South Africa
Mega II
Trip Report
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Drakensberg Rockjumper by Adam Riley

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Top 10 birds seen on the trip (as voted by the participants)

1. Drakensberg Rockjumper
2. Blue Crane
3. Botha’s Lark
4. Cape Rockjumper
5. African Penguin
6. Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon
7. Pink-throated Twinspot
8. Cape Sugarbird
9. Blue Swallow
10. Spotted Eagle-Owl

Tour Summary

The southern African sub-region has one of the highest number of endemic and near-endemic bird species on the continent. This, coupled with great infrastructure, makes South Africa a highly rewarding country to explore.

Our first day was set to be an arrival day where everyone was met by their Rockjumper tour leader at our accommodation in South Africa’s largest city - Johannesburg. This did not stop us from ticking off a few bird species; these came in the form of Karoo Thrush, Crested Barbet, Cape Robin-Chat, Red-headed Finch, Cape Wagtail, Southern Masked Weaver and Southern Red Bishop. After an introductory chat during our first dinner together, talking about the day planned ahead, we made our way to bed in preparation for an early start the following morning.

We managed to leave before sunrise and arrived at our first birding destination north of Pretoria, in the Rust de Winter area, when the temperature was still cool and the sky a bit overcast. This aided us in our birding success as we managed to get great views of some target species reaching their easternmost distribution here. Targets that we managed to find in this area included Crimson-breasted Shrike, Southern Pied Babbler, Cape Penduline-Tit, Great Sparrow, Lesser Honeyguide, Kalahari Scrub Robin, Northern Black Korhaan, Natal and Swainson’s Spurfowl, Magpie Shrike, Cape Starling, Diederik Cuckoo, Scaly-feathered Weaver, Jameson’s Firefinch, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Black-cheeked & Violet-eared Waxbills, Black-chested Prinia, Rattling Cisticola, Neddicky, African Grey, Southern Yellow-billed and Southern Red-billed Hornbills. A seasonal water body proved to be fantastic for birding, as hordes of birds congregated on the receding water. Great views were had of many African Snipe, African Jacana, Yellow-billed, Great and Little Egrets, Cape Shoveler, White-faced Whistling Duck, Red-billed Teal, Wood Sandpiper and Whiskered Tern. European
Bee-eater congregated overhead, just returning from their breeding grounds, whilst Wahlberg’s Eagle was spotted over-looking their escapades.

A flock of House Martin was a nice surprise and we also managed to spot a couple of Pearl-breasted Swallow. After a very successful first-half to the day, we decided to move on further north to our next destination, Polokwane. A pair of Groundscraper Thrush were very confiding after a quick pit-stop en route and Black-winged Kite entertained us on the road. We checked in upon arrival in Polokwane and proceeded to continue our birding on the outskirts of town. Fantastic views of Ashy Tit were had, as well as Fiscal Flycatcher, Marabou & White Storks, Red-breasted & Greater Striped Swallows, Red-billed Oxpecker on some Nyala, Swainson’s Spurfowl and Tawny-flanked Prinia.

The following morning, we entered the Polokwane Nature Reserve as the gate opened and continued with our birding, our main target being the Short-clawed Lark. Natal Spurfowl, Violet-eared Waxbill, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Common Ostrich, a relaxed Gabar Goshawk, Reed Cormorant, Red-faced Mousebird, Grey Go-away-bird, Chin-spot Batis, Chestnut-vented Warbler, Brown-crowned Tchagra and Brubru were spotted along the way to some favoured habitat of our main target. After a few quick stops, scanning and listening, we picked up on the call of our endemic target. Scanning the nearby bushes in the direction of its call yielded a superb individual atop a bush, singing his heart out. We managed to edge closer and got even better views of the bird foraging on the ground. Birding continued in the park and we were rewarded with Greater Honeyguide, Brown Snake Eagle, Southern Boubou, Bar-throated Apalis, Long-billed Crombec, Lesser Masked Weaver, Marico & Amethyst Sunbirds, Yellow-fronted Canary and close-up views of two very hard-to-find species: Coqui and Shelley’s Francolins. This is a fantastic park for mammal viewing and we raked up some great species, such as Sable Antelope, Common Eland, Giraffe, Common Wildebeest, Gemsbok, Plains Zebra, Common Warthog, Topi, Common Duiker and Vervet.

A lunch break in the town of Hanaertsburg gave us our first Cape Canary and Southern Double-collared Sunbird before we moved on to our afternoon’s birding destination, Woodbush Forest Reserve. The wind proved to be the deciding factor on bird activity and we managed to find a patch of forest that was truly brimming with birds. Targets that we managed to spot here included the brightly coloured Black-fronted Bushshrike, Orange Ground Thrush, Cape Batis, Yellow-throated Woodland
Warbler, Grey Cuckooshrike, a great display from a pair of Knysna Turaco, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, a pair of confiding African Emerald Cuckoo, Olive Woodpecker, Barratt’s Warbler, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird and African Dusky Flycatcher.

After checking into our traditional farmhouse-like accommodation deep within the hills in the Magoebaskloof Mountains, we managed a short walk before dark and got some saturating views of a small flock of Green Twinspot feeding from a hide. African Olive Pigeon flew overhead as we headed back and after a homestyle dinner, we were rewarded with spotlight views of an African Wood Owl.

A long drive the following day had us leaving at dawn. Fantastic scenery was to be the backdrop for most of the day with some roadside birds coming in the form of the handsome Jackal Buzzard, Banded Martin, Greater Striped Swallow, Bokmakierie, Black-collared Barbet, Southern Bald Ibis and African Stonechat. A roadside reservoir gave us our first Greater Flamingo and a handful of Maccoa Duck were picked out in the distance. As we reached the rolling grasslands of the Wakkerstroom area, a high diversity of species was immediately evident. Cape Longclaw, Spike-heeled Lark, Ant-eating Chat, South African Cliff-Swallow, Cape Crow and Long-tailed Widowbird entertained us as we headed to a spot for our next target - the rare and localised Botha’s Lark. A pair of these birds was extremely relaxed and we managed to creep within a few metres of this localised endemic. As we continued through the bird-rich grasslands toward the small town of Wakkerstroom, we spotted our first Secretarybird striding through the tall grass. South Africa’s national bird, the Blue Crane, soon followed as well as its cousin, the Grey-crowned Crane. Mammal highlights came in the form of the entertaining Meerkat, amongst many Yellow Mongoose. We checked into our beautiful accommodations on the edge of town and headed out once more to a wetland bordering this village. Lesser Swamp Warbler, South African Shelduck, African Swamphen, Brown-throated Martin, White-throated Swallow and fantastic views of the skulking African Rail were enjoyed before we headed on to our next stop. We scanned the edge of the wetland in the afternoon light and were treated to a Marsh Owl getting ready for its evening adventure. It proceeded to put on a show for us as it quartered low over the “vlei” in the afternoon glow.

An early morning’s start was to become a ritual, as we had the entire day to explore this fantastic area and find some sought-after specials. Our first target was the endemic Blue Korhaan. After some careful searching and listening, we were treated
with views of a pair of these birds striding through the short grass while a Cape Hare hopped away alongside.

Some other birds that we managed to find before our huge and scrumptious breakfast included fantastic views of the African Rock, Yellow-breasted and Plain-backed Pipits, Eastern Long-billed Lark, Wailing Cisticola, Mountain Wheatear, Horus and African Black Swifts and Pied Starling. We put birding on hold for a much-deserved breakfast that proved to be a firm favourite. After filling our bellies, we continued to our next target, probably the world’s rarest Lark, the Rudd’s Lark. After some skilful searching in its favoured habitat, we managed to locate one individual feeding in between short tufts of grass. Great views of this odd-looking Lark were enjoyed by all. Pink-billed Lark was also found nearby and a water reservoir gave us our first Great Crested Grebe and a surprise find of a group of African Quailfinch coming down to the water’s edge to drink. Shorebirds were also evident and Pied Avocet, Little Stint and Wood Sandpiper put on an appearance. After refuelling with some “high tea”, we pushed on and found more Coqui Francolin dust bathing in the road, Cape Grassbird, Drakensberg Prinia, White-bellied Bustard, a memorable display from three Denham’s Bustard puffing out their white plumes for the ladies, Buffy Pipit and more African Black Swift before we had to retreat as it was getting dark and the mist had set in.

Some Francolin species were to be our target for this morning’s activity and a small group of Grey-winged Francolin were quickly found, putting on quite a show as they came right up to the vehicle. Our first Malachite Sunbirds were also seen, along with more Yellow-breasted and Plain-backed Pipits, Cape Canary and Cape Weaver. Frustratingly, we only manage to hear the Red-winged Francolin and it was thought to be our bogey bird for the trip. Another rewarding breakfast while watching Village Weaver, Speckled Mousebird, Thick-billed Weaver and Crested Barbet was enjoyed before we headed off to our next destination nearer to the Indian Ocean. En route we found a Ground Woodpecker, as well as a pair of Long-billed Pipit.

Our lunch spot was fantastic in providing new species for many of us. The first bird came in the form of a stunning Purple-crested Turaco, soon followed by Purple-banded and Scarlet-chested Sunbirds, White-throated Robin-Chat, African Paradise Flycatcher, Grey Penduline-Tit, African Pied Wagtail, Southern Black Tit and White-browed Robin-Chat. A short while later, we rounded the Lebombo mountain range and reached the low-lying area of Mkuze. Our accommodation was set within some sand forest and a short walk, after dropping our luggage off, produced Grey Sunbird, Bearded Scrub Robin, Rudd’s Apalis and Black-bellied Starling.
The following morning saw us leave in the dark. As we rounded the next corner, we managed to flush a Fiery-necked Nightjar from the nearby field. We headed north to the famous Mkuze Game Reserve and a short walk at the gate proved to be absolutely fantastic as it provided us with soaking views of a shy species, the Gorgeous Bushshrike. Other birds here were Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Southern Boubou and Dark-backed Weaver. As we entered the reserve, we headed for some sand forest, which is a type of dry forest and harbours a high centre of endemism. We were rewarded with finding very large and active mixed flocks. These mixed flocks produced sightings of one of our targets, the Pink-throated Twinspot, as well as Violet-backed Starling, Broad-billed Roller, White-crested Helmetshrike, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, Terrestrial Brownbul, Yellow-bellied and Sombre Greenbuls, Cardinal Woodpecker, Square-tailed Drongo, Crested Francolin, Crested Guineafowl and Black-headed Oriole. We were super lucky to find a male Cheetah on a Natal Red Duiker kill very close to the road. This was a fantastic surprise and after watching it devour the small antelope, we visited a hide with a waterhole nearby. In the parking area, we got more views of Gorgeous Bushshrike, Pink-throated Twinspot as well as new birds such as Common Scimitarbill and Golden-tailed Woodpecker. From the hide, we overlooked a Schotia tree in full bloom and witnessed African Yellow White-eye, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Black-headed Oriole and Grey Sunbird enjoying the nectar. A Kurrichane Thrush came in to drink as well as Nyala and Impala amongst the many Helmeted Turtles.

As we continued through the reserve, we added more species in the form of Yellow-bellied Eremomela, a surprising sighting of Marsh Warbler, Willow Warbler, Black-bellied Bustard, perched Bateleur, Black Cuckoo-shrike and a Black-bellied Bustard. Sadly, Nsumo pan was very dry; but it did give us our first Hippopotamus, as well as Collared Pratincole, Kittlitz’s Plover and Ashy Flycatcher. A beautiful White Rhinoceros bull was spotted after having a roll in the mud on our way out, as well as our first Chacma Baboon. The afternoon was spent exploring the coastal plains of Maputoland and at the first water body, we encountered Wire-tailed Swallow, Marsh Sandpiper, and Ruff and Pink-backed Pelican. Some coastal grassland nearby gave us our only Senegal Lapwing, Burchell’s Coucal and Grey-rumped Swallow. A short night excursion gave us a look at a Fiery-necked Nightjar, as well as a
South African Large-spotted Genet.

A quick stop the following morning in the False Bay Nature Reserve proved to be tough birding in the wind, but still produced more Rudd’s Apalis, Purple-banded, Grey and Collared Sunbirds, Broad-billed Roller, Trumpeter Hornbill, Martial Eagle, Tambourine Dove and African Green Pigeon. We moved on to the coastal village of St Lucia and found a few Southern Brown-throated Weavers upon entering the town. After making ourselves acquainted with our home for the next night, we headed down to the estuary - which is the largest estuarine system in Africa. Here we battled through the wind once more and managed to get Yellow-billed Stork, Pied Avocet, Pink-backed Pelican, Little and Greater Crested Terns, Sanderling, Bar-tailed Godwit, Greenshank, Wood, Curlew and Common Sandpipers as well as Rufous-winged Cisticola and Eastern Golden Weaver in the reeds. A walk in the coastal forest nearer to our accommodation produced the sought-after Woodward’s Batis, Blue-mantled Crested-Flycatcher, Klaas’s Cuckoo, Thick-billed Weaver, Collared Sunbird, White-eared Barbet and African Olive Pigeon.

Yet another walk in the coastal forest the following morning produced fly-by views of a Narina Trogon, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Red-capped Robin-Chat and White-eared Barbet. We still managed to leave early as we needed to reach our next destination while it was still morning and we managed to find a pair of Palm-nut Vultures en route. As we reached the Ngoye Forest Reserve, we heard our primary target, the Green Barbet. This is the only location within the sub-region where this species is found and there is talk of a possible future split of this isolated population into the Woodward’s Barbet. After finding a very active fruiting fig tree, we were rewarded with fantastic views of a pair of these birds. After we enjoyed watching these birds feed amongst White-eared Barbet and Purple-crested Turaco, we ventured along a short trail into the forest. A quick fly-by of an African Cuckoo Hawk was a real surprise. On the trail, we had a great view of a Brown Scrub Robin as it sat in the open for quite some time, whilst Ashy Flycatcher hawked insects ahead in the path and a Natal Green Snake slithered away from us. The nearby grassland was searched and gave us the world’s largest Cisticola.
the Croaking Cisticola - as well as Yellow-throated Longclaw and Red-collared Widowbird. The town of Eshowe was our stop for tonight and the Dlinza Forest Reserve this afternoon gave us fantastic views of a Spotted Ground Thrush and Black Cuckoo. A nearby wetland was our last stop for the day and provided us with many White-backed Duck, Levaillant’s Cisticola, African Jacana, Common Buzzard, African Fish Eagle and a surprise pair of African Pygmy Goose.

After a good night’s rest and some rain cooled the air, we started early in the Dlinza Forest yet again and had fantastic views of a pair of Narina Trogon. Cape Batis, Lemon Dove and Olive Thrush entertained us while our main target, the Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon called overhead. We moved on to the famed aerial boardwalk that leads to a tower that breaches the forest canopy. We were rewarded with a special sighting of a pair of the Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeons! Nearby, a Grey-headed Bushshrike put in an appearance. Trumpeter Hornbill and Grey Cuckooshrike flew overhead before we moved on to the forest floor yet again. Olive Bushshrike was our first new bird and Chorister Robin-Chat also put in an appearance. The diminutive Blue Duiker was seen a few times, yet one individual stood out as it approached us and put on quite a show, pronking around and marking his territory with the scent glands situated below his eyes. After some breakfast, we moved on further south, past the city of Durban en route to the foothills of the Drakensberg mountain range that surrounds the kingdom of Lesotho.

Nearing Durban, we made a brief stop at a wetland known as Sappi Stanger and decided to have a go at spotting a vagrant Rufous-bellied Heron which had been seen a few days back. We weren’t in luck with this species, although we did manage a view of Little Bittern and also more Rufous-winged Cisticola, Thick-billed and Eastern Golden Weavers. Nearer to the hometown of Rockjumper Birding Tours, we visited a wetland which yielded some great birds in the form of a single Lesser Jacana, Red-faced Cisticola, Little Rush Warbler, Hottentot and Red-billed Teals, African Snipe, Black-winged Stilt, Southern Pochard and a surprise Baillon’s Crake. After grabbing a quick bite to eat, we headed for an area known as the Midlands. We visited Impendle Nature Reserve to search for the increasingly rare Blue
Swallow. We were not in luck but we did manage to find Buff-streaked Chat, Ground Woodpecker, Red-necked Spurfowl and Common Quail. A brief stop at a forest nearby saw us searching for the Cape Parrot, which also proved unsuccessful, but did produce a Black Sparrowhawk and another Klaas’s Cuckoo. We called it a day in preparation for a full day ahead - up the Sani pass and into the kingdom of Lesotho.

After a hearty breakfast, we jumped into our 4X4 vehicles and stopped to search for a sought-after Kingfisher. After a bit of searching, we managed to find it, a Half-collared Kingfisher. A fantastic view was had, whilst Pied and Giant Kingfishers showed that they were jealous of the attention. African Darter, Spur-winged Goose and Black-winged Kite flew overhead. As we made the climb up the pass, we stopped along the way to search for some targets and came up trumps with Red-throated Wryneck, the attractive Bush Blackcap and Brown-backed Honeybird. Rock Martin kept flying overhead, as well as White-necked Raven. A Gurney’s Sugarbird showed itself while it was feeding on some Protea bushes alongside many Greater Double-collared Sunbird and a brief stop at the South African border control allowed us to search for and find a pair of the good-looking Fairy Flycatchers. A Barratt’s Warbler was heard calling a while later and some patience was required to finally get absolutely ridiculous views of this skulker out in the open.

As we climbed over 2000m above sea level, we started our search for one of our most sought-after species. On our first stop, we were really rewarded with two male Drakensberg Rockjumpers putting on a great show as they proceeded to chase each other around a boulder for quite some time. Our next Drakensberg endemic was seen a little further on when a handful of the smart Drakensberg Siskin were found singing away in and amongst some Cape Bunting and Cape Robin-Chat. We passed the last remaining hairpin bends and reached the watershed where we passed the highest pub in Africa. As we crossed into Lesotho, we managed to rake in some new species in this barren ‘Karoo-like’ habitat. The species seen here, in one of the poorest countries in the world, included Sickle-winged Chat, Large-billed Lark, the sought-after Mountain Pipit, Sentinel and Cape Rock Thrushes, Karoo Prinia, Bearded & Cape Vultures and Layard’s Warbler. After a full day’s birding, we decided to descend after having a traditional drink at the highest pub in Africa and even managed to spot Rock...
Kestrel and Black Stork overhead. Upon reaching the foothills, we explored the surrounding grasslands before sunset, which proved to be fruitful as we managed to find a pair of the rare Wattled Crane with a tiny chick.

The next day we decided to depart early after breakfast as we had some birding in store en route to our destination in Hilton tonight. We headed for the escarpment forest near the town of Bulwer once again, and were greeted with the “squawking” calls of the critically endangered Cape Parrot as we reached the forest. We witnessed close to 20 birds interacting with one another before the mist rose and great comparing views were had of both sexes. Knysna Turaco, Klaas’s Cuckoo, Southern Double-collared Sunbird and Forest Canary entertained us before we entered the forest. The forest interior produced Starred Robin, Orange Ground Thrush, Olive Bush Shrike, Terrestrial Brownbul, Bar-throated Apalis and Cape Batis. We pushed on whilst it was still early and decided to have another go at finding the disappearing Blue Swallow. As we reached the breeding grounds, Red-collared & Long-tailed Widowbirds, Yellow Bishops and Common Waxbill flitted around in the grasses, whilst Common Quail were flushed up from the edge of the road. After almost giving up our search, we were treated to a fly-by of a Blue Swallow as it disappeared, slowly, over the ridge.

Our nemesis was suddenly heard calling nearby and some patience and hard work eventually got us a view of the Red-winged Francolin. We had a delicious meal in the small town of Howick before heading to the Karkloof area for some afternoon birding. Here, we visited a garden within the Karkloof forest and managed to find the attractive Red-backed Mannikin, more Orange Ground Thrush, Grey Cuckooshrike and Forest Canary. The grasslands and farmlands around the forest gave us two new raptors in the form of Forest Buzzard and African Marsh Harrier. Other birds seen included more Wattled Crane and Denham’s Bustard. We ventured to Hilton, to our accommodation and a lovely dinner in town after a rewarding and successful day.

Doreen Clark Nature Reserve, a forest nearby, was visited early this morning and great views of Starred Robin, Chorister Robin-Chat, many Bush Blackcap, Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler, Olive Bushshrike and Bar-throated Apalis were enjoyed. We moved on early to connect with our mid-morning flight out
of the King Shaka International Airport just north of Durban. Our destination for this next half of the trip was to be Cape Town, where we planned to visit the Western and Northern Cape Provinces of South Africa. This southern area of South Africa boasts great scenery, food, wine and obviously birding, as it is home to the smallest floral kingdom in the world: the fynbos biome with the surrounding Karoo habitats.

Upon arrival, we retrieved our next trusty vehicle and headed east to the Agulhas plains of the Western Cape. Driving through Cape Town, we noticed the very familiar Common Starling and had our first views of the endemic Hartlaub’s Gull and Kelp Gull. Many Blue Crane were seen en route to the De Hoop area and new birds before our arrival at our accommodation included Cape Sugarbird, Cape Bulbul and the range-restricted Agulhas Long-billed Lark. As we drove in to our accommodation along the Breede River, we managed to spot the endemic Southern Tchagra, Yellow Canary and also Streaky-headed Canary. As we were discussing the birds seen for the day before dinner on the veranda, a small pod of Indo-Pacific Hump-backed Dolphins were spotted swimming by, whilst some Caspian Tern and Whimbrel flew past.

A quick early morning walk was enjoyed before breakfast, and Karoo Scrub Robin, Bokmakierie and Zitting Cisticola were seen. After breakfast, we checked out and headed to the De Hoop Nature Reserve in search of our next denizens. Cape Vulture and Martial Eagle were numerous overhead, whilst Cape Batis and Greater Double-collared Sunbird were seen in the thicker brush. New mammals in this reserve were the handsome Bontebok (Blesbok), Cape Grysbok and (Cape) Mountain Zebra, whilst Common Eland overlooked. Cape Spurfowl, Grey-winged Francolin, Cape Bulbul, Pearl-breasted Swallow, Common Ostrich, Grey-backed Cisticola, White-throated Canary, Cape Bunting, Karoo Prinia and a brief view of the sought-after Knysna Woodpecker were seen in the park.

A displaying Cloud Cisticola was seen just outside the reserve and a pair of Spotted Thick-knee overlooked the antics. We proceeded to tackle the long drive back to Cape Town and were lucky to find our next target, the Cape Clapper Lark, displaying over some restio plants. The Harold Porter Botanical Garden was a nice setting for our next birding stop and a group of the impressive Swee Waxbill were spotted feeding on the lawn. Soon afterwards, we found a small group of the endemic Cape Siskin. Some flowering Protea bushes were laden with...
nectar-feeding birds and our first endemic Orange-breasted Sunbirds were spotted here amongst the many Cape Sugarbirds. Cape Batis, Karoo Prinia, Sombre Greenbul, Neddicky, African Paradise Flycatcher and White-necked Raven showed up as we were looking for the skulking Victorin’s Warbler. Our next destination for the day was the largest colony of African Penguin on the mainland and what an impressive show they put on for us. Amongst the hundreds of African Penguin, our attention got drawn away by Bank, Cape, White-breasted and Crowned Cormorants, African Oystercatcher and more Hartlaub’s Gull amongst the odd-looking Rock Hyrax. After checking into our beautiful accommodation in the suburb of Noordhoek, we ventured out and enjoyed some good food and wine nearby.

The following morning had us heading to an area in search of our last species to complete the endemic Rockjumper family. A walk alongside the side of a mountain produced Orange-breasted Sunbird, Familiar Chat, Rock Kestrel and Karoo Prinia before we heard the distinctive call of the Cape Rockjumper amongst some rocks. Hard work paid off as we had superb views of a single male hopping about. Luck was on our side because as we were leaving, some weather set in and visibility became very poor. We proceeded to the Strandfontein area, where we visited the wastewater treatment plant and enjoyed a massive amount of birds. Cape and Red-billed Teals, Southern Pochard, Greater Crested and Black-necked Grebes, Maccoa Duck, Cape Shoveler, Greater Flamingo, Pied Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Greater Crested and Sandwich Terns, Kittlitz’s and Common Ringed Plovers, Little Stint and Curlew Sandpiper were the most evident. Other birds included Cape Weaver, African Oystercatcher, Hartlaub’s, Grey-headed and Kelp Gulls, Cape Spurfowl, Yellow Bishop and Barn Swallow. We then visited the world famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, where we had lunch and walked through the magnificent grounds. African Harrier Hawk and Common Buzzard were seen overhead, whilst Swee Waxbill, Common Chaffinch, African Olive Pigeon, Cape Batis, Helmeted Guineafowl and Cape Bulbul were found in the forested sections and lawns. The Du Toitskloof pass was the last birding destination for the day and we were truly rewarded with two sought-after species,
the first being the Protea Canary and secondly, a usually shy Victorin’s Warbler perched out in the open for a few minutes.

Unfortunately, our pelagic trip scheduled for today was cancelled due to rough seas and high winds, but we still opted for some sea-watching early this morning from terra firma in the Cape Point Nature Reserve. Thousands of birds were observed off-shore and the majority were Cape Gannet, Cape Cormorant and Sooty Shearwater. We even managed to pick out some White-chinned Petrel, Pomarine Jaeger, Northern Giant Petrel and Black-browed Albatross. Terrestrial birds came in the form of many Cape Siskin, Red-winged Starling and Orange-breasted Sunbird. We decided to take a chance and visit the Grootvadersbosch Forest Reserve where we found Swee Waxbill, Forest Canary, Olive Thrush, Black Sparrowhawk and Cape Batis. En route we had more Blue Crane, Jackal Buzzard and Secretarybird.

The next day saw us leaving the city of Cape Town and heading up the coast toward West Coast National Park. Before we arrived in the park, we stopped briefly in an area and managed to find a Southern Black Korhaan right next to the road; while Cape Clapper Larks were displaying nearby. This second sighting of Cape Clapper Lark is of particular interest as this was the apiata race compared to the majoriae race we encountered earlier - surely an armchair tick in the near future.

We entered the West Coast National Park and found White-backed Mousebird, more Southern Black Korhaan, Yellow Canary, Karoo Lark, Malachite and Southern Double-collared Sunbirds, Cape Bulbul and Cape Buntings. A nearby freshwater reservoir had birds coming in to drink and these included Lark-like Bunting, Cape Weaver, Cape Bulbul, Namaqua Dove and Karoo Scrub Robin. A pair of African Marsh Harrier gave us fantastic views as they raided some weaver nests. We had to work harder for our next target, the Black Harrier, and fantastic views were had of a few birds. We visited the Seeberg hide and managed to find Red Knot, Greater and Lesser Flamingos together for comparison, White-fronted Plover, Common, Little and Sandwich Terns and a vagrant Lesser Sand Plover. At the optimal tidal time, we visited the more popular Geelbek hide and fantastic wader-watching was
enjoyed. Here we sifted through the thousands of birds and managed to find new birds in the form of Eurasian Curlew, Ruddy Turnstone and Terek Sandpiper. Upon leaving the reserve, another Black Harrier flew close to the vehicle in the afternoon light.

Today we started at daybreak and mad our way north, yet again. Our first stop was the salt pans near the small town of Velddrif. We obtained fantastic views of our target, the Chestnut-banded Plover, here. Whimbrel, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, White-fronted and Common Ringed Plovers, Black-necked Grebe and both Greater & Lesser Ringed Plovers were also seen. The small Karoo town was our home for the next two nights and upon arrival, we visited a small nature reserve. Here we got our first Pale-winged Starling and Cinnamon-breasted Bunting amongst the many Lark-like and Cape Buntings, White-throated and Yellow Canaries. A small drying water reservoir held South African Shelduck, Maccoa Duck, Cape Shoveler and Blacksmith Lapwing. A short drive this afternoon into the Bushmanland area was very productive and gave us Red Lark, a group of Karoo Eremomela, Karoo & Sickle-winged Chats, Chat Flycatcher, Karoo Long-billed Lark and Grey Tit. A dry watercourse also gave us two male Pirit Batis.

We started this day before sunrise and made our way, yet again, into the Bushmanland area. Our first new birds were Rufous-eared Warbler, Grey-backed Sparrowlark and Namaqua Sandgrouse. Karoo Long-billed Lark was seen again, whilst a different race of the Sabota Lark (Bradfield’s) was also seen. As we continued, a dry riverbed produced a pair of endemic Namaqua Warbler as well as the migratory African Reed Warbler. Black-chested Prinia were also around for confusion. A short while later, we were lucky enough to spot a pair of Karoo Korhaan skulking away between the bushes. Other good birds seen in this area include Double-banded Courser, Greater Kestrel, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Lark-like Bunting, Yellow & White-throated Canaries, Karoo Scrub Robin and South African Cliff Swallow. After temperatures reached 45°C, we retreated back to the town of Calvinia and were treated to a fantastic sighting of a pair of Ludwig’s Bustard.
We left our accommodation in Calvinia this morning and decided to use the “less-used” roads of the Karoo as we headed toward the town of Springbok. Not long after we had left Calvinia did we spot a Black-headed Canary followed by more Grey Tit, a single Black-backed Jackal in the road, another group of the sought-after Karoo Eremomela and also Rufous-eared Warbler. A brief sighting of a pair of Black-eared Sparrowlark was had, followed by our first Dusky Sunbird. Karoo Lark, Namaqua Sandgrouse, Lark-like Bunting, Greater Kestrel, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Grey-backed Sparrowlark, Mountain Wheatear and eight Ludwig’s Bustards entertained us en route. We had to work a bit harder for a sighting of the hard-to-find Cinnamon-breasted Warbler, and two great sightings of the Verreaux’s Eagle was a nice treat. After checking into our accommodation on the outskirts of Springbok, we decided to do some birding in the area near Gamoep. Here we had Ground Woodpecker, Acacia Pied Barbet, Mountain Wheatear, White-throated Canary, African Red-eyed Bulbul, Bokmakierie, Grey-backed Cisticola and Greater Kestrel. A short walk behind our accommodation produced our only Black-headed Canary of the Damara race and yet another sighting of the Cinnamon-breasted Warbler.

We left early this morning and headed west to the coast along the Atlantic Ocean. We drove through some early morning fog and managed to find Lanner Falcon, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Greater and Rock Kestrels and Jackal Buzzard. Our two targets near the small coastal village were found before 07h20! The first came in the form of the range-restricted Barlow’s Lark. Satiating views were had of this special Lark and soon after we had found our next target, the impressive Cape Long-billed Lark. Other birds in the vicinity included Tractrac Chat, Yellow Canary, Orange River White-eye, Ruddy Turnstone, Cape Cormorant and Sandwich Tern. Leaving the diamond area and “strandveld”, we headed back to the Karoo and managed to find a Lesser Kestrel very early. We decided to visit the area near Pofadder this afternoon and a stake-out for the rare and hard-to-find Selater’s Lark proved fruitless. However, we did find our first Sociable Weaver as well as Ant-eating Chat and Large-billed Lark. A night drive was very successful and hard work paid off as we found a stunning Spotted Eagle-Owl as well as some good mammals in the...
form of Aardwolf, African Wild Cat and Black-backed Jackal.

Our main focus this morning was the area near Pofadder and all the way down to the Orange River to the border-crossing between Namibia and South Africa. A Pygmy Falcon was a good find, whilst Yellow-bellied Eremomela over-looked. We staked out the area for Sclater’s Lark yet again and our efforts were rewarded this time with a sighting of two individuals coming in to drink. This Lark can otherwise be very hard to find in its habitat of sparsely vegetated gravel plains. Heading down to the Orange River, we had sightings of Bokmakierie, Mountain Wheatear, Chat Flycatcher and a Karoo Korhaan out in the open. Upon reaching the border post, we heard the screeching calls of our target, the Rosy-faced Lovebird. Some time and effort was needed to locate a pair of these fantastic birds high up in a dense tree, and they proceeded to show us why they are called Lovebirds. A good record came in the form of an Icterine Warbler, whilst Dusky Sunbird, African Palm Swift, Orange River White-eye, African Red-eyed Bulbul and White-throated Swallow watched on. We then made our way to the Augrabies Falls National Park for a one-night stay and visited the falls upon our arrival. A pair of Peregrines were seen in the gorge whilst Goliath Heron and an out of range Great Egret flew overhead. We had to be careful not to tread on the endemic Augrabies Flat Lizard. We were in the reserve this morning as the gate opened and managed to see mammals such as Klipspringer, Common Eland and Plains Zebra. Real enjoyment came from spotting Double-banded Sandgrouse, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater and Fawn-coloured Lark, amongst the many Pale-winged Starling, African Red-eyed Bulbul, Orange River White-eye, Mountain Wheatear, Namaqua Warbler, Chat Flycatcher, Dusky Sunbird and Pririt Batis. We made the “trek” to the Kimberley area after our breakfast. Stopping briefly at a sighting of some White-backed Vultures rising on a thermal also produced a surprise in the form of a Lappet-faced Vulture. In the mining town of Kimberley, we stopped to search for some Swifts and managed to find Bradfield’s Swift in and amongst Little, African Black, White-rumped and Alpine. Upon arrival at Marrick Game Lodge, we had a sighting of an eclipse-plumaged Long-tailed Paradise Whydah and an afternoon drive and walk gave us our first Short-toed Rock Thrush, Shaft-tailed Whydah and displaying Desert Cisticola. Other great birds included Namaqua Sandgrouse, Double-banded Courser, Spike-heeled Lark, Ant-eating
Chat, Secretarybird and Northern Black Korhaan. We were also surprised to find a pair of Spotted Eagle-Owls nearer to our accommodation as they posed for us in a rocky outcrop. This evening we went on a memorable night drive and managed to find rare nocturnal mammals such as the Black-footed Cat, Striped Polecot, Cape Porcupine, Aardwolf, Bat-eared Fox, Greater Red Musk Shrew, Gerbil Mouse, Bushveld Gerbil and African Wild Cat with kittens.

An early morning excursion saw us only hearing our target, the Orange River Francolin. Compensation came in the form of the sought-after Eastern Clapper Lark, Red-crested Korhaan and fly-by views of the heaviest flying bird in the world, the Kori Bustard. Other sightings comprised of Spike-heeled Lark, Northern Black Korhaan, Chestnut-vented Warbler, Black-chested Prinia, Lark-like Bunting, Desert Cisticola, Fawn-coloured Lark, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Double-banded Courser, Red-headed Finch, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, African Hoopoe and Common Ostrich. A visit to the nearby Mokala Game Reserve saw us finding Short-toed Rock Thrush on the way. In the reserve, we found new mammals such as the rare Roan Antelope amongst many African Buffalo, White Rhinoceros, Sable Antelope, Steenbok, Black-backed Jackal, Topi, Hartebeest (Red) and Gemsbok. More Eastern Clapper Lark were found amongst Rufous-naped and Spike-heeled Larks. Northern Black and many Red-crested Korhaan were also seen. Ashy Tit, Martial Eagle, Red-breasted Swallow, Fiscal Flycatcher and Chestnut-vented Warblers also put in an appearance. Some opted for another night drive from Marrick this evening and were finally rewarded with their target mammal, the strange-looking Aardvark. Black-footed Cat, Cape Porcupine and Aardwolf were seen yet again and two new birds came in the form of the migratory Rufous-cheeked Nightjar and a Western Barn Owl.

Today was already the last day of our tour and after a short outing in the morning, we made our way to the city of Johannesburg. A Bennett’s Woodpecker bid farewell as we left Marrick and en route to Johannesburg, we were treated to a fantastic sighting of the endemic Melodious Lark, which was a lovely way to end a fantastic trip of this beautiful country.

**South Africa Mega II**

**Annotated List of species recorded**

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

**Birds (508 in total: 504 seen, 4 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

**Ostrich Struthionidae**

*Struthio camelus australis*

Common Ostrich

Observed 4 days in total.
Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae*

**White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*  
(3) 15 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 15 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10 and 2 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10.

**White-backed Duck** *Thalassornis leuconotus leuconotus*  
(1) 15 Rutledge Dam 16.10.  
Excellent views were had of many birds in the Eshowe area.

**Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis niger*  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Knob-billed Duck** *Sarkidiornis melanotos*  
(1) 50 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.  
Huge flocks were seen flying in at a small dam in the Zaagkuildrift area.

**Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca*  
Observed 1 day in total.

**South African Shelduck** *Tadorna cana*  
Observed 4 days in total.

**African Pygmy Goose** *Nettapus auritus*  
(1) 2 Rutledge Dam 16.10.

**Cape Teal** *Anas capensis*  

**Yellow-billed Duck** *Anas undulata undulata*  
Observed 2 days in total.

**Cape Shoveler** *Anas smithii*  
(6) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 5 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10 and 200 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10.

**Red-billed Teal** *Anas erythrorhyncha*  
(7) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 2 Wakkerstroom 12.10.

**Hottentot Teal** *Anas hottentota*  
(2) 15 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10 and 2 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10.

**Southern Pochard** *Netta erythropthalma brunnea*  
(4) 6 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10 and 40 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10.

**Maccoa Duck (NT)** *Oxyura maccoa*  
(3) 8 Wakkerstroom 12.10 and 3 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10.

Guineafowl *Numididae*

**Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris*  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Crested Guineafowl** *Guttera pucherani edouardi*  
(3) 3 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 20 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 20 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies *Phasianidae*

**Coqui Francolin** *Peliperdix coqui coqui*  
(2) 3 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 2 Wakkerstroom 12.10.  
We were very surprised when 3 individuals were very confiding in Polokwane Nature Reserve.

**Grey-winged Francolin** *Scleroptila afrans*  
(3) 3 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 4 Sani Pass 18.10 and 2 De Hoop NR 21.10.  
Great views were had of 3 birds responding very well when they came right up to the car in
Wakkerstroom.

**Red-winged Francolin** *Scleroptila levaillantii levaillantii* (2) 1 heard Wakkerstroom 13.10 and 1 Impendle NR 19.10.

We eventually managed to find a single bird after almost an hour of searching in Impendle Nature Reserve.

**Shelley's Francolin** *Scleroptila shelleyi shelleyi* (1) 2 Polokwane GR 10.10.

2 birds were spotted on the verge of the road and gave us cracking views of this sometimes skulking species.

**Orange River Francolin** *Scleroptila gutturalis levalliantoides* (1) 1 heard Marrick GL 31.10.

**Crested Francolin** *Dendroperdix sephaena sephaena* (5) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 5 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 heard Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 3 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 15.10.

**Cape Spurfowl** *Pternistis capensis* (6) 1 heard Cape Point 23.10.

**Natal Spurfowl** *Pternistis natalensis natalensis* (3) 1 heard Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 8 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 1 heard Kurisa Moya 11.10.

**Red-necked Spurfowl** *Pternistis afer castaneiventer* (1) 1 Impendle NR 17.10.

**Swainson's Spurfowl** *Pternistis swainsonii swainsonii* (4) 1 heard Karkloof 19.10.

**Common Quail** *Coturnix coturnix* (3) 1 Impendle NR 17.10, 1 heard Agulhas Plains 20.10 and 1 Agulhas Plains 21.10.

A few birds were flushed from the roadside.


**Black-browed Albatross (NT)** *Thalassarche melanophris* (1) 2 Cape Point 23.10.

**Southern Giant Petrel** *Macronectes giganteus* (1) 1 Cape Point 23.10.

**White-chinned Petrel (VU)** *Procellaria aequinoctialis* (1) 20 Cape Point 23.10.

**Sooty Shearwater (NT)** *Ardenna grisea* (1) 300 Cape Point 23.10.

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis* (9) 1 heard Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10 and 1 Port Nolloth 28.10.

**Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus infuscatus* (2) 2 Wakkerstroom 12.10 and 1 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10.
Black-necked Grebe
(3) 20 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10 and 40 Velddrif 25.10.

Flamingos *Phoenicopteridae*
Greater Flamingo
(6) 15 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1500 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10, 300 West Coast NP 24.10, 80 Velddrif 25.10 and 30 Port Nolloth 28.10.
Lesser Flamingo (NT)
(3) 80 West Coast NP 24.10, 50 Velddrif 25.10 and 10 Port Nolloth 28.10.

Storks *Ciconiidae*
Yellow-billed Stork
(2) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 2 St Lucia 15.10.
Black Stork
(1) 1 Sani Pass 18.10.
Woolly-necked Stork (VU)
(3) 4 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.
White Stork
(2) 2 Polokwane GR 9.10 and 1 Polokwane GR 10.10.
Marabou Stork
(2) 40 Polokwane GR 9.10 and 220 Polokwane GR 10.10.

Ibises and Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*
African Sacred Ibis
Observed 1 day in total.
Southern Bald Ibis (VU)
(3) Up to 30 Wakkerstroom 11-13.10.
Hadada Ibis
Observed 2 days in total.
Glossy Ibis
Observed 1 day in total.
African Spoonbill
Observed 2 days in total.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*
Little Bittern
(1) 1 Stanger - Sappi 17.10.
Brief views were had of a bird flying near the town of Stanger.
Squacco Heron
(2) 3 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 2 Wakkerstroom 11.10.
Western Cattle Egret
Observed 2 days in total.
Grey Heron
Observed 2 days in total.
Black-headed Heron
Observed 1 day in total.
Goliath Heron  
*Ardea goliath*
(4) 1 Umlalazi NR 16.10, 1 Velddrif 25.10, 1 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10 and 1 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.

**Great Egret**  
*Ardea alba melanorhynchos*
(2) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 1 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10.
An out of range bird was also seen flying over the Orange River in Augrabies.

**Intermediate Egret**  
*Ardea intermedia brachyrhyncha*
(2) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10.

**Little Egret**  
*Egretta garzetta garzetta*
(6) 5 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 1 Wakkerstroom 11.10.

**Hamerkop Scopidae**  
*Scopus umbretta umbretta*
Observed 1 day in total.

**Pelecans Pelecanidae**

**Great White Pelican**  
*Pelecanus onocrotalus*  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Pink-backed Pelican**  
*Pelecanus rufescens*  
(2) 5 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 3 St Lucia 15.10.

**Boobies and Gannets Sulidae**  
*Morus capensis*
(1) 2000 Cape Point 23.10.

**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**  
*Microcarbo africanus africanus*
Observed 1 day in total.

**Crowned Cormorant (NT)**  
*Microcarbo coronatus*  
(2) 1 Stony Point 21.10 and 1 West Coast NP 24.10.
A single individual was found amongst many other species at Stony Point.

**Bank Cormorant (EN)**  
*Phalacrocorax neglectus*  
(1) 40 Stony Point 21.10.

**White-breasted Cormorant**  
*Phalacrocorax lucidus*  
(8) 1 Wakkerstroom 11.10 and 12 Stony Point 21.10.

**Cape Cormorant (NT)**  
*Phalacrocorax capensis*  
(3) 150 Stony Point 21.10 and 3000 Cape Point 23.10.

**Anhingas Anhingidae**  
*Anhinga rufa rufa*
(2) 1 Rutledge Dam 16.10 and 1 Sani Pass 18.10.

**Secretarybird Sagittariidae**  
*Sagittarius serpentarius*  
(5) 2 Wakkerstroom 11.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 1 Agulhas Plains 20.10, 1 Grootvadersbosch NR 23.10 and 1 Marrick GL 30.10.
Hawks, Eagles, and Kites, Accipitriformes

Black-winged Kite
Observed 3 days in total.

African Harrier-Hawk
Observed 4 days in total.

Palm-nut Vulture
(1) 2 Umlalazi NR 16.10.

Bearded Vulture (NT)
(1) 2 Sani Pass 18.10.

African Cuckoo-Hawk
(1) 1 Ongoye FR 16.10.

White-backed Vulture (NT)
(2) 10 Mkuze GR 13.10 and 3 Kurisa Moya 30.10.

Cape Vulture (VU)
(2) 2 Sani Pass 18.10 and 50 De Hoop NR 21.10.

Lappet-faced Vulture (VU)
(1) 1 Kurisa Moya 30.10.

Black-chested Snake Eagle
Observed 2 days in total.

Brown Snake Eagle
(1) 1 Polokwane GR 10.10.

Bateleur (NT)
(1) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10.

Martial Eagle (NT)
(4) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 4 Agulhas Plains 21.10 and 1 Mokala NP 31.10.

Long-crested Eagle
(5) 1 Mkuze GR 13.10 and 4 Karkloof 19.10.

Wahlberg's Eagle
(3) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 2 Mkuze GR 14.10.

Booted Eagle
(3) 3 Calvinia 25.10.

Verreaux's Eagle
(1) 2 Gamoep 27.10.

Gabar Goshawk
(3) 2 Polokwane GR 9.10, 2 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 1 Marrick GL 30.10.

Pale Chanting Goshawk
Observed 7 days in total.

African Goshawk
(2) 1 St Lucia 16.10 and 1 heard Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.

Black Sparrowhawk
(2) 1 Marutswa NR 17.10 and 1 Grootvadersbosch NR 23.10.

African Marsh Harrier
(2) 1 Karkloof 19.10 and 2 West Coast NP 24.10.

Black Harrier (VU)
(2) 3 West Coast NP 24.10 and 1 West Coast NP 25.10.
Yellow-billed Kite \textit{Milvus aegyptius parasitus}  
Observed 13 days in total.

African Fish Eagle \textit{Haliaeetus vocifer}  
(12) 1 heard iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 1 heard Sani Pass 18.10, 1 heard Augrabies Falls NP 28.10 and 1 heard Augrabies Falls NP 29.10.

Common Buzzard \textit{Buteo buteo vulpinus}  
(7) 1 Rutledge Dam 16.10.

Forest Buzzard \textit{Buteo trizonatus}  
(1) 1 Karkloof 19.10.  
Flight views of a single bird was had of this sought-after species.

Jackal Buzzard \textit{Buteo rufodiscus}  
Observed 1 day in total.

\textbf{Bustards \textit{Otididae}}

Kori Bustard (NT) \textit{Ardeotis kori kori}  
(2) 1 Marrick GL 31.10 and 1 Marrick GL 1.11.

Ludwig's Bustard (EN) \textit{Neotis ludwigii}  
(2) 2 Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10 and 8 Gamoep 27.10.  
A record of 8 individuals seen on a single day.

Denham's Bustard (NT) \textit{Neotis denhami stanleyi}  

White-bellied Bustard \textit{Eupodotis senegalensis barrowii}  
(1) 3 Wakkerstroom 12.10.

Blue Korhaan (NT) \textit{Eupodotis caerulescens}  
(1) 3 Wakkerstroom 12.10.

Karoo Korhaan \textit{Eupodotis vigorsii}  
(2) 2 Brandvlei 26.10 and 1 Onseepkans 29.10.

Red-crested Korhaan \textit{Lophotis ruficrissa}  
(2) 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10 and 6 Mokala NP 31.10.

Southern Black Korhaan (VU) \textit{Afrotis afra}  
(2) 5 West Coast NP 24.10.

Northern Black Korhaan \textit{Afrotis afraoides afraoides}  
(5) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10, 5 Marrick GL 30.10 and 12 Mokala NP 31.10.

Black-bellied Bustard \textit{Lissotis melanogaster notophila}  
(1) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10.

\textbf{Flufftails \textit{Sarothruridae}}

Buff-spotted Flufftail \textit{Sarothrura elegans elegans}  
(2) 1 heard St Lucia 15.10 and 1 heard St Lucia 16.10.

\textbf{Rails, Gallinules, and Coots \textit{Rallidae}}

African Rail \textit{Rallus caerulescens}  
(2) 1 Wakkerstroom 11.10 and 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10.  
Seem twice out in the open in a wetland near Wakkerstroom.

Black Crake \textit{Amaurornis flavirostra}  
(4) 2 Wakkerstroom 11.10, 1 heard Rutledge Dam 16.10 and 4 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.
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### Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

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<th><strong>Senegal Lapwing</strong></th>
<th><em>Vanellus lugubris</em></th>
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<td>(1) 4 Mkuze GR 14.10.</td>
<td>4 individuals were found in some coastal grassland after some time was spent searching.</td>
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<th><strong>Grey Plover</strong></th>
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Common Ringed Plover  Charadrius hiaticula tundrae
(6) 12 St Lucia 15.10, 12 Umlalazi NR 16.10, 8 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10, 60 West Coast NP 24.10, 20 Velddrif 25.10 and 1 Port Nolloth 28.10.

Kittlitz’s Plover  Charadrius pecuarius
(2) 5 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 1 Umlalazi NR 16.10.

Three-banded Plover  Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris
(7) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10 and 1 Mkuze GR 14.10.

White-fronted Plover  Charadrius marginatus
(4) 1 St Lucia 15.10, 2 Umlalazi NR 16.10, 20 West Coast NP 24.10 and 1 Port Nolloth 28.10.

Chestnut-banded Plover (NT)  Charadrius pallidus pallidus
(1) 12 Velddrif 25.10.

Some salt pans provided us with a dozen of this sought-after wader.

Lesser Sand Plover  Charadrius mongolus
(1) 1 West Coast NP 24.10.

Jacanas  Jacanidae

Lesser Jacana  Microparra capensis
(1) 1 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.

A vagrant individual was found in Darville Bird Sanctuary and proved difficult to find.

African Jacana  Actophilornis africanus
(3) 6 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Rutledge Dam 16.10 and 20 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.

Sandpipers and Allies  Scolopacidae

African Snipe  Gallinago nigripennis nigripennis
(3) 7 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 11.10 and 2 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.

Bar-tailed Godwit  Limosa lapponica lapponica
(2) 2 St Lucia 15.10 and 40 West Coast NP 24.10.

Whimbrel  Numenius phaeopus phaeopus
(5) 1 St Lucia 15.10, 2 Mudlark 20.10, 1 Mudlark 21.10, 30 West Coast NP 24.10 and 1 Velddrif 25.10.

Eurasian Curlew (NT)  Numenius arquata
(1) 1 West Coast NP 24.10.

A single bird in amongst many Whimbrel for size comparison in the West Coast National Park.

Marsh Sandpiper  Tringa stagnatilis
(3) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10, 5 West Coast NP 24.10 and 1 Velddrif 25.10.

Common Greenshank  Tringa nebularia
(8) 1 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10, 100 West Coast NP 24.10 and 1 Velddrif 25.10.

Wood Sandpiper  Tringa glareola
(6) 12 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 11.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 6 Mkuze GR 14.10, 12 St Lucia 15.10 and 10 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.

Terek Sandpiper  Xenus cinereus
(2) 2 Umlalazi NR 16.10 and 1 West Coast NP 24.10.

Common Sandpiper  Actitis hypoleucos
(3) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10, 4 St Lucia 15.10 and 2 Velddrif 25.10.

Ruddy Turnstone  Arenaria interpres interpres
(2) 1 West Coast NP 24.10 and 2 Port Nolloth 28.10.
Red Knot  *Calidris canutus canutus*
(1) 1 West Coast NP 24.10. A single bird was skillfully picked out from the Seeberg hide in the West Coast National Park.

Sanderling  *Calidris alba alba*
(2) 6 St Lucia 15.10 and 6 West Coast NP 24.10.

Little Stint  *Calidris minuta*
Observed 1 day in total.

Curlew Sandpiper  *Calidris ferruginea*
(6) 1 St Lucia 15.10.

Ruff  *Philomachus pugnax*
Observed 2 days in total.

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<td>Caspian Tern  <em>Hydroprogne caspia</em></td>
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<td>Double-banded Sandgrouse  <em>Pterocles bicinctus</em></td>
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<td>(1) 8 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.</td>
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<td><em>Columba livia var. domestica</em></td>
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<td><strong>Speckled Pigeon</strong></td>
<td><em>Columba guinea phaeonota</em></td>
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<td><strong>African Olive Pigeon</strong></td>
<td><em>Columba arquatrix</em></td>
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<td><strong>Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon</strong></td>
<td><em>Columba delegorguei delegorguei</em></td>
<td>2 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.</td>
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<td><strong>Lemon Dove</strong></td>
<td><em>Columba larvata larvata</em></td>
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<td><strong>Red-eyed Dove</strong></td>
<td><em>Streptopelia semitorquata</em></td>
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<td><em>Streptopelia capicola</em></td>
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<td><strong>Laughing Dove</strong></td>
<td><em>Spilopelia senegalensis senegalensis</em></td>
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<td><strong>Emerald-spotted Wood Dove</strong></td>
<td><em>Turtur chalcospilos</em></td>
<td>3 Mkuze GR 14.10.</td>
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<td><strong>Tambourine Dove</strong></td>
<td><em>Turtur tympanistria</em></td>
<td>1 heard Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 1 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 1 heard Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10, 3 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10 and 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10.</td>
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<td><strong>Namaqua Dove</strong></td>
<td><em>Oena capensis capensis</em></td>
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<td><strong>African Green Pigeon</strong></td>
<td><em>Treron calvus delalandii</em></td>
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### Turacos Musophagidae

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<td><strong>Knysna Turaco</strong></td>
<td><em>Tauraco corythaix</em></td>
<td>4 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10 and 1 Marutswa NR 19.10.</td>
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<td><strong>Purple-crested Turaco</strong></td>
<td><em>Tauraco porphyreolophus porphyreolophus</em></td>
<td>2 Mkuze GR 13.10, 2 heard Mkuze GR 14.10, 5 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10, 4 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10 and 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10.</td>
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<td><strong>Grey Go-away-bird</strong></td>
<td><em>Corythaixoides concolor</em></td>
<td>30 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 20 Polokwane GR 10.10.</td>
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### Cuckoos Cuculidae

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<td><em>Centropus burchellii burchellii</em></td>
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<td><strong>Diederik Cuckoo</strong></td>
<td><em>Chrysococcyx caprius</em></td>
<td>1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.</td>
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<td><strong>Klaas's Cuckoo</strong></td>
<td><em>Chrysococcyx klaas</em></td>
<td>1 St Lucia 15.10, 1 Marutswa NR 19.10 and 1 Agulhas Plains 21.10.</td>
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African Emerald Cuckoo  
*Chrysococcyx cupreus*  
(1) 2 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10.  
Ridiculous views of this stunning bird was had in the Woodbush Forest Reserve.

Black Cuckoo  
*Cuculus clamosus clamosus*  
(2) 1 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10 and 1 heard Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.

Red-chested Cuckoo  
*Cuculus solitarius*  
(12) 1 heard Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Benvie Farm, Karkloof 10.10, 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 1 heard Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 heard iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 1 heard Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10, 1 heard Marutswa NR 17.10, 1 heard Sani Pass 18.10, 1 heard Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10, 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10, 1 heard Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10 and 1 heard Grootvadersbosch NR 23.10.

**Barn-Owls Tytonidae**

**Western Barn Owl**  
*Tyto alba poensis*  
(2) 1 heard Marrick GL 30.10 and 1 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Owls Strigidae**

**Spotted Eagle-Owl**  
*Bubo africanus africanus*  
(3) 1 Springbok 28.10, 2 Marrick GL 30.10 and 2 Marrick GL 31.10.

**African Wood Owl**  
*Strix woodfordii woodfordii*  
(1) 1 Kurisa Moya 10.10.  
A fantastic sighting of one individual was enjoyed as it decided to come and call near our accommodation at Kurisa Moya.

**Marsh Owl**  
*Asio capensis capensis*  
(1) 2 Woodbush Forest Reserve 11.10.  
A single bird put on a great display quartering low over a wetland in the afternoon sunlight.

**Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**

**Rufous-cheeked Nightjar**  
*Caprimulgus rufigena*  
(1) 2 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Fiery-necked Nightjar**  
*Caprimulgus pectoralis*  
(2) 1 heard Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10 and 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

**Swifts Apodidae**

**African Palm Swift**  
Observed 2 days in total.

**Alpine Swift**  
Observed 2 days in total.

**African Black Swift**  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Bradfield's Swift**  
*Apus barbatus barbatus*  
(1) 20 Kimberley 30.10.

**Little Swift**  
*Apus affinis*  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Horus Swift**  
*Apus horus horus*  
(2) 3 Wakkerstroom 12.10 and 3 Sani Pass 18.10.
White-rumped Swift  
*Apus caffer*
Oberved 8 days in total.

**Mousebirds Coliidae**
*Colius striatus*
**Speckled Mousebird**
Observed 2 days in total.

*Colius colius*
**White-backed Mousebird**
(7) 1 heard Brandvlei 26.10 and 1 heard Willem Pretorius NR 1.11.

*Urocotius indicus*
**Red-faced Mousebird**
Observed 1 day in total.

**Trogons Trogonidae**
*Apaloderma narina narina*
**Narina Trogon**
(4) 1 heard Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10, 1 St Lucia 16.10, 2 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 17.10 and 1 heard Marutswa NR 19.10.

**Rollers Coraciidae**
*Eurystomus glaucurus suahelicus*
**Broad-billed Roller**
(3) 2 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 1 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 1 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**
*Halcyon albiventris*
**Brown-hooded Kingfisher**
(4) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 heard Polokwane GR 11.10 and 1 Rutledge Dam 16.10.

*Alcedo semitorquata*
**Half-collared Kingfisher**
(1) 1 Sani Pass 18.10.

*Megaceryle maxima maxima*
**Giant Kingfisher**
(1) 1 Sani Pass 18.10.

*Ceryle rudis rudis*
**Pied Kingfisher**
(5) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Rutledge Dam 16.10, 3 Sani Pass 18.10, 2 Port Nolloth 28.10 and 1 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10.

**Bee-eaters Meropidae**
*Merops hirundineus hirundineus*
**Swallow-tailed Bee-eater**
(3) 3 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10, 6 Mokala NP 31.10 and 2 Marrick GL 1.11.

*Merops pusillus*
**Little Bee-eater**
(1) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10.

*Merops apiaster*
**European Bee-eater**
(8) 1 heard Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10.

**Hoopoes Upupidae**
*Upupa africana*
**African Hoopoe**
(11) 1 heard Rutledge Dam 16.10.

**Woodhoopoes and Scimitar-bills Phoeniculidae**
*Phoeniculus purpureus*
**Green Wood Hoopoe**
(2) 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10 and 6 Mkuze GR 14.10.
Common Scimitarbill  *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*
(2) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 2 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Hornbills Bucerotidae**

**Southern Red-billed Hornbill**  *Tockus rufirostris*
(1) 6 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.

**Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**  *Tockus leucomelas leucomelas*
(3) 10 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 5 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 12 Mkuze GR 14.10.

**Crowned Hornbill**  *Lophoceros alboterminatus*
(3) 2 Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10, 1 heard St Lucia 15.10 and 1 heard St Lucia 16.10.

**African Grey Hornbill**  *Lophoceros nasutus epirhinus*
(1) 4 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.

**Trumpeter Hornbill**  *Bycanistes bucinator*
(5) 1 Mkuze GR 13.10, 2 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 12 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10 and 30 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.

**African Barbs Lybiidae**

**White-eared Barbet**  *Stactolaema leucotis leucotis*
(3) 3 St Lucia 15.10, 20 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10 and 6 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.

**Green Barbet**  *Stactolaema olivacea woodwardi*
(1) 2 Ongoye FR 16.10.
Will surely be a future split (Woodwardu0027s Barbet).

**Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird**  *Pogoniulus bilineatus bilineatus*
(3) 1 heard St Lucia 15.10, 1 St Lucia 16.10 and 2 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.

**Red-fronted Tinkerbird**  *Pogoniulus pusillus pusillus*
(4) 1 heard Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 1 heard Marutswa NR 19.10 and 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10.

**Yellow-faced Tinkerbird**  *Pogoniulus chrysoconus extoni*
(1) 2 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10.

**Acacia Pied Barbet**  *Tricholaema leucotis*
(8) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 2 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 1 heard Calvinia 25.10.

**Black-collared Barbet**  *Lybius torquatus torquatus*
(4) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10 and 1 heard Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.

**Crested Barbet**  *Trachyphonus vaillantii vaillantii*
(7) 2 Johannesburg 8.10, 1 heard Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 1 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 1 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.

**Honeyguides Indicatoridae**

**Brown-backed Honeybird**  *Prodotiscus regulus regulus*
(1) 1 Sani Pass 18.10.

**Lesser Honeyguide**  *Indicator minor minor*
(3) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10 and 1 Mudlark 20.10.

**Greater Honeyguide**  *Indicator indicator*
(1) 1 Polokwane GR 10.10.
**Woodpeckers Picidae**

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<td>1 De Hoop NR 21.10.</td>
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<td>Ground Woodpecker</td>
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<td>Olive Woodpecker</td>
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**Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae**

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<td>Rock Kestrel</td>
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<td>Greater Kestrel</td>
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<td>Lanner Falcon</td>
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**Wattle-eyes and Batis Batis Platysteiridae**

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Chinspot Batis  
*Batis molitor*  
(2) 10 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 8 Mkuze GR 14.10.

Pirit Batis  
*Batis pririt*  
(5) 2 Calvinia 25.10, 1 heard Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10, 2 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10, 8 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10 and 2 Mokala NP 31.10.

### Helmetshrikes and Allies *Prionopidae*

**White-crested Helmetshrike**  
*Prionops plumatus*  
(1) 15 Mkuze GR 14.10.

### Bushshrikes and Allies *Malaconotidae*

**Grey-headed Bushshrike**  
*Malaconotus blanchoti*  
(2) 1 heard Mkuze GR 14.10 and 1 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.

**Black-fronted Bushshrike**  
*Chlorophoneus nigrifrons sandgroundi*  
(1) 3 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10.

**Olive Bushshrike**  
*Chlorophoneus olivaceus*  
(5) 1 heard Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10, 1 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10, 1 Marutswa NR 19.10, 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10 and 1 heard Grootvadersbosch NR 23.10.

**Black-fronted Puffback**  
*Dryoscopus cubla*  
(7) 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 heard Marutswa NR 17.10 and 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10.

**Southern Boubou**  
*Laniarius ferrugineus*  
(9) 1 heard Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 heard Kurisa Moya 11.10, 1 heard Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 2 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 heard Marutswa NR 17.10, 6 Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10, 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10 and 5 Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10.

**Crimson-breasted Shrike**  
*Laniarius atrococcineus*  
(4) 3 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 4 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 heard Marrick GL 31.10 and 1 heard Marrick GL 1.11.

**Brubru**  
*Nilaus afer*  
(5) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Polokwane GR 10.10, 4 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 heard Marrick GL 30.10 and 1 heard Marrick GL 31.10.

### Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae*

**Grey Cuckooshrike**  
*Coracina caesia caesia*  
(3) 1 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10, 1 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10 and 2 Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.
Black Cuckooshrike  
Campephaga flava  
(1) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10.

Shrikes Laniidae

Magpie Shrike  
Urolestes melanoleucus  
(2) 40 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 20 Polokwane GR 10.10.
Southern Fiscal  
Lanius collaris  
Observed 1 day in total.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

Black-headed Oriole  
Oriolus larvatus larvatus  
(7) 1 heard iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10 and 1 heard Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.

Drongos Dicruridae

Square-tailed Drongo  
Dicrurus ludwigii ludwigii  
(6) 1 heard Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10, 1 heard Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 4 Mkuze GR 14.10, 6 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 2 St Lucia 16.10 and 2 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.
Fork-tailed Drongo  
Dicrurus adsimilis  
Observed 1 day in total.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher  
Trochocercus cyanomelas  
(2) 4 Umkhumbi Lodge 15.10 and 1 St Lucia 16.10.
African Paradise Flycatcher  
Terpsiphone viridis  
(11) 1 heard Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10, 2 Mkuze GR 13.10, 1 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10 and 1 heard Marutswa NR 17.10.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

House Crow  
Corvus splendens splendens  
Observed 1 day in total.
Cape Crow  
Corvus capensis capensis  
Observed 5 days in total.
Pied Crow  
Corvus albus  
Observed 7 days in total.
White-necked Raven  
Corvus albicollis  
(8) 1 heard Marutswa NR 19.10.

Rockjumpers Chaetopidae

Cape Rockjumper  
Chaetops frenatus  
(1) 1 Sir Lowry’s Pass 22.10.
Drakensberg Rockjumper  
Chaetops aurantius  
(1) 4 Sani Pass 18.10.
2 males were very active. They chased each other around a rock for about a minute, giving us exceptional views.
**Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae**

**Fairy Flycatcher** *Stenostira scita*
(1) 3 Sani Pass 22.10.

**Chickadees and Tits Paridae**

**Southern Black Tit** *Melaniparus niger*
(5) 1 Mkuze GR 13.10, 9 Mkuze GR 14.10, 2 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 17.10 and 1 heard Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.

**Ashy Tit** *Melaniparus cinerascens cinerascens*
(3) 2 Polokwane GR 9.10, 1 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 2 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Grey Tit** *Melaniparus afer*
(2) 1 Calvinia 25.10 and 4 Calvinia 27.10.

**Penduline-Tits Remizidae**

**Grey Penduline Tit** *Anthoscopus caroli hellmayri*
(2) 1 Mkuze GR 13.10 and 2 Mkuze GR 14.10.

**Cape Penduline Tit** *Anthoscopus minutus*
(5) 4 Zaagkuil Road 9.10, 1 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 Springbok 27.10, 4 Port Nolloth 28.10 and 1 Marrick GL 30.10.

**Nicators Nicatoridae**

**Eastern Nicator** *Nicator gularis*
(3) 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 15.10 and 1 heard St Lucia 16.10.

**Larks Alaudidae**

**Spike-heeled Lark** *Chersomanes albofasciata*
Observed 4 days in total.

**Short-clawed Lark** *Certhilauda chuana*
(1) 2 Polokwane GR 10.10.

**Karoo Long-billed Lark** *Certhilauda subcoronata*
(3) 2 Calvinia 25.10, 10 Brandvlei 26.10 and 3 Springbok 29.10.

**Eastern Long-billed Lark** *Certhilauda semitorquata*
(2) 2 Wakkerstroom 12.10 and 1 Wakkerstroom 13.10.

**Cape Long-billed Lark** *Certhilauda curvirostris*
(1) 1 Port Nolloth 28.10.

**Agulhas Long-billed Lark** *Certhilauda brevirostris*
(2) 1 Agulhas Plains 20.10 and 4 Agulhas Plains 21.10.

**Black-eared Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix australis*
(1) 2 Gamoep 27.10.

**Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix verticalis*
(4) 20 Brandvlei 26.10, 12 Gamoep 27.10, 1 Marrick GL 30.10 and 3 Marrick GL 1.11.

**Sabota Lark**
Observed 3 days in total.

**Fawn-colored Lark** *Calendulauda africanaoides*
(3) 2 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10, 3 Marrick GL 31.10 and 4 Marrick GL 1.11.

**Karoo Lark** *Calendulauda albescens*
(2) 2 West Coast NP 24.10 and 7 Gamoep 27.10.
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### Swallows *Hirundinidae*

- **Yellow-streaked Greenbul** *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus flavostriatus*  
  (2) 6 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10 and 1 heard Ongoye FR 16.10.

#### Black Saw-wing
Observed 1 day in total.

#### Grey-rumped Swallow
(2) 4 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 1 Ongoye FR 16.10.

#### Brown-throated Martin
Observed 1 day in total.

#### Banded Martin
Observed 2 days in total.

#### Barn Swallow
Observed 3 days in total.

#### White-throated Swallow
Observed 1 day in total.

#### Wire-tailed Swallow
(1) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10.

#### Blue Swallow (VU)
(1) 1 Impendle NR 19.10.

#### Pearl-breasted Swallow
(4) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 4 De Hoop NR 21.10, 2 West Coast NP 24.10 and 1 Velddrif 25.10.

#### Rock Martin
Observed 5 days in total.

#### Common House Martin
(1) 30 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.

#### Greater Striped Swallow
Observed 2 days in total.

#### Lesser Striped Swallow
(5) 4 Mkuze GR 13.10, 10 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 8 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.

#### Red-breasted Swallow
Observed 3 days in total.

#### South African Cliff Swallow

### Crombecs, African warblers *Macrosphenidae*

- **Cape Grassbird** *Sphenoeacus afer*  
  (7) 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1 Marutswa NR 17.10, 1 Sani Pass 18.10, 1 heard Karkloof 19.10, 1 heard Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10, 1 heard Du Toitskloof Pass 22.10 and 1 heard West Coast NP 24.10.

#### Long-billed Crombec
(6) 1 heard Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10 and 4 Mkuze GR 14.10.

### Leaf-Warblers *Phylloscopidae*

- **Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler** *Phylloscopus ruficapilla*  
  (4) 3 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10, 1 heard Marutswa NR 19.10, 2 Doreen Clark NR 20.10 and 1
Grootvadersbosch NR 23.10.

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*
(5) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Mkuze GR 13.10, 1 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 Rutledge Dam 16.10 and 1 Onseepkans 29.10.

**Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae**

*Lesser Swamp Warbler* *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*
(4) 1 Wakkerstroom 11.10, 1 heard St Lucia 15.10, 4 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10 and 1 heard Port Nolloth 28.10.

*African Reed Warbler* *Acrocephalus baeticatus*
(3) 2 Brandvlei 26.10, 1 heard Port Nolloth 28.10 and 1 heard Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.

*Marsh Warbler* *Acrocephalus palustris*
(1) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10.

*African Yellow Warbler* *Iduna natalensis natalensis*
(1) 2 Wakkerstroom 13.10.

**Grassbirds and Allies Locustellidae**

*Little Rush Warbler* *Bradypterus baboeala*
(2) 1 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10 and 1 heard Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10.

*Barratt’s Warbler* *Bradypterus barratti*
(2) 1 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10 and 1 Sani Pass 18.10.

The second sighting was fantastic as the bird came out into the open, which almost never happens.

**Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae**

*Red-faced Cisticola* *Cisticola erythrops nyasa*
(1) 3 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.

*Rattling Cisticola* *Cisticola chiniana*
(4) 5 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 12 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 heard Mkuze GR 13.10 and 7 Mkuze GR 14.10.

*Grey-backed Cisticola* *Cisticola subruficapilla*
Observed 1 day in total.

*Wailing Cisticola* *Cisticola lais*
Observed 3 days in total.

*Rufous-winged Cisticola* *Cisticola galactotes galactotes*
(2) 1 St Lucia 15.10 and 5 Stanger - Sappi 17.10.

*Levaillant’s Cisticola* *Cisticola tinniens*
(6) 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10, 2 Karkloof 19.10, 1 Agulhas Plains 20.10, 3 Strandfontein Sewage Works 22.10 and 1 heard Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.

*Croaking Cisticola* *Cisticola natalensis natalensis*
(1) 1 Ongoye FR 16.10.

*Neddicky* *Cisticola fulvicapilla*
(4) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10 and 1 Marrick GL 31.10.

*Zitting Cisticola* *Cisticola juncidis terrestris*
(2) 3 Mudlark 21.10 and 1 heard Port Nolloth 28.10.

*Desert Cisticola* *Cisticola aridulus*
(3) Up to 4 Marrick GL 30-1.11.
A wonderful display of our first individual, as it displayed above our heads.

**Cloud Cisticola**
*Cisticola textrix*
(1) 2 Agulhas Plains 21.10.

**Wing-snapping Cisticola**
*Cisticola ayresii ayresii*
(3) 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1 heard Wakkerstroom 13.10 and 1 Willem Pretorius NR 1.11.

**Tawny-flanked Prinia**
*Prinia subflava*
(3) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 2 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.

**Black-chested Prinia**
*Prinia flavicans*
Observed 3 days in total.

**Karoo Prinia**
*Prinia maculosa*
Observed 4 days in total.

**Drakensberg Prinia**
*Prinia hypoxantha*
(4) 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1 heard Marutswa NR 17.10, 2 Sani Pass 18.10 and 1 heard Marutswa NR 19.10.

**Namaqua Warbler**
*Phragmaceria substriata*
(4) 2 Brandvlei 26.10, 1 heard Calvinia 27.10, 1 heard Springbok 28.10 and 1 heard Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.

**Bar-throated Apalis**
*Apalis thoracica*
(8) 1 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 heard Marutswa NR 17.10, 1 heard Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 22.10, 1 heard Grootvadersbosch NR 23.10 and 1 heard West Coast NP 24.10.

**Rudd's Apalis**
*Apalis ruddi fumosa*
(4) 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 1 heard Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10 and 1 heard St Lucia 16.10.

**Yellow-breasted Apalis**
*Apalis flavida*
(4) 6 Mkuze GR 14.10, 3 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 3 St Lucia 16.10 and 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.

**Rufous-eared Warbler**
*Malcorus pectoralis*
(2) 3 Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10 and 3 Gamoep 27.10.

**Green-backed Camaroptera**
*Camaroptera brachyura*
(5) 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 1 heard Mkuze GR 14.10, 2 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 1 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10 and 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10.

**Cinnamon-breasted Warbler**
*Euryptila subcinnamomea*
(1) 2 Gamoep 27.10.

**Yellow-bellied Eremomela**
*Eremomela icteropygialis*
(4) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 Brandvlei 26.10, 2 Springbok 29.10 and 1 heard Mokala NP 31.10.

**Karoo Eremomela**
*Eremomela gregalis*
(2) 3 Calvinia 25.10 and 4 Gamoep 27.10.

**Burnt-necked Eremomela**
*Eremomela usticollis usticollis*
(2) 3 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 6 Polokwane GR 10.10.

**Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae**

**Arrow-marked Babbler**
*Turdoides jardinei jardinei*
(2) 10 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 4 Polokwane GR 10.10.

**Southern Pied Babbler**
*Turdoides bicolor*
(1) 20 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.
Old World Warblers Sylviidae

Bush Blackcap (NT)  
Lioptilus nigricapillus  
(2) 1 Sani Pass 18.10 and 6 Doreen Clark NR 20.10.

Chestnut-vented Warbler  
Sylvia subcoerulea  
(6) 6 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 15 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 heard Calvinia 25.10, 1 heard Brandvlei 26.10, 1 heard Marrick GL 30.10 and 5 Mokala NP 31.10.

Layard's Warbler  
Sylvia layardi  
(3) 2 Sani Pass 18.10, 3 Gamoep 27.10 and 3 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10.

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies Zosteropidae

Cape White-eye  
Zosterops virens  
Observed 9 days in total.

Orange River White-eye  
Zosterops pallidus  
(4) 6 Port Nolloth 28.10, 20 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10, 20 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10 and 2 Marrick GL 31.10.

African Yellow White-eye  
Zosterops senegalensis  
(1) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10.

Sugarbirds Promeropidae

Cape Sugarbird  
Promerops cafer  

Gurney’s Sugarbird  
Promerops gurneyi gurneyi  
(1) 2 Sani Pass 18.10.

Starlings Sturnidae

Common Myna  
Acridotheres tristis tristis  
Observed 1 day in total.

Common Starling  
Sturnus vulgaris vulgaris  
Observed 1 day in total.

Black-bellied Starling  
Notopholia corrusca corrusca  
(5) 1 heard Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 3 Mkuze GR 14.10, 12 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 30 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10 and 20 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.

Cape Starling  
Lamprotornis nitens  
Observed 3 days in total.

Burchell's Starling  
Lamprotornis australis  
(1) 40 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.

Pied Starling  
Lamprotornis bicolor  
Observed 1 day in total.

Violet-backed Starling  
Cinnyricinclus leucogaster verreauxi  
(1) 4 Mkuze GR 14.10.

Red-winged Starling  
Onychognathus morio morio  
Observed 9 days in total.

Pale-winged Starling  
Onychognathus naboouroup  
(5) 3 Calvinia 25.10, 6 Gamoep 27.10, 6 Springbok 28.10, 20 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10 and 30 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.
**Oxpeckers Buphagidae**

**Red-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus erythrorynchus*
(3) 4 Polokwane GR 9.10, 5 Mkuze GR 13.10 and 5 Mkuze GR 14.10.

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**Thrushes and Allies Turidae**

**Orange Ground Thrush** *Geokichla gurneyi*
(3) 1 Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10, 1 heard Marutswa NR 17.10 and 2 Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.

**Spotted Ground Thrush** *Geokichla guttata guttata*
(2) 1 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10 and 1 heard Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 17.10.

**Groundscraper Thrush** *Turdus litsitsirupa litsitsirupa*
(2) 4 Polokwane GR 9.10 and 2 Polokwane GR 10.10.

**Kurrichane Thrush** *Turdus libonyana*
(3) 1 heard Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 2 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 1 heard iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.

**Olive Thrush** *Turdus olivaceus*
(8) 1 heard Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10 and 2 Bishops Seat, Dlinza Forest 16.10.

**Karoo Thrush** *Turdus smithi*
(3) 2 Johannesburg 8.10, 2 Johannesburg 9.10 and 1 Springbok 29.10.

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**Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**

**Karoo Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas coryphoeus*
Observed 7 days in total.

**Bearded Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas quadrirvirgata quadrirvirgata*
(2) 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10 and 1 Mkuze GR 14.10.

**Kalahari Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas paena*
(5) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 Polokwane GR 10.10, 3 Marrick GL 30.10, 15 Mokala NP 31.10 and 5 Marrick GL 1.11.

**White-browed Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas leucophrys leucophrys*
(3) 1 heard Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 1 heard Polokwane GR 10.10 and 4 Mkuze GR 14.10.

**Brown Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas signata*
(2) 1 heard St Lucia 15.10 and 1 Ongoye FR 16.10.

**Grey Tit-Flycatcher** *Myioparus plumbeus*
(1) 4 Mkuze GR 14.10.

**Southern Black Flycatcher** *Melaenornis pammelaina*
(4) 5 Mkuze GR 14.10, 6 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10, 1 Rutledge Dam 16.10 and 1 Karkloof 19.10.

**Pale Flycatcher** *Melaenornis pallidus*
(1) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10.

**Chat Flycatcher** *Melaenornis infuscatus*
(3) 1 Calvinia 25.10, 3 Onseepkans 29.10 and 3 Marrick GL 30.10.

**Marico Flycatcher** *Melaenornis mariquensis*
(3) 12 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 25 Polokwane GR 10.10.

**Fiscal Flycatcher** *Melaenornis silens*
(5) 1 Polokwane GR 9.10.

**Ashy Flycatcher** *Muscicapa caerulescens*
(2) 2 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 2 Ongoye FR 16.10.
African Dusky Flycatcher  
*Muscicapa adusta*  
(7) 1 heard Doreen Clark NR 20.10.

Cape Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha caffra*  
(16) 1 heard Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10.

White-throated Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha humeralis*  
(3) 2 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 Mkuze GR 13.10 and 1 heard Mkuze GR 14.10.

White-browed Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha heuglini*  
(1) 2 Mkuze GR 13.10.

Red-capped Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha natalensis*  
(3) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10, 4 St Lucia 15.10 and 4 St Lucia 16.10.

Chorister Robin-Chat  
*Cossypha dichroa*  
(3) 2 Ongoye FR 16.10, 4 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10 and 3 Doreen Clark NR 20.10.

White-starred Robin  
*Pogonocichla stellata*  
(2) 1 Marrick GL 19.10 and 1 Doreen Clark NR 20.10.

Cape Rock Thrush  
*Monticola rupestris*  
(3) 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 3 Sani Pass 18.10 and 1 Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10.

Sentinel Rock Thrush  
*Monticola explorator*  
(3) 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 13.10 and 5 Sani Pass 18.10.

Short-toed Rock Thrush  
*Monticola brevipes*  
(2) 2 Marrick GL 30.10 and 1 Marrick GL 31.10.

African Stonechat  
*Saxicola torquatus*  
Observed 2 days in total.

Buff-streaked Chat  
*Campicoloides bifasciatus*  
(4) 6 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 10 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 3 Impendle NR 17.10 and 1 Karkloof 19.10.

Sickle-winged Chat  
*Emarginata sinuata*  
(1) 15 Sani Pass 18.10.

Karoo Chat  
*Emarginata schlegelii*  
(4) 2 Calvinia 25.10, 12 Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10, 20 Gamoepe 27.10 and 6 Onseepkans 29.10.

Tractrac Chat  
*Emarginata tractrac*  
(3) 1 Calvinia 25.10, 5 Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10 and 8 Port Nolloth 28.10.

Ant-eating Chat  
*Myrmecocichla formicivora*  
Observed 7 days in total.

Mountain Wheatear  
*Myrmecocichla monticola monticola*  
Observed 4 days in total.

Capped Wheatear  
*Oenanthe pileata*  
Observed 1 day in total.

Familiar Chat  
*Oenanthe familiaris*  
(7) 1 Ongoye FR 16.10, 1 Sani Pass 18.10 and 1 Karkloof 19.10.

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| **Collared Sunbird**  
*Hedydipna collaris*  
(4) 1 heard Woodbush Forest Reserve 10.10, 6 St Lucia 15.10, 3 St Lucia 16.10 and 1 Doreen Clark NR 20.10. |
| **Orange-breasted Sunbird**  
*Anthobaphes violacea*  
(3) 2 Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10, 1 Sir Lowry's Pass 22.10 and 1 Cape Point 23.10. |
| **Olive Sunbird**  
*Cyanomitra olivacea*  
(1) 2 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10. |
Grey Sunbird
(4) 1 Umkhuambi Lodge 13.10, 1 Mkuze GR 14.10, 5 St Lucia 15.10 and 1 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.

Amethyst Sunbird
(4) 1 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 Sani Pass 18.10, 2 Karkloof 19.10 and 1 West Coast NP 24.10.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird
(3) 1 Mkuze GR 13.10, 3 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 3 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.

Malachite Sunbird
(6) 3 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 15 Sani Pass 18.10, 2 Agulhas Plains 20.10, 1 West Coast NP 24.10, 2 Gamoep 27.10 and 1 Springbok 29.10.

Southern Double-collared Sunbird
Observed 3 days in total.

Greater Double-collared Sunbird
(2) 3 Sani Pass 18.10 and 1 De Hoop NR 21.10.

Marico Sunbird
(3) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 2 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 5 Mkuze GR 14.10.

Purple-banded Sunbird
(4) 4 Mkuze GR 13.10, 10 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 20 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.

White-bellied Sunbird
(3) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 5 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 5 Mkuze GR 14.10.

Dusky Sunbird
(3) 1 Gamoep 27.10, 5 Aubgrabies Falls NP 29.10 and 15 Aubgrabies Falls NP 30.10.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver
(4) 40 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 20 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 20 Kurisa Moya 30.10.

Sociable Weaver
(4) 20 Springbok 28.10, 40 Aubgrabies Falls NP 29.10, 100 Marrick GL 30.10 and 50 Mokala NP 31.10.

House Sparrow
Observed 6 days in total.

Great Sparrow
(1) 5 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.

Cape Sparrow
Observed 9 days in total.

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow
(5) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 6 Polokwane GR 10.10.

Yellow-throated Petronia
(2) 5 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 1 heard iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.

Weavers and Allies Ploceidae

Scaly-feathered Weaver
Observed 3 days in total.

Thick-billed Weaver
(3) 1 St Lucia 15.10.

Spectacled Weaver
Observed 1 day in total.

Cape Weaver
Observed 1 day in total.
Eastern Golden Weaver  
(4) 15 St Lucia 15.10, 12 St Lucia 16.10 and 20 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.  
Southern Brown-throated Weaver  
(1) 3 St Lucia 15.10.  
Lesser Masked Weaver  
(4) 1 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 Mkuze GR 13.10 and 12 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.  
Southern Masked Weaver  
Observed 7 days in total.  
Village Weaver  
Observed 1 day in total.  
Dark-backed Weaver  
(3) 4 Mkuze GR 14.10, 6 St Lucia 15.10 and 1 heard Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.  
Red-billed Quelea  
(5) 1000 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 12 Polokwane GR 10.10, 12 Mokala NP 31.10 and 100 Willem Pretorius NR 1.11.  
Southern Red Bishop  
Observed 2 days in total.  
Yellow Bishop  
Observed 2 days in total.  
Fan-tailed Widowbird  
(4) 1 Wakkerstroom 11.10, 2 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 3 Rutledge Dam 16.10 and 15 Darvill Sewage Works 17.10.  
White-winged Widowbird  
(1) 10 Polokwane GR 9.10.  
Red-collared Widowbird  
(2) 25 Marutswa NR 17.10 and 12 Impendle NR 19.10.  
Long-tailed Widowbird  
Observed 1 day in total.  

**Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae**

Green-winged Ptillia  
(3) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 6 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 1 Mkuze GR 14.10.  
Red-headed Finch  
(5) 40 Johannesburg 8.10, 1 Polokwane GR 9.10 and up to 70 Marrick GL 30-1.11.  
Green Twinspot  
(1) 5 Kurisa Moya 10.10.  
Pink-throated Twinspot  
(1) 8 Mkuze GR 14.10.  
Red-billed Firefinch  
(3) 30 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 12 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 2 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10.  
African Firefinch  
(2) 2 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10 and 1 heard Marutswa NR 19.10.  
Jameson's Firefinch  
(1) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10.  
Blue Waxbill  
(4) 20 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 25 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 1 Sani Pass 17.10.
Violet-eared Waxbill

*Uraeginthus granatinus*

(3) 6 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10, 6 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 2 Marrick GL 31.10.

Swee Waxbill

*Coccopygia melanotis*

(3) 5 Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10, 8 Kimberley 22.10 and 10 Grootvadersbosch NR 23.10.

Common Waxbill

*Estrilda astrild*

Observed 2 days in total.

Black-faced Waxbill

*Estrilda erythroneos erythroneos*

(2) 2 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 6 Polokwane GR 10.10.

Quailfinch

*Ortygospiza atricollis digressa*

(2) 1 heard Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 5 Wakkerstroom 12.10.

Bronze Mannikin

*Lonchura cucullata scutata*

(2) 8 Mkuze GR 13.10.

Red-backed Mannikin

*Lonchura nigriceps*

(2) 8 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10 and 4 Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.

Indigobirds *Viduidae*

Pin-tailed Whydah

*Vidua macroura*

Observed 2 days in total.

Shaft-tailed Whydah

*Vidua regia*

(3) Up to 2 Marrick GL 30-1.11.

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah

*Vidua paradisaea*

(1) 1 Marrick GL 30.10.

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae*

Cape Wagtail

*Motacilla capensis capensis*

Observed 3 days in total.

African Pied Wagtail

*Motacilla aguimp*

(3) 1 Mkuze GR 13.10, 2 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 3 Rutledge Dam 16.10.

Cape Longclaw

*Macronyx capensis*

Observed 3 days in total.

Yellow-throated Longclaw

*Macronyx croceus vulnerability*

(2) 2 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10 and 4 Ongoye FR 16.10.

African Pipit

*Anthus cinnamomeus*

(14) 1 heard Port Nolloth 28.10.

Mountain Pipit

*Anthus hoecshi*

(1) 2 Sani Pass 18.10.

2 birds were seen well in the arid plains of Lesotho.

Long-billed Pipit

*Anthus similis*

(2) 2 Wakkerstroom 13.10 and 2 Agulhas Plains 20.10.

Buffy Pipit

*Anthus vaalensis vaalensis*

(5) 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 4 Springbok 28.10, 8 Marrick GL 31.10 and 5 Marrick GL 1.11.

Plain-backed Pipit

*Anthus leucophrys leucophrys*

(3) 2 Wakkerstroom 11.10, 1 Wakkerstroom 13.10 and 1 Benvie Farm, Karkloof 19.10.

African Rock Pipit

*Anthus crenatus*

(2) 2 Wakkerstroom 12.10 and 1 heard Sani Pass 18.10.

Great views of a few birds were had up on a rocky ridge in Wakkerstroom.
Yellow-breasted Pipit (VU)  
*Anthus chloris*
(2) 2 Wakkerstroom 12.10 and 1 Wakkerstroom 13.10.
Excellent views were had in a field with some short grass in Wakkerstroom.

**Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae**

**Common Chaffinch**  
*Fringilla coelebs*
(1) 2 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 22.10.

**Forest Canary**  
*Crithagra scotops*
(2) 5 Marutswa NR 19.10 and 1 heard Grootvadersbosch NR 23.10.

**Black-throated Canary**  
*Crithagra atrogularis*
(2) 1 Marrick GL 30.10 and 7 Mokala NP 31.10.

**Yellow-fronted Canary**  
*Crithagra mozambica*
Observed 5 days in total.

**Cape Siskin**  
*Crithagra totta*
(2) 3 Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10 and 20 Cape Point 23.10.

**Drakensberg Siskin**  
*Crithagra symonsi*
(1) 5 Sani Pass 18.10.

**Yellow Canary**  
*Crithagra flaviventris*
Observed 9 days in total.

**Brimstone Canary**  
*Crithagra sulphurata*
(1) 1 Du Toitskloof Pass 22.10.

**Streaky-headed Seedeater**  
*Crithagra gularis*
(3) 1 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 3 Mudlark 20.10 and 6 Mudlark 21.10.

**White-throated Canary**  
*Crithagra albogularis*
Observed 1 day in total.

**Protea Canary**  
*Crithagra leucoptera*
(1) 1 Du Toitskloof Pass 22.10.

**Cape Canary**  
*Serinus canicollis*
Observed 1 day in total.

**Black-headed Canary**  
*Serinus alario*
(1) 2 Gamoep 27.10.

**Bunting, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae**

**Lark-like Bunting**  
*Emberiza impetuanii*
(6) 1 West Coast NP 24.10, 12 Calvinia 25.10, 60 Calvinia - Brandvlei 26.10, 40 Gamoep 27.10, 30 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10 and 50 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.

**Cinnamon-breasted Bunting**  
*Emberiza tahapisi tahapisi*
(1) 1 Calvinia 25.10.

**Cape Bunting**  
*Emberiza capensis*
Observed 2 days in total.

**Golden-breasted Bunting**  
*Emberiza flaviventris*
(4) 2 Zaagkuuldrift Road 9.10, 2 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 1 Mkuze GR 14.10.
Mammals (61 in total: 60 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

**Aardvarks Orycteropodidae**

*Orycteropus afer*

Aardvark
(1) 2 Marrick GL 31.10.
A second night drive proved a good choice as the difficult to find Aardvark was delivered!

**Rabbits, Hares Leporidae**

*Lepus capensis*

Cape Hare
Observed 2 days in total.

*Lepus saxatilis*

Scrub Hare
Observed 2 days in total.

*Pronolagus rupestris*

Smith's Red Rock Hare
(1) 4 Springbok 29.10.

**Hedgehogs, Gymnures Erinaceidae**

*Atelerix frontalis*

Southern African Hedgehog
(2) 1 Marrick GL 30.10 and 3 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Shrews Soricidae**

*Crocidura flavescens*

Greater Red Musk Shrew
(1) 1 Marrick GL 30.10.

**Springhares Pedetidae**

*Pedetes capensis*

Spring Hare
(2) 60 Marrick GL 30.10 and 50 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Old World Porcupines Hystricidae**

*Hystrix africaeaustralis*

Cape Porcupine
(2) 4 Marrick GL 30.10 and 6 Marrick GL 31.10.

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

*Gerbilliscus leucogaster*

Bushveld Gerbil
(1) 1 Marrick GL 30.10.

*Lemniscomys rosalia*

Single-striped Grass Mouse
(1) 1 Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10.

*Otomys sloggetti*

Sloggett's Vlei Rat
(1) 12 Sani Pass 18.10.

*Rhabdomys pumilio*

Four-striped Grass Mouse
(3) 3 Du Toitskloof Pass 22.10, 1 Cape Point 23.10 and 1 West Coast NP 24.10.
Climbing & Rock Mice, White-tailed & Malagasy Rats and Mice *Nesomyidae*

**Gerbil Mouse**  
*Malacothrix typica*  
(1) 1 Marrick GL 30.10.

**Squirrels *Sciuridae***

**Red Bush Squirrel**  
*Paraxerus palliatus*  
(1) 1 St Lucia 16.10.

**South African Ground Squirrel**  
*Xerus inauris*  
(4) 1 Springbok 28.10 and up to 50 Marrick GL 30-1.11.

**Cats *Felidae***

**Cheetah**  
*Acinonyx jubatus*  
(1) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10.

**Black-footed Cat**  
*Felis nigripes*  
(2) 2 Marrick GL 30.10 and 2 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Wild Cat**  
*Felis silvestris*  
(2) 1 Gamoep 27.10 and 3 Marrick GL 30.10.

**Mongooses *Herpestidae***

**Yellow Mongoose**  
*Cynictis penicillata*  
Observed 3 days in total.

**Egyptian Mongoose**  
*Herpestes ichneumon*  
(1) 1 Karkloof 19.10.

**Cape Grey Mongoose**  
*Herpestes pulverulentus*  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Slender Mongoose**  
*Herpestes sanguineus*  
(2) 1 Zaagkuildrift Road 9.10 and 1 Mokala NP 31.10.

**Banded Mongoose**  
*Mungos mungo*  
(1) 20 St Lucia 15.10.

**Meerkat**  
*Suricata suricatta*  
(4) 8 Wakkerstroom 11.10, 30 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 10 Marrick GL 30.10 and 20 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Hyenas, Aardwolf *Hyaenidae***

**Aardwolf**  
*Proteles cristata*  
(3) 1 Gamoep 27.10, 2 Marrick GL 30.10 and 3 Marrick GL 31.10.

**Vivets, Genets *Viverridae***

**South African Large-spotted Genet**  
*Genetta tigrina*  
(1) 1 Umkhumbi Lodge 14.10.

**Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals *Canidae***

**Black-backed Jackal**  
*Canis mesomelas*  
(3) 1 heard Sani Pass 18.10, 2 Gamoep 27.10 and 2 Mokala NP 31.10.

**Bat-eared Fox**  
*Otocyon megalotis megalotis*  
(1) 1 Marrick GL 30.10.
**Weasels, Skunks, Otters Mustelidae**  
*Ictonyx striatus*

**Zorilla**  
(1) 2 Marrick GL 30.10.

**Sea Lions Otariidae**  
*Arctocephalus pusillus*

**Afro-Australian Fur Seal**  
(2) 12 Cape Point 23.10 and 5 West Coast NP 24.10.

**Zebras, Horse, Asses Equidae**  
*Equus quagga*

**Plains Zebra**  
Observed 2 days in total.

**Mountain Zebra**  
(1) 8 De Hoop NR 21.10.

**Rhinceroses Rhinocerotidae**  
*Ceratotherium simum simum*

**White Rhinoceros**  
(2) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10 and 6 Mokala NP 31.10.

**Pigs Suidae**  
*Phacochoerus africanus sundevalli*

**Common Warthog**  
(4) 12 Polokwane GR 10.10, 4 Mkuze GR 14.10, 4 Mokala NP 31.10 and 2 Marrick GL 1.11.

**Oceanic Dolphins Delphinidae**  
*Sousa chinensis*

**Indo-Pacific Hump-backed Dolphin**  
(1) 2 at Mudlark 20.10

**Hippopotamuses Hippopotamidae**  
*Hippopotamus amphibius capensis*

**Hippopotamus**  
(3) 25 Mkuze GR 14.10, 10 St Lucia 15.10 and 4 St Lucia 16.10.

**Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae**  
*Aepyceros melampus melampus*

**Impala**  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Hartebeest**  
(1) 40 Mokala NP 31.10.

**Springbok**  
Observed 4 days in total.

**Natal Red Duiker**  
(3) 3 Umkhumbi Lodge 13.10, 7 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10 and 5 St Lucia 16.10.

**Black Wildebeest**  
(4) 30 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 40 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 2 Marrick GL 30.10 and 80 Mokala NP 31.10.

**Common Wildebeest**  
(4) 15 Polokwane GR 10.10, 6 Mkuze GR 13.10, 6 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10 and 5 Mokala NP 31.10.

**Topi**  
(2) 20 Polokwane GR 10.10 and 12 Mokala NP 31.10.
Blesbok  *Damaliscus pygargus*  
(8) 12 Zaalaguikdrift Road 9.10 and 20 Mokala NP 31.10.

Roan Antelope  *Hippotragus equinus*  
(1) 30 Mokala NP 31.10.

Sable Antelope  *Hippotragus niger*  
(1) 15 Mokala NP 31.10.

Klipspringer  *Oreotragus oreotragus*  
(4) 1 Sir Lowry's Pass 22.10, 3 Agurabes Falls NP 29.10 and 2 Augrabies Falls NP 30.10.

Gemsbok  *Oryx gazella*  
Observed 5 days in total.

Grey Rhebok  *Pelea capreolus*  
(3) 2 Wakkerstroom 13.10, 2 Alaghas Plains 20.10 and 2 Calvinia 25.10.

Blue Duiker  *Philantomba monticola*  
(1) 6 Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.

One individual came right up-close and personal and proceeded to pronk around us providing great entertainment.

Steenbok  *Raphicerus campestris campestris*  
(4) 2 Wakkerstroom 11.10, 2 Wakkerstroom 12.10, 2 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10 and 6 Mokala NP 31.10.

Cape Grysbok  *Raphicerus melanotis*  
Observed 1 day in total.

Southern Reedbuck  *Redunca arundinum*  
(3) 2 Mkuze GR 13.10, 6 Sani Pass 18.10 and 5 Karkloof 19.10.

Mountain Reedbuck  *Redunca fulvorufula fulvorufula*  
(1) 1 Impendle NR 17.10.

Common Duiker  *Sylvicapra grimmia*  
Observed 2 days in total.

African Buffalo  *Syncerus caffer caffer*  
(2) 25 Wakkerstroom 12.10 and 40 Mokala NP 31.10.

Nyala  *Tragelaphus angasii*  
Observed 2 days in total.

Common Eland  *Tragelaphus oryx*  
(6) 50 Polokwane GR 10.10, 30 Sani Pass 18.10, 6 West Coast NP 24.10, 3 Agurabes Falls NP 30.10 and 30 Augrabies Falls NP 31.10.

Bushbuck  *Tragelaphus scriptus*  
(1) 2 iSimangaliso WP - False Bay Park 15.10.

Greater Kudu  *Tragelaphus strepsiceros*  
(6) 12 Polokwane GR 9.10, 15 Polokwane GR 10.10, 1 Mkuze GR 13.10, 3 Mkuze GR 14.10, 1 West Coast NP 24.10 and 7 Mokala NP 31.10.

**Giraffe, Okapi Giraffidae**  
*Giraffa camelopardalis giraffa*  
(5) 20 Polokwane GR 10.10, 12 Mkuze GR 14.10, 2 Marrick GL 30.10 and 1 Mokala NP 31.10.
Amphibians (10 in total: 10 heard)

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Screeching frogs or squeakers Arthroleptidae
Bush Squeaker
Arthroleptis wahlbergii
(1) 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 16.10.

True toads Bufonidae
Guttural Toad
Amietophrynus gutturalis
(1) 1 heard Dlinza Forest NR 17.10.
Karoo Toad
Vandijkophrynus gariepensis
(2) 1 heard Springbok 27.10 and 1 heard Springbok 28.10.

Sedge frogs or bush frogs Hyperoliidae
Painted Reed Frog
Hyperolius marmoratus
(1) 1 heard Rutledge Dam 16.10.

Narrow-mouthed frogs Microhylidae
Cape Rain Frog
Breviceps gibbosus
(1) 1 heard Gamoep 27.10.
Mozambique Rain Frog
Breviceps mossambicus
(1) 1 heard Ongoye FR 16.10.
Plaintive Rain Frog
Breviceps verrucosus
(1) 1 heard Kurisa Moya 10.10.

True frogs Ranidae
Cape River Frog
Amietia fuscigula
(1) 1 heard Harold Porter Botanical Garden 21.10.
Clicking Stream Frog
Strongylopus grayii
(1) 1 heard Karkloof 19.10.

Snoring Puddle Frog
Phrynobatrachidae
Phrynobatrachus natalensis
(1) 1 heard Wakkerstroom 12.10.

Reptiles (14 in total: 14 seen)

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Tortoises Testudinidae
Angulated Tortoise
Chersina angulata
(3) 1 De Hoop NR 21.10, 65 West Coast NP 24.10 and 2 Gamoep 27.10.
Leopard Tortoise
Stigmochelys pardalis
(1) 1 Mkuze GR 14.10.
**Afro-American Sideneck Turtles Pelomedusidae**  
*Pelomedusa subrufa nigra*

**Helmeted Turtle**  
(1) 5 Mkuze GR 14.10.

**Agamas Agamidae**  
*Agama atra atra*

**Southern Rock Agama**  
(3) 1 Wakkerstroom 11.10 and 3 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10.

**Common Spiny Agama**  
(1) 1 Gamoep 27.10.

**Geckos Gekkonidae**  
*Hemidactylus mabouia*

**House Gecko**  
(2) 2 St Lucia 15.10.

**Spinytail Lizards Cordylidae**  
*Platysaurus broadleyi*

**Augrabies Flat Lizard**  
(1) 20 Augrabies Falls NP 29.10.

**Common Flat Lizard**  
Observed 1 day in total.

**Skinks Scincidae**  
*Panaspis wahlbergi*

**Wahlberg's Snake-eyed Skink**  
(1) 1 De Hoop NR 21.10.

**African Striped Skink**  
*Trachylepis striata striata*

**Colubrid snakes Colubridae**  
*Philothamnus natalensis*

**Philothamnus natalensis**  
(1) 1 Ongoye FR 16.10.

**Brown House Snake**  
(1) 1 West Coast NP 24.10.

**Lamprophiidae Lamprophiidae**  
*Boaedon fuliginosus mentalis*

**Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae**  
*Crocodylus niloticus cowiei*

**Nile Crocodile**  
(1) 2 St Lucia 15.10.