



South Africa Photo Tour

October 25 to to November 3, 2022 with Guide Dorian Anderson

Summary

South Africa is a dream destination for nature photography. The biodiversity is impressive, and our 2022 installment found many of the birds and mammals which populate this beautiful country. Our five days at Zimanga Private Game Reserve were incredible. The property is designed and managed for photography, and the level of service, particularly the food, is outstanding. Despite a bit of rain during our stay, we had amazing views of bushveld birds, giraffes, antelopes, buffaloes, and — best of all — cheetahs! Moving north to Kruger National Park for the remaining five days, we grew our bird list to 180 species while enjoying elephants, zebras, wildebeests, hippos, and leopard. Amazing as were those encounters, the lion pair mating twenty feet from our vehicle was the heart-stopping highlight Let's get into the recap. All photos taken by Dorian in the course of this departure.



Day 0 - Monday, October 24 - Arrival in Johannesburg

We survived the 15-hour flight from Atlanta and checked into the Southern Sun Hotel at the airport.

Day 1 - Tuesday, October 25 - Flight to Durban and drive to Zimanga

Returning to the airport, we boarded our 6am flight to Durban. Though the hop to the south coast was less than an hour, we were treated to food and beverages en route. Talk about service! US airlines need to take a few notes. Bags claimed and rental car sorted, we began the three-hour drive towards Zimanga Private Game Reserve. A stop at Umlalazi Nature Reserve didn't yield much beyond **Narina Trogon** and **Black-collared Barbet** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121283751>), and we reached our destination in time to enjoy a nice lunch.

Afternoon birding around the lodge yielded a nice mix of bird including **Dideric Cuckoo**, **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**, **Crested Barbet**, and the drop-dead-gorgeous **Violet-backed Starling**. With **White-rumped** and **Little Swifts** cutting through the air above our heads, it was a really nice show (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121290271>)!

Rendezvousing with our Zimanga guide, Jono, we headed out for our inaugural game drive. The open air truck offered an excellent rolling vantage, and we encountered **Impala**, **Kudu**, and a standard assortment of bushveld birds along the reserve's roads. Wonderful as those critters were, our **Cheetah** encounter was most memorable. The two males were pushing through the bush with purpose, but we managed nice views of the pair as they dodged afternoon rain. That we got soaked hardly mattered; neither of us had ever seen the fancy felines so well! Dinner was fantastic, and we retired after a very busy first day.





Day 2 - Wednesday, October 26 - First full day at Zimanga

Zimanga is best known for its custom built blinds, those optimized for photography and allowing close views of subjects as they come to watering holes or offered food. Hopes were high as we arrived at the Scavenger Hide, but we were disappointed when only a single **White-backed Vulture** visited the earthen arena, that curious individual arriving before we'd assembled our gear! Despite the obvious potential the hide held, the morning was disappointing on the raptor front. That said, we did have super close views of **Zitting Cisticola**, **Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow**, **Common Waxbill**, and a male **Impala** as they visited the grasses adjacent to the hide. It was also fun to watch the **Lesser Striped Swallows** as they hovered just outside the glass window. So, it was slow but we made the best of it. The lack of vultures was really strange as many flew right over the arena — and presumably saw the offered food — but those are the breaks (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121335792>).

Returning to the lodge for a late breakfast and subsequent bout of midday birding, we found **Common Scimitarbill**, **Striped Kingfisher**, **Chinspot Batis**, **Cape Crombec**, **Scarlet-chested Sunbird**, **Southern Black Flycatcher**, and **Yellow-throated Canary** on the lodge grounds (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121337128>).

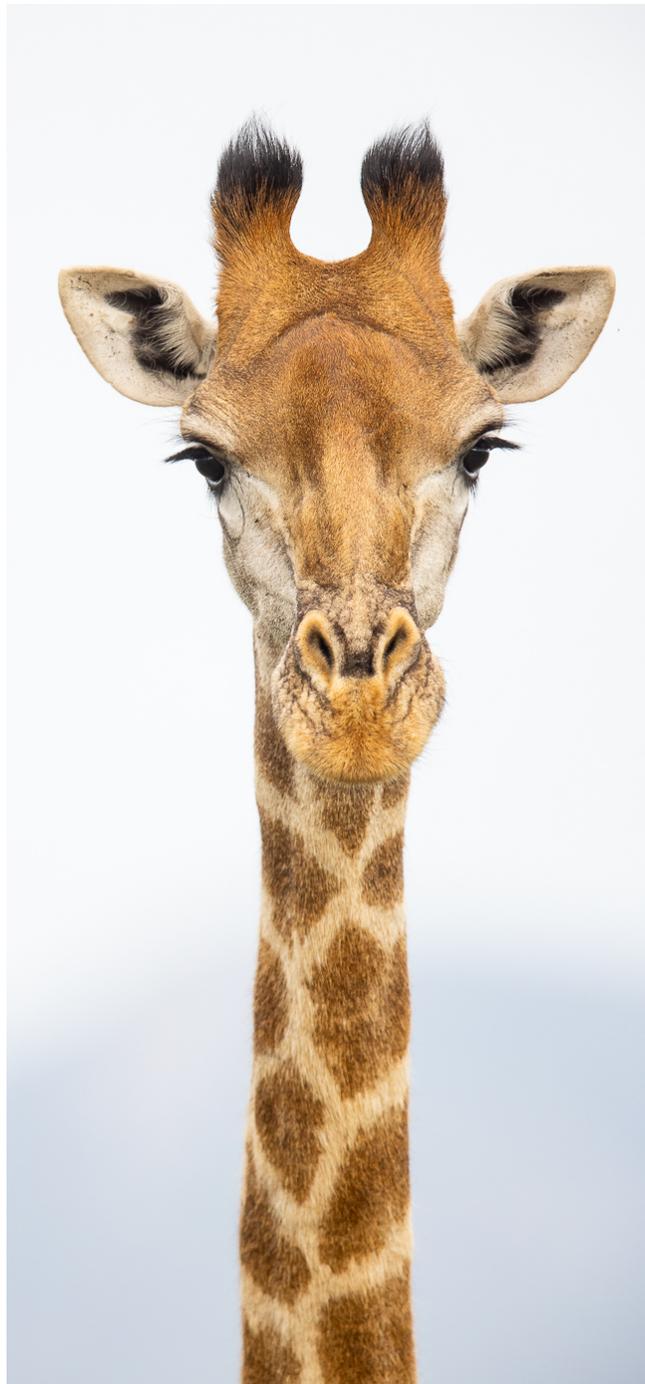
That afternoon, we headed into the Umgodi Overnight hide. Equipped with a small kitchenette and bathroom, the subterranean, end-times-type bunker positioned us at the edge of small watering hole. A pair of **Egyptian Geese** was shortly joined by two **Hamerkop** and an **African Woolly-necked Stork**, and we had incredible views of a small herd of **Plains Zebra** and a trio of **Cape Buffalo** as they drank from the water behind the pane of glass which separated us. It was a

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breathtaking experience. The hide quieted down as the evening progressed, probably because of recent rain, but we had glimpses of **Spotted Genet** (a small cat) before retiring for the night.

Day 3 - Thursday, October 27 - Second full day at Zimanga

Refreshed by a couple hours of sleep, we rose to find the same complement of birds as the previous night — **Ring-necked Dove, Helmeted Guineafowl, Cape Starling** — plus **Tawny Eagle** and a juvenile **Bateleur** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121406783>).



With the action slowing, Jono collected us from the hide a few minutes early and whisked us off to a recent **Cheetah** kill, the female cat gorging on an Impala breakfast when we arrived. By the time she'd had her fill of antelope, she could hardly walk! A subsequent swing around the reserve lagoon yielded **African Fish-Eagle, Black Crane, Black-winged Stilt, Blacksmith Lapwing, Long-tailed Cormorant, and Hadada Ibis**. That checklist can be found here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S121378968>.

Using the midday hours to explore the trees and bushes around the lodge, we found **Speckled Pigeon, Wahlberg's Eagle, African Paradise-Flycatcher** (on an eye-level nest), **Wire-tailed Swallow, Red-billed Oxpecker, Familiar Chat, Southern Cordonbleu** (formerly Blue Waxbill), **Cape Sparrow** (only one of the trip), and **Green-winged Pytilia**. In between those birds, we had a wonderful time watching the resident **Village** and **Southern Masked Weavers**. They weave the most incredible nests (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121406563>)!

We headed out for another game drive at 3pm and spent a good chunk of our time tracking a leopard. It never materialized, but we did have close views of **elephants, giraffes, and the usual complement of antelope**. The highlight, however, was the **warthog** burrow which Jono took us to in the course of our leopard search. We had no idea the animals went subterranean, so it was super cool to watch a pair of pigs emerge from their earthen tunnels! We also had quick view of a **White Rhino** right next to the road. Partially obscured by foliage, it scampered off without offering but a quick, full-body view.



Day 4 - Friday, October 28 - Third full day at Zimanga

We weren't optimistic about our prospects at the Reflection Hide given heavy overnight rain, and additional morning precipitation crushed any residual hope we had. **Southern Cordonbleu, Red-billed Firefinch, Red-billed Quelea, and Natal Spurfowl** came to the hide, but none drank given the availability of water elsewhere. It was a bummer because the reflection pool was set up perfectly. We filled into the time with spirited — and civil! — political discussion, so we scored it as a 'win' on an otherwise slow morning (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121427275>).

Our midday birding around the lodge was very productive and netted us a three-day high of 41 species. In addition to previously mentioned species, we encountered **Black-crowned Tchagra, Brubru, Pied Crow, Tawny-flanked Prinia, and Red-backed Scrub-Robin**. We also found a **Lilac-breasted Roller** nest right outside the perimeter fence, and we had nice views of the adults as they came and went from the artificial cavity. Dorian also had distant views of a **Lanner Falcon** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121433489>).

Our afternoon game drive took us to some unexplored corners of the property, where we found **Spur-winged Goose, Black-bellied Bustard, Dark-chanting Goshawk, Brown-hooded and Pied Kingfishers, Water Thick-knee, African Jacana, White-fronted Bee-eater, Gray Tit-Flycatcher, Black Cuckooshrike and Four-colored Bushshrike** (formerly Gorgeous Bushshrike). Incredible as those birds were, our quick views of a huge **Rock Monitor** were just as good. And we had our best of three sessions with the **Cheetahs**. The two males allowed very close approach, and we filled our memory cards with images of the cats as the sun set through clouds to our west. It was a magical end to an incredible day.







Day 5 - Saturday, October 29 - Moving day!

We'd suffered cloud and rain for most of our time at Zimanga, so it was awesome to have a crystal clear opportunity on this morning. We spent most of our final game drive trying to track down the reserve's resident lions but were unable to connect with those beasts. In their place, we had beautiful views of **Giraffes** and **Kudus** in warm morning light. We also found **Lappet-faced Vulture**, **Crowned Lapwing**, **White-browed Coucal**, and **Arrow-marked Babbler**. Our time at Zimanga expiring, we thanked Jono for a wonderful time and made our exit from the property. The hides were slow on account of the recent rain, but our experience was still amazing, particularly the games drives and our proximity to the various mammals. Where else on Earth can you walk around with Cheetahs!?!?

We started north, towards Kruger, after breakfast. We didn't make any dedicated birding or photo stops en route, but we did come to a screeching halt to inspect a **Long-crested Eagle** perched in a roadside tree. Law enforcement did its best to slow our advance outside Hazyview, but Dorian deftly navigated speed traps and delivered us to the National Park after seven hours of driving. Oh - and what about our lunch at Nando's? No trip to South Africa would be complete without a visit to that institution! **Elephants** appeared as soon as we reached the Paul Kruger gate, and we scored **African Wild Dog** (sadly not in a position for photos) and **Spotted Hyena** as we made our way towards Skukuza.

A bit of in-camp birding yielded **Red-chested Cuckoo**, **Eurasian Hoopoe**, and a cooperative **White-Browed Robin-Chat**, the rufous bird posing for point-blank pictures in response to taped calls (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121505279>). Dinner at the Cattle Baron hit the spot, and we shut down for the night ahead of a busy morning.



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Day 6 - Sunday, October 30 - Skukuza and surrounds

Located in the south-central part of Kruger, Skukuza offers easy access to a number of productive areas. We left camp early and headed southeast, towards Lower Sabie. **Greater Blue-eared Starlings** were everywhere, and we tallied **Saddle-billed Stork, Long-tailed Cormorant, African Harrier-Hawk, Black Kite, Brown-headed Parrot, Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike, Common Square-tailed Drongo, Yellow-breasted Apalis, and Mosque Swallow** — all trip firsts. Though our encounters with **Cape Buffaloes, Giraffes, and Impalas** were great, an **African Goshawk** stole the show. It was perched on a log twenty feet off the road and allowed prolonged inspection as it scanned the underbrush for prey. It was a really strong morning of birding (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121546168>)!

Reaching Lower Sabie, we stopped at Sunset Dam, where we added **White-faced Whistling Duck, Knob-billed Duck, Three-banded Plover, Common Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, African Openbill, Yellow-billed Stork, Giant Kingfisher, Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver, and Lesser Masked-Weaver**. It was tons of fun to watch the resident **Gray Heron** hop from **Hippopotamus** to Hippopotamus; he rode one for a full lap of the lake!

Entering camp, we had breakfast overlooking the river (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121553342>) before resuming the car and making a large, counter-clockwise loop back to Skukuza. Activity dropped as midday heat gathered, but we scraped out **Swainson's Spurfowl** (eating insects on elephant poop), **Purple Heron**, a pair of **Secretarybirds, Brown Snake-Eagle, Southern Ground-Hornbill, and White-crowned Shrike**. We also had distant views of another **White Rhino** from an elevated overlook (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121553418>).

We returned to Skukuza, ate a late lunch, and relaxed ahead of our late-afternoon outing. (Note: Dorian did a bit of bonus birding on his own and found **Ashy Flycatcher, Southern Boubou, Pin-tailed Whydah, Cape White-eye, and Golden-tailed Woodpecker**. All of those weren't seen again on the trip, so it's worth mentioning them parenthetically. Full list of that solo outing here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S121569986>). Regathering at 4:30pm, we left camp and looped to the east under late-afternoon sun. We immediately found an eye level **Lilac-breasted Roller** which posed for pictures, and we had incredible views of a sun-drenched **Maggie Shrike** as it hawked insects from a roadside perch. We were temporarily delayed by a male **Elephant** in the road, but we slowly maneuvered around the massive beast. Returning to camp, we had killer views of another **Spotted Hyena** as it lurked in the roadside weeds. As this recap reveals, this was an amazing day. Kruger always delivers!

Day 7 - Monday, October 31 - Skukuza and Satara

We decided to use this second Skukuza morning for some in-camp birding because we had a long drive to reach Satara later in the day. Exploring camp on foot, we grew our bird list with views of **African Green-Pigeon, Cardinal Woodpecker, Southern Black-Tit, Green-backed Camaroptera, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Red-backed Shrike, Sombre Greenbul, Terrestrial Brownbul, White-throated Robin-Chat, Collared Sunbird, and Spectacled Weaver**. It was non-stop action, and we tallied 55 species across two-and-a-half hours of birding (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121613714>).

We ate breakfast, packed up, said goodbye to Skukuza, and headed north. Forecasted rain never materialized, and we found a number of interesting birds and animals as we closed the distance towards our Satara destination. We encountered lots of **Impala** and **Elephants** between

Skukuza and Tshokwane, and we just missed a Leopard feasting on its antelope kill. All we saw was the remaining carcass dangling from the branches of a tree! On the bird front, we scored **Mourning Collared-Dove, Crested Francolin, Pied Cuckoo, African Gray Hornbill, Rufous-chested Swallow, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, and Burchell's Starling**. It was, however, our close encounter with **Yellow-throated Longclaw** which proved most memorable, the territorial bird flying straight at our car in response to a taped call! We'd observed many dangerous animals to that point in the tour (and several more in the coming days), but none caused similar startle to the longclaw as it hurled itself at us! Outside of that near-death encounter, we soaked in views of five **Southern Ground-Hornbills** as we approached Satara (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121632325>).

We lunched and relaxed through some mid-afternoon rain. A cooperative **Eurasian Hoopoe** temporarily monopolized our attention as it plucked insects from the lawn in front our Rondavels, but we eventually pulled ourself away and took a late-afternoon drive to the east of camp. Bird activity was low, but we did manage our best views of **Waterbuck** and **Plains Zebra** as a mixed group crossed the road right in front of us (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121631632>). Daylight dwindling, we turned tail and returned to camp ahead of the approaching gate closure. We enjoyed a protracted dinner at the understaffed Cattle Barron (our default favorite because it was our only option) and retired after a busy but productive day.





Day 8 - Tuesday, November 1 - Satara and surroundings

The vegetation around Satara isn't as thick as areas farther south, and the open habitat hosts a high number of **lions** as a result. That cat was our primary motivation for making the trek from Skukuza, and we didn't have to wait long before the move paid dividends. We'd hardly left camp when we encountered a male and a female lounging on the roadside. Our view was partially-blocked by two other cars, but the cats revealed themselves when they mated in the middle of the rain-soaked road! They returned to the margin after that act, and we had amazing views of the male as he surveyed his surroundings. After a few minutes, the pair picked themselves up, advanced towards us, and engaged in a second round of mating twenty feet from our vehicle. It was a heart-stopping, once-in-a-lifetime encounter! We found another pair of males a mile down the road, bringing our lion total to four, but they were completely sacked out and didn't give us comparable action.

Strengthening rain suppressed bird activity as we extended our route east of camp, but we did find a lone **Cheetah** as it skulked through the brush, it skulking away before we could manage much on the picture front. We returned to camp after enjoying additional views of **Waterbucks** and **Plains Zebras**, ate breakfast, and immediately started into a second driving loop, this time north and west of camp. We saw the usual **antelopes**, **giraffes**, and **elephants**, but birds proved elusive in the inclement weather, **Chestnut-backed Sparrow Larks** the only notable sighting. In camp, after lunch, Dorian scraped out **Marabou Stork** and a quartet of **vultures** — **White-backed**, **Lappet-faced**, **Hooded**, and **White-headed** — on a kill just outside the perimeter fence. Beyond those he added **Common House-Martin**, **Willow Warbler**, and **Gray-headed Bushshrike** to the trip list.

An afternoon loop to the southwest was highlighted by an amazing **elephant** encounter. Three massive examples — complete with monster tusks — staked claim to the road and forced a temporary retreat as they advanced on us. Unable to turn around in such narrow confines, we threw the car into reverse and maintained a safe distance as the beasts plodded along the dirt track. They eventually sauntered into the bush, and we explored the road beyond them before turning around and racing back to camp ahead of gate closing.





Day 9 - Wednesday, November 2 - Satara and Skukuza en route to Berg-en-dal

We knew we had a long day of driving ahead of us, so we decided to use the morning for in-camp birding. Among repeat species **Dideric Cuckoo, Black Kite, Speckled Mousebird, Southern Red-billed Hornbill, Crested Barbet, Black-backed Puffback, Fork-tailed Drongo, Wattled Startling, and Mariqua Sunbird**, we squeezed out three new species for the trip list: **Burnt-necked Eremomela, Spotted Flycatcher, and Jameson's Firefinch** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121723122>).

Departing Satara for points south, we found five **Common Ostrich** before intersecting a big group of **Blue Wildebeest**. We'd seen isolated examples throughout the trip, but it was fun to see several dozen as they mixed with **Plains Zebras**, both species posing for pictures. Continuing to the watering hole a few miles down S100, we ran into a **massive herd of Cape Buffaloes**. At 500+ animals, it represented more individual buffalo than we'd seen to that point in the trip. Three of them ended up in a disagreement with a **young Hippo**, and it was fun to watch the animals squabble over apparent water rights!

We continued on S100 to S36. That backroad was quiet at the northern end but yielded **Giraffe**, more **Blue Wildebeest**, countless **Impala**, and another **massive herd of buffaloes** as we moved south. We also found a stunning adult **Martial Eagle** in a roadside tree. Rejoining the main road when our backroads advance was blocked by mud, we continued to Skukuza and paused for a quick lunch.

Moving towards Berg-en-Dal at the park's southwestern corner, we had a quick encounter with **Red-footed Falcon**, that Eurasian migrant uncommon in Kruger. Later, we connected with an **African Hawk-Eagle**, another trip first. From there the floodgates opened as we scored a **female lion** lounging in the grass, a **leopard** sleeping in a tree, and a group of three **White Rhinos** as they pushed through the roadside brush. We'd had only unsatisfactory glimpses of that last species prior to that encounter, so it was wonderful to have prolonged view as the trio paralleled our car for five amazing minutes. We didn't realize it in the moment, but we'd scored the 'Big Five' (Elephant, Cape Buffalo, Rhino, Lion, and Leopard) in a two-hour window! Amazing! From there is was onto Berg-en-Dal rest camp for the night.

Day 10 - Thursday, November 3 - Berg-en-Dahl and departure

Today picked up right where yesterday left off - with loads of birds and animals! We arrived too late to bird Berg-en-Dahl yesterday, so we used the early morning to explore camp. That was a good move as we connected with the other-worldly **Purple-crested Turaco**, a lone **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, and our most accomodating **Green Woodhoopoes** of the trip. Beyond those, we found **Trumpeter Hornbill, Lesser Honeyguide** (Dorian only), **Retz's Helmetshrike**, and **Grosbeak Weaver**. Wonderful as those were, **African Black-headed Oriole** and **Kurrichane Thrush** stole the photo/video show, both birds belting song from close range. And we ran into **European Bee-eater** and **Wattled Lapwing** as we departed camp after breakfast. So, all-in-all a very successful morning (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S121773291>)!

As if it couldn't get better, we found a cooperative warthog and yesterday's trifecta of **White Rhinos** at a watering hole a few miles down the road. Departing the main thoroughfare and exploring backroads, we found another pair of **White Rhinos** — a mother and older youngster — lounging in a different waterhole. But wait, there's more! Looping back to the main road and original waterhole, we found our original trifecta of White Rhinos had been joined by three more. That mean we'd seen **eight White Rhinos** in less than an hour, six at the main watering hole and two on the backroad

watering hole! It was an amazing finish to an incredible trip! Our time expiring, we exited the park and made tracks towards Mbombela, where we caught a short flight to Johannesburg. We survived a four-hour layover and boarded our Delta flight back to Atlanta. 16 hours - ugh! But hey, it's was a small price to pay such a wonderful experience!



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Bird List

Number of Checklists: 22 (didn't do checklists for each and every game drive)

Number of Taxa: 181

***Many species were 'leader-only' as Dorian was always scanning when client was photographing. He also went birding during the afternoon siesta.

Checklists included in this summary:

- (1): Zimanga GR - Date: Oct 26, 2022 at 5:38 AM
- (2): Zimanga GR - Date: Oct 26, 2022 at 8:48 AM
- (3): Zimanga GR - Date: Oct 26, 2022 at 3:14 PM
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- (9): Kruger NP--Lower Sabie-Nkuhlu Road (H4-1) - Date: Oct 30, 2022 at 5:32 AM
- (10): Kruger NP--Sunset Dam - Date: Oct 30, 2022 at 8:43 AM
- (11): Kruger NP--Lower Sabie Rest Camp - Date: Oct 30, 2022 at 9:29 AM
- (12): Kruger NP--Mlondozi to Tshokwane/H10 - Date: Oct 30, 2022 at 10:57 AM
- (13): Kruger NP--Skukuza Camp - Date: Oct 30, 2022 at 2:37 PM
- (14): Kruger NP--Skukuza Camp - Date: Oct 31, 2022 at 5:20 AM
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- (18): Kruger NP--Satara Camp - Date: Nov 1, 2022 at 2:03 PM
- (19): Kruger NP--Satara Camp - Date: Nov 2, 2022 at 5:31 AM
- (20): Kruger NP--Satara Camp - Date: Nov 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM
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- (22): Kruger NP--Malelane to Afsaal/H3 - Date: Nov 2, 2022 at 4:30 PM

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6 Common Ostrich -- (20)
10 White-faced Whistling-Duck -- (10)
1 Knob-billed Duck -- (10)
44 Egyptian Goose -- (3),(4),(8),(9),(10),(11),(12),(13),(14),(17),(21)
2 African Black Duck -- (14)
11 Helmeted Guineafowl -- (1),(3),(9),(15)
2 Crested Guineafowl -- (4)
6 Crested Francolin -- (9),(12),(15)
28 Natal Spurfowl -- (6),(8),(9),(15),(17),(19),(21)
9 Swainson's Spurfowl -- (12),(15),(17),(19)
1 Speckled Pigeon -- (5)
14 Mourning Collared-Dove -- (15),(16),(18),(19)
5 Red-eyed Dove -- (6),(7),(21)
21 Ring-necked Dove -- (1),(3),(6),(7),(8),(9),(17),(21)
58 Laughing Dove -- (5),(6),(9),(10),(13),(14),(16),(18),(19),(21)
8 Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove -- (3),(9),(14),(21)
1 Namaqua Dove -- (20)
29 African Green-Pigeon -- (13),(14),(17),(21)
1 Black-bellied Bustard -- (15)
1 Purple-crested Turaco -- (21)
39 Gray Go-away-bird -- (9),(13),(15),(16),(17),(18),(19),(21)
2 White-browed Coucal -- (14)
2 Pied Cuckoo -- (15),(17)
6 Dideric Cuckoo -- (4),(7),(10),(19),(21)
6 Red-chested Cuckoo -- (8),(9),(13),(21)
2 African Swift -- (2)
60 Little Swift -- (8),(9),(12),(13),(14),(15),(16),(17),(18),(19),(21)
35 White-rumped Swift -- (2),(5),(7),(8),(9),(12),(13),(14),(15)
31 African Palm Swift -- (1),(2),(7),(9),(11),(12),(14),(17),(18),(21)
2 Black Crake -- (13),(14)
1 Water Thick-knee -- (10)
3 Black-winged Stilt -- (4),(11)
37 Blacksmith Lapwing -- (4),(8),(9),(10),(11),(13),(14),(21)
1 White-headed Lapwing -- (11)
1 Wattled Lapwing -- (21)
2 Three-banded Plover -- (10)
2 African Jacana -- (10),(15)
2 Common Sandpiper -- (10)
4 Common Greenshank -- (10),(11)
2 Wood Sandpiper -- (10)
4 African Openbill -- (10),(11)
2 Asian Woolly-necked Stork -- (1),(3)
2 Saddle-billed Stork -- (9),(17)
1 Marabou Stork -- (18)
11 Yellow-billed Stork -- (10),(11)
4 Long-tailed Cormorant -- (4),(9)

2 Hamerkop -- (3)
 1 Gray Heron -- (10)
 1 Goliath Heron -- (11)
 1 Purple Heron -- (12)
 3 Great Egret -- (9),(11),(14)
 3 Little Egret -- (9),(11)
 4 Cattle Egret -- (14)
 5 Striated Heron -- (4),(11),(14)
 1 White-backed Night-Heron -- (8)
 22 Hadada Ibis -- (4),(8),(9),(11),(13),(14),(18),(21)
 7 African Spoonbill -- (10),(11)
 2 Secretarybird -- (12)
 3 Black-winged Kite -- (1),(5),(12)
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 2 White-headed Vulture -- (18),(19)
 9 Lappet-faced Vulture -- (9),(18),(19)
 2 Hooded Vulture -- (18)
 55 White-backed Vulture -- (1),(2),(5),(6),(7),(9),(13),(14),(17),(18),(19),(21)
 8 Bateleur -- (3),(9),(12),(18)
 1 Brown Snake-Eagle -- (12)
 1 Long-crested Eagle - incidental roadside sighting
 2 Martial Eagle -- (18),(20)
 1 Wahlberg's Eagle -- (5)
 3 Tawny Eagle -- (3),(7),(15)
 1 African Hawk-Eagle -- (22)
 1 African Goshawk -- (9)
 8 Black Kite -- (2),(9),(11),(13),(14),(19)
 4 African Fish-Eagle -- (4),(10),(15)
 1 Common Buzzard -- (5)
 1 Pearl-spotted Owlet -- (21)
 29 Speckled Mousebird -- (4),(13),(14),(16),(19),(21)
 6 Eurasian Hoopoe -- (5),(8),(13),(16),(18)
 13 Green Woodhoopoe -- (9),(18),(21)
 9 Common Scimitarbill -- (2),(5),(7),(17),(19)
 7 Southern Ground-Hornbill -- (12),(15)
 4 African Gray Hornbill -- (15),(16),(19)
 18 Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill -- (2),(5),(7),(9),(12),(16),(17),(18),(21)
 14 Southern Red-billed Hornbill -- (2),(16),(18),(19),(21)
 1 Trumpeter Hornbill -- (21)
 2 Brown-hooded Kingfisher -- (9),(13)
 6 Striped Kingfisher -- (2),(5),(7)
 1 Giant Kingfisher -- (10)
 4 Pied Kingfisher -- (10),(14)
 5 White-fronted Bee-eater -- (9),(13)
 2 Little Bee-eater -- (3)
 7 European Bee-eater -- (15),(21)
 20 Lilac-breasted Roller -- (2),(5),(7),(9),(12),(15),(19),(21)

13 Crested Barbet -- (1),(3),(9),(15),(17),(18),(19),(21)
 25 Black-collared Barbet -- (8),(13),(14),(16),(18),(19),(21)
 1 Lesser Honeyguide -- (21)
 4 Cardinal Woodpecker -- (14),(19)
 1 Golden-tailed Woodpecker -- (13)
 1 Red-footed Falcon -- (22)
 1 Lanner Falcon -- (7)
 8 Brown-headed Parrot -- (9),(16),(19)
 5 African Black-headed Oriole -- (2),(14),(18),(21)
 10 Chinspot Batis -- (2),(5),(9),(16),(18)
 4 Retz's Helmetshrike -- (21)
 1 Brubru -- (7)
 18 Black-backed Puffback -- (4),(9),(13),(14),(16),(18),(19),(21)
 6 Black-crowned Tchagra -- (1),(2),(6),(7),(15)
 2 Brown-crowned Tchagra -- (14),(18)
 2 Southern Boubou -- (13)
 6 Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike -- (9),(16),(17),(21)
 3 Gray-headed Bushshrike -- (16),(18)
 1 Common Square-tailed Drongo -- (9)
 14 Fork-tailed Drongo -- (4),(6),(7),(9),(14),(15),(17),(19)
 3 African Paradise-Flycatcher -- (2),(5),(7)
 1 Red-backed Shrike -- (14)
 10 Magpie Shrike -- (4),(10),(12),(15),(17)
 1 White-crowned Shrike -- (12)
 4 Pied Crow -- (7)
 10 Southern Black-Tit -- (5),(7),(9),(14)
 50 Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark -- (20)
 2 Sabota Lark -- (1)
 5 Cape Crombec -- (2),(5),(7),(18),(21)
 3 Burnt-neck Eremomela -- (19)
 7 Green-backed Camaroptera -- (13),(14),(21)
 4 Yellow-breasted Apalis -- (9),(13),(14),(21)
 22 Tawny-flanked Prinia -- (2),(7),(10),(12),(13),(14),(18),(21)
 49 Rattling Cisticola -- (1),(2),(4),(5),(7),(9),(12),(15),(17)
 4 Zitting Cisticola -- (1),(7)
 55 Barn Swallow -- (7),(9),(10),(11),(12),(15),(17),(18),(19)
 9 Wire-tailed Swallow -- (5),(7),(11),(12),(14)
 66 Lesser Striped Swallow -- (1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(7),(9),(12),(13),(14),(15),(16),(18),(21)
 5 Rufous-chested Swallow -- (15),(17)
 1 Mosque Swallow -- (9)
 2 Common House-Martin -- (18)
 4 Sombre Greenbul -- (14),(18),(21)
 6 Terrestrial Brownbul -- (14),(21)
 78 Common Bulbul -- (2),(5),(7),(8),(9),(12),(13),(14),(16),(18),(19),(21)
 2 Willow Warbler -- (13),(18)
 8 Cape White-eye -- (13),(14)
 31 Arrow-marked Babbler -- (9),(15),(16),(17),(18),(19)

- 10 Red-billed Oxpecker -- (3),(5),(14),(17),(21)
 1 Yellow-billed Oxpecker -- (15)
 94 Wattled Starling -- (2),(5),(9),(10),(13),(14),(15),(19)
 18 Common Myna -- (2),(5),(9),(10),(18),(19)
 26 Violet-backed Starling -- (3),(5),(6),(7),(9),(13),(14),(19),(21)
 51 Burchell's Starling -- (9),(15),(16),(17),(18),(19)
 70 Greater Blue-eared Starling -- (9),(11),(13),(14),(15),(16),(18),(19),(21)
 27 Cape Starling -- (1),(2),(3),(5),(6),(7),(9)
 9 Kurrichane Thrush -- (14),(16),(21)
 1 Spotted Flycatcher -- (19)
 2 Gray Tit-Flycatcher -- (16),(17)
 1 Ashy Flycatcher -- (13)
 5 Southern Black-Flycatcher -- (2),(5),(7)
 7 Red-backed Scrub-Robin -- (2),(5),(7),(14),(19)
 4 White-throated Robin-Chat -- (14),(16)
 8 White-browed Robin-Chat -- (8),(13),(14),(19)
 3 Familiar Chat -- (2),(5),(7)
 2 Collared Sunbird -- (13),(14)
 9 Scarlet-chested Sunbird -- (2),(5),(7),(8),(21)
 8 Mariqua Sunbird -- (14),(16),(18),(19),(21)
 8 White-breasted Sunbird -- (13),(14),(21)
 20 Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver -- (10),(18),(19),(21)
 6 Spectacled Weaver -- (14),(21)
 2 Lesser Masked-Weaver -- (10),(19)
 141 Southern Masked-Weaver -- (2),(3),(5),(7),(10),(11),(19)
 34 Village Weaver -- (2),(5),(6),(7)
 4 Red-billed Quelea -- (6)
 4 White-winged Widowbird -- (5)
 3 Grosbeak Weaver -- (2),(21)
 28 Common Waxbill -- (1),(5),(7),(14)
 36 Southern Cordonbleu -- (2),(5),(6),(7),(9),(13),(14),(18),(19)
 3 Green-winged Pytilia -- (5),(7),(14)
 8 Red-billed Firefinch -- (6),(13)
 1 Jameson's Firefinch -- (19)
 2 Pin-tailed Whydah -- (5),(13)
 41 House Sparrow -- (2),(5),(7),(13),(14),(16),(18),(19)
 1 Cape Sparrow -- (5)
 97 Southern Gray-headed Sparrow -- (1),(3),(5),(6),(7),(9),(10),(13),(14),(16),(17),(18),(19)
 4 Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow -- (1)
 4 African Pied Wagtail -- (4),(8),(12),(14)
 7 Yellow-throated Longclaw -- (2),(12),(15),(17)
 31 Yellow-fronted Canary -- (2),(5),(7),(8),(9),(12),(13),(14)

