

South Africa Eastern IV

30th October to 14th September 2022 (15 days)

Western Cape Extension IV

14th September to 19th September 2022 (6 days)

Trip Report



Cape Rockjumper by Julian Parsons

Tour Leaders: Julian Parsons & Toni Geddes

Trip report compiled by Julian Parsons

Tour Summary

Traversing the topographically diverse eastern region of South Africa offers this incredible tour exclusive access to a myriad of habitat types, vast diversities of fauna and flora, and a high rate of species endemism to explore. Beginning our adventures in the arid-savanna/highveld transitional zone surrounding Gauteng, our journey took us to the species rich lowveld of Kruger National Park; the highland grasslands and wetlands of Wakkerstroom; the mind-boggling variety of habitats of the Maputaland coastal plains and its outstanding iSimangaliso Wetland Park; wrapping up the first leg of the tour birding the mist belt forests and grasslands of the KZN midlands and a spectacular day-trip into the mountainous landlocked country of Lesotho, winding our way up the rugged Drakensberg Mountain Range via the breath-taking Sani Pass.

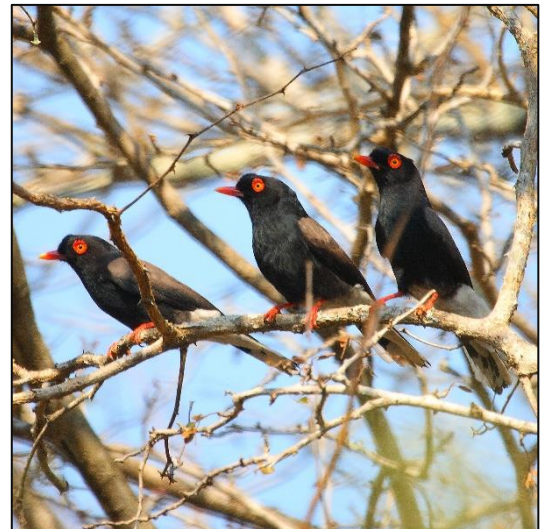
After bidding a warm farewell to a couple of our teammates, Stan and Sue, we continued our adventure to endemic-rich Western Cape of South Africa, exploring the spectacular Cape Floristic Kingdom restricted to the Cape Folded Mountain belt and its surroundings. Basing ourselves between Hout Bay in Cape Town, and the small farming town of Ceres; we explored the pristine fynbos-lined coastline surrounding the Cape Peninsula and False Bay; ventured the southern seas on a productive pelagic birding tour; enjoyed a day discovering the strandveld, estuaries and saltworks of the West Coast; and took a trip through Karooport, the gateway to the arid plains of the Tankwa Karoo.



Crimson-breasted Shrike by Adam Riley

Beginning our epic journey from the city of Johannesburg, we spent a day birding north of Pretoria in the Rust de Winter area, exploring the highly productive Zaagkuil drift road followed by some urban birding around the peaceful community of Kgomo Kgomo, before lunching under the mature woodlands along the Elands River. We racked up an overwhelming list of birds for day one, including Burnt-necked Eremomela, Chestnut-vented Warbler, Kalahari & White-browed Scrub Robin, Northern Black Korhaan, two melanistic morph Gabar Goshawk, Greater Kestrel, White-backed & Cape Vulture, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Crimson-breasted & Magpie Shrike, Southern-pied Babbler, Lilac-breasted & Purple Roller, Marico & Southern Black Flycatcher, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Great & Cape Sparrow, Scaly Feathered, Red-billed Buffalo & White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, and a handful of colourful estrilid species such as Green-winged Pytilia, Red-billed Firefinch, Blue & Violet-eared Waxbill.

The following day we departed early, exploring the agricultural fields and wetlands surrounding the small farming community of Devon, before hitting the long road to one of the biggest highlights, the world-renowned Kruger National Park. Having a coffee and breakfast stop at a productive waterbody we managed to get great views of Little Bittern, Black-necked Grebe, Levallant's Cisticola, White-faced Whistling & Yellow-billed Duck, Swainson's Spurfowl, Red-capped Lark, Cape Longclaw, Spotted Thick-knee, Greater Striped, White-throated & South African Cliff Swallow. Pushing to reach Kruger in good time, we made few stops except to pick up lunch in Mbombela and for one very special bird we managed to spot along the way, the endemic and vulnerable Southern Bald Ibis. Arriving at the Crocodile River, forming the southernmost border of the Kruger NP, we stretched our legs and see what we could spot. Giant & Pied Kingfisher, Wood & Common Sandpiper, African Openbill, African Jacana and Goliath Heron were all great additions



Retz's Helmetshrike by Keith Valentine

to our list, but nothing could top the bird that Toni managed to scope out on a distant sandbank, a pair of African Skimmer! Somewhat of a rarity for the area and 4th ever record over the 82 recorded SA Eastern tours conducted over the past 20 years. Go team.



Grey Crowned Crane by Julian Parsons

The following three nights were spent at the Skukuza Rest Camp, situated in the vast Kruger NP, a 7500 square-mile stronghold for a plethora of threatened ecosystems, fauna, and flora. On entering the park alone, we had great joy and success, spotting African Elephant, White Rhino, a lonely Lioness, Klipspringer, and fleeting glimpses of a Honey-badger. Making the most of our two full days in Kruger, we explored the game-rich areas surrounding Skukuza, including the productive Sabi River and its associated riverine forests and woodlands, granite kopjes, acacia savanna and a day trip north to the open savannas of the Satara area, lunching at Satara Rest Camp with its resident African Scops Owl. A few top bird species during our memorable stay included, White-headed Vulture; Bateleur; Martial, Wahlberg's, African Hawk-, Tawny, Brown Snake- & African Fish Eagle; African Goshawk; Retz's Helmetshrike; Stierling's Wren-Warbler; Mocking Cliff Chat; Mosque & Wire-tailed Swallow; Bearded & Golden-tailed Woodpecker; Black-Collared & Crested Barbet; White-throated & White-browed Robin Chat; White-bellied, Marico, Collared &

Scarlet-Chested Sunbird; Bearded Scrub Robin; Purple-crested Turaco; African Green Pigeon; Southern White-crowned Shrike; Brown- & Black-Crowned Tchagra; and Orange-breasted Bushshrike. Among the large amounts of interesting wildlife we encountered, the massive pack of African Wild Dog with pups, good numbers of Lions and Cubs, and the spending time with the gentle giants of the bush, the African Elephant, were among the highlights of our stay in Kruger.

After a productive morning walk around camp and a quick visit to Lake Panic, we had breakfast and began the long but scenic journey back up the great escarpment to the tiny town of Wakkerstroom. With a quick stop along the way we managed to locate yet another exceptionally uncommon bird, and 3rd time ever seen on this tour, the gorgeous Bat Hawk. After a very comfortable night with our warm hosts at the Wetlands Country House we set out bright and early to bird the endemic-rich upland grasslands and wetlands surrounding Wakkerstroom. With the help and good fortune of our local guide Lucky, we managed to locate a large portion of our endemic and special targets, including Eastern Long-billed, Eastern Clapper, Spike-healed & Pink-billed Larks; Red-throated Wryneck; Cape Canary; Ant-eating Chat; Pied Starling; African Rock & Buffy Pipits; Lazy, Wailing & Wing-snapping Cisticolas; Denham's & White-bellied Bustards; Blue Korhaan; Secretarybird; Blue & Grey Crowned Cranes; Southern Pochard; Maccoa Duck; African Snipe; Spotted Eagle Owl; Malachite & Amethyst Sunbirds; and African Paradise Flycatcher. Heading out early the following morning we had a quick session at the wetlands getting great views of Red-Chested Flufftail, African Rail and African Marsh Harrier, before locating a major target and endemic, the Yellow-breasted Pipit.

Following a wholesome breakfast, we departed Wakkerstroom and once again, descended the great escarpment towards the Maputaland coastal plain and to Umkhumbe, Hluhluwe, our base for the next two nights. Enroute, we stopped for lunch at the beautiful Ghost Mountain Inn, inevitably birding the grounds and surroundings finding a few good birds, such as Black-bellied



Bat Hawk by Julian Parsons



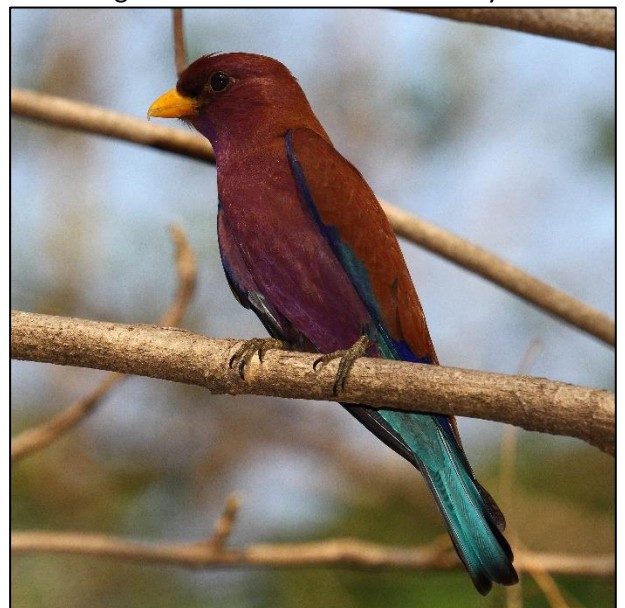
Rosy-throated Longclaw by Julian Parsons

Starling, African Dusky Flycatcher, Purple-banded Sunbird, White-fronted Bee-eater and Holub's Golden Weaver. The next morning, we had a bright and early start with many targets and destinations to accomplish. We kicked off the day birding the gorgeous and productive Muzi Pan before a walk through the fig forests along the Mkuzi River. From there, we entered the Mkuze Game Reserve spending the rest of the morning exploring the thickets, Fever Tree woodlands, extensive pans, and hides, before ending our day birding another wetland hotspot, Mpempe Pan. Racking up a massive list of around 150 birds for the day, the highlights included African Pygmy Goose; Green Malkoha; Broad-billed Roller; Trumpeter & Crowned Hornbills; Yellow-Rumped & Red-Fronted Tinkerbirds; Yellow-bellied Greenbul; Gorgeous Bushshrike; Dark-backed, Southern Brown-throated, Thick-billed & Lesser Masked Weavers; Pink-throated Twinspot; African & Jameson's Firefinches; White-Crested Helmetshrike; Golden-Breasted Bunting; Crested Guineafowl; Rudd's Apalis; Greater Painted-snipe; a rare Caspian Plover (2nd time ever recorded on this tour);

Rufous-bellied Heron; and Black-winged Lapwing.

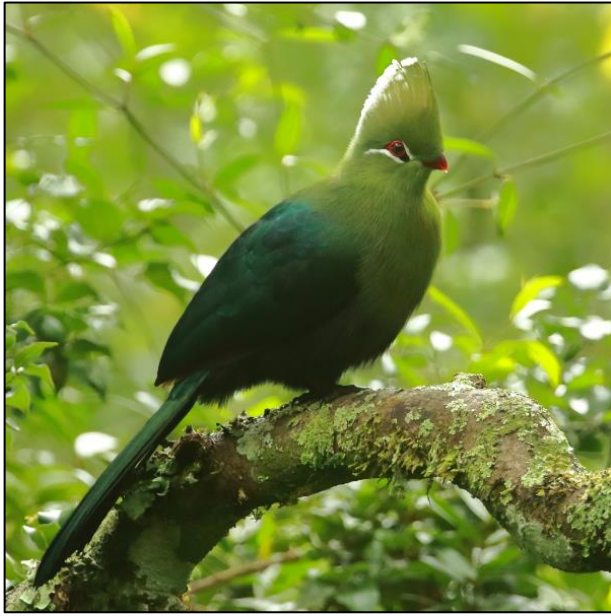
The following day commenced with a quick excursion to the primeval dry sand forests of False Bay Park. This forest type, known as Lucuati in Mozambique, is a highly threatened and fragmented forest growing only on ancient sand dunes between Hluhluwe and southern Mozambique. Here we got a few very special species, such as African Broadbill, Neergaard's Sunbird, Woodward's Batis, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, Common Square-tailed Drongo and Grey Sunbird. After breakfast we visited some friends on a neighbouring property, where we had great views of a very relaxed Narina Trogon and Scaly-throated Honeyguide. We then departed Hluhluwe for our next destination of St Lucia, via the Dukuduku wetlands, where we got White-backed & Fulvus Whistling Ducks; Blue-billed Teal; Black & Purple Herons; Pink-backed & Great White Pelicans; Pale-crowned & Zitting Cisticolas; Palm-nut Vulture; Osprey; Senegal Lapwing; Collared Pratincole; and the star of the day, the handsome Rosy-throated Longclaw.

Arriving in St Lucia, we raced off for an early seafood dinner before joining Ian for a relaxing night-drive in the Eastern Shores Game Reserve of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Although activity was low, we did manage to find Large-spotted Genet, Spotted Hyena, Common Hippopotamus, a sleepy Southern Banded Snake Eagle on its night roost, as well as Fiery-necked & Swamp Nightjars. The following day we experienced the same game reserve from an entirely different perspective, exploring the pristine wetlands, dense coastal forests, beaches, and open palm savannas lining the eastern shoreline of the impressive Lake St Lucia. During the day we had both great bird and mammal viewing, finding Leopard, Natal Red Duiker, White Rhinoceros, African Buffalo, Common Reedbuck, Nyala, Hippo, the endangered Blue (Samango) Monkey, Humpback Whale, Woolly-necked Stork, Greater Crested Tern, Gorgeous Bushshrike, Brimstone Canary, Croaking Cisticola, Brown Scrub Robin, Striped Kingfisher, Burchell's Coucal, Red-Capped Robin Chat and Tambourine Dove. After a well-deserved lunch, overlooking the St Lucia Estuary, we embarked on a stroll along the estuary to walk our lunch off. Unfortunately, the estuary is very reeded up at present, so not many shorebirds about, but we did find Sanderling, Eurasian Whimbrel, Caspian Tern, Rufous-winged Cisticola, and distant views of African Oystercatcher and Lesser Flamingo. Ending the day, we had a slow walk through the dense coastal forests surrounding our



Broad-billed Roller by Daniel Danckwerts

accommodation where we managed to get views of the spectacular Livingstone's Turaco.



Knysna Turaco by David Hoddinott

Departing early the next morning we headed inland to a small patch of mid-altitude forest outside the town of Eshowe, known as Dhlinda (a Zulu word meaning "a grave-like place of meditation"). Our main targets here were the Spotted Ground Thrush and Bronze-naped Pigeon, both of which were sadly unobliging. We did have some good birding though, locating on African Emerald Cuckoo, Grey Cuckooshrike, Little Sparrowhawk, Narina Trogon, and fleeting glimpses of a rare Blue Duiker. We then headed to the coastal town of Mtunzini to walk the spectacular Rafia Palm Monument and sat down for a relaxing lunch before leaving for our overnight stop in Hilton.

The next morning, after a sad goodbye to Toni, we started our day birding the farmlands of Cedara, Hilton, where we located Cape Grassbird, Orange-breasted & Common Waxbills, Shelley's Francolin, Fan-tailed Widowbird and African Stonechat. We then went through to Karkloof to visit the beautiful Benvie Gardens, where we picked up several great species such as Knysna Turaco,

Orange Ground Thrush, Olive Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler and Forest Canary. From there we scoured the agricultural fields to see if we could find Wattled Crane, but with no success, so we packed it in for the morning and had a restful break for lunch in Howick, spotting Red-Winged Starling and Peregrine Falcon from the table. Onwards we went and embarked on a bumpy drive into Impendle Nature Reserve with the hopes of finding Blue Swallow. Unfortunately, we didn't find the scarce Blue Swallow, but rather had quite an experience, as an electrical storm rolled in, we found Red-necked Spurfowl, awesome views of Wattled Crane & Secretarybird, and we even flushed a few Common Quail.

Concluding the Eastern leg of the journey we embarked on another huge highlight, a memorable day trip over the mighty Drakensberg Mountain Range into the barren highland country of Lesotho, via the breath-taking Sani Pass. Led by two experienced and entertaining guides, Stuart and Mondli, we had an incredible day of birding finding most of our targets and more. Every unique habitat that we stopped in, as we climbed in altitude, revealed a new variety of birds. The well wooded lower reaches produced Brown-backed Honeybird, African Yellow Warbler; Half-collared Kingfisher, Olive Thrush, Barratt's Warbler, Bush Blackcap, Sweet Waxbill, Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk, Cape Batis, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, and the frustratingly incessant calls of Buff-spotted Flufftail. The protea and bolder strewn grassy slopes offered us Gurney's Sugarbird (belonging to one of two Families that are endemic to southern Africa), Buff-streaked Chat, Nicholson's Pipit, Mountain Wheatear, and as we started nearing the top we found another two major targets, Drakensberg Siskin, and the iconic Drakensberg Rockjumper (belonging to the other Family endemic to southern Africa). Entering Lesotho, we explored the windswept highland scrub for another variety of specials, including the extremely localised endemic Mountain Pipit, Sickie-winged Chat, Ground Woodpecker, Large-billed Lark, Fairy Flycatcher, Karoo Prinia, and Layard's Warbler. We were also blessed with 3 species of highly threatened vulture, Bearded, White-backed and Cape.

Departing early for King Shaka International Airport on our last morning, we had a quick stop at the Marutswa Forest, outside Bulwer, to feast on our breakfast packs, drink freshly brewed coffee, and enjoy the time a pair of Cape Parrot, a rare and localised



Bearded Vulture by Adam Riley

near endemic, who gave us a lovely show on a dead tree rising out of the forest below. After lunch, our last meal with Sue and Stan, we bid them a farewell as we boarded our flight to Cape Town and onto the next leg of our adventure, the Western Cape Extension.

Western Cape Extension



African Penguin by Adam Riley

Arriving in Cape Town, we were greeted by a howling south easterly wind, the “Cape Doctor”, and miserable drizzly weather along the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. Changing our game plan, we went for a short walk along the stream of the Constantia Greenbelt, where we picked up great views of a dark morph Common Buzzard, Cape Bulbul, Levillant’s Cisticola, Southern Double-collared & Amethyst Sunbirds, and Swee & Common Waxbills. The following day, we braved the wind and driving drizzle once again. Making the most of our day we ventured to the eastern reaches of False Bay to explore the incredibly diverse Fynbos Biome, via the picturesque Claren’s Drive, visiting Betties Bay’s pristine Harold Porter National Botanical Gardens and penguin colony at Stoney Point, before heading to the small town of Rooi Els, birding the boulder strewn mountain slopes of Porter Drive. With wind gusts of up to 50 miles per hour we still managed to find a few good birds and mammals, including Southern Right Whale; Klipspringer; Cape Grey Mongoose; Klaas’s Cuckoo; Orange-breasted Sunbird; Cape Siskin; Familiar

Chat; Yellow Bishop; Cape Spurfowl; Grey-backed Cisticola; fleeting glimpses of Victorin’s Warbler; Rock Kestrel; Cape Sugarbird; Cape Rockjumper; African Penguin; Bank, Crowned and Cape Cormorants; African Oystercatcher; and Hartlaub’s Gull. Following a delicious lunch in Rooi Els, we swung by one of the Cape’s most renowned birding destinations, the smelly Strandfontein Sewage Works. With the wind calming to a gentle breeze, we found a large variety of birds, including Greater & Lesser Flamingos; Fulvous Whistling Duck; Cape Teal; Southern Pochard; Black-necked Grebe; Great White Pelican; Common Reed Warbler; and Little Rush Warbler.

The following day we hit the high seas in search of special pelagic mammals and birds. Departing from Hout Bay Harbour we ventured out about 30 nautical miles, close to the edge of the continental shelf finding Shy, Black-browed, Atlantic/Indian Yellow-nosed & Southern Royal Albatrosses; Cape, Southern & Northern Giant Petrels; Wilson’s & Black-bellied Storm Petrels; Great & Sooty Shearwaters; Sabine’s Gull; the gorgeous Cape Gannet; Humpback & Bryde’s Whales; Short-beaked Common and Dusky Dolphins; Sunfish; and South African Fur Seal. After a restful evening we were blessed to have the whole team back together and a delicious dinner with Sue, Stan and Toni!

Our next adventure took us to the West Coast, exploring the Langebaan Lifestyle Estate, West Coast National Park, the Langebaan quarry, and Velddrif Salt Works, all before making our way to the small fruit farming centre of Ceres for our last two nights of tour. A great days birding produced Cape Long-billed, Cape Clapper, Red-capped and Large-billed Larks; Yellow Canary; Common Ostrich; Karoo Scrub Robin; Grey-winged



Protea Canary by Julian Parsons

Francolin; Black Harrier; the hard to pronounce but easy to ID Bokmakierie; White-backed Mousebird; Booted and Verreaux's Eagles; Marsh & Curlew Sandpipers; Red-necked Phalarope; Ruddy Turnstone; Grey and White-fronted Plovers; Little Stint; and one of the stars, the Chestnut-banded Plover.

From Ceres we headed for a day trip through the mountains via Karooport, witnessing a drastic change in habitats as we entered the arid and sparsely vegetated plains of the Tankwa Karoo. Here we found Namaqua Warbler; Pale-winged Starling; Karoo, Tractrac, Familiar & Sickie-winged Chats; Mountain Wheatear; Alpine Swift; Pirit Batis; Fairy Flycatcher; flight displays of Karoo Lark; Rufous-eared Warbler; and Karoo Eremomela. From the plains of the Tankwa, we ventured into Skitterykloof, a steep-sided mountainous valley and pass, where we located an African Snipe; a female Dusky Sunbird; Layard's & Chestnut-vented Warblers; Long-billed Crombec; Grey Tit; and the elusive Cinnamon-breasted Warbler giving its far crying whistle from the mountain tops. We continued along that very scenic road into the Koue Bokkeveld ("Cold Buck Shrubland") descending down Katbakkies Pass, through the farming settlement of Op-Die-Berg and onwards towards Witzenberg Valley Road to find a big target for the region, the Protea Canary. And find it we did, along with a few other fynbos endemics such as the gaudy, Orange-breasted Sunbird, and handsome Cape Sugarbird.

Leaving Ceres early the next morning we headed straight back to Cape Town to explore one of the world's most picturesque gardens, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. Here we began our peaceful walk around the gardens, turning into somewhat of a slog and trek as we searched for the secretive Lemon Dove. Along the way we had great views of some super confiding birds, such as African Paradise Flycatcher, Cape Batis, Orange-breasted Sunbird, Olive Thrush, Cape Robin Chat, Sweet Waxbill, Spotted Eagle Owl and eventually, the Lemon Dove, perched a few feet away at eyelevel. A great way to end a spectacular comprehensive tour of the incredibly diverse and endemic-rich country of South Africa.

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Annotated List of species recorded

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (489 in total: 481 seen, 8 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F, D Donsker, and P Rasmussen (Eds). 2022. IOC World Bird List (v 12.1). Doi 10.14344/IOC.ML.12.1.

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

Ostriches *Struthionidae*

Common Ostrich (LC)

Struthio camelus

Seen on a few occasions throughout tour, first while passing through Dinokeng NR enroute back from Rust de Winter to Johannesburg

Ducks, Geese, Swans *Anatidae*

White-faced Whistling Duck (LC)

Dendrocygna viduata



Seen well throughout tour

Fulvous Whistling Duck (LC)

Dendrocygna bicolor

Seen while birding the wetlands in the Dukuduku area outside Hluhluwe and out of range at Standfontein Wastewater Works in Cape Town

White-backed Duck (LC)

Thalassornis leuconotus

Seen while birding the wetlands in the Dukuduku

Spur-winged Goose (LC)

Plectropterus gambensis

Seen well throughout tour

Knob-billed Duck (LC)

Sarkidiornis melanotos

Seen at Mpempe and Muzi pans, before and after our visit to Mkuze GR

Egyptian Goose (LC)

Alopochen aegyptiaca

Common throughout

South African Shelduck (LC)

Tadorna cana

First seen in Wakkerstroom

African Pygmy Goose (LC)

Nettapus auritus

Seen at Mpempe Pan and Dukuduku Wetlands

Blue-billed Teal (LC)

Spatula hottentota

Abundant at the Dukuduku Wetlands

Cape Shoveler (LC)

Spatula smithii

Seen in Wakkerstroom and on the Cape Extension

African Black Duck (LC)

Anas sparsa

Seen while birding the Zaagkuilsdrift Road on our first outing for the tour and at the river in Ceres

Yellow-billed Duck (LC)

Anas undulata

Abundant throughout

Cape Teal (LC)

Anas capensis

Seen well on the WC extension

Red-billed Teal (LC)

Anas erythrorhyncha

Seen on numerous occasions throughout

Southern Pochard (LC)

Netta erythrophthalma

Seen in Wakkerstroom and on the Cape Extension

Maccoa Duck (VU)

Oxyura maccoa

Seen in Wakkerstroom and at Strandfontein WWW

Guineafowl *Numididae*

Helmeted Guineafowl (LC)

Numida meleagris

Abundant throughout

Crested Guineafowl (LC)

Guttera pucherani

Abundant around Hluhluwe and St Lucia, KwaZulu Natal

Pheasants & Allies *Phasianidae*

Crested Francolin (LC)

Ortygornis sephaena

Seen in Kruger NP and Mkuze GR

Grey-winged Francolin (LC)

Scleroptila afra

Heard while on Sani Top, Lesotho and seen well in Langebaan on the WC ext

Shelley's Francolin (LC)

Scleroptila shelleyi

Seen well in the Cedara area of Hilton, KZN

Common Quail (LC)

Coturnix coturnix

A few birds flushed while looking for Blue Swallow at Impendle NR

Cape Spurfowl (LC)

Pternistis capensis

Seen well in the Cape

Natal Spurfowl (LC)

Pternistis natalensis

First seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road on day two and abundant around Kruger NP

Swainson's Spurfowl (LC)

Pternistis swainsonii

Seen well throughout

Red-necked Spurfowl (LC)

Pternistis afer

Seen while enroute to Impendle NR

Nightjars *Caprimulgidae*

Fiery-necked Nightjar (LC)

Caprimulgus pectoralis

Seen on both night drives – Kruger and St Lucia

Swamp Nightjar (LC)

Caprimulgus natalensis

Seen well on night drive in St Lucia

Swifts *Apodidae*



African Palm Swift (LC)

Cypsiurus parvus

Seen throughout the Eastern

Alpine Swift (LC)

Tachymarptis melba

Seen while in the Ceres area

African Black Swift (LC)

Apus barbatus

Seen while at the Langebaan Quarry viewing the Verreaux's Eagles

Little Swift (LC)

Apus affinis

Seen throughout

Horus Swift (LC)

Apus horus

Seen at the bridge at the Wakkerstroom wetlands

White-rumped Swift (LC)

Apus caffer

Seen throughout the Eastern

Turacos Musophagidae

Grey Go-away-bird

Crinifer concolor

Seen throughout Eastern

Purple-crested Turaco (LC)

Gallirex porphyreolophus

First seen well in Kruger, thereafter, seen and heard on a few more occasions

Livingstone's Turaco (LC)

Tauraco livingstonii

Seen while in St Lucia

Knysna Turaco (LC)

Tauraco corythaix

Seen while in Benvie Gardens, Karkloof

Bustards Otidae

Denham's Bustard (NT)

Neotis denhami

One individual seen in Wakkerstroom

White-bellied Bustard (LC)

Eupodotis senegalensis

Seen while in Wakkerstroom

Blue Korhaan (NT)

Eupodotis caerulescens

Seen while in Wakkerstroom

Red-crested Korhaan (LC)

Lophotis ruficrista

Seen while in Kruger NP



Southern Black Korhaan (VU)

Afrotis afra

Seen well in West Coast National Park

Northern Black Korhaan (LC)

Afrotis afraoides

One individual seen while birding the Zaagkuilsdrift road

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Burchell's Coucal

Centropus burchellii

Fairly common throughout the Eastern

Green Malkoha (LC)

Ceuthmochares australis

Seen in Mkuze GR while searching for the Pel's Fishing owl on our Fig Forest walk

Klaas's Cuckoo (LC)

Chrysococcyx klaas

Heard on multiple occasions, finally seen in Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, Betties Bay

African Emerald Cuckoo (LC)

Chrysococcyx cupreus

Heard on multiple occasions, finally got eyes on a female bird from the canopy deck in Dlinza Forest

Black Cuckoo (LC)

Cuculus clamosus

Only heard in Benvie Gardens

Red-chested Cuckoo (LC)

Cuculus solitarius

Seen on multiple occasions from Mkuze onwards

Pigeons, Doves *Columbidae*

Rock Dove (LC)

Columba livia

Seen throughout

Speckled Pigeon (LC)

Columba guinea

Seen throughout

African Olive Pigeon (LC)

Columba arquatrix

Seen while in Benvie Gardens

Lemon Dove

Columba larvata

After a lot of work, we finally found a bird in the dying moments of the tour while in Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Mourning Collared Dove (LC)

Streptopelia decipiens

Seen only at Tshokwane Picnic Site in Kruger

Red-eyed Dove (LC)

Streptopelia semitorquata



Seen throughout

Ring-necked Dove (LC)

Streptopelia capicola

Seen throughout

Laughing Dove (LC)

Spilopelia senegalensis

Seen throughout

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove (LC)

Turtur chalcospilos

Seen throughout Kruger, Hluhluwe, Mkuze and St Lucia

Tambourine Dove (LC)

Turtur tympanistria

Tricky bird, heard far more than the fleeting glimpses we had around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Namaqua Dove (LC)

Oena capensis

Seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift outing and again

African Green Pigeon (LC)

Treron calvus

Observed 1 day in total.

Flufftails *Sarothruridae*

Buff-spotted Flufftail (LC)

Sarothrura elegans

Only heard while on our Sani Pass outing, we tried hard to draw the bird out with call and Stuart's decoys, but with no luck

Red-chested Flufftail (LC)

Sarothrura rufa

Seen 1 bird well in Wakkerstroom

Rails, Crakes & Coots *Rallidae*

Common Moorhen (LC)

Gallinula chloropus

Seen throughout

Red-knobbed Coot (LC)

Fulica cristata

Seen throughout

African Swamphen

Porphyrio madagascariensis

Seen on a number of occasions throughout tour, firstly Devon, outside Johannesburg, enroute to Kruger

Black Crake (LC)

Zapornia flavirostra

Seen throughout tour

Cranes *Gruidae*



Grey Crowned Crane (EN)

Balearica regulorum

Seen well in the Underberg/Himeville area

Wattled Crane

Grus carunculata

A pair seen well in Impendle NR

Blue Crane

Grus paradisea

Seen well in Wakkerstroom, enroute to Underberg from Hilton and again on the Western Cape ext

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe (LC)

Tachybaptus ruficollis

Seen well throughout

Black-necked Grebe (LC)

Podiceps nigricollis

Seen in Devon, enroute to Kruger NP and again on the WC ext

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo (LC)

Phoenicopterus roseus

Seen well around Starndfontein WWW and West Coast NP on the WC ext

Lesser Flamingo (NT)

Phoeniconaias minor

Seen well around Starndfontein WWW and West Coast NP on the WC ext

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee (LC)

Burhinus vermiculatus

Abundantly around Kruger and St Lucia

Spotted Thick-knee (LC)

Burhinus capensis

Seen well on a few occasions

Oystercatchers Haematopodidae

African Oystercatcher (LC)

Haematopus moquini

Distant scope views in St Lucia made up for by close up views on the WC extension

Stilts, Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt (LC)

Himantopus himantopus

Seen throughout



Pied Avocet (LC)

Recurvirostra avosetta

Seen throughout

Plovers Charadriidae

Blacksmith Lapwing (LC)

Vanellus armatus

Seen throughout

White-crowned Lapwing (LC)

Vanellus albiceps

Seen well while in Kruger NP, along the Sabie River

Senegal Lapwing (LC)

Vanellus lugubris

Seen on the Dukuduku Wetlands, Hluhluwe

Black-winged Lapwing (LC)

Vanellus melanopterus

Seen at Mpempe Pan, after Mkuze GR and at Dukuduku Wetlands, Hluhluwe

Crowned Lapwing (LC)

Vanellus coronatus

Seen throughout Eastern

African Wattled Lapwing (LC)

Vanellus senegallus

Seen throughout Eastern

Grey Plover (LC)

Pluvialis squatarola

Seen in West Coast NP on our WC ext

Common Ringed Plover (LC)

Charadrius hiaticula

Seen in West Coast NP on our WC ext

Kittlitz's Plover (LC)

Charadrius pecuarius

Seen on a number of occasions throughout

Three-banded Plover (LC)

Charadrius tricollaris

Seen on a number of occasions throughout

White-fronted Plover (LC)

Charadrius marginatus

Seen in West Coast NP on our WC ext

Chestnut-banded Plover (NT)

Charadrius pallidus

Seen at the Velddrift Salt Works on our WC ext

Caspian Plover (LC)

Charadrius asiaticus

Seen one very uncommon visitor at Mpempe Pan

Painted-snipes Rostratulidae



Greater Painted-snipe (LC)

Rostratula benghalensis

Seen well at Muzi Pan, outside Mkuze

Jacanas Jacanidae

African Jacana (LC)

Actophilornis africanus

Seen well throughout Eastern

Sandpipers, Snipes Scolopacidae

Eurasian Whimbrel (LC)

Numenius phaeopus

Seen in St Lucia and West Coast NP

Ruddy Turnstone (LC)

Arenaria interpres

Seen in West Coast NP, Langebaan

Ruff (LC)

Calidris pugnax

Seen at Dukuduku wetlands and on the West Coast on the WC Ext

Curlew Sandpiper (NT)

Calidris ferruginea

Seen in West Coast NP

Sanderling (LC)

Calidris alba

Seen in St Lucia

Little Stint (LC)

Calidris minuta

Seen in West Coast NP

African Snipe (LC)

Gallinago nigripennis

Seen in Wakkerstroom and in Skitterykloof, bordering the Tankwa Karoo, Western Cape

Red-necked Phalarope (LC)

Phalaropus lobatus

A lonely wayward resident male who's been around for the last few years

Common Sandpiper (LC)

Actitis hypoleucos

Seen throughout

Marsh Sandpiper (LC)

Tringa stagnatilis

Seen in West Coast NP

Wood Sandpiper (LC)

Tringa glareola

Seen on a number of occasions during the Eastern

Common Greenshank (LC)

Tringa nebularia

Seen around Hluhluwe, St Lucia and West Coast NP

Courasers, Pratincoles *Glareolidae*

Collared Pratincole (LC)

Glareola pratincola

Seen very well at the Dukuduku Wetlands where they were nesting. We had to drive very carefully to avoid nests

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers *Laridae*

African Skimmer (NT)

Rynchops flavirostris

Very lucky to see this bird on an SA tour. 4th time it has been seen in 82 Easterns since 2003

Sabine's Gull (LC)

Xema sabini

Cape Town Pelagic

Grey-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus

Seen throughout, more so during the Eastern

Hartlaub's Gull

Chroicocephalus hartlaubii

Seen abundantly on our WC extension

Kelp Gull (LC)

Larus dominicanus

Seen abundantly on our WC extension

Caspian Tern (LC)

Hydroprogne caspia

Seen in St Luica and on WC extension

Greater Crested Tern (LC)

Thalasseus bergii

Seen in St Luica and on WC extension

Sandwich Tern (LC)

Thalasseus sandvicensis

Seen on the WC extension

Common Tern (LC)

Sterna hirundo

Seen on the WC extension

Whiskered Tern (LC)

Chlidonias hybrida

Seen well throughout

White-winged Tern (LC)

Chlidonias leucopterus

Seen at Dukuduku Wetlands and St Lucia

Skuas *Stercorariidae*

Brown Skua

Stercorarius antarcticus



Cape Town Pelagic

Parasitic Jaeger (LC)

Stercorarius parasiticus

Cape Town Pelagic

Penguins *Spheniscidae*

African Penguin (EN)

Spheniscus demersus

Stoney Point, Betties Bay

Austral Storm Petrels *Oceanitidae*

Wilson's Storm Petrel (LC)

Oceanites oceanicus

Cape Town Pelagic

Black-bellied Storm Petrel (LC)

Fregetta tropica

Cape Town Pelagic

Albatrosses *Diomedidae*

Southern Royal Albatross (VU)

Diomedea epomophora

Cape Town Pelagic

Black-browed Albatross (LC)

Thalassarche melanophris

Cape Town Pelagic

Shy Albatross (NT)

Thalassarche cauta

Cape Town Pelagic

Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross (EN)

Thalassarche chlororhynchos

Cape Town Pelagic

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross (EN)

Thalassarche carteri

Cape Town Pelagic

Petrels, Shearwaters, Diving Petrels *Procellariidae*

Southern Giant Petrel (LC)

Macronectes giganteus

Cape Town Pelagic

Northern Giant Petrel (LC)

Macronectes halli

Cape Town Pelagic

Cape Petrel (LC)

Daption capense



Cape Town Pelagic

White-chinned Petrel (VU)

Procellaria aequinoctialis

Cape Town Pelagic

Sooty Shearwater (NT)

Ardenna grisea

Cape Town Pelagic

Great Shearwater (LC)

Ardenna gravis

Cape Town Pelagic

Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork (LC)

Mycteria ibis

Seen well throughout Eastern

African Openbill (LC)

Anastomus lamelligerus

Seen

Black Stork (LC)

Ciconia nigra

One bird seen in flight on our tour up Sani Pass, Drakensberg

Woolly-necked Stork (VU)

Ciconia episcopus

Seen well throughout Eastern

Saddle-billed Stork (LC)

Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis

Great views while in Kruger NP

Marabou Stork (LC)

Leptoptilos crumenifer

Surprisingly few birds seen in Kruger NP

Gannets, Boobies Sulidae

Cape Gannet (EN)

Morus capensis

Cape Town Pelagic

Anhingas, Darters Anhingidae

African Darter (LC)

Anhinga rufa

Seen well throughout

Cormorants, Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant (LC)

Microcarbo africanus

Abundant throughout

Crowned Cormorant (NT)

Microcarbo coronatus

Seen while at Stoney Point, Betties Bay

Bank Cormorant (EN)

Phalacrocorax neglectus

Seen while at Stoney Point, Betties Bay

Cape Cormorant (EN)

Phalacrocorax capensis

Seen well, nesting at Stoney Point, Betties Bay

White-breasted Cormorant

Phalacrocorax lucidus

Seen in on the Dukuduku Floodplains and on a few occasions on the WC ext.

Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis (LC)

Threskiornis aethiopicus

Seen throughout

Southern Bald Ibis (VU)

Geronticus calvus

First seen enroute to Kruger NP, also seen in Wakkerstroom and Underberg

Hadada Ibis (LC)

Bostrychia hagedash

Seen throughout

Glossy Ibis (LC)

Plegadis falcinellus

Seen throughout – always around wetlands

African Spoonbill (LC)

Platalea alba

Seen on a few occasions throughout

Hérons, Bitterns Ardeidae

Little Bittern (LC)

Ixobrychus minutus

Great views in Devon, outside Johannesburg

Black-crowned Night Heron (LC)

Nycticorax nycticorax

Seen while in Wakkerstroom

Striated Heron (LC)

Butorides striata

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Squacco Heron (LC)

Ardeola ralloides

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Rufous-bellied Heron (LC)

Ardeola rufiventris

Half a bird seen at Mpempe pan

Western Cattle Egret (LC)

Bubulcus ibis

Common throughout and not always with cattle!

Grey Heron (LC)

Ardea cinerea

Seen throughout

Black-headed Heron (LC)

Ardea melanocephala

Seen throughout

Goliath Heron (LC)

Ardea goliath

Seen in Kruger and Mkuze GR

Purple Heron (LC)

Ardea purpurea

Seen mainly around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Great Egret (LC)

Ardea alba

Seen throughout the Eastern leg

Intermediate Egret (LC)

Ardea intermedia

Seen throughout the Eastern leg

Black Heron (LC)

Egretta ardesiaca

First seen in Benoni, Johannesburg and again at the Dukuduku Wetlands, Hluhluwe

Little Egret (LC)

Egretta garzetta

Seen throughout

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop (LC)

Scopus umbretta

Seen throughout

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican (LC)

Pelecanus onocrotalus

Seen at Dukuduku Wetlands and on the Cape Ext

Pink-backed Pelican (LC)

Pelecanus rufescens

Seen at Dukuduku Wetlands, Hluhluwe

Secretarybird Sagittariidae

Secretarybird (VU)

Sagittarius serpentarius

First found Harry's biggest target for the tour in Wakkerstroom with even better views at Impendle NR while looking for the Blue Swallow

Ospreys *Pandionidae*

Western Osprey (LC) *Pandion haliaetus*

Seen at the Dukuduku Wetlands and again in Langebaan, WC Ext

Kites, Hawks, Eagles *Accipitridae*

Black-winged Kite (LC) *Elanus caeruleus*

Seen throughout tour

African Harrier-Hawk (LC) *Polyboroides typus*

First having distant views in Mkuze GR, we finally had great views in Benvie Gardens, Karkloof

Palm-nut Vulture (LC) *Gypohierax angolensis*

Distant in-flight views while on the banks of the Hluhluwe River

Bearded Vulture (NT) *Gypaetus barbatus*

We saw this declining raptor while on Sani Top, Lesotho

Hooded Vulture (CR) *Necrosyrtes monachus*

Seen while in Kruger NP, usually far more abundant

White-backed Vulture (CR) *Gyps africanus*

Seen on numerous occasions during the Eastern Leg

Cape Vulture (EN) *Gyps coprotheres*

Seen at Zaagkuilsdrift and Sani Pass/Sani Top

White-headed Vulture (CR) *Trigonoceps occipitalis*

We saw this critically endangered bird twice while in Kruger

Black-chested Snake Eagle (LC) *Circaetus pectoralis*

Seen once on our outing to Zaagkuilsdrift

Brown Snake Eagle (LC) *Circaetus cinereus*

Seen once while in Kruger NP

Southern Banded Snake Eagle (NT) *Circaetus fasciolatus*

Seen twice while in St Lucia, once on night drive and again the following day

Bateleur (NT) *Terathopius ecaudatus*

Abundant in Kruger. Also seen in Mkuze GR



Bat Hawk (LC)

Macheiramphus alcinus

A very special bird we saw somewhere outside of Kruger NP. Only the third time this bird has been recorded in the past 82 tours

Martial Eagle (VU)

Polemaetus bellicosus

Seen one individual on the last morning in Kruger NP

Long-crested Eagle (LC)

Lophaetus occipitalis

First seen enroute from Kruger to Wakkerstroom, also seen around Underberg/Himeville

Wahlberg's Eagle (LC)

Hieraaetus wahlbergi

Abundant in Kruger

Booted Eagle (LC)

Hieraaetus pennatus

Seen well on WC Ext

Tawny Eagle (VU)

Aquila rapax

Seen well in Kruger NP

Verreaux's Eagle (LC)

Aquila verreauxii

Great views in Langebaan on the WC Ext

African Hawk-Eagle (LC)

Aquila spilogaster

One seen on our second full day in Kruger NP

Gabar Goshawk (LC)

Micronisus gabar

Two melanistic birds seen on our first outing to Zaagkuilsdrift!

Dark Chanting Goshawk (LC)

Melierax metabates

One bird seen by Harry enroute to the Lake Panic hide

Pale Chanting Goshawk (LC)

Melierax canorus

Seen well in the Tankwa Karoo on the WC Ext

African Goshawk (LC)

Accipiter tachiro

Seen in Skukuza Camp during coffee on the last morning

Little Sparrowhawk (LC)

Accipiter minullus

Fleet glimpses of one bird when entering Dlinza Forest, Eshowe

Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk (LC)

Accipiter rufiventris

One bird seen before heading up Sani Pass

African Marsh Harrier (LC)

Circus ranivorus

A few birds seen, first at Wakkerstroom, and very interesting behaviour at the Dukuduku Wetland with two birds mobbing or trying to hunt something in the reeds

Black Harrier (EN)

Circus maurus



Seen in West Coast NP on the WC Ext

Yellow-billed Kite (LC)

Milvus aegyptius

Seen throughout

African Fish Eagle (LC)

Haliaeetus vocifer

Seen well throughout the Eastern leg

Common Buzzard (LC)

Buteo buteo

A dark-chocolate morph seen in the Constantia Greenbelt – WC ext. Also seen on last morning in Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Jackal Buzzard (LC)

Buteo rufofuscus

One Juv bird seen for the first time in the Farmlands surrounding Devon, then seen throughout tour

Owls Strigidae

Pearl-spotted Owlet (LC)

Glaucidium perlatum

First seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road. Also while in Kruger NP

African Scops Owl (LC)

Otus senegalensis

Seen well at Satara Rest Camp

Spotted Eagle-Owl (LC)

Bubo africanus

2 birds seen on separate occasions in Wakkerstroom

Mousebirds Coliidae

Speckled Mousebird (LC)

Colius striatus

Seen throughout Eastern leg

White-backed Mousebird (LC)

Colius colius

Only seen on WC ext around West Coast NP and the Tankwa Karoo

Red-faced Mousebird (LC)

Urocolius indicus

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Trogons Trogonidae

Narina Trogon (LC)

Apaloderma narina

Heard more than seen. First seen in Hluhluwe thanks to Dylan's friend. Also seen in Dlinza Forest, Eshowe

Hoopoes Upupidae

African Hoopoe*Upupa africana*

Seen on a number of occasions throughout Eastern and WC Ext.

Wood Hoopoes *Phoeniculidae***Green Wood Hoopoe (LC)***Phoeniculus purpureus*

Seen well around Kruger NP, Hluhluwe and Mkuze

Common Scimitarbill (LC)*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

Seen well around Kruger NP, Hluhluwe and Mkuze

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

First seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road, also seen in Kruger

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill (LC)*Tockus leucomelas*

First seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road, also seen in Kruger

Crowned Hornbill (LC)*Lophoceros alboterminatus*

First seen enroute to Kruger, also seen in St Lucia

African Grey Hornbill (LC)*Lophoceros nasutus*

First seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road, also seen in Kruger

Trumpeter Hornbill (LC)*Bycanistes bucinator*

First seen in Kruger, but seen abundantly between Hluhluwe and Hilton, day 8-12

Rollers *Coraciidae***Purple Roller (LC)***Coracias naevius*

Seen in the Rust de Winter area and Kruger NP

Lilac-breasted Roller (LC)*Coracias caudatus*

Seen in the Rust de Winter area also seen in Kruger NP and St Lucia

Broad-billed Roller (LC)*Eurystomus glaucurus*

Seen in Mkuze GR

Kingfishers *Alcedinidae***Brown-hooded Kingfisher (LC)***Halcyon albiventris*

First seen in Kruger, fairly abundant thereafter



Striped Kingfisher (LC)

Halcyon chelicuti

A pair seen while in the Eastern Shores, St Lucia

Malachite Kingfisher (LC)

Corythornis cristatus

Seen on a number of occasions throughout the Eastern leg

Half-collared Kingfisher (LC)

Alcedo semitorquata

One bird seen at the bottom of Sani Pass

Giant Kingfisher (LC)

Megaceryle maxima

First seen at Crocodile River outside Kruger NP then seen on a number of occasions thereafter

Pied Kingfisher (LC)

Ceryle rudis

First seen at Crocodile River outside Kruger NP and seen regularly thereafter

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Little Bee-eater (LC)

Merops pusillus

First seen in Mkuze GR and seen a few times around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

White-fronted Bee-eater (LC)

Merops bullockoides

First seen in Kruger NP, also seen at outside Mkuze

European Bee-eater (LC)

Merops apiaster

First seen in Kruger, also seen in Hluhluwe and St Lucia

African Barbets Lybiidae

White-eared Barbet (LC)

Stactolaema leucotis

Seen commonly around Hluhluwe, Mkuze and St Lucia

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird (LC)

Pogoniulus bilineatus

First seen at Mkuze GR, also seen around St Lucia – Heard more than seen.

Red-fronted Tinkerbird (LC)

Pogoniulus pusillus

This “Stinkerbird” was heard far more than seen.

Black-collared Barbet (LC)

Lybius torquatus

Seen fairly commonly from Kruger to Hilton

Crested Barbet (LC)

Trachyphonus vaillantii

Seen fairly regularly from Kruger to St Lucia

Honeyguides Indicatoridae



Brown-backed Honeybird (LC)

Prodotiscus regulus

Seen well in Underberg at the bottom of Sani Pass

Lesser Honeyguide (LC)

Indicator minor

First seen in the Rust de Winter Area and seen on a few occasions thereafter

Scaly-throated Honeyguide (LC)

Indicator variegatus

One bird seen well on Kulene GR next door to our accommodation at Umkhumbe, Hluhluwe

Greater Honeyguide (LC)

Indicator indicator

One individual seen in Wakkerstroom

Woodpeckers Picidae

Red-throated Wryneck (LC)

Jynx ruficollis

First seen around Wakkerstroom, also at Impendle NR and on our Sani Pass adventure

Ground Woodpecker (NT)

Geocolaptes olivaceus

Seen well on our tour up Sani Pass and at Rooiels on our WC extension

Golden-tailed Woodpecker (LC)

Campethera abingoni

First seen in Kruger NP, also Seen around Hluhluwe

Bearded Woodpecker

Chloropicus namaquus

Great views of this bird in Kruger NP

Cardinal Woodpecker (LC)

Dendropicos fuscescens

Seen in Mkuze GR and Hluhluwe

Olive Woodpecker (LC)

Dendropicos griseocephalus

Seen in Benvie Gardens

Caracaras, Falcons Falconidae

Rock Kestrel

Falco rupicolus

Seen in Rooiels and throughout cape Ext

Greater Kestrel (LC)

Falco rupicoloides

Seen along Zaagkuilsdrift road

Lanner Falcon (LC)

Falco biarmicus

First seen in Wakkerstroom, also on Cape Ext

Peregrine Falcon (LC)

Falco peregrinus

Seen at our lunch stop in Howick

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Cape Parrot (VU)

Poicephalus robustus

Seen at Marutswa Forest on our trip to King Shaka International Airport from Underberg

Brown-headed Parrot (LC)

Poicephalus cryptoxanthus

Fleeting glimpses seen in Kruger and in Mkuze GR

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

Rose-ringed Parakeet (LC)

Psittacula krameri

Seen by Harry at Sunrock, Johannesburg – Introduced sp

African & Green Broadbills *Calyptomenidae*

African Broadbill (LC)

Smithornis capensis

Great views of bird and its bizarre display in False Bay, Hluhluwe

Wattle-eyes, Batises *Platysteiridae*

Cape Batis (LC)

Batis capensis

Seen on our Sani Pass day and in Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Woodward's Batis (LC)

Batis fratrurn

Seen in False Bay Park, Hluhluwe

Chinspot Batis (LC)

Batis molitor

Regular throughout the Eastern leg

Pirit Batis (LC)

Batis pririt

Great views in the Tankwa Karoo

Bushshrikes *Malaconotidae*

Grey-headed Bushshrike (LC)

Malaconotus blanchoti

Only heard on a few occasions. Can be a very secretive character

Olive Bushshrike (LC)

Chlorophoneus olivaceus

Only heard

Orange-breasted Bushshrike (LC)

Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus

Seen in Kruger, Mkuze and False Bay Park



Gorgeous Bushshrike (LC)

Telophorus viridis

Seen well at Umkhumbé Lodge, Hluhluwe

Bokmakierie (LC)

Telophorus zeylonus

Heard in Wakkerstroom, seen well on the Cape Ext

Brown-crowned Tchagra (LC)

Tchagra australis

Seen in Kruger and Mkuze

Black-crowned Tchagra (LC)

Tchagra senegalus

Seen Well in Kruger NP

Black-backed Puffback (LC)

Dryoscopus cubla

Seen on several occasions throughout the Eastern leg

Southern Boubou (LC)

Laniarius ferrugineus

Seen on several occasions throughout the Eastern leg

Crimson-breasted Shrike (LC)

Laniarius atrococcineus

Seen in Zaagkuilsdrift

Brubru (LC)

Nilaus afer

Seen well in Kruger NP

Vangas & Allies Vangidae

White-crested Helmetshrike (LC)

Prionops plumatus

Seen in Mkuze GR

Retz's Helmetshrike (LC)

Prionops retzii

We saw this uncommon bird well on our first morning in Kruger NP

Shrikes Laniidae

Magpie Shrike (LC)

Urolestes melanoleucus

Seen commonly from Zaagkuilsdrift to Mkuze

Southern White-crowned Shrike (LC)

Eurocephalus anguitimens

Seen in Kruger NP

Southern Fiscal (LC)

Lanius collaris

Seen throughout

Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra Oriolidae



Black-headed Oriole (LC)

Oriolus larvatus

Seen and heard throughout Eastern

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Fork-tailed Drongo (LC)

Dicrurus adsimilis

An almost daily occurrence during the Eastern leg

Common Square-tailed Drongo (LC)

Dicrurus ludwigii

Seen in Hluhluwe area and St Lucia

Monarchs *Monarchidae*

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher (LC)

Trochocercus cyanomelas

Seen in False Bay and Eastern Shores GR, St Lucia

African Paradise Flycatcher (LC)

Terpsiphone viridis

Seen on a number of occasions throughout tour, first views at our accommodation in Wakkerstroon and best views in Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Crows, Jays *Corvidae*

House Crow (LC)

Corvus splendens

Seen by Russ at CPT international airport

Cape Crow (LC)

Corvus capensis

Seen mainly in farmlands and grasslands in higher altitudes

Pied Crow (LC)

Corvus albus

Seen throughout

White-necked Raven (LC)

Corvus albicollis

Seen throughout, more common on Cape ext – Mainly around mountains

Rockjumpers *Chaetopidae*

Cape Rockjumper (NT)

Chaetops frenatus

Whoop whoop! Seen this charismatic bird well in Rooiels on the Cape Ext

Drakensberg Rockjumper (NT)

Chaetops aurantius

Another big whoop whoop for this bird. Seen near the top of Sani Pass

Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*

Fairy Flycatcher (LC) *Stenostira scita*

Seen in Lesotho and Tankwa Karoo

Tits, Chickadees *Paridae*

Southern Black Tit (LC) *Melaniparus niger*

Seen on several occasions throughout eastern leg

Grey Tit (LC) *Melaniparus afer*

Seen well in Lesotho and Skitterykloof

Penduline Tits *Remizidae*

Grey Penduline Tit (LC) *Anthoscopus caroli*

Only heard in Mkuze GR

Cape Penduline Tit (LC) *Anthoscopus minutus*

Seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift Road

Nicators *Nicatoridae*

Eastern Nicator (LC) *Nicator gularis*

Seen at Umkhumbe Lodge, Hluhluwe

Larks *Alaudidae*

Spike-heeled Lark (LC) *Chersomanes albofasciata*

Seen on our day around Wakkerstroom

Eastern Long-billed Lark (LC) *Certhilauda semitorquata*

Seen on our day around Wakkerstroom

Cape Long-billed Lark (LC) *Certhilauda curvirostris*

Seen in Langebaan at the Lifestyle Estate

Sabota Lark (LC) *Calendulauda sabota*

Seen in Kruger NP

Karoo Lark (LC) *Calendulauda albescens*

Only one bird seen giving a flight display in the Tankwa Karoo

Eastern Clapper Lark (LC) *Mirafrja fasciolata*



Seen on our day around Wakkerstroom

Cape Clapper Lark (LC)

Mirafrapiata

Seen in Langebaan at the Lifestyle Estate

Rufous-naped Lark (LC)

Mirafrapricana

First seen when entering the Zaagkuilsdrift road on the first morning

Pink-billed Lark (LC)

Spizocorys conirostris

Seen on our day around Wakkerstroom when we formed the flush line

Large-billed Lark (LC)

Galeridamagnirostris

Seen in Lesotho, Langebaan and Tankwa Karoo

Red-capped Lark (LC)

Calandrellacinerea

Seen throughout tour

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Sombre Greenbul (LC)

Andropadus importunus

Seen throughout tour

Yellow-bellied Greenbul (LC)

Chlorocichla flaviventris

Seen around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Terrestrial Brownbul (LC)

Phyllastrephusterrestris

First seen in Skukuza Camp, Kruger, also seen in

Dark-capped Bulbul

Pycnonotus tricolor

Seen daily throughout Eastern leg

Cape Bulbul (LC)

Pycnonotus capensis

Seen well on the Cape Ext

Swallows, Martins Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing (LC)

Psalidoprocne pristoptera

Seen on several occasions throughout East and Cape ext

Banded Martin (LC)

Neophedina cincta

Seen in West Coast NP, Langebaan

Brown-throated Martin (LC)

Riparia paludicola

Seen throughout around wetland areas, especially on the Cape Ext

Rock Martin (LC)

Ptyonoprogne fuligula



Seen throughout around wetland areas, especially on the Cape Ext around mountains and rocky hillsides

Pearl-breasted Swallow (LC) *Hirundo dimidiata*

Seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift road

White-throated Swallow (LC) *Hirundo albigularis*

Seen throughout tour

Wire-tailed Swallow (LC) *Hirundo smithii*

Seen around Kruger NP, Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Barn Swallow (LC) *Hirundo rustica*

Seen on occasion throughout – not back in large numbers yet

Common House Martin (LC) *Delichon urbicum*

Seen while in St Lucia in the Eastern Shores GR

Red-breasted Swallow (LC) *Cecropis semirufa*

Seen regularly during the Eastern leg, until St Lucia

Mosque Swallow (LC) *Cecropis senegalensis*

Seen well in Kruger NP

Lesser Striped Swallow (LC) *Cecropis abyssinica*

Seen regularly throughout Eastern

Greater Striped Swallow (LC) *Cecropis cucullata*

Seen throughout

South African Cliff Swallow (LC) *Petrochelidon spilodera*

Seen in Devon before traveling to Kruger NP

Crombecs, African Warblers *Macrosphenidae*

Cape Grassbird (LC) *Sphenoeacus afer*

First seen in Hilton also on Sani Pass and in the Cape

Long-billed Crombec (LC) *Sylvietta rufescens*

Seen throughout Eastern

Victorin's Warbler (LC) *Cryptillas victorini*

Fleeting glimpses seen in Rooiels on the Cape Ext

Leaf Warblers & Allies *Phylloscopidae*

Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler (LC) *Phylloscopus ruficapilla*

Seen in Benvie Gardens, Karkloof

Reed Warblers & Allies *Acrocephalidae*

Lesser Swamp Warbler (LC) *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*

Seen on a few occasions throughout the tour

African Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus baeticatus*

Seen at Strandfontein Sewage Works

Grassbirds & Allies *Locustellidae*

Barratt's Warbler (LC) *Bradypterus barratti*

Seen on Sani Pass

Little Rush Warbler (LC) *Bradypterus baboecala*

Seen for the first time in Standfontein Sewage Works

Cisticolas & Allies *Cisticolidae*

Red-faced Cisticola (LC) *Cisticola erythrops*

Seen in Kruger and Mkuze

Lazy Cisticola (LC) *Cisticola aberrans*

Seen in Wakkerstroom

Rattling Cisticola (LC) *Cisticola chiniana*

Common throughout Eastern leg

Grey-backed Cisticola (LC) *Cisticola subruficapilla*

Seen in Rooiels and Tankwa Karoo on the Cape Ext

Wailing Cisticola (LC) *Cisticola lais*

Seen in Wakkerstroom and Sani Pass

Rufous-winged Cisticola (LC) *Cisticola galactotes*

Seen in reedbeds of St Lucia Estuary

Levaillant's Cisticola (LC) *Cisticola tinniens*

Seen throughout

Croaking Cisticola (LC) *Cisticola natalensis*

Seen in the Eastern Shores GR, St Lucia

Neddicky (LC) *Cisticola fulvicapilla*



First seen at Zaagkuilsdrift road

Zitting Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola juncidis

First seen on the Dukuduku Wetlands

Desert Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola aridulus

Heard only in Devon, outside Johannesburg

Pale-crowned Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola cinnamomeus

Seen at the Dukuduku Wetlands, also in St Lucia

Wing-snapping Cisticola (LC)

Cisticola ayresii

Seen in Wakkerstroom

Tawny-flanked Prinia (LC)

Prinia subflava

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Black-chested Prinia (LC)

Prinia flavicans

Seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift Road

Karoo Prinia (LC)

Prinia maculosa

Seen in Lesotho and during the Cape Ext

Drakensberg Prinia (LC)

Prinia hypoxantha

First seen in Wakkerstroom, also seen up Sani Pass

Namaqua Warbler (LC)

Phragmacia substriata

Seen in Karoopoort on the Cape Ext

Bar-throated Apalis (LC)

Apalis thoracica

First seen in Wakkerstroom and a few times thereafter, including Cape Ext

Rudd's Apalis (LC)

Apalis ruddi

Seen well in Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Yellow-breasted Apalis (LC)

Apalis flava

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Rufous-eared Warbler (LC)

Malcorus pectoralis

Seen well in the Tankwa Karoo

Green-backed Camaroptera (LC)

Camaroptera brachyura

Seen and heard throughout most of the Eastern leg

Grey-backed Camaroptera

Camaroptera brevicaudata

Seen at our lunch stop in Rust de Winter on day 2

Stierling's Wren-Warbler (LC)

Calamonastes stierlingi



Seen in Kruger NP

Barred Wren-Warbler (LC)

Calamonastes fasciolatus

Only heard along the Zaagkuilsdrift Road

Cinnamon-breasted Warbler (LC)

Euryptila subcinnamomea

Seen in Skitterykloof on the Cape Ext

Karoo Eremomela (LC)

Eremomela gregalis

Seen well in the Tankwa Karoo

Burnt-necked Eremomela (LC)

Eremomela usticollis

Seen well on the Zaagkuilsdrift Road

Sylviid Babblers *Sylviidae*

Bush Blackcap (VU)

Sylvia nigricapillus

Seen well on our Sani Pass trip

Layard's Warbler (LC)

Curruca layardi

First seen in Lesotho, also in Skitterykloof

Chestnut-vented Warbler (LC)

Curruca subcoerulea

Frist seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road, also in the Tankwa Karoo

White-eyes *Zosteropidae*

Cape White-eye (LC)

Zosterops virens

Seen throughout

Laughingthrushes & Allies *Leiothrichidae*

Arrow-marked Babbler (LC)

Turdoides jardineii

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Southern Pied Babbler (LC)

Turdoides bicolor

Seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road

Sugarbirds *Promeropidae*

Cape Sugarbird (LC)

Promerops cafer

Seen numerously on the Cape ext

Gurney's Sugarbird (NT)

Promerops gurneyi

Seen on our trip up Sani Pass

Starlings, Rhabdornis Sturnidae

Common Myna (LC) *Acridotheres tristis*

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Common Starling (LC) *Sturnus vulgaris*

Seen commonly on Cape Ext

Wattled Starling (LC) *Creatophora cinerea*

Seen on several occasions during the Eastern leg

Black-bellied Starling (LC) *Notopholia corusca*

Seen well around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Cape Starling (LC) *Lamprotornis nitens*

Seen well throughout Eastern leg

Greater Blue-eared Starling (LC) *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

Seen in Kruger NP

Burchell's Starling (LC) *Lamprotornis australis*

Seen in Kruger NP

Pied Starling (LC) *Lamprotornis bicolor*

Seen on a few occasions on eastern and Cape Ext

Red-winged Starling (LC) *Onychognathus morio*

Seen throughout

Pale-winged Starling (LC) *Onychognathus nabouroup*

Fleeting glimpses of this bird in Karooport on the Cape Ext

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

Red-billed Oxpecker (LC) *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Thrushes Turdidae

Orange Ground Thrush (LC) *Geokichla gurneyi*

Seen in Benvie Gardens, Karkloof

Groundscraper Thrush *Turdus litsitsirupa*



Seen enroute to Zaagkuilsdrift road at the filling station and in Kruger NP

Olive Thrush (LC) *Turdus olivaceus*

Seen well from Benvie Gardens through the Cape Ext

Kurrichane Thrush (LC) *Turdus libonyana*

Seen on a few occasions in Kruger and Mkuze

Karoo Thrush (LC) *Turdus smithi*

Seen at Sunrock Guest House

Chats, Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

Karoo Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas coryphoeus*

Seen numerously on Cape Ext

Bearded Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata*

Seen in Skukuza Rest Camp and Mkuze GR

Kalahari Scrub Robin (LC) *Cercotrichas paena*

Seen at Kgomo Kgomo after the Zaagkuilsdrift Road

White-browed Scrub Robin (LC) *Cercotrichas leucophrys*

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Brown Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas signata*

Quick glimpses of one bird when leaving Cape Vidal, St Lucia

Grey Tit-Flycatcher *Myioparus plumbeus*

Seen well in Satara Rest Camp, Kruger NP, also Mkuze

Southern Black Flycatcher (LC) *Melaenornis pammelaina*

Seen numerously throughout Eastern leg

Pale Flycatcher *Melaenornis pallidus*

Only heard in False Bay Park, Hluhluwe

Marico Flycatcher *Melaenornis mariquensis*

Seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift road

Fiscal Flycatcher (LC) *Melaenornis silens*

Seen at Sunrock and on Cape ext

Ashy Flycatcher *Muscicapa caerulescens*

Seen well in Skukuza Camp

African Dusky Flycatcher (LC) *Muscicapa adusta*



Seen in forests and well wooded areas on Eastern and Cape Ext

Cape Robin-Chat

Cossypha caffra

Seen well throughout

White-throated Robin-Chat

Cossypha humeralis

Seen in Kruger at Satara Camp

White-browed Robin-Chat (LC)

Cossypha heuglini

Seen in Skukuza Rest Camp

Red-capped Robin-Chat (LC)

Cossypha natalensis

Seen in Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Chorister Robin-Chat (LC)

Cossypha dichroa

Fleeting glimpses of this bird in Dlinza Forest, Eshowe

Cape Rock Thrush (LC)

Monticola rupestris

Seen on Sani Pass and in the Cape Ext

Sentinel Rock Thrush (NT)

Monticola explorator

Seen well at Sani Top

African Stonechat (LC)

Saxicola torquatus

Seen well throughout

Buff-streaked Chat (LC)

Campicoloides bifasciatus

Seen in Wakkerstroom and Sani Pass

Sickle-winged Chat (LC)

Emarginata sinuata

Seen well in Lesotho

Karoo Chat (LC)

Emarginata schlegelii

Seen in the Tankwa Karoo

Tractrac Chat (LC)

Emarginata tractrac

Seen in the Tankwa Karoo

Mocking Cliff Chat (LC)

Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris

Seen in Kruger NP

Ant-eating Chat (LC)

Myrmecocichla formicivora

Seen throughout tour

Mountain Wheatear (LC)

Myrmecocichla monticola

Seen in Wakkerstroom, Sani Pass and Cape Ext

Capped Wheatear (LC)

Oenanthe pileata

Seen on a few occasions throughout East and Cape

Familiar Chat (LC)

Oenanthe familiaris

Seen on Sani Pass and Cape Ext

Sunbirds *Nectariniidae*

Collared Sunbird (LC)

Hedydipna collaris

Seen in Kruger, Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Orange-breasted Sunbird (LC)

Anthobaphes violacea

Seen well on Cape Ext

Olive Sunbird (LC)

Cyanomitra olivacea

Seen in Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Grey Sunbird

Cyanomitra veroxii

Seen in False Bay and St Lucia

Amethyst Sunbird (LC)

Chalcomitra amethystina

Seen well in Wakkerstroom at our accommodation as well as Underberg

Scarlet-chested Sunbird (LC)

Chalcomitra senegalensis

Seen around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Malachite Sunbird (LC)

Nectarinia famosa

Seen on a few occasions throughout tour

Southern Double-collared Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris chalybeus

Seen around Hilton and common on the Cape Ext

Neergaard's Sunbird (NT)

Cinnyris neergaardi

Seen well in False Bay Park, Hluhluwe

Greater Double-collared Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris afer

Seen well in Underberg and Sani Pass

Marico Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris mariquensis

Seen in the Kruger NP

Purple-banded Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris bifasciatus

Seen well around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

White-bellied Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris talatala

Seen on a few occasions throughout Eastern leg

Dusky Sunbird (LC)

Cinnyris fuscus

One female seen in Skitterykloof

Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches *Passeridae*

Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow (LC) *Gymnoris superciliaris*

Seen numerously in Mkuze GR

Cape Sparrow (LC) *Passer melanurus*

Seen throughout

Great Sparrow (LC) *Passer motitensis*

Seen in the village of Kgomo Kgomo

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow (LC) *Passer diffusus*

Seen on a few occasions throughout tour

House Sparrow (LC) *Passer domesticus*

Seen throughout, as usual

Weavers, Widowbirds *Ploceidae*

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver (LC) *Bubalornis niger*

Seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift road and in the Kruger

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver (LC) *Plocepasser mahali*

Seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift road

Scaly-feathered Weaver (LC) *Sporopipes squamifrons*

Seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift road

Thick-billed Weaver (LC) *Amblyospiza albifrons*

Seen in Mkuze and St Lucia

Spectacled Weaver (LC) *Ploceus ocularis*

Seen in Kruger NP

Cape Weaver (LC) *Ploceus capensis*

Seen around Wakkerstroom, Underberg and Cape Ext

Eastern Golden Weaver (LC) *Ploceus subaureus*

Seen in St Lucia

Holub's Golden Weaver (LC) *Ploceus xanthops*

Seen at Ghost Mnt Inn, Mkuze

Southern Brown-throated Weaver (LC) *Ploceus xanthopterus*



Seen while around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Lesser Masked Weaver (LC)

Ploceus intermedius

Seen regularly throughout Eastern leg, Kruger to Mkuze GR

Southern Masked Weaver (LC)

Ploceus velatus

Seen throughout

Village Weaver (LC)

Ploceus cucullatus

Seen regularly throughout Eastern leg

Dark-backed Weaver (LC)

Ploceus bicolor

Seen around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Red-billed Quelea (LC)

Quelea quelea

Seen throughout Eastern

Southern Red Bishop (LC)

Euplectes orix

Seen throughout

Yellow Bishop (LC)

Euplectes capensis

Seen up Sani Pass an Cape Ext

Fan-tailed Widowbird (LC)

Euplectes axillaris

Seen throughout Eastern

White-winged Widowbird (LC)

Euplectes albonotatus

Seen in Kruger, in non-breeding plumage

Long-tailed Widowbird (LC)

Euplectes progne

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

Bronze Mannikin (LC)

Spermestes cucullata

Seen throughout

Swee Waxbill (LC)

Coccygia melanotis

Seen on Sani Pass and on Cape Ext

Green Twinspot (LC)

Mandingoa nitidula

Seen at Cape Vidal, St Lucia

Common Waxbill (LC)

Estrilda astrild

Seen throughout

Red-headed Finch (LC)

Amadina erythrocephala



Seen

Orange-breasted Waxbill (LC)

Amandava subflava

Seen in Cedara farmlands, Hilton

Violet-eared Waxbill (LC)

Granatina granatina

Seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift Road and Kruger NP

Blue Waxbill (LC)

Uraeginthus angolensis

Seen commonly throughout Kruger, Hluhluwe and Mkuze

Green-winged Pytilia (LC)

Pytilia melba

Seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift Road

Pink-throated Twinspot (LC)

Hypargos margaritatus

Seen well in Mkuze GR

Red-billed Firefinch (LC)

Lagonosticta senegala

Seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift Road and Kruger NP

African Firefinch (LC)

Lagonosticta rubricata

Seen in Mkuze GR and on our day up Sani Pass

Jameson's Firefinch (LC)

Lagonosticta rhodopareia

Seen in Mkuze GR

Indigobirds, Whydahs *Viduidae*

Pin-tailed Whydah (LC)

Vidua macroura

Seen on a few occasions throughout

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah (LC)

Vidua paradisaea

Non-breeding birds seen along the Zaagkuilsdrift road

Wagtails, Pipits *Motacillidae*

Cape Wagtail (LC)

Motacilla capensis

Seen throughout

African Pied Wagtail (LC)

Motacilla aguimp

Seen throughout the Eastern leg

Cape Longclaw (LC)

Macronyx capensis

First seen in Devon, also seen in Wakkerstroom and on Cape extension

Yellow-throated Longclaw (LC)

Macronyx croceus



Seen in Mkuze and St Lucia

Rosy-throated Longclaw (LC)

Macronyx ameliae

2 birds seen around the Dukuduku Wetlands, Hluhluwe

African Pipit (LC)

Anthus cinnamomeus

Seen throughout

Mountain Pipit (NT)

Anthus hoeschi

Seen on Sani Top, Lesotho

Nicholson's Pipit

Anthus nicholsoni

Seen on Sani Pass

Buffy Pipit (LC)

Anthus vaalensis

Seen in Wakkerstroom

African Rock Pipit (NT)

Anthus crenatus

Seen in Wakkerstroom

Yellow-breasted Pipit

Anthus chloris

Seen in Wakkerstroom

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae*

Forest Canary (LC)

Crithagra scotops

Seen at Benvie Gardens

Black-throated Canary (LC)

Crithagra atrogularis

Seen in Wakkerstroom

Yellow-fronted Canary (LC)

Crithagra mozambica

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Cape Siskin (LC)

Crithagra totta

Seen in Harold Porter Botanical Gardens and Rooiels

Drakensberg Siskin (LC)

Crithagra symonsi

Seen at the top of Sani Pass

Yellow Canary (LC)

Crithagra flaviventris

Seen around Langebaan on the Cape Ext

Brimstone Canary (LC)

Crithagra sulphurata

Seen in St Lucia and Harold Porter Botanical Gardens

Streaky-headed Seedeater (LC)

Crithagra gularis



Seen on Sani Pass

Protea Canary (NT)

Crithagra leucoptera

Seen on the Witzenberg Valley Road

Cape Canary (LC)

Serinus canicollis

Seen throughout

Buntings *Emberizidae*

Cape Bunting (LC)

Emberiza capensis

Seen in Wakkerstroom, Sani Pass and on the Cape Ext

Golden-breasted Bunting (LC)

Emberiza flaviventris

Seen in Wakkerstroom and Mkuze

Mammals (53 in total: 53 seen)

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Hyraxes *Procaviidae*

Common Rock Hyrax (LC)

Procavia capensis

Seen on Sani Pass and on Cape Ext

Elephants *Elephantidae*

African Elephant (VU)

Loxodonta africana

Seen throughout Kruger NP

Elephant Shrews *Macroscelididae*

Four-toed Sengi (LC)

Petrodromus tetradactylus

Seen at Umkhumbé Lodge, Hluhluwe

Cats *Felidae*

Lion (VU)

Panthera leo

Many seen in Kruger NP

Leopard (VU)

Panthera pardus

One large male seen in the Eastern Shores GR, St Lucia

Vivets, Genets *Viverridae*

African Civet Cat (LC) *Civettictis civetta*

Distant views on night drive in Kruger NP

South African Large-spotted Genet (LC) *Genetta tigrina*

Seen in Kruger NP

Hyenas, Aardwolf *Hyaenidae*

Spotted Hyaena (LC) *Crocuta crocuta*

Seen in Kruger and St Lucia

Mongoosees *Herpestidae*

Yellow Mongoose (LC) *Cynictis penicillata*

Seen around Wakkerstroom

Cape Grey Mongoose (LC) *Herpestes pulverulentus*

Seen in Betties Bay on the Cape Ext

Slender Mongoose (LC) *Herpestes sanguineus*

Seen in Mkuze GR

Banded Mongoose (LC) *Mungos mungo*

Seen on a few occasions in Kruger

Meerkat (LC) *Suricata suricatta*

Seen in Wakkerstroom

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes and Jackals *Canidae*

Black-backed Jackal (LC) *Lupulella mesomelas*

Seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road and in Kruger NP

African Wild Dog (EN) *Lycaon pictus*

Large pack with many pups seen in Kruger NP. Huge highlight!

Sea Lions *Otariidae*

South African Fur Seal (LC) *Arctocephalus pusillus*

Seen in Hout Bay and on the Pelagic trip

Weasels, Otters *Mustelidae*

Honey Badger (LC)

Mellivora capensis

3 seen in Kruger NP

Zebras, Horse and Asses *Equidae*

Plains Zebra (NT)

Equus quagga

Seen throughout Eastern leg

Rhinceroses *Rhinocerotidae*

White Rhinoceros (NT)

Ceratotherium simum

Seen in Kruger and St Lucia

Pigs *Suidae*

Common Warthog (LC)

Phacochoerus africanus

Seen around Mkuze, Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Giraffe, Okapi *Giraffidae*

Southern Giraffe (VU)

Giraffa giraffa

Seen well around Kruger

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae*

Impala (LC)

Aepyceros melampus

Thousands seen in Kruger

Natal Red Duiker (LC)

Cephalophus natalensis

Seen around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Common Wildebeest (LC)

Connochaetes taurinus

Mainly Kruger, also in St Lucia

Blesbok (LC)

Damaliscus pygargus

Blesbok seen around Wakkerstroom and the Bontebok seen on the West Coast

Sable Antelope (LC)

Hippotragus niger



Seen on the Zaagkuilsdrift road (farmed animal)

Waterbuck (LC)

Kobus ellipsiprymnus

Seen around Kruger and St Lucia

Klipspringer (LC)

Oreotragus oreotragus

Seen in Kruger, one on the road in Rooiels and in Skitterykloof

Grey Rhebok (NT)

Pelea capreolus

Only very brief views on Sani Pass

Blue Duiker (LC)

Philantomba monticola

Fleeting glimpses in Dlinza Forest

Steenbok (LC)

Raphicerus campestris

Seen in Kruger, west coast and Tankwa Karoo

Southern Reedbuck (LC)

Redunca arundinum

Seen in Wakkerstroom and Karkloof

Common Duiker (LC)

Sylvicapra grimmia

Seen in Kruger and Hluhluwe

African Buffalo (NT)

Syncerus caffer

Seen in Kruger and St Lucia

Nyala (LC)

Tragelaphus angasii

Seen in Kruger, Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Bushbuck (LC)

Tragelaphus scriptus

Seen in Kruger, Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Greater Kudu (LC)

Tragelaphus strepsiceros

Seen in Kruger, Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Hippopotamuses *Hippopotamidae*

Hippopotamus (VU)

Hippopotamus amphibius

Seen in Kruger, Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Bowhead and Right Whales *Balaenidae*

Southern Right Whale (LC)

Eubalaena australis

Seen on the Cape Town Pelagic

Rorquals *Balaenopteridae*

Bryde's Whale (LC)

Balaenoptera brydei

Seen on the Cape Town Pelagic

Humpback Whale (LC)

Megaptera novaeangliae

Seen in St Lucia and on the Cape Town Pelagic

Oceanic Dolphins *Delphinidae*

Short-beaked Common Dolphin (LC)

Delphinus delphis

Seen on the Cape Town Pelagic

Dusky Dolphin (LC)

Sagmatias obscurus

Seen on the Cape Town Pelagic

Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae*

Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat (LC)

Epomophorus wahlbergi

Seen in Skukuza Camp, Kruger – Outside the shop

Galagos *Galagidae*

Southern Lesser Galago (LC)

Galago moholi

Night drive in Kruger

Old World Monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Blue Monkey (LC)

Cercopithecus mitis

Seen at Cape Vidal, St Lucia

Vervet (LC)

Chlorocebus pygerythrus

Seen throughout

Chacma Baboon (LC)

Papio ursinus

Seen throughout

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae*

African Savanna Hare (LC)

Lepus victoriae

Seen in Kruger

Old World Porcupines *Hystricidae*

Cape Porcupine (LC)

Hystrix africae australis

Seen on our night drive in Wakkerstroom

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Smith's Bush Squirrel (LC)

Paraxerus cepapi

Seen in Kruger – Skukuza Camp

Red Bush Squirrel (LC)

Paraxerus palliatus

Seen around Hluhluwe and St Lucia

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

Sloggett's Vlei Rat (LC)

Otomys sloggetti

Seen on Sani Top, Lesotho

Reptiles (13 in total: 13 seen)

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Tortoises *Testudinidae*

Angulated Tortoise (LC)

Chersina angulata

Seen on Cape Ext

African Side-necked Turtles *Pelomedusidae*

Helmeted Turtle

Pelomedusa subrufa

Seen in Mkuze GR

Agamas *Agamidae*

Southern Tree Agama (LC)

Acanthocercus atricollis

Seen in Kruger NP

Ground Agama (LC)

Agama aculeata

Seen in the Tankwa Karoo



Southern Rock Agama (LC)

Agama atra

Seen in the Tankwa Karoo

Chameleons *Chamaeleonidae*

Flap-neck Chameleon (LC)

Chamaeleo dilepis

Seen in St Lucia – Night drive

Spinytail Lizards *Cordylidae*

Karoo Girdled Lizard (LC)

Karusasaurus polyzonus

Seen in West Coast NP

Skinks *Scincidae*

Eastern Coastal Skink (LC)

Trachylepis depressa

Seen at Cape Vidal

Rainbow Skink

Trachylepis margaritifera

Seen at the Nkuhlu picnic site in Kruger NP

African Striped Skink (LC)

Trachylepis striata

Seen in Kruger NP

Variegated Skink (LC)

Trachylepis variegata

Seen in Mkuze GR

Pythons *Pythonidae*

Southern African Python (LC)

Python natalensis

Seen in a hide in Mkuze GR

Crocodiles and Relatives *Crocodylidae*

Nile Crocodile (LC)

Crocodylus niloticus

First seen along the Crocodile River, Kruger NP

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