This tour gave clients a wonderful introduction to the birds, mammals and landscapes of this beautiful and varied country. The effects of a nationwide, prolonged drought were particularly evident in Kruger and Mkuze where bird numbers were down considerably. Ironically, our birding was rained out at other sites, meaning that we lost some birding time. Despite these setbacks, we still did well for birds and even had a few surprises, including the rare Mangrove Kingfisher at Umlalazi and Southern Pied Babbler north of Pretoria. We did particularly well on mammals and saw 58 species, including Cheetah, African Wildcat and Cape Porcupine. The diversity of landscapes and natural beauty of the country was an surprise to all the clients and it was certainly an unforgettable trip.
9th September – Cape Town area
Today was supposed to be the arrival day, but as all the participants had arrived early, it meant that we had the whole day to go birding. Everybody had arrived late last night so after breakfast at a reasonable hour, we started our birding at the world-famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. As we walked through the beautiful gardens, we quickly found many Cape specialties including: Cape Francolin, Bulbul, White-eye, Robin-Chat & Canary. We also had soaring Booted Eagle and an over-wintering Steppe Buzzard, Rameron Pigeon, Dusky-brown Flycatcher, Southern Double-collared Sunbird, Olive Thrush, Forest Canary and the localized exotic Common Chaffinch. Towards the top of the gardens, we explored the Protea section where we found many flowering pin-cushion Protea bushes in bloom. On these we found our target endemics, the Orange-breasted Sunbird and Cape Sugarbird. Nearby we also found Amethyst Sunbird, Southern Boubou and Common Waxbill. On the walk back down we quizzed some other birders and managed to find out where the Spotted Eagle-Owls were nesting and we also saw some very cute Swee Waxbills hopping around on some rocks.

Our time here was at an end and after a nice lunch in a restaurant nearby, we went on to the Strandfontein sewage works. This is one of the best sites for water birds in the country and our day list grew quickly. On the first lake, we saw several duck species, with Yellow-billed Duck, Cape Shoveler, Cape Teal, Southern Pochard and Maccoa Duck; and in the next we added Glossy Ibis, Red-billed Duck and dozens of Greater Flamingos. The lakes were fringed with reeds which were full of birds, with Southern Masked-Weaver, Lesser Swamp-Warbler, Little Rush-Warbler, Levaillant’s Cisticola, Long-tailed Cormorant, African Swamphen and several White-throated Swallows flying over the water. At one point we overlooked a Garbage dump which was full of birds like Kelp Gull, White-necked Raven, Sacred Ibis, and an early Yellow-billed Kite. On our last pond we had Hartlaub’s Gull, Gray-hooded Gull, Great Crested & Sandwich Terns, Cape Wagtail and Common Greenshank. It had been a terrific start to our birding and we finished off our day at an award-winning steak house near our hotel.
10th September – West Coast National Park

Today was our long day trip up to the scenic West Coast National Park. After an early breakfast, we set off north out of Cape Town. Quick stops at some small lakes produced our first Purple Heron, Pied Kingfisher and African Fish-Eagle. Today was an endemic-packed day and our next birding stop was at a spot we had previously seen Cape Clapper-Lark. We couldn’t hear it calling but saw plenty of other good birds, with Pearl-breasted Swallow, Cape Grassbird, Red-headed Cisticola, Karoo Scrub-Robin, the stunning Malachite Sunbird and a bright male Yellow Bishop. At our next stop was the beginning of the Darling Wildflower route which is one of the best spots for Black Bustard, also known as ‘Southern Black Korhaan’. We lucked out and found a couple of birds straight away. We also had our first Black Harrier and Blue Cranes. These were three big targets, straight off the bat. We also saw Spotted Thick-knee, Spur-winged Goose, the colourful Bokmakierie, Banded Martin, Capped Wheatear and our previously hoped for Cape Clapper Lark which we saw doing its distinctive ‘clapping’ flight display. Back on the main road we saw our first Booted Eagle, Black-shouldered Kite and Jackal Buzzard. Before reaching the national park, we stopped in at a small wildflower reserve where we saw Large-billed Lark, Cloud Cisticola and Orange-throated Longclaw.
Langebaan Lagoon from the top of Zeeberg lookout & the endemic Cape Gray Mongoose

There seemed to be some function inside the West Coast National Park and there was a long line of cars waiting to get in. Once in, we drove straight to the Geelbek hide to look for shorebirds. We got a few species, but after lunch the water levels were better and we ended up with a full list of water birds and shorebirds. We saw Cape Teal hundreds of Greater & Lesser Flamingos, Caspian Tern, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Black-bellied & Kittlitz's Plovers, Whimbrel, Bar-tailed Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Curlew & Marsh Sandpiper, Little Stint and Common Greenshank. The rest of the afternoon, we spent birding the fynbos habitat and saw Common Ostrich, White-backed Mousebird, Eurasian Hoopoe, Rock Kestrel, Karoo Lark, Cape Crombec, Bar-throated Apalis, Red-headed Cisticola, Rufous-vented Warbler, Southern Double-collared Sunbird, Cape Bunting and Yellow Canary. It had been a full day already so we set off back south seeing Greater Flamingo, African Darter and Great White Pelican at the Rietvlei Reserve just north of Cape Town. We were spoilt for choice near our lodge with a variety of great restaurants.
11th September – Tankwa Karoo
The pelagic had been cancelled for a second day in a row; a disappointment for those that were booked to go on it, but it did mean that we had the opportunity to do an unscheduled day trip up into the Tankwa Karoo that got us some extra birds. We left early and drove straight inland from Cape Town on the N1. It was a good 2 and a half hours before our first birding stop and we were keen to get started. The first target was the endemic *Namaqua Prinia*. Luckily they were vocalizing as soon as we got out of the car and we found them quickly. It was a great spot and we had a lot of other birds, including *Gray Tit*, *African Reed-Warbler*, *Red-headed Cisticola*, *African Stonechat*, *White-throated Canary* and *Common Waxbill*. We even had our first views of *South African Shelduck* in flight. We went on to another spot looking for Cinnamon-breasted Warbler. This endemic however is a winter breeder and therefore at the end of the breeding season and not vocalising. Here we had *Alpine & White-rumped Swifts*, *Rock Martin* and *Greater Striped-Swallows* overhead, *Layard’s Warbler* and *Karoo Scrub-Robin* in the karoo scrub and *Mountain Wheatear* and *Cape Bunting* up on the rocks. We continued along the road and into the Tankwa Karoo proper. This is known as the loneliest road in South Africa as it is the longest distance with no towns. Birds were at low density, but along the road we saw *African Harrier-Hawk*, *Pale Chanting-Goshawk*, *Karoo Chat* and *Yellow Canary*. We went to a funny shaped hill called Eierkop where we found *Large-billed Lark*, *Rufous-eared Warbler*, *Lark-like Bunting* and our target ‘Karoo’ or *Yellow-rumped Eremomela*. The latter disappeared quickly but luckily we found another further along the road that we all got views of. We continued well into the Tankwa and as the habitat got even drier we added *Crowned Lapwing*, *Rock Kestrel*, *Spike-heeled & Red-capped Larks*, *Sicklewing Chat* and *Capped Wheatear*. It was a long drive back but it was been a productive day trip to a wonderful place.

We saw the endemic Gray Tit bring food to a nest hole.
12th September – Cape Peninsular
This morning we were exploring the Cape Peninsular and started at the coastal Simonstown where there is a Jackass Penguin colony. It was nice to be there early as we had the penguins all to ourselves and David got some nice recordings of their donkey-like ‘braying’. We also had a pair of vocalizing African Oystercatchers plus Great Crested & Sandwich Terns. Along the coast road, we scanned a group of cormorants and found the rare Bank Cormorant amongst the more common Great & Cape Cormorants. Next we entered the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. On the drive out we saw some beautiful wildflowers plus some nice birds like Common Ostrich, Cape Grassbird, Cape Sugarbird and Malachite Sunbird. At the Cape Point parking lot, we took a nice walk up to the lighthouse. On the way we saw Red-faced Mousebird, many Red-winged Starlings and Orange-breasted Sunbird. Also the very localised Black Girdled Lizard. Up at the lighthouse, we looked around for and finally found the scarce endemic Cape Siskin and also saw a few Cape Bunting which were so tame, one even hopped through David’s legs. From the viewpoints, we could see nearby nesting Cape Cormorants, White-necked Ravens flying across the cliffs and White-chinned Petrel, Sooty Shearwater and Cape Gannets out at sea.
African Oystercatchers feeding in the surf & Sir Lowry's Pass in the late afternoon light.

We left the reserve and along the coast at Scarborough saw our first Crowned Cormorant and more African Oystercatchers. We arrived at the seaside town of Kommetjie (spelled 'kommikie') and after a nice lunch, we went out to bird the small peninsular that sticks out into the sea. Here we saw more African Oystercatchers, Great Crested & Sandwich Terns, Hartlaub's & Kelp Gulls, Speckled Pigeon and Cape Wagtail. Kommetjie is famous for its cormorants and we found Crowned, Great and Cape Cormorants but no Banks. We were happy to have found those this morning. We had finished our Cape Town birding and drove east to the seaside town of Gordon's Bay. After dropping our bags at tonight’s lodge, we drove up and over Sir Lowry's Pass and started birding the lower part which is one of the best spots for Victorin's Warbler. We located a calling bird but they are such sneaky skulkers that we had to put all our glimpses together like a jigsaw to get the full bird. We drove back up to the pass and carefully crossed the road to the birding trail. Along here we saw African Harrier-Hawk, Jackal Buzzard, Cape Sugarbird and Yellow Bishop but despite our efforts, no Cape Rockjumpers. Luckily we had another morning tomorrow to try for them.
13th September – Rooi Els to De Hoop

After breakfast we packed up and set off in search of one of the biggest targets of the trip, the Cape Rockjumper. After missing it yesterday at Sir Lowry’s, we were pumped for our last good chance to see it. Rooi Els is an idyllic coastal village where the mountains drop down to the sea. We parked and started walking along the flat gravel track. We started with our first Alpine & African Swifts of the trip. Familiar Chat and Red-winged Starling were common around the houses and we even managed to spot a Cape Rock-Thrush sat up on top of a roof. White-necked Ravens flew against the mountainside, and Red-headed Cisticola, Cape Sugarbird, Orange-breasted Sunbird, Cape Bunting and Yellow Bishop were found in the fynbos habitat. We final came across the charismatic Cape Rockjumper which sat up on a rock to give good scope views. Next we drove on to the Stoney Point penguin colony at Betty’s Bay, where we saw hundreds of Jackass Penguins, plus Cape & Bank Cormorants and our first Cape Rock Hyrax of the trip. From here we set off east towards the Agulhas Plain and De Hoop Nature Reserve. As we drove along the Agulhas Plain, we saw several Blue Cranes and this area is actually the global stronghold for the species. We also saw Jackal Buzzard, Cape Crow, Large-billed Lark and Capped Wheatear. Our next target was the Agulhas Lark and after a few stops in some appropriate habitat we found some doing their distinctive flight displays, where they fly straight up in the air and swoop back down giving their long whistled calls.
Targets safely under the belt, we continued on to the De Hoop Nature Reserve and on the way in saw Common Ostrich, Crowned Lapwing, several Bontebok and Eland, the largest antelope in the world. We had a pleasant lunch outside, during which we were joined by some very tame Cape Francolins. We also saw Eurasian Hoopoe and our first Streaky-headed Seedeater. After lunch, we went to the camp site where we saw Southern Boubou, Bar-throated Apalis, flight views of the tricky endemic Knysna Woodpecker and good scope views of the localised endemic Southern Tchagra. We even had a bonus Spotted Eagle-Owl which we flushed from its day roost and relocated for nice scope views. There were relatively few birds on the vlei but we did have a few Great White Pelicans in flight. We drove out towards the coast and on the way saw some distant Denham's Bustards in flight and then had good views of the endemic Gray-winged Francolin which walked close to the car and posed for photos. We went to a spot called Koppie Eileen on the coast where we saw our first Southern Right Whales close to shore. We also had Fiscal Flycatcher, Cape Bunting, Yellow Canary and White-backed Mousebird. Next we drove out of the main section of De Hoop and headed further east to the Potsberg section where we found 2 individuals of the endangered Cape Griffon which have a nesting colony nearby. On the drive to our lodge for the night, we finally found some close Denham's Bustards which was a great last bird for the day.
14th September – Bontebok NP to Wilderness
Our lodge was superbly located to visit the nearby Bontebok National Park. It was drizzly this morning and after breakfast we packed up and said goodbye to our friendly hosts. Bontebok is South Africa’s smallest national park and was set up in order to save this beautiful antelope, which at the time was on the verge of extinction. On our way into the park we had a nice male Pin-tailed Whydah. After the entrance formalities we drove to a small picnic site on the banks of the Breede River. Here we heard a Burchell’s Coucal but had nice views of breeding Cape Weaver and Yellow Bishop, vocal in the reeds. We continued on a short drive through the park, picking up Jackal Buzzard, Bar-throated Apalis, Red-headed Cisticola, Piping Cisticola, Malachite Sunbird and Cape Canary. It was just a short visit and we were soon on the road again heading east along the N2. We aimed to get to the town of Wilderness for lunch but had time for a brief stop at Victoria Bay tried for the endemic Knysna Warbler. It called once but then went quiet so we would have to try again later. We did have nice views of Swee Waxbill, Cape Batis and Terrestrial Brownbul.

The glittering Malachite Sunbird is a sight to behold.
Normally hidden in the canopy, we were treated to close up views of Knysna Turaco at our B&B.

After a nice lunch we went to our nearby B&B where our host was kind enough to put a bit of food out on the bird feeders and we saw our first Knysna Turacos. We also had Southern Boubou, Chorister Robin-Chat, Olive Thrush, Greater Double-collared Sunbird and Forest Canary. We had a rest before heading out again in the afternoon for more birding. Before we left we checked out the compost heap where we had our first Lemon Dove. We set off on our drive and after a while stopped along the road where we heard a Klaas’s Cuckoo calling. We managed to locate it on the top of a distant tree and had good scope views. Other birds here were Amethyst Sunbird, African Paradise-Flycatcher and Black Sawwing. We made our way to one of the hides in the park. There were a few common water birds seen from the hide but our main target was the Red-chested Flufftail which we managed to coax to the edge of the boardwalk. Back at the parking lot we also had Brimstone Canary & Streaky-headed Seedeater in full song. The last port of call was the Rondevlei bird hide which is always good for water birds. Here we saw Southern Pochard, Great Crested & Eared Grebes, African Darter, Purple Heron and Levaillant’s Cisticola. We called it a day and in the evening went out to one of Wilderness’s many fine restaurants.
15th September – Wilderness
We had a full day to bird the Wilderness National Park. We started with some pre-breakfast birding on the Half-collared Kingfisher Trail. At the entrance we had a Black Sawwing flyby before we entered the dark forest. We had good activity along the trail and picked up some nice birds, with African Crested-Flycatcher, Terrestrial Brownbul, Bar-throated Apalis, Dusky-brown Flycatcher, White-starred Robin and Olive Thrush. At a viewpoint over the river we had a pair of Peregrine Falcons calling and we managed to get one in the scope. One of the main targets of the morning was the endemic Knysna Warbler. This mega-skulker was up to its old tricks but we finally got some views and David got some nice recordings. The other ‘biggie’ was the trail’s namesake. This jewel-like Adonis of a bird unfortunately wasn’t in its usual place but we did have a consolation Giant Kingfisher. Our B&B has amazing feeders and sitting out on the balcony for breakfast we had bird after bird parading in front of us. The head-liner was the dazzling Knysna Turaco. One poor birder we had met on the trail had been looking for one for 2 days without success. We had several birds hopping around a few feet away as we sipped out coffee.

Wilderness is one of the best places to see Half-collared Kingfisher.

On the sugar-water feeder we had Gray & Greater Double-collared Sunbirds, on the seed feeder, Forest Canary, Streaky-headed Seedeater plus Swee & Common Waxbills, and on the ground picking up the scraps, Red-necked Francolin and Lemon Dove. Quite a selection. After breakfast we drove up to another part of the park known as ‘Big Tree’, so called because, you’ve guessed it, it has an enormous tree in it. On the way there, we had a Jackal Buzzard and once on the trail we had a nice selection of birds, including Narina Trogon, Green Woodhoopoe, Olive Woodpecker, Cape Batis, Black-backed Puffback, Gray Cuckooshrike and Chorister Robin-Chat. We had a nice lunch in town at a restaurant with a sea view, and after a bit of a rest at the B&B, we went back out, this time to the Brown-hooded Kingfisher trail, where we had good views of the very tricky endemic Knysna Woodpecker. On the way out, I flushed our target of the morning, the Half-collared Kingfisher from a small roadside pond and along a narrow stream. We hurried up the hill to a spot where we had a view of the stream and had great scope views of this very special bird. What a successful day it had been!
16th September – Swartberg Pass to Karoo NP
We left Wilderness in the rain and things didn’t improve as we reached the base of the Swartberg Pass. In addition to the rain, the whole protea patch had been recently burnt leaving little habitat for the Protes Canaries. We continued on up the twisting road looking for some Protea habitat. I found some higher up and we had a few birds, including Cape White-eye, Cape Sugarbird, Orange-breasted Sunbird and Cape Siskin. It started raining heavier and the clients waited in the car while I continued my search for the Protea Canary. One popped out briefly but after I had assembled the clients, it was not to appear again. It was a bit drier on this side, and as well as admiring the impressive geology of the place, we also had a nice dark-morph Booted Eagle. On the way down, we stopped to find a pair of Ground Woodpeckers at a nest hole in a mud bank. The road continued down into the normally dry Karoo. After a nice lunch in the town of Prince Albert, we had a couple of birding stops, picking up Karoo Scrub-Robin, Familiar Chat our first Dusky Sunbird and Lark-like Bunting. Once in the Karoo National Park, we took a drive on the lower loop. The reintroduction of Lions into the park has meant more restrictions on where you can get out, so it was birding from of the car. On our drive we saw Common Ostrich, Karoo Long-billed Lark, and Red-headed Cisticola. We stopped in at a fenced picnic site that held dozens of little kids on a school outing. We managed to give them a wide birth and still saw a few birds like, White-backed Mousebird, Eurasian Hoopoe, Black-fronted Bulbul, Fairy Flycatcher, Namaqua Prinia and both Layard’s & Rufous-vented Warblers. We checked into our bungalows and enjoyed a nice hot meal after our long and rainy day.
17th September – Karoo National Park

We had a full day to explore the Karoo. We started off by driving up the Klipspringer Pass. We found a number of good birds, including White-necked Raven, Layard's Warbler, Familiar Chat, Mountain Wheatear, Red-winged Starlings, Southern Double-collared Sunbirds, Cape Bunting and White-throated Canary. After breakfast we drove out of the park in search of a few key birds. It was wet weather and despite our efforts we came up dry with Cinnamon-breasted Warbler & Short-toed Rock-Thrush and had to make do with a Pale-winged Starlings, Malachite Sunbird and a nice breeding plumage Pin-tailed Whydah. Next we explored some roads near Beaufort West. We had some good birds again, like Greater Kestrel, Karoo Long-billed Lark, Rufous-eared Warbler, Southern Anteater-, Sicklewing & Karoo Chats plus a nice Yellow Canary. Strangely no bustards though. I think the rain had certainly affected our birding but I would have to admit, that the Karoo needs the rain more than we need to see all our birds.
After lunch in town, we drove back into the park and went to check out the camp site. In the dry *Acacia* trees there, we saw **Karoo Thrush, Pirit Batis, Fairy Flycatcher** and **Fiscal Flycatcher**. Next we went to the interpretation centre nearby where we added **Eurasian Hoopoe, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Pied Barbet** and **Black-fronted Bulbul**. The rest of the afternoon we took a drive along the long loop. The first section went up and over the Kilpspringer Pass and here we saw **Red-headed Cisticola, Familiar Chat, Mountain Wheatear** and **Long-billed Pipit**. The rain was getting harder and visibility worse, but we persevered. The road dropped down onto the plain and seemed to stretch on forever. We saw a few mammals, including **Red Hartebeest, Cape Mountain Zebra** and **Gemsbok**. We had the odd **Common Ostrich**, plenty of chats, with **Sicklewing, Karoo & Tractrac Chat**, the latter new for us. We saw **Karoo Long-billed Lark** again but the bird of the day was a flock of nomadic **Black-eared Sparrow-Larks**. We were hoping to go out on a night drive but this was cancelled due to bad weather.

18th September – Karoo National Park to Johannesburg
Today was pretty much a travel day, although on the way out of Karoo National Park, we did see the fascinating courtship display of **Common Ostrich**. After a 5-hour drive straight down the N1 back to Cape Town, we dropped off our vehicle, had lunch in the airport and boarded our flight to Joburg where we stayed at a nice little B&B close to the airport.
19th September – Suikerbosrand to Wakkerstroom

We left early but still had to contend with some rush-hour traffic. Once we were south of Johannesburg it was fine though, and we had a nice birding stop along a small road near the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve. We saw a few nice mammals along here, with Blesbok, Black Wildebeest, Steenbok and Red Hartebeest. We were looking for White-quilled Bustard, or ‘Northern Black Korhaan’, and found it before long by following it distinctive vocalizations. Some other nice birds of the grasslands here were African Stonechat, Capped Wheatear, many Yellow-crowned Bishops in non-breeding, some Long-tailed Widowbird males coming into breeding, African Quailfinch, South African Swallow, Levaillant’s Cisticola and Pin-tailed Whydah. We also had good views of Spotted Thick-knee and a lucky Lanner Falcon flying overhead. We rejoined the highway and got stuck in a few road works along the way, before we turned off towards Wakkerstroom. This was a quieter stretch of road with more opportunities to stop safely, and I soon spotted some Southern Bald Ibises and Blue Bustards.

We arrived at out hotel in Wakkerstroom, had a nice lunch and checked in, before heading out to get started on our birding here. We went first to the wetland reserve where we had some good sightings with South African Shelduck, Long-crested Eagle, African Marsh-Harrier, African Swamphen, Malachite Kingfisher and Lesser Swamp-Warbler. Next we drove north along the Amersfoort road where we had close views of Southern Bald Ibis, Blue Cranes, Wattled Lapwing and Southern Anteater-Chat. We went to a small reserve to look for Rudd’s Lark but first checked out a large lake filled with birds, including Maccoa Duck, Great Crested Grebe and our first Ruff. I took a walk around the grasslands and saw Meercats, Wing-snapping Cisticola, several Spike-heeled Larks and Orange-throated Longclaws before finally flushing our target Rudd’s Lark. Unfortunately by the time the clients had arrived, this rare bird had done a vanishing act and we couldn’t relocate it. On the drive back, we saw Swainson’s Francolin, our first Black Goshawk and more Blue Cranes before we arrived back for dinner.
20th September – Wakkerstroom
We started our full day of birding in Wakkerstroom by visiting the wetland reserve again to see if we could pick up any new species. We had the regular fare of waterbirds with some of the highlights including South African Shelduck, Squacco Heron, African Rail & African Snipe. Next up, we checked out some willow trees in town and found the unique Rufous-necked Wryneck. Wasting no time, we drove up into the hills that surround Wakkerstroom to a great spot where we saw several new species, including: Eastern Long-billed Lark, Sentinel Rock-Thrush, Buff-streaked Bushchat and Mountain Wheatear. The main site of the morning was a rocky road that that wound down a scenic valley to the village of Dirkiesdorp. Driving down the first section of the road, we found Rock-loving Cisticola, Wailing Cisticola, Long-billed Pipit and Red-collared Widowbird. We spent some time at a wonderful forest patch where we saw Southern Boubou, African Yellow-Warbler, Malachite Sunbird, Golden-breasted Bunting, Cape & Forest Canaries. We continued on down the road, picking up birds at a steady rate. On a rock patch, we had Cape Rock-Thrush and further on, the scarce Buffy Pipit.

We reached the plain at the base of the road and scanned unsuccessfully for korhaans. We were also on the lookout for larks, but despite our efforts we only heard the distinctive display of the Eastern Clapper Lark but also picked up a Plain-backed Pipit. Further on we found a Rufous-naped Lark singing and used the car as a hide to get close for photos. The last bird for the morning were the breeding endemic South African Swallows nesting under a bridge. After lunch back in town, we went north again to the Rudd’s Lark reserve but despite our efforts we were unable to relocate it. We did see plenty of Spike-heeled, Red-capped and the target Pink-billed Lark, plus the rare Yellow-breasted Pipit and common Orange-throated Longclaw. On the way back we had a close Jackal Buzzard and several Long-tailed Widowbirds.
21st September – Wakkerstroom to Kruger NP
We had just enough enough time for one last bit of birding in the Wakkerstroom area. We set off east towards the village of Dirkiesdorp one more time and had a lucky Southern Bald Ibis on the way. One of the big targets we had missed yesterday was the difficult White-bellied Bustard sometimes split as Barrow’s Korhaan. Today we got lucky and we found one right where it should have been. We had our packed breakfast down a quiet road where we also saw South African Swallow, Cloud Cisticola & Long-tailed Widowbird. We had a long way to go today so we set off on our long driver to Kruger. We passed countless plantations and as we got further north, fruit farms. After lunch we entered Kruger National Park through the southern Malelane gate. We got out on the bridge over the Crocodile River where we saw African Openbill, Woolly-necked & Saddle-billed Stork, Hamerkop & Wood Sandpiper. Nearby we also saw Brown-hooded Kingfisher, White-fronted Bee-eater and Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike. After obtaining our permit, we began our drive north through the park.

The endemic Southern Bald Ibis is a globally threatened species.

It was even drier than usual for this time of year but we still managed to add plenty of birds, with Green Woodhoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, Arrow-marked Babbler, Southern Yellow-billed & Southern Red-billed and African Gray Hornbills, the long-tailed Magpie Shrike, Tawny & Wahlberg’s Eagles, Gray Go-away-bird, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Lilac-breasted Roller and Burchell’s Starling. Of course a good number of the very common Impala. After checking in, we had a short walk around the Skukuza Restcamp and found our main target of Purple-crested Turaco plus our first Black-collared Barbet, White-browed Robin-Chat, Yellow-fronted Canary and Lesser Masked-Weaver. Near to Skukuza restcamp is a great spot for waterbirds, called Lake Panic bird hide. We finished the day watching Gray Heron, African Fish-Eagle, Water Thick-knee, African Jacana, Pied Kingfisher and our first Southern Black-Tit coming to drink.
22nd September – Kruger National Park

Skukuza camp is Kruger's largest rest camp, with the highest number of habitats, and therefore the largest diversity of bird species. We had some good sightings on our morning walk, with African Green-Pigeon, Purple-crested Turaco, Speckled Mousebird, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, White-fronted Bee-eater, African Black-headed Oriole and Black-collared Barbet. We had a few small flocks with Chinspot Batis, Brubru, Black-backed Puffback, Cape Crombec, Yellow-breasted Apalis and Cape White-eye. We searched again for White-throated Robin-Chat but only found White-browed Robin-Chat. We got several sunbird species, including Collared, Scarlet-chested & White-breasted Sunbirds. We had a long drive today and it was time to get going.

Leaving Skukuza, we had several soaring birds, with Marabou Stork, White-backed Vulture, Bateleur and Wahlberg’s Eagle. On our drive north, we had a great sighting of the uncommon Dark Chanting-Goshawk plus our first Rufous-crowned Roller. We took a pit stop and stretched our legs at the Tshokwane picnic site, where we also had good views of Crested Barbet, our first Gray-headed Bushshrike and Greater Blue-eared Starling.

We made it to Satara camp for lunch and I managed to track down the resident day-roosting African Scops-Owl. We had a nice lunch in the garden where we saw our first Kurrichane Thrush of the trip.
We continued our drive and found our first large flock of vultures, including Lappet-faced, Hooded and White-backed Vultures. Vultures are having a very hard time in Africa in the last few years and populations are plummeting as a result of lacing carcasses with poison. Our next sighting was an important one, as most of the clients wanted to see the Southern Ground-Hornbill, and we had good views of some birds close to the road. Next, we also had an amazing encounter where there was a standoff between 2 Elephants a White Rhino and a Hippo, at a waterhole. You could cut the air with a knife! We stopped at a bridge over the Olifants river where we saw several White-backed Vultures along with several common water birds, like Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper and Pied Kingfisher. We made it to Letaba Camp not too late and we had time for a short walk around camp. Along the river, we saw lots of Marabou Storks and a Yellow-billed Stork. Also Kittlitz’s Plover, African Jacana, Common & Wood Sandpipers and African Pied Wagtail. Also in the camp we saw African Green-Pigeon, White-fronted Bee-eater, Black-collared Barbet, Golden-tailed Woodpecker and Red-winged Starling. We had the opportunity to join a night drive organised by the park after dinner, and it was very successful. In addition to Square-tailed Nightjar we saw Porcupine, Large-spotted Genet, Scrub Hare, Springhare, Hyaena and even an African Wild Cat.
23rd September – Kruger National Park
We started the day with a walk around the bird-filled Letaba Restcamp. As well as the tame Bushbuck, the Natal Francolins here are also very used to people. On the river we saw many of the same birds as yesterday, with Marabou & Yellow-billed Storks, Water Thick-knee and African Jacana. Wire-tailed & Lesser Striped-Swallow were busy flying around catching insects, Pied Kingfishers hovering over the river and Little Bee-eaters catching insects from their low perches in the grass. In a large leafless tree there were dozens of Wattled Starlings and in the flowering trees were Brown-headed Parrots, Mariqua & White-breasted Sunbirds feeding on flowers. We also explored the camp site a bit and found good activity with Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Chinspot Batis, Black-backed Puffback, African Black-headed Oriole, Cape Crombec and Yellow-breasted Apalis. After a nice breakfast, we set off on a morning drive and got off on the Letaba River bridge. The middle of the longer bridges are deemed safe enough to get out as you can see the dangerous animals coming. Here we saw Great Egret, African Fish-Eagle, Black Crake and hundreds of Little Swifts.

We found several Brown-headed Parrots feeding on flowers.

We continued driving north and stopped at a water trough where we saw Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Namaqua Dove, our first Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Larks and Black-backed Jackal. Further north still, we saw Lilac-breasted Roller and our first Yellow-billed Oxpecker perched on a hippo. This was as far north as we would get in Kruger and on the way back, we took a diversion to the Matanbeni Bird hide. It was very windy but we saw a few waterbirds, including White-faced Whistling-Duck, African Openbill, Yellow-billed Stork, African Fish-Eagle, Black-winged Stilt and some distant Collared Pratincoles. On the drive back we came across a large mixed flock with Chinspot Batis, White Helmetshrike, Brubru, Southern Black-Tit, Yellow-throated Petronia and a non-breeding Red-headed Weaver. After lunch back at camp, we took a rest before going back out on an afternoon drive, and we saw Tawny Eagle and our first Groundscraper Thrush plus a breeding-plumaged male Red-headed Weaver. Just before dusk I heard a Red-crested Bustard calling close to the road. We pulled up and managed to spot the well-camouflaged bird and still made it back to camp with a few minutes still to spare.
24th September – Polokwane Game Reserve to Johannesburg
We had a whole day to drive back to Johannesburg, and we decided to spend some of it exploring the Kalahari scrub to the west, with a whole new set of birds. We left camp as early as possible, and driving out we added Black-bellied Bustard which flushed up from the road side. Along the road to the gate we saw some interesting species, such as Wahlberg’s Eagle, Lilac-breasted & Rufous-crowned Rollers, Groundscraper Thrush, Golden-breasted Bunting and after leaving the park Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver. By mid-morning we had reached Polokwane game reserve where we were poised to add many new species for the trip. We had our first Bronze Mannikins on the lawn just by the gate, and once inside, our first stop was at a small pond where many birds were gathered to drink. We had a great time here, and saw Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Ashy Tit, Cape Crombec, Mariqua Flycatcher, Karoo Thrush, Black-faced & Violet-eared Waxbill, Shaft-tailed Whydah, Gray Go-away-bird and even a fly over of White-backed Vulture. We continued on for a short while before we saw one of the most colourful birds imaginable, the Crimson-breasted Gonolek, hopping around on the ground with some Arrow-marked Babblers. Pearl-spotted Owlet imitations often bring in a lot of mobbing birds, and we had our first White-browed Sparrow-Weavers and Black-chested Prinias before the actual owlets turned up as well. On the end of the loop, we added a few more species, with Common Scimitarbill, Black-crowned Tchagra, Sabota Lark and some hyperactive Burnt-neck Eremomelas, a flock of Marabou Storks and some tiny Scaly Weavers.

The sartorial Crimson-breasted Shrike stands out like a sore thumb in this dry environment.

After a quick lunch we were back on our way back to Johannesburg and had time for one last stop at the wonderful Zagkuildrift road. We only had a short time here but we added quite a few species, including, Swainson’s & Crested Francolins, Crowned Lapwing, African Gray & Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Lilac-breasted Roller, Rattling Cisticola, Mariqua Sunbird, Southern Cordonbleu, Green-winged Pytilia and Red-billed Firefinch. The best bird here was the very dapper, black and white Southern Pied-Babbler. We made it back to Johannesburg where we quickly went to check out some Marsh Owls just at dusk. We also saw the most adorable family of a mother Black-backed Jackal with 3 cubs. It had been a long but productive day.
EXTENSION

25th September – Johannesburg to Mkuze Game Reserve

Today was the first day of the extension. After breakfast, we started our long drive south to the province of kwaZulu-Natal. After a full morning’s drive, we took a lunch break in the town of Pongola, and after resuming our journey we finally turn off highway towards our destination, Mkuze Game Reserve. Along the road towards the reserve we found our first Yellow-throated Longclaw, and after arriving at the reserve, we settled into our cottages before taking a short walk around camp. We found a very tame group of Crested Guineafowl in front of our rooms, plus a pair of large Trumpeter Hornbills nearby. We also found Black-bellied Starling, many Lesser Striped-Swallows, Yellow-fronted Canary and Speckled Mousebird, before embarking on a drive to a local waterhole. On the way, we had a bit of activity and found Chinspot Batis, Brubru, Black-crowned Tchagra, Southern Black-Tit, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Ashy Flycatcher, Golden-breasted Bunting and Yellow-throated Petronia. We arrived at the Kumasinga hide but it was a little late for mammals coming to drink. We did see Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove plus a fantastic Weeping Boerbean tree in full flower with Collared, Scarlet-chested, White-breasted, Purple-banded & the rare Neergaard’s Sunbird coming into feed on the red flowers. With the recent reintroduction of lions here, they are stricter with where you can walk, but luckily they had enclosed a nice patch of sand forest that we could wander around. Here we saw Sombre & Yellow-bellied Greenbuls plus Square-tailed Drongo but we were keen to come back and explore tomorrow. On the way back, we were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the rare Suni; South Africa’s smallest antelope.
26th September – Mkuze to St Lucia
Mkuze Game Reserve has one of the largest bird lists of any reserve in South Africa, and we had a lot to get through. We decided to start the day with a pre-breakfast walk around Mantuma Camp. Our first bird of the day was one of our biggest targets, the beautiful **Pink-throated Twinspot**. Next we found the **Crested Guineafowl** again and had more good views of **Purple-crested Turaco**. In the thicker areas of sand forest, we found **Chinspot Batis, Terrestrial Brownbul** and another big target, the **Bearded Scrub-Robin**. After a nice breakfast, we packed our bags and set off for our morning game drive. We started at the KumaHlahla hide which only had a little water but several shorebirds, with **Common Greenshank, Wood & Green Sandpiper**. The latter a twitchable vagrant in South Africa. We continued our drive and soon found a pair of **Crowned Hornbills**, our first of the trip. Next we found soaring a **Wahlberg’s Eagle**, the uncommon **African Penduline-Tit, Pale & Southern Black-Flycatchers, Common Scimitarbill**, a flock **White Helmetshrikes** and a **Sabota Lark**. One of the highlights of the morning though was locating the ‘gorgeous’ **Four-colored Bushshrike**. We made our way to Ensumo Pan which was shockingly devoid of water. **African Openbill & Woolly-necked Storks** stood around expectantly and **Collared Pratincoles** flew backwards and forwards in dismay. The saddest sight though were 2 dozen hippos laying in a rapidly drying mud bath. Without rains soon, there will be terrible consequences here. We did salvage a few birds along here with **Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Cardinal Woodpecker, Lemon-breasted Seedeater** and **Spectacled Weaver**.

The delightful Pink-throated Twinspot betrays its presence with its tinkling call.
We ended our morning drive at Kumasinga Hide where at least there was still a bit of water which a few Zebra, Wildebeest & Warthog came in to drink. The Weeping Boerbean behind the hide was even better than yesterday and we found 6 sunbird species. Namely, Collared, Scarlet-chested, Neergaard’s, Mariqua, Purple-banded & White-breasted Sunbirds. We enjoyed a tasty lunch in the hide before we had to make tracks. After leaving the reserve, we drove south and along the road found another Long-crested Eagle. We were trying to get to St Lucia in time for an afternoon boat ride to try for Africam Finfoot, but it was way too windy. Instead we went to the St Lucia river mouth, where we had a very productive time, with a 1-legged Greater Flamingo, Yellow-billed Stork, Pink-backed Pelicans, African Spoonbill, African Swamphen, Black-winged Stilt, Common Ringed, Three-banded & White-fronted Plovers, Whimbrel, Ruddy Turnstone, Curlew, Common & Wood Sandpipers, Sanderling, Little Stint & Common Greenshank, Gray-hooded Gull, Caspian & Great Crested Terns. We also saw our first African Golden-Weaver, Bank & Barn Swallows which appeared just to have arrived. Before dinner we checked out an area north of town for nightjars but it was still incredibly windy. We dipped on Swamp but managed to salvage a Fiery-necked Nightjar before calling it a day.

The Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird is an incessant songster.

27th September – St Lucia to Eshowe
We went out before breakfast to bird the wonderful Gwala-gwala trail just near central St Lucia. On the way in we saw some large birds flying over which turned out to be 7 African Darters. The forest trail was alive with bird calls. The normally difficult Woodward’s Batis we had almost straight away and showed very well. We had a single Crested Guineafowl on the trail and a number of noisy Trumpeter Hornbills. We only heard the distinctive calls of Livingstone’s Turaco & Four-colored Bushshrike, but we had good views of Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Rudd’s Apalis, Eastern Nicator and Red-capped Robin-Chat. There were many mixed species flocks and in these found Black-backed Puffback, Square-tailed Drongo, Forest Weaver and brief views of Olive Bushshrike. We had breakfast outside back at the lodge and also added our first White-eared Barbets as we ate. We were going to spend the rest of the morning on the Eastern shores section of the isiMangaliso Wetland park so checked out after breakfast. We drove in the park and in the grasslands saw Rattling & Croaking Cisticolas, Fan-tailed Widowbird, and eagle-eyed Don spotted a distant soaring Black-breasted Snake-Eagle.
We headed to Mission Rocks where we were able to stretch our legs. There was a nice trail through coastal forest where we saw our first Brown Scrub-Robin and Eastern Olive Sunbird. We continued up to a great look out over the coast grasslands and we found distant Cape Buffalo, Tsesebbe and Common Reedbuck. We drove on to the Catalina view point over Lake St Lucia where we scanned the water’s edge to find Red-billed Duck, Black-winged Stilt, Black-bellied & Common Ringed Plovers, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Gray-hooded Gull and Whiskered Tern plus a nice African Marsh-Harrier that winged its way gracefully by us. We quickly checked out the Cape Vidal camp site in search of the rare Samango Monkey, but the security guard joked that they were ‘in a meeting’ and so we didn’t see them. We headed out of the park stopping at one last pan where we saw Wattled Lapwing, several Collared Pratincoles and our target Rufous-winged Cisticola. On the way out we also saw Little Bee-eater. After lunch in St Lucia we took a quick stop on the way out of town at a stake-out for Southern Brown-throated Weaver which were in full display mode. We drove to Eshowe which would be our base for the next 2 days. We hoped we might have some birding time in the afternoon but we were rained out.

A lucky Cape Buffalo enjoying fresh green grass & Southern Brown-throated Weaver displaying.
28th September – Ongoye Forest & Umlalazi Nature Reserve
The weather looked miserable when we left the B&B. Misty & rainy. We were heading up to Ongoye Forest and as we got closer to the forest it looked even worse as there was some wind thrown in. We did see a Hamerkop in the road on the way up and had our best views yet, plus a surprisingly chirpy Rufous-naped Lark in full song. When we got up to the forest, the conditions were not really birdable, and despite my efforts, we had to admit defeat and retreat back to the lowlands. We went down to the delightful town of Mtunzini, where it was drizzling but at least there as no wind or mist. We went first towards the Raffia Palms monument and on the way had our hoped for Palm-nut Vulture. They are local celebrities as it is the most southerly population in the world. We took a walk along a boardwalk through swamp forest and saw White-eared Barbet, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Black-backed Puffback, Cape White-eye and Black-bellied Starling but there was no sign of the wattle-eye we were looking for.

Next we drove into the Umlalazi Nature Reserve. One of the clients, David, needed a finfoot and we gave it our best shot but the odds were against us. We did see plenty of other good birds though. We had a Yellow-throated Longclaw on the way in which was new for the trip. A very nice local guide gave us a tip off on a Mangrove Kingfisher along the river, which we checked out and had great views. This is an incredibly rare bird in South Africa and we were privileged to see it. We also had nice views of Giant & Pied Kingfishers, plus African Pied Wagtail. On the way out, we stumbled upon some kind of insect emergence and we had Yellow-fronted Canary, African Paradise-Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Greenbul and Square-tailed Drongo all busying themselves trying to catch them. We added one more bird, the Burchell’s Coucal before heading into town for lunch. The rain was even heavier after lunch and we persevered trying to see what we could from the car, namely a few damp Red Duikers. We decided enough was enough and finished early for the day. We did manage to see one more bird from the comfort of our rooms, which was a Trumpeter Hornbill from the balcony. Better luck tomorrow.
29th September – Dlinza Forest to Underberg via Karkloof

We finally had a break in the weather. The rain was at an end and we lost no time in heading to the Dlinza Forest Aerial Boardwalk before breakfast. We went straight up towards the canopy tower and on the way spotted a young African Goshawk up in the canopy and got good scope views. Up on top of the tower the activity was excellent. It looked like the birds were as happy with the weather as we were. We had a leafless tree that seemed to be attracting a lot of pigeon species and we saw Rameron, several African Green- and the rare Delegorgue’s Pigeon. We also had a fruiting tree right next to us that was attracting quite a variety of birds. We had close views of Purple-crested Turaco, White-eared Barbet, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird and Black-bellied Starling. We also had a nice flyby of several Trumpeter Hornbills. On the way down I also spotted a female Narina Trogon which showed well. We didn’t have long but I wanted to also check inside the forest for the endangered Spotted Ground-Thrush. This rare bird normally takes quite a bit of finding as they have a habit of standing still and they are perfectly camouflaged against the leaf litter. As luck would have it though, we found one right on the trail, and soon another one nearby. We had great views although the light was challenging for photography. Also inside the forest we saw Eastern Olive Sunbird, Cape Batis, Square-tailed Drongo and brief views of Olive Bushshrike.

We went back to the B&B for breakfast and afterwards checked out and went on our way to our final site of the tour, the Drakensberg. On the way, we had time for a brief birding stop at Karkloof where we were particularly keen to find some cranes. We visited the hides at the conservation centre where we saw Spur-winged Goose, Red-billed Duck, Black-headed Heron, Intermediate Egret, Wood Sandpiper, African Stonechat and Red-collared Widowbirds, but no cranes. We took a drive around and added Long-crested Eagle, Jackal Buzzard and finally just 1 Gray Crowned-Crane. After lunch in the quaint town of Howick we continued on to Underberg which would be our base for the next 2 days. After settling into our new B&B, we went out to check the area for cranes. We had a few nice birds, like South African Shelduck, Southern Bald Ibis, Wattled Lapwing and flock of 7 Blue Cranes and a whole field full of Gray Crowned-Cranes. We finished the day at a crane roost close to the road where we had many Gray crowned Cranes circling us and calling before dropping in to roost in some dead trees.
30th September – Sani Pass
Today we had a day trip up the scenic Sani Pass into the mountain kingdom of Lesotho. Our local guide came early to pick us up in his 4x4. We set off, stopping briefly at a small wetland and found Yellow-billed Duck, Cape Shoveler, African Spoonbill & African Swamphen. We turned onto the Sani Pass road and the tarred road soon turned to dirt. We had a few stops lower down, picking up Cardinal & Olive Woodpeckers (the latter battling with a pair of sparrows for a nest hole), White-necked Raven and Drakensberg Prinia which we had missed earlier in the trip. Our guide heard the very tricky Striped Flufftail calling near the road and laughed when we tried to find it. One of the clients got a recording of it but of course we didn't get any views despite getting very close to it. We did get a consolation African Yellow-Warbler. We drove out of the early morning mist and had breakfast by a patch of Protea trees. We all finally saw the new Gurney’s Sugarbird and also picked up Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Cape Rock-Thrush, Buff-streaked Bushchat, Brimstone Canary and Wailing Cisticola. The Sani Pass road is often good for raptors and we saw Long-crested Eagle and several Jackal Buzzards. One of our major targets on the way up was the endemic Barratt’s Warbler, but it wasn’t until the South African border post that we were able to find a calling bird and spent some time getting brief views.
After the border procedures, we continued on towards the Sani Pass and Lesotho. Higher up the quality of birds improved and we found several important targets, including soaring Lammergeiers, Ground Woodpecker, Fairy Flycatcher, Yellow-tufted Pipit and great views of the unmissable Drakensberg Rockjumper. We reached the Lesotho border post where we had our passports stamped and straight away found another of our major targets, Drakensberg Siskin, feeding on the ground just outside the building. From the chalets we saw another distant pair of Lammergeier, some Southern Bald Ibis and 2 Rock Kestrels mobbing a Pale Chanting-Goshawk. We continued further into the mountain kingdom. We found a sheltered spot for lunch, after which we started making our way back down. One of the most interesting parts of the visit was seeing how the people here live. In traditional stone houses with grass roofs and only bushes and animal dung for fuel. It must be a tremendously tough life. On our way back to the border we saw Lanner Falcon, several Red-capped Larks, Sentinel Rock-Thrush and Sicklewing Chat. It was a long drive back down, and after crossing back over the border we started the slow, twisting road. We had fewer birding stops on the way down but did add some Red-winged Francolins and a Long-billed Pipit. Back down in Underberg our last birds were the Gray Crowned-Cranes in the stubble fields. It had been a wonderful day and one of the highlights of the trip. We had our last dinner together as a group at a nice local restaurant.

The unique endemic Ground Woodpecker is a regular sight at the Sani Pass.
1st October – Marutswa Forest to Durban
We spent our last morning birding at Marutswa Forest; a fantastic reserve that still holds the very rare Cape Parrot. After a nice final breakfast and bidding farewell to our gracious host we were on our way. We had been warned that the Cape Parrots had been difficult to see recently, but as soon as we pulled up and stepped out of the car, I spotted a couple of birds perched up at the top of a dead tree and we had good scope views. What a great start! Next we found Amethyst Sunbird which one client had missed at the start of the tour. We set off along the nice and flat ‘Contour Trail’. We were after several tricky forest bird and picked up our first target, the Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler, straight away. We found a few other common birds moving around in mixed flocks, like Black-backed Puffback, Bar-throated Apalis, Cape White-eye, Cape Batis & Sombre Greenbul. We still had a couple of targets which we searched long and hard for: namely, Orange Ground-Thrush & Bush Blackcap. We found several vocal ground thrushes but they refused to show themselves. We fared only slightly better with the blackcap. It called once, and I was able to locate it in the canopy, but it flew off before everybody got on it. We had run out of time so left the forest, spotting a few birds outside, including Cape & Forest Canaries and Cape Grassbird, then drove on for lunch in the town of Howick. We had just enough of time after lunch to have a quick drive around Karkloof for one last look for Wattled Crane. It was a proverbial needle in a haystack, and we finally had to call it a day and head back to Durban where we finished what had been an unforgettable tour.
BIRD LIST

This list includes all the bird species that were recorded by at least one of the group, including the leader. Taxonomy and nomenclature follow Clements/ebird online checklist v2016.

**STRUTHIONIFORMES: Struthionidae**

Ostrich  
*Struthio camelus*

Seen at many sites throughout.

**ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae**

White-faced Whistling-Duck  
*Dendrocygna viduata*

Seen at Kruger.

Egyptian Goose  
*Alopochen aegyptiaca*

Seen at most sites.

South African Shelduck  
*Tadorna cana*  
*Southern African endemic*

Seen at Tankwa Karoo, Wakkerstroom, Underberg & Karkloof.

Spur-winged Goose  
*Plectropterus gambensis*

Seen at many sites throughout.

African Black Duck  
*Anas sparsa*

Seen briefly at Wilderness.

Yellow-billed Duck  
*Anas smithii*

Seen at many sites throughout.

Cape Shoveler  
*Anas undulata*  
*Southern African near endemic*

Seen at Strandfontein, Wakkerstroom & Underberg.

Red-billed Duck  
*Anas erythrorhyncha*

Seen at Strandfontein, St Lucia & Karkloof.

Hottentot Teal  
*Anas hottentota*

Seen briefly in flight, just south of Johannesburg.

Cape Teal  
*Anas capensis*

Seen at Strandfontein. West Coast, De Hoop & Wakkerstroom.

Southern Pochard  
*Netta erythrophthalma*

Seen at Strandfontein, Wilderness & Wakkerstroom.

Maccoa Duck  
*Oxyura maccoa*

Near-threatened. Seen at Strandfontein & Wakkerstroom.

**GALLIFORMES: Numididae**

Helmeted Guineafowl  
*Numida meleagris*

Seen at many sites.

Crested Guineafowl  
*Guttera pucherani*

Seen at Mkuze & St Lucia.

**GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae**

Common Quail  
*Coturnix coturnix*

Heard on the Darling Wildflower route.

Cape Francolin  
*Pternistis capensis*  
*Southern African endemic*

Seen at many sites in the Cape.

Natal Francolin  
*Pternistis natalensis*  
*Southern African near endemic*

Seen at Kruger.

Red-necked Francolin  
*Pternistis afer*

Seen at Wilderness & flushed at Marutswa.
Crested Francolin  
*Francolinus sephaena*  
Seen at Zagkuildrift & Mkuze. Heard at Kruger.

Red-winged Francolin  
*Francolinus levallantii*  
Seen in the Sani Valley.

Gray-winged Francolin  
*Francolinus africanus*  
Southern African endemic

Swainson's Francolin  
*Francolinus swainsonii*  
Seen at Wakkerstroom, Kruger, Polokwane & Zagkuildrift.

**PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae**

Little Grebe  
*Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
Seen at Strandfontein, Darling Wildflower Route, De Hoop, Wilderness, Wakkerstroom & Underberg.

Great Crested Grebe  
*Podiceps cristatus*  
Seen at Wilderness & Wakkerstroom.

Eared Grebe  
*Podiceps nigricollis*  
Seen at Wilderness & Wakkerstroom.

**PHOENICOPTERIFORMES: Phoenicopteridae**

Greater Flamingo  
*Phoenicopterus roseus*  
Seen at Strandfontein, West Coast NP, Wilderness, near Johannesburg & St Lucia.

Lesser Flamingo  
*Phoenicopterus minor*  
Near-threatened. Seen at West Coast NP.

**SPHENISCIFORMES: Spheniscidae**

Jackass Penguin  
*Spheniscus demersus*  
Southern African endemic

Endangered. Seen at Simonstown & Betty's Bay.

**PROCELLARIIFORMES: Procellariidae**

White-chinned Petrel  
*Procellaria aequinoctialis*  
Seen at Cape of Good Hope.

Sooty Shearwater  
*Puffinus griseus*  
Seen at Cape of Good Hope.

**CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae**

African Openbill  
*Anastomus lamelligerus*  
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

Wooly-necked Stork  
*Ciconia episcopus*  
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

Saddle-billed Stork  
*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*  
Seen at Kruger.

Marabou Stork  
*Leptoptilos crumenifer*  
Seen at Kruger & Polokwane.

Yellow-billed Stork  
*Mycteria ibis*  
Seen at Kruger, Polokwane & St Lucia.

**SULIFORMES: Sulidae**

Cape Gannet  
*Morus capensis*  
Southern African breeding endemic

Vulnerable. Seen at Cape of Good Hope.
SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Long-tailed Cormorant  *Phalacrocorax africanus*
Seen at many fresh water sites.

Crowned Cormorant  *Phalacrocorax coronatus*
Near-threatened. Seen at Kommetjie.

Great (White-breasted) Cormorant  *Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus*
Seen at many sites throughout.

Cape Cormorant  *Phalacrocorax capensis*
Endangered. Seen at Cape of Good Hope, Simonstown, Kommetjie & Betty's Bay.

Bank Cormorant  *Phalacrocorax neglectus*
Endangered. Seen at Simonstown & Betty's Bay.

SULIFORMES: Anhingidae

African Darter  *Anhinga rufa*
Seen at Wilderness, Kruger, St Lucia & Underberg.

PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican  *Pelecanus onocrotalus*
Seen at Rietvlei & De Hoop.

Pink-backed Pelican  *Pelecanus rufescens*
Seen at St Lucia.

PELECANIFORMES: Scopidae

Hamerkop  *Scopus umbretta*
Seen at Kruger, St Lucia & near Ongoye.

PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

Gray Heron  *Ardea cinerea*
Commonly seen throughout.

Black-headed Heron  *Ardea melanocephala*
Commonly seen throughout.

Purple Heron  *Ardea purpurea*
Seen at Blouberg & Wakkerstroom.

Great Egret  *Ardea alba*
Seen at Kruger.

Intermediate Egret  *Mesophoyx intermedia*
Seen at Karkloof.

Little Egret  *Egretta garzetta*
Seen at many sites.

Cattle Egret  *Bubulcus ibis*
Seen at many sites.

Squacco Heron  *Ardeola ralloides*
Seen at Wakkerstroom.

Striated Heron  *Butorides striata*
Seen in Kruger.

PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

Glossy Ibis  *Plegadis falcinellus*
Seen at Strandfontein & south of Johannesburg.
Sacred Ibis  
*Threskiornis aethiopicus*

Seen at many sites throughout.

Bald Ibis  
*Geronticus calvus*  
Southern African endemic

Vulnerable. Seen at Wakkerstroom, Underberg & Sani Pass.

Hadada Ibis  
*Bostrychia hagedash*

Seen at most sites.

African Spoonbill  
*Platalea alba*

Seen at Agulhas, Wakkerstroom, Kruger, St Lucia & Underberg.

**ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae**

Black-shouldered Kite  
*Elanus caeruleus*

Seen at several open country sites.

African Harrier-Hawk  
*Polyboroides typus*

Seen at Tankwa Karoo, Sir Lowry's Pass & Marutswa.

Palm-nut Vulture  
*Gypohierax angolensis*

Seen at Umlalazi.

Lammegaier  
*Gypaetus barbatus*


Lappet-faced Vulture  
*Torgos tracheliotus*

Endangered. Seen at Kruger.

Hooded Vulture  
*Necrosyrtes monachus*

Critically endangered. Seen at Kruger.

White-backed Vulture  
*Gyps africanus*

Critically endangered. Seen at Kruger & Polokwane.

Cape Griffon  
*Gyps coprotheres*  
Southern African endemic

Endangered. Seen at De Hoop.

Bateleur  
*Terathopius ecaudatus*

Near-threatened. Seen at Kruger.

Black-breasted Snake-Eagle  
*Circaetus pectoralis*

Seen at St Lucia

Long-crested Eagle  
*Lophaetus occipitalis*

Seen at Wakkerstroom, near Mkuze, Karkloof & Sani Pass.

Wahlberg's Eagle  
*Hieraaetus wahlbergi*

Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

Booted Eagle  
*Hieraaetus pennatus*

Seen at Kirstenbosch & Swartberg Pass.

Tawny Eagle  
*Aquila rapax*

Seen at Kruger.

Dark Chanting Goshawk  
*Melierax metabates*

Seen in Kruger.

Pale Chanting-Goshawk  
*Melierax canorus*  
Southern African near endemic

Seen at Tankwa Karoo & Sani Pass.

African Marsh-Harrier  
*Circus ranivorus*

Seen at Wakkerstroom & St Lucia.

Black Harrier  
*Circus maurus*  
Southern African endemic

Vulnerable. Seen at Darling Wildflower Route & West Coast.

African Goshawk  
*Accipiter tachiro*

Seen at Dlinza.

Little Sparrowhawk  
*Accipiter minullus*

Seen by one client at St Lucia.
Black Goshawk  
*Accipiter melanoleucus*

Seen briefly at Wakkerstroom.

Black (Yellow-billed) Kite  
*Milvus migrans parasitus*

Commonly seen throughout.

African Fish-Eagle  
*Haliaeetus vocifer*

Seen at Tableview, Kruger & St Lucia.

Common (Steppe) Buzzard  
*Buteo buteo vulpinus*

Seen at Kirstenbosch.

Jackal Buzzard  
*Buteo rufofuscus*

Seen at many Cape and upland sites.

**OTIDIFORMES: Otididae**

Stanley Bustard  
*Neotis denhami*

Near-threatened. Seen on the Agulhas Plain.

White-bellied (Barrow’s) Bustard  
*Eupodotis senegalensis barrow*  
Southern African end. if split

Seen at Wakkerstroom.

Blue Bustard  
*Eupodotis caerulescens*  
Southern African endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at Wakkerstroom.

Red-crested Bustard  
*Eupodotis ruficrista*

Seen at Kruger.

Black Bustard  
*Eupodotis afra*  
Southern African endemic

Vulnerable. Seen on the Darling wildflower route & heard at West coast NP.

White-quilled Bustard  
*Eupodotis afraoides*  
Southern African endemic

Seen at Suikerbosrand.

Black-bellied Korhaan  
*Lissotis melanogaster*

Seen at Kruger.

**GRUIFORMES: Rallidae**

African Rail  
*Rallus caerulescens*

Seen at Wakkerstroom.

Black Crake  
*Amaurornis flavirostra*

Seen at Kruger & heard at Wakkertroom.

African Swamphen  
*Porphyrio porphyria*

Seen at many fresh water sites.

Eurasian Moorhen  
*Gallinula chloropus*

Seen at many fresh water sites.

Red-knobbed Coot  
Fulica cristata

Seen at many fresh water sites.

**GRUIFORMES: Sarothruridae**

Red-chested Flufftail  
*Sarothrura rufa*

Seen at Wilderness.

Striped Flufftail  
*Sarothrura affinis*

Heard along the Sani Road.

**GRUIFORMES: Gruidae**

Gray Crowned-Crane  
*Balearica regulorum*

Endangered. Seen at Karkoof & Underberg.

Blue Crane  
*Anthropoides paradiseus*  
Southern African endemic

CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae
Water Thick-knee  
*Burhinus vermiculatus*  
Seen at Kruger & St Lucia.

Spotted Thick-knee  
*Burhinus capensis*  
Seen at Darling Wildflower route, Suikerbosrand & near Johannesburg.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae
Black-winged Stilt  
*Himantopus himantopus*  
See at Strandfontein, West Coast, Kruger & St Lucia.

Pied Avocet  
*Recurvirostra avosetta*  
Seen at West Coast.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Haematopodidae
African Oystercatcher  
*Haematopus moquini*  
Southern African near endemic  
Near-threatened. Seen at Boulders Beach, Kommetjie & Betty's Bay.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae
Black-bellied Plover  
*Pluvialis squatarola*  
Seen at West Coast & St Lucia.

Blacksmith Plover  
*Vanellus armatus*  
Seen at many sites.

Crowned Lapwing  
*Vanellus coronatus*  
Seen at Tankwa Karoo, De Hoop, Suikerbosrand & Wakkerstroom.

Wattled Lapwing  
*Vanellus senegallus*  
Seen in Wakkerstroom, near Johannesburg & St Lucia.

Kittlitz's Plover  
*Charadrius pecuarius*  
Seen at West Coast & Kruger.

Common Ringed Plover  
*Charadrius hiaticula*  
Seen at St Lucia.

Three-banded Plover  
*Charadrius tricollaris*  
Seen at Wakkerstroom, Kruger & St Lucia.

White-fronted Plover  
*Charadrius marginatus*  
Seen at St Lucia.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae
African Jacana  
*Actophilornis africanus*  
Seen at Kruger.

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae
Whimbrel  
*Numenius phaeopus*  
Seen at West Coast & St Lucia.

Bar-tailed Godwit  
*Limosa lapponica*  
Seen at West Coast.

Ruddy Turnstone  
*Arenaria interpres*  
Seen at West Coast & St Lucia.

Ruff  
*Calidris pugnax*  
Seen at Wilderness.

Curlew Sandpiper  
*Calidris ferruginea*  
Seen at West Coast & St Lucia.
Sanderling  
*Calidris alba*

- Seen at St Lucia.

**Little Stint**  
*Calidris minuta*

- Seen at West Coast NP & St Lucia.

**African Snipe**  
*Gallinago nigripennis*

- Seen at Wakkerstroom.

**Common Sandpiper**  
*Actitis hypoleucos*

- Seen at Kruger & St Lucia.

**Common Greenshank**  
*Tringa nebularia*

- Seen at Strandfontein, West Coast NP, Wilderness, Kruger, Mkuze & St Lucia.

**Marsh Sandpiper**  
*Tringa stagnatilis*

- Seen at West Coast NP.

**Wood Sandpiper**  
*Tringa glareola*

- Seen at Kruger, Mkuze, St Lucia & Karkloof.

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae**

**Collared Pratincole**  
*Glareola pratincola*

- Seen at Kruger, Mkuze & St Lucia.

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae**

**Gray-hooded Gull**  
*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*

- Seen at Strandfontein and St Lucia.

**Hartlaub’s Gull**  
*Chroicocephalus hartlaubii*

- Seen at many sites near Cape Town and West Coast, east to Betty’s Bay.

**Kelp Gull**  
*Larus dominicanus*

- Seen at many sites in the Cape.

**Caspian Tern**  
*Hydroprogne caspia*

- Seen at West Coast & St Lucia.

**Whiskered Tern**  
*Chlidonias hybrid*

- Seen at St Lucia.

**Great Crested Tern**  
*Thalasseus bergii*

- Seen at Strandfontein, Simonstown, Kommetjie & St Lucia.

**Sandwich Tern**  
*Thalasseus sandvicensis*

- Seen at Strandfontein & Kommetjie.

**PTEROCLIFORMES: Pteroclidae**

**Namaqua Sandgrouse**  
*Pterocles namaqua*

- Southern African near endemic

- Heard at Karoo NP.

**COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae**

**Rock Pigeon**  
*Columba livia*

- Introduced. Seen in and around human habitation.

**Speckled Pigeon**  
*Columba guinea*

- Seen at many sites in the Cape and highlands.

**Rameron Pigeon**  
*Columba arquatrix*

- Seen at Kirstenbosch & Dlinza.

**Delagorgue’s Pigeon**  
*Columba delagorguei*

- Seen at Dlinza.

**Lemon Dove**  
*Columba larvata*

- Seen at Wilderness.
Mourning Collared-Dove  
*Streptopelia decipiens*

Seen at Kruger.

Red-eyed Dove  
*Streptopelia semitorquata*

seen at many sites.

Ring-necked Dove  
*Streptopelia capicola*

Commonly seen throughout.

Laughing Dove  
*Streptopelia senegalensis*

Commonly seen throughout.

Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove  
*Turtur chalcospilos*

See at Kruger & Mkuze.

Tambourine Dove  
*Turtur tympanistria*

seen at St Lucia & heard at Wilderness.

African Green-Pigeon  
*Treron calvus*

See at Kruger & Dlinza.

**CUCULIFORMES: Musophagidae**

Livingstone’s Turaco  
*Tauraco livingstonii*

Heard at St Lucia.

Knysna Turaco  
*Tauraco corythaix*  
**Southern African endemic**

Seen at Wilderness & Marutswa.

Purple-crested Turaco  
*Tauraco porphyreolophus*

See at Kruger, Mkuze & Dlinza. Heard at Ongoye & Umlalazi.

Gray Go-away-bird  
*Corythaixoides concolor*

See at Kruger, Polokwane & Zagkuildrift.

**CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae**

White-browed (Burchell’s) Coucal  
*Centropus superciliosus burchelli*  
**Southern African end. if split**

See at Mtunzini. Heard at Bontebok NP & Kruger.

Green Malkoha  
*Ceuthmochares aereus*

Heard at Dlinza.

Klaas’s Cuckoo  
*Chrysococcyx klaas*

See at Wilderness. Heard at Kruger & St Lucia.

African Emerald Cuckoo  
*Chrysococcyx cupreus*

Heard at Dlinza.

Red-chested Cuckoo  
*Cuculus solitaries*

See at Underberg & Marutswa.

**STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae**

African Scops-Owl  
*Otus senegalensis*

Seen at Kruger.

Spotted Eagle-Owl  
*Bubo africanus*

See at Kirstenbosch & De Hoop.

Pearl-spotted Owlet  
*Glaucidium perlatum*

See at Kruger & Polokwane.

Marsh Owl  
*Asio capensis*

See near Johannesburg.

**CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae**

Fiery-necked Nightjar  
*Caprimulgus pectoralis*

See at St Lucia.
Square-tailed Nightjar  
*Caprimulgus fossii*
Seen at Kruger.

**APODIFORMES: Apodidae**

Alpine Swift  
*Apus melba*
Seen at Tankwa Karoo & Rooi Els.

African Swift  
*Apus barbatus*
Seen at Rooi Els.

Little Swift  
*Apus affinis*
Seen at many sites, often at bridge.

White-rumped Swift  
*Apus caffer*
Seen at many sites.

African Palm-Swift  
*Cypsiurus parvus*
Seen at Kruger, St Lucia & Umlalazi.

**COLIIFORMES: Coliidae**

Speckled Mousebird  
*Colius striatus*
Seen at Kruger, Mkuze, Eshowe & Underberg.

White-backed Mousebird  
*Colius colius*  
*Southern African endemic*
Seen at many sites in the Cape.

Red-faced Mousebird  
*Urocolius indicus*
Seen at Cape of Good Hope, Karoo, Kruger, Polokwane & Mkuze.

**TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae**

Narina Trogon  
*Apaloderma narina*
Seen at Wilderness & Dlinza. Heard at St Lucia & Marutswa.

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae**

Eurasian (African) Hoopoe  
*Upupa epops africana*
Seen or heard at many sites.

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Phoeniculidae**

Green Woodhoopoe  
*Phoeniculus purpureus*
Seen at Wilderness, Kruger & Mkuze. Heard at Polokwane.

Common Scimitar-bill  
*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze. Heard at Polokwane.

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucorvidae**

Southern Ground Hornbill  
*Bucorvus leadbeateri*
Seen at Kruger.

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae**

Crowned Hornbill  
*Lophoceros alboterminatus*
Seen at Mkuze.

African Gray Hornbill  
*Lophoceros nasutus*
Seen at Kruger & Zagkuildrift.

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill  
*Tockus leucomelas*
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

Southern Red-billed Hornbill  
*Tockus rufirostris*
Seen at Kruger.
Trumpeter Hornbill  \textit{Ceratogymna bucinator}  
Seen at Mkuze, St Lucia, Eshowe & Dlinza.

\textbf{CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae}  
\textbf{Half-collared Kingfisher}  \textit{Alcedo semitorquata}  
Seen at Wilderness.  
\textbf{Malachite Kingfisher}  \textit{Corythornis cristatus}  
Seen at Wakkerstroom.  
\textbf{Brown-hooded Kingfisher}  \textit{Halcyon albiventris}  
Seen at Karoo, Kruger, Polokwane, Mkuze & St Lucia.  
\textbf{Mangrove Kingfisher}  \textit{Halcyon senegaloides}  
Seen at Umlalazi.  
\textbf{Giant Kingfisher}  \textit{Megaceryle maximus}  

\textbf{CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae}  
\textbf{White-fronted Bee-eater}  \textit{Merops bullockoides}  
Seen at Kruger.  
\textbf{Little Bee-eater}  \textit{Merops pusillus}  
Seen at Kruger & St Lucia.

\textbf{CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae}  
\textbf{Lilac-breasted Roller}  \textit{Coracias caudatus}  
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze  
\textbf{Rufous-crowned Roller}  \textit{Coracias naevius}  
Seen at Kruger.

\textbf{PICIFORMES: Lybiidae}  
\textbf{Crested Barbet}  \textit{Trachyphonus vaillantii}  
Seen at Kruger & Polokwane.  
\textbf{White-eared Barbet}  \textit{Stactolaema leucotis}  
Seen at St Lucia & Dlinza.  
\textbf{Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird}  \textit{Pogonolius bileatus}  
Seen at St Lucia, Umlalazi & Dlinza. Heard at Ongoye.  
\textbf{Red-fronted Tinkerbird}  \textit{Pogonolius pusillus}  
Seen at Mkuze & heard at Marutswa.  
\textbf{Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird}  \textit{Pogonolius bileatus}  
Heard at Kruger.  
\textbf{Pied Barbet}  \textit{Tricholaema leucomelas}  
\textit{Southern African near endemic}  

\textbf{PICIFORMES: Indicatoridae}  
\textbf{Lesser Honeyguide}  \textit{Indicator minor}  
Seen at Mkuze.  
\textbf{Scaly-throated Honeyguide}  \textit{Indicator variegatus}  
Heard at Dlinza.
PICIFORMES: Picidae
Rufous-necked Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis*
Seen at Wakkerstroom.
Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni*
Seen at Kruger & heard at St Lucia.
Knysna Woodpecker *Campethera notate*
Near-threatened. Seen at Wilderness.
Ground Woodpecker *Geocolaptes olivaceus*
Southern African endemic
Seen at Swartberg & Sani Pass.
Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fusescens*
Seen at Mkuze.
Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicos griseocephalus*
Seen at Wilderness & Sani Valley.

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae
Rock Kestrel *Falco rupicolus*
Seen at several sites.
Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides*
Two pairs seen near Beaufort West in the Karoo.
Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*
Seen at Suikerbosrand & Sani Pass.
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
Seen at Wilderness.

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae
Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*
Introduced. Seen briefly along the highway near Durban.
Brown-necked (Cape) Parrot *Poicephalus r. robustus*
Southern African end. If split
Seen at Marutswa.
Brown-headed Parrot *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*
Seen at Kruger.

PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae
Cape Batis *Batis capensis*
Southern African endemic
Seen at Wilderness. Dlinza, Sani valley & Marutswa.
Woodward’s Batis *Batis fratum*
Seen at St Lucia.
Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor*
Seen at Kruger, Polokwane & Mkuze.
Prit Batis *Batis pririt*
Southern African near endemic
Seen at Karoo.

PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae
White Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus*
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae
Brubru *Nilaus afer*
Seen at Wakkerstroom, Kruger & Mkuze.
Black-backed Puffback  
*Dryoscopus cubla*

Seen at Kruger, Mkuzu, St Lucia, Mlalazi & Marutswa.

Black-crowned Tchagra  
*Tchagra senegalus*

Seen at Polokwane & heard at Mkuzu.

Southern Tchagra  
*Tchagra tchagra*  
Southern African endemic

Seen at De Hoop.

Southern Boubou  
*Laniarius ferrugineus*  
Southern African endemic

Seen or heard at many sites throughout.

Crimson-breasted Gonolek  
*Laniarius atrocoecineus*

Seen at Polokwane.

Bokmakierie  
*Telophorus zeylonus*  
Southern African endemic

Seen or heard widely in the Cape & highlands.

Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike  
*Telophorus sulfureopectus*

Seen at Kruger & heard at Mkuzu.

Olive Bushshrike  
*Telophorus olivaceus*  
Southern African near endemic

A bit of a nuisance this trip. Heard at Wilderness, Wakkerstroom & Dlinza. Seen briefly at St Lucia.

Gray-headed Bushshrike  
*Malaconotus blanchoti*

Seen at Kruger.

**PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae**

Gray Cuckooshrike  
*Coracina caesia*

Seen at Wilderness.

**PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae**

Southern Fiscal  
*Lanius collaris*

Seen at most sites.

Magpie Shrike  
*Corvinella melanoleuca*

Seen at Kruger, Polokwane & Zagkuildrift.

**PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae**

African Black-headed Oriole  
*Oriolus larvatus*

Seen at many sites.

**PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae**

Square-tailed Drongo  
*Dicrurus ludwigii*

Seen at Mkuzu, St Lucia, Umlalazi & Dlinza.

Fork-tailed Drongo  
*Dicrurus adsimilis*

Seen at many sites.

**PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae**

African Crested-Flycatcher  
*Trochocercus cyanomelas*

Seen at Wilderness. Heard at St Lucia & Marutswa.

African Paradise-Flycatcher  
*Terpsiphone viridis*

Seen at Wilderness, Mkuzu, Umlalazi, Eshowe & Underberg.

**PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae**

Cape Crow  
*Corvus capensis*

Commonly seen at many sites.
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<th><strong>Banded Martin</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Rock Martin</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Greater Striped-Swallow</strong></th>
<th>Cecropis cucullata</th>
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<th><strong>Lesser Striped-Swallow</strong></th>
<th>Cecropis abyssinica</th>
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<th><strong>South African Swallow</strong></th>
<th>Petrochelidon spilodera</th>
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<th><strong>Black Sawwing</strong></th>
<th>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</th>
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<th><strong>Gray Tit</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Ashy Tit</strong></th>
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<th><strong>African Penduline-Tit</strong></th>
<th>Anthoscopus caroli</th>
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**PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae**

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<th><strong>Sombre Greenbul</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Yellow-bellied Greenbul</strong></th>
<th>Chlorocichla flaviventris</th>
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<th><strong>Terrestrial Brownbul</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Common (Dark-capped) Bulbul</strong></th>
<th>Pycnonotus barbatus tricolor</th>
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<th><strong>Black-fronted Bulbul</strong></th>
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Cape Bulbul  
*Pycnonotus capensis*  
Southern African endemic  
Seen at many sites in the Cape.

**PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae**

Cape Crombec  
*Sylvietta rufescens*  
Southern African endemic  
Seen at West Coast NP, Karoo, Kruger, Polokwane & Mkuze.

Cape Grassbird  
*Sphenoeacus afer*  
Southern African endemic  
Seen at many sites in the Cape and highlands.

Victorin's Warbler  
*Cryptillas victorini*  
Southern African endemic  
Seen at Sir Lowry’s Pass.

**PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae**

Yellow-throated Wood-Warbler  
*Phyllospocus ruficapilla*  
Seen at Marutswa.

**PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae**

African Yellow-Warbler  
*Iduna natalensis*  
Seen at Wakkerstroom & Sani Valley.

African Reed-Warbler  
*Acrocephalus baeticatus*  
Seen at Tankwa Karoo & heard at Bontebok.

Lesser Swamp-Warbler  
*Acrocephalus gracilirostris*  
Seen at Strandfontein & Wakkerstroom. Heard at Wilderness.

**PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae**

Barratt’s Warbler  
*Bradypterus sylvaticus*  
Southern African endemic  
Seen at Sani Pass.

Knysna Warbler  
*Bradypterus sylvaticus*  
Southern African endemic  
Vulnerable. Seen at Wilderness.

Little Rush-Warbler  
*Bradypterus baboeala*  
Seen at Strandfontein & West Coast. Heard at Karkloof.

**PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae**

Bar-throated Apalis  
*Apalis thoracica*  
Seen or heard at many sites.

Yellow-breasted Apalis  
*Apalis flavida*  
Seen at Kruger, Mkuze & St Lucia. Heard at Marutswa.

Rudd’s Apalis  
*Apalis ruddi*  
Seen at St Lucia & heard at Mkuze.

Green-backed Camaroptera  
*Camaroptera brachyura*  
Seen or heard at many sites.

Rufous-eared Warbler  
*Malcorus pectoralis*  
Southern African endemic  
Seen at Tankwa Karoo & Karoo.

Rock-loving Cisticola  
*Cisticola aberrans*  
Seen at Wakkerstroom.

Rattling Cisticola  
*Cisticola chiniana*  
Seen at Polokwane, Zagkuilidrift, Mkuze & St Lucia.

Red-headed Cisticola  
*Cisticola subrubricapilla*  
Southern African near endemic  
Seen at many sites in the Cape.

Wailing Cisticola  
*Cisticola lais*  
Seen at Wakkerstroom & Sani Pass.
Winding (Rufous-winged) Cisticola  *Cisticola g. galactotes*
Seen at St Lucia.

Levaillant's Cisticola  *Cisticola tinniens*
Seen at Strandfontein, Wilderness, Suikerbosrand & Wakkerstroom. Heard at Sani.

Croaking Cisticola  *Cisticola natalensis*
Seen at St Lucia.

Piping Cisticola  *Cisticola fulvicapilla*
Seen at Bontebok, Wakkerstroom & Polokwane. Heard at Rooiels & Umlalazi.

Zitting Cisticola  *Cisticola juncidis*
Seen at Strandfontein. Heard at Agulhas & Wakkerstroom.

Cloud Cisticola  *Cisticola textrix*  Southern African near endemic
Seen at Darling Wildflower route Wakkerstroom.

Wing-snaping Cisticola  *Cisticola ayresii*
Seen at Wakkerstroom.

Tawny-flanked Prinia  *Prinia subflava*
Seen at Kruger, Mkuze & Umlalazi. Heard at St Lucia.

Black-chested Prinia  *Prinia flavicans*
Seen at Polokwane.

Karoo Prinia  *Prinia maculosa*  Southern African endemic
Seen at many sites in the Cape.

Drakensberg Prinia  *Prinia hypoxantha*  Southern African endemic
Seen at Sani Valley & heard at Wakkerstroom.

Namaqua Prinia  *Prinia substriata*  Southern African endemic
Seen at Tankwa Karoo & Karoo.

Yellow-rumped Eremomela  *Eremomela gregalis*  Southern African endemic
Seen at Tankwa Karoo.

Burnt-neck Eremomela  *Eremomela usticollis*
Seen at Polokwane.

**PASSERIFORMES: Sylvidae**

Bush Blackcap  *Sylvia nigricapilla*  Southern African endemic
Near-threatened. Seen briefly at Marutswa & heard at Wakkerstroom.

Layard's Warbler  *Sylvia layardi*  Southern African endemic
Seen at Tankwa Karoo & Karoo.

Rufous-vented Warbler  *Sylvia subcaerulea*  Southern African near endemic
Seen at West Coast, Karoo & Polokwane.

**PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae**

Cape White-eye  *Zosterops pallidus*
Seen at many sites throughout.

**PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae**

Arrow-marked Babbler  *Turdoides jardineii*
Seen at Kruger & Polokwane.

Southern Pied Babbler  *Turdoides bicolor*  Southern African endemic
Seen at Zagkuildrift.

**PASSERIFORMES: Promeropidae**

Cape Sugarbird  *Promerops cafer*  Southern African endemic
Seen at Kirstenbosch, Cape of Good Hope, Rooiels, Bontebok & Swartberg.
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<td><strong>Familiar Chat</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mountain Wheatear</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Orange Ground-Thrush</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Common Myna</strong></td>
<td><em>Acridotheres tristis</em></td>
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#### PASSERIFORMES: Buphagidae

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**PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae**

**Collared Sunbird**  
*Hedydipna collaris*  
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

**Orange-breasted Sunbird**  
*Anthobaphe violacea*  
Seen at Kirstenbosch, Cape of Good Hope, Rooiels & Swartberg.  
**Southern African endemic**

**Eastern Olive Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra olivacea*  
Seen at St Lucia, Umlalazi & Dlinza.

**Mouse-coloured Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra verrocii*  
Seen at Wilderness, St Lucia & Umlalazi.

**Amethyst Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra amethystina*  
Seen at Kirstenbosch, Wilderness & Marutswa.

**Scarlet-chested Sunbird**  
*Chalcomitra senegalensis*  
Seen at Kruger, Mkuze & St Lucia.

**Malachite Sunbird**  
*Nectarinia famosa*  
Seen at many sites in the Cape & highlands.  
**Southern African endemic**

**Southern Double-collared Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris chalybeus*  
Seen at most Cape sites.  
**Southern African endemic**

**Neergard’s Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris chalybeus*  
Near-threatened. Seen at Mkuze.

**Greater Double-collared Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris afer*  
Seen at Wilderness, Wakkerstroom & Sani Valley.  
**Southern African endemic**

**Mariqua Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris mariquensis*  
Seen at Kruger, Polokwane & Mkuze.

**Purple-banded Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris bifasciatus*  
Seen at Mkuze.

**White-breasted Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris talatala*  
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

**Dusky Sunbird**  
*Cinnyris fuscus*  
Seen at Karoo.  
**Southern African near endemic**

**PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae**

**Cape Wagtail**  
*Motacilla capensis*  
Seen at many sites throughout.

**African Pied Wagtail**  
*Motacilla aguimp*  
Seen at Kruger & Umlalazi.

**African Pipit**  
*Anthus cinnamomeus*  
Commonly seen in grasslands throughout.

**Long-billed Pipit**  
*Anthus similis*  
Seen at Karoo, Wakkerstroom & Sani Pass.

**Plain-backed Pipit**  
*Anthus leucophrys*  
Seen at Karoo & Wakkerstroom.

**Buffy Pipit**  
*Anthus vaalensis*  
Seen at Wakkerstroom.

**Yellow-tufted Pipit**  
*Anthus crenatus*  
Seen at Sani Pass.  
**Southern African endemic**

**Yellow-breasted Pipit**  
*Hemimacronyx chloris*  
Vulnerable. Seen at Wakkerstroom.  
**Southern African endemic**

**Orange-throated Longclaw**  
*Macronyx capensis*  
Seen at Darling Wildflower route, Wakkerstroom & Marutswa.  
**Southern African endemic**
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Yellow-throated Longclaw  Macronyx croceus
See at Mkuze & Umlalazi.

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae
Lark-like Bunting  Emberiza impetuani  Southern African near endemic
See at Tankwa Karoo & Karoo.
Cape Bunting  Emberiza capensis  Southern African near endemic
See at many sites.
Golden-breasted Bunting  Emberiza flaviventris
See at Wakkerstroom, Kruger, Polokwane, Mkuze & Sani valley.

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae
Common Chaffinch  Fringilla coelebs
Introduced. Seen at Kirstenbosch.
Cape Siskin  Pseudochloroptila totta  Southern African endemic
Seen at Cape of Good Hope & Swartberg.
Drakensberg Siskin  Pseudochloroptila symonsi  Southern African endemic
Seen at Sani Pass.
Cape Canary  Serinus canicollis  Southern African endemic
Seen at many sites in the Cape & highlands.
Yellow-fronted Canary  Serinus mozambicus
Seen at Kruger, Polokwane, Mkuze, St Lucia & Umlalazi.
Lemon-breasted Canary  Serinus citriniceps
Seen by the guide at Mkuze.
Forest Canary  Serinus scotops  Southern African endemic
Seen at Kirstenbosch, Wilderness, Wakkerstroom & Marutswa.
Brimstone Canary  Serinus sulphuratus
Seen at De Hoop, Wilderness & Sani Valley.
Yellow Canary  Serinus flaviventris  Southern African near endemic
Seen at West Coast NP, Tankwa Karoo, De Hoop & Karoo.
White-throated Canary  Serinus albogularis  Southern African near endemic
Seen at Tankwa Karoo & Karoo.
Protea Canary  Serinus leucopterus  Southern African endemic
Seen by the guide at Swartberg.
Streaky-headed Seedeater  Serinus gularis
Seen at De Hoop, Wilderness & Sani Valley.

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae
House Sparrow  Passer domesticus  Southern African near endemic
Introduced. Commonly seen around human habitation.
Cape Sparrow  Passer melanurus
Seen at many sites in the Cape & highlands.
Southern Gray-headed Sparrow  Passer diffusus
Seen at Wilderness, Wakkerstroom, Kruger, Polokwane, Mkuze & Sani Valley.
Yellow-throated Petronia  Petronia superciliaris
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver  Bubalornis niger
Seen at Kruger.
Scaly Weaver  
*Sporopipes squamifrons*

*Seen at Polokwane.*

**White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**  
*Plocepasser mahali*

*Seen at Polokwane.*

**Red-headed Weaver**  
*Anaplectes rubriceps*

*Seen at Kruger.*

**Spectacled Weaver**  
*Ploceus ocularis*

*Seen at Mkuz.*

**Cape Weaver**  
*Ploceus capensis*  
*Southern African endemic*

*Commonly seen in the Cape and highlands.*

**African Golden Weaver**  
*Ploceus subaureus*

*Seen at Mkuz, St Lucia & Umlalazi.*

**Southern Brown-throated Weaver**  
*Ploceus xanthopterus*

*Seen at St Lucia.*

**Lesser Masked-Weaver**  
*Ploceus intermedius*

*Seen at Mkuz.*

**Southern Masked-Weaver**  
*Ploceus velatus*

*Seen at many sites.*

**Village Weaver**  
*Ploceus cucullatus*

*Seen at Wakkerstroom & Mkuz.*

**Forest Weaver**  
*Ploceus bicolor*

*Seen at St Lucia & heard at Dlinza.*

**Red-billed Quelea**  
*Quelea quelea*

*Seen at Wakkerstroom, Kruger & Polokwane.*

**Red Bishop**  
*Euplectes orix*

*Seen at many sites.*

**Yellow-crowned Bishop**  
*Euplectes afer*

*Seen at Suikerbosrand & Wakkerstroom.*

**Yellow Bishop**  
*Euplectes capensis*

*Seen at many sites in the Cape & highlands.*

**Red-collared Widowbird**  
*Euplectes ardens*

*Seen at Wakkerstroom & Karkloof.*

**Fan-tailed Widowbird**  
*Euplectes axillaris*

*Seen at St Lucia & Umlalazi.*

**Long-tailed Widowbird**  
*Euplectes progne*

*Seen at Suikerbosrand & Wakkerstroom.*

**PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae**

**Swee Waxbill**  
*Coccopygia melanotis*  
*Southern African endemic*

*Seen at Kirstenbosch, Wilderness & Sani Valley.*

**Common Waxbill**  
*Estrilda astrild*

*Seen at several sites throughout.*

**Black-faced Waxbill**  
*Estrilda erythronotus*

*Seen at Polokwane.*

**Southern Cordonbleu**  
*Uraeginthus angolensis*

*Seen at Kruger, Polokwane, Zagkuildrift & Mkuz.*

**Violet-eared Waxbill**  
*Granatina granatina*  
*Southern African near endemic*

*Seen at Polokwane & Zagkuildrift.*

**Pink-throated Twinspot**  
*Hypargos margaritatus*

*Seen at Mkuz.*
Green-winged Pytilia  
*Pytilia melba*

Seen at Polokwane.

Red-billed Firefinch  
*Lagonosticta senegala*

Seen at Zagkuildrift.

African Quailfinch  
*Ortygospiza fuscocrissa*

Seen at Suikerbosran & heard at Wakkerstroom.

Bronze Mannikin  
*Spermestes cucullatus*

Seen at Polokwane & Karkloof.

**PASSEIFEROMES: Viduidae**

Pin-tailed Whydah  
*Vidua macroura*

Seen at Swellendam, Kruger & Suikerbosrand.

Shaft-tailed Whydah  
*Vidua regia*

Seen at Polokwane.

**MAMMAL LIST**


**Pteropusidae: Fruit Bats**

Wahlberg’s Epauletted Fruit-Bat  
*Epomophorus wahlbergi*

Seen at Kruger.

**Emballonuridae: Sheath-tailed Bats**

Mauritian Tomb Bat  
*Taphozous mauritianus*

Seen at Kruger.

**Cercopithecidae: Cheek-pouched Monkeys**

Chacma Baboon  
*Papio ursinus*  
Southern African near endemic

Seen at many sites.

Vervet Monkey  
*Cercopithecus pygerythrus*

Seen at many sites.

**Galagidae : Galagos**

Greater Galago  
*Otolemur crassicaudatus*

Seen at Kruger & heard at Eshowe.

**Lagomorpha: Hares**

Cape Hare  
*Lepus capensis*

Seen at Wakkerstroom.

Scrub Hare  
*Lepus saxatilis*

Seen on a night drive in Kruger.

**Sciuridae: Squirrels**

Red Bush-Squirrel  
*Paraxerus palliatus*

Seen at St Lucia.

Tree Squirrel  
*Paraxerus cepapi*

Seen at Kruger.
Pedetidae: Springhares
Springhare  
*Pedetes capensis*  
Seen on a night drive in Kruger.

Hystricidae: Porcupines
Cape Porcupine  
*Hystrix africaaustralis*  
Seen on a night drive in Kruger.

Muridae: Rats & Mice
Four-Striped Grass Mouse  
*Rhabdomys pumilio*  
Seen at Kirstenbosch.  
Southern African Vlei Rat  
*Otomys iroratus*  
Southeastern African endemic

Slogger's Rat  
*Otomys slogetti*  
Southern African endemic

Bush Karoo Rat  
*Otomys unisulcatus*  
Southern African endemic

Canidae: Dogs & allies
Black-backed Jackal  
*Canis mesomelas*  
Seen at Kruger & near Johannesburg.

Herpestidae: Mongooses
Banded Mongoose  
*Mungos mungo*  
Seen at Mkuze.  
Small Grey Mongoose  
*Galerella pulverulenta*  
Southern African endemic

Slender Mongoose  
*Galerella sanguinea*  
Seen at Kruger.  
Large Grey Mongoose  
*Herpestes ichneumon*  
Seen at Agulhas.  
Dwarf Mongoose  
*Helogale parvula*  
Seen at Kruger.

Yellow Mongoose  
*Cynictis penicillata*  
Southern African near endemic

Suricate (Meerkat)  
*Suricata suricatta*  
Southern African near endemic

Viverridae: Genets & Civets
Common Large-spotted Genet  
*Genetta maculata*  
Seen on a night drive in Kruger.

Hyaenidae: Hyaenas
Spotted Hyena  
*Crocuta crocuta*  
Seen on a night drive in Kruger.

Felidae: Cats
African Wild Cat  
*Felis sylvestris lybica*  
Seen on a night drive in Kruger.
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**Common Reedbuck**
*Redunca arundinum*
Seen at St Lucia, Karkloof & Underberg.

**Black Wildebeest**
*Connochaetes gnou*
Seen at Suikerbosrand & on a game farm near Wakkerstroom.

**Blue Wildebeest**
*Connochaetes taurinus*
Seen at Kruger, Mkuze & St Lucia.

**Red Haartebeest**
*Alcelaphus buseaphus*
Seen at Karoo & Suikerbosrand.

**Bontebok**
*Damaliscus pygargus*
Southern African endemic
Seen at De Hoop & Bontebok.

**Blesbok**
*Damaliscus phillipsi*
Southern African endemic
Seen at Suikerbosrand & on game farms near Wakkerstroom.

**Tsessebe**
*Damaliscus lunatus*
Seen at St Lucia.

**Impala**
*Aepyceros melampus*
Seen at Kruger, Polokwane & Mkuze.

**Springbok**
*Antidorcas marsupialis*
Southern African near endemic
Seen at Karoo.

**Suni**
*Neotragus moschatus*
Seen at Mkuze.

**Steenbok**
*Raphicerus campestris*
Seen at Suikerbosrand & Kruger.

**Red Duiker**
*Cephalophus natalensis*
Seen at Mkuze, St Lucia & Umlalazi.

**Common Duiker**
*Sylvicapra grimmia*
Seen at Kruger, near Johannesburg & Mkuze.

**Otariidae: Sea Lions**

**Cape Fur Seal**
*Arctocephalus p. pusillus*
Southern African near endemic
Seen near Simons Town.

**Balaenopteridae: Roquals**

**Southern Right Whale**
*Eubalaena australis*
Seen at De Hoop.

**REPTILE LIST**


**Crocodylidae: Crocodiles**

**Nile Crocodile**
*Crocodylus niloticus*
Seen at Kruger & Mkuze.

**Cordylidae: Girdled Lizards**

**Black Girdled Lizard**
*Cordylus niger*
Seen at Cape of Good Hope.

**Varanidae: Monitors**

**Nile Monitor**
*Varanus niloticus*
Seen at Mkuze.
Scincidae: Skinks
Striped Skink  
*Mabuya striata*
Seen at Kruger & Dlinza.

Colubridae: Colubrid Snakes
Mole Snake  
*Pseudoaspis cana*
Seen at West Coast.

Testudinidae: Tortoises
Leopard Tortoise  
*Geochelone pardalis*
Seen at Karoo & Mkuze.
Angulate Tortoise  
*Chersina angulata*
Seen at Bontebok.

Pelomedusidae: African Side-necked Turtles
Marsh Terrapin  
*Pelomedusa subrufa*
Seen at Karoo, Kruger & Mkuze.

BUTTERFLY LIST

Nymphalidae
Friar  
*Amauris niavius dominicanus*
Seen at St Lucia.
Chief  
*Amauris echeria echeria*
Seen at Wilderness.
Common Bush Brown  
*Bicyclus safitza safitza*
Seen at Umlalazi.
Rainforest Brown  
*Cassionympha cassius*
Seen at Wilderness.
Pearl Emperor  
*Charaxes varanes*
Seen at Wilderness.
Painted Lady  
*Cynthia cardui*
Seen at Cape of Good Hope.
Forest Queen  
*Euxanthe wakefieldi*
Seen at St Lucia.
African Snout Butterfly  
*Libythea labdaca laius*
Seen at St Lucia.

Lycaenidae
Sooty Blue  
*Zizeeria knysna*
Seen at St Lucia.

Pieridae
Large Vagrant  
*Nepheronia argia*
Seen at St Lucia.
Common Dotted Border  
*Myllothris agathina*
Seen at Cape of Good Hope.