

South Africa & Namibia

**A Birding Tour
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Introduction

By Erling Jirle

This report is about a birding trip to Southern Africa. It was organised by ourselves, 5 Swedish birders. The main purpose was to see as many birds as possible in South Africa and Namibia, and especially the endemics. But also mammals, herptiles and plants were recorded. Due to the varied nature Southern Africa is species-rich, and the nature is often very beautiful, with fantastic mountains, deserts and coasts. Both countries are well organised, with excellent roads and reserves. I really recommend a visit !

We had 21 birding days in South Africa, and 14 in Namibia. We also made shorts visits into Lesotho and 2 of us ticked Botswana. We had plenty of time to visit most good sites. We skipped Kruger N.P. since several of us had been in East Africa before, and since we were going to Etosha and Caprivi in Namibia we would see several of the specials there. The whole trip went very well until the last day, when our car was broken into in Windhoek and 3 of us got all our luggage (including films and videos) stolen. I lost all my notes and maps from the trip, therefore it has taken some time to make this report ready. But nevertheless, I'm going back in Feb-March 1999 to take some new photos.....

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Numbers of recorded species:

Birds:

Number of species seen on the trip in total:	637
Number of species seen in South Africa in total:	504
Number of species only seen in South Africa:	430
Number of species seen in Namibia in total:	207
Number of species only seen in Namibia:	133

Mammals:

Number of species seen on the trip in total:	78
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Herptiles:

Number of species seen on the trip in total:	51
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The dip list

The birds we missed among the "specials" for Southern Africa and the endemics were the following; Whitebacked Night Heron, Lesser Gallinule, African Crake, 3 flufftails, Whitebellied Korhaan, 2 coursers, Antarctic Tern, Blackcheeked Lovebird, Black Coucal, Grass Owl, Barred Owl, Pennantwinged Nightjar, Halfcollared Kingfisher, Dusky Lark, Monotonous Lark, Melodious Lark, Rufousbellied Tit, Greencapped Eremomela, Karoo Eremomela, Broadtailed Warbler, Cinnamonbreasted Warbler*, Stierling's Barred Warbler, Bushveld Pipit, Short-tailed Pipit, Redheaded Quela, Pied Mannikin, Black-tailed Waxbill, Zebra Waxbill, Peter's Twinspot and Protea Canary**.

*Cinnamonbreasted Warbler (very difficult. We worked hard on this on several places with tape recorder. Shy and elusive when not singing)

**Protea Canary. Try Swartberg Pass, were Nils saw it 1997.

World List of Threatened Birds (IUCN 1994)

South Africa. **Critical:** Rudd's Lark **Endangered:** White-winged Flufftail, Spotted Ground-Thrush. **Vulnerable:** Wandering Albatross, Southern Bald Ibis, Cape Griffon, Lesser Kestrel, Taita Falcon, Blue Crane, Wattled Crane, Corncrake, Kerguelen Tern, Red Lark, Botha's Lark, Blue Swallow, Yellow-breasted Pipit.

Namibia. **Critical or endangered:** none **Vulnerable:** Slaty Egret, Cape Griffon, Lesser Kestrel, Blue Crane, Wattled Crane, Red Lark.

Travel tips

Facts about the countries

The Republic of South Africa

- Area: 1,220,00 sq km (3 times Sweden).
- Population: 37.8 million.
- South Africa and Namibia are 1 hour before central European time, +2 GMT. No daylight saving.
- Cellular phones are useful in most of South Africa, and in the Windhoek area in Namibia. The quality of the net is excellent, even in a remote place like Akkerendam it was no problem to make a phone call.

Namibia

- Area: 824,268 sq km (twice Sweden).
- Population: 1.5 million

Some useful words in Afrikaans;

<i>pad, weg</i>	road
<i>terpad</i>	tarred/tarmac road
<i>snelweg</i>	highway
<i>spoor</i>	track
<i>bakkie</i>	pick-up truck
<i>dorp</i>	town
<i>robot</i>	traffic light
<i>veld</i>	field/plain
<i>meer</i>	lake
<i>vlei</i>	marsh
<i>spruit</i>	shallow river
<i>vleis</i>	meat
<i>braai</i>	barbecue
<i>wyn</i>	wine



Picture: Toyota Venture

Car hire and traffic

We booked a car at Avis in Sweden, at a substantial reduction, called "International Super Value", this was considerably cheaper than the price I got when I asked Avis and other companies in South Africa directly. We paid 6600 ZAR for a Toyota Venture 1600, 20 days (4347 ZAR) + plus insurances (1326 ZAR) + tax (800 ZAR). Including petrol, which is cheap in SA and 5 persons, it makes in total 2000 SEK (\approx 180 £) per person, which is a very good price.

The Toyota Venture was a perfect car for bird watching, it is jeep-like, you sit high up, and get a good visibility forward and in reserves with high grass. There is plenty of space for luggage even with 5 persons. It comes with 2 motor alternatives, 1.6 and 1.8, we had the weaker 1.6 litre, but it was OK most of the time, even for climbing mountain roads. We got a factory new car at Cape Town airport, the meter showed 26 km.

There are also local companies, like Imperial, Tempest and Dolphin, but then you have to rent and return the vehicle in the same town, which didn't suit us.

The petrol is cheap, one third of the price compared to Sweden. There are petrol stations in almost all villages, often open 24 hrs, and with a convenient small shop and cafeteria. A heaven for a thirsty, hungry and tired birdwatcher !

Both SA and Namibia has left hand traffic. Speed limits: 120 km/h on freeways, 100 on roads, 60 in towns. Very few road tolls (and speed checks).

The road standard is excellent almost everywhere. The main roads are tarred, but even the gravel roads in Karoo and Namibia are good. On the straight inland roads, with almost no traffic, you can easily drive 120-130 km/h. But keep an eye at the sides of the road so you don't crash into a Greater Kudu, they are a common cause of accident (see the Mølgaard report, page 8).

Most of the time the roads are well sign posted. We only had problems in small roads in inner Namibia and on the freeway system around Johannesburg. Often there is very little traffic, especially inland.

You don't need a 4WD vehicle except in remote areas during heavy rains or in sand desert.

Observe that in most Game Parks and National Parks etc you are not allowed to drive in private vehicles after the sunset (\approx 18.30), and also not leave your vehicle during a safari. It is less common than in East Africa with organized night drives.

Accommodation

We booked very few accommodations in advance, only in Cape Town, Mkuzi Game Reserve and Underberg. In Etosha in Namibia you have to book in advance even when camping (see under "contacts"). In most cases there were no problems to find a camping site or a bungalow in a Nature Reserve or Game Park. It's a good idea to bring camping gear, then you are totally independent, and don't have to have a tight schedule to follow. We brought tents and sleeping bags, and bought camping gear like gas stove in the very well-equipped "K-Mart" shops. They also have good shoes and small cases for bird books.

Food

The South Africans are meat lovers. The portions are big, real "macho steaks" are on 1 kg per person ! We often chose "ladies rump" instead, only 300 g....

Restaurants with good prices are easy to find in all towns. In the countryside there are plenty of petrol stations and small restaurants or snack bars where you can have things like a hamburger, cheap and fast. These places are often open late in the evening.

Most of the larger reserves and parks has a small deli where you can buy food, or restaurants in the bigger ones. Don't miss the buffet dinners in the lodges in Etosha for example, with a great array of game, like Kudu, Oryx, Springbok and Ostrich. In Kruger you don't get game to eat, just to watch.

In Mkuzi you are supposed to bring food and give to the chefs in the kitchen, then they prepare it for you and the house maiden serve it in your bungalow.

During long journeys, pile up with biscuits, snacks and plenty of liquid, so you don't get dried out. Invest in a cool box to keep food in. As a Swede, the coffee breaks are holy, so a camping stove is a must.

Biltong (dried meat, preferably of game) was our favourite snack during hard birding days, can be bought here and there in small stands along the way. Oryx is recommended.

Liquid

The beer is simple but OK, with brands like Black Label and Ohlsson's Lager (founded by a Swede). Draught beer is unusual. For scores, see our beer club web page <http://www.pheromone.ekol.lu.se/beer97.html>

The Stellenbosch wines are famous. We made a very short wine tour in Stellenbosch, unfortunately we came a bit late, at 3 p.m. a Friday, they close at 4 p.m., but we managed to visit a favourite estate, Kanonkop, where we tasted and bought a "Paul Sauer 1993" and a few other goodies. In towns the tap water is safe to drink, so fill up your water bottles. Bottled mineral water can be purchased in most shops.



Money

Don't bring foreign currency to change in South Africa, buy Rand directly at home.

In Sweden you can buy traveller cheques and notes directly in ZAR (Zuid-Afrikaan Rand) at Forex (you need to order 2 days in advance).

For Namibia; You can't buy Namibian currency abroad yet. But you can use ZAR until you have changed to N\$ (Namibian dollar). The Namibian dollar follows the Rand, it was 1:1 during our visit.

In both countries credit cards are accepted commonly (Visa and Master Card, avoid Amex in Africa), and there are money tellers to take out cash on credit cards in the larger cities. To change on a bank was time-consuming. In some of the smaller nature reserves you need cash, the bigger ones take cards.

Economy

Total cost of the whole trip (incl. air fares, car hire, petrol, accommodation, guiding and food. 36 days): 23 400 SEK/person (\approx 2000 £)

Car hire in South Africa: 6626 ZAR (6200 km, 20 days)

Car hire in Namibia: 7561 N\$ (5440 km, 14 days)

Airfare

Be in good time for booking, half a year or so, then you can buy from the quota of low price tickets. And avoid big holidays, then it is often sold out.

We got a good price on tickets with KLM when I booked in March, including local flights between Johannesburg-Windhoek (9800 SEK, 800 £).

Bird guides

Cape Town (accommodation, bird tips & pelagic trips):

Jim Enticott & Caz Thomas, Tokai, Cape Town. Home tel no: +27-21 757676, e-mail: caz@socsci.uct.ac.za

Claire Spottiswoode is another birder in Cape Town eager to help you with guiding if you are interested; e-mail: cms@ilink.nis.za

KwaZulu-Natal, Sani Pass & Lesotho (highland, grassland & forest birds):

Rob Guy, P.O. Box 161, Underberg 3257, South Africa. Tel/fax: 033-7011020.

(Both transport, guiding and accommodation of groups, preferably 8 persons).

Wakkerstroom in Mpumalanga (highveld specialities):

John McAllister, Wakkerstroom.

Contacts

Reservations in Game Parks, National parks etc in Namibia:

Director of Tourism, Reservations, Private Bag 13267, Windhoek, Namibia.

Tel: (061)-236975-8 or 233845, fax: (061) 224900.

Reservations in Game Parks, National parks etc in South Africa:

National Parks Board, P.O. Box 787, Pretoria 0001. Tel: (012)-343 1991, fax (012)-343 0905.

Web sites: Satour, South African Tourist Corporation; www.africa.com/satour/index.htm

National Parks; www.africa.com/~venture/saparks/



Itinerary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Approx. times</u>	<u>Route</u>
04.11.96	16.15-18.19	Departure from Malmö/Sturup (EVJ, NK, PÅ) and Stockholm/Arlanda (JJ) and arrival at Amsterdam with KLM.
	20.15-	Departure from Amsterdam. 10 hrs to Johannesburg.
05.11.96	-11.30	Arrival with KLM in Cape Town. BEB arrived 1 hour later with Lufthansa. Got our rented vehicle, a brand new Toyota Venture (26 km on the meter) from Avis at the airport. Went to Jim Enticott & Caz Thomas in Tokai district, where we were accommodated during our Cape Town visit.
	13.00-18.00	Went to Fish Hoek at False Bay and then over to Kommetjie on the Atlantic side. Strong SE wind, +15°C. On the way back a stop at the lagoon at Wildevoëllei.
06.11.96	07.00-09.00	Forest trail at Constantia Nec.
	09.30-13.00	Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.
	13.30-14.30	The penguin colony at Simon's Town.
	15.00-18.00	Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Full storm at Cape Point !
07.11.96	05.40-06.20	Drove to Sir Lawry's Pass.
	06.20-09.00	Sir Lawry's Pass in strong wind and some rain. +15°C.
	09.00-11.00	To Caledon, then on to Bredasdorp. Birding along the way to De Hoop Nature Reserve.
	11.00-16.00	De Hoop.
	16.00-22.00	Back to Cape Town.
08.11.96	07.30-11.00	Sea bird watching at Kommetjie in strong NW wind and rain.
	13.00-14.00	Tokai Forest.
	15.00-16.00	Wine tasting at Kanonkop Estate in Stellenbosch.
	16.30-17.00	Small pond in Stellenbosch.
	17.15-19.00	Birding and restaurant visit at Spier Estate, Stellenbosch.
09.11.96	06.00-07.00	Left Cape Town and drove to West Coast National Park.
	07.00-08.00	Good birding in the fynbo just inside the park entrance.
	08.00-09.00	The hide at Geelbek, West Coast N.P.
	11.00-12.00	Langebaan.
	12.00-21.00	Drove via Clanwillam, and then up over the Cederberg mountains at Pakhuispas, and down to Calvinia.
	21.00-21.30	Drove to Akkerendam Nature Reserve, camped at the roadside.
10.11.96	06.00-13.00	Akkerendam Nature Reserve.
	13.00-18.30	Via Calvinia up to Brandvlei. Frequent birding stops along the road.
	20.00	Roadside camping just N. Brandvlei.

11.11.96	06.00-13.00	Drove through Great Karoo with frequent stops for birding, on the gravel road via Halfweg up to Pofadder. Lots of larks and flowers after the rains. +35°C. Lunch in Pofadder.
	15.00-16.00	Red sand dunes and a ravine at Namies, 60 km SW. Pofadder.
	19.00	Dinner in Pofadder.
	-23.00	Via Kakamas to Augrabies Falls National Park. Camped outside the entrance.
12.11.96	06.00-12.00	Birding in Augrabies Falls N.P.
	12-14.30	Lunch and a nice shower. +30°C.
	14.30-15.30	Via Upington to Spitskop Nature Reserve.
	15.30-18.00	Spitskop N.R.
	18.00-	Camping at Eland Camping in Upington.
13.11.96	06.00-07.00	Birding at the camping grounds.
	07.00-18.30	A long drive via Griekwastad–Rooiport G.R. (2 hrs) – Kimberley (short visit at the "Big Hole") –Bloemhof to Sandveld Nature Reserve at the Bloemhof Dam. Camped there.
14.11.96	06.00-13.00	Sandveld Nature Reserve.
	13.00-19.30	Via Kroonstad–Frankfort–Volkrust to Wakkerstroom. Accommodation at a local birder's place (Glenn).
15.11.96	06.00-18.00	Birding in the Wakkerstroom surroundings; at the wetland reserve, at a river south of the town, and in the highlands NW Wakkerstroom. Foggy and below 10°C in the morning.
16.11-96	07.00-12.00	Birding with John McAllister as guide in the highlands NW Wakkerstroom.
	12.00-16.30	Via Piet Retief and along the Swaziland border to Mkuzi Game Reserve. Heavy raining during most of the day.
	16.30-17.30	Birding along the road 10 km in to the park headquarter. Our reserved bungalow was very nice.
17.11.96	05.10-17.00	Mkuzi Game Reserve. In the morning a 3 h walk along the Fig Forest Walk. The waterfilled Nsumu Pan in the south. The East Circuit and finally the Riverine Circuit. At 17.00 a heavy tropical thunderstorm. +30°C.
18.11.96	04.30-09.30	Mkuzi G.R. Started at the Kubube hide.
	09.30	Changed from bungalow to cottage (with 3 bedrooms).
	10.00-16.30	Mkuzi. Birding in the southern parts; SW loop and down to the closed Wilderness Area. Another very heavy thunderstorm at 5 pm. Power cut for several hours in the evening (the night drive was cancelled).
19.11.96	05.00-13.00	Mkuzi G.R. The airport, Nsumu Pan and the Western Circuit.
	13.00-14.00	The River Walk.

	14.45-17.00	Drove to St. Lucia Village.
	18.00-20.00	Drove through Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park to the camping grounds at Cape Vidal.
20.11.96	05.30-11.00	Birding at the camping grounds, and the Nature Trail (walked 4 km).
	11.00-12.00	A short swim in the Indian Ocean (the only swim in 5 weeks. This was no vacation, it was hard work ! +32°C, rel. hum. >90 %).
	12.00-14.00	Roadside birding in Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park while going back towards St. Lucia Village.
	15.00-15.30	A very good pond at the small village Umfolozi, about 1 km N. of the bridge crossing Umfolozi River (road N2).
	16.00	Teza Lake, S. Umfolozi River. Very few birds.
	17.00	Arrived to Umlalazi Nature Reserve, at Mtunzini. Rainy weather, therefore we booked a nice bungalow (good value).
	17.30-18.30	Birding along the river in the reserve.
21.11.96	07.00-11.00	The mangrove walk and the nature trail in Umfolozi N.R.
	12.00	Drove up to Richard's Bay, birded along the Berm Wall Road. Didn't find the way to Richard's Bay N.R.
	14.00-17.00	Drove southwards along N2, passed Durban, dinner in Port Shepstone, arrived at Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve. Got 2 nice and cheap bungalows.
	18.00-20.00	Birding along the road down to the river, and listened after nocturnal birds.
22.11.96	06.30-14.00	Oribi Gorge N.R.. Birding along the road down to the river, up on the other side of the gorge, and back. +32°C.
	14.00-17.30	Oribi-Kokstad-Underberg. Installed us in a nice cottage in a beautiful garden at Rob & Bella Guy's place.
23.11.96	06.00-17.00	With Rob Guy in his 4WD up towards Sani Pass, frequent stops along the road. Foggy at the pass. Went into Lesotho and made a short stop at the pub at the pass (Lesotho beer on 2865 m). Into Lesotho for 10 km, on a dry, sunny high plateau where we had a nice lunch. Turned back around 14.00.
24.11.96	06.00-10.00	With Rob Guy via Bulwer to Purser's Bush Nature Reserve.
	11.00-13.00	Towards Hella Hella, to a locality for Blue Swallow at Helle Helle. Continued down the valley to a private hunting park at Helle Helle.
	13.00-14.00	Returned back to Bulwer, where we took farewell of Rob Guy.
	14.15-20.00	Bulwer-Howick-Heidelberg-Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve, 450 km along N3. Good camping grounds outside the reserve.
25.11.96	07.00-15.00	Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve. +25°C.
	15.00-17.00	To Jan Smuts Airport outside Johannesburg, where we left Bengt-Eric for his return flight to Sweden. The rest of the crew found a camping site at Sesfontein.

26.11.96	08.00-11.00	Drove to Jan Smuts Airport and returned the car after 6200 km driving.
	12.30-14.40	Flew with South African Airlines to Windhoek, Namibia.
	15.30-16.30	Got another Toyota Venture from Avis at the airport and drove to Windhoek, where we stayed with Rob Simmons & Phoebe Barnard.
	17.00-18.00	Avis Dam with Rob, where Nils spotted the first Rufous-bellied Heron for the area !
27.11.96	07.05-11.00	Birding at Daan Viljoen Game Park.
	11.30-13.00	Booked camping in Etosha N.P. and had lunch & ice cream +35°C.
	13.00-17.00	Windhoek–Okahandja–Karibib–Swakopmund, 350 km. Continued down to Walvis Bay.
	17.00-19.00	Sand dunes at Rooibank, 20 km SE Walvis Bay, at the dry Kuiseb river bed (found the Dune lark). Stayed with a local birder, Keith Wearne in Walvis Bay.
28.11.96	06.30-11.00	Birding along the Esplanade at Walvis Bay Lagoon, out to the Salt Works, and made a short visit at the "Bird Paradise". Back towards Swakopmund, stopped at the huge guano platform.
	12.00	Excellent cakes at a German café in Swakopmund.
	13.00-17.00	Welwitschia Drive (60 km).
	17.00-19.00	Swakopmund–Henties Bay–Spitzkoppe. Slept under the stars.
29.11.96	06.00-11.30	Spitzkoppe. Walked anti clockwise around the impressive 700 m high inselberg on the "Circular Acacia track". +35°C.
	11.30-20.30	Usakos–Karibib–Otjiwarango–Outjo–Kamanjab–Hobaterere Lodge, 700 km. Hobaterere lodge was fully booked, no dinner, only draft beer, no camping, left the lodge, got lost, and then got permission from Steve Braine, owner and birder, to sleep on the ground outside of the lodge.
30.11.96	06.00-10.00	Birding at the Hobaterere Lodge.
	11.00-12.00	Dry river bed 13 km E. the lodge, in the Hobaterere reserve.
	12.00-13.00	Drove to Kamanjab. +35°C.
	13.00-14.30	Tried the dirt road D2763 N. Kamanjab, via the airport and Kronendal–Biermanskool, towards Etosha, but had to turn back when the road got smaller and smaller and ended in a trail. Badly signposted dirt roads in this area.
	14.30-18.00	Took the 370 km detour on C40–C38 down via Outjo instead, and entered Etosha National Park. Camped at the camping ground at Okaukuejo Lodge (excellent buffet dinner with lots of game meat. Birthday gin & tonics).
	20.00-23.00	Watched at the floodlit water hole at the lodge.
01.12.96	06.00-08.00	Birding around the camping ground (Okaukuejo, Etosha)
	08.00-10.00	Up to Okondeka water hole.

	11.00-15.30	Visited the water holes Gemsbokvlakte, Olifantsbad and Rietfontein. Arrived at Halali Lodge. +39°C
	15.30-19.30	Siesta at the pool, and another game meat dinner (fantastic Kudu steak!). Camped.
	19.30-23.45	Watched at the floodlit water hole, Moringa, near the lodge. An impressive mixture of large mammals.
02.12.96	08.30-09.30	Lazy morning at the Moringa water hole (Halali, Etosha)
	10.00-13.30	To Namutoni Lodge (Etosha N.P.) via Etosha Pan at Nuamses and the water holes Goas, Okerfontein and Kalkheuwel.
	13.30-19.00	Siesta at the pool and the bar, around +40°C in the shade.
	19.00-21.00	Watched at the floodlit water hole at Namutoni Lodge, Etosha N.P. Windy and rainy night at the camping.
03.12.96	07.00-09.00	Buffet breakfast at the lodge. Left Etosha.
	09.00-11.00	Drove to Tsumeb, via a short stop at Otjikoto Lake.
	12.00-15.00	Tsumeb–Grootfontein–Rundu.
	15.00-17.00	Rundu–Popa Falls Lodge. 3 stops along the road, at big flocks of raptors hunting swarming termites (2 heavy showers this afternoon). 600 km driving today. Stayed 3 nights in a good bungalow at Popa Falls Rest Camp.
	18.00-18.30	Birding around the bungalows.
04.12.96	07.00-09.30	Birding at Popa Falls.
	09.30-17.00	Mahango Game Park. Saw 178 bird species today !
	19.00-21.00	Dinner at Suclabo Lodge.
05.12.96	06.00-17.30	Mahango Game Park.+30°C. Thunderstorms in the afternoon. At the border post in the south, Erling & Joakim made a short visit into Botswana (walked 2 km and bought a Pepsi. New country tick!). Good dinner at Suclabo again.
06.12.96	06.00-07.30	Birding at Popa Falls.
	08.00-16.00	Drove through Caprivi Game Park with 3 stops for birding, 330 km to Katima Mulilo (first 100 km tarmac, then 100 km gravel road, but will be coated later. Last 130 km after the park narrow tarmac). +40,4°C at 2 p.m.
	16.00-17.00	Got a room at Hippo Lodge, Katima Mulilo.
	17.00-18.30	Birding at the Katima sewage ponds.
	19.00	Pel's Fishing Owl heard from the lodge.
	20.00-21.00	Birding along the road up to Zambesi Ferry (Zambia border post).
07.12.96	06.00	Nils came into the room and screamed "Finfoot" !!
	07.00-09.00	Roadside birding between Hippo Lodge and Zambesi Lodge.
	10.00-14.00	Drove 5 km south of Hippo Lodge (dirt road) and birded a fine mopane forest. +41°C in the afternoon.
	14.00-17.00	Siesta at the lodge.

	17.00-18.30	Katima sewage ponds.
	18.30-19.30	Zambesi Lodge and the road up to Zambesi Ferry.
08.12.96	07.00-10.00	Katima Mulilo–Kongolo–Susuwe.
	10.00-14.00	Birding at Susuwe. +40°C.
	14.00-19.00	Susuwe–Divundu–Katere (termite swarming)–Rundu. Camping at Sarasungo Lodge camping. 520 km today.
09.12.96	06.30-09.30	Rundu sewage ponds.
	10.00-17.00	Left Caprivi and drove Grootfontein–Otjiwarongo– Omaruru. Scouted a locality 10 km SE town for next mornings birding. Camped at Errol’s Place. Good Oryx.
10.12.96	04.50-07.00	Birding SE Omaruru. Hartlaub’s Francolin at sunrise 05.30. These mountains are among the oldest in the world.
	09.00-11.00	Via Okahandja to Windhoek. It was ”Human Rights Day”, a public holiday. It seemed very calm in the town (too calm.....) so all 4 of us left the car 1.5 hour for souvenir shopping the last day in Namibia. The parking was unattended due to the holiday, so of course someone had broke into our car and stolen all Erlings and Joakims luggage (incl. books, notes, maps, all films) and Pers’ camera bag when we returned. Nils luggage and telescope was left intact. Boring visits to the police this day and the next morning. Took in on the Hotel Safari. A black day on an otherwise very successful trip.
11.12.96	10.00-11.00	Drove to the airport 50 km E Windhoek. Returned the car to Avis after 5440 km driving in Namibia.
	11.55-13.40	Flight with South African Airlines to Johannesburg.
	20.30-	Departure from Johannesburg with KLM.
12.12.96	-05.45	Arrived at Amsterdam after a 10 hour flight.
	09.05-10.30	Amsterdam-Malmö/Sturup (and Stockholm/Arlanda).

Nature

To make it easier to find the birds, especially the endemics and species in very special habitats, it’s good to know something about the different types of vegetation and climate zones, also called biomes, that exists in Southern Africa.

1. DESERT. There is almost no true desert in South Africa. But along the whole Namibian coast there is a strip of extremely dry desert, The Namib Desert, which gets less than 50 mm rain per year in average. Many life forms here survive on the mist that is formed due to the the cold Benguela current along the coast. Special birds: Rüppell’s Korhaan, Gray’s Lark, Dune Lark.

2. ARID ZONE (100-500 mm rain/year). Also called semi-desert. Includes the following types;

- **Kalahari sandveld** (eastern Namibia, western Botswana). Sandy areas with little vegetation. Special birds; Sociable Weaver.
- **Kalahari thornveld** (eastern Botswana, northern S.A.). Savanna landscape with low scrub and scattered *Acacia*.. Special birds; Crimson-breasted Shrike, Kalahari Scrub-Robin, Fawn-coloured Lark.
- **Karoo**. Covers the inland in south-western South Africa and the land east of the Namib Desert in Namibia. More rocky than the Kalahari. From south to north the different areas are;
 - Great Karoo and Little Karoo in S.A.: Semi-desert steppe or scrub with scattered bushes and succulent plants. In some areas vast gravel plains and sometimes red sand dunes. Shaded from most of the rains by surrounding mountain ranges. Special birds; Rufous-eared Warbler, Layard's Warbler, Karoo Eremomela.
 - In north-west S.A. and southern Namibia it is called Bushmanland and Namaqualand. Special birds; Red lark, Sclater's Lark.
 - In northern Namibia it is called Damaraland, a more mountainous region with some of the oldest mountain ranges in the world. Special birds; White-tailed Shrike, Monteiro's Hornbill, Bradfield's Hornbill, Rüppell's Parrot.

3. SAVANNA WOODLAND. Can consist of mopane, thornveld and (only north of S.A); *Brachystegia* woodland.

Mopane is a moist woodland on poorly drained soil (subject to flooding), with undifferentiated broadleaved forest dominated by *Colophospermum mopane*. Large stands of this type are found in the Ovamboland, between Angola and Etosha Pan and in eastern Caprivi.

Thornveld is the South African term for savanna with scrub and trees. It is in the western drier part also called Kalahari thornveld, see above. The thornveld is where many of the famous national parks like Kruger, Mkuzi and others are situated.

Sometimes the term bushveld is also used.

4. SAVANNA GRASSLAND. The temperate region with undulating grass-covered hills on the high plateau in the interior of South Africa is called highveld. Most of it is now farmland. Special birds; Rudd's Lark, Botha's Lark, Short-tailed Pipit. Closer to the coast it is called lowveld (east coast of S.A., Swaziland and Mozambique).

5. FYNBO. This is an equivalent to the maccia, with also a Mediterranean climate. The fynbo (means "fine bush"), is restricted to the "Cape Floral Kingdom", one of the six floral kingdoms of the world, only covering 0,04 % of the world's surface, but consisting of 8 600 plant species, 5 800 of them endemics. 216 of the world's 400 plant families are found in the fynbo. In S.A. as a whole there are 22 000 plant species (10 % of the world's total). The main fynbo area is the south-western Cape, between Lamberts Bay and Port Elizabeth, but pockets of mountain fynbo can be found also in the Drakensberg. The fynbo is an evergreen, colourful scrub, dominated by Erica (heath, over 600 species), Protea* (bushes or small trees with huge flowers), and flowers like Pelargonium (250 species), Gladiolus and Watsonia. Two main types of fynbo are mountain fynbo and lowland fynbo. The fynbo doesn't host especially many birds, but the ones you find are often endemic; Cape and Gurney's Sugarbird (also an endemic family), Cape Rockjumper, Protea Seed-eater, Orange-breasted Sunbird and Victorin's Warbler.

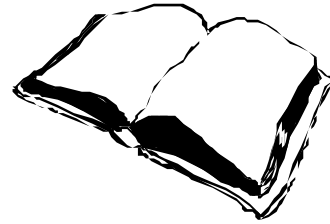
* The Giant Protea, *Protea cynaroides*, is the South African national flower.

6. INDIGENOUS EVERGREEN FOREST. There are no large, natural forests in South Africa, but pockets can be found in the eastern parts, especially along the coast, the most famous being the Knysna Forest. There are different types of forests; gallery forest along rivers, coastal dune forest (at Cape Vidal for example) and fig forest (in Mkuzi for example). In northeastern S.A. and further north the climate is subtropical. A number of birds are restricted to these forest; Knysna Lourie, Brown-necked Parrot, Olive Bush-shrike, Cinnamon Dove, Knysna Woodpecker, Bush Blackcap, Olive Sunbird and Woodward's Batis.

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Notes

Birding sites

For detailed descriptions and species lists from the best bird spots in both South Africa and Namibia Hugh Chittenden, *Top Birding Spots in Southern Africa* is recommended. This book is a must on a trip.

Below are descriptions and tips on the main localities we visited. The numbers refer to the map. Some of the localities miss descriptions on how to get there. Check with local birders how to get to these place (f. ex. Rooiport and Helle Helle).

South Africa

1. Cape Town area

We hoped to go on a **pelagic trip** organized by Jim Enticott together with another Swedish group, but the weather was against us, very windy, with too much swelling. We waited for 4 days in vain, and had to be content with seabird watching from the shore. The lighthouse at Kommetjie proved to be a good spot, we saw albatross, petrels, gulls and cormorants here. With luck you can also have Antarctic tern. Ask permission from the friendly lighthouse keeper to stand in shelter from the wind outside his office. There is a nice fish restaurant nearby.

On the way out to Kommetjie on the Atlantic side you pass a good reserve for water birds; **Wildesvoëlvelei**. It's an estuary with a lagoon.

Just south of Simon's Town there is a small reserve for nesting Jackass Penguins at **The Boulders**. You get pictures from very close range here.

At **Cape of Good Hope** we had full storm, you had to crawl (!) the last bit up to the viewpoint at the tip of the peninsula. From outside the restaurant at the parking place we had good views from above on some seabirds. There is a large colony of cormorants at Cape Point. The vegetation in the reserve is mainly mountain fynbo, and you also see some mammals, like Bontebok.

Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens is one of the most famous in the world. A very interesting botanical garden, with around 9 000 indigenous plant species (22 000 in total in SA). Around the garden there is natural mountain fynbo vegetation and coastal forest on the slopes of the Table Mountain. In the *Erica* and *Protea* Garden near the entrance you find Cape Sugarbirds feeding on the huge *Protea*-flowers, Lemon-Dove in a small forest trail and Cape Francolins on the lawns. Also seen; Forest Canary and Brimstone Canary. We had a very nice breakfast at the veranda outside the garden café, and the bookstore at the entrance is one of the best in Cape Town for books on natural history subjects.

Further north from Kirstenbosch, along the winding road through tall coastal forest we got a tip from Jim Enticott to visit **Constantia Nek**. Here we had nice views of the skulking Knysna Warbler along a narrow forest trail. Avoid using tape recorder too much here, only play the call a few times, otherwise you will disturb the birds.

Tokai Forest is an arboretum with pine plantations around. Not too exciting, but we saw Cape Siskin and Chaffinch here.

Stellenbosch

At Spier Estate there is a garden along a river, and farmlands around it, which was surprisingly rich in birds, we had African Black Duck and Sweet Waxbill here.

Sir Lawry's Pass is a mountain pass where the N2 highway passes over a mountain range 50 km east of Cape Town. Natural fynbos vegetation with tussock grass covers the rocky slopes.

There is a car park on the right side of the road at a sharp bend. This is an outlook over Cape Town. On the left (= north) side there is an old trail leading further up in the mountains (i.e. the old road over the pass). We had very windy and rainy weather here but nevertheless got good views of Orange-breasted Sunbird and on the slope facing west several Cape Rockjumpers. In some bush vegetation to the right of the trail we heard several and got glimpses of the skulking Victorin's Warbler. Cape Grassbird was easier to see.

2. De Hoop Nature Reserve is a coastal reserve east of Cape Town. We went there from Cape Town, but you can also camp in the reserve, or at for example Bontebok N. P. northwards.

De Hoop is mainly coastal fynbos on alkaline sandy soils. Lots of low bush vegetation. But along the roads there is controlled burning of the vegetation. After some raining this results in fresh green grass, which attracts grazing mammals. Here you get excellent views of endemics like Bontebok, Mountain Zebra and Cape Grysbok.

Drive out to the big sand dunes along the Indian Ocean. From here we had good views of huge Southern Right Whales close to the beach.

At the camp ground there are skulking Southern Tchagras (listen for the call), and from here you have an overlook of the big estuary De Hoop Vlei. Depending on the water level (we were lucky) you see lots of waterfowl, waders and egrets here.

Other species was Pearl-breasted Swallow and one flushed Fiery-necked Nightjar.

There is a very small forest where Knysna Woodpecker has been observed, but we didn't see any.

The gate at Wydgeleë road is open from 7 am to 6 pm and as in most South African reserves the entrance fee was extremely cheap, only 3 ZAR per person! A huge difference to the park fees in Eastern Africa.

The gravel road from Bredasdorp leading to de Hoop was bird rich, we saw the endemic Southern Black Koorhan, Greywing Francolin and larks here. Grasveld Pipit was common. On the way back via Potberg we also saw one Cape Vulture on a telephone post. There is a colony of vultures to the east, but due to heavy showers, we didn't go there. On the fields along N2 we had Denham's Bustard and flocks of the beautiful Blue Crane.

Our base in Cape Town was a bungalow we rented at Jim and Caz Enticotts place in the Tokai district. Jim and Caz gave us many birding tips both before we arrived to South Africa and during our stay in Cape Town.

If you are interested in local guiding you can also contact Claire Spottiswoode.

And if you want detailed information on all localities in the southwestern Cape purchase the book; Petersen, W. & Tripp, M. *Birds of the South Western Cape and Where to Watch them*. Cape BC. 1995.

3. West Coast National Park

This is a big reserve (18 700 ha) 120 km N. Cape Town. The vegetation type is mainly sandveld (dry scrub on sand) which was very bird rich in the morning just inside the southeastern entrance gate. A big part of the reserve is the Langebaan Lagoon. At Geelbek you have good access to the mudflats in the lagoon from a boardwalk out to a hide from which we saw waterfowl, waders and terns. The reeds are good for *Bradypterus* and *Acrocephalus* warblers and harriers. From the small resort Langebaan just north of the park you also have access to the lagoon. Langebaan has several cafés and restaurants. Velddrif a bit further up along the coast has saltworks with salines where you see flamingos, waterfowl and waders.

GREAT KAROO

The Great Karoo is a huge area which in part is semi desert. It is a basin sheltered from moist air by mountain ranges in the west and south. It can be very hot here, so bring plenty of water. We were lucky, the weeks before our visit it had rained, so there were large numbers of nomadic larks, especially finchlarks. Larklike Bunting was also common. Due to the rains there was also a fantastic flower carpet in many places, consisting of mainly daisies (family Asteraceae) and vygies (bright red succulents belonging to the family Mesembryanthemaceae).

We entered the Great Karoo via Pakhuispas, at the Cedarberg mountain range.

4. Akkerendam Nature Reserve

A small semi-arid reserve near Calvinia in the Hantamsberg. The vegetation is predominately western mountain Karoo and renosterbosveld. Lots of flowers after the rains. There is a dam where the road ends, follow the stream uphill and pass the windmill along a rough trail until you reach a kloof to the right below a radio tower. Here we searched hard for the elusive Cinnamon-breasted Warbler, without success. It was probably there, but it is said to creep around on the ground like a mouse under bushes, so it is very hard to find. It didn't seem to respond to tape either. Species we saw was Black Harrier, titbabblers, chats, warblers, Cape Penduline Tit, the strange Fairy Flycatcher and Black-headed Canary.

An impressive Black Wildebeest bull was seen up on the mountain (probably introduced here). Check out the conspicuous white trees with thick trunk, Quiver tree, *Aloe dichotoma* ("Kokerboom"), the bushmen made quivers for their arrows of them.

5. The area around Brandvlei

Good birding spots are the dry river courses with acacias and thornveld, especially in the morning hours. Here you easily find many of the karoo specialities like; Karoo Scrub Robin, Karoo Prinia, Rufous-eared Warbler, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Long-billed Crombec, Chat Flycatcher and Pririt Batis.

We didn't find any Karoo Eremomela though, which is supposed to like dry river courses. The gravel road between Brandvlei and Pofadder: Ludwig's Bustard, Karoo Koorhan, Burchell's Courser (Nils saw one from a railway bridge), Namaqua Sandgrouse and lots of larks and chats. On the telephone posts huge nests of Sociable Weavers.

For Stark's Lark, search at vegetation-free spots with blackish gravel and small black pebbles. Sclater's Lark we found on almost vegetation-free desolated plains 1 km south of a transformer station in the Halfweg area.

As in most other areas in SA there are cattle fences along the roads in most places. Avoid climbing them if you can, in most cases you see the birds from the road. We climbed them

sometimes and never got in contact with any angry farmers, but you should be aware that you enter private land when you climb a fence.

Red sand dunes south of Namies, around 60 km from Pofadder. Jim Enticott gave us this locality, where we relatively easily found Red Lark. On the way back at dusk we checked a canyon for owls.

6. Augrabies Falls National Park

A dry area (190 mm rain/year) with cliffs and one of the great waterfalls of the world (in late summer). Strange looking trees, like Halfmen, *Pachypodium namaquanum*. Not so bird rich, but we saw Lesser Honeyguide, Namaqua Prinia and Dusky Sunbird.

The camping grounds is a good place to take close up photos of birds. The same applies to parks like Mkuzi and Etosha. Good camping with showers and a lodge with restaurant and exhibition. The waterfall is 56 m high, pouring down into an 18 km long, narrow canyon. The Orange River is the largest in SA, and when flooding there can be 19 waterfalls. Now it was dry season, with only one narrow fall.



7. Spitskop Nature reserve

A small private reserve, very dry, with scattered thorn bushes. Easy birding from the car, mainly larks. Good views of the game. Just north of Upington.

Upington – Bloemhof.

This long distance we did quite fast, stopped at some dry river beds, Euphorbia hills (with poisonous *Euphorbia virosa*, used by the San-people for poison arrows). Made a short stop at the "Big Hole" at Kimberly, a water filled diamond-mine (it is the world's biggest hole dug entirely by manual labour, 800 m deep). Good for swifts.

8. Rooiport Game Ranch

This is a private ranch with high fences around, but we birded along the road outside the fence, especially for Short-clawed Lark, but only Nils managed to see one. The bird fauna was a bit similar to Sandveld, see below. The habitat is *Acacia* woodland (thornveld). Unfortunately I don't have a road description, lost it in Namibia.

9. Sandveld Nature Reserve.

This is a reserve in the Free State along the big Bloemhof Dam, north of it is another similar reserve, the Bloemhof Dam Nature Reserve. It is a very rich reserve both in birds and mammals, several mammals were seen here only. Suricat was easy here.

The habitats are partly Kalahari thornveld, low scrub with big camel thorn trees, *Acacia erioloba*. This is a threatened habitat, since most of it is turned into farmland. The other part is open savanna grassland.

We saw African Marsh Owl, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Levillant's Barbet, Grasveld Pipit (common), Buffy Pipit, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Magpie Shrike, Desert Cisticola, Ashy Tit, Cinnamon-breasted Rock-Bunting, Melba Finch, Violet-eared Waxbill, Black-faced Waxbill, Red-headed Finch, Shaft-tailed Whydah, Southern Grey-headed Finch, Scaly-feathered Finch, and much more.

Under the road bridge impressive numbers of swallows and swifts were breeding.

In the night use a torch to spot the strange Spring Hares at the camping grounds. The office has good lists of birds and mammals + maps as in many reserves in South Africa.

Bloemhof – Wakkerstroom.

It was a big difference in temperature when we entered the wet, cold moorlands close to Wakkerstroom, the highveld, coming from the hot Karoo and bushveld. Foggy and rainy, reminded more of Scotland than Africa. Wakkerstroom is situated 1700 m above sea level, in Mpumalanga (formerly Eastern Transvaal), but just a few kilometres from the KwaZulu-Natal border.

10. Wakkerstroom

We got in contact with a local ornithologist, John McAllister, who gave us tips on where to look for special birds. We birded ourselves the first day, at the wetland reserve with reeds outside the town, then down south to a dam. At the outlet of the dam there is a river with a steep valley and a bridge. There we had Ground Woodpecker and Buff-streaked Chat. Then we went up into the foggy grasslands northwest of the town, above the 2000 m elevation, on gravel roads looking for larks. On a field a few kms east of the town we found Yellow Pipit. We also had Southern Bald Ibis in several places. At dusk we looked and listened for Grass Owl and flufftails at the wetland reserve, without success. The second day John took us on a guided tour in his Volkswagen bus, and with his help we got Botha's Lark (on private farmland) and Rudd's Lark at the roadside. Other birds seen was Blue Koorhan, Denham's Bustard, Eastern Grey Crane, Rufous-necked Wryneck, Pale-crowned Cisticola, Wing-snapping Cisticola. We didn't find Bush Blackcap. There is a local bird club in Wakkerstroom, and we were accommodated at Glenn's, the secretary in the local bird club, who also runs a small shop with souvenirs and bird books.

11. Mkuzi Game Reserve

It is advisable to book well in advance if you want a bungalow. We had a bungalow booked for 2 nights, but Mkuzi was so good that we decided to stay one extra night, and got a new bungalow without problem. The bungalows were very nice and spacious. You bring your own food which is then prepared by cooks in a kitchen, and then a house maiden serve the food in your bungalow. If you forget to bring food there is a small shop at the headquarters with a limited assortment of food, frozen meat for example. The headquarters and the hutted camp is 10 km within the park, at the entrance there is a camping. You have much better access to the park if you stay at the headquarters. Along the entrance road there are strange "forests" of French aloe, *Aloe pluridens*. Both birding and game watching was very good in this park, with many different habitats, making the fauna diverse. The climate is subtropical and very humid. Concerning mammals, the game is abundant and you get close views of many species, a "white rhino" at 20 m is impressive ! Try to cover as many tracks as possible, if the weather is not too hot and sunny there is bird activity all day. As usual in parks it is forbidden to drive by yourself at night. Both evenings the organised drive was cancelled due to thunderstorms, but the ranger said that night drives here doesn't give that much anyway.

The major part of Mkuzi is *Acacia* thornveld, but there are several other habitats like grassland (lowveld) in the south, fig tree forest, riverine forest, woodland, pans and wetlands.

The picnic area at Nsumu Pan was good for Robins, and the Fig Forest Walk gave Yellowbill, Brown-headed Parrot and Grey Penduline Tit.

The woodland around the hides at Kubube and Kumisanga was good for species like

African Broadbill, Neergard's Sunbird, Rudd's Apalis, Gorgeous Bush Shrike and Pink-throated Twinspot.

12. Cape Vidal is situated within the Greater Saint Lucia Wetland Park (or Eastern Shores Nature Reserve) and has one of the finest tall evergreen dune forests in Natal.

From the holiday resort St. Lucia Estuary you take the gravel road going north along the coast and enter the big park "Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park", controlled by the Natal Parks Board, at a gate. At the gate we controlled if there was space at the camping grounds at Cape Vidal. No problem as usual. We arrived in the evening and was lucky to see both Southern Banded Snake Eagle on a telephone pole and Natal Nightjars over the road, just a kilometre or so from the entrance gate.

On the camping grounds the next morning we spotted Brown Robin, Olive Sunbird and Grey Sunbird.

From the campgrounds there is a good forest trail which we walked a few kilometres and had good views of Woodward's Batis (listen for the typical call, like a Pygmy Owl, in dense vegetation low over the ground), White-eared Barbet, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Blue-grey Flycatcher, Blue-mantled Flycatcher and African Yellow White-eye.

After the forest trail we took a short swim in the Indian Ocean, the beach is excellent here, with good waves for body surfing.

On the way back to St. Lucia Estuary we walked parts of the road and made frequent stops, saw Black-winged Plover, Black-backed Cisticola and Croaking Cisticola.

Going south along the N2 we saw a pond at the small village Umfolozi just north of the bridge crossing Umfolozi River. This small pond was jammed with water birds !

68 African Pygmy Goose, Red-billed Duck, White-backed Duck, Purple Gallinule, African Jacana and 6 Lesser Jacana !! We also saw 5 Southern Brown-throated Weaver.

A few kilometres to the south is Teza Lake. This famous lake was fairly empty though. Probably the waterbirds move around depending on the water levels in different lakes and ponds.

Richard's Bay is a big industrialised ugly harbour area with some mangrove swamps and mudflats, but we had difficulties finding the way here (few signposts), didn't find the reserves. Drove on the dam wall (Berm Wall Road) and saw some waders. You have to ask permission at the gates to enter this area, but this was no problem.

13. Umlalazi Nature Reserve.

This is a small reserve south of Empageni, close to the small village Mtunzini, at the N2.

There is a river mouth with mangroves and mudflats, where you can have African Finfoot, but we didn't succeed. Maybe you can see it from the organized boat trip in the evening.

Then there is a coastal dune rainforest, which we walked in the morning, on the marked forest trail. We saw several of the species we had at Cape Vidal the day before, plus Palm-nut Vulture, Violet-crested Turaco and Yellowbill.

There are several cheap bungalows and a visitors centre, and everything is well organised and tidy as in most parks in South Africa.

There is also a fine sandy beach with fishermen with big fishing tackle, fishing directly from the beach.

14. Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve

This is a very beautiful deep gorge with very fine riverine forest along the Oribi River.

It has a steep but good bitumen road all the way down into the gorge, over a bridge and

up on the other side. Excellent birding along the road; Crowned Eagle on a nest close to the bridge, Knysna Lourie, Black Cuckoo, African Emerald Cuckoo, Knysna Woodpecker (only heard), Mountain Wagtail, Striped Pipit (on cliffs), African Grey Cuckoo-Shrike, White-starred Robin, Chorister Robin Chat, Cape Rock Thrush and the skulking difficult Green Twinspot (listen for the call). The spot where we had the twinspot was on the northern slope around 1 km up the road from the river bridge, close to a small bridge over a stream.

On the perimeter of the gorge is the park headquarters with nice rangers who knew the birds quite well (not so usual in South Africa). We had no problems to get 2 fine and cheap bungalows here when we arrived in the afternoon. In the evening we heard Spotted Eagle Owl and Freckled Nightjar from here. At the short trail from the headquarters to the viewpoint (called "Monkey" something) look for Lazy Cisticola. The huge Euphorbias that grow below are Candelabra tree, *Euphorbia ingens*.

15. Underberg and Sani Pass.

The nice couple Rob and Bella Guy in Underberg accommodated us in a cottage in their beautiful garden. We had dinner with them and Rob took us in his 4WD up in the Sani Pass, South Africa's highest, at 2850 m. His jeep had a removable roof where we were standing and watching while driving up along the incredible road leading up the pass and into Lesotho. We could see why 2WD was forbidden on this road.... The road was extremely steep and rough, with hairpin bends, and magnificent views.

Rob was a good birder, who knew his birds and where to find them, he just asked us what we wanted to see and then we got them served on a silver plate; Yellow Warbler, Bush Blackcap close to Underberg, and closer to the pass; Drakensberg Siskin, Southern Grey Tit, Barratt's Warbler, Ground Woodpecker, and at the pass Orange-breasted Rockjumper, rock thrushes, chats, Horus Swift, Drakensberg Prinia etc.

At the bottom of the pass there is the South African border post. Then there is fynbos with *Protea* trees where we saw Guernsey's Sugarbird feeding.

The Lesotho border post is situated at the pass. Here is also the rustic Sani Chalet which has accommodation. It was an exciting place with a pub where we had Maluti, the Lesotho beer. It is one of the highest situated pubs in Africa, at 2800 m (there is another one in the Atlas Mountains). Just after the border post we had a tough little rodent; Sloggett's Ice Rat ! Then we went 10 kilometres or so into Lesotho.

On the way up we had foggy weather (low clouds), but coming into Lesotho we entered a high plateau with sunny and dry weather, with fantastic mountain views.

We saw Lammergeier on the nest, Cape Vulture, Mountain Pipit and African Rock Pipit. In the bogs there was flowering *Kniphofia praecox*, a beautiful red and yellow plant.

In the area around Underberg we saw several cranes; 2 Wattled, 1 Blue and several Grey Crowned Crane. The second day Rob took us in his vehicle first to a small but very rich evergreen forest, Purser's Bush, a nature reserve close to Bulwer. You enter a forest trail at the "Holy Trinity Yellowwood Church", but the trail is difficult to find by yourself. Here we had nice views of a number of forest species; African Goshawk, Cinnamon Dove, Cape Parrot, Knysna Lourie, Narina's Trogon, Sombre Greenbul, Olive Bush Shrike, White Starred Robin, Chorister Robin Chat, Orange Ground Thrush, Bush Blackcap, Bar-throated Apalis, Yellow-throated Canary and Forest Canary.

Then Rob took us to grasslands at Helle Helle, where we saw one of the top priority species on the trip; Blue Swallow !

16. Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve

A nice reserve just 50 km S Johannesburg, and 25 km W Heidelberg. Most of the 13 337 ha are undulating grassland, parts of it above 1800 m. *Acacia* savanna has developed in the SW and in the east there is *Protea* veld. You drive on a fine bitumen 60 km circular drive. You are not allowed to leave the car except at 2 picnic sites. (When you see the impressive Black Wildebeest bulls you understand why). The gates are open 6 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. There is a good visitors centre with birds- and mammal list and a small shop. Just NE the park there is a camping. The reserve is good for cisticolas, pipits, larks, chats and canaries. We also saw Swainson's Francolin, Lesser Honeyguide, Rufous-necked Wryneck, Ashy Tit and Red-headed Finch. There is plenty of game, we saw Bontebok, Red Hartebeest, Steinbok, Mountain Reedbuck, Oribi and more.

17. Kruger National Park

We didn't visit Kruger of several reasons;

- Some of us have been a lot in East Africa, so we have seen a number of species occurring there, including many of the mammals. And we went for the South African endemics, which are more common in other areas.
- We were going to visit Etosha in Namibia, which is said to be as good as Kruger regarding number of birds and mammals. And also Caprivi in Namibia has some of the species that are "special" for Kruger, Arnot's Chat for example.
- Kruger is a major tourist trap, we appreciated the less crowded park. In Mahango in Namibia for example, which is extremely good for birds, we were the only visitors the first day there.
- And finally. Kruger was a bit off the road compared to the other places, and would mean a lot of extra driving. We also skipped Nyl, N. Pretoria because of that.

Namibia

When we visited Namibia it was very dry, hardly any rain had fallen in 4 years, and the water was rationed in many places.

However, due to this it was easier to find birds and especially game. They flocked around the waterholes in the reserves. In Etosha the wildlife was abundant. Just 2 months after we left Namibia the rains came, and visitors then got a "green" Namibia, but also more scattered birds and animals, harder to find.

Avis Dam

In the eastern outskirts of Windhoek is this small reserve, with a dam. We got a very unusual bird here, Rufous-bellied Heron. Also in the dam South African Shelduck and Cape Teal. In the cliffs around we saw Rockrunners and Short-toed Rock Thrush and over the dam Bradfield's Swift.

Daan Viljoen Game Park

Easy access close to Windhoek. A small park, you easily do it in one morning. Opens at 7 a.m. Very dry at our visit, so the dam was the place where most of the birds were. Good spot for photography. Special birds; Maccua Duck, Three-banded Plover, Familiar Chat, Groundscraper Thrush, Carp's Tit, Larklike Bunting. Along the nature drive you see mammals like Red Hartebeest, Eland, Common Duiker, Rock Dormouse and Oryx. The nature around the park looks the same, so if you are too early, start birding in the vicinity. The mornings are cool and nice here at 1700 m in the "Khomashochland", at noon it gets warm in the sun.

We went out to the coast (350 km) on the main road B2. It's quicker than the dirt road C28 via Bosua Pass. We were recommended the later, said to be beautiful, so if you have time, try this instead. As usual, just stop and have a look when you find a habitat along the road that looks promising, especially if there is water.

Swakopmund and Walvis Bay

The coast road from Swakopmund down to Walvis Bay is extreme, with huge sand dunes reaching the sea, and man-made guano platforms, with hundreds of Cape Cormorant and scattered pelicans.

Walvis Bay

At Walvis Bay we were accommodated with bed and breakfast at a birder, Keith Wearne, who gave us some local tips.

The climate at the coast is strange, due to the cold Benguela current that runs north along the coast. Makes the sea extremely rich due to upwellings, but the air temperature is surprisingly low, and foggy weather in the morning is normal. The cold desert inland gets all its water from the morning mist, as you probably have seen on nature programs in TV. Until the 1980s Walvis Bay was a South African naval base, an enclave within Namibia, but now it belongs to Namibia.

Waterbirds:

Walvis Bay is a very large coastal wetland, the Walvis Bay lagoon and the saltworks is on the top 10 list for Africa regarding the number of shorebirds found. Huge numbers of waders, gulls, terns, pelicans, cormorants and flamingos can be seen. And you have very good access to the birds along the Esplanade at low tide, especially the number of terns passing by was impressive; over 50 000 Common Terns and 1000 Black Terns. Start at the Yacht Club and move along the Esplanade down to the Saltworks, where we had 50 Chestnut-banded Sand Plover for example. You should also go out to the beach at Paaltjies and look for seabirds. Here you also find anglers fishing from the beach with heavy fishing tackle. We saw Heaviside's Dolphin from the beach, and a Cape Fur Seal colony at the tip of Pelican Point. At the sewage ponds southeast of the town there is a nature reserve called "Bird Paradise", where we had Maccoa Duck.

Rooibank

This is a spot to see Dune Lark. It is a small oasis at the north shore of a large dry river bed (the Kuiseb River). We found the lark below a small sand dune in the river bed, near the southern "shore" and below the huge sand dunes south of the river.

To reach Rooibank, take the C14 towards the airport, but halfway to the airport, take right onto a gravel road leading SE. After about 20 km you reach Rooibank, looks a bit like a military camp.

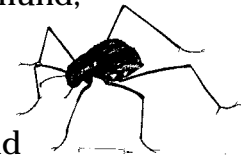
Welwitschia Plains

A truly amazing place, a very ancient looking, moon like landscape. This is the oldest desert on earth (650 million years old), with eroded mountain ranges and vast plains in lots of different shades of red, grey, black, yellow and so on, depending on soil type and the thin cover of lichens. You really have to see this place, don't miss it.

The main attraction is the *Welwitschia mirabilis*, a plant with 2 very long leaves. It can get over 2000 year old. You see more insects than birds in the desert, Tenebrio beetles with extremely long legs, like the *Metriopus depressus*, and the red *Probergrothius sexpunctatis*, living on *Welwitschia*.

The best spot for birds is the Swapkop Valley with scattered *Acacia*.

The "Welwitchia drive" is 60 km, it starts from C28 just east of Swakopmund, just after entering the vast Namib-Naukluft Park. Buy tickets in advance at the tourist bureau in Swakopmund (Moltke Street), you get a good tour pamphlet.



Swakopmund is an unbelievable tidy town in the middle of the desert, old fashioned well maintained German houses, and very nice cafés (Bäckereis) with Apfelstrudeln and good coffee. Very relaxing after a harsh desert tour.

From Swakopmund we went up the coast and turned eastwards at Henties Bay towards Usakos. This road (D1918) led to Spitzkoppe (after 100 km, but our map didn't match reality, we didn't see any road west of the mountain, so we entered from the southwest). Along the road from the coast we had Gray's Lark (after 40 km) and Rüppell's Koorhan.

Spitzkoppe

A very old red "Inselberg" towering 700 m over the semi desert in Damaraland. There is a bush camp without facilities, but with Monteiro's Hornbills, Bokmakierie and some other "picnic-birds" you can feed and get good photos of. We slept under the crystal clear sky, with thousands of stars.

In the morning we drove and walked around the whole mountain (along the "Circular Acacia Track") and had several good birds; White-tailed Shrike, Rockrunner, Mountain Wheatear, Spotted



Eagle Owl, Rosy-faced Lovebird and White-throated Canary. There was a short shower the day before, so maybe this affected the birds also. The Herero Chat was very shy and hard to find, we saw it on the north side, on slopes with gravel and small boulders. On the cliffs high up plenty of cute Klippspringers. The short stubby trees in this area are called bottle tree, *Pachypodium lealii*. It gets hot here at noon, so we started birding at sunrise (when the cliffs gets beautifully red as the sun rises) and continued until 11, then it was time to leave. Bring plenty of water, there is none available here.

Hobatere Lodge

A luxury lodge, fully booked when we arrived in the evening after 700 km driving (240 N\$, full board only). They had camping grounds before, but it was closed in 1994 (contrary to what is said in the book *Top Birding Spots in Southern Africa*).

Hobatere is a state owned game reserve situated at the western border of Etosha N.P. The manager, Steve Braine, is a very experienced birder. He felt sorrow for us, so we were allowed to sleep on the ground outside the restaurant, so we didn't have to go back all the 16 km on bad road out from the park in the night. We couldn't get dinner, but 1.5 litre draft beer was filling.

In the morning we got fine observations at the waterhole at the lodge while having a second breakfast. Close ups of Rüppell's Parrot. A nesting Verreaux's Eagle Owl near the water hole. Other birds around the lodge was Violet Wood Hoopoe, 4 species of hornbill, Barecheeked Babbler, Southern Barred Warbler, Cape Penduline Tit, Carp's Tit and Chestnut Weaver.

We also birded the thornveld along a dry river creek on the way out for Hartlaubs Francolin (13 km E the lodge). Didn't get it, but heard 2 calling Orange River Francolin.

We then went to Kamanjab, which is a very typical Namibian small town, with petrol station and adjoining hamburger bar and a small shop, everything you need and very

very cheap, the petrol is 40 % of the price in Sweden and food is around 50 %. In some towns you hear the interesting "click" language of the Khoisan people. Listen to the employees in the grocery store at Outjo for example !

After Kamanjab we tried to go north on road D2763 via Kronendal and Biermanskool up to Etosha (to look for Dusky Lark), but the road map and we didn't agree, and the road got worse and worse, so we turned back and took the main roads C40 and C38 instead, up to the Andersson Gate at Etosha.

Etosha National Park

A huge park, with a wildlife that competes with Kruger in SA to be the richest in Southern Africa.



No problems to find space for tents on the camp grounds. But you must be booked in advance at the Director of Tourism in Windhoek (John Meinert/Molte Street). Food and petrol is available at the rest camps.

It was very dry during our visit (in the middle of the dry period) , so we asked a warden to mark on our map the waterholes that still kept water. Some of them have solar powered pumps to pump up ground water. These 7 water holes were the best for especially mammals, but also many of the birds. Try to visit them all, as they differ in species

composition.

We camped 3 nights in Etosha; at Okaukuejo, Halali and Namutoni lodges. They all kept a small flood-lit water hole close to the lodge, where you can sit after the nice game buffet in the restaurant, have a beer and watch the rich animal life. Be there at dusk, when first hundreds of sandgrouse come in for drinking, and then later all the mammals. Especially at Halali Lodge we had an amazing experience when around this small pond at the same time we had 2 lions, 1 leopard, 4 elephants, 2 "black rhino", 1 honey badger and 1 porcupine. Plus of course a number of antelopes. A jackal got sprayed by an elephant when it came to close !

The Etosha Pan is 150 km long salt pan, that occasionally fills with water, then the flamingos and waders come in from the coast and breed. The habitat south of the pan, where the lodges are, is grassland intersected with mopane forest and tamboti (*Spirostachys africana*). The landscape is dryer and more open in the west, around Okaukuejo and gets more wooded as you move west to Namutoni. The roads are very well maintained and good sign posted.

Some of the birds we saw in Etosha; Secretary Bird, Red-headed Falcon, Lesser Moorhen, Kori Bustard, several species of lark; Sabota, Long-billed, Spike-heeled, Red-capped, Pink-billed, Stark's, and both the finchlarks. Also Buffy Pipit, Desert Cisticola, Yellow Canary and Sociable Weaver. We also had good views of 2 male lions at a kill.

Bushmanland

A huge area with semi desert, on the rim of the Kalahari desert and continuing into Botswana. No towns between Grootfontein and Rundu, so pile up with snacks. We drove straight through this stretch on the B8. But don't miss the Bäckerei in Grootfontein (at a junction) good pastries and an impressive wall full of antlers.

Rundu

This is the capitol of the Kavango district, and the second largest ethnic group in Namibia, the Kavangos. It lies on the banks of the Kavango* River, forming the border to Angola. The Caprivi district begin further east. There are several hotels in this rather dusty town. We camped at the Sarasungu lodge. In the morning we birded the sewage works. Several good ponds and around them thick reeds. We saw Black Heron, African Dwarf Bittern, Kaffir Rail, Lesser Moorhen, Painted Snipe, African Snipe and Quail Finch among other things.

To find the sewage works, go east from the city centre on a dirt road a few kilometres, and after passing the former the golf club, you see the ponds on the left side.

From a cafeteria in the town were we had breakfast you could see straight into Angola, just 2 kilometres away on the other side of the Kavango* River.

* Changes name to Okavango in Botswana.

Popa Falls Rest Camp

A nice idyllic place by the Kavango River. The falls are small, but on the stones in the river we saw several Rock Pratincoles, a very nice species.

Lush riverine forest along the river, one spectacular tree species here is *Kigelia africana*, sausage tree. Good birding along the river, especially in the dense undergrowth around the camp; Terrestrial Brownbul, White-browed Robin Chat, Tropical Boubou, Arrow-marked Babbler, Hartlaub's Babbler, Chirping Cisticola, Yellow-chested Apalis, Jameson's Firefinch, Large Golden Weaver. Also one African Rock Python.

We stayed in a rather rustic bungalow (120 N\$/night), but with good jungle feeling. It is very humid here compared to the Namib desert. There is a small shop and self accommodation kitchen, but no restaurant. Instead we had dinner at the Suclabo Lodge, 1 km to the south. They had a good restaurant and bar with nice staff. Good views over the river while having gin and tonic (purely of medical reasons, against the malaria).

Just a few kilometres to the south there is a small but very good park;

Mahango Game Park

One of the best bird spots on the trip. Really a must on any Namibian tour. We saw 154 species in the reserve the first day here (178 in total during the day, December 4). Easy birding, and the birds are not especially shy.

The habitats are both riverine forest, floodplains with tall elephant grass and papyrus reeds and dry woodland, although the many elephants do their best to break it down. An extra plus is that you are allowed to leave your vehicle, contrary to most other reserves in Namibia and S.A. Mahango is also very good for antelopes and other wildlife, we saw some specialities like Red Lechwe, Chobe Bushbuck, Sable Antelope and Tsessebe. The big number of elephants (77 in one day) is impressive, but be careful when there is a herd around. There are also crocodiles in the river. You may also see the difficult Sitatunga here with luck.

The reserve opens at 7, be at the gate then. There are usually very few visitors, the first day we were the only ones. We took the track going east 1 km after the gate along the river and down to a picnic area at the river. On a river bank west of the picnic site there were skimmers, and Nils saw a Slaty Egret flying over the reed here. At the picnic site we saw Brown Firefinches together with other firefinches. Another nice spot to get some shade and make coffee at is under the big Baobaob, *Adansonia digitata*.

Some of the birds we saw: African Open-bill Stork, Abdim's Stork, Saddle-bill Stork,

Wholly-necked Stork, Knob-billed Duck, Lizard Buzzard, African Marsh Harrier, Swainson's Francolin, Wattled Crane, Long-toed Lapwing, Wattled Plover, Bradfield's Hornbill, Copperytailed Coucal, Greater Swamp Warbler, Parasitic Weaver and Southern Brown-throated Weaver,

Mahango is situated just north of the border to Botswana, and the main road through the reserve continues into Botswana, as did Joakim and I, who took a short walk a few kilometres into Botswana, after negotiating with the border customs, that we wanted to enter the country by foot and leave our vehicle in Namibia (they were very confused to say the least...). But we got 5 species on our Botswana list, and a new country tick !

Caprivi

This is a strange narrow "corridor" (formerly it was called the "Caprivi strip"). The British ceded the Caprivi strip and Heligoland in the North Sea to Germany in 1890 in exchange for Zanzibar and Botswana. It gave the Germans access to the Zambesi River inland, Africa's 4th river in size.

In earlier days it was visited by few tourists, since the road was so bad, and Katima was at unrest now and then. But now the road is under improvement, half the distance was tarmac 1996, and in a few years probably all the way into Katima Mulilo at the Zambesi River and Zambia will be tarmac.

We were lucky to be here just after some thunderstorms, when termites start swarming, attracting high number of birds. Both raptors, hornbills, rollers, bee-eaters, orioles, drongos and others caught them when they came up from the ground in big numbers. Many species of raptors and vultures were seen in Caprivi, for example White-headed Vulture, Hooded Vulture, Bateleur, Brown Snake Eagle, African Harrier Hawk, Steppe Eagle, Martial Eagle, Yellow-billed Kite and Dickison's Kestrel and Amur Falcon.

When driving through the Caprivi Game Park towards Katima Mulilo, make stops when the woodland looks promising. We saw species like Little Button-Quail, White-breasted Cuckoo-Shrike, Sharpbilled Honeyguide, Bennet's Woodpecker, Wood Pipit, Blackfaced Babbler, Nedicky, African Yellow White-eye, Yellow-fronted Canary, Red-headed Weaver, Greater Blue-eared Starling and Sharptailed Starling during these stops. But no Blackcheeked Lovebirds, which is a "special" for Caprivi.

Katima Mulilo

An exciting place at the eastern end of Caprivi, district capitol, and surrounded by Zambia and Botswana. Zambia is only a few hundred meters away, across the Zambesi River. We stayed at the Hippo Lodge, nicely situated at the river, got one big room at a low price. Very good dinners in the restaurant, and much needed beer in the bar. The morning started with Nils coming in to the room yelling "Finfoot !!!". We also saw Livingstone's Turaco in the trees outside our room and Western Banded Snake Eagle at the river, and in the evening Pel's Fishing Owl was heard. We had a boat trip arranged with the son of the lodge manager, we thought, but the son never showed up.

In the morning, we birded along the river (African Skimmer, White-crowned Wattled Plover) and at the Zambesi Lodge golfe course (excellent second breakfast at the lodge, also saw a Coppery Sunbird in the garden there). Other birds seen in Katima was Grey-rumped Swallow, Wire-tailed Swallow, Red-faced Cisticola and Village Indigobird.

Then we went to a very good mopane forest, about 10 kilometres down the road towards Ngoma. It looks very calm and monotonous at first, but suddenly you find a bird, and another, but take directions, it is easy to loose track. We saw Arnoud's Chat (in SA a

special for Kruger N.P.), Racquet-tailed Roller, Meyer's Parrot, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Trumpeter Hornbill, Bennet's Woodpecker, Orange-breasted Bush Shrike, Blue-gray Flycatcher and Fan-tailed Flycatcher.

Another good place not to be missed is the Katima sewage works, just west of the city centre.

We made 2 visits here, in the morning and in the evening. Some of the things we saw; Little Bittern, Night Heron, whistling ducks and other ducks, Painted Snipe, Southern Pochard, Red-headed Weaver and Red Bishop.

Especially the evening was impressive, with huge numbers of herons coming in (5 000 Cattle Egret for example).

We also went out in the evening slowly driving along the road to the Zambezi ferry, but didn't see much, except an African Wild Cat. But the guards at the border post at the ferry got nervous when they saw a car with people with strong Mag-Lite® torches peaking up in the trees.

Susuwe

This is a fine miombo forest on the border to Angola (don't go too close to the border) and just east of the Caprivi Game Park. To find Susuwe, that is unmarked on most road maps, take a small dirt road leading north, about 1 km west of Kongolo (where there is a police check at the Kwando River and a road leading down to Lianshulu Lodge in Mudumu N.P.) and drive 4 kilometres up to the reception hut (more huts under construction). Also a bush camping and in the south a hippo pool.

We had heard that Susuwe was supposed to be a hot spot, and it was. Several nice species, like 2 Amur Falcons together with 50 Red-footed Falcons, African Green Pigeon, Mozambique Nightjar, 10 Racquet-tailed Roller, Scimitar-bill, Bradfield's Hornbill, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Retz's Red-billed Helmet Shrike and Purple-banded Sunbird, And then we had a pair of courtshipping Thick-billed Cuckoos, which is not listed for Namibia (although there are records from the neighbouring countries in the Birds of Africa). But maybe a new species for Namibia?

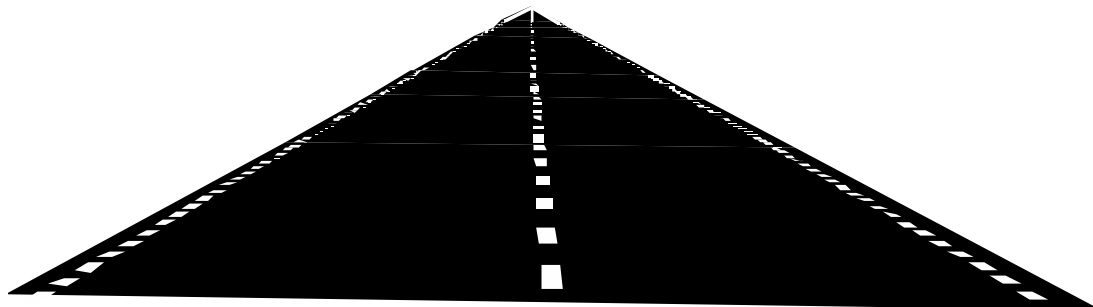
Omaruru

Ancient mountains south of the town, the range here said to be among the oldest in the world.

Go there before dawn (5.30 a.m.) climb a hill and then wait for the sunrise and calling Hartlaub's Francolin. Also Freckled Nightjars passed by, and later in the morning we saw Rockrunner and Pirit Batis.

To find this spot, take the road going SE from Omaruru towards Karibib, but after 2 kilometres, go south on the first larger dirt road to the right. Follow it for 8 kilometres, and stop after a bridge. Climb the hills to the south.

We camped at "Erroll's Place" in Omaruru, with friendly personnel and good Oryx steaks. White-faced Scops Owl heard at night.



BIRD LIST

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For example: **Yellow-crowned (Cape) Canary**, *Serinus canicollis* means that the internationally more used English name is Yellow-crowned Canary, and the name used in South Africa is Cape Canary.

Shortenings: S.A. = South African Republic. juv. = juvenile N. = north
N.P. = National Park, N.R. = Nature Reserve, G.R. = Game Reserve, G.P. = Game Park

Ostrich, *Struthio camelus*

100 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 5 13.11, 3 Rooibank 27.11. A total of 66 in Etosha and 2 30.11.

Jackass Penguin, *Spheniscus demersus*

450 Simonstown 6.11.

Little Grebe, *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Well spread in South Africa, highest number 50 Wildevoëlvlei 5.11. A total of 260 in Namibia, highest number 160 at Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Great Crested Grebe, *Podiceps cristatus*

10 Wildevoëlvlei 5.11, 1 W. Kroonstad 14.11.

Black-necked Grebe, *Podiceps nigricollis*

1 Wildevoëlvlei 5.11, 2 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 W. Kroonstad 14.11, 15 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Shy Albatross, *Diomedea cauta*

1 Kommetjie 8.11.

Southern Giant Petrel/Northern Giant Petrel, *Macronectes giganteus/hallii*

2 Kommetjie 8.11.

Soft-plumaged Petrel, *Pterodroma mollis*

3 Kommetjie 5.11.

White-chinned Petrel, *Procellaria aequinoctialis*

10 Kommetjie 5.11, 2 Simonstown + 50 Cape Point 6.11, 1 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 200 Kommetjie 8.11.

Sooty Shearwater, *Puffinus griseus*

1 Simonstown 6.11, 100 Kommetjie 8.11, 30 Walvis Bay 28.11.

White Pelican, *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

1 Kommetjie 5.11, 5 Simonstown 8.11, 20 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 5 W. Kroonstad 14.11, 30 Mkuzi G.R. 17-18.11, 30 Walvis Bay 28.11, 30 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Pink-backed Pelican, *Pelecanus rufescens*

6 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 1 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 8 Mahango G.P. 4.12 and 30 there 5.12.

Cape Gannet, *Sula capensis*

A total of 900 Cape Peninsula 5-8.11, 15 Walvis Bay 28.11.

White-breasted Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus*

A total of 150, well spread in S.A. 30 Walvis Bay 27-28.11, 2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12.

Cape Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax capensis*

Common around Cape Peninsula 5-9.11, 500 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Bank Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax neglectus*

2 Simonstown 6.11, 10 Langebaan 9.11.

Long-tailed (Reed) Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax africanus*

Well spread inland in S.A. and Namibia. Highest number 500 Katima sewage ponds 7.12.

Crowned Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax coronatus*

5 Wildevoëlveli 5.11, 10 Simonstown + 2 Cape Point 6.11, 1 Kommetjie 8.11, 30 Langebaan 9.11, 5 Walvis Bay 28.11.

African Darter, *Anhinga melanogaster*

A total of 36 in S.A., well spread, 4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Popa Falls 6.12.

Grey Heron, *Ardea cinerea*

A total of 76 in S.A., highest daily count 20 on 7 & 9.11, 10 Walvis Bay 28.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Black-headed Heron, *Ardea melanocephala*

A total of 66 in S.A., highest number 20 in Wakkerstroom 15.11, 1 Rundu 9.12.

Goliath Heron, *Ardea goliath*

1 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 2 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 20-21.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 15.12.

Purple Heron, *Ardea purpurea*

1 Wildevoëlveli 5.11, 1 8.11, 5 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 1 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 18.11, 2 Umfolozi Dam 20.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 1 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Great Egret, *Egretta alba*

4 Wakkerstroom 14-16.11, 6 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Slaty Egret, *Egretta vinaceigula*

1 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Black Heron, *Egretta ardesiaca*

1 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Yellow-billed Egret, *Egretta intermedia*

1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 2 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 1 Cape Vidal 20.11, 15 Mahango G.R. 4-5.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 2 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta*

A total of 21 in S.A., highest number 10 West Coast N.P. 9.11. 20 Walvis Bay 28.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 10 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*

Well spread in S.A., highest number 200 on 9 and 14.11. Common in Caprivi, highest number 5 000 roosting in Katima sewage ponds 7.12.

Squacco Heron, *Ardeola ralloides*

1 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 2 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 3 Umfolozi Dam 20.11, 40 Mahango 4-5.12, 50 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 10 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Rufous-bellied Heron, *Ardeola rufiventris*

1 Avis Dam 26.11, 9 Mahango 4-5.12, 13 Katima sewage ponds 6-7.12, 5 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Green Heron, *Butorides striatus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 20-21.11, 4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Popa Falls 6.12, 6 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12, 1 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Black-crowned Night Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*

1 Wildevoëlvele 5.11, 1 Kirstenbosch + 1 De Hoop N.P. 7.11, 5 Cape Town 8.11, 1 Suikerbosrand 25.11, 7 Katima sewage ponds 7.12.

Little Bittern, *Ixobrychus minutus*

2 Katima sewage ponds 6 and 7.12.

Dwarf Bittern, *Ixobrychus sturmii*

3 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Hammerkop, *Scopus umbretta*

A total of 21 in S.A., 15 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 7 Katima Mulilo 6-8.12, 2 Rundu sewage Ponds 9.12.

Yellow-billed Stork, *Mycteria ibis*

10 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11 and 5 here 19.11, 30 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

African Open-bill Stork, *Anastomus lamelligerus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 17 and 19.11, 20 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Black Stork, *Ciconia nigra*

3 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 1 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 1 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11.

Abdim's Stork, *Ciconia abdimii*

50 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 10 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Woolly-necked Stork, *Ciconia episcopus*

7 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 19.11, 10 Cape Vidal 20.11, +2 20.11, 5 21.11, 12 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

White Stork, *Ciconia ciconia*

1 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 8 Underberg 22-23.11, 60 Harrissmith 24.11, 2 Suikerbosrand 25.11, 3 Walvis Bay 28.11, 60 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 300 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Saddle-billed Stork, *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

6 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Marabou Stork, *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*

5 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 40 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 30 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 5 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Sacred Ibis, *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

A total of 510 in S.A., highest number 200 on 9.11, 1 Mahango G.R. 4.12.

Bald Ibis, *Geronticus calvus*

20 Wakkerstroom area 15.11, and 10 there the following day.

Hadada Ibis, *Bostrychia hagedash*

A total of 195 in S.A., well spread. 6 Katima Mulilo 6-8.12.

Glossy Ibis, *Plegadis falcinellus*

1 West Coast N.P. + 4 Velddrif 9.11, 2 Bloemhof 13.11, 3 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11, 10 Mkuzi G. R. 17-19.11, 5 Suikerbosrand + 3 on 25.11, 3 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 10 Katima sewage ponds 7.12.

African Spoonbill, *Platalea alba*

A total of 66 in S.A., highest number 22 De Hoop N.R. 7.12.

Greater Flamingo, *Phoenicopterus ruber*

100 Velddrif 9.11, 100 S. Brandvlei 10.11, 2 W. Kroonstad 14.11, 1000 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Lesser Flamingo, *Phoeniconaias minor*

50 Velddrif 9.11, 3000 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Greater/Lesser Flamingo, *Phoenicopterus ruber/minor*

1000 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11.

Fulvous Whistling Duck, *Dendrocygna bicolor*

5 W. Kroonstad 14.11, 12 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

White-faced Whistling Duck, *Dendrocygna viduata*

80 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 100 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12.

Egyptian Goose, *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

Common in S.A., 10 Avis Dam 26.11, 20 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Walvis Bay 28.11, 4 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12.

South African Shelduck, *Tadorna cana*

20 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 5 West Coast N.P. + 7 Velddrif + 2 on 9.11, 25 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11.

Spur-winged Goose, *Plectropterus gambensis*

A total of 145 in S.A., 20 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 5 Popa Falls 6.12, 10 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Knob-billed Duck, *Sarkidiornis melanotus*

7 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 6 Katima sewage ponds 6-7.12.

African Pygmy Goose, *Nettapus auritus*

68 Umfolozi dam 20.11.

African Black Duck, *Anas sparsa*

1 Speir Estate, Stellenbosch 8.11.

Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos*

1 Cape Town 5.11.

Cape Teal, *Anas capensis*

5 W. Kroonstad 14.11, 15 Avis Dam 26.11, 1 Walvis Bay 28.11, 2 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Yellow-billed Duck, *Anas undulata*

A total of 200 in S.A., highest number 50 in Wakkerstroom 15.11, 2 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Red-billed Teal, *Anas erythrorhynchos*

2 Stellenbosch 8.11, 3 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 4 Umfolozi Dam 20.11. A total of 124 in Namibia, highest number 70 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Hottentott Teal, *Anas hottentotta*

5 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 50 Katima sewage ponds 6-7.12, 20 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Cape Shoveler, *Anas smithii*

4 Wildevoëlveli 5.11, 1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 2 Velddrif 9.11, 20 W. Kroonstad 14.11.

Southern Pochard, *Netta erythrophthalma*

10 Wildevoëlveli 5.11, 40 W. Kroonstad 14.11, 10 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 4 S. Underberg 22.11. 2 Katima sewage ponds 7.12.

Maccoa Duck, *Oxyura maccoa*

1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 5 Walvis Bay 28.11.

White-backed Duck, *Thalassornis leaconotus*

4 Wildevoëlveli 5.11, 13 Umfolozi dam 20.11.

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 3 Richards Bay 21.11.

African Cuckoo Falcon (Hawk), *Aviceda cuculoides*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11.

Honey Buzzard, *Pernis apivorus*

1 Constantia + 1 Kirstenbosch 6.11.

Black-shouldered Kite, *Elanus caeruleus*

A total of 67 in S.A. and a total of 5 in Namibia.

Black Kite/Yellow-billed Kite, *Milvus migrans*

A total of 250 in S.A., and a total of 1330 in Namibia, highest number 500 Popa Falls Katima Mulilo 6.12. The only identified *M. m. migrans* were 1 at Mahango G.P. 5.12 and 1 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

African Fish Eagle, *Haliaeetus vocifer*

A total of 15 in S.A., highest number 5 in Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 25 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12.

Lappet-faced Vulture, *Aegypius tracheliotus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 3 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 8 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

White-headed Vulture, *Aegypius occipitalis*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Hooded Vulture, *Necrosyrtes monachus*

5 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 8 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12.

Cape Vulture, *Gyps coprotheres*

1 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 5 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 10 Sani Pass 23.11.

African White-backed Vulture, *Gyps africanus*

1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 100 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 52 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 40 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 50 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 20 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 10 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Lammergeier, *Gypaetus barbatus*

2 W. Sani Pass (in Lesotho) 23.11.

Palm-nut Vulture, *Gypohierax angolensis*

2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Short-toed Eagle, *Circaetus gallicus pectoralis*

2 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 1 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1

Omaruru–Windhoek 10.12.

Brown Snake Eagle, *Circaetus cinereus*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 16-17.12, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 2 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Southern Banded Snake Eagle, *Circaetus fasciolatus*

1 Cape Vidal 19.11.

Banded Snake Eagle, *Circaetus cinerascens*

1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Bateleur, *Terathopius ecaudatus*

8 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11. A total of of 26 in Namibia (Etosha and eastwards).

Dark Chanting Goshawk, *Melierax metabates*

2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 2 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Pale Chanting Goshawk, *Melierax canorus*

3 Brandvlei 10.11, 8 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 3 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 3 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11. A total of 49 in Namibia.

Gabar Goshawk, *Micronisus gabar*

1 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 1 Katima Mulilo 6.12.

African Harrier Hawk, *Polyboroides typus*

2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Purser's Bush–Helle Helle 24.11, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Lizard Buzzard, *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Black Harrier, *Circus maurus*

5 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 2 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11.

Montagu's Harrier, *Circus pygargus*

1 female Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 male Mahango G.P. 5.12.

African Marsh Harrier, *Circus ranivorus*

1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 10 West Coast N.P. + 2 on 9.11, 6 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 2 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

African Goshawk, *Accipiter tachiro*

1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 2 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Shikra (Little Banded Goshawk), *Accipiter badius*

A total of 11 in Namibia.

African Little Sparrowhawk, *Accipiter minullus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Popa Falls + 2 S. Popa Falls 4.12, 1 Popa Falls 6.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7-8.12.

Rufous-chested (Redbreasted) Sparrowhawk, *Accipiter rufiventris*

1 Kirstenbosch + 1 Cape Town 6.11, 1 Tokai Forest 8.11, 1 Purser's Bush–Helle Helle 24.11.

Black Sparrowhawk, *Accipiter melanoleucus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Underberg 23.11.

Common Buzzard, *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

A total of 124 in S.A., highest number 50 on 7.11. A total of 41 in Namibia.

Jackal Buzzard, *Buteo rufofuscus*

A total of 25 in S.A.

Lesser Spotted Eagle, *Aquila pomarina*

3 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Outjo–Kamanjab 29.11, 2 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 3 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 2 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Tawny Eagle, *Aquila rapax*

3 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11. A total of 19 in Namibia, highest number 10 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Steppe Eagle¹, *Aquila nipalensis*

2 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 3 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 1 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Verreaux's Eagle, *Aquila verreauxii*

2 Sir Lowry's Pass 7.11, 1 Pakhuispas 9.11, 3 Namies 11.11, 4 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 2 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Wahlberg's Eagle, *Aquila wahlbergi*

18 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 19.11, 2 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 3 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12, 2 Rundu–Omaruru 9.12.

African Hawk Eagle, *Hieraaetus spilogaster*

1 Etosha N.P. 1 and 3.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12, 1 Omaruru–Windhoek 10.12.

Booted Eagle, *Hieraaetus pennatus*

1 9.11, 1 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 1 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 1 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 2 Helle Helle 24.11, 3 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Martial Eagle, *Polemaetus bellicosus*

1 Calvinia 10.11, 1 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 2 Etosha N.P. 1.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12, 1 Rundu–Omaruru 9.12.

Long-crested Eagle, *Lophaetus occipitalis*

2 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 19.11, 1 Cape Vidal 20.11, 5 21.11, 1 Underberg 23.11.

Crowned Eagle, *Stephanoaetus coronatus*

1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11.

Secretary Bird, *Sagittarius serpentarius*

1 N. Langebaan 9.11, 2 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 2 Hobatere–Etosha 30.11, 2 Etosha N.P. 1.12, 2 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Pygmy Falcon, *Polyhierax semitorquatus*

3 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Lesser Kestrel, *Falco naumanni*

100 SW. Bloemhof 13.11, 30 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11, 3 Wakkerstroom 15.11.

Greater Kestrel, *Falco rupicoloides*

1 Namies + 3 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Common (Rock) Kestrel, *Falco tinnunculus*

A total of 32 in S.A. and 12 in Namibia.

Dickinson's Kestrel, *Falco dickinsoni*

2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12.

Red-footed Falcon, *Falco vespertinus*

50 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 150 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 50 Susuwe 8.12.

Eastern Red-footed Falcon, *Falco amurensis*

2 Susuwe 8.12.

Red-necked Falcon, *Falco chicquera*

2 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12.

Hobby, *Falco subbuteo*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Cape Vidal 20.11, 50 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 15 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 3 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 15 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12, 2 Rundu 9.12.

Lanner Falcon, *Falco biarmicus*

5 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 1 Upington 13.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 3 Oribi Gorge 22.11, 2 Sani Pass 23.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 1.12, 1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo + 1 Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*

1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

Swainson's Francolin, *Francolinus swainsonii*

3 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11, 3 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 30 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Natal Francolin, *Francolinus natalensis*

1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11.

Hartlaub's Francolin, *Francolinus hartlaubi*

10 Omaruru 10.12.

Red-billed Francolin, *Francolinus adspersus*

A total of 91 in Namibia.

Cape Francolin, *Francolinus capensis*

10 Kirstenbosch + 1 Cape Point 6.11, a total of 50 on 7.11, 2 Stellenbosch 8.11, a total of 10 on 9.11, 2 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11.

Crested Francolin, *Francolinus sephaena*

11 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Grey-wing Francolin, *Francolinus africanus*

3 Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11.

Orange River Francolin, *Francolinus levalliantoides*

2 heard Hobatere 30.11.

Common Quail, *Coturnix coturnix*

A total of 18 in S.A.

Helmeted Guineafowl, *Numida meleagris*

Common in S.A., and a total of 260 in Namibia.

Crested Guineafowl, *Guttera pucherani*

47 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11.

Little (Kurrichane) Button-Quail, *Turnix sylvatica*

2 heard W. Kakamas 11.11, 1 heard Mkuzi G.R. 16.11, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Wattled Crane, *Bugeranus carunculatus*

2 Underberg 23.11, 3 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Blue Crane, *Anthropoides paradisea*

80 Sir Lowry's Pass–De Hoop 7.11, 4 Langebaan–Clanwillam 9.11, 1 Helle Helle 24.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Grey Crowned Crane, *Balearica regohurum*

40 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 4 Underberg 23.11, 2 Helle Helle 24.11.

Kaffir (African) Rail, *Rallus caerulescens*

2 heard Wakkerstroom 15.11, 5 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Buff-spotted Flufftail, *Sarothrura elegans*

1 heard Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Black Crake, *Amaurornis flavirostris*

3 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 4 Popa Falls + 5 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 1 Popa Falls + 1 on 5.12, 15 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 5 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Baillon's Crake, *Porzana pusilla*

3 Katima sewage ponds 6-7.12, 2 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus*

A total of 38 in S.A., and a total of 78 in Namibia.

Lesser Moorhen, *Gallinula angulata*

1 Etosha N.P. 1.12, 5 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Purple Gallinule, *Porphyrio porphyrio*

10 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 5 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 7 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 10 Rundu 9.12.

Red-knobbed Coot, *Fulica cristata*

Common in S.A. A total of 47 in Namibia.

African Finfoot, *Podica senegalensis*

1 male Hippo Lodge, Katima Mulilo 7.12 and 1 female there 8.12.

Denham's (Stanley's) Bustard, *Neotis denhami*

2 Sir Lowry's Pass–De Hoop 7.11, 4 Wakkerstroom 16.11.

Ludwig's Bustard, *Neotis ludwigii*

1 Namies + 8 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11.

Kori Bustard, *Ardeotis kori*

1 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 1 Outjo–Kamanjab 29.11, 6 Etosha N.P. 30.11-2.12.

Crested Bustard (Redcrested Korhaan), *Eupodotis ruficrista*

20 Outjo–Kamanjab 29.11, 2 Hobatere–Etosha 30.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Black Korhaan, *Eupodotis afra*

1 Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11, 1 N. Langebaan 9.11.

White-quilled Bustard (Northern Black Koorhan)², *Eupodotis afraoides*

6 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 15 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 10 Sandveld N.R. + 5 on 14.11, 4 Outjo–Kamanjab 29.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 1.12, 4 Omaruru–Windhoek 10.12.

Karoo Korhaan, *Eupodotis vigorsii*

4 Brandvlei 10.11, 3 Bloemhof–Pofadder 11.11, 1 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 13.11.

Rüppell's Korhaan, *Eupoditis rueppellii*

2 W. Spitzkoppe 28.11.

Blue Korhaan, *Eupodotis caerulescens*

8 Wakkerstroom 15.11.

Black-bellied Bustard (Koorhan), *Eupodotis melanogaster*

6 Mkuzi G.R. 16-18.11, 2 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Lesser Jacana, *Microparra capensis*

6 Umfolozi dam 20.11.

African Jacana, *Actophilornis africana*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 10 Cape Vidal + 10 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 25 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 20 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 10 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Greater Painted-Snipe, *Rostratula benghalensis*

3 Katima Mulilo sewage ponds 6.12 and 2 there 7.12, 15 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Eurasian Oystercatcher, *Haematopus ostralegus*

1 West Coast N.P. 9.11.

African Black Oystercatcher, *Haematopus moquini*

5 Kommetjie 5.11, 2 De Hoop 7.12, 2 Kommetjie 8.11, 2 Langebaan 9.11, 4 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Black-winged Stilt, *Himantopus himantopus*

A total of 61 in S.A., 5 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 5 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 5 Rundu 9.12.

Pied Avocet, *Recurvirostra avosetta*

10 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 2 Brandvlei 10.11, 20 Bloemhof-Pofadder 11.11, 10 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 50 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Water Thick-knee (Dikkop), *Burhinus vermiculatus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 17 and 19.11, 4 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Spotted Thick-knee (Dikkop), *Burhinus capensis*

2 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 2 Kommetjie 8.11, 1 Pakhuispas 9.11, 2 Benoni 26.11, 4 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Burchell's Courser, *Cursorius rufus*

1 Brandvlei-Pofadder 11.11.

Double-banded Courser, *Rhinoptilus africanus*

6 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Collared Pratincole, *Glareola pratincola*

1 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Black-winged Pratincole, *Glareola nordmanni*

10 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 70 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Collared/Black-winged Pratincole, *Glareola pratincola/nordmanni*

2 Richards Bay 21.11.

Rock Pratincole, *Glareola nuchalis*

7 Popa Falls + 2 on 4.12, 3 Popa Falls 5.12 and 5 there 6.12, 9 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Long-toed Lapwing, *Vanellus crassirostris*

20 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

White-headed Lapwing (Whitecrowned Plover), *Vanellus albiceps*

2 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12.

Lesser Black-winged Plover, *Vanellus lugubris*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11.

Black-winged Plover, *Vanellus melanopterus*

2 Cape Vidal 20.11.

Crowned Lapwing, *Vanellus coronatus*

A total of 80 in S.A. and a total of 37 in Namibia.

African Wattled Lapwing, *Vanellus senegallus*

12 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 7 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Popa Falls 6.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Blacksmith Plover, *Anitibyx armatus*

A total of 140 in S.A. and a total of 310 in Namibia.

Grey Plover, *Pluvialis squatarola*

100 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 10 Richards Bay 21.11, 300 Walvis Bay 28.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Ringed Plover, *Charadrius hiaticula*

10 De Hoop N.R. 7.12, 20 West Coast N.P. + 2 Velddrif 9.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 100 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Kittlitz's Plover, *Charadrius pecuarius*

1 Bredasdorp–De Hoop + 10 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 10 West Coast N.P. + 4 Velddrif 9.11, 1 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 20 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Three-banded Plover, *Charadrius tricollaris*

10 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 5 Velddrif 9.11, 1 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 1 Upington 13.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 10 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 2 Walvis Bay 28.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 7 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 10 Rundu 9.12.

White-fronted Plover, *Charadrius marginatus*

4 Kommetjie 5.11, 20 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 5 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 200 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Chestnut-banded Plover, *Charadrius pallidus*

50 Walvis Bay 28.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Bar-tailed Godwit, *Limosa lapponica*

10 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 100 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*

1 Kommetjie 5 and 8.11, 50 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 1 Richards Bay 21.11, 10 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Eurasian Curlew, *Numenius arquata*

6 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 10 Richards Bay 21.11, 20 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Marsh Sandpiper, *Tringa stagnatilis*

50 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 100 West Coast N.P. + Velddrif 9.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 20 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 2 Mahango G.R. 4.12, 2 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Common Greenshank, *Tringa nebularia*

A total of 105 in S.A. and a total of 58 in Namibia.

Green Sandpiper, *Tringa ochropus*

3 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Wood Sandpiper, *Tringa glareola*

20 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 2 Sandveld N.R. + 1 on 14.11, 5 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11. A total of 230 in Namibia, highest number 100 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Terek Sandpiper, *Xenus cinereus*

4 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Common Sandpiper, *Actitis hypoleucos*

A total of 19 in S.A. and a total of 80 in Namibia.

Ruddy Turnstone, *Arenaria interpres*

50 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 200 Walvis Bay 28.11, 1 Rundu 9.12.

African Snipe, *Gallinago nigripennis*

1 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 10 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 2 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 2 Rundu sewage ponds 9.11.

Red Knot, *Calidris canutus*

100 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 300 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Sanderling, *Calidris alba*

30 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 30 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 23 Umlalazi N.R. + 20 Richards Bay 21.11, 500 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Little Stint, *Calidris minuta*

500 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 100 West Coast N.P. 9.11 + 180 in S.A. 10 Avis Dam 26.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 500 Walvis Bay 28.11, 20 Rundu 9.12.

Curlew Sandpiper, *Calidris ferruginea*

100 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 500 West Coast N.P. 9.11 + 100 in S.A., 3000 Walvis Bay 28.11, 2 Rundu 9.12.

Ruff, *Philomachus pugnax*

A total of 103 in S.A., highest number 50 De Hoop N.R. 7.11. A total of 590 in Namibia, highest number 200 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Pomarine Skua, *Stercorarius pomarinus*

1 adult, light Simonstown 6.11.

Arctic Skua, *Stercorarius parasiticus*

15 Kommetjie 5.11 and 30 there 8.11, 20 Simonstown + 5 Cape Point 6.11, 2 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 10 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Kelp Gull, *Larus dominicanus*

Common along the Atlantic coast of S.A. 5 Calvinia–Brandvlei 10.11, 100 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Grey-headed Gull, *Larus cirrocephalus*

10 Cape Town area 5-6.11, 20 Brandvlei 10-11.11, 20 Sandveld N.R. + 20 on 14.11, 5 Cape Vidal 20.11, 50 on 21.11, 20 Suikerbosrand 25.11, 1 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Hartlaub's Gull, *Larus hartlaubii*

Common along the Atlantic coast of S.A. 300 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Sabine's Gull, *Larus sabini*

25 Kommetjie 8.11.

Whiskered Tern, *Chlidonias hybridus*

2 Wildevoëllei 5.11, 2 Tokai Forest 8.11, 40 Mkuzi 17-19.11, 1 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 1 on 21.11, 9 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 2 Rundu 9.12.

White-winged Black Tern, *Chlidonias leucopterus*

100 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 50 Walvis Bay 28.11, 5 Katima Mulilo 6.12, 10 Rundu 9.12.

Black Tern, *Chlidonias nigra*

1000 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Caspian Tern, *Sterna caspia*

1 Cape Town 5.11, 1 West Coast N.P. + 2 Velddrif 9.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 10 Richards Bay 21.11, 30 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Common Tern, *Sterna hirundo*

1000 Kommetjie 8.11, 10 West Coast N.P. + 20 Velddrif 9.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 50 000 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii*

1 Kommetjie 5.11.

Damara Tern, *Sterna balaenarum*

10 Walvis Bay 27.11 and 20 there 28.11.

Little Tern, *Sterna albifrons*

1 Velddrif 9.11, 50 Richards Bay 21.11.

Greater Crested Tern, *Sterna bergii*

A total of 325 along the Atlantic coast of Cape. 20 Richards Bay 21.11. 20 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Sandwich Tern, *Sterna sandvicensis*

A total of 72 along the Atlantic coast of Cape. 20 Richards Bay 21.11. 52 Walvis Bay 27-28.11.

African Skimmer, *Rynchops flavirostris*

2 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Namaqua Sandgrouse, *Pterocles namaqua*

17 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 20 Brandvlei 10.11, 20 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 1 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 2 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 7 Outjo–Kamanjab 29.11, 7 Hobatere 30.11, 600 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Burchell's Sandgrouse, *Pterocles burchelli*

2 Outjo–Kamanjab 29.11.

Double-banded Sandgrouse, *Pterocles bicinctus*

450 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 6 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Speckled Pigeon, *Columba guinea*

Fairly common in S.A., few in Natal. 30 Windhoek–Walvis Bay 27.11, 20 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Olive (Rameron) Pigeon, *Columba arquatrix*

15 Constantia + Kirstenbosch 6.11, 50 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11, 2 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Feral Pigeon, *Columba livia*

Occurred in small numbers in cities and villages in both countries.

African Mourning Dove, *Streptopelia decipiens*

2 Popa Falls 4.12, 7 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Popa Falls 6.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Red-eyed Dove, *Streptopelia semitorquata*

Fairly common in S.A. and Caprivi.

Ring-necked Dove, *Streptopelia capicola*

Common in both countries.

Laughing Dove, *Streptopelia senegalensis*

Common in both countries.

Lemon (Cinnamon) Dove, *Columba larvata*

1 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 3 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, *Turtur chalcospilos*

60 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11 + 5 on 19.11, 20 Popa Falls + Mahango G.P. 4-6.12, 20 Katima Mulilo 7-8.12.

Tambourine Dove, *Turtur tympanistria*

18 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 10 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 11 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11.

Namaqua Dove, *Oena capensis*

A total of 164 in S.A., most common in Great Karoo 10-11.11. A total of 45 in Namibia.

African Green Pigeon, *Treron calva*

5 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 20 Susuwe 8.12.

Brown-necked (Cape) Parrot, *Poicephalus robustus*

2 heard Purser's Bush 24.11.

Brown-headed Parrot, *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11.

Meyer's Parrot, *Poicephalus meyeri*

11 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Popa Falls–Mahango 4.12, 20 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12.

Rüppell's Parrot, *Poicephalus rueppellii*

5 Hobatere 30.11.

Rosy-faced Lovebird, *Agapornis roseicollis*

20 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 10 Hobatere 30.11, 4 Omaruru 9-10.12.

Grey Go-away Bird (Grey Lourie), *Corythaixoides concolor*

A total of 130 in Namibia.

Purple-crested Turaco, *Musophaga porphyreolopha*

16 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Livingstone's Turaco³, *Tauraco livingstonii*

5 Cape Vidal 20.11, 16 Katima Mulilo 6-8.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Knysna Turaco⁴, *Tauraco corythaix*

13 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11, 2 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Jacobin Cuckoo, *Oxylophus jacobinus*

1 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 4 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Katere 8.12, 1 Rundu 9.12.

African Striped Cuckoo, *Oxylophus levaillantii*

1 Etosha N.P. 3.12, 1 Popa Falls 4.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12.

Thick-billed Cuckoo, *Pachycoccyx audeberti*

1 pair courtship feeding at Susuwe 8.12. Could be a new species for Namibia.

Red-chested Cuckoo, *Cuculus solitarius*

1 Constantia + 2 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 15.11, a total of 38 in Natal 16-24.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12.

Black Cuckoo, *Cuculus clamosus*

2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Sani Pass 23.11, 1 Purser's Bush 24.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 1 Popa Falls 4.12, 4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12, 1 Omaruru 10.12.

Common Cuckoo, *Cuculus canorus*

1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12.

African Cuckoo, *Cuculus gularis*

1 heard Sesfontein, Johannesburg 26.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 1 Popa Falls 4.12, 3 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 1 Rundu 8.12, 1 Omaruru 10.12.

African Emerald Cuckoo, *Chrysococcyx cupreus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Klaas's Cuckoo, *Chrysococcyx klaas*

1 Speir Estate, Stellenbosch 8.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Purser's Bush + 1 Helle Helle 24.11.

Didric Cuckoo, *Chrysococcyx caprius*

A total of 39 in S.A., highest number 10 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11. 2 Etosha N.P. 2.12, a total of 6 in Caprivi 4-8.12.

Yellowbill (Green Coucal), *Ceuthmochares aereus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Coppery-tailed Coucal, *Centropus cupreicaudus*

35 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 5 Popa Falls 6.12.

Senegal Coucal, *Centropus senegalensis*

4 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 2 Rundu 9.12.

White-browed Coucal, *Centropus superciliosus*

6 Popa Falls 4-6.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 3 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Burchell's Coucal, *Centropus burchellii*

30 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 3 Cape Vidal + 2 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 3 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*

1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 1 Popa Falls 4-5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

African Scops Owl^s, *Otus senegalensis*

1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

White-faced Scops Owl, *Otus leucotis*

1 heard Omaruru 10.12.

Cape Eagle-Owl, *Bubo capensis*

1 seen Pakhuispas 9.12.

Spotted Eagle-Owl, *Bubo africanus*

1 heard Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 4 heard Oribi Gorge 21.11, 2 seen Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, *Bubo lacteus*

1 Hobatere 30.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Pel's Fishing-Owl, *Scotopelia peli*

1 heard Hippo Island, Katima Mulio 6.12.

African Wood Owl, *Strix woodfordii*

At least 2 Popa Falls 3-5.12.

Pearl-spotted Owlet, *Glaucidium perlatum*

1 heard Sesfontein, Johannesburg 26.11, 1 heard Omaruru 9.12.

Marsh Owl, *Asio capensis*

2 Sandveld N.R. 13.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 15.11.

Fiery-necked Nightjar, *Caprimulgus pectoralis*

1 De Hoop N.R. 7.11.

Rufous-cheeked Nightjar, *Caprimulgus rufigena*

15 Etosha N.P. 30.11-2.12.

Swamp (Natal) Nightjar, *Caprimulgus natalensis*

3 Cape Vidal 19.11.

Freckled Nightjar, *Caprimulgus tristigma*

1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21.11, 2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 24-25.11, 4 Omaruru 10.12.

Square-tailed (Mozambique) Nightjar, *Scotornis fossii*

1 Susuwe + 1 Katere 8.12.

African Palm Swift, *Cypsiurus parvus*

1 on 7.11, 3 Kaciamas 12.11, 20 Cape Vidal 19.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 1 on 27.11, 3 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 1 Rundu 9.12.

Alpine Swift, *Apus melba*

A total of 300 in S.A., highest number 100 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11. A total of 60 in Namibia, highest number 30 N. Omaruru 9.12.

African Black Swift, *Apus barbatus*

Well spread in S.A., highest number 300 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

Bradfield's Swift, *Apus bradfieldi*

3 Avis Dam 26.11, 5 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 20 N. Omaruru 9.12, 50 Windhoek 11.12.

Eurasian Swift, *Apus apus*

A total of 480 Etosha–Caprivi (Namibia).

Little Swift, *Apus affinis*

Common in both countries.

Horus Swift, *Apus horus*

50 Sani Pass 23.11.

White-rumped Swift, *Apus caffer*

A total of 220 in S.A., highest number 50 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11. A total of 70 in Namibia.

Speckled Mousebird, *Colius striatus*

21 southwestern Cape 6-8.11, 10 Wakkerstroom 16.11, a total of 75 Natal 17-24.11, 5 Johannesburg 26.11.

White-backed Mousebird, *Colius colius*

10 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 2 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 5 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 30 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 7 Upington 13.11, 20 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Windhoek Airport 11.12.

Red-faced Mousebird, *Urocolius indicus*

4 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 1 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 20 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 5 Sandveld 14.11, 2 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 1 Rooibank 27.11, 2 Hobatere–Etosha 30.11, 6 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12.

Narina's Trogon, *Apaloderma narina*

4 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11, 3 Purser's Bush 24.11.

African Giant Kingfisher, *Megaceryle maxima*

2 Stellenbosch 8.11, 1 Upington 13.11, 2 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11, 2 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Popa Falls 6.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 6-8.12.

Pied Kingfisher, *Ceryle rudis*

A total of 20 in S.A. and 16 in eastern Namibia.

Malachite Kingfisher, *Conythornis cristata*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 2 Cape Vidal 20.11, 2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 4 Katima Mulilo 6-8.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12, 2 Rundu 9.12.

African Pygmy Kingfisher, *Ceyx picta*

A total of 3 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11.

Grey-headed Kingfisher, *Halcyon leucocephala*

1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 1 Katere 8.12.

Woodland Kingfisher, *Halcyon senegalensis*

12 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12, 2 Rundu 9.12.

Brown-hooded Kingfisher, *Halcyon albiventris*

16 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 2 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 19.11, 1 Cape Vidal + 2 on 20.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Hele Hele 24.11, 5 Katima Mulilo 7-8.12.

Striped Kingfisher, *Halcyon chelicuti*

9 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 1 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 19.11.

White-fronted Bee-eater, *Merops bullockoides*

10 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 20 Katima Mulilo 6.12, 10 Susuwe 8.12.

Little Bee-eater, *Merops pusillus*

7 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 1 Cape Vidal 20.11, 30 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 10 Susuwe + 5 on 8.12.

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, *Merops hirundineus*

2 Augrabies Falls N.P. + 2 Kaciamas 12.11, 6 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11. A total of 65 in Namibia, highest number 20 on 3.12.

European Bee-eater, *Merops apiaster*

10 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 20 Brandvlei 10.11, 30 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11. A total of 200 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 2 on 20.11. A total of 275 in Namibia, highest number 100 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Southern Carmine Bee-eater⁶, *Merops nubicoides*

70 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 40 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 30 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12, 5 on 9.12.

Blue-cheeked Bee-eater⁷, *Merops persicus*

6 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 10 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 10 Katima Mulilo 6.12, 10 Rundu 9.12.

European Roller, *Coracias garrulus*

12 Katere 8.12.

Lilac-breasted Roller, *Coracias caudata*

1 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 4 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 1 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 19.11. A total of 98 in eastern Namibia.

Racquet-tailed Roller, *Coracias spatulata*

2 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 10 Susuwe 8.12.

Rufous-crowned Roller, *Coracias naevia*

A total of 48 in Namibia.

Broad-billed Roller, *Eurystomus glaucurus*

6 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Popa Falls–Mahango 4.12, 20 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 20 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 10 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Hoopoe, *Upupa epops*

A total of 77 in S.A. and a total of 25 in Namibia.

Green (Redbilled) Wood-Hoopoe, *Phoeniculus purpureus*

40 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 3.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 6 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 30 Susuwe 8.12, 1 Rundu + 2 Omaruru 9.12.

Violet Wood-Hoopoe, *Phoeniculus damarensis*

2 Hobatere 30.11.

Scimitarbill, *Phoeniculus cyanomelas*

1 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 1 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 15 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 3 on 29.11, 3 Etosha N.P. 30.11-1.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 5 Susuwe 8.12.

Crowned Hornbill, *Tockus alboterminatus*

4 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 1 Umfolozi dam + 3 Umlalazi N.R. 20.11, 5 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 2 Purser's Bush + 1 Helle Helle 24.11.

Bradfield's Hornbill, *Tockus bradfieldi*

4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

African Grey Hornbill, *Tockus nasutus*

A total of 82 in Namibia.

Monteiro's Hornbill, *Tockus monteiri*

2 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 5 on 29.11, 10 Hobatere + 5 on 30.11, 2 N. Omaruru 9.12, 4 Omaruru–Windhoek 10.12.

Red-billed Hornbill, *Tockus erythrorhynchus*

5 Hobatere + 2 on 30.11, 5 Susuwe 8.12, 3 Omaruru 10.12.

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, *Tockus leucomelas*

2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 6 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11. A total of 60 in Namibia.

Trumpeter Hornbill, *Ceratogymna bucinator*

35 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 12 Cape Vidal 19-20.11, 10 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 15 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11, 6 Katima Mulilo 6-8.12.

White-eared Barbet, *Stactolaema leucotis*

6 Mkuzi G.R. 17-18.11, 15 Cape Vidal 20.11, 6 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Red-fronted Tinkerbird, *Pogoniulus pusillus*

4 Mkuzi G.R. 17-18.11, 2 Cape Vidal 20.11, 2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 3 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 2 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*

1 Popa Falls 4.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 3 Susuwe 8.12.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, *Pogoniulus bilineatus*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 3 Cape Vidal 20.11, 15 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 3 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

Pied Barbet, *Tricholaema leucomelaina*

5 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 5 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 1 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 1 Popa Falls 4.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 3 Susuwe 8.12.

Black-collared Barbet, *Lybius torquatus*

10 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Suikerbosrand 25.11, 2 Popa Falls 6.12, 3 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Crested Barbet, *Trachyphonus vaillantii*

3 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 7 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 1 Susuwe + 1 on 8.12.

Wahlberg's Honeybird (Sharpbilled Honeyguide), *Prodotiscus regulus*

1 heard Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12.

Greater Honeyguide, *Indicator indicator*

1 Underberg 24.11.

Lesser Honeyguide, *Indicator minor*

1 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Rufous-breasted Wryneck, *Jynx ruficollis*

3 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Bennett's Woodpecker, *Campethera bennettii*

1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Golden-tailed Woodpecker, *Campethera abingoni*

10 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Knysna Woodpecker, *Campethera notata*

1 heard Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

Ground Woodpecker, *Geocolaptes olivaceus*

6 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 7 Sani Pass 23.11.

Cardinal Woodpecker, *Dendropicus fuscescens*

1 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 11 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12.

Bearded Woodpecker, *Dendropicus namaquus*

2 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Hobatere 30.11, 2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 5 Susuwe 8.12.

Olive Woodpecker, *Dendropicus griseocephalus*

3 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11.

African Broadbill, *Smithornis capensis*

2 heard Mkuzi G.R. 18.11.

Rufous-naped Lark, *Mirafra africana*

20 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 2 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 1 Helle Helle 24.11, 10 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 15 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Flappet Lark, *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*

6 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 6 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12.

Clapper Lark, *Mirafra apiata*

2 Brandvlei 10.11, 10 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11.

Fawn-coloured Lark, *Mirafra africanoides*

10 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 10 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 6 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Sabota Lark, *Mirafra sabota*

2 Brandvlei 10.11, 20 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 2 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11, 10 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 8 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 3 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 2 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 5 Hobatere–Etosha 30.11, 50 eastern Etosha 1-2.12, 2 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Rudd's Lark, *Heteromirafra ruddi*

2 Wakkerstroom 16.11.

Long-billed Lark, *Certhilauda curvirostris*

1 Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11, 30 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 1 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 2 Suikerbosrand 25.11, 2 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Short-clawed Lark, *Certhilauda chuana*

1 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11.

Karoo Lark, *Certhilauda albescens*

10 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 10 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 20 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11.

Dune Lark, *Certhilauda erythrochlamys*

1 Rooibank 27.11.

Red Lark, *Certhilauda burra*

7 Namies 11.11.

Spike-heeled Lark, *Chersomanes albofasciata*

2 Brandvlei 10.11, common Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 30 Spitzkoppe 12.11, 5 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 30 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 5 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Gray's Lark, *Ammomanes grayi*

4 W. Spitzkoppe 28.11.

Red-capped Lark, *Calandrella cinerea*

Common Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11, 2 Velddrif 9.11, 20 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 2 Sani Pass 23.11, 50 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12.

Pink-billed Lark, *Spizocorys conirostris*

5 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Sclater's Lark, *Spizocorys sclateri*

4 W. Halfweg (between Brandvlei and Pofadder) 11.11.

Botha's Lark, *Spizocorys fringillaris*

4 Wakkerstroom 16.11.

Stark's Lark, *Eremalauda starki*

2 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Large-billed Lark, *Galerida magnirostris*

2 Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11, 1 Velddrif 9.11, 10 Sani Pass 23.11.

Black-eared Sparrow-Lark, *Eremopterix australis*

100 Brandvlei 10.11, 10 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11.

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark, *Eremopterix leucotis*

10 Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark, *Eremopterix verticalis*

200 Brandvlei 10.11, 1000 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 10 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 2 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 230 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 2 Rundu 9.12, 8 Windhoek 10.12.

Brown-throated Sand Martin, *Riparia paludicola*

A total of 240 in S.A.

Sand Martin, *Riparia riparia*

1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Banded Martin, *Riparia cincta*

1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 1 Velddrif 9.11, 30 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 1 Oribi Gorge–Underberg 22.11, 3 Etosha 1.12, 10 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Grey-rumped Swallow, *Pseudhirundo griseopyga*

1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Rock Martin, *Hirundo fuligula*

A total of 255 in S.A., and 55 in Namibia.

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*

Common in S.A., highest number 500 Mkuzi G.R. 18 and 19.11. Common in Namibia, highest number 1000 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

White-throated Swallow, *Hirundo albigularis*

20 Wildevoëlvlei 5.11, 2 Bredasdorp–De Hoop + 4 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 2 on 9.11, 2 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 20 Upington 13.11, 10 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 30 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 2 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 5 Underberg 23.11, 2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 3 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Wire-tailed Swallow, *Hirundo smithii*

10 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12.

Blue Swallow, *Hirundo atrocaerulea*

6 Helle Helle 24.11.

Pearl-breasted Swallow, *Hirundo dimidiata*

2 Bredasdorp–De Hoop + 5 De Hoop N.R. 7.11.

Greater Striped Swallow, *Hirundo cucullata*

Common in S.A. A total of 135 in western Namibia.

Lesser Striped Swallow, *Hirundo abyssinica*

A total of 360 in Natal 17-22.11. 1 Etosha–Popa Falls 3.12.

Red-breasted Swallow, *Hirundo semirufa*

10 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11, 4 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, +2 on 19.11, 7 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 15 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 5 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12, 5 Rundu 9.12.

Mosque Swallow, *Hirundo senegalensis*

15 Etosha N.P. 2-3.12, 14 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 2 Rundu 9.12.

South African Cliff Swallow, *Hirundo spilodera*

Common Brandvlei 10.11, 100 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 20 Kaciamas 12.11, 50 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, common Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11, 70 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11.

Common House Martin, *Delichon urbica*

5 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 5 Helle Helle 24.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Black Saw-wing, *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*

1 Wildevoëlvlei 5.11, 5 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 20 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 10 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Purser's Bush + 1 Helle Helle 25.11.

African Pied Wagtail, *Motacilla aguimp*

2 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 2 Upington 13.11, 3 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 2 Popa Falls + 2 on 4.12, 4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 8 Katima Mulilo 6-8.12.

Mountain (Longtailed) Wagtail, *Motacilla clara*

3 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

Cape Wagtail, *Motacilla capensis*

Fairly common in S.A., highest number 20 on 7 and 9.11, 5 Avis Dam 26.11, 10 on 27.11, 5 on 28.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Cape (Orangethroated) Longclaw, *Macronyx capensis*

5 Stellenbosch 8.11, 10 West Coast N.P. + 2 Velddrif 9.11, 25 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 2 on 24.11, 25 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Yellow-throated Longclaw, *Macronyx croceus*

7 Mkuzi G.R. 17-18.11, 1 Cape Vidal 19.11, 2 Umfolozi dam 20.11.

Yellow-breasted Pipit, *Anthus chloris*

2 Wakkerstroom 15.11.

Grassveld Pipit⁸, *Anthus cinnamomeus*

Occasional - common in S.A. and a total of 60 in Namibia.

Mountain Pipit, *Anthus hoeschi*

10 Sani Pass 23.11.

Long-billed Pipit, *Anthus similis*

1 Helle Helle 24.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 2 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11.

Wood Pipit⁹, *Anthus nyassae schoutedeni*

2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Buffy Pipit, *Anthus vaalensis*

2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Plain-backed Pipit, *Anthus leucophrys*

2 Cape Vidal 20.11.

Striped Pipit, *Anthus lineiventris*

2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21.11.

African Rock Pipit, *Anthus crenatus*

3 Sani Pass 23.11.

Grey Cuckoo-Shrike, *Coracina caesia*

6 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11, 1 Purser's Bush 24.11.

White-breasted Cuckoo-Shrike, *Coracina pectoralis*

2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Black Cuckoo-Shrike, *Campephaga flava*

5 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Mahangi G.P. 5.12, 3 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 5 Susuwe 8.12.

African Red-eyed Bulbul, *Pycnonotus nigricans*

2 Brandvlei 10.11, 1 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, common 12-13.11, 20 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 20 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11. A total of 150 in western Namibia.

Cape Bulbul, *Pycnonotus capensis*

A total of 55 in Western Cape 6-10.11.

Common Bulbul, *Pycnonotus barbatus*

5 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 30 Wakkerstroom–Mkuzi 16.11, common in Natal 17-24.11. A total of 105 in Caprivi 4-9.12.

Sombre Greenbul, *Pycnonotus importunus*

Common Constantia and Kirstenbosch 6.11, 10 on 7.11, 1 Stellenbosch + 1 Kommetjie 8.11, 5 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 7 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Cape Vidal 20.11, 5 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, common Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 2 Underberg 23.11, 20 Purser's Bush and Helle Helle 24.11.

Yellow-bellied Greenbul, *Chlorocichla flaviventris*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 20 Cape Vidal 20.11, common Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 15 Popa Falls 3-6.12, 2 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Katere 8.12.

Terrestrial Brownbul, *Phyllastrephus terrestris*

45 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 15 Popa Falls 4-6.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Southern Whitecrowned Shrike, *Eurocephalus anguitimens*

5 Outjo–Kamanjab 29.11, 10 Hobatere + 5 on 30.11, 6 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 5 Etosha–Popa Falls 3.12, 3 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Katere 8.12.

White Helmet Shrike, *Prionops plumatus*

6 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 8 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 5 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 3 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 10 Susuwe + 5 Katere 8.12, 5 on 9.12.

Retz's Red-billed Helmet Shrike, *Prionops retzii*

3 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 20 Susuwe 8.12.

Whitetailed Shrike, *Lanioturdus torquatus*

2 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 10 Hobatere 30.11, 6 Omaruru 9-10.12.

Brubru, *Nilaus afer*

1 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 5 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 6 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Southern Puffback, *Dryoscopus cubla*

30 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 10 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 Purser's Bush + 1 Helle Helle 24.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 2 Popa Falls 6.12, 15 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 10 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12, 2 Rundu 9.12.

Black-crowned Tchagra, *Tchagra senegala*

2 heard Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11.

Southern Tchagra, *Tchagra tchagra*

1 heard De Hoop N.R. 7.11.

Brown-headed Tchagra, *Tchagra australis*

2 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 7 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 4 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 15 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 10 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Tropical Boubou, *Laniarius aethiopicus*

2 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Swamp Boubou, *Laniarius bicolor*

7 Popa Falls 3-4.12, 15 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12.

Southern Boubou, *Laniarius ferrugineus*

5 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 10 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 2 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 3 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 5 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Crimson-breasted Shrike, *Laniarius atrococcineus*

1 Rooiport Game Ranch + 4 on 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Hobatere 30.11, 5 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 4 Popa Falls 4-6.12, 20 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 5 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12, 3 Rundu 9.12.

Orange-breasted Bush Shrike, *Malaconotus sulfureopectus*

1 heard Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 3 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Olive Bush Shrike, *Malaconotus olivaceus*

1 heard Mkuzi G.R. 16.11, 2 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Bokmakierie Bush Shrike, *Malaconotus zeylonus*

5 Bredasdorp–De Hoop + 10 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 1 Kommetjie 8.11, 20 on 9.11, 5 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 3 on 11.11, 5 on 13.11, 2 Underberg 23.11, 3 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 5 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Gorgeous Bush Shrike, *Malaconotus viridis*

18 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Grey-headed Bush Shrike, *Malaconotus blanchoti*

1 heard Mkuzi G.R. 19.11.

White-throated Nicator, *Nicator gularis*

14 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 1 Cape Vidal 20.11.

Magpie Shrike, *Corvinella melanoleuca*

1 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 5 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 6 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 14 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 5 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Red-backed Shrike, *Lanius collurio*

15 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Sani Pass 23.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11. A total of 156 in Namibia, highest number 40 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Lesser Grey Shrike, *Lanius minor*

1 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, a total of 87 in Caprivi 3-8.12, 10 Omaruru–Windhoek 10.12.

Fiscal Shrike, *Lanius collaris*

Common in S.A. 2 Avis Dam 26.11, 5 on 27.11, 1 on 29.11.

White Starred Robin, *Pogonocichla stellata*

1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Thrush Nightingale, *Luscinia luscinia*

1 Popa Falls 4.12.

Cape Robin-Chat, *Cossypha caffra*

A total of 87 in S.A.

White-throated Robin-Chat, *Cossypha humeralis*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11.

White-browed Robin-Chat (Heuglin's Robin), *Cossypha heuglini*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 7 Popa Falls 4-6.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 4 Katima Mulilo 7-8.12.

Red-capped Robin-Chat (Natal Robin), *Cossypha natalensis*

5 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 5 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Helle Helle 24.11.

Chorister Robin-Chat, *Cossypha dichroa*

2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 2 Purser's Bush + 1 Hele Hele 24.11.

Eastern Bearded Scrub-Robin, *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata*

15 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11.

Brown Scrub-Robin, *Cercotrichas signata*

10 Cape Vidal 20.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

White-browed Scrub-Robin, *Cercotrichas leucophrys*

35 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Hlele Helle 24.11. A total of 41 in Caprivi 3-9.12, 1 Omaruru 10.12.

Kalahari Scrub-Robin, *Cercotrichas paena*

1 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 30 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, common Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 3 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 5 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Omaruru 10.12.

Karoo Scrub-Robin, *Cercotrichas coryphaeus*

1 Bredasdorp–De Hoop + 3 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 30 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 20 Akkerendam N.R. + 2 Brandvlei 10.11, 5 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 2 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 2 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11.

Herero Chat, *Namibornis herero*

3 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Cape Rockjumper, *Chaetops frenatus*

6 Sir Lowry's Pass 7.12.

Orange-breasted Rockjumper, *Chaetops aurantius*

8 Sani Pass 23.11.

Common Stonechat, *Saxicola torquata*

Locally common in S.A., 50 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12.

Buff-streaked Chat, *Saxicola bifasciata*
11 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 2 Sani Pass 23.11.

Mountain Wheatear, *Oenanthe monticola*
1 Pakhuispas 9.11, 5 Akkerendam N.R. + 2 Brandvlei 10.11, 10 Augrabies Falls N.P. + 3 Kaciamas + 5 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 2 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 2 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 3 Sani Pass 23.11, 10 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 5 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 20 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Capped Wheatear, *Oenanthe pileata*
Common Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11, 20 on 9.11, 1 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 20 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 3 on 9.12.

Sickle-winged Chat, *Cercomela sinuata*
2 Akkerendam N.R. + 2 Brandvlei 10.11, 2 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 4 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 2 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 30 Sani Pass 23.11.

Karoo Chat, *Cercomela schlegelii*
2 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 5 Brandvlei 10.11.

Tractrac Chat, *Cercomela tractrac*
10 Brandvlei 10.11, 8 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 1 Rooibank 27.11, 1 Namib Naukluft Park + 1 on 28.11, 3 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 1 N. Omaruru 9.12, 3 Omaruru–Windhoek 10.12.

Familiar Chat, *Cercomela familiaris*
2 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 4 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 5 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 4 Sani Pass 23.11, 1 on 24.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 2 Avis Dam 26.11, 10 27.11, 2 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 1 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Southern Anteater-Chat, *Myrmecocichla formicivora*
5 Namies + 20 on 11.11, 10 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 10 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 20 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 30 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 50 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 2 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 1.12, 1 Omaruru–Windhoek 10.12.

White-headed Black Chat, *Myrmecocichla arnoti*
9 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Mocking Cliff-Chat, *Myrmecocichla cinnamomeiventris*
4 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Cape Rock-Thrush, *Monticola rupestris*
1 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 5 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11, 5 Sani Pass 23.11, 3 Suikerbosrand 25.11.

Sentinel Rock-Thrush, *Monticola explorator*
1 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 10 Sani Pass 23.11.

Short-toed Rock-Thrush, *Monticola brevipes*
2 Avis Dam 26.11, 2 Daan Viljoen G.P. + 1 on 27.11, 5 on 29.11, 1 N. Omaruru 9.12.

Orange Ground-Thrush, *Zoothera gurneyi*
1 heard Purser's Bush 24.11.

Groundscraper Thrush, *Psophocichla litsipsirupa*
5 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Hobatere 30.11, 5 Etosha N.P. 2-3.12, 2 Omaruru 10.12.

Olive Thrush, *Turdus olivaceus*
Locally common in S.A.

Kurrichane Thrush, *Turdus libonyanus*
2 Cape Vidal + 3 Umlalazi N.R. 20.11, 1 Underberg 23.11, 1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 1 Katima

Mulilo 7.12, 3 Susuwe + 2 Katere 8.12, 2 Rundu 9.12.

Blackfaced Babbler, *Turdoides melanops*
2 Katere 8.12.

Arrow-marked Babbler, *Turdoides jardineii*
12 Popa Falls 4-6.12, 10 Susuwe 8.12.

Hartlaub's Babbler, *Turdoides hartlaubii*
10 Popa Falls 4-6.12, 10 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 12 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 5 Susuwe 8.12.

Southern Pied Babbler, *Turdoides bicolor*
5 Outjo–Kamanjab 29.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 1-3.12.

Barecheeked Babbler, *Turdoides gymnogenys*
5 Hobatere 30.11.

Bush Blackcap, *Lioptilus nigricapillus*
4 Sani Pass 23.11, 10 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Little Rush-Warbler (African Sedge Warbler), *Bradypterus baboecala*
5 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 10 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 1 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 2 Underberg 23.11, 10 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7-8.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Knysna Warbler, *Bradypterus sylvaticus*
2 Constantia Nek 6.11.

Barratt's Warbler, *Bradypterus barratti*
5 Sani Pass 23.11.

Victorin's Warbler, *Bradypterus victorini*
5 heard Sir Lowry's Pass 7.11.

Rockrunner, *Achaetops pycnopygius*
2 Avis Dam 26.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 5 Omaruru 10.12.

Cape Grass-Warbler (Grassbird), *Sphenoeacus afer*
1 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 10 Sir Lowry's Pass + 10 De Hoop N.P. 7.11, 10 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 2 Sani Pass 23.11.

Sedge Warbler, *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
1 Avis Dam 26.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 2 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 8 Katima Mulilo 6-8.12, 50 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

African Reed-Warbler (African Marsh Warbler), *Acrocephalus baeticatus*
1 Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11, 1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 2 West Coast N.P. + 1 on 9.11, 10 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 5 Kroonstad 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. + 5 14.11, 20 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 1 Underberg 23.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 10 Walvis Bay 28.11, 5 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 5 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 6.12, 5 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Lesser Swamp-Warbler, *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*
1 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 15 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12, 3 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Greater Swamp-Warbler, *Acrocephalus rufescens*
2 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Icterine Warbler, *Hippolais icterina*
1 Hobatere 30.11, 3 Rundu–Popa Falls 2.12, 2 Mahango 4-5.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

African Yellow Warbler, *Chloropeta natalensis*

2 Underberg 23.11.

Red-faced Cisticola, *Cisticola erythrops*

1 singing Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Rock-loving (Lazy) Cisticola, *Cisticola aberrans*

4 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Helle Helle 24.11.

Rattling Cisticola, *Cisticola chiniana*

2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, common Mkuzi G.R., 10 Cape Vidal 20.11, 1 Hobatere 30.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 2-3.12, common Mahango G.P., 10 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 5 Susuwe 8.12.

Tinkling Cisticola, *Cisticola rufilatus*

6 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Grey-backed Cisticola, *Cisticola subruficapillus*

5 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 2 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 1 Akkerendam 10.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11.

Wailing Cisticola, *Cisticola lais*

8 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 5 Sani Pass 23.11, 5 Helle Helle 24.11, 2 Suikerbosrand 25.11.

Winding (Blackbacked) Cisticola, *Cisticola galactotes*

5 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 4 Cape Vidal 20.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 5 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Chirping Cisticola, *Cisticola pipiens*

2 Popa Falls 4.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Levaillant's Cisticola, *Cisticola tinniens*

1 Cape Town Airport 5.11, 1 Bredasdorp–De Hoop + 1 De Hoop 7.11, 2 Stellenbosch 8.11, common West Coast N.P., 10 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 12 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 1 Underberg 23.11, 20 Suikerbosrand 25.11.

Croaking Cisticola, *Cisticola natalensis*

1 Cape Vidal + 1 Umfolozi dam 20.11.

Neddicky, *Cisticola fulvicapillus*

1 Sir Lowry's Pass 7.11, 5 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 2 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 5 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Fan-tailed Zisticola, *Cisticola juncidis*

1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 2 Upington 13.11, 10 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 1 Richard's Bay 21.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 10 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Desert Cisticola, *Cisticola aridulus*

10 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 2 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12.

Cloud Cisticola, *Cisticola textrix*

10 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Pale-crowned Cisticola, *Cisticola cinnamomeus*

7 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11.

Wing-snapping (Ayre's) Cisticola, *Cisticola ayresii*

20 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 1 Underberg 23.11, 1 Helle Helle 24.11, 3 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Tawny-flanked Prinia, *Prinia subflava*

19 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Cape Vidal 20.11, 5 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Popa Falls 6.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12.

Karoo Prinia, *Prinia maculosa*

Common southwestern Cape.

Drakensberg Prinia¹⁰, *Prinia hypoxantha*

10 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 4 Underberg 22-23.11, 5 Sani Pass 23.11.

Black-chested Prinia, *Prinia flavicans*

1 Brandvlei 10.11, 15 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 10 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 10 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, common Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11. A total of 55 in Namibia.

Namaqua Warbler (Prinia), *Phragmacia substriata*

10 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11.

Rufous-eared Warbler, *Malcorus pectoralis*

4 Brandvlei 10.11, 30 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 Augrabies Falls N.P. + 1 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11.

Bar-throated Apalis, *Apalis thoracica*

2 Constantia 6.11, 3 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 1 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 5 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Yellow-breasted Apalis, *Apalis flavida*

15 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Cape Vidal 20.11, 2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 10 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 Purser's Bush 24.11, 1 Popa Falls 4.12.

Rudd's Apalis, *Apalis ruddi*

8 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 1 Cape Vidal 20.11.

Fairy Flycatcher, *Stenostira scita*

5 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11.

Bleating Warbler (Green-backed Camaroptera), *Camaroptera brachyura*

40 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 20 Cape Vidal 20.11, 22 Umlalazi N.R. 20-21.11, 10 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 Purser's Bush + 1 Helle Helle 24.11.

Grey-backed Camaroptera¹¹, *Camaroptera brevicaudata*

2 Hobatere 30.11, 3 Etosha N.P. 2-3.12, 45 Caprivi 5-9.12.

Barred Wren-Warbler (African Barred Warbler), *Calamonastes fasciolatus*

1 singing Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Hobatere 30.11.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela, *Eremomela icteropygialis*

4 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 3 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 Augrabies Falls N.P. + Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 5 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 1 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Burnt-necked Eremomela, *Eremomela usticollis*

4 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 2 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 2 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Long-billed Crombec, *Sylvietta rufescens*

A total of 39 in S.A. and a total of 20 in northern Namibia.

Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler, *Phylloscopus ruficapilla*

5 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Willow Warbler, *Phylloscopus trochilus*

A total of 135 in S.A., and a total of 180 in Namibia.

Layard's Warbler (Layard's Titbabbler), *Parisoma layardi*

10 Akkerendam N.R., 4 Sani Pass 23.11, 3 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Chestnut-vented Warbler (Titbabbler), *Parisoma subcaeruleum*

10 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 5 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 20 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 7 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 2 Popa Falls 4.12, 9 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Popa Falla–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Common Whitethroat, *Sylvia communis*

1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1 Katere + 1 on 8.12.

Pale (Mousecoloured) Flycatcher, *Melaenornis pallidus*

8 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 5 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Chat Flycatcher, *Melaenornis infuscatus*

3 Brandvlei 10.11, 30 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 10 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 5 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 1 Avis Dam 26.11, 10 Windhoek–Swakopmund 27.11, 2 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Mariqua Flycatcher, *Melaenornis mariquensis*

5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11. A total of 70 in Namibia.

Southern Black Flycatcher, *Melaenornis pammelaina*

11 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 3 Cape Vidal 20.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 1 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Fiscal Flycatcher, *Melaenornis silens*

3 Bredasdorp–De Hoop + 3 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 2 Stellenbosch 8.11, 1 Pakhuispas 9.11, 3 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 10 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 15 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Spotted Flycatcher, *Muscicapa striata*

A total of 21 in S.A. and a total of 26 in Namibia.

African Dusky Flycatcher, *Muscicapa adusta*

1 Constantia + 2 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 10 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 3 Sani Pass 23.11, 3 Purser's Bush + 2 Helle Helle 24.11.

Ashy (Bluegrey) Flycatcher, *Muscicapa caerulescens*

6 Mkuzi G.R. 17-18.11, 1 Cape Vidal 20.11, 2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 5 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Grey Tit-Flycatcher (Fantailed Flycatcher), *Myioparus plumbeus*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Cape Batis, *Batis capensis*

2 Constantia + 1 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 2 Pakhuispas 9.11, 4 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 Purser's Bush + 1 Helle Helle 24.11.

Woodwards' Batis, *Batis fratrum*

10 Cape Vidal 20.11, 1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Chinspot Batis, *Batis molitor*

22 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 2 Helle Helle 24.11, 1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 4 Mahango G.P. 4.12.

Pririt Batis, *Batis pririt*

8 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 5 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 10 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 4 Omaruru 10.12.

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher, *Trochocercus cyanomelas*
1 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 3 Cape Vidal 20.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

African Paradise-Flycatcher, *Terpsiphone viridis*
2 Constantia 6.11, 1 Stellenbosch 8.11, 3 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 3 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 2 Sani Pass 23.11, 1 Purser's Bush + 2 Helle Helle 24.11. A total of 39 in Caprivi.

Grey Penduline Tit, *Anthoscopus caroli*
2 Mkuzi G.R. 17-18.11.

Cape Penduline Tit, *Anthoscopus minutus*
6 West Coast N.P. 10.11, 4 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 2 Hobatere 30.11.

Southern Grey Tit, *Parus afer*
3 Sani Pass 23.11.

Ashy Tit, *Parus cinerascens*
3 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 2 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 2 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Southern Black Tit, *Parus niger*
27 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 3 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11, 2 Purser's Bush 24.11. A total of 22 in Caprivi.

Carp's Tit, *Parus carpi*
3 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 2 Hobatere 30.11.

Collared Sunbird, *Anthreptes collaris*
27 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 20 Cape Vidal 20.11, 30 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 3 Purser's Bush + 5 Helle Helle 24.11, 2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Olive Sunbird, *Nectarinia olivacea*
10 Cape Vidal 20.11, 5 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 12 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11.

Grey Sunbird, *Nectarinia veroxii*
3 Cape Vidal 20.11.

Amethyst Sunbird, *Nectarinia amethystina*
1 Mkuzi G.R. 16.11, 5 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird, *Nectarinia senegalensis*
18 Mukuzi G.R. 16-19.11 and a total of 17 in Namibia.

White-bellied Sunbird, *Nectarinia talatala*
21 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 5 Etosha N.R. 2.11 and a total of 45 in Caprivi.

Dusky Sunbird, *Nectarinia fusca*
3 Namies 11.11, 20 Augrabies Falls N.R. + 2 on 12.11, 2 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 2 Rooibank 27.11, 5 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 20 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 5 Etosha N.P. 1.12, 2 Omaruru 10.12.

Lesser Double-collared Sunbird, *Nectarinia chalybea*
Common southwestern Cape, 5 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Greater Double-collared Sunbird, *Nectarinia afra*
5 Sani Pass 23.11, 2 Helle Helle 24.11.

Neergard's Sunbird, *Nectarinia neergardi*
2 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11.

Orange-breasted Sunbird, *Nectarinia violacea*

2 Sir Lowry's Pass 7.11.

Coppery Sunbird, *Nectarinia cuprea*

1 female Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Marico Sunbird, *Nectarinia mariquensis*

3 Mkuzi G.R. 17-18.11, 2 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 1 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Purple-banded Sunbird, *Nectarinia bifasciata*

4 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Yellow-tufted Malachite Sunbird, *Nectarinia famosa*

A total of 62 in S.A., highest number 20 Sani Pass 23.11.

Cape White-eye, *Zosterops pallidus*

Common–fairly common in S.A.

African Yellow White-eye, *Zosterops senegalensis*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 2 Cape Vidal 20.11, 2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Cape Sugarbird, *Promerops cafer*

10 Kirstenbosch + 6 Cape Point 6.11, 1 Sir Lowry's Pass 7.11.

Guerney's Sugarbird, *Promerops gurneyi*

2 Sani Pass 23.11.

Larklike Bunting, *Emberiza impetواني*

Common Akkerendam–Brandvlei 10.11 and Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11. 10 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 5 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting, *Emberiza tahapisi*

1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 2 Sani Pass 23.11, 10 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 5 Hobatere 30.11, 50 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 4 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Cape Bunting, *Emberiza capensis*

Sparse–common in S.A. 10 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 10 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Golden-breasted Bunting, *Emberiza flaviventris*

1 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11, 16 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 1 Helle Helle 24.11, 25 Etosha N.P. 1-3.12. A total of 23 in Caprivi 4-8.12.

Chaffinch, *Fringilla coelebs*

10 Tokai Forest 8.11.

Yellow-crowned (Cape) Canary, *Serinus canicollis*

Common in S.A., except in Natal.

Forest Canary, *Serinus scotops*

1 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 3 Purser's Bush 24.11.

Yellow-fronted Canary, *Serinus mozamicus*

30 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 5 en route 20.11, 4 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Helle Helle 24.11, 10 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Yellow-rumped Seedeater (Blackthroated Canary), *Serinus atrogularis*

3 Rooiport Game Ranch 13.11, 2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 2 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 6 Mkuzi G.R. 18-

19.11, 2 Helle Helle 24.11, 4 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11. A total of 118 in western Namibia, 2 Katima Mulilo 8.12.

Yellow Canary, *Serinus flaviventris*

A total of 175 in S.A., highest number 40 Calvinia–Brandvlei 20.11. 1 Etosha N. P. 1.12.

Brimstone Canary, *Serinus sulphuratus*

1 Kirstenbosch 6.11.

White-throated Canary, *Serinus albogularis*

1 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 10 West Coast N.P. 9.11, 10 Akkerendam N.R. + 5 Brandvlei 10.11, 10 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 2 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 2 Spitzkoppe 29.11.

Streaky-headed Seedeater, *Serinus gularis*

1 Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11, 3 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 2 Sani Pass 23.11, 2 Helle Helle + 2 24.11, 2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Cape Siskin, *Serinus tottus*

1 Tokai Forest 8.11.

Drakensberg Siskin, *Serinus symonsi*

30 Sani Pass 23.11.

Black-headed Canary, *Serinus alario*

20 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11.

Melba Finch, *Pytilia melba*

2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 3 Avis Dam 26.11, 5 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, a total of 26 in Caprivi, 2 Omaruru 10.12.

Green Twinspot, *Mandingoa nitidula*

1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

Pink-throated Twinspot, *Hypargos margaritatus*

9 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11.

Brown Firefinch, *Lagonosticta nitidula*

10 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 6 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Red-billed Firefinch, *Lagonosticta senegala*

3 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 10 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Blue-billed Firefinch, *Lagonosticta rubricata*

1 Wakkerstroom 16.11, 15 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 10 Helle Helle 24.11.

Jameson's Firefinch, *Lagonosticta rhodopareia*

2 Popa Falls 4.12, 3 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 1 Popa Falls 6.12, 3 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Blue Waxbill, *Uraeginthus angolensis*

50 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 5 Etosha N.P. 2.12, a total of 90 in Caprivi, 5 Omaruru 10.12.

Violet-eared Waxbill, *Uraeginthus granatinus*

1 Rooiport Game Ranch + 1 on 13.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11. A total of 54 in Namibia.

Swee Waxbill, *Estrilda melanotis*

1 Speir Estate, Stellenbosch 8.11, 3 Helle Helle 24.11.

Common Waxbill, *Estrilda astrild*

A total of 57 in S.A. and a total of 77 in Namibia.

Black-faced Waxbill, *Estrilda erythronotos*

1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 11 Avis Dam 26.11, 10 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 1 Hobatere 30.11, 4 Etosha N.P. 1-3.12, 5 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 8 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Quail Finch, *Ortygospiza atricollis*

4 Rundu sewage ponds 9.12.

Bronze Mannikin, *Lonchura cucullata*

1 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 en route 24.11.

Red-backed Mannikin, *Lonchura bicolor*

1 N. Port Shepstone 21.11.

Red-headed Finch, *Amadina erythrocephala*

2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 15 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 5 S. Etosha N.P. 30.11, 70 Etosha 1-2.12.

Cut-throat Finch, *Amadina fasciata*

2 W. Katima Mulilo 8.12.

Village Indigobird (Steelblue Widowfinch), *Vidua chalybeata*

8 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 8.12.

Variable Indigobird (Black Widowfinch), *Vidua funerea*

2 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 5 Helle Helle 24.11.

Shaft-tailed Whydah, *Vidua regia*

2 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 11 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 1 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 7 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 3 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 10 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12, 5 Rundu 9.12.

Pin-tailed Whydah, *Vidua macroura*

A total of 62 in S.A. 5 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah, *Vidua paradisaea*

2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 20 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12, 10 Rundu 9.12.

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, *Bubalornis niger*

2 Hobatere 30.11, 4 Etosha N.P. 2-3.12.

White-browed Sparrow-weaver, *Plocepasser mahali*

Common Upington–Wakkerstroom 13-14.11, 5 Mkuzi G.R. 16.11, 2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.
Common in Namibia.

Sociable Weaver, *Philetairus socius*

50 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11, 5 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, common Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, common Sandveld N.R. 14.11. 80 Etosha N.P. 30.11-1.12.

House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*

A total of 116 in S.A., well spread. Sparse in towns in central Namibia.

Great Sparrow, *Passer motitensis*

10 Avis Dam 26.11, 20 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 10 Hobatere 30.11, 70 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 5 Omaruru 10.12.

Cape Sparrow, *Passer melanurus*

Common in S.A. 5 Rooibank 27.11, 2 Namib-Naukluft Park 28.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, *Passer griseus*

5 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 5 Upington 13.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 10 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11. A total of 160 in Namibia.

Yellow-throated Petronia, *Petronia superciliaris*

13 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 4 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 20 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Scaly-feathered Finch, *Sporopipes squamifrons*

15 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 30 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 10 Avis Dam 26.11, 10 S. Etosha N.P. 30.11, 40 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Thick-billed Weaver, *Amblyospiza albifrons*

2 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 19.11, 5 Cape Vidal 19-20.11, 1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, a total of 170 Caprivi.

Spectacled Weaver, *Ploceus ocularis*

25 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

Cape Weaver, *Ploceus capensis*

4 Wildevoëlvele 5.11, common 7 & 9.11, 10 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 3 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 10 Underberg–Sani Pass 23.11, 10 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Golden (Yellow) Weaver, *Ploceus subaureus*

16 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 2 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 50 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 1 Oribi Gorge–Underberg 22.11.

Large Golden Weaver, *Ploceus xanthops*

15 Popa Falls 4 and 6.12.

Southern Brown-throated Weaver, *Ploceus xanthopterus*

5 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 8 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Lesser Masked Weaver, *Ploceus intermedius*

18 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11.

African (Southern) Masked Weaver, *Ploceus velatus*

Common in S.A., locally common in Namibia.

Village (Spottedbacked) Weaver, *Ploceus cucullatus*

3 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 15 Katima Mulilo 7-8.12, 20 Susuwe 8.12.

Chestnut Weaver, *Ploceus rubiginosus*

10 Hobatere 30.11.

Dark-backed (Forest) Weaver, *Ploceus bicolor*

19 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 20 Cape Vidal 20.11, 10 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 20 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 5 Purser's Bush + 1 Helle Helle 24.11.

Red-headed Weaver, *Anaplectes rubriceps*

2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 2 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Red-billed Quelea, *Quelea quelea*

Locally common in S.A. 2 Hobatere 30.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 2.12, a total of 290 in Caprivi.

Yellow-crowned (Golden) Bishop, *Euplectes afer*

20 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 120 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Red Bishop, *Euplectes orix*

Common in S.A. 1 Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Yellow Bishop (Yellowrumped Widow), *Euplectes capensis*

5 Bredasdorp–De Hoop 7.11, 5 Stellenbosch 8.11, 10 West Coast N.P. + 10 on 9.11, 1 Sani Pass 23.11, 5 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Red-shouldered Whydah, *Euplectes axillaris*

10 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 30 Wakkerstroom–Mkuzi 16.11, 10 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 5 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 10 en route 21.11, 2 Underberg 22.11, 10 en route 24.11, 7 Popa Falls 4-6.12, 20 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

White-winged Whydah, *Euplectes albonotatus*

50 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 1 Helle Helle 24.11.

Red-collared Whydah, *Euplectes ardens*

13 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 2 Wakkerstroom–Mkuzi 16.11, 1 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 3 Underberg 22.11, 5 Sani Pass 23.11, 20 Purser's Bush–Helle Helle 24.11, 50 Suikerbosrand 25.11.

Long-tailed Whydah, *Euplectes progne*

Common Bloemhof–Mkuzi 14-16.11, 1 Umfolozi dam 20.11, 25 Underberg 22-23.11, 30 en route 24.11, 30 Suikerbosrand 25.11.

Parasitic Weaver, *Anomalospiza imberbis*

2 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Pale-winged Starling, *Onychognathus naboroupp*

5 Pakhuispas 9.11, 20 Akkerendam N.R. + 5 Brandvlei 10.11, 10 Brandvlei–Pofadder + 10 Namies 11.11, 50 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 5 Avis Dam 26.11, 5 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 30 Spitzkoppe 29.11, 10 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 5 Omaruru 10.12.

Red-winged Starling, *Onychognathus morio*

Locally common in S.A.

Black-bellied Glossy Starling, *Lamprotornis corruscus*

120 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 30 Cape Vidal 20.11, common Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, common Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11.

Cape Glossy Starling, *Lamprotornis nitens*

5 Kakamas 12.11, 20 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 30 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11, 15 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 5 Oribi Gorge 22.11, 5 Helle Helle 24.11. A total of 305 in Namibia.

Greater Blue-eared Starling, *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*

2 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 10 Katima Mulilo–Rundu 8.12.

Sharptailed Starling, *Lamprotornis acuticaudus*

3 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Burchell's Starling, *Lamprotornis australis*

3 Spitzkoppe–Hobaterere 29.11, 20 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 2 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 4 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 2 Katere + 1 on 8.12.

Southern Long-tailed Starling, *Lamprotornis mevesii*

20 Hobaterere 30.11, 5 Popa Falls 4.12, 30 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 10 Popa Falls–Katima Mulilo 6.12, 4 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Violet-backed (Plumcoloured) Starling, *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

32 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 1 Hele Hele 24.11. A total of 34 in Caprivi, 5 Omaruru 10.12.

Pied Starling, *Spreo bicolor*

Common 7 & 9.11, 1 Bloemhof–Wakkerstroom 14.11, common Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 60 in Underberg region 22-24.11, 5 25.11.

Wattled Starling, *Creatophora cinerea*

150 Brandvlei 10-11.11, 100 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 20 Upington–Bloemhof 13.11, 200 Sandveld N.R. + 50 on 14.11, 1 Etosha N.P. 2.12, 5 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 12 Katima Mulilo 7.12, 2 Susuwe 8.12, 5 en route 9.12.

European Starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*

Common southwestern Cape, 5 en route 21.11, 1 Underberg 23.11.

Common Mynah, *Acridotheres tristis*

25 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 10 Mkuzi–Cape Vidal 19.11, 10 en route 20.11, 20 en route 21.11, 10 on 24.11, 20 on 25.11, 10 Johannesburg 26.11.

Yellow-billed Oxpecker, *Buphagus africanus*

3 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Red-billed Oxpecker, *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*

22 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 2 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 2 Mahango G.P. 5.12, 2 Popa Falls 6.12.

Golden Oriole, *Oriolus oriolus*

1 Etosha N.P. 30.11, 5 Rundu–Popa Falls 3.12, 10 Katere 8.12, 1 Omaruru 10.12.

African Golden Oriole, *Oriolus auratus*

A total of 18 in Caprivi 3-8.12.

African Black-headed Oriole, *Oriolus larvatus*

8 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 11 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21-22.11, 1 Underberg 23.11, 2 Purser's Bush + 2 Helle Helle 24.11.

Square-tailed Drongo, *Dicrurus ludwigii*

10 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Cape Vidal 20.11, 10 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11, 4 Oribi Gorge 21-22.11.

Fork-tailed Drongo, *Dicrurus adsimilis*

A total of 89 in S.A., and 270 in Namibia.

Indian House Crow, *Corvus splendens*

5 Cape Town 5.11.

Black Crow, *Corvus capensis*

30 en route 7.11, 10 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 5 Oribi Gorge–Underberg 22.11, 2 Underberg 23.11, 5 on 24.11, 15 Etosha 1-2.12.

Pied Crow, *Corvus albus*

A total of 108 in S.A. 10 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 50 Katima Mulilo 6-7.12.

White-necked Raven, *Corvus albicollis*

2 Kirstenbosch 6.11, 2 Sir Lowry's Pass + 1 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 1 Kommetjie 8.11, 2 en route 9.11, 1 Brandvlei–Pofadder 11.11.

Mammal list

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Bushveld Elephant-shrew, *Elephantulus intufi*

1 Katere 8.12.

Peters's Epauletted Fruit-bat, *Epomophorus crypturus*

1 Hippo Lodge, Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Egyptian Slit-faced Bat, *Nycteris thebaica*

10 Etosha N.P. 30.11-1.12.

Chacma Baboon, *Papio cynocephalus ursinus* *

30 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 30 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 20 Augrabies Falls N.P, 20 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 30 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 40 Daan Viljoen G.P. 27.11, 3 Susuwe 8.12, and 3 Windhoek 11.12.

Vervet Monkey, *Cercopithecus aethiops*

6 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 40 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 5 Cape Vidal 19.11, 20 Umlalazi N.R, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12 and 2 Hippo Island, Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Sykes Monkey (Samango Monkey) , *Cercopithecus mitis**

50 Cape Vidal 20.11 and 5 Oribi Gorge N.R. 21.11.

Thick-tailed Galago (Thick-tailed Bushbaby), *Galago crassicaudatus**

1 heard Cape Vidal 19.11 and 1 Umlalazi N.R. 20.11.

Cape Hare, *Lepus capensis*

2 Augrabies Falls N.P.12.11 and 10 Sandveld N.R. 13-14.11.

Scrub Hare, *Lepus saxatilis*

2 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 3 Underberg 23.11, 2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12, and 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Smith's Red Rock Rabbit, *Pronolagus rupestris*

1 Botterkloofpas 9.11.

Riverine Rabbit, *Bunolagus monticularis*

4 Calvinia 9.11.

Ground Squirrel, *Xerus inauris*

8 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 2 Wakkerstroom 14.11, 1 Daan Viljoen G.R. 27.11 and 100 Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Mountain Ground Squirrel, *Xerus princeps*

1 Hobatere 29.11.

Red Squirrel, *Paraxerus palliatus*

3 Cape Vidal 20.11.

Tree Squirrel, *Paraxerus cepapi*

3 Popa Falls 4.12, 2 Mahango G.P. 4.12, 5 Katima Mulilo 7.12 and 4 Susuwe.

Striped Tree Squirrel, *Funisciurus congicus*

4 Hobatere 30.11.

Grey Squirrel, *Sciurus carolinensis*

5 De Hel 6.11, 5 Tokai Forest and 2 Stellenbosch 8.11.

Rock Dormous, *Graphiurus platyops*

3 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11, 2 Spitskoppe 29.11 and 1 Omaruru 10.12.

Springhare, *Pedetes capensis*

15 Sandveld N.R. 13.11 and 3 Hobatere 29.11.

Southern Porcupine, *Hystrix africaeaustralis* *

1 Halali, Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Bushveld Gerbil, *Tatera leucogaster*

1 Katima Mulilo 7.12.

Red Veld Rat, *Aethomys chrysophilus*

2 Popa Falls 4-5.12.

Striped Mouse, *Rhabdomys pumilio*

3 De Hoop N.R. 7.11 and 1 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11.

House Rat, *Rattus rattus*

1 Underberg 22.11.

Sloggett's Ice Rat, *Otomys sloggetti*

10 Sani Pass 23.11.

Pygmy Mouse, *Mus minutoides*

1 Cape of Good Hope 6.11.

Cape Fox, *Vulpes chama*

1 Kakamas 11.11.

Black-backed Jackal, *Canis mesomelas*

4 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 1 Walvis Bay 28.11, 3 Hobatere 29.11 and 22 Etosha N.P. 30.11-3.12.

Cape Clawless Otter, *Aonyx capensis*

2 Popa Falls 4.12.

Honey Badger, *Mellivora capensis*

1 Okaukuejo, Etosha N.P. 30.11 and 1 Halali, Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Small Grey Mongoose, *Galerella pulverulenta*

1 Kirstenbosh 6.11 and 1 S. Pofadder 11.11.

Slender Mongoose, *Galerella sanguinea*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 19.11, 1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 2 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12, 1 Katima Mulilo 7.12 and 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Large Grey Mongoose, *Herpestes ichneumon*

1 Sani Pass 23.11.

Yellow Mongoose, *Cynictis penicillata*

7 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 2 Pofadder 11.11, 2 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 4 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 8 Wakkerstroom 15-16.11, 1 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 3 Etosha N.P. 1-3.12, 1 Omaruru 10.12.

Suricate, *Suricata suricatta*

1 S. Brandvlei 10.11, 16 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 20 Wakkerstroom 15.11 and 3 N. Swakopmund 28.11.

Spotted Hyaena, *Crocuta crocuta*

1 Halali, Etosha N.P. 1.12 and 1 Namutoni, Etosha N.P. 2.12.

African Wild Cat, *Felis lybica*

1 Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Lion, *Panthera leo*

3-5 Etosha N.P. 1-2.12.

Leopard, *Panthera pardus*

1 Halali, Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Elephant, *Loxodonta africana africana*

56 Etosha N.P. 30.11-3.12 and 77 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Rock Dassie, *Procavia capensis ssp.*

10 Pakhuispas 9.11, 5 N. Brandvlei 11.11, 50 Augrabies Falls N. P. 12.11, 20 Wakkerstroom 15.11, 3 Sani Pass 23.11, 3 Avis Dam 26.11.

Kaokoveld Rock Dassie, *Procavia capensis welwitschii**

1 Welwitscha Plains 28.11, 5 Spitskoppe 29.11 and 10 Omaruru 10.12.

Cape Mountain Zebra, *Equus zebra zebra*

4 De Hoop N.R. 7.11.

Damara Zebra, *Equus burchellii antiquorum**

2 Akkerendam N.R. 9.11, 2 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 120 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 5 Umlalazi N.R. 20.11, 150 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 5 Hobatere 30.11 and 650 Etosha N.P. 30.11-3-12.

Hook-lipped (Black) Rhinoceros, *Diceros bicornis*

17 Okaukuejo, Etosha N.P. 30.11 and 2 Halali, Etosha N.P. 2.12.

Square-lipped (White) Rhinoceros, *Ceratotherium simum simum*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 16.11, 3 there 18.11 and 1 there 19.11.

Warthog, *Phacochoerus aethiopicus*

50 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 3 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11, 20 Hobatere 29.11 and 5 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Common Hippopotamus, *Hippopotamus amphibius* *

20 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 4 Cape Vidal 20.11, 29 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12, 1 Hippo Island, Katima Mulilo 6.12 and 18 Susuwe 8.12.

Southern Giraffe, *Giraffa camelopardalis giraffa**

21 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 5 Hobatere 30.11, 44 Etosha N.P. 30.11-3.12, 9 Mahango G.P. 5.12 and 6 Omaruru 10.12.

Common Eland, *Tragelaphus oryx* *

7 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 30 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11 and 19 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11.

Greater Kudu, *Tragelaphus strepsiceros* *

33 Mkuzi G.R. 18-19.11, 5 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11, 12 Hobatere 29-30.11, 50 Etosha N.P. 30.11-3.12 and 40 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Nyala, *Tragelaphus angasi**
150 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11.

Bushbuck, *Tragelaphus scriptus (roualeyni?)*
1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11.

Chobe Bushbuck, *Tragelaphus scriptus ornatus*
4 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Roan Antelope, *Hippotragus equinus equinus*
1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11.

Sabel Antelope, *Hippotragus niger*
7 Sandveld N.R. 14.11 and 59 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Gemsbok, *Oryx gazella gazella**
50 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 4 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11, 14 Hobatere 29-30.11 and 210 Etosha 30.11-3.12.

Common Waterbuck, *Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus**
3 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11 and 11 there 18.11.

Red Lechwe, *Kobus leche leche**
60 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Mountain Reedbuck, *Redunca fulvorufula*
1 Sani Pass 23.11 and 4 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Common Reedbuck, *Redunca arundinum*
16 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Cape Vidal 20.11 and 16 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Grey Rhebok, *Pelea capreolus*
2 Cape of Good Hope 6.11, 8 De Hoop N.R. 7.11 and 4 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11.

Black Wildebeest, *Connochaetes gnou*
1 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11 and 200 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Blue Wildebeest, *Connochaetes taurinus taurinus**
8 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 200 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11, 20 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11 and 160 Etosha N.P. 30.11-3.12.

Red Hartebeest, *Alcelaphus buselaphus caama**
2 Akkerendam N.R. 9.11, 150 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 20 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11 and 60 Etosha N.P. 30.11-2.12.

Bontebok, *Damaliscus dorcas dorcas*
7 Cape of Good Hope 6.11 and 50 De Hoop N.R. 7.11.

Blesbok, *Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi*
1 Spitskop N.R. 12.11 and 250 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Tsessebe, *Damaliscus lunatus lunatus**
14 Mahango G.P. 4-5.12.

Impala, *Aepyceros melampus ssp.*
400 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11 and 6 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Black-faced Impala, *Aepyceros melampus petersi*
73 Etosha N.P. 1-3.12.

Springbok, *Antidorcas marsupialis*

12 De Hoop N.R. 7.11, 15 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 20 Pofadder 11.11, 30 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11, 100 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 20 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 150 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 3 Hobatere 29.11 and 650 Etosha N.P. 30.11-3.12.

Suni, *Neotragus moschatus*

1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11.

Klipspringer, *Oreotragus oreotragus*

6 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11 and 8 Spitskoppe 29.11.

Steenbok, *Raphicerus campestris*

1 Brandvlei 10.11, 1 Pofadder 11.11, 3 Spitskop N.R. 12.11, 5 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 1 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 6 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11, 3 Hobatere 30.11, 9 Etosha N.P. 30.11-3.12 and 1 Omaruru.

Oribi, *Ourebia ourebi*

2 Suikerbosrand N.R. 25.11.

Cape Grysbok, *Raphicerus melanotis*

2 De Hoop N.R. 7.11.

Red Duiker, *Cephalophus natalensis*

5 Cape Vidal and 2 Umlalazi N.R. 21.11.

Common Duiker, *Sylvicapra grimmia*

6 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 9 Mkuzi G.R. 17-19.11, 2 Underberg 22.11, 1 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11 and 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Cape Fur Seal, *Arctocephalus pusillus*

5 Cape Point 6.11, 5 Fishoek 6.11 and 300 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Southern Right Whale, *Lissodelphis peronii*

6 De Hoop N.R. 7.11.

Heaviside's Dolphin, *Cephalorhynchus heavisidii*

10 Walvis Bay 28.11.

Indian Ocean Bottlenosed Dolphin, *Tursiops aduncus*

15 Cape Vidal 20.11.

Herptile list (Reptiles and Amphibians)

Parrot-beaked Tortoise, *Homopus areolatus*

2 West Coast N.P. 9.11.

Angulate Tortoise, *Chersina angulata*

1 De Hoop Nr: 7.11.

Leopard Tortoise, *Geochelone pardalis*

1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11 and 8 Mkuzi N.R. 16-19.11

Tent Tortoise, *Psammobates tentorius*

1 Karoo 11.11.

Bell's Hinged Tortoise, *Kinixys belliana*

1 Caprivi G.P. 6.12.

Marsh Terrapin, *Pelomedusa subrufa*

5 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11 and 2 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11.

Serrated Hinged Terrapin, *Pelusios sinuatus*
15 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11.

African Rock Python, *Python sebae*
1 Popa Falls 5.12.

Common Brown Water Snake, *Lycodonomorphus rufulus*
1 Kirstenbosh B.G. 6.11.

Cape Cobra, *Naja nivea*
1 West Coast N.P. 9.11.

Ovambo Tree Skink, *Mabuya binotota*
2 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Striped Skink, *Mabuya striata*
10 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11, 4 Popa Falls 4.12 and 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12.

Western Rock Skink, *Mabuya sulcata*
2 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11.

Variable Skink, *Mabuya varia*
3 Cape Vidal 20.11.

Shovel-snouted Lizard, *Aporosaura anchietae*
1 Rooibank 27.11.

Buschveld Lizard, *Heliobolus lugubris*
20 Rundu-Katima 3-8.12.

Caprivi Rough-scaled Lizard (*Ichnotropis grandiceps*)
1 Caprivi 6.12.

Spotted Sandveld Lizard, *Nucras intertexta*
5 Omaruru-Windhoek 10.12.

Striped Sandveld Lizard, *Nucras tessellata*
1 Akkerendam N.R. 11.11.

Spotted Sand Lizard, *Pedioplanis lineoocellata*
3 Pofadder 11.11.

Namaqua Sand Lizard, *Pedioplanis namaquaensis*
4 Brandvlei-Pofadder 11.11.

Western Sand Lizard, *Pedioplanis undata*
5 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11.

Cape Girdled Lizard, *Cordylus cordylus*
3 Kirstenbosh B.G. 6.11.

Karoo Girdled Lizard, *Cordylus polyzonus*
10 Brandvlei-Pofadder.11.11.

Cape Flat Lizard, *Platysaurus capensis*
10 Augrabies Falls N.P. 12.11.

Drakensbergs Crag Lizard, *Pseudocordylus melanotus*

3 Wakkerstroom 15.11.

Spiny Crag Lizard, *Pseudocordylus spinosus*
20 Sani Pass 23.11.

Rock Monitor, *Varanus exanthematicus*
1 Susuwe 8.12.

Nile Monitor, *Varanus niloticus*
1 Sandveld N.R. 14.11, 4 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 1 Mahango G.P. 5.12 and 1 Susuwe 8.12.

Ground Agam, *Agama aculeata*
1 Oribi Gorge N.R. 22.11 and 1 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Anchieta's Agam, *Agama anchietae*
2 Brandvlei-Pofadder 11.11.

Southern Rock Agam, *Agama atra*
1 Akkerendam N.R. 10.11, 2 Brandvlei 11.11 and 10 Augrabies Falls N.P 12.11.

Namibian Rock Agam, *Agama planiceps*
10 Daan Viljeon G.P. 27.11 and 10 Spitskoppe 29.11.

Tree Agam, *Agama atricollis*
2 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11.

Namibian Day Gecko, *Rhoptropus afer*
1 Spitskoppe 29.11.

Common Barking Gecko, *Ptenopus garrulus*
Heard at Pofadder 11.11.

Moreau's Tropical House Gecko, *Hemidactylus mabouia*
5 Mkuzi G.R. 16.11 and 4 Cape Vidal.

Nile Crocodile, *Crocodylus niloticus*
9 Mkuzi G.R. 17.11, 5 Mahango G.P. 5.12 and 2 Hippo Island, Katima Mulilo 6.12.

Common Platanna, *Xenopus laevis*
1 De Hoop N.R. 7.11 and 5 Tokai Forest 8.11.

Cape Ghost Frog, *Heleophryne purcelli*
Heard at Sir Lowry's pass 7.11.

Guttural Toad, *Bufo gutturalis*
10 Heidelberg 25.11.

Olive Toad, *Bufo garmani*
5 Mkuzi G.R. and 5 Etosha N.P. 1.12.

Sand Rain Frog, *Breviceps rosei*
Heard at Kommetjie 8.11.

Banded Rubber Frog, *Phrynomerus bifasciatus*
2 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11.

Cape River Frog, *Rana fuscigula*
1 Sir Lowry's Pass 7.11.

Common River Frog, *Rana angolensis*

10 Wakkerstroom 15.11.

Common Caco, *Cacosternum boettgeri*
Heard at Heidelberg 25.11.

Foam Nest Frog, *Chiromantis xerampelina*
50 Mkuzi G.R. 16-19.11.

Painted Reed Frog, *Hyperolius marmoratus*
3 Cape Vidal 19.11.

Tinker Reed Frog, *Hyperolius tuberilinguis*
1 Cape Vidal 19.11.

Brown-backed Treefrog, *Leptopelis sp.*
10 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11

Bullfrog, *Pyxicephalus adspersus*
10 Mkuzi G.R. 18.11.

Bird List Footnotes:

¹ Considered as separated from Tawny Eagle, *Aquila rapax*.

² Considered as separated from Black Korhaan, *Eupodotis afra* by Handbook of the Birds of the World (HBW), Vol. 3 and in Sinclair's Illustrated Guide, but not in The Birds of Africa, Vol. 2.

³ Considered as separated from Green Turaco, *Tauraco persa* by HBW and Sinclair.

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⁵ Considered as separated from Scops Owl, *Otus scops* by Sinclair.

⁶ Considered as separated from Northern Carmine Bee-eater, *M. nubicus*

⁷ Considered as separated from Madagascar/Olive Bee-eater, *M. superciliosus*

⁸ Considered as separated from *Anthus novaeseelandiae*.

⁹ The race *schoutedeni* is included in *Anthus similis* in The Birds of Africa, Vol. 4, but there is a note about the woodland races *nyassae* (Tanzania-Mozambique), *schoutedeni* (Congo-NE Namibia) and *frondicolus* (Zimbabwe-Botswana) sometimes treated as a full species, *A. nyassae*. Sinclair treats *Anthus nyassae* as a full species, Wood Pipit, but doesn't show the distribution of *schoutedeni* on his map.

¹⁰ Considered as a species by Sinclair, but conspecific with Karoo Prinia in The Birds of Africa, Vol. 5.

¹¹ Considered as conspecific with Green-backed Camaroptera in The Birds of Africa, Vol. 5.