South Africa
Comprehensive VIII
5th – 24th October 2018 (21 days)
Trip Report

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Tour Summary

We had great fun on this 21-day tour of South Africa; meandering from Johannesburg down to Kruger National Park and then exploring the eastern parts of the country – including the largest estuarine system in the world and the famous Drakensberg Mountains. We then winged our way to the superb cape region, which forms part of the smallest Floristic Kingdom in the world. We had some great sightings of the famous “Big 5”, plus the rare Cheetah. Bird specials included Taita Falcon, Blue Crane, Secretarybird, Ground Woodpecker, Pink-throated and Green Twinstops and Drakensberg Rockjumper. The cape did not disappoint, with specials such as Cape Rockjumper, Cinnamon-breasted, Rufous-eared, Victorin’s and Namaqua Warblers, Karoo Eremomela, Cape Siskin and Protea Canary. We ended with a great count of 480 species and some incredible memories to cherish!

Top 10 list:

1. Cape Rockjumper
2. Gurney’s Sugarbird
3. Livingstone’s Turaco
4. African Penguin
5. Taita Falcon
6. Secretarybird
7. Blue Crane / Malachite Sunbird
9. Bearded Vulture
10. Collared Pratincole / Pink-throated Twinstop / Common Ostrich

Main Tour Summary

The start of the tour had finally arrived. We met all the participants around our lovely accommodations in Johannesburg, and enjoyed seeing Red-headed Finches and Karoo Thrushes around the gardens. A lovely steak dinner was enjoyed whilst we discussed what this great comprehensive tour had in store for us. We then retired for the evening, in preparation for an early start the following morning.

We were up well before sunrise, making our way north. We passed Pretoria and eventually reached an area near Rust De Winter. This fantastic piece of “bushveld” is home to a huge array of bird diversity. However, we focused our efforts on the many species more prominent in the western half of Southern Africa. The targets we managed to get to grips with included the colourful Crimson-breasted Shrike, White-throated Robin-Chat, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Chestnut-vented Warbler, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Scaly-feathered Weaver, Pearl-breasted Swallow and Southern Pied Babbler. We also did extremely well in finding some tough species, such as Barred Wren-Warbler and Jameson’s Firefinch. Magpie Shrike, Grey Go-away-birds, and Southern Red, Southern Yellow and African Grey Hornbills were numerous. We managed fantastic looks at Green-winged Pytilia, Pearl-spotted Owlet and Black-throated Canary too. We slowly made our way back, unwinding and processing the myriad of species seen.

We left the bustling city of Johannesburg early this morning and made our way east toward the lowveld. We managed to see many Long-tailed Widowbirds displaying en route. A stop near
the escarpment drop provided us with a great look at a Southern Bald Ibis. We had a planned stop at the Abel Erasmus Pass and looked for one of Southern Africa’s rarest birds – Taita Falcon. We struck gold and spotted a single bird as it came over the cliff! Other great finds here were Cape Vulture, Crowned Eagle, Mocking Cliff Chat and a Half-collared Kingfisher at its nest! We had a great lunch, ticking off Kurrichane Thrush, Black-headed Oriole and Red-headed Weaver; eventually making our way into the world-famous Kruger National Park. We enjoyed the vast wilderness, with many sightings of Impala, Waterbuck, Greater Kudu, Giraffe and African Elephant. Raptors abounded, with many Bateleur and some White-backed Vultures on the nest too. We also narrowly missed a Leopard hiding up on a rocky outcrop. We arrived at Skukuza Camp as the sun set, and enjoyed a great meal before retiring after a long day.

We spent three nights in this magical part of the world, and enjoyed drives out into the wilderness in our open safari vehicle. Early morning and early evenings were the times we were out there chasing down our quarry. We had to find a nice balance between birding and searching for mammals, and we were greatly rewarded in our efforts. The adrenalin rushed through our veins as we found our first Lions, followed by an entire pride lying in the riverbed. Our first Leopard walked out into the road right in front of us, and we could not believe our luck. White Rhinoceroses were difficult to find, due to the ongoing poaching crisis that the world population is facing. Other great mammals were many African Elephants, African Buffalo, Giraffe, Greater Kudu, Bushbuck, Nyala, Klipspringer, Steenbok and many Hippopotami, too. A night drive yielded Southern Lesser Galago, Cape Porcupine and even a Spotted Eagle-Owl. We also targeted many birds that call this place home. Some specials included Southern Ground Hornbill, Red-crested Korhaan, Black-bellied Bustard, Saddle-billed and Marabou Storks, Lappet-faced, White-headed and Hooded Vultures, Brown-headed Parrot, Marico Sunbird, Black-crowned and Brown-crowned Tchagras, Southern Black Tit, White-crowned Lapwing, Yellow-throated Petronia, Retz’s and White-crested Helmetshrikes, Klaas’s Cuckoo, Verreaux’s Eagle-Owl, Terrestrial Brownbul, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Southern White-faced and Western Barn Owls and White-browed Robin-Chat. A few walks around gave us African Goshawk, Purple-crested Turaco, Green-backed Camaroptera, Crowned Hornbill and Scarlet-chested Sunbird.

Our last morning, as we were leaving the park, was particularly exciting. The first bit of excitement came in the form of a huge bull African Elephant that decided to take ownership of the road – not letting anyone go past. We observed this gentle giant for a while, and after studying his behaviour, I
decided it would be fine to pass him slowly, giving him his space and respect. It is very important to understand that all individuals are different, and only people that know wild animal behaviour should attempt such things. **Exciting!** We helped some other vehicles that wanted to get by before moving onwards on our journey. We quickly found not only one, but two Leopards for the morning! Two White Rhinoceroses formed another roadblock, and came right up to our vehicle! The cherry on the cake was finding a female Cheetah, all by ourselves, standing atop a termite mound, surveying the savanna. We left this beautiful part of the world and made our way back up the escarpment to Wakkerstroom.

Wakkerstroom is a quaint little town situated in some superb Highveld grasslands. This area is a biodiversity hotspot, with many rare and endemic bird species. We had a little taste of this upon entering the area, with many new birds like Blue Korhaan, Secretarybird, Spotted Thick-Knee, South Africa’s national bird – the Blue Crane – as well as Cape Crow, and Grey-winged and Red-winged Francolins. We stayed at a beautiful guest house on the edge of town and used this as our base for the next two nights. We found all our targets here, including the sought-after Meerkat and Black Wildebeest! Birding highlights were definitely Grey Crowned Crane, Botha’s, Rudd’s, Eastern Long-billed and Eastern Clapper Larks, Cloud and Lazy Cisticolas, Long-billed, African Rock and pretty Yellow-breasted Pipits, Denham’s and White-bellied Bustards, Sentinel Rock Thrush, Malachite Sunbird and Buff-streaked Chat. A wetland on the edge of town gave us South African Shelduck, African Snipe, African Swamphen, Cape Weaver, African Yellow, Little Rush, Lesser Swamp and African Reed Warblers, Little Bittern, African Marsh Harrier and even Spotted-necked Otter!

We left the highlands for the last time, heading east towards the coast and into a part of KwaZulu-Natal known as Zululand. The Mkuze area was our base for the following two nights, and we had a great time here. We based ourselves in a great patch of “sand forest”, which is a type of dry forest with a limited amount of ground cover. We had some great walks around and found many Pink-throated and Green Twinspots, Neergaard’s, Grey and Purple-banded Sunbirds, Rudd’s Apalis, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, African Yellow White-eye and even a stunning male Narina Trogon! A special mention must go to bumping into a huge male Giraffe whilst on our walk. The inquisitive beast was very curious, and allowed us at least 5 minutes with him. A full day visiting the famous Mkuze Game Reserve nearby was also a great highlight. Here we got many
Pink-backed Pelican, a stunning male Gorgeous Bushshrike, Red-chested Cuckoo, Green Wood Hoopoe, Common Scimitarbill, Cardinal Woodpecker, Martial Eagle, Striped Kingfisher, more Neergaard’s Sunbirds at eye level, Bearded Scrub Robins at our feet and more Pink-throated Twinspots! We also visited a coastal wetland nearby, where we managed views of Grey-rumped and Red-breasted Swallows, Lemon-breasted Canary, Black-winged and Senegal Lapwings side-by-side, and a stunning Collared Pratincole perched right in front of us.

Our next destination was the coastal village of St Lucia. Nestled between the largest estuarine system in the world and the Indian Ocean, this area is a biodiversity hotspot. The second largest vegetated dune in the world is found here, and we even got to venture into the iSimangaliso Wetland Park – South Africa’s first proclaimed World Heritage Site. We found many wallowing Hippopotami and Blue and Vervet Monkeys, but the highlight surely goes to many the Humpback Whales displaying and even breaching, just behind the backline. Birding highlights here included Woodward’s Batis, Livingstone’s Turaco, Eastern Nicator, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Brown Scrub-Robin, Collared Sunbird, Crested Guineafowl and Southern Brown-throated Weaver. The original mouth of the estuary produced Greater Flamingo, Yellow-billed Stork, Pink-backed Pelican and many waders and terns. We also had a night drive into the Eastern Shores, and managed Swamp Nightjar, Water Thick-knee and even Cape Porcupine!

We left St Lucia early morning and ventured south and then inland into the heart of Zululand. En route we found a gorgeous Palm-nut Vulture sunning itself in the early morning rays. We visited a fantastic forest, Dlinza, nestled on the edge of Eshowe. We rushed onto the aerial boardwalk and tower and went in search of our major target here – the elusive Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon. We had an excellent look at a male bird as he circled twice before disappearing into the canopy just out of sight. After breakfast on the tower, we explored the understorey with its myriad of trails. Highlights were definitely Bar-throated Apalis, Grey Cuckoo-shrike, African Emerald Cuckoo, Southern Double-collared Sunbird, Cape Batis, Narina Trogon and a confiding Chorister Robin-Chat. The bird of the day was definitely our main target here, the stunning Spotted Ground Thrush, which gave us excellent looks. We moved on further south towards Durban, with a brief birding stop at a wetland near Stanger. Here, we got Malachite Kingfisher, Brown-throated Martin, Ruff...
and both Cape and Hottentot Teals. We drove through the outskirts of the largest city in KwaZulu-Natal, and eventually reached our beautiful lodge in Hilton.

We woke to a misty day with fine rain that was here to stay. We persevered and it certainly did pay off, with a lot of mud as an added bonus. We visited Doreen Clark Nature Reserve and had some good birds in the form of White-starred Robin, Olive Bushshrike, Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler and Cape Batis. The Karkloof area gave us some more forest birds, such as Bush Blackcap, Knysna Turaco, Orange Ground Thrush, Lemon Dove and Forest Canary. We then pushed on to the Drakensberg region and found one more target, a pair of Wattled Cranes, which made that a total of three crane species in a day! We visited our accommodation at the bottom of Sani Pass and awaited a view of the mountains, as they were blocked by low-lying clouds.

We woke to a gorgeous day, and some great views to boot. Our birding started off extremely well, as we made our way up Sani Pass in our 4x4 vehicles. The bottom of the pass yielded Southern Red Bishop, African Black Duck, African Yellow Warbler, Half-collared Kingfisher, Red-throated Wryneck, Cape Grassbird and Red-necked Spurfowl. We ventured higher and eventually reached the switchbacks near the top, ticking off Gurney’s Sugarbird, Barratt’s Warbler, Cape Rock-Thrush, Familiar Chat and Ground and Olive Woodpeckers. We hopped out of the vehicles in haste, as we found our first Drakensberg Rockjumper – my job was safe! We had great looks as the male ventured closer, alongside a confiding African Rock Pipit, Cape Bunting and Drakensberg Siskin. We eventually reached the highlands of Lesotho, got our passports stamped and went in search of more specials in this seemingly harsh terrain. We managed to find Grey Tit, Large-billed Lark, Mountain Pipit, Mountain Wheatear, Yellow Canary, Fairy Flycatcher and Layard’s Warbler. A traditional drink at the highest pub in Africa was on the cards before venturing back down after a very successful day. The surprise of the day came when we watched a Long-crested Eagle and a Bearded Vulture flying overhead! What a superb ending to a special day.

We made plans to leave early today, leaving the famed Drakensberg area and heading to Durban for our flight to Cape Town. Birding was, of course, in the plans en route. So, we visited Marutswa Forest yet again, hoping to find some Cape Parrots that sometimes use this area to roost. We were in luck, as we spotted three birds sitting quietly in the cold.
We had to leave, unfortunately, to make our way back to the coast and to the King Shaka International Airport, where we boarded our flight to Cape Town for our Cape Extension.

**Cape Extension Summary**

We arrived in the lovely “Mother City” which is Cape Town by mid-afternoon. The skies were blue as we collected our vehicle and made our way to our glorious accommodation on the edge of False Bay. We enjoyed a late afternoon walk along the beach, and managed to find our first Bank Cormorant, African Oystercatcher and also Cape Sugarbirds feeding on some pin-cushions. We had a great dinner in town and enjoyed a whole bunch of African Penguins, comically waddling from the beach for their night parade.

We woke as the sun came up. We had an extra day to play with, as our pelagic had unfortunately been cancelled due to bad weather conditions. Every cloud has a silver lining, and our day gave us more time to explore the great cape peninsula. We visited the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, and enjoyed this special part of the world all by ourselves before the hordes of tourists arrived mid-morning. We ventured down to Olifantsbos section of the park and managed to find the rare Bontebok subspecies of Blesbok, as well as true tickable Common Ostriches with young! We then made our way to the Cape of Good Hope, which is the most south-westerly point of Africa, and we had fun fighting the wind. Many Cape Cormorants and Afro-Australian Fur Seals looked on. A walk up to the lighthouse gave us nice scenery, but we made our way down quickly as the wind was horrific. We left this great place and decided to do some birding at the famous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. We hoped that Table Mountain would act as a barrier against the wind, and we were right! The weather was great here, and we enjoyed a great lunch before exploring the stunning gardens. We managed to find Cape Spurfowl, Cape Sugarbird, Lemon Dove, Orange-breasted Sunbird, Karoo Prinia, Cape Batis, Common Chaffinch, Olive Thrush and a nesting pair of Spotted Eagle-Owls!

We enjoyed another early sit-down breakfast, watching the sun appear over the bay. Before we set off, we watched the myriad of Cape Cormorants heading out over the bay to feed for the morning. We then visited the renowned Strandfontein Waste Water Treatment Works to find a huge number of birds present. We enjoyed thousands of Greater Flamingo, Cape Shoveler, Hartlaub’s...
and Kelp Gulls, Cape Teal and Little Grebe. Other birds present included many Pied Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Yellow-billed and Maccoa Ducks, Black-necked Grebe and Little Rush Warblers. We continued around the bay, enjoying the spectacular scenery nearer to Betty’s Bay. We then went in search of one of the region’s finest and toughest endemics. We eventually won the battle, spotting a pair of Cape Rockjumpers! We enjoyed close-up looks of this handsome endemic. Our next destination gave us African Penguins, and watching them go about their clumsy habits proved to be very amusing. Other great species that we managed to track down here consisted of all the marine cormorants, namely Cape, White-breasted, Bank and eventually two Crowned.

Greater Flamingo by Adam Riley

We enjoyed lunch at the little-known Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, and followed this up with an enjoyable walk up through the gardens and into the endemic fynbos habitat on the slopes. Birds seen whilst waiting for lunch consisted of African Paradise, African Dusky and Fiscal Flycatchers, Familiar Chat, Cape Siskin and Brimstone Canary. Our little hike produced the goods. The sun started to dip as we made our way back to our great accommodation for a relaxing sundowner before an enjoyable meal.

Black Harrier by Adam Riley

We left pre-dawn this morning, heading through Cape Town and up the west coast. We made a stop en route, enjoying a scenic view of the famous Table Mountain. Another stop closer to West Coast National Park gave us our only Southern Black Korhaan. The West Coast National Park is a great reserve that warrants a lot of time exploring the strandveld habitat and the extensive Langebaan Lagoon. The lagoon was our first stop, where we hoped to spend some time working through the abundance of waders. We timed it perfectly. As the tide came in, we watched many birds being pushed closer to the hide. We scanned through many Little Stint, Sanderling, Curlew Sandpiper and Whimbrel. Fewer Red Knot, Common Greenshank and Ruddy Turnstone were also present. We had a great lunch in the town of Langebaan,
with Rock Kestrels and Cape Weavers as bystanders, before making our way back into the park. Black Harrier was our next adrenalin rush, as we encountered a single bird hunting close to the road. The lookout at Seeberg was a fantastic spot and a fly-by of a Booted Eagle was a special addition. We then hit the road inland, to the quaint town of Ceres.

Ceres was our base as we made our way into an area known as the Tankwa Karoo. This desert-like habitat is very harsh, with little rainfall. This are of small stunted bushes is home to many endemics, though, and we did extremely well with our targets today! First up were looks at Rufous-eared Warbler, Karoo and Large-billed Larks, Karoo Chat, Karoo Eremomela, Pirit Batis, Mountain Wheatear, Fairy Flycatcher and even Pale Chanting Goshawk. We then tried for a major target next, and eventually got great looks at a pair of Cinnamon-chested Warblers! We enjoyed a relaxing drink at the famous Tankwa Padstal, listening to the stories of the interesting folk who run the place. We then tried our luck further inland, and struck gold with the nomadic Grey-backed Sparrowlark and even a Greater Kestrel. We moved onwards, back to Ceres, as the temperature rose and the bird activity dropped.

The final day of the tour had unfortunately arrived, but luckily our flights were not till the afternoon. We had a relaxed breakfast before leaving Ceres, making our way back to Cape Town. We visited the Protea-studded slopes near Ceres and managed to find two more new endemics, namely Protea Canary and Victorin’s Warbler! We then departed for Cape Town, where we enjoyed a last lunch, reminiscing about the great time we had in this special part of the world!

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**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 (470 in total: 465 seen, 5 heard)**


**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

**Common Ostrich**

Observed 5 day(s) in total.

**Ostrich Struthionidae**

*Struthio camelus australis*
**Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae**

- **White-faced Whistling Duck**
  
  *Dendrocygna viduata*
  

- **Spur-winged Goose**
  
  *Plectropterus gambensis niger*
  
  Observed 9 day(s) in total.

- **Egyptian Goose**
  
  *Alopochen aegyptiaca*
  
  Observed 19 day(s) in total.

- **South African Shelduck**
  
  *Tadorna cana*
  
  Observed 4 day(s) in total.

- **Hottentot Teal**
  
  *Spatula hottentota*
  
  (3) Wakkerstroom 12.10, observed 13.10 and en route 16.10.

- **Cape Shoveler**
  
  *Spatula smithii*
  
  Observed 4 day(s) in total.

- **African Black Duck**
  
  *Anas sparsa sparsa*
  
  (1) Sani Pass 18.10.

- **Yellow-billed Duck**
  
  *Anas undulata undulata*
  
  Observed 11 day(s) in total.

- **Cape Teal**
  
  *Anas capensis*
  
  (3) en route 16.10, Strandfontein Sewage Works 21.10 and West Coast NP 22.10.

- **Red-billed Teal**
  
  *Anas erythrorhyncha*
  
  (1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.

- **Southern Pochard**
  
  *Netta erythrophthalma brunnea*
  
  (2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Strandfontein Sewage Works 21.10.

- **Maccoa Duck (NT)**
  
  *Oxyura maccoa*
  
  (2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Strandfontein Sewage Works 21.10.

**Guineafowl Numidae**

- **Helmeted Guineafowl**
  
  *Numida meleagris*
  
  Observed 16 day(s) in total.

- **Crested Guineafowl**
  
  *Guttera pucherani edouardi*
  
  (3) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 12.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10 and St Lucia 16.10.

**Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae**

- **Coqui Francolin**
  
  *Peliperdix coqui coqui*
  
  (2) Kruger NP 8.10 and 1 heard Kruger NP 9.10.

- **Grey-winged Francolin**
  
  *Scleroptila afra*
  
  (1) Wakkerstroom 10.10.

- **Red-winged Francolin**
  
  *Scleroptila levaillantii levaillantii*
  
  (1) Wakkerstroom 10.10.

- **Crested Francolin**
  
  *Dendroperdix sephaena sephaena*
  
  (4) Observed Kruger NP 8-10.10 and 1 heard Mkuze GR 13.10.

- **Cape Spurfowl**
  
  *Pternistis capensis*
  
  Observed 4 day(s) in total.

- **Natal Spurfowl**
  
  *Pternistis natalensis natalensis*
  
  Observed 4 day(s) in total.

- **Red-necked Spurfowl**
  
  *Pternistis afer castaneiventer*
  

We had a confiding bird calling in the brush close to us.
Swainson's Spurfowl  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Common Quail  
(1) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.  
We flushed a bird whilst driving in some tall grass.

**Penguins Spheniscidae**

African Penguin (EN)  
(2) en route 19.10 and Stony Point 21.10.  
We had a great sighting of many birds coming out of the water at Simon's Town.

**Petrels, Shearwaters & Diving Petrels Procellariidae**

White-chinned Petrel (VU)  
(2) Cape of Good Hope NR 19.10 and Cape of Good Hope NR 20.10.  
We had some birds in the rough seas.

Sooty Shearwater (NT)  
(1) Cape of Good Hope NR 20.10.

**Grebes Podicipedidae**

Little Grebe  
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Great Crested Grebe  
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.

Black-necked Grebe  
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Strandfontein Sewage Works 21.10.

**Flamingos Phoenicopteridae**

Greater Flamingo  
(4) St Lucia--Estuary 14.10, St Lucia--Estuary 16.10, Strandfontein Sewage Works 21.10 and West Coast NP 22.10.

Lesser Flamingo (NT)  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.

**Storks Ciconiidae**

Yellow-billed Stork  

African Openbill  
(2) Kruger NP 9.10 and Muzi Pan 13.10.

Woolly-necked Stork (VU)  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

White Stork  
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.

Saddle-billed Stork  
(3) Kruger NP 7.10, Kruger NP 10.10 and St Lucia--Estuary 16.10.

Marabou Stork  
(3) Observed Kruger NP 7-9.10.
Ibises, Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

**African Sacred Ibis**
Observed 12 day(s) in total.
Also seen in Lesotho on the 18th.

**Southern Bald Ibis (VU)**
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

**Hadada Ibis**
Observed 19 day(s) in total.
Also seen in Lesotho on the 18th.

**Glossy Ibis**
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**African Spoonbill**
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Heron, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*

**Little Bittern**
(1) Wakkerstroom 12.10.
We had great views of a pair in the early morning sun.

**Black-crowned Night Heron**
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Wakkerstroom 12.10.

**Striated Heron**
(2) Kruger NP 9.10 and en route 16.10.

**Squacco Heron**

**Western Cattle Egret**
Observed 14 day(s) in total.

**Grey Heron**
Observed 9 day(s) in total.

**Black-headed Heron**
Observed 12 day(s) in total.

**Goliath Heron**
(2) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10 and St Lucia--Estuary 16.10.
The largest heron in the world!

**Purple Heron**
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Wakkerstroom 12.10.

**Great Egret**
(1) Muzi Pan 13.10.

**Intermediate Egret**
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.

**Black Heron**
(1) observed 13.10.
We witnessed this individual feeding with its umbrella technique!

**Little Egret**
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Hamerkop *Scopidae*

**Hamerkop**
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.
**Pelicans Pelecanidae**

**Great White Pelican**  
(Pelecanus onocrotalus)  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.

**Pink-backed Pelican**  
(Pelecanus rufescens)  
(3) Muzi Pan 13.10, St Lucia--Estuary 14.10 and St Lucia--Estuary 16.10.

**Gannets, Boobies Sulidae**

**Cape Gannet**  
(Morus capensis)  
Observed 2 day(s) in total.  
Many birds seen in the Atlantic.

**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**

**Reed Cormorant**  
(Microcarbo africanae africana)  
Observed 10 day(s) in total.

**Crowned Cormorant**  
(Microcarbo coronatus)  
(1) Stony Point 21.10.

**Bank Cormorant**  
(Phalacrocorax neglectus)  
(2) en route 19.10 and Stony Point 21.10.

**White-breasted Cormorant**  
(Phalacrocorax lucidus)  
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

**Cape Cormorant**  
(Phalacrocorax capensis)  
Observed 3 day(s) in total.  
Thousands upon thousands!

**Anhingas Anhingidae**

**African Darter**  
(Anhinga rufa rufa)  
(3) Johannesburg 5.10, Muzi Pan 13.10 and iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

**Secretarybird**  
(Sagittarius serpentarius)  
(2) Wakkerstroom 10.10 and Wakkerstroom 11.10.

**Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae**

**Black-winged Kite**  
(Elanus caeruleus caeruleus)  
Observed 9 day(s) in total.

**African Harrier-Hawk**  
(Polyboroides typus typus)  
(1) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10.

**Palm-nut Vulture**  
(Gypohierax angolensis)  
(1) en route 16.10.  
Seen well perched atop a raffia palm in Mtubatuba.

**Bearded Vulture**  
(Gypaetus barbatus meridionalis)  
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.  
Seen well in South Africa and also briefly in Lesotho.

**Hooded Vulture**  
(Necrosyrtes monachus)  
(1) Kruger NP 9.10.

**White-backed Vulture**  
(Gyps africanus)  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.
Cape Vulture (VU)  Gyps coprotheres
(2) en route 7.10 and Sani Pass 18.10.
Also seen in Lesotho feeding on a carcass.

White-headed Vulture (VU)  Trigonoceps occipitalis
(1) Kruger NP 9.10.

Lappet-faced Vulture (VU)  Torgos tracheliotos tracheliotos
(1) Kruger NP 8.10.

Black-chested Snake Eagle  Circaetus pectoralis
(1) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

Brown Snake Eagle  Circaetus cinereus
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Bateleur (NT)  Terathopius ecaudatus
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Crowned Eagle (NT)  Stephanoaetus coronatus
(1) en route 7.10.

We were lucky to find a pair as the sun was setting.

Martial Eagle (NT)  Polemaetus bellicosus
(3) Kruger NP 7.10, Mkuze GR 13.10 and iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

Long-crested Eagle  Lophaetus occipitalis

Wahlberg’s Eagle  Hieraaetus wahlbergi
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Booted Eagle  Hieraaetus pennatus
(2) West Coast NP 22.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

Tawny Eagle  Aquila rapax rapax
(3) Observed Kruger NP 8-10.10.

African Hawk-Eagle  Aquila spilogaster
(1) Kruger NP 9.10.

We were lucky to find a pair as the sun was setting.

Pale Chanting Goshawk  Melierax canorus
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

African Goshawk  Accipiter tachiro tachiro
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

African Marsh Harrier  Circus ranivorus
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Black Harrier (VU)  Circus maurus
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.

Yellow-billed Kite  Milvus aegyptius
Observed 15 day(s) in total.

African Fish Eagle  Haliaeetus vocifer
Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Common Buzzard  Buteo buteo
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.
An early migrant.

Jackal Buzzard  Buteo ruffuscus
Observed 4 day(s) in total.
Also seen in Lesotho.
### Bustards *Otididae*

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Rockjumper Birding Tours

View more tours to South Africa
Spotted Thick-knee  
(1) Wakkerstroom 10.10.

African Oystercatcher (NT)  
Observed 3 day(s) in total.

**Oystercatchers Haematopodidae**

**Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae**

Black-winged Stilt  
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Pied Avocet  
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

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**Oystercatchers Haematopodidae**

**Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae**

Blacksmith Lapwing  
Observed 13 day(s) in total.

**Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae**

Blacksmith Lapwing  
Observed 13 day(s) in total.

White-crowned Lapwing  
(2) Kruger NP 9.10 and Kruger NP 10.10.

Senegal Lapwing  
(1) observed 13.10.

Black-winged Lapwing  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Crowned Lapwing  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**African Wattled Lapwing**  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Grey Plover**  
(2) St Lucia--Estuary 14.10 and West Coast NP 22.10.

**Common Ringed Plover**  

**Kittlitz's Plover**  

**Three-banded Plover**  
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

**White-fronted Plover**  
(2) St Lucia--Estuary 14.10 and St Lucia--Estuary 15.10.

**Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**

**Jacanas Jacanidae**

**Whimbrel**  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.

**Eurasian Curlew (NT)**  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.

**Bar-tailed Godwit**  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.
Ruddy Turnstone  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.  

Red Knot  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.  

Ruff  
(1) en route 16.10.  
A large flock was seen at Sappi Stanger.  

Curlew Sandpiper  
(3) St Lucia--Estuary 14.10, St Lucia--Estuary 16.10 and West Coast NP 22.10.  

Sanderling  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.  

Little Stint  
(4) Muzi Pan 13.10, St Lucia--Estuary 14.10, St Lucia--Estuary 16.10 and West Coast NP 22.10.  

African Snipe  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.  

Common Sandpiper  
(2) Kruger NP 9.10 and Muzi Pan 13.10.  

Marsh Sandpiper  
(1) observed 13.10.  

Wood Sandpiper  
Observed 7 day(s) in total.  

Common Greenshank  
Observed 7 day(s) in total.  

Pratincoles and Coursers  
**Glaeolidae**  

Collared Pratincole  
(1) observed 13.10.  

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers  
**Laridae**  

Grey-headed Gull  
Observed 7 day(s) in total.  

Hartlaub's Gull  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.  

Kelp Gull  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.  

Caspian Tern  
(3) St Lucia--Estuary 13.10, iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 14.10 and West Coast NP 22.10.  

Greater Crested Tern  
Observed 5 day(s) in total.  

Sandwich Tern  
(1) West Coast NP 22.10.  

Whiskered Tern  
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Mkuze GR 13.10.  

White-winged Tern  
(1) Mkuze GR 13.10.  

Pigeons and Doves  
**Columbidae**  

Rock Dove  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.
Speckled Pigeon  
*Columba guinea phaeonota*
Observed 10 day(s) in total.

**African Olive Pigeon**  
*Columba arquatrix*
(2) Karkloof--Upper 17.10 and Cape Town - Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden 20.10.

**Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon**  
*Columba delegorguei delegorguei*
(1) Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.
We had a fantastic fly-by of a single male bird.

**Lemon Dove**  
*Columba larvata larvata*
(3) Dlinza Forest NR 16.10, Karkloof--Benvie Farm 17.10 and Cape Town - Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden 20.10.

**Red-eyed Dove**  
*Streptopelia semitorquata*
Observed 14 day(s) in total.

**Ring-necked Dove**  
*Streptopelia capicola*
Observed 13 day(s) in total.

**Laughing Dove**  
*Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis*
Observed 11 day(s) in total.

**Emerald-spotted Wood Dove**  
*Turtur chalcospilos*
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**Tambourine Dove**  
*Turtur tympanistria*
(2) Mkuze GR 13.10 and 1 heard St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

**Namaqua Dove**  
*Oena capensis capensis*
(3) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10, West Coast NP 22.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

**African Green Pigeon**  
*Treron calvus delalandii*
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**Turacos Musophagidae**

**Livingstone's Turaco**  
*Tauraco livingstonii reichenowi*
(2) St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

**Knysna Turaco**  
*Tauraco corythaix*
(1) Karkloof--Benvie Farm 17.10.

**Purple-crested Turaco**  
*Tauraco porphyreolophus porphyreolophus*
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**Grey Go-away-bird**  
*Corythaixoides concolor*
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Cuckoos Cuculidae**

**Burchell's Coucal**  
*Centropus burchellii burchellii*
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

**Thick-billed Cuckoo**  
*Pachycoctyx audeberti validus*
(1) Kruger NP 9.10.

**Klaas's Cuckoo**  
*Chrysococcyx klaas*
(3) 1 heard Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 12.10, Mkuze GR 13.10 and 1 heard St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

**African Emerald Cuckoo**  
*Chrysococcyx cupreus*
(2) 1 heard St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10 and Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

**Black Cuckoo**  
*Cuculus clamosus clamosus*
(3) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10, 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 16.10 and 1 heard Sani Pass 18.10.
Red-chested Cuckoo  
*Cuculus solitarius*  

**Barn-Owls Tytonidae**

**Western Barn Owl**  
*Tyto alba poensis*  
(1) Kruger NP 9.10.  
We had an adult and sub-adult roosting in the roof at Lower Sabie.

**Owls Strigidae**

**Southern White-faced Owl**  
*Ptilopsis granti*  
(1) Kruger NP 8.10.  
We worked to find a known pair on the roost!  
**Spotted Eagle-Owl**  
*Bubo africanus africanus*  
(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and Kruger NP 20.10.  
**Verreaux's Eagle-Owl**  
*Bubo lacteus*  
(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and Kruger NP 9.10.  
**Pearl-spotted Owlet**  
*Glaucidium perlatum licua*  
(3) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10, Kruger NP 8.10 and Kruger NP 9.10.

**Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**

**Fiery-necked Nightjar**  
*Caprimulgus pectoralis*  
(1) Kruger NP 8.10.  
**Swamp Nightjar**  
*Caprimulgus natalensis natalensis*  
(1) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 14.10.

**Swifts Apodidae**

**African Palm Swift**  
*Cypsiurus parvus*  
Observed 9 day(s) in total.  
**Alpine Swift**  
*Tachymarptis melba*  
(3) en route 7.10, Howick Falls 17.10 and Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10.  
**African Black Swift**  
*Apus barbatus barbatus*  
(1) Howick Falls 17.10.  
**Little Swift**  
*Apus affinis*  
Observed 14 day(s) in total.  
**White-rumped Swift**  
*Apus caffer*  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Mousebirds Coliidae**

**Speckled Mousebird**  
*Colius striatus*  
Observed 9 day(s) in total.  
**White-backed Mousebird**  
*Colius colius*  
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.  
**Red-faced Mousebird**  
*Urocolius indicus*  
Observed 5 day(s) in total.
**Trogons Trogonidae**

**Narina Trogon**  
*Apaloderma narina narina*  
(3) St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10 and Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

**Rollers Coraciidae**

**Purple Roller**  
*Coracias naevius mosambicus*  
(1) Kruger NP 8.10.

**Lilac-breasted Roller**  
*Coracias caudatus caudatus*  
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

**Broad-billed Roller**  
*Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus*  
(1) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

**Brown-hooded Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon albiventris*  
(3) Zaakuilsdrift Road 6.10, Kruger NP 9.10 and iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

**Striped Kingfisher**  
*Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti*  
(1) Mkuze GR 13.10.

**African Pygmy Kingfisher**  
*Ispidina picta natalensis*  
(1) Mkuze GR 13.10.

**Malachite Kingfisher**  
*Corythornis cristatus cristatus*  
(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

**Half-collared Kingfisher**  
*Alcedo semitorquata*  
(2) en route 7.10 and Sani Pass 18.10.  
Seen well on the nest at Abel Erasmus Pass.

**Giant Kingfisher**  
*Megaceryle maxima maxima*  

**Pied Kingfisher**  
*Ceryle rudis rudis*  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Bee-eaters Meropidae**

**Little Bee-eater**  
*Merops pusillus*  

**White-fronted Bee-eater**  
*Merops bullockoides*  
(3) Observed Kruger NP 8-10.10.

**European Bee-eater**  
*Merops apiaster*  
(1) Kruger NP 11.10.

**Hoopoes Upupidae**

**African Hoopoe**  
*Upupa africana*  
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

**Wood Hoopoes Phoeniculidae**

**Green Wood Hoopoe**  
*Phoenicus purpureus*  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**Common Scimitarbill**  
*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*  
(2) Kruger NP 9.10 and Kruger NP 10.10.
**Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae**

**Southern Ground Hornbill (VU)**  
*Bucorvus leadbeateri*  
(2) Kruger NP 9.10 and Kruger NP 11.10.

**Hornbills Bucerotidae**

**Southern Red-billed Hornbill**  
*Tockus rufirostris*  
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

**Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**  
*Tockus leucomelas leucomelas*  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Crowned Hornbill**  
*Lophoceros alboterminatus*  
(3) Kruger NP 8.10, Mkuze GR 13.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10.

**African Grey Hornbill**  
*Lophoceros nasutus epirhinus*  
(3) Observed Kruger NP 7-9.10.

**Trumpeter Hornbill**  
*Bycanistes bucinator*  
(3) Mkuze GR 13.10, iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10 and Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

**African Barbets Lybiidae**

**White-eared Barbet**  
*Stactolaema leucotis leucotis*  
(3) St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10 and Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

**Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**  
*Pogoniulus bilineatus bilineatus*  
(3) St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10 and Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

**Red-fronted Tinkerbird**  
*Pogoniulus pusillus pusillus*  
(2) Hluhluwe--Town 12.10 and Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10.

**Acacia Pied Barbet**  
*Tricholaema leucomelas*  
(2) Kruger NP 9.10 and Mkuze GR 13.10.

**Black-collared Barbet**  
*Lybius torquatus torquatus*  
Observed 9 day(s) in total.

**Crested Barbet**  
*Trachyphonus vaillantii vaillantii*  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Honeyguides Indicatoridae**

**Brown-backed Honeybird**  
*Prodotiscus regulus regulus*  
(1) Hilton 17.10.  
Seen at Hilton Bush Lodge.

**Scaly-throated Honeyguide**  
*Indicator variegatus*  
(2) St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10 and 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

**Greater Honeyguide**  
*Indicator indicator*  
(1) Kruger NP 8.10.

**Woodpeckers Picidae**

**Red-throated Wryneck**  
*Jynx ruficollis ruficollis*  
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.

**Golden-tailed Woodpecker**  
*Campethera abingoni*  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Ground Woodpecker**  
*Geocolaptes olivaceus*  
Observed 3 day(s) in total.
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**Gorgeous Bushshrike**  
*Telophorus viridis quadricolor*  
(2) St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 13.10 and Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

**Bokmakierie**  
*Telophorus zeylonus*  

**Brown-crowned Tchagra**  
*Tchagra australis*  
(2) Kruger NP 6.10 and Kruger NP 8.10.

**Black-crowned Tchagra**  
*Tchagra senegalus*  
(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and 1 heard iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

**Black-backed Puffback**  
*Dryoscopus cubla*  
Observed 11 day(s) in total.

**Southern Boubou**  
*Laniarius ferrugineus*  
Observed 11 day(s) in total.

**Crimson-breasted Shrike**  
*Laniarius atrococcineus*  
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

**Brubru**  
*Nilaus afer*  
(2) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10 and Kruger NP 8.10.

**Grey Cuckooshrike**  
*Coracina caesia caesia*  
(2) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10 and Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

**Black Cuckooshrike**  
*Campephaga flavă*  
(3) Kruger NP 8.10, Mkuze GR 13.10 and Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

**Magpie Shrike**  
*Urolestes melanoleucus*  
(5) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10 and observed Kruger NP 7-10.10.

**Southern White-crowned Shrike**  
*Eurocephalus anguitimens*  
(1) Kruger NP 9.10.

**Southern Fiscal**  
*Lanius collaris*  
Observed 10 day(s) in total.

**Black-headed Oriole**  
*Oriolus larvatus larvatus*  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**Square-tailed Drongo**  
*Dicrurus ludwigii ludwigii*  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**Fork-tailed Drongo**  
*Dicrurus adsimilis*  
Observed 12 day(s) in total.

**Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher**  
*Trochocercus cyanomelas*  
(3) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10, 1 heard St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10 and Doreen Clark NR 17.10.

**African Paradise Flycatcher**  
*Terpsiphone viridis*  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.
### Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae*

**Cape Crow**
*Corvus capensis capensis*
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Pied Crow**
*Corvus albus*
Observed 15 day(s) in total.
We also saw an individual in Swaziland.

**White-necked Raven**
*Corvus albicollis*
Observed 6 day(s) in total.
We also saw some birds in Lesotho.

### Rockjumpers *Chaetopidae*

**Cape Rockjumper**
*Chaetops frenatus*
(1) Rooi-Els 21.10.
We worked hard in the howling wind and were rewarded with great looks!

**Drakensberg Rockjumper**
*Chaetops aurantius*
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.

### Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*

**Fairy Flycatcher**
*Stenostira scita*
(2) Sani Pass 18.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.
We saw some in Lesotho.

### Tits, Chickadees *Paridae*

**Southern Black Tit**
*Melaniparus niger*
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

**Grey Tit**
*Melaniparus afer*
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.
Seen only in Lesotho.

### Penduline-Tits *Remizidae*

**Grey Penduline Tit**
*Anthoscopus caroli hellmayri*
(1) Hluhluwe--Town 12.10.

**Cape Penduline Tit**
*Anthoscopus minutus*
(1) I heard West Coast NP 22.10.

### Nicators *Nicatoridae*

**Eastern Nicator**
*Nicator gularis*
(3) I heard Mkuze GR 13.10, I heard Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

### Larks *Alaudidae*

**Spike-heeled Lark**
*Chersomanes albofasciata*
(3) Wakkerstroom 10.10, Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

**Eastern Long-billed Lark**
*Certhilauda semitorquata*
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.

**Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark**
*Eremopterix leucotis smithi*
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

**Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark**
*Eremopterix verticalis*
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.
Sabota Lark
(3) Kruger NP 8.10, Kruger NP 9.10 and Mkuze GR 13.10.
Karoo Lark
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.
Rudd's Lark (VU)
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.
Eastern Clapper Lark
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.
Rufous-naped Lark
Observed 4 day(s) in total.
Flappet Lark
(1) Mkuze GR 13.10.
Botha's Lark (EN)
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.
Pink-billed Lark
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.
Large-billed Lark
(2) Sani Pass 18.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.
Seen in Lesotho as well.
Red-capped Lark
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Wakkerstroom 12.10.

Bulbs Pycnonotidae

Cape Bulbul
Observed 4 day(s) in total.
Dark-capped Bulbul
Observed 14 day(s) in total.
Sombre Greenbul
Observed 8 day(s) in total.
Yellow-bellied Greenbul
(3) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 12.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.
Terrestrial Brownbul
(4) Kruger NP 9.10, Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 12.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

Swallows Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing
Observed 4 day(s) in total.
Grey-rumped Swallow
(1) Muzi Pan 13.10.
Brown-throated Martin
Banded Martin
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.
Barn Swallow
Observed 5 day(s) in total.
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(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

Cinnamon-breasted Warbler
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela
(1) Kruger NP 8.10.

Karoo Eremomela
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

Burnt-necked Eremomela
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

*Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae*

Arrow-marked Babbler
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Southern Pied Babbler
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

*Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae*

Bush Blackcap (NT)
(1) Karkloof--Benvie Farm 17.10.

Chestnut-vented Warbler
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

Layard's Warbler
(2) Sani Pass 18.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.
Also seen in Lesotho.

*White-eyes Zosteropidae*

Cape White-eye
Observed 11 day(s) in total.
We saw both virens and capensis sub-species.

African Yellow White-eye
(1) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

*Sugarbirds Promeropidae*

Cape Sugarbird
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Gurney's Sugarbird
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.

*Starlings Sturnidae*

Common Myna
Observed 11 day(s) in total.
Also seen in Swaziland.

Common Starling
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Wattled Starling
(1) Kruger NP 10.10.

Black-bellied Starling
Observed 5 day(s) in total.
Cape Starling
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Greater Blue-eared Starling
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Burchell's Starling
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Pied Starling
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Red-winged Starling
Observed 14 day(s) in total.

Cape Starling
Lamprotornis nitens
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Greater Blue-eared Starling
Lamprotornis chalybaeus nordmanni
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Burchell's Starling
Lamprotornis australis
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Pied Starling
Lamprotornis bicolor
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Red-winged Starling
Onychognathus morio morio
Observed 14 day(s) in total.

Oxpeckers Buphagidae
Buphagus erythrorhynchus

Red-billed Oxpecker
Observed 8 day(s) in total.

Orange Ground Thrush
Geokichla gurneyi
(1) Karkloof--Benvie Farm 17.10.

Spotted Ground Thrush
Geokichla guttata guttata
(1) Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

Kurrichane Thrush
Turdus libonyana
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Olive Thrush
Turdus olivaceus
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Karoo Thrush
Turdus smithi
(3) Observed Johannesburg 5-7.10.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae

Karoo Scrub Robin
Cercotrichas coryphoeus
(2) West Coast NP 22.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

Bearded Scrub Robin
Cercotrichas quadrimigrata quadrimigrata
(3) 1 heard Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 12.10, Mkuze GR 13.10 and Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

We had a relaxed pair at our feet in one of the parking lots.

White-browed Scrub Robin
Cercotrichas leucophrys leucophrys
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Brown Scrub Robin
Cercotrichas signata
(1) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

Grey Tit-Flycatcher
Myioparus plumbeus

Southern Black Flycatcher
Melaenornis pammelaina
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Pale Flycatcher
Melaenornis pallidus
(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and Mkuze GR 13.10.

Marico Flycatcher
Melaenornis mariquensis
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

Fiscal Flycatcher
Melaenornis silens
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Karoo Scrub Robin
Cercotrichas coryphoeus
(2) West Coast NP 22.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.
Ashy Flycatcher  
*Muscicapa caerulescens*  
(3) Kruger NP 7.10, Kruger NP 10.10 and Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

African Dusky Flycatcher  
*Muscicapa adusta*  

Cape Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha caffra*  
Observed 10 day(s) in total.  
Also seen in Lesotho.

White-throated Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha humeralis*  
(2) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10 and Kruger NP 9.10.

White-browed Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha heuglini*  
(1) Kruger NP 9.10.

Red-capped Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha natalensis*  
(3) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 12.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

Chorister Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha dichroa*  
(1) Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

White-starred Robin  
*Pogonocichla stellata*  
(1) Doreen Clark NR 17.10.

Cape Rock Thrush  
*Monticola rupestris*  
(2) Sani Pass 18.10 and Rooi-Els 21.10.

Sentinel Rock Thrush  
*Monticola explorator*  
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Sani Pass 18.10.  
Also seen in Lesotho.

African Stonechat  
*Saxicola torquatus*  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.  
Also seen in Lesotho.

Buff-streaked Chat  
*Campicoloides bifasciatus*  
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Sani Pass 18.10.

Sickle-winged Chat  
*Emarginata sinuata*  
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.  
Seen in Lesotho only.

Karoo Chat  
*Emarginata schlegelii*  
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

Tractrac Chat  
*Emarginata tractrac*  
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

Mocking Cliff Chat  
*Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris*  
(1) en route 7.10.  
A pair was seen at Abel Erasmus.

Ant-eating Chat  
*Myrmecocichla formicivora*  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Mountain Wheatear  
*Myrmecocichla monticola monticola*  
Also seen in Lesotho.

Capped Wheatear  
*Oenanthe pileata*  
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

Familiar Chat  
*Oenanthe familiaris*  
**Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**

**Collared Sunbird** *Hedydipna collaris*
(4) en route 7.10, Kruger NP 10.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

**Orange-breasted Sunbird** *Anthobaphes violacea*

**Olive Sunbird** *Cyanomitra olivacea*
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**Grey Sunbird** *Cyanomitra veroxii*
(1) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

**Scarlet-chested Sunbird** *Chalcomitra senegalensis gutturalis*
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

**Malachite Sunbird** *Nectarinia famosa famosa*

**Southern Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris chalybeus*
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

**Neergaard's Sunbird** *Cinnyris neergaardi*
(2) Mkuze GR 13.10 and Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

**Greater Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris afer*
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.

**Marico Sunbird** *Cinnyris mariguensis mariguensis*
(3) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10, Kruger NP 9.10 and Mkuze GR 13.10.

**Purple-banded Sunbird** *Cinnyris bifasciatus*
(3) Mkuze GR 13.10, Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

**White-bellied Sunbird** *Cinnyris talatala*
Observed 8 day(s) in total.

**Old World Sparrows Passeridae**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
Observed 15 day(s) in total.

**Cape Sparrow** *Passer melanurus*
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

**Southern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer diffusus*
Observed 3 day(s) in total.

**Yellow-throated Petronia** *Gymnoris superciliaris*

**Weavers, Widowbirds Ploceidae**

**Red-billed Buffalo Weaver** *Bubalornis niger*
(2) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10 and Kruger NP 8.10.

**White-browed Sparrow-Weaver** *Plocepasser mahali mahali*
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

**Scaly-feathered Weaver** *Sporopipes squamifrons*
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

**Thick-billed Weaver** *Amblyospiza albisalvus*
(3) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 14.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.
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**Waxbills, Munias and allies Estrildidae**

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Rockjumper Birding Tours

View more tours to South Africa
African Firefinch
(1) Hilton 17.10.
Seen at Hilton Bush Lodge.

Jameson's Firefinch
(3) Zaagkuiilsdrift Road 6.10, Kruger NP 9.10 and Mkuze GR 13.10.

Blue Waxbill
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Grey Waxbill
(1) Hluhluwe--Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

Common Waxbill
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Quailfinch
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.

Bronze Mannikin
(3) Mkuze GR 13.10.

African Rock Pipit
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Sani Pass 18.10.

Yellow-breasted Pipit (VU)
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.

Indigobirds Viduidae
Pin-tailed Whydah
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Wagtails, Pipits Motacillidae
Cape Wagtail
Observed 12 day(s) in total.
Also seen in Lesotho.

African Pied Wagtail
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Cape Longclaw
Also seen in Lesotho.

Yellow-throated Longclaw
(2) Mkuze GR 13.10 and iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

African Pipit
Observed 8 day(s) in total.

Mountain Pipit
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.
Seen in Lesotho only.

Long-billed Pipit
(1) Wakkerstroom 12.10.

Plain-backed Pipit
(1) Wakkerstroom 12.10.

African Rock Pipit
(2) Wakkerstroom 11.10 and Sani Pass 18.10.

Yellow-breasted Pipit (VU)
(1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.
**Finches Fringillidae**

**Common Chaffinch**  
*Fringilla coelebs*  
(1) Cape Town - Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden 20.10.

**Forest Canary**  
*Crithagra scotops*  
(2) Karkloof--Benvie Farm 17.10 and Cape Town - Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden 20.10.

**Black-throated Canary**  
*Crithagra atrogularis*  
(1) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10.

**Lemon-breasted Canary**  
*Crithagra citriniceps*  
(1) Muzi Pan 13.10.

**Yellow-fronted Canary**  
*Crithagra mozambica*  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

**Cape Siskin**  
*Crithagra totta*  
(2) Cape of Good Hope NR 20.10 and Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10.

**Drakensberg Siskin**  
*Crithagra symonsi*  
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.  
Also seen in Lesotho.

**Yellow Canary**  
*Crithagra flaviventris*  
(3) Sani Pass 18.10, West Coast NP 22.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

**Brimstone Canary**  
*Crithagra sulphurata*  
(2) 1 heard Cape Town - Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden 20.10 and Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10.

**Streaky-headed Seedeater**  
*Crithagra gularis*  
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.

**White-throated Canary**  
*Crithagra albogularis*  
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

**Protea Canary**  
*Crithagra leucoptera*  
(1) Du Toitskloof Pass 24.10.

**Cape Canary**  
*Serinus canicollis*  
Observed 8 day(s) in total.

**Old World Buntlings Emberizidae**

**Lark-like Bunting**  
*Emberiza impetuani*  
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

**Cape Bunting**  
*Emberiza capensis*  
Observed 4 day(s) in total.  
Also seen in Lesotho.

**Golden-breasted Bunting**  
*Emberiza flaviventris*  
(3) Zaagkuilsdrift Road 6.10, Kruger NP 8.10 and Mkuze GR 13.10.

**Mammals (59 in total: 59 seen)**

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**African Elephant**  
*Loxodonta africana*  
Observed 6 day(s) in total.
Rock Hyrax
Observed 3 day(s) in total.

**Hyraxes Prosciuaidae**
*Procavia capensis*

Southern Lesser Galago
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

**Galagos Galagidae**
*Galago moholi*

Thick-tailed Greater Galago
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

**Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae**
*Cercopithecus mitis*

Blue Monkey
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Vervet
Observed 11 day(s) in total.

Chacma Baboon
Observed 9 day(s) in total.

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

**Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae**
*Papio ursinus ursinus*

Cape Hare
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Scrub Hare
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Hewitt's Red Rock Hare
(1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

**Old World Porcupines Hystricidae**
*Hystrix africaeaustralis*

(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 14.10.

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

Single-striped Grass Mouse
(1) Cape Town - Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden 20.10.

Sloggett's Vlei Rat
(1) Sani Pass 18.10.

Seen in Lesotho.

**Squirrels Sciuridae**
*Paraxerus cepapi*

Smith's Bush Squirrel
(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and Kruger NP 9.10.

Red Bush Squirrel
(1) St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

**Cats Felidae**
*Acinonyx jubatus jubatus*

Cheetah
(1) Kruger NP 10.10.

We found a stunning male all by ourselves!

Lion
(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and Kruger NP 9.10.

**Cats Felidae**
*Panthera leo leo*
**Leopard**  
Panthera pardus pardus  
(2) Kruger NP 8.10 and Kruger NP 10.10.

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**Hyaenas, Aardwolf Hyaenidae**  
Crocuta crocuta  
(3) Observed Kruger NP 8-10.10.

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**Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals Canidae**  
Canis mesomelas  
(1) Kruger NP 9.10.

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**Afro-Australian Fur Seal**  
Arctocephalus pusillus  
Observed 3 day(s) in total.

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### Oceanic Dolphins *Delphinidae*

- **Long-beaked Common Dolphin**
  - *Delphinus capensis*
  - (1) en route 22.10.

### Rorquals *Balaenopteridae*

- **Humpback Whale**
  - *Megaptera novaeangliae*
  - Observed 3 day(s) in total.

### Hippopotami *Hippopotamidae*

- **Hippopotamus**
  - *Hippopotamus amphibius capensis*
  - Observed 6 day(s) in total.

### Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae*

- **Impala**
  - *Aepyceros melampus melampus*
  - Observed 7 day(s) in total.

- **Springbok**
  - *Antidorcas marsupialis*
  - Observed 3 day(s) in total.

- **Natal Red Duiker**
  - *Cephalophus natalensis*
  - Observed 4 day(s) in total.

- **Black Wildebeest**
  - *Connochaetes gnou*
  - Observed 3 day(s) in total.

- **Common Wildebeest**
  - *Connochaetes taurinus*
  - Observed 6 day(s) in total.

- **Blesbok**
  - *Damaliscus pygargus*
  - (5) Cape of Good Hope NR 20.10.
  - We also saw the bontebok subspecies on the 20th.

- **Sable Antelope**
  - *Hippotragus niger*
  - Observed 3 day(s) in total.

- **Waterbuck**
  - *Kobus ellipsiprymnus ellipsiprymnus*
  - Observed 6 day(s) in total.

- **Suni**
  - *Neotragus moschatus*
  - (1) Mkuze GR 13.10.

- **Klipspringer**
  - *Oreotragus oreotragus*
  - Observed 3 day(s) in total.

- **Grey Rhebok**
  - *Pelea capreolus*
  - (1) Sani Pass 18.10.

- **Blue Duiker**
  - *Philantomba monticola*
  - (1) Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

- **Steenbok**
  - *Raphicerus campestris campestris*
  - Observed 4 day(s) in total.

- **Cape Grysbok**
  - *Raphicerus melanotis*
  - (1) Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

- **Southern Reedbuck**
  - *Redunca arundinum*
  - Observed 2 day(s) in total.

- **Mountain Reedbuck**
  - *Redunca fulvorufa fulvorufa*
  - (1) Wakkerstroom 11.10.

- **Common Duiker**
  - *Sylvicapra grimmia*
  - Observed 6 day(s) in total.
African Buffalo
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Nyala
Observed 4 day(s) in total.

Common Eland
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Bushbuck
Observed 5 day(s) in total.

Greater Kudu
Observed 6 day(s) in total.

Giraffe
Observed 7 day(s) in total.

Giraffe, Okapi *Giraffidae*
*Giraffa camelopardalis giraffa*

Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae*

Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat
*Epomophorus wahlbergi*
Observed 3 day(s) in total.

Reptiles (14 in total: 14 seen)

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**Tortoises *Testudinidae***

Angulated Tortoise
*Chersina angulata*
(2) West Coast NP 22.10 and Tanqua Karoo 23.10.

**Afro-American Sideneck Turtles *Pelomedusidae***

Helmeted Turtle
*Pelomedusa subrufa nigra*
(3) Kruger NP 8.10, Kruger NP 9.10 and Mkuze GR 13.10.

**Agamas *Agamidae***

Southern Tree Agama
*Acanthocercus ater ater*
Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Southern Rock Agama
*Agama atra atra*
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

**Chameleons *Chamaeleonidae***

Flap-neck Chameleon
*Chamaeleo dilepis*
(1) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 14.10.
Spotted on our night drive!

**Geckos *Gekkonidae***

House Gecko
*Hemidactylus mabouia*
Observed 5 day(s) in total.
Spinytail Lizards *Cordylidae*

**Cape girdled lizard**
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

**Highveld Crag Lizard**
Observed 1 day(s) in total.

**Skinks *Scincidae***

**Cape Skink**
Observed 2 day(s) in total.

**Eastern Coastal Skink**
(1) iSimangaliso WP--Cape Vidal 15.10.

**African Five-lined Skink**
(2) Kruger NP 7.10 and Kruger NP 9.10.

**African Striped Skink**
(1) Johannesburg 6.10.

**Variable Skink**

Crocodiles and relatives *Crocodylidae*

**Nile Crocodile**
Observed 2 day(s) in total.

Amphibians (8 in total: 5 seen, 3 heard)

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**True toads *Bufonidae***

**Olive Toad**
(1) Tannqua Karoo 23.10.

**Guttural Toad**
(2) Wakkerstroom 10.10 and Wakkerstroom 11.10.

**Red Toad**
(1) Hluhluwe--Town 12.10.

**Narrow-mouthed frogs *Microhylidae***

**Mozambique Rain Frog**
(2) I heard Mkule GR 13.10 and St Lucia--iGwalaGwala Trail 15.10.

**Plaintive Rain Frog**
(1) I heard Karkloof--Benvie Farm 17.10.

**Petropedetidae *Petropedetidae***

**Common Caco**
(1) I heard Wakkerstroom 11.10.
### True frogs *Ranidae*

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