrush  
_Turdus libonyana_
(1) Duplicate - site already exists 17.9.

Olive Thrush  
_Turdus olivaceus_

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**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 quadririgrata quadririgrata_
(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_

Ashy Flycatcher  
_Muscicapa caerulescens_
(1) 16.9.

African Dusky Flycatcher  
_Muscicapa adusta_

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_

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  
*Myrmecocichla monticola monticola*  
(1) Karoopoort 13.9.

Capped Wheatear  
*Oenanthe pileata*  
(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

Familiar Chat  
*Oenanthe familiaris*  

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

Collared Sunbird  
*Hedydipna collaris*  
(1) 16.9.

Orange-breasted Sunbird  
*Anthobaphes violacea*  
(3) Rooi-Els 9.9, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9 and Silver Mine NR 12.9.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird  
*Chalcomitra senegalensis gutturalis*  
(5) 14.9, Kruger NP 15.9 and observed Kruger NP 17-19.9.

Malachite Sunbird  
*Nectarinia famosa famosa*  
(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.

Southern Double-collared Sunbird  
*Cinnyris chalybeus*  
(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.

Marico Sunbird  
*Cinnyris mariquensis mariquensis*  
(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

White-bellied Sunbird  
*Cinnyris talatala*  
(3) Kruger NP 15.9, Kruger NP 16.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

House Sparrow  
*Passer domesticus domesticus*  
(3) De Hoop NR 11.9, Ceres 13.9 and Kruger NP 15.9.

Cape Sparrow  
*Passer melanurus*  
(3) De Hoop NR 11.9, Silver Mine NR 12.9 and Ceres 13.9.

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow  
*Passer diffusus*  
(3) Observed Kruger NP 15-17.9.

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae*

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver  
*Bubalornis niger*  
(2) Duplicate - site already exists 17.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Spectacled Weaver  
*Ploceus ocularis*  
(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.

Cape Weaver  
*Ploceus capensis*  
(5) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Ceres 13.9 and Ceres 14.9.

Southern Masked Weaver  
*Ploceus velatus*  
(4) De Hoop NR 11.9, West Coast NP 12.9, Kruger NP 18.9 and Sunrock Guesthouse 19.9.

Village Weaver  
*Ploceus cucullatus*  
(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Sunrock Guesthouse 19.9.

Red-headed Weaver  
*Anaplectes rubriceps rubriceps*  
(1) Kruger NP 18.9.

Red-billed Quelea  
*Quelea quelea lathamii*  
(1) De Hoop NR 11.9.

Southern Red Bishop  
*Euplectes orix orix*
(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 Karoopoort 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.

Swee Waxbill *Coccopgia melanotis*

Grey Waxbill *Estrilda perreini incana*
(3) Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 10.9, Karoopoort 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*

Buntlings, 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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**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**  
African Wild Dog  
Lycaon pictus  
(2) Kruger NP 15.9 and Kruger NP 17.9.

**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.

**Mongooses 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.

**Hyenas, 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.
Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus

Klipspringer (2) Rooi-Els 9.9 and Kruger NP 18.9.
Oreotragus oreotragus

Steenbok (4) Kruger NP 15.9 and observed Kruger NP 17-19.9.
Raphicerus campestris campestris

Southern Reedbuck (1) De Hoop NR 11.9.
Redunca arundinum

Common Duiker (4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.
Sylvicapra grimmia

Syncerus caffer caffer

Nyala (5) Observed Kruger NP 14-18.9.
Tragelaphus angasii

Common Eland (2) De Hoop NR 11.9 and West Coast NP 12.9.
Tragelaphus oryx

Bushbuck (4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.
Tragelaphus scriptus

Greater Kudu (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.
Tragelaphus strepsiceros

Giraffe, Okapi Giraffidae

Giraffe (6) Observed Kruger NP 14-19.9.
Giraffa camelopardalis
giraffa

Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus (4) Observed Kruger NP 15-18.9.
Hippopotamus amphibius capensis

Pigs Suidae

Phacochoerus africanus sundevallii

Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

Peters's Epauletted Fruit Bat (1) 16.9.
Epomophorus crypturus

Hylaxes Procaviidae

Rock Hyrax (2) Stony Point 11.9 and Karoopoort 13.9.
Procavia capensis

Rabbits, Hares Leporidae

Scrub Hare (1) Kruger NP 17.9.
Lepus saxatilis

Plains Zebra

Zebras, Horse, Asses Equidae

Equis quagga
(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.

**Old World porcupines Hystricidae**

**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**
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**Geckos *Gekkonidae***

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**Skinks *Scincidae***

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**Monitor Lizards *Varanidae***

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**Afro-American Sideneck Turtles *Pelomedusidae***

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**Tortoises *Testudinidae***

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