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South Africa

Budget Eastern I

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Trip Report



Lilac-breasted Roller by Jan Pienaar

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Tour Summary

Our exploration of South Africa's north-eastern circuit started with an early morning flight from Cape Town, where the group just completed our South Africa Budget West tour. After collecting our luggage, we struck out east for the world-renowned Kruger National Park, our base for four nights.

The huge, 2.2-million hectare Kruger National Park is a haven for wildlife of all descriptions, and birds are no exception. Our time here yielded Common Ostrich, Crested Francolin, Natal and Swainson's Spurfowls, Secretarybird, Black-winged Kite, White-backed, Cape, Lappet-faced and White-headed Vultures, African Goshawk, Brown Snake Eagle, Bateleur, Tawny Eagle, Kori Bustard, Red-crested Korhaan, Namaqua Dove, Pearl-spotted Owllet, Purple and Lilac-breasted Rollers, Southern Black Tit, African Hoopoe, Acacia Pied Barbet, Cardinal and Bearded Woodpeckers, Brown-headed Parrot, Magpie and Southern White-crowned Shrikes, Long-billed Crombec, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Wattled Starling, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, White-throated and White-browed Robin-Chats, Marico and Scarlet-chested Sunbirds, an out-of-range Cape Sparrow, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Lesser Masked Weaver, good numbers of Red-billed Quelea, Green-winged Pytilia, Red-billed Firefinch, and Violet-eared Waxbill.



Kori Bustard by Jan Pienaar



African Elephant by Jan Pienaar

We were fortunate on the mammal front as well, with large numbers of African Elephant, Thick-tailed Greater Galago, three Cheetah on an impala kill, Lion, Common Dwarf Mongoose, Spotted Hyaena, White Rhinoceros, Common Warthog, Common Wildebeest, the diminutive Steenbok, African Buffalo, Giraffe and, on our last morning, an African Clawless Otter.

We then bid the splendours of Kruger farewell as we headed south to the quaint town of Wakkerstroom. This mecca of birding in South Africa is surrounded by high-altitude grassland, holding some of the most sought-after and endangered birds in the country. The grasslands produced sightings of Red-winged Francolin, Southern Bald Ibis, Denham's and White-bellied Bustards, Blue Korhaan, Black Harrier, Grey Crowned and Blue Cranes, Ground Woodpecker, Spike-heeled and Botha's Larks, Cape Grassbird, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Pied Starling, Buff-streaked Chat, Orange-breasted Waxbill, Quailfinch, Cape Longclaw and Yellow-breasted Pipit. On the edge of the town is also one of the more productive wetlands in the country, with species such as Hottentot

Teal, South African Shelduck, Southern Pochard, African Marsh Harrier, Black-crowned Night Heron, African Rail, Black Crake, African Swamphen, African Snipe and Lesser Swamp and Little Rush Warblers recorded during our time spent there. Although the area is not well-known for its mammals,

we nevertheless managed sightings of Marsh Mongoose, Plains Zebra, Black Wildebeest, Blesbok, Yellow Mongoose and the endearing Meerkat.

After the chilly weather in Wakkerstroom, we headed south to the lower elevation and relative warmth of the Mkhuze Game Reserve, our base for two nights. Our time spent here bagged us gems such as African Pygmy Goose, Crested Guineafowl, Yellow-billed Stork, African Cuckoo-Hawk, African Jacana, Western Barn Owl, White-rumped Swift (a little out-of-season), Malachite Kingfisher, White-crested Helmetshrike, Common Scimitarbill, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Brubru, African Paradise Flycatcher, Grey Penduline Tit, Black Saw-wing, an out-of-season Barn Swallow, Lesser Striped Swallow, Pale Flycatcher, Bearded Scrub Robin, Rudd's Apalis, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Yellow-throated Petronia, Dark-backed Weaver, Pink-throated Twinspot, Dusky Indigobird, Yellow-throated Longclaw and Golden-breasted Bunting. Mammals were quite scarce, although Chacma Baboon and Vervet made a nuisance of themselves around the camp.



Cheetah by Jan Pienaar

So we headed further south after Mkhuze, and our first port of call was the coastal town of Mtunzini. At the fish farms in town, we had good numbers of Pink-backed Pelican and Woolly-necked Stork; whilst the Umlalazi Reserve yielded Goliath Heron, African Spoonbill, African Yellow White-eye, African Fish Eagle and a pair of displaying Crowned Eagle. In the remnant coastal forest on the other



Crested Guineafowl by Jan Pienaar

side of town, we found a lone Palm-nut Vulture as we made our way inland to the town of Eshowe. As we arrived at our accommodations for the night, we were greeted by large numbers of the loud Trumpeter Hornbill, which seemed to have invaded the town as they came in from the nearby forests to feast on the fruiting trees.

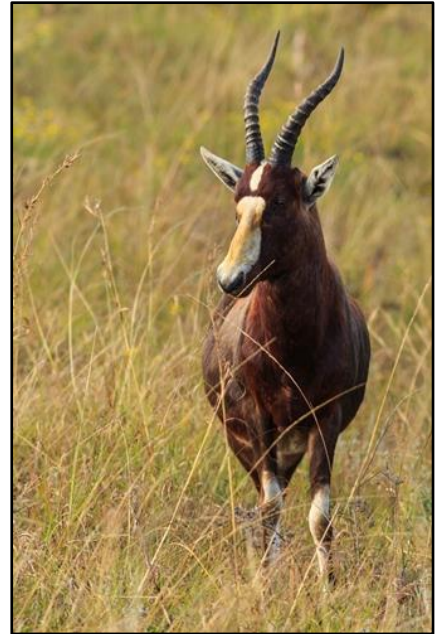
An early morning start saw us heading to the Dhlinda forest, right in the middle of town, where we first visited the canopy tower. From here we could see the forest waking up, and numerous birds came up to sit and sun themselves on exposed snags above the canopy. Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Crowned Hornbill, White-eared Barbet, Brown-backed Honeybird, Olive Woodpecker, Grey Cuckooshrike, Square-tailed Drongo and Greater Double-collared Sunbird were all seen well through the scope. On the forest trails we had Green-backed Camaroptera, Spotted Ground Thrush and a frustratingly hidden Scaly-throated Honeyguide – which, despite calling for more than half an hour, we just could not see in the canopy.

We departed Eshowe and travelled south to Durban, where we then got on the highway to take us inland again towards our base for the last two nights of the tour – Midmar Dam Resort, just outside

Pietermaritzburg. From here we headed out first thing in the morning to the Marutswa Forest. On the edge of the forest, we were entertained by Knysna Turaco, African Olive Pigeon and Drakensberg Prinia; whilst the interior of the forest produced Orange Ground and Olive Thrushes, Bar-throated Apalis, Bush Blackcap and Southern Double-collared Sunbird.

Thereafter, we headed to the Karkloof, with its mixture of farmland, forested hillsides and upland grassland. Here we managed to find African Harrier-Hawk, Long-crested Eagle, Jackal Buzzard, a lone Wattled Crane, smart Buff-streaked Chat and Cape Longclaw. A night drive at the nearby agricultural college at Cedara produced a single Serval. On our final morning, we headed into the Orient Park Game Reserve, situated on the western side of Midmar Dam. Here the wind was again not friendly, though we still had South African Shelduck, Purple Heron, African Wattled Lapwing, Long-tailed Widowbird and, on the mammal front, Black Wildebeest, Hartebeest and Blesbok.

We then started our journey to King Shaka International Airport where, after a thoroughly enjoyable three weeks together, the tour concluded as we said our farewells.



Blesbok by Jan Pienaar

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (283 in total: 276 seen, 7 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2018. IOC World Bird List (v 8.1).

Status codes: **E** = Endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic, **I** = Introduced

IUCN codes: **CR** = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **EW** = Extinct in the Wild, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient

Ostrich *Struthionidae*

Common Ostrich

Struthio camelus australis

(1) 15 Kruger NP 23.5.

Ducks, Geese & Swans *Anatidae*

White-faced Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna viduata

(1) 50 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Spur-winged Goose

Plectropterus gambensis niger

(3) 4 Wakkerstroom 27.5, 2 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 4 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Egyptian Goose

Alopochen aegyptiaca

(9) 2 Kruger NP 23.5, 4 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 8 Mkuze GR 29.5.

South African Shelduck

Tadorna cana

(4) Up to 4 Wakkerstroom 26-28.5 and 3 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

African Pygmy Goose (1) 10 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>
Hottentot Teal (2) 5 Wakkerstroom 26.5 and 3 Wakkerstroom 28.5.	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>
Cape Shoveler (3) 4 Wakkerstroom 26.5, 4 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 4 Umlalazi NR 30.5.	<i>Spatula smithii</i>
Yellow-billed Duck (3) 2 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.	<i>Anas undulata undulata</i>
Red-billed Teal (1) 2 Wakkerstroom 26.5.	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
Southern Pochard (1) 4 Wakkerstroom 28.5.	<i>Netta erythrophthalma brunnea</i>

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl (6) 15 Johannesburg 22.5.	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
Crested Guineafowl (3) Up to 15 Mkuze GR 28-30.5.	<i>Guttera pucherani edouardi</i>

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

Coqui Francolin (1) 3 Kruger NP 24.5.	<i>Peliperdix coqui coqui</i>
Red-winged Francolin (1) 7 Wakkerstroom 27.5. This covey tried their best to hide from us in the tall grass!	<i>Scleroptila levaillantii levaillantii</i>
Crested Francolin (3) 6 Kruger NP 23.5, 4 Kruger NP 24.5 and 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena sephaena</i>
Natal Spurfowl (5) 10 Kruger NP 23.5, 4 Kruger NP 24.5 and 1 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.	<i>Pternistis natalensis natalensis</i>
Swainson's Spurfowl (2) 12 Kruger NP 23.5 and 2 Kruger NP 24.5.	<i>Pternistis swainsonii swainsonii</i>

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe (3) 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis</i>
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Storks Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork (1) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
Black Stork (1) 2 Kruger NP 26.5.	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Woolly-necked Stork (VU) (2) 30 Mkuze GR 30.5 and 6 Eshowe 31.5.	<i>Ciconia episcopus microscelis</i>
Saddle-billed Stork (1) 2 Kruger NP 26.5.	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer*
(2) 5 Kruger NP 25.5 and 3 Kruger NP 26.5.

Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*
(5) 8 Wakkerstroom 27.5 and 30 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

Southern Bald Ibis (VU) *Geronticus calvus*
(1) 35 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash hagedash*
(11) 2 Kruger NP 22.5 and 8 Kruger NP 24.5.

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*
(3) 4 Wakkerstroom 27.5, 10 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 25 Umlalazi NR 30.5.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*
(1) 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata atricapilla*
(1) 1 Kruger NP 25.5.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*
(2) 1 Kruger NP 24.5 and 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
(2) 2 Johannesburg 22.5 and 6 Wakkerstroom 28.5.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea cinerea*
(5) 2 Kruger NP 24.5, 4 Mkuze GR 29.5, 2 Umlalazi NR 30.5, 3 Midmar Dam NR 31.5 and 2 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*
(6) 3 Johannesburg 22.5, up to 5 Wakkerstroom 26-28.5 and 10 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*
(2) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 2 Umlalazi NR 30.5.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea purpurea*
(2) 1 Wakkerstroom 26.5 and 2 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Great Egret *Ardea alba melanorhynchos*
(1) 1 Kruger NP 24.5.

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta umbretta*
(5) 1 Kruger NP 24.5, 7 Kruger NP 26.5, 1 Wakkerstroom 27.5, 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 1 Umlalazi NR 30.5.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*
(1) 15 Umlalazi NR 30.5.

The conveniently placed fish farm at the entrance to the Umlalazi Reserve attracted these stately birds.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

- Reed Cormorant** *Microcarbo africanus africanus*
 (6) 20 Kruger NP 26.5, 4 Wakkerstroom 27.5 and 10 Mkuze GR 29.5.
- White-breasted Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax lucidus*
 (4) 20 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 4 Umlalazi NR 30.5.

Anhingas *Anhingidae*

- African Darter** *Anhinga rufa rufa*
 (2) 5 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 1 Midmar Dam NR 31.5.

Secretarybird *Sagittariidae*

- Secretarybird (VU)** *Sagittarius serpentarius*
 (2) 1 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Wakkerstroom 26.5.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles *Accipitridae*

- Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*
 (4) 1 Kruger NP 24.5, 2 Wakkerstroom 26.5 and 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5.
- African Harrier-Hawk** *Polyboroides typus typus*
 (1) 1 Marutswa NR 1.6.
- Palm-nut Vulture** *Gypohierax angolensis*
 (1) 1 Mtunzini 30.5.
- African Cuckoo-Hawk** *Aviceda cuculoides verreauxii*
 (1) 3 Mkuze GR 29.5.
 An adult and two sub-adults were circling over the woodland in Mkuze.
- White-backed Vulture (NT)** *Gyps africanus*
 (7) 2 Kruger NP 22.5, 4 Mkuze GR 28.5 and 3 Mkuze GR 29.5.
- Cape Vulture (VU)** *Gyps coprotheres*
 (1) 2 Kruger NP 23.5.
- White-headed Vulture (VU)** *Trigonoceps occipitalis*
 (2) 2 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Kruger NP 24.5.
- Lappet-faced Vulture (VU)** *Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotos*
 (2) 1 Kruger NP 23.5 and 2 Kruger NP 24.5.
- Brown Snake Eagle** *Circaetus cinereus*
 (2) 3 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Kruger NP 25.5.
- Bateleur (NT)** *Terathopius ecaudatus*
 (4) 2 Kruger NP 26.5 and 3 Mkuze GR 29.5.
- Crowned Eagle (NT)** *Stephanoaetus coronatus*
 (1) 2 Umlalazi NR 30.5.
 A pair displayed over the mangroves of the Umlalazi lagoon
- Martial Eagle (NT)** *Polemaetus bellicosus*
 (2) 1 Mkuze GR 30.5 and 1 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.
- Long-crested Eagle** *Lophaetus occipitalis*
 (3) 1 Mtunzini 30.5, 1 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5 and 4 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.
- Tawny Eagle** *Aquila rapax rapax*
 (2) 5 Kruger NP 23.5 and 2 Kruger NP 24.5.

Gabar Goshawk (1) 1 Kruger NP 24.5.	<i>Micronisus gabar gabar</i>
African Goshawk (2) 1 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Kruger NP 24.5.	<i>Accipiter tachiro tachiro</i>
Little Sparrowhawk (2) 1 Kruger NP 26.5 and 1 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.	<i>Accipiter minullus minullus</i>
African Marsh Harrier (2) 2 Wakkerstroom 27.5 and 1 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
Black Harrier (VU) (1) 1 Wakkerstroom 26.5.	<i>Circus maurus</i>
African Fish Eagle (4) Up to 4 Kruger NP 23-25.5.	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Jackal Buzzard (4) 1 Wakkerstroom 26.5, 3 Wakkerstroom 27.5 and 5 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>

Bustards Otididae

Kori Bustard (NT) (1) 15 Kruger NP 23.5.	<i>Ardeotis kori kori</i>
Denham's Bustard (NT) (1) 9 Wakkerstroom 27.5. These birds gathered in a freshly tilled field	<i>Neotis denhami stanleyi</i>
White-bellied Bustard (1) 2 Wakkerstroom 27.5. This pair showed well east of Wakkerstroom	<i>Eupodotis senegalensis barrowii</i>
Blue Korhaan (NT) (3) Up to 9 Wakkerstroom 26-28.5.	<i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i>
Red-crested Korhaan (1) 1 Kruger NP 23.5.	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

African Rail (1) 2 Wakkerstroom 28.5. Early morning proves best to locate these difficult birds!	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
Black Crake (2) 5 Wakkerstroom 26.5 and 4 Wakkerstroom 28.5.	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>
African Swamphen (2) 6 Wakkerstroom 26.5 and 7 Wakkerstroom 28.5.	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
Common Moorhen Observed 2 day(s) in total.	<i>Gallinula chloropus meridionalis</i>
Red-knobbed Coot Observed 4 day(s) in total.	<i>Fulica cristata</i>

Cranes Gruidae

Grey Crowned Crane (VU) (2) 2 Wakkerstroom 27.5 and 2 Wakkerstroom 28.5.	<i>Balearica regulorum regulorum</i>
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Wattled Crane *Grus carunculata*

(1) 1 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

Blue Crane (VU) *Grus paradisea*

(1) 10 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus vermiculatus*

(1) 2 Kruger NP 24.5.

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*

(1) 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

(1) 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus*

Observed 10 day(s) in total.

White-crowned Lapwing *Vanellus albiceps*

(1) 1 Kruger NP 26.5.

Black-winged Lapwing *Vanellus melanopterus minor*

(1) 20 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*

(8) 2 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 10 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus lateralis*

(1) 2 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris*

(7) Up to 4 Kruger NP 23-25.5, up to 7 Wakkerstroom 26-28.5 and 4 Umlalazi NR 30.5.

White-fronted Plover *Charadrius marginatus*

(1) 1 Kruger NP 23.5.

Jacanas *Jacanidae*

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

(2) 2 Kruger NP 25.5 and 30 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae*

African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis nigripennis*

(1) 3 Wakkerstroom 28.5.

Pratincoles and Coursers *Glareolidae*

Bronze-winged Courser *Rhinoptilus chalcopterus*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 28.5.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers *Laridae*

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poiocephalus*

(1) 2 Johannesburg 22.5.

Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybrida

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove

Columba livia

Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Speckled Pigeon

Columba guinea phaeonota

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

African Olive Pigeon

Columba arquatrix

(2) 2 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5 and 15 Marutswa NR 1.6.

Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon

Columba delegorguei delegorguei

(1) 1 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

One female seen very well through the scope from the Canopy Tower.

Mourning Collared Dove

Streptopelia decipiens ambigua

(1) 6 Kruger NP 24.5.

Red-eyed Dove

Streptopelia semitorquata

(5) 1 Wakkerstroom 27.5, 1 Wakkerstroom 29.5 and 4 Midmar Dam NR 1.6.

Ring-necked Dove

Streptopelia capicola

(6) 4 Kruger NP 23.5 and 2 Kruger NP 25.5.

Laughing Dove

Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis

(7) 2 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 6 Wakkerstroom 29.5.

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove

Turtur chalcospilos

(6) 3 Kruger NP 23.5, 1 Kruger NP 24.5, 4 Kruger NP 26.5 and 4 Mkuze GR 28.5.

Tambourine Dove

Turtur tympanistria

(1) 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Namaqua Dove

Oena capensis capensis

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

African Green Pigeon

Treron calvus delalandii

(1) 1 Kruger NP 26.5.

Turacos Musophagidae

Knysna Turaco

Tauraco corythaix

(1) 8 Marutswa NR 1.6.

This small group gave us prolonged views on the edge of the forest

Purple-crested Turaco

Tauraco porphyreolophus porphyreolophus

(3) 2 Kruger NP 25.5, 4 Mkuze GR 30.5 and 4 heard Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Grey Go-away-bird

Corythaixoides concolor

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Burchell's Coucal

Centropus burchellii burchellii

(3) 1 Kruger NP 23.5, 1 Kruger NP 24.5 and 1 Kruger NP 26.5.

Barn Owls *Tytonidae***Western Barn Owl***Tyto alba poensis*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5.

This bird almost flew into one of the tour participants early morning!

Owls *Strigidae***Pearl-spotted Owlet***Glaucidium perlatum licua*

(1) 1 Kruger NP 23.5.

Nightjars and Allies *Caprimulgidae***Fiery-necked Nightjar***Caprimulgus pectoralis*

(3) 1 heard Kruger NP 23.5, 1 heard Kruger NP 26.5 and 1 heard Mkuze GR 29.5.

Swifts *Apodidae***African Palm Swift***Cypsiurus parvus*

(3) Up to 15 Kruger NP 24-26.5.

Little Swift*Apus affinis*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

White-rumped Swift*Apus caffer*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Mousebirds *Coliidae***Speckled Mousebird***Colius striatus*

(10) Up to 15 Kruger NP 24-26.5, 8 Wakkerstroom 27.5, 17 Wakkerstroom 28.5, 5 Eshowe 31.5 and 8 Midmar Dam NR 1.6.

Red-faced Mousebird*Urocolius indicus*

(2) 8 Kruger NP 25.5.

Trogon *Trogonidae***Narina Trogon***Apaloderma narina narina*

(1) 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Rollers *Coraciidae***Purple Roller***Coracias naevius mosambicus*

(1) 2 Kruger NP 23.5.

Lilac-breasted Roller*Coracias caudatus caudatus*

(5) 2 Mkuze GR 28.5.

Kingfishers *Alcedinidae***Brown-hooded Kingfisher***Halcyon albiventris*

(3) 2 Kruger NP 25.5, 1 Kruger NP 26.5 and 1 Mtunzini 30.5.

Striped Kingfisher*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 28.5.

Malachite Kingfisher*Corythornis cristatus cristatus*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Giant Kingfisher*Megaceryle maxima maxima*

(1) 2 Kruger NP 26.5.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis rudis*

(4) 8 Kruger NP 26.5, 10 Mkuze GR 29.5, 4 Midmar Dam NR 31.5 and 4 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Little Bee-eater***Merops pusillus*

(3) 6 Kruger NP 24.5, 1 Kruger NP 26.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.

White-fronted Bee-eater*Merops bullockoides*

(1) 7 Kruger NP 25.5.

Hoopoes Upupidae**African Hoopoe***Upupa africana*

(3) 6 Kruger NP 23.5, 1 Mkuze GR 30.5 and 1 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae**Green Wood Hoopoe***Phoeniculus purpureus*

(3) 9 Kruger NP 25.5, 10 Kruger NP 26.5 and 6 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

Common Scimitarbill*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5.

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

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill*Tockus leucomelas leucomelas*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Crowned Hornbill*Lophoceros alboterminatus*

(3) 2 Kruger NP 25.5, 2 Mkuze GR 30.5 and 3 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

African Grey Hornbill*Lophoceros nasutus epirhinus*

(2) 5 Kruger NP 23.5.

Trumpeter Hornbill*Bycanistes bucinator*

(2) 35 Eshowe 30.5 and 20 Eshowe 31.5.

Large, noisy flocks were all over Eshowe, visiting fruiting trees (including Avocado!)

African Barbets Lybiidae**White-eared Barbet***Stactolaema leucotis leucotis*

(2) 1 Umlalazi NR 30.5 and 15 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus bilineatus bilineatus*

(1) 1 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Red-fronted Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus pusillus pusillus*

(1) 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird*Pogoniulus chrysoconus extoni*

(1) 1 Kruger NP 25.5.

Acacia Pied Barbet*Tricholaema leucomelas*

(2) 2 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Mkuze GR 28.5.

Black-collared Barbet *Lybius torquatus torquatus*

(5) 4 Kruger NP 24.5, 2 Mkuze GR 28.5 and 1 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Crested Barbet *Trachyphonus vaillantii vaillantii*

(3) 1 Kruger NP 22.5, 3 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Honeyguides Indicatoridae

Brown-backed Honeybird *Prodotiscus regulus regulus*

(2) 1 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor minor*

(1) 1 Kruger NP 25.5.

Scaly-throated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*

(1) 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Red-throated Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis ruficollis*

(2) 1 Midmar Dam NR 31.5 and 2 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Ground Woodpecker *Geocolaptes olivaceus*

(1) 2 Wakkerstroom 28.5.

Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus*

(1) 1 Kruger NP 24.5.

Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicus fuscescens*

(3) 1 Kruger NP 23.5, 1 Kruger NP 25.5 and 3 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicus griseocephalus griseocephalus*

(1) 2 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus biarmicus*

(1) 2 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

African & New World Parrots Psittacidae

Brown-headed Parrot *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus cryptoxanthus*

(2) 4 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Kruger NP 24.5.

Wattle-eyes, Batises Platysteiridae

Cape Batis *Batis capensis*

(2) 2 heard Dlinza Forest NR 31.5 and 2 heard Marutswa NR 1.6.

Chinspot Batis *Batis molitor*

(6) Up to 4 Kruger NP 23-26.5, 2 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Helmetshrikes and Allies Prionopidae

White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus*

(1) 15 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Bushshrikes and Allies *Malaconotidae***Grey-headed Bushshrike***Malaconotus blanchoti*

(1) 1 Kruger NP 23.5.

Orange-breasted Bushshrike*Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus similis*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 28.5.

Gorgeous Bushshrike*Telophorus viridis quadricolor*

(1) 1 heard Mkuze GR 29.5.

Brown-crowned Tchagra*Tchagra australis*

(4) Up to 3 Kruger NP 24-26.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Black-crowned Tchagra*Tchagra senegalus*

(2) 1 Kruger NP 24.5 and 1 Kruger NP 25.5.

Black-backed Puffback*Dryoscopus cubla*

(6) 2 Kruger NP 23.5, 2 Kruger NP 25.5, 3 Kruger NP 26.5, 6 Mkuze GR 29.5, 2 Mkuze GR 30.5 and 1 heard Marutswa NR 1.6.

Southern Boubou*Laniarius ferrugineus*

(4) 2 heard Kruger NP 25.5, 1 Wakkerstroom 26.5, 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 2 heard Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Brubru*Nilaus afer*

(1) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae***Grey Cuckooshrike***Coracina caesia caesia*

(2) 2 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5 and 2 Marutswa NR 1.6.

Black Cuckooshrike*Campephaga flava*

(1) 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Shrikes *Laniidae***Magpie Shrike***Urolestes melanoleucus*

(4) 15 Kruger NP 23.5.

Southern White-crowned Shrike*Eurocephalus anguitimens*

(2) 7 Kruger NP 23.5 and 6 Kruger NP 24.5.

Southern Fiscal*Lanius collaris*

(8) 3 Wakkerstroom 26.5.

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae***Black-headed Oriole***Oriolus larvatus larvatus*

(4) 1 Kruger NP 26.5, 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5, 1 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5 and 1 heard Marutswa NR 1.6.

Drongos *Dicruridae***Square-tailed Drongo***Dicrurus ludwigii ludwigii*

(4) Up to 4 Mkuze GR 28-30.5 and 10 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Fork-tailed Drongo*Dicrurus adsimilis*

Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Monarchs *Monarchidae***African Paradise Flycatcher***Terpsiphone viridis*

(1) 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae***Cape Crow***Corvus capensis capensis*

(3) 4 Wakkerstroom 26.5.

Pied Crow*Corvus albus*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

White-necked Raven*Corvus albicollis*

(3) 2 Wakkerstroom 27.5, 3 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5 and 4 Marutswa NR 1.6.

Tits, Chickadees *Paridae***Southern Black Tit***Melaniparus niger*

(4) Up to 2 Kruger NP 22-24.5 and 1 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Penduline Tits *Remizidae***Grey Penduline Tit***Anthoscopus caroli hellmayri*

(1) 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Larks *Alaudidae***Spike-heeled Lark***Chersomanes albofasciata*

(1) 20 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark*Eremopterix leucotis smithi*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Sabota Lark*Calendulauda sabota*

(2) 1 Mkuze GR 28.5 and 7 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Rufous-naped Lark*Mirafra africana*

(1) 1 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Botha's Lark (EN)*Spizocorys fringillaris*

(1) 2 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Excellent scope views, after a prolonged search. Eventually found them about 10 metres in front of us, on a very windy day!

Red-capped Lark*Calandrella cinerea cinerea*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae***Dark-capped Bulbul***Pycnonotus tricolor layardi*

(10) 8 Kruger NP 23.5 and 10 Kruger NP 24.5.

Sombre Greenbul*Andropadus importunus*

(4) 4 Kruger NP 24.5, 1 Mkuze GR 29.5, 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 31.5 and 1 Marutswa NR 1.6.

Yellow-bellied Greenbul*Chlorocichla flaviventris*

(1) 3 Kruger NP 25.5.

Terrestrial Brownbul*Phyllastrephus terrestris*

(3) 6 Kruger NP 24.5, 2 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 3 Marutswa NR 1.6.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

- Black Saw-wing** *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*
(2) 20 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.
- Brown-throated Martin** *Riparia paludicola paludicola*
(3) 8 Wakkerstroom 27.5 and 2 Umlalazi NR 30.5.
- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
(1) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5.
- Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii smithii*
(5) 6 Kruger NP 23.5, 4 Kruger NP 24.5, 2 Kruger NP 26.5, 6 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 4 Mkuze GR 30.5.
- Lesser Striped Swallow** *Cecropis abyssinica unitatis*
(2) 1 Kruger NP 23.5 and 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Crombecs, African warblers *Macrosphenidae*

- Cape Grassbird** *Sphenoeacus afer*
(1) 1 Wakkerstroom 27.5.
- Long-billed Crombec** *Sylvietta rufescens*
(4) 2 Kruger NP 23.5, 1 Kruger NP 25.5, 1 Mkuze GR 28.5 and 1 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Reed warblers and allies *Acrocephalidae*

- Lesser Swamp Warbler** *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*
(1) 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5.

Grassbirds and allies *Locustellidae*

- Little Rush Warbler** *Bradypterus baboecala*
(1) 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5.

Cisticolas and allies *Cisticolidae*

- Rattling Cisticola** *Cisticola chiniana*
(4) 6 Kruger NP 24.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.
- Levaillant's Cisticola** *Cisticola tinniens*
(2) 2 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 1 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.
- Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis terrestris*
(3) 1 Mkuze GR 29.5, 1 heard Mkuze GR 30.5 and 3 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.
- Wing-snapping Cisticola** *Cisticola ayresii ayresii*
(1) 7 Wakkerstroom 27.5.
- Tawny-flanked Prinia** *Prinia subflava*
(2) 1 Kruger NP 26.5 and 1 Mkuze GR 30.5.
- Drakensberg Prinia** *Prinia hypoxantha*
(1) 4 Marutswa NR 1.6.
- Bar-throated Apalis** *Apalis thoracica*
(1) 2 Marutswa NR 1.6.
- Rudd's Apalis** *Apalis ruddi fumosa*
(1) 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.
- Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis flavida*
(2) 4 Kruger NP 24.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Green-backed Camaroptera*Camaroptera brachyura*

(4) 1 Kruger NP 25.5, 2 Mkuze GR 29.5, 2 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5 and 1 Marutswa NR 1.6.

Burnt-necked Eremomela*Eremomela usticollis usticollis*

(1) 4 Kruger NP 23.5.

Laughingthrushes *Leiothrichidae***Arrow-marked Babbler***Turdoides jardineii jardineii*

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Sylviid Babblers *Sylviidae***Bush Blackcap (NT)***Lioptilus nigricapillus*

(1) 1 Marutswa NR 1.6.

White-eyes *Zosteropidae***Cape White-eye***Zosterops virens*

(3) 3 Kruger NP 25.5, 2 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 6 Marutswa NR 1.6.

African Yellow White-eye*Zosterops senegalensis*

(1) 2 Umlalazi NR 30.5.

Starlings *Sturnidae***Common Myna***Acridotheres tristis tristis*

(2) 4 Wakkerstroom 26.5.

Wattled Starling*Creatophora cinerea*

(1) 8 Kruger NP 24.5.

Black-bellied Starling*Notopholia corusca corusca*

(2) 25 Umlalazi NR 30.5 and 30 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.

Cape Starling*Lamprotornis nitens*

(4) 1 Kruger NP 22.5 and up to 10 Mkuze GR 28-30.5.

Greater Blue-eared Starling*Lamprotornis chalybaeus nordmanni*

(4) 3 Kruger NP 23.5.

Burchell's Starling*Lamprotornis australis*

(4) 2 Kruger NP 25.5.

Pied Starling*Lamprotornis bicolor*

(3) 9 Wakkerstroom 26.5.

Red-winged Starling*Onychognathus morio morio*

(3) 4 Eshowe 30.5 and 20 Midmar Dam NR 1.6.

Oxpeckers *Buphagidae***Red-billed Oxpecker***Buphagus erythrorynchus*

(5) 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae***Orange Ground Thrush***Geokichla gurneyi*

(1) 2 Marutswa NR 1.6.

We had excellent views of two calling birds in the mid-stratum of the forest

Spotted Ground Thrush (1) 1 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.	<i>Geokichla guttata guttata</i>
Kurrichane Thrush (2) 1 Kruger NP 25.5 and 6 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
Olive Thrush (1) 6 Marutswa NR 1.6.	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>

Chats, Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

Bearded Scrub Robin (2) 1 Kruger NP 25.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata quadrivirgata</i>
White-browed Scrub Robin (2) 1 Kruger NP 26.5 and 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys leucophrys</i>
Grey Tit-Flycatcher (1) 1 Kruger NP 23.5.	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
Southern Black Flycatcher (2) 3 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 9 Mkuze GR 30.5.	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
Pale Flycatcher (2) 15 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 3 Mkuze GR 30.5.	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
Fiscal Flycatcher (2) 1 Kruger NP 25.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>
Ashy Flycatcher (3) 1 Kruger NP 23.5, 4 Kruger NP 25.5 and 7 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
Cape Robin-Chat (1) 1 Wakkerstroom 26.5.	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
White-throated Robin-Chat (2) 1 Kruger NP 24.5 and 2 Kruger NP 25.5.	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
White-browed Robin-Chat (3) Up to 2 Kruger NP 24-26.5.	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
Red-capped Robin-Chat (1) 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
Sentinel Rock Thrush (1) 1 Wakkerstroom 27.5.	<i>Monticola explorator</i>
African Stonechat (4) 2 Wakkerstroom 26.5, 3 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 8 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
Buff-streaked Chat (2) 1 Wakkerstroom 27.5 and 4 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.	<i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i>
Ant-eating Chat Observed 1 day(s) in total.	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
Mountain Wheatear (1) 6 Wakkerstroom 27.5.	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola monticola</i>
Capped Wheatear (1) 1 Wakkerstroom 27.5.	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
Familiar Chat (1) 1 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
(3) 4 Kruger NP 24.5, 6 Kruger NP 25.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.	
Olive Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
(1) 2 heard Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.	
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina amethystina</i>
(1) 2 Wakkerstroom 26.5.	
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis gutturalis</i>
(3) 1 Kruger NP 24.5, 1 Kruger NP 25.5 and 1 Mkuze GR 30.5.	
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>
(1) 3 Marutswa NR 1.6.	
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>
(1) 4 Midmar Dam NR 31.5.	
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis mariquensis</i>
(1) 4 Kruger NP 22.5.	
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
(4) 2 Kruger NP 22.5, 2 Kruger NP 24.5, 2 Kruger NP 25.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.	

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
(6) 2 Wakkerstroom 27.5.	
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
(1) 2 Kruger NP 23.5.	
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
(4) 6 Mkuze GR 30.5.	
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
(2) 2 Mkuze GR 28.5 and 4 Mkuze GR 29.5.	

Weavers, Widowbirds Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger niger</i>
(2) 2 Kruger NP 24.5.	
Thick-billed Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
(2) 1 Kruger NP 25.5 and 4 Dlinza Forest NR 31.5.	
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis ocularis</i>
(2) 3 Kruger NP 24.5 and 4 Kruger NP 25.5.	
Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
(1) 4 Wakkerstroom 28.5.	
Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius cabanisii</i>
(1) 2 Kruger NP 23.5.	
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
(3) 4 Wakkerstroom 27.5.	
Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
(2) 4 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 2 Eshowe 30.5.	
Dark-backed Weaver	<i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
(1) 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.	

Red-billed Quelea

(5) 2 Kruger NP 26.5 and 4 Kruger NP 30.5.

*Quelea quelea lathamii***Southern Red Bishop**

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

*Euplectes orix***Long-tailed Widowbird**

Observed 3 day(s) in total.

*Euplectes progne progne***Waxbills, Munias and allies Estrildidae****Green-winged Pytilia**

(1) 1 Kruger NP 23.5.

*Pytilia melba melba***Pink-throated Twinspot**

(1) 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.

*Hypargos margaritatus***Red-billed Firefinch**

(3) 6 Kruger NP 23.5, 5 Kruger NP 24.5 and 4 Mkuze GR 30.5.

*Lagonosticta senegala rendalli***Blue Waxbill**

(6) 2 Kruger NP 26.5.

*Uraeginthus angolensis***Violet-eared Waxbill**

(1) 1 Kruger NP 25.5.

*Uraeginthus granatinus***Common Waxbill**

(3) 6 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 10 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

*Estrilda astrild***Orange-breasted Waxbill**

(1) 1 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

*Amandava subflava clarkei***Quailfinch**

(1) 6 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

*Ortygospiza atricollis digressa***Bronze Mannikin**

(1) 3 Kruger NP 23.5.

*Lonchura cucullata scutata***Indigobirds Viduidae****Dusky Indigobird**

(2) 5 Mkuze GR 28.5 and 15 Mkuze GR 30.5.

*Vidua funerea funerea***Wagtails, Pipits Motacillidae****Cape Wagtail**

(4) 12 Wakkerstroom 26.5 and 2 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

*Motacilla capensis capensis***African Pied Wagtail**

(3) 3 Kruger NP 24.5, 2 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 2 Mkuze GR 30.5.

*Motacilla aguimp***Cape Longclaw**

(2) 3 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

*Macronyx capensis***Yellow-throated Longclaw**

(2) 2 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 1 Mkuze GR 30.5.

*Macronyx croceus vulturinus***African Pipit**

(6) 1 Kruger NP 22.5, 4 Mkuze GR 29.5, 2 Mkuze GR 30.5 and 1 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

*Anthus cinnamomeus***Yellow-breasted Pipit (VU)**

(1) 3 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Anthus chloris

Finches *Fringillidae***Yellow-fronted Canary***Crithagra mozambica*

(4) 3 Kruger NP 23.5.

Buntings, New World Sparrows and allies *Emberizidae***Golden-breasted Bunting***Emberiza flaviventris*

(3) Up to 10 Mkuze GR 28-30.5.

Mammals (38 in total: 38 seen)**Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient**Elephants *Elephantidae*****African Elephant***Loxodonta africana*

(4) 1 Kruger NP 26.5.

Hyraxes *Procaviidae***Rock Hyrax***Procavia capensis*

(1) 3 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Galagos *Galagidae***Thick-tailed Greater Galago***Otolemur crassicaudatus crassicaudatus*

(2) 1 Kruger NP 24.5 and 1 Kruger NP 25.5.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae***Vervet***Chlorocebus pygerythrus*

Observed 8 day(s) in total.

Chacma Baboon*Papio ursinus ursinus*

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae***Scrub Hare***Lepus saxatilis*

(1) 2 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Squirrels *Sciuridae***Smith's Bush Squirrel***Paraxerus cepapi*

Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Cats *Felidae***Cheetah***Acinonyx jubatus jubatus*

(1) 3 Kruger NP 24.5.

We were very fortunate to find a mother and her two sub-adult offspring feeding on an impala early in

the morning.

Serval *Leptailurus serval*

(1) 1 Cedara 1.6.

Lion *Panthera leo leo*

(2) 2 Kruger NP 24.5 and 2 Kruger NP 26.5.

Mongoosees *Herpestidae*

Marsh Mongoose *Atilax paludinosus*

(2) 1 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 1 Umlalazi NR 30.5.

Yellow Mongoose *Cynictis penicillata*

(1) 5 Wakkerstroom 27.5.

Common Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale parvula*

(2) 8 Kruger NP 23.5.

Cape Grey Mongoose *Herpestes pulverulentus*

(2) 2 Mkuze GR 29.5 and 1 Midmar Dam NR 31.5.

Meerkat *Suricata suricatta*

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Hyaenas, Aardwolf *Hyaenidae*

Spotted Hyaena *Crocuta crocuta*

(2) 2 Kruger NP 25.5 and 1 Kruger NP 26.5.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals *Canidae*

Black-backed Jackal *Canis mesomelas*

(1) 3 Kruger NP 23.5.

Weasels, Skunks, Otters *Mustelidae*

African Clawless Otter *Aonyx capensis*

(1) 1 Kruger NP 26.5.

Zebras, Horse, Asses *Equidae*

Plains Zebra *Equus quagga*

(7) 15 Mkuze GR 28.5.

Rhinoceroses *Rhinocerotidae*

White Rhinoceros *Ceratotherium simum simum*

(1) 3 Kruger NP 24.5.

We were very fortunate to find a bull, cow and youngster in front of our accommodations. Sightings in the central Kruger National Park has become few and far between, largely due to the poaching crisis affecting these magnificent beasts.

Pigs *Suidae*

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus sundevallii*

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Hippopotamuses *Hippopotamidae*

Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibius capensis*
 (5) 8 Kruger NP 23.5, 1 Kruger NP 25.5 and 6 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae*

Impala *Aepyceros melampus melampus*
 (8) 6 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Hartebeest *Alcelaphus buselaphus*
 (1) 30 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Springbok *Antidorcas marsupialis*
 Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Black Wildebeest *Connochaetes gnou*
 (3) 20 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 50 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Common Wildebeest *Connochaetes taurinus*
 Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Blesbok *Damaliscus pygargus*
 (3) 23 Wakkerstroom 28.5 and 25 Midmar Dam NR 2.6.

Waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus*
 (2) 1 Kruger NP 23.5.

Steenbok *Raphicerus campestris campestris*
 Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Southern Reedbuck *Redunca arundinum*
 (1) 1 Karkloof - Lower 1.6.

Common Duiker *Sylvicapra grimmia*
 (1) 2 Kruger NP 26.5.

African Buffalo *Syncerus caffer caffer*
 (2) 1 Kruger NP 24.5.

Nyala *Tragelaphus angasii*
 (4) 4 Kruger NP 25.5 and 5 Mkuze GR 30.5.

Bushbuck *Tragelaphus scriptus*
 (2) 2 Kruger NP 23.5 and 1 Kruger NP 24.5.

Greater Kudu *Tragelaphus strepsiceros*
 Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Giraffe, Okapi *Giraffidae*

Giraffe *Giraffa camelopardalis giraffa*
 (6) 1 Kruger NP 22.5 and 7 Mkuze GR 29.5.

Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae*

Peters's Epauletted Fruit Bat *Epomophorus crypturus*
 (1) 4 Kruger NP 24.5.

Reptiles (7 in total: 7 seen)

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Tortoises Testudinidae

Leopard Tortoise

(1) 1 Kruger NP 23.5.

Stigmochelys pardalis

Afro-American Sideneck Turtles Pelomedusidae

Helmeted Turtle

(1) 1 Kruger NP 24.5.

Pelomedusa subrufa nigra

Plated Lizards Gerrhosauridae

Giant Plated Lizard

(1) 1 Kruger NP 25.5.

Gerrhosaurus validus

Skinks Scincidae

African Five-lined Skink

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Trachylepis quinquetaeniata

African Striped Skink

Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Trachylepis striata striata

Lamprophiidae Lamprophiidae

Olive Whip Snake

(1) 1 Kruger NP 24.5.

Psammophis mossambicus

Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae

Nile Crocodile

(4) Up to 3 Kruger NP 23-26.5.

Crocodylus niloticus cowiei

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