

NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZAMBIA

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NAMIBIA: WALVIS BAY PRE-TRIP

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Red-necked Falcon *Falco chiquera*

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ITINERARY

- Aug 4 - 6 - Pre-tour to the Namibian coast, Walvis Bay and Swakopmund
- Aug 7 - Flight to Huab Lodge
- Aug 8 - Huab Lodge
- Aug 9 - Huab Lodge
- Aug 10 - Huab Lodge; drive to Okakeujo Camp, Etosha
- Aug 11 - Etosha (Okakeujo to Halali via Okandeka & Rietfontein waterholes)
- Aug 12 - Etosha (Halali to Namutoni Camp via Goas, Kalkheuwel and Khoinachas waterholes)
- Aug 13 - Etosha (Namutoni to Andoni Plains via Klein & Groot Okeivi-, and Tsumcor waterholes)
- Aug 14 - Namutoni Camp; charter to Bagani (Caprivi Strip); Mahango Game Reserve, Shakawe
- Aug 15 - Shakawe
- Aug 16 - Shakawe
- Aug 17 - Shakawe, flight to Xakanaxa Camp, Moremi
- Aug 18 - Xakanaxa
- Aug 19 - Xakanaxa, flight to Livingstone via Kasane
- Aug 20 - Zambezi boat trip and game drive in the Mosi oa Tunya National Park
- Aug 21 - Victoria Falls, Hotel grounds and flight back to Johannesburg

TOUR SUMMARY

Our Walvis Bay Pre-trip to the coast provided a number of endemic; near-endemic, and breeding endemic species not recorded on the main tour, as well as the spectacle of flocks of flamingos and Great White Pelicans on the Walvis Bay Salt Works. Unprecedented rains earlier in the year in the interior were reflected in the later-than-usual arrival of some species however.

Conditions in Namibia and Botswana reflected the incredible rains earlier in the year, with the eastern part of the Etosha Pan still completely full (the first time we have ever seen water on these tours), the river at Shakawe at its highest level in decades, and much of the area at Xakanaxa flooded and inaccessible. The two countries had also experienced particularly severe winter conditions in the weeks and months prior to the tour, and much of the vegetation showed frost damage. As a result, bird numbers were generally lower than usual for this time of year, and finding some of even the more common species proved surprisingly difficult.

Grass cover in the west of Etosha was again excellent for this time of year and, as a result, the normal anti-clockwise movements of game along the southern edge of the pan were only just starting. We still enjoyed spectacular game-viewing, with excellent sightings of black rhino, awesome elephant encounters, sightings of a cheetah killing a springbok and then calling her two well-grown cubs across to feed, and an amazing view of seven giraffes striding through knee-deep water crossing the main pan. The full pan also gave us sightings of many duck species and other water birds not normally recorded on these tours - most notably, stunning views of a male Chestnut-banded Plover.

Flood levels along the Okavango River in the Mahango Game Reserve and at Shakawe were again extremely high, with water still flowing into the floodplains (instead of draining back into the main channels as is normal for this time of year), and waterbirds were widely dispersed. We managed to record most of the Delta specials, however, though in lower numbers than on previous tours. Game-viewing in the Mahango Game Reserve also provided the amazing sight of a herd of 32 sable antelope, as well as best-ever views of seven roan antelope curiously gazing at us from less than two hundred yards away in perfect afternoon light. The night boat trips at Shakawe gave us two spectacular sightings of Pel's Fishing Owl fishing, and great, close views of an adult White-backed Night-Heron. Bush birds were unusually scarce, but turned up a surprise in the form of a new species—White-breasted Cuckoo Shrike—for the lodge.

Flooded conditions at Xakanaxa meant that road access was severely restricted, and also that much of the game had moved out of the area. In spite of these challenges, birding was good, with great sightings of African Barred Owllet (our 8th owl for the tour), four species of woodpeckers, and a stunning male Scarlet-chested Sunbird. Game highlights were great sightings of a honey badger industriously digging for rodents only yards from our vehicle, and a large breeding herd of elephants around the airstrip on our departure.

A boat trip on the Zambezi River above the Victoria Falls at Livingstone provided views of five different African Finfoot (including stunning views of a male swimming along an open stretch of shoreline close to our boat); Rock Pratincoles; African Skimmers; White-crowned Lapwings; and our best sightings of hippopotamus on the trip. Our drive in the Mosi oa Tunya National Park gave the group the unforgettable experience of having a male square-lipped rhinoceros walk up to within 30 yards of our group (also on foot)... and then start scent-marking his territory. An early morning return to the viewsite overlooking the stunning Victoria Falls wrapped up a fantastic tour!

KEY

E	Endemic species
NE	Near-endemic species
BE	Breeding endemic species
•	Recorded on coastal pre-tour
o	Recorded on main tour
h	Heard only
L	Leader only

Note:

The endemic classifications used in this trip list refer to the Southern African sub-region - i.e. the area south of the Cunene and Zambezi Rivers.

BIRDS

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukuejo	Halali	Namautoni	Mahango G R	Shakawe	Xakanaxa	Travelling	Livingstone
Ostrich Struthionidae												
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	•		o	o	o	o	o				
Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae												
Fulvous Whistling-Duck (Fulvous Duck)	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>						o					
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>							o		o		o
White-faced Duck												
Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidornismelanotos</i>							o				
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	•				o	o	o		o		o
E South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>						o					
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>							o		o		
African Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>								o	o		
* Geat view of a surprisingy aproachable pair of these attractive ducks Okavango River Shakawe boat trip												
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	•						o				
Red-billed Duck (Teal)	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>							o				

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Swans, Geese & Ducks		Anatidae (cont.)											
	Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>					o						
	Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>						o					
Gunefowl		Numididae											
	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o		o		o
Pheasants, Partridges & allies		Phasianidae											
NE	Hartlaub's Francolin	<i>Francolinus hartlaubi</i>		o									
* Extended, repeat scope views of a male perched up on a rock after responding to the tape. We finally drove away!													
Huab game drive.													
NE	Red-billed Francolin	<i>Francolinus adspersus</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		
NE	Natal Francolin	<i>Francolinus natalensis</i>											o
NE	Swainson's Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>					o	o					
Grebes		Podicipedidae											
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	•					o		o			
	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	•										
	Eared (Black-necked) Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	•										
Flamingos		Phoenicopteridae											
	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	•										
	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	•										
Storks		Ciconidae											
	African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>							o	o			o
	Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>									o		
	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>											o
	Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>							o	o			o
Gannets and Boobies		Sulidae											
BE	Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>	•										
Cormorants & Shags		Phalacrocoracidae											
	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	•										o
	(White-breasted Cormorant)	<i>(Phalacrocorax (c.) lucidus)</i>											
BE	Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	•										
E	Crowned Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	•										
	(Reed) Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>							o	o	o		o
Anhingas & Darters		Anhingidae											
	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>											
	(African Darter)	<i>(Anhinga (m.) rufa)</i>							o	o	o		o
Pelicans		Pelecanidae											
	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	•										
* Great views of over 50 birds feeding. It was like watching a stylised water ballet as birds moved between-, and past each other as they scooped up bill-pouches full of fish - all the while keeping the shoal trapped in the shallows! Walvis Bay Salt Works, Coastal Pre-Tour.													
Hamerkop		Scopidae											
	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>							o	o	o		o
Herons, Egrets & Bitterns		Ardeidae											
	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>								o			
	Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	•				o	o	o				o

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Hawks, Eagles & Kites			Accipitridae (cont.)									
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>				o	o	o				
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	o									
* Great scope views of the female feeding a well-grown nestling - Huab drive down river												
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	o	o						o		
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>			o					o		
Falcons & Caracaras			Falconidae									
Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>			o							
* Stunning close views of a female perched up next to the vehicle - just outside Okaukeujo Camp, Etosha												
Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
(Rock Kestrel)	<i>(Falco (t.) rupicolis)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>			o							
Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>			o							
* Glorious scope views of an adult feeding on a Laughing Dove close to the road - Okaukeujo Camp, Etosha												
Bustards			Otididae									
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>			o	o	o					
NE Ludwig's Bustard	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
* Great views of a pair of these endemic bustards close to the road - Namib desert, coastal pre-tour. The good rains had brought grass to the desert - and gave us our first-ever sighting on the pre-tour!												
Red-crested Bustard (Korhaan)	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		o	o	o	o	o		o		
E White-quilled Bustard	<i>Eupodotis afraoides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
(Northern Black Korhaan)		<input type="checkbox"/>			o	o	o					
Rails, Gallinules & Coots			Rallidae									
African Rail	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>							h			
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>						o	o	o		o
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>					o					
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>					o					
Sungrebe & Finfoots			Heliornithidae									
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>										o
* Our boat trip on the Zambezi above the Victoria Falls gave us sightings of an unbelievable five different birds - best being stunning views of a male moving along an open stretch of shoreline close to our boat!												
Cranes			Gruidae									
Wattled Crane	<i>Bugeranus carunculatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>						o				
Thick-knees			Burhinidae									
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>							o			o
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	o		o							
Plovers & Lapwings			Charadriidae									
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>						o	o			
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	o		o	o	o	o	o	o		
White-headed (crowned) Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>										o
* Beautiful, ultra-close views of a pair of these attractive lapwings defending a nest on a stretch of sandy shoreline - Zambezi Boat trip												
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	o	o	o	o	o			o		
Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>							o	o		o

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Plovers & Lapwings

Charadriidae (cont.)

Grey (Black-bellied) Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	•										
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	•					O					
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	•	O									
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	•										
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	•					O					

* After proving to be unusually hard-to-find on the coastal pre-tour, we had brilliant views of an adult male on the edge of the pan - Etosha. This was a first on the main tour, and emphasises the unusual conditions we experienced this year!

Oystercatchers

Haematopodidae

African Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>	•										
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Stilts & Avocets

Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	•				O	O			O		
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	•										

Jacanas

Jacanidae

African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>					O		O	O	O		O
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Sandpipers & Allies

Scolopacidae

Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>							O				O
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	•								O		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>									O		O
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	•										

* Stunning, ultra-close views of a pair of these striking shorebirds at the Mile 7 Saltworks, Swakopmund - Coastal Pre-Tour. This species is a rarity in Southern Africa!

Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	•										
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	•										
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	•										
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	•										

Couriers & Pratincoles

Glareolidae

Double-banded Courser	<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>					O						
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>							O				
Rock Pratincole	<i>Glareola nuchalis</i>											O

* Beautiful, close views of a pair of these attractive shorebirds on newly-emerged rocks - Zambezi River, Livingstone.

Gulls, Terns and Skimmers

Laridae

Gray-headed Gull	<i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>	•										
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Larus hartlaubii</i>	•										
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	•										
Damara tern	<i>Sterna balaenarum</i>	•										
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	•										
Great Crested (Swift) Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	•										
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>								O			O

Sandgrouse

Pteroclididae

Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>					O						
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>		O	O						O		
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>						O	O				

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Doves & Pigeons		Columbidae											
Rock Pigeon (Dove) (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	•											
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	•											
African Mourning Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>									o			
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>								o	o	o		o
Ring-necked (Cape Turtle) Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>			o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	•		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>							o	o	o	o		o
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	•		o	o	o	o	o					
African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calva</i>									o	o		
Parrots, Macaws & Allies		Psittacidae											
NE Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>			o									
Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>								o	o	o		
NE Rueppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>			o									
Turacos		Musophagidae											
Gray Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>			o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Cuckoos and Coucals		Cuculidae											
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>												o
* Great views of an adult feeding on the ground on Long Island - Zambezi River boat trip, Livingstone. A new species on these tours!													
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>								o	o	o		
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>										o		
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>												o
Barn-Owls		Tytonidae											
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>			h		h							
Typical Owls		Strigidae											
African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>			o			o				o		
Sthrn. White-faced (Scops) Owl	<i>Ptilopsis granti</i>						o						
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>			o				o					
* Bernadette's bird! Stunning close views of an adult perched just off the ground on a log only yards from the vehicle brilliantly lit by the afternoon sun - Huab game drive.													
Pel's Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>										o		
# Superb, spotlight views of an adult fishing - Shakawe boat trip on our first evening, followed by even better views on our last!													
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>									o			
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>			o			o	o	o		o		
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>										o		
Nightjars & Allies		Caprimulgidae											
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>			L									
Swifts		Apodidae											
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>												
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	•		o	o	o	o	o	o		o		o
Mousebirds		Coliidae											
NE White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	•											
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	•		o	o					o	o		o

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Kingfishers		Alcedinidae											
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>									o			
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>												o
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>									o	o		o
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>								o	o	o		o
Bee-eaters		Meropidae											
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>									o	o		o
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>								o	o	o		o
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>			o	o	o	o	o			o		
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>								o	o			
Rollers		Coraciidae											
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>				o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Rufous-crowned (Purple)Roller	<i>Coracias naevia</i>			o	o		o	o	o	o	o		o
Hoopoes		Upupidae											
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>												
(African Hoopoe)	<i>(Upupa (e.) africana)</i>			o		o			o		o		
Woodhoopoes		Phoeniculidae											
Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>								o	o	o		
Violet Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>			o									
* Stunning views of a flock of seven of these birds moving through Mopane woodland - Huab game drive.													
Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>			o			o		o		o		
Hornbills		Bucerotidae											
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus montei</i>			o	o								
* Great late afternoon scope views of a pair which flew in as we were watching the Verreaux's Eagles on their nest - Huab													
Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>							o	o		o		
(Damara Hornbill)	<i>(Tockus e. damarensis)</i>			o	o		o						
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>				o	o	o	o		o	o		
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>												o
* Amazing close fly-past views of at least twelve of these striking hornbills - along with similar numbers of African Grey Hornbills - Zambezi boat trip. A species we have missed in recent years!													
Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Tockus bradfieldi</i>								o				
*A bird flying across the approaches as we were about to land at Bagani in the Caprivi Strip set the scene for our best tour for this species ever! We stopped counting after seeing at least 14 of these hornbills! Why have we struggled to find this bird on some previous tours???													
African Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>			o	o					o	o		o
Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>												o
African Barbets		Lybiidae											
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>									o	o		
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>								o	o	o		o
Pied (Acacia Pied) Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>			o			o	o					
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>									o	o		o
Honeyguides		Indicatoridae											
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>									o			L
Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>								o				o

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Larks			Alaudidae										
E	Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>						o					
NE	Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>		o	o	o	o	o					
E	Dune Lark	<i>Certhilauda erythrochlamys</i>	•										
* Several great views of this localised endemic sheltering from gale-force winds amongst the dunes on our drive along the Kuiseb Delta - Coastal Pre-tour													
	Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>						o					
	Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>				o							
	Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>				o							
NE	Gray-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	•			o							
NE	Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanes grayi</i>	•										
* Great close views of a group of at least five of these attractive desert larks - Namib gravel plains, Coastal pre-tour													
	Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	•			o		o					
E	Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>				o							
* Our easiest (and best) sightings ever. A group of five birds feeding close to our vehicle on the way to Okondeka, Etosha gave brilliant extended viewing!													
NE	Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>	•										
Swallows			Hirundinidae										
	Plain [Brown-throated] Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>							o	o			
	Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>								o	o		
	Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> (<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>)	•	o	o	o							
	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>								o	o		o
	Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>		o									
	Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis (H.) abyssinica</i>							o	o	o	o	o
	Rufous-chested Swallow	<i>Cecropis (Hirundo) semirufa</i>						o					
BE	South African (Cliff) Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i> (<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>)						o					
Chickadees & Tits			Paridae										
	Southern Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>								o			o
NE	Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>		o			o						
NE	Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>			o								
Penduline Tits			Remizidae										
	African (Grey) Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>									o		
* Great views of at least two birds moving in a mixed bird party through Mopane woodland - Xakanaxa. An unusual record for these tours													
Bulbuls			Pycnonotidae										
	Common Bulbul (Dark-capped Bulbul)	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> (<i>Pycnonotus (b). tricolor</i>)									o	o	o
NE	Black-fronted Bulbul (African Red-eyed Bulbul)	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	•	o	o	o	o	o	o		o		
	Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>								o	o		o
	Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>								o			o
Reed-Warblers & Allies			Acrocephalidae										
	African Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	•							o			o

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Wagtails & Pipits		Motacillidae (cont.)											
	African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>				o	o	o					
Buntings, Sparrows & Allies		Emberizidae											
NE	Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	•	o									
	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>		o									
	Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>		o			o	o					o
Siskins, Crossbills & Allies		Fringillidae											
	Black-throated Canary	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>		o	o	o	o	o					
	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>							o				
NE	Yellow Canary	<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>						o					
Old World Sparrows		Passeridae											
	House Sparrow (I)	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	•										
	(Great) Great Rufous Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>		o	o			o					
NE	Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	•										
	Southern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>		o	o		o	o		o	o		o
	Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Petronia superciliaris</i>									o		
Weavers & Allies		Ploceidae											
	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>		o			o						
NE	Scaly Weaver (Scaly-feathered Finch)	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>											
	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>		o	o	o	o		o				
E	Social Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>			o	o							
	Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>								o			o
	Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>		o					o				
	Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>											o
	Holub's Golden-Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>								o	o		o
	Southern Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	•	o		o	o	o	o	o	o		o
	Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>		L									
	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		o
Waxbills & Allies		Estrildidae											
	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	•	o						o			o
	Black-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>		o	o	o	o	o		o			
	Blue-breasted Cordonbleu (Blue Waxbill)	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>							o	o	o	o	o
	Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatina</i>				o	o	o					
	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>			o			o	o	o			
	Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>									o		
* Great, close views of a flock of 5 of these often illusive waxbills feeding next to the path in camp - Xakanaxa													
	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>								o	o		o
	Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>								o			
	Cutthroat (Finch)	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>											o
* Great views of a pair feeding on the ground close to our vehicle - Mosi oa Tunya National Park game drive, Livingstone													
NE	Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>		o	o	o							

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Waxbills & Allies		Estrildidae (cont.)											
Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>												O
Indigobirds		Viduidae											
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>					O							
Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah	<i>Vidua obtusa</i>												O

Birds recorded - Pre-tour : 73 species; 5 endemics, 10 near-endemics and 3 breeding endemics

Birds recorded - Main tour : 296 species; 9 endemics, and 25 near-endemics (2 species heard only and 4 species

Leader only)

MAMMALS

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Coastal	Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukuejo	Halali	Namautoni	Mahango G R	Shakawe	Xakanaxa	Travelling	Livingstone
Peters' Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomopus crypturus</i>										O		
Egyptian Free-tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida aegyptiaca</i>					O							
Common Slit-faced Bat	<i>Nycterus thebiaca</i>									O			
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>			O	O				O		O		O
Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>									O	O		O
Lesser Galago (Bushbaby)	<i>Galago moholi</i>										O		
* Great early evening views of several of these tiny, nocturnal primates jumping around in the bushes in front of our tents - this while we getting ready for dinner. Xakanaxa.													
E South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>				O	O							
Striped Tree Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus congicus</i>			O									
Congo Rope (Tree) Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>						O	O	O		O		
Tree Mouse (Acacia Rat)	<i>Thallomys paedulus</i>					O							
NE Dassie Rat	<i>Petromys typicus</i>			O									
Greater Cane-Rat	<i>Thryonomys swinderans</i>										O		
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>						O						
NE Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>			•									
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>					O					O		
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>							O					

* **Exceptional sightings of a female killing a Springbok ... and then calling her two well-grown cubs across to feed. The stalk and kill happened so quickly that both we, and the antelope, barely knew what happened!**

Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>			•			O	O	O				
Spotted-necked Otter	<i>Lutra maculicollis</i>									O			

* **Giles and Bernadette enjoyed views of one of these delightful mammals playing close to the boat landing - while the rest of us were settling in to our cabins - Shakawe Lodge.**

Honey Badger	<i>Melivora capensis</i>										O		
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* **Amazing views of an adult that came in while we were watching a Hamerkop feeding and instead of loping off, proceeded to start indusriously digging for rodents less than 40 yards from the vehicle. Our best sighting ever of this belligerant animal ... and the one that Mike wanted to see!**

	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukuejo	Halali	Namautoni	Mahango G R	Shakawe	Xakanaxa	Travelling	Livingstone
E	Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>				O							
	Slender Mongoose	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>						O					O
	Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>					O	O			O		
	African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>				O	O	O	O		O		O

* **Glorious views of a herd of 27 of these amazing animals that arrived in single file and, after slaking their thirsts, entertained us to close views of bathing, mud-splashing and dusting themselves before continuing on their way - Goas waterhole, Etosha.**

E	Rock Dassie (Cape Rock Hyrax)	<i>Procavia capensis</i>		O	O								
	Black (Hook-lipped) Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>				O	O	O					
	White (Square-lipped) Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>											O
NE	Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>		O									
	Burchell's (Common) Zebra	<i>Equus burchellii</i>				O	O	O			O		O
	Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopus</i>		O	O			O	O		O		O
	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>							O	O	O		O
	Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>				O	O	O	O				O

* **The sight of seven of these majestic mammals striding through knee-deep water to cross the edge of the pan remains, for me, the most striking image of this tour! For the first time in decades, the pan was full at the end of winter and Etosha (lit. the place of dry water) failed to live up to its name!**

	Blue Wildebeest (Brindled Gnu)	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>				O	O	O	O		O		
	Red Hartebeest (Kongoni)	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>			O		O						
	Blesbuck	<i>Damiliscus d. Dorcas</i>						O					

* **We had sightings of two of these introduced antelope on our way to the airstrip for our flight to the Caprivi - Makuti Lodge (outside Etosha)**

	Bush (Common) Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>			L								
NE	Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	•										
	Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>		O									
	Damara (Kirk's) Dikdik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>			O			O					
	Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>		O	O	O	O	O			O		
	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>							O		O		O
	Blackfaced Impala	<i>Aepyceros m. petersi</i>					O	O					
	Roan Antelope	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>							O				

* **Breathtaking views of a group of seven of these majestic (but often skittish) antelope - brilliantly lit by the afternoon sun and just standing looking at us from 100 yards away - Mahango Game Reserve**

	Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>							O				
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* **Amazing views of a herd of 32 of these stunning antelope lying in the sun chewing the cud - Mango Game Reserve**

	Gemsbok (Southern Oryx)	<i>Oryx gazella</i>		O	O	O	O	O					
	Cape (African) Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>							O				O
	Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		O		O	O	O	O		O		
	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelephus scriptus</i>									O		O
	Common Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>							O		O		
	Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>									O		O
	Red Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>							O		O		

Mammals recorded - Pre-tour : 3 species; 2 near-endemics.

Mammals recorded - Main tour : 47 species; 3 endemics, 3 near-endemics

REPTILES

		Coastal	Pre-tour										
				Huab	Traveling	Okaukuejo	Halali	Namautoni	Mahango G R	Shakawe	Xakanaxa	Traveling	Livingstone
	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME											
	Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>		O			O						
NE	Namib Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>		•									
E	Etosha Agama	<i>Agama etoshae</i>						O					
NE	Common Namib Day Gecko	<i>Rhoptropus afer</i>		•									
NE	Boulton's Namib Day Gecko	<i>Rhoptropus boultoni</i>		O									
NE	Bradfield's Dwarf Gecko	<i>Lygodactylus bradfieldi</i>											O
E	Common Barking Gecko	<i>Ptenopus garrulus</i>		O									
	Wahlberg's Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis wahlbergii</i>									O		
	Rock Monitor	<i>Varanus albigularis</i>			O	O							
	Nile (Water) Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>								O			
	Giant Plated Lizard	<i>Gerrhosaurus validus</i>		O									
	Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>							O	O	O		O

Reptiles recorded - Pre-tour : 2 species, 2 Near-endemic

Reptiles recorded - Main tour : 10 species; 2 endemics.