

NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZAMBIA

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NAMIBIA: COASTAL PRE-TRIP

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Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus*

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Itinerary

Aug 9 - 12 - Pre-tour to the Namibian coast, Walvis Bay and Swakopmund
Aug 12 - Flight to Huab Lodge
Aug 13 - Huab Lodge
Aug 14 - Huab Lodge
Aug 15 - Huab Lodge; travelling by road to Okaukeujo Camp, Etosha National Park
Aug 16 - Okaukeujo to Halali Camp via Okondeka, Homeb and Rietfontein waterholes
Aug 17 - Halali to Namutoni Camp via Etosha view point, and the Naumses and Goas waterholes
Aug 18 - Namutoni area (Klein Okevi, Groot Okevi, Tsumcor and Klein Namutoni waterholes; Dikdik drive
Aug 19 - Namutoni, Flight to Bagani, Mahangu Game Reserve (Caprivi Strip), and drive to Nxamaseri Camp
Aug 20 - Nxamaseri area (Mekoro trip, boat trip)
Aug 21 - Nxamaseri area
Aug 22 - Nxamaseri; flight to Xakanaxa Camp, Moremi National Park
Aug 23 - Xakanaxa area game drives
Aug 24 - Xakanaxa game drive; flight to Livingstone via Kasane
Aug 25 - Royal Livingstone grounds; Victoria Falls, boat trip on the Zambezi (am) and game drive
Aug 26 - Early morning walk to the Victoria Falls; flights home

Tour Summary

Coastal Pre-Tour

This year's Walvis Bay Pre-trip to the gravel and sandy desert areas of the Namib Desert along Namibia's Atlantic coastline gave the customary good views of a number of endemic, near-endemic, and breeding endemic species including cormorants, larks and warblers, as well as a newly-added species to Namibia's list in the form of a solitary Gull-billed Tern. Other surprises included a total of three Rufous-eared Warblers—all in considerably more arid habitat than where we normally expect to encounter this attractive species, and a Spotted Eagle-Owl flushed from a dry wash in the middle of the desert.

Our trips to the two large salt-works located along the coast gave us the spectacle of thousands of Greater Flamingos and numbers of recently-arrived shorebirds—many still showing traces of their breeding plumages. Elsewhere, sightings of the endemic African Black Oystercatcher and several Great White Pelicans in spectacular breeding finery made for a great lead-in to the main tour.

Main Tour

Our main tour began with a stay at Huab where we enjoyed great sightings of most of the region's endemic and near-endemic species, including shrikes, woodhoopoes, babblers, and a number of attractive seedeaters and waxbills. Birding highlights included extended scope views of a male Hartlaub's Francolin and low fly-overs by a pair of majestic Verreaux's Eagles. A basking South African python over five yards long was certainly one of the most exciting reptile sightings ever on these tours. After the unprecedented rains last year—which saw water in both Etosha's main pan as well as Fischer's Pan for the first time in over 50 years—conditions on this year's tour were more predictable. Grazing along the western edge of the pan was in spectacular condition and, as a result, the annual anti-clockwise movement of the herds of springbok, zebras and wildebeest along the southern edge of the pan was less advanced than on some previous tours. Both game and bird-sightings were good, with exceptional, close encounters with breeding herds of elephant moving quietly past—only yards from our vehicle—as they headed back into the bush after slaking their thirst at the Naumses waterhole. Being so close to over 50 of these gentle giants was both entrancing and awe-inspiring. Two daytime sightings, together with several nocturnal sightings of black rhinoceros confirmed that, here at least, this spectacular species is still doing well. Halali Camp gave us spectacular sightings of three roosting owl species: Barn, African Scops, and Southern White-faced Scops, as well as the sight of flocks of tens of thousands of Red-billed Queleas—Africa's "feathered locusts"—coming into drink at the camp's waterhole.

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Our flights to Bagani in the Caprivi Strip went well and we again enjoyed a spectacular drive through the Mahangu Game Reserve on our way to the border-crossing into Botswana. This tiny reserve always impresses, and this year's visit was no exception. A herd of 42 majestic sable antelope greeted us on entry, and soon added to these were our first sightings of red lechwe, common reedbuck, Cape buffalo, hippo and also over 20 of the comical roan antelope. We also had a young lioness—a first on these visits to the reserve. The floodplains and tree-lined banks produced a variety of ducks, geese, herons, storks and bee-eaters as well as starlings, babblers and robin-chats— the radical change in habitat after the dry bush of Etosha making for frenetic birding. Highlights of this section were ultra-close views of a female African Barred Owllet in a thicket close to our picnic stop.

We were based at a new camp in the "pan-handle" section of of the Okavango Delta for our first stop in Botswana, this as Shakawe Lodge had been sold and was in the process of being totally refurbished. Nxamaseri proved to be a wonderful replacement, however, with the attractive open-fronted accommodations meaning that we were able to lie in bed listening to the gruff hooting of the Pel's Fishing-Owl on our second night. The situation of the lodge offered the chance to explore the shallow floodplains in traditional "dug-out" canoes (or *Mekoro*) and this gave us some of our best sightings of Lesser Jacana and African Pygmy Geese. A walk on one of the islands in search of Pel's Fishing-Owl produced one of the most hilarious moments of the entire tour when Susan—after giving detailed instruction of how to avoid stepping onto dry sticks and leaves, immediately proceeded to give a practical demonstration of how not to do it! First she managed to trip over a large log—to a mini-explosion of noise, then blundered into a low branch (more noise), and finally left her hat hanging on yet another low branch!! Hysterical laughter broke out...and we had to take some time to re-gather our composure. I mentioned that as long as the owl we had been stalking was blind and deaf, we still had a chance (more laughter) and after more careful stalking, we finally all had great flight views! Boat trips on the main channel, as well as a drive along the drying floodplain, gave wonderful views of some of the smaller herons including great views of a number of Slaty Egrets; two Rufous-bellied Herons perched up on the papyrus; and amazing views of a highly indignant Little Bittern that glared at us from only yards away!

Our visit to Xakanaxa Lodge in Botswana's Moremi Game Reserve will long be remembered for the amazing game-viewing on our evening drive on the day of our arrival. Our guide, Montsho, had located a lioness with three four-month-old cubs on an earlier drive and we headed in their direction. Soon we were enjoying the sight of the three active cubs stalking and attacking each other while the female indulged in a grooming session with a young male—this from less than 10 yards away! Heading for our "sundowners," we passed a pan where large numbers of Pink-backed and Great White Pelicans had been fishing earlier in the day. The birds had unfortunately left, however, so we did not stay long. Almost immediately, terrified impala were exploding out of the bush in all directions and, scanning for the cause of the panic, we glimpsed several African wild dogs loping towards us through the long grass. Waiting expectantly for them to reappear, there was movement on the edge of our vision, and four of these "Painted Wolves" treed a young female leopard in a dead tree only 30 yards away. The dogs were yipping excitedly and leaping high into the air in an effort to reach the cat, but once she climbed higher they seemed to lose interest and eventually drifted off. The leopard slowly descended, flowing like honey down through the stark branches, allowing the group to take spectacular photos and video footage. As she reached the ground, however, the wild dogs were back...and after her. We held our breaths as they disappeared into the long grass...and heaved a sigh of relief when we saw her climbing to safety in another dead tree! Wow! After such a start, birding was almost a let down, but views of several new woodpeckers, warblers and cisticolas were soon eclipsed when we managed to call up a male Red-chested Flufftail right in front of Jeannie's tent. We were all on her deck and, after a few tense moments, the bird come out on the edge of the long grass, and walk up and down in a damp channel in full view. Brad even managed to get photos!

Our stay in Livingstone produced a new record for these tours of six African Finfoot sightings—the first on our walk to the Victoria Falls, and the remainder during our early morning boat trip on the river above the falls. Birding on the river was at its awesome best, with great sightings of African Skimmer, Collared Palm-Thrush, White-fronted Bee-eater, and Western Banded Snake-Eagle. A hippo surfacing within touching distance raised everyone's heart rate, and then it was on to views of Rock Pratincoles, Giant and Pied Kingfishers, and an exiting dash through the rapids back to our hotel. The afternoon drive into the Mosi oa Tunya National Park gave us our first white rhinoceros—a spectacular bull along with a cow and her calf—of the trip. A quick walk back to the falls on our last morning finally produced a flock of six Schalow's Turacos, and their spectacular plumage, splendid crests, and exotic eye markings held us entranced as they bounded agilely through the branches in front of us. What a way to wrap up a tour!!

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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 status of all species within the southern African sub-region - i.e. the area south of the Cunene and Zambezi rivers, and not to their status in the individual countries that we visited.

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BIRDS

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
	Ostrich	Struthionidae											
	Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>				o	o	o	o				
	Swans, Geese & Ducks	Anatidae											
	White-faced Whistling-Duck (White-faced Duck)	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>							o	o	o		o
	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	•				o	o	o		o		o
E	South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>						o					
	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>							o	o	o		o
	African Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>								o	o		
	Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	•										
	Red-billed Duck (teal)	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>				o	o	o		o	o		
E	Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>	•										
	Guineafowl	Numididae											
	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	•	o	o	o	o	o			o		o
	Pheasants, Partridges & Allies	Phasianidae											
	Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>						o					
NE	Hartlaub's Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus hartlaubi</i>		o									
NE	Red-billed Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus adspersus</i>		o			o	o		o	o		
NE	Natal Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus natalensis</i>											h
	Swainson's Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>					o	o			o		
	Grebes	Podicipedidae											
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	•					o		o			
	Eared (Black-necked) Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	•										
	Flamingos	Phoenicopteridae											
	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	•					o					
	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	•										
	Shearwaters & Petrels	Procellariidae											
	White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	•										

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	Shearwaters & Petrels	Procellariidae	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	•										
	Storks	Ciconiidae											
	African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>							o	o	o		o
	Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>									o		
#	Stunning, ultra-close views of several of these striking birds - including both males and females as well as sub-adult birds - Xakanaxa game drives												
	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>								o			o
	Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>							o				o
	Gannets & Boobies	Sulidae											
BE	Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>	•										
	Cormorants & Shags	Phalacrocoracidae											
	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>											
	(White-breasted Cormorant)	<i>Phalacrocorax (c.) lucidus</i>	•										
BE	Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	•										
E	Bank Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>	•										
	(Reed) Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>							o	o	o		o
E	Crowned Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	•										
	Anhingas & Darters	Anhingidae											
	African Darter	<i>(Anhinga rufa</i>							o	o	o		o
	Pelicans	Pelecanidae											
	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	•								o		
#	Stunning views of three pairs in full breeding plumage right next to our vehicle - coast between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay												
	Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>									o		
	Hamerkop	Scopidae											
	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>		o					o	o	o		o
	Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns	Ardeidae											
	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>								o			
#	Amazing views of a male that was called out of the reeds and kept flying closer until it was right next to our boat. I have never seen a bird looking so indignant! - Nxamaseri main channel.												
	Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	•						o				
	Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	•										
	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>							o	o			
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>								o	o		
	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>							o	o	o		o
	Slaty Egret	<i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>							o	o	o		
#	Numerous, close up views of this localised small heron - Nxamaseri, and again at Xakanaxa. Our best trip for this species in many years!												
	Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>							o				
	Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>							o	o	o		
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	•						o	o	o		o
	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	•				o	o	o	o	o		o
	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>							o	o	o		o
	Rufous-bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>								o	o		
#	Brilliant, close views of a pair perched in the tops of the papyrus close to our boat - Nxamaseri main channel												
	Striated (Green-backed) Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>							o	o	o		o
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		o					o	o	o		

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	Ibises & Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>								o			
	(African Sacred) Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>							o	o	o		
	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>							o	o	o		o
	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>							o	o	o		
	Osprey	Pandionidae											
	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>								o			o
	Hawks, Eagles & Kites	Accipitridae											
	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>				o	o			o			
	Black (Yellow-billed) Kite	<i>Milvus migrans parasiticus</i>							o	o		o	
	African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>							o	o	o		o
#	Yes - this gorgeous bird is better-looking than the Bald Eagle (sorry James!)												
	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>							o				o
	White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>			o	o	o	o			o	o	o
	Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>				o	o	o			o		
	Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>			o								
	Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>			o		o	o			o		
	(Western) Banded Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>											o
	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>					o	o	o		o		o
	African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>									o		
	African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>									o		o
	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>											o
NE	(Southern) Pale Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	•			o	o	o					
	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>		o		o	o	o					
	African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>											L
	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>		o			o			o			o
	Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>		L									
	Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>		o									
	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>				o	o	o			o		
#	We had exceptional sightings of this declining species on this tour - with at least six different birds travelling between Okaukeujo and Halali, Etosha. Possibly the high numbers of Red-billed Quelea in the Park had caused this influx? Our best trip ever for this raptor.												
	Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>		o									
#	Wonderful views of a pair soaring low overhead near their nest site - drive downstream, Huab												
	African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>		o							o		
	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennata</i>		o									
	Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>					o						
	Secretary-bird	Sagittariidae											
	Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>				o	o						
#	Brilliant, close views of an adult of these "terrestrial eagles" foraging close to our vehicle - road to Okondeka, Etosha												
	Falcons & Caracaras	Falconidae											
	Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>											
	(Rock Kestrel)	<i>(Falco (t.) rupicolis)</i>	•	o									
	Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>				o							
	Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>					o						
#	Great scope views of a sub-adult hunting queleas at the Halali waterhole - Etosha.												

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	Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>			o	o	o	o					
NE	Red-crested Bustard (Korhaan)	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>			o			o					
E	White-quilled Bustard (Northern Black Korhaan)	<i>Eupodotis afraoides</i>											
	Rails, Gallinules & Coots	Rallidae											
	Red-chested Flufftail	<i>Sarothrura rufa</i>									o		
#	Great close views of a male called out to the edge of the wetland - right in front of Jeannie's tent, giving everyone great views of this really tricky species - Xakanaxa Camp Moremi.												
	Black Crane	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>									o	o	o
#	The "rare and elusive" Black Crane continued to disgrace the family by being ridiculously abundant and confiding - why can't all crakes behave like this?												
	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	•					o					
	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	•					o					
	Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	•					o					
	Sungrebe & Finfoots	Helionithidae											
	African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>											o
	Thick-knees	Burhinidae											
	Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>								o			o
	Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>				o							
	Plovers & Lapwings	Charadriidae											
	Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>							o	o	o		o
	Blacksmith Plover (Lapwing)	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	•			o	o	o	o	o	o		
	White-headed (-crowned) Lapwing	<i>Vanellus albiceps</i>											o
#	Our boat trip on the Zambezi again produced stunning views of this gorgeous plover - Livingstone, Zambia												
	Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>		o	o	o	o	o					
	Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>							o				
	Black-bellied (Grey) Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	•										
	Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	•			o	o	o	o	o			
	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	•	o		o	o	o	o		o		o
	White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	•										
	Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	•										
#	Several sightings of these beautiful little shorebirds on the coastal pre-tour - Walvis Bay Salt Works												
	Oystercatchers	Haematopodidae											
	African (Black) Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>	•										
	Stilts & Avocets	Recurvirostridae											
	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	•							o	o		o
	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	•					o					
	Jacanas	Jacanidae											
	Lesser Jacana	<i>Microparra capensis</i>								o			
#	Great close views of numbers of these tiny waterbirds during our mekoro (dugout canoe) trip on the Nxamaseri lagoons. We have often battled to get this bird on previous tours.												
	African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>					o	o	o	o	o		o
	Sandpipers & Allies	Scolopacidae											
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>											o
	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	•						o	o	o		

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	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				o	o	o	o	o	o		
	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	L										
	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	•										
	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	•										
	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	•										
	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	•										
	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	•					o					
	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	•					o		o			
	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	•					o					
	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	•										
	Courasers & Pratincoles	Glareolidae											
	Double-banded Courser	<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>				o							
	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>							o				o
	Rock Pratincole	<i>Glareola nuchalis</i>											o
	Painted-Snipe	Rostratulidae											
	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>							o	o			o
	Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	Laridae											
	Gray-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	•										
E	Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	•										
	Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	•				o						
	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	•										
BE	Damara Tern	<i>Sternula balaenarum</i>	•										
#	A last-gasp view of one of these tiny terns feeding close to the road as we were leaving the Walvis Bay Salt Works. For some reason this species seemed to be late in arriving. Coastal pre-tour.												
	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	•										
	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	•										
	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	•										
	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	•										
	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	•										
	Antarctic Tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>	•										
	Great Crested (Swift) Tern	<i>Thalasseus (Sterna) bergii</i>	•										
	African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>								o			o
	Sandgrouse	Pteroclididae											
NE	Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>			o	o	o	o					
	Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>		o		o		o					
NE	Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>						o		o			
	Doves & Pigeons	Columbidae											
	Rock Pigeon (Dove) (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	•										
	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	•	o									
	African Mourning Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>								o	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
	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	•	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		o
	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilus</i>						o	o	o	o		o
	Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	•			o	o	o					
	African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>								o	o		

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	Parrots, Macaws & Allies	Psittacidae	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
NE	Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>		o									
	Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>								o	o		
NE	Rueppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>		o									
#	Stunning extended scope views of a pair investigating a possible nest cavity in a Mountain Chestnut tree <i>Sterculia quiqueloba</i>-Huab Lodge.												
	Turacos	Musophagidae											
	Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>											o
#	Stunning, ultra-close views of six of these glorious birds as they bounded through the branches around us - their fabulous colouring; long, floppy crests and bizarre eye "make-up" clearly visible in the early light. What a way to wrap up a tour!! Victoria Falls on our last morning.												
	Gray Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		o
	Cuckoos	Cuculidae											
	Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>								o	o		o
	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>								o	o		
	White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>											o
	Barn-Owls	Tytonidae											
	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>					o						
	Owls	Strigidae											
	African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>		h			o						
	Southern White-faced (Scops) Owl	<i>Ptilopsis granti</i>					o						
	Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	•										
	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>						o					
	Pel's Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>								o			
#	An hilarious example by Susan of <u>how not to approach a skittish bird</u>. She first managed to trip (noisily) over a fallen branch, then walk head-first into another low branch (again noisily), and finally leave her hat snagged on yet another branch - all this after she had given the group a detailed lecture on stalking. After we had managed to stop laughing, we finally all managed to get great flight views of the bird. Nxamaseri												
	African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>								o			
	Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>		o		o	o	o		h	o		
	African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>							o				
	Nightjars & Allies	Caprimulgidae											
	Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>								o			
	Swifts	Apodidae											
	African (Black) Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>											o
NE	Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>					o						
	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>							o				o
	African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	•	o		o	o	o	o	o	o		o
	Mousebirds	Coliidae											
E	White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	•										
	Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	•	o	o				o	o	o		o
	Kingfishers	Alcedinidae											
	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis (Alcedo) cristata</i>								o	o		o
	Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>											o
	Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>									o		
	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>								o			o
	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>								o	o		o

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	Bee-eaters	Meropidae	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
	White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>							o	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		
	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>								o			
#	Lily's birds - We came back from an early morning boat trip to find that Lily had discovered two of these incredibly brightly-coloured bee-eaters in camp. This proved to be our only sighting, raising questions why the species was apparently so late in arriving in the area - Nxamaseri.												
	Rollers	Coraciidae											
	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>				o	o	o	o	o	o		
	Rufous-crowned (Purple) Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>		o	o			o	o				o
	Hoopoes	Upupidae											
	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>											
	(African Hoopoe)	<i>(Upupa (e.) africana)</i>		o					o	o	o		o
	Woodhoopoes	Phoeniculidae											
	Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>							o	o	o		o
	Violet Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>		o			o						
	Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>		o	o			o					
	Hornbills	Bucerotidae											
	Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>					o	o			o		o
NE	(Damara Hornbill)	<i>Tockus [e.] damarensis</i>		o									
	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o	o			
NE	Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Tockus bradfieldi</i>							o				
	African Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>		o	o	o	o		o	o	o		o
	Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>											o
	Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>								h	o		
	African Barbets	Lybiidae											
	Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>								o	o		
#	A pair of these brightly-coloured barbets joined us at breakfast every morning at Xakanaxa - giving great views -and photographs for Brad!												
	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>								o	o		o
	Pied (Acacia Pied) Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>		o	o	o		o					
	Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>								o	o		o
	Honeyguides	Indicatoridae											
	Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>								o			
	Woodpeckers & Allies	Picidae											
	Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>								o	o		
	Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>								o			o
	Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>				o				o	h		
	Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>								o	o		
	Wattle-eyes	Platysteiridae											
	Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>									o		o
NE	Pririt Batis	<i>Batis pririt</i>	•	o	o	o	o	h					
NE	White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>		o	o								
	Helmetshrikes	Prionopidae											
	White (-crested) Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>		o	o		o						
	Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>								o	o		

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	Bushshrikes & Allies	Malaconotidae	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
	Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>		o							o		o
	Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>		o						o	o		o
	Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>					o						o
	Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>											o
	(Swamp) Gabon Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>							o	o	o		
NE	Crimson-breasted Gonolek (Shrike)	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>		o	o	o	o	o					
NE	Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	•										
	Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (Orange-breasted Bushshrike)	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>								o	o		o
	Gray-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>											o
	Shrikes	Laniidae											
	Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	•		o	o	o	o					
	Magpie Shrike	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>							o				
	White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>		o			o	o	o				
	Old World Orioles	Oriolidae											
	African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>								o			o
	Drongos	Dicruridae											
	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		o
	Crows, Jays & Magpies	Corvidae											
	Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	•			o	o	o					
	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>				o	o	o					o
	Larks	Alaudidae											
NE	Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>		o	o	o	o	o					
NE	Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>						o					
E	Dune Lark	<i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>	•										
#	Stunning views of a displaying male hovering above our heads and singing joyously - Kuiseb River delta, Walvis Bay. Coastal pre-tour. This is the first time we have recorded this behaviour on these tours.												
NE	Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>	•										
	Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albobfasciata</i>				o							
NE	Gray-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>				o							
	Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	•			o							
NE	Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>				o							
	Swallows	Hirundinidae											
	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	•							o			o
	Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> (<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>)	•	o	o	o	o						
	White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>								o			
	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>							o	o			o
	We had a pair of these beautiful swallows nesting on the lifejacket rack on the boat that took us on our Zambezi cruise. They kept returning to feed the nestlings throughout our trip on the river - Livingstone, Zambia. Just how have these birds managed to adapt to a nest that regularly goes travelling several mile up- and downstream of the moorings remains a mystery!!!												
	Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>		o	o					o			
	Greater Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis (Hirundo) cucullata</i>						o					
	Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis (Hirundo) abyssinica</i>							o	o	o		o
	Rufous-chested Swallow	<i>Cecropis (Hirundo) semirufa</i>					o	o					

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	Swallows	Hirundinidae	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
BE	South African (Cliff-)Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i> (<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>)					o	o		o			
#	For some reason, all the swallow species were generally much more abundant than on previous tours (although we did miss Banded Martin for the first time ever). What is puzzling as that many of the other species seemed late in arriving this year?												
	Chickadees & Tits	Paridae											
	Southern Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>							o		o		o
NE	Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>		o				o					
	Bulbuls	Pycnonotidae											
	Common Bulbul (Dark-capped Bulbul)	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> (<i>Pycnonotus (b). tricolor</i>)							o	o	o		o
	Black-fronted Bulbul (African Red-eyed Bulbul)	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	•	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		
	Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>								o			o
	Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>							o	o			o
	Reed-Warblers & Allies	Acrocephalidae											
	African Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>								o			o
	Greater Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>								o			
#	This rather drab warbler gave us the usual run-around before finally perching up on a papyrus frond and giving us (for the species) surprisingly good views.												
	Lesser Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>								o			o
	Grassbirds & Allies	Megaluridae											
	African Bush-Warbler (Little Rush Warbler)	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>								o	h		
	Cisticolas & Allies	Cisticolidae											
	Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>									o		o
	Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>											
	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>		o			o	o	o		o		o
	Barred Wren-Warbler (Camaroptera)	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>						o					
E	Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>	•										
	Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>											o
	Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		
	Winding (Luapula) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola [galactotes] luapula</i>									o		
	Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>								o	o		
	Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	•		o	o	o						
	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>								o	o		o
	Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	•	o	o	o	o	o					
	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>			o		o						
	Greencap Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>									o		
	Burnt-neck Eremomela	<i>Eremomela isticollis</i>						o					
	Old World Warblers	Sylviidae											
	(Long-billed) Cape Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	•		o		o						o
	Rufous-vented Warbler (Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler)	<i>Parisoma (Sylvia) subcaeruleum</i>	•	o	o	o	o			o			

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	Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>							o				
	Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae											
NE	Chat Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis infuscatus</i>			o	o	o						
	Mariqua (Marico) Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>		o	o	o	o						
	Southern Black-Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>											o
	Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caeruleascens</i>								o	o		
	White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>							o	o	o		o
	Collared Palm-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>											o
NE	Kalahari Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>		o		o	o						
	Red-backed Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>											
	(White-browed Scrub-Robin)			o				o	o	o	h		
	Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>											L
#	A bird seen as we were taxiing for take-off from Kasanane was the only sighting - leader only.												
NE	Tractrac Chat	<i>Cercomela tractrac</i>	•										
	Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	•	o		o							
E	Southern Anteater-Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>					o						
	Thrushes & Allies	Turdidae											
NE	Short-toed Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>		o	o								
	Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsipsirupa</i>		o	o	o	o		o				
	Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libyanus</i>								o	o		
	Babblers	Timalidae											
NE	Damara Rock-jumper	<i>Chaetops pycnopygius</i>		o									
	(Rockrunner)												
#	After last year's amazingly co-operative bird (that showed itself while we were enjoying early coffee at the lodge), we had to work a little harder before everyone finally got good views of this striking endemic - Huab Lodge												
	Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>							o	o	o		
E	Southern Pied-Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>						o					
	Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>								o	o		o
NE	Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>		o									
	White-eyes	Zosteropidae											
	African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>								o	o		o
E	Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops [pallidus] virens</i>											
E	Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops (p.) pallidus</i>	•										
	Starlings	Sturnidae											
	Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>			o				o	o	o		
	Cape Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o	o			
	Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>							o	o	o		o
	Meves' Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>							o	o	o		
NE	Burchell's Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>					o	o	o	o	o		
	Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>											o
NE	Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>	•	o	o								
	Oxpeckers	Buphagidae											
	Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>							o	o	o		
	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>								o	o		
	Sunbirds & Spiderhunters	Nectarinidae											
	Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>								o			o

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	Sunbirds & Spiderhunters	Nectarinidae	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	•			o							o
	Mariqua (Marico) Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>				o	o	o		o			
	Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>											o
	White-breasted (bellied) Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>				o	o	o		o	o		
NE	Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	•	o	o	o	o	o					
	Wagtails & Pipits	Motacillidae											
	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>											o
	Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	•							o	o		
	African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>							o	o			
	Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>								o	o		
	Buntings, Sparrows & Allies	Emberizidae											
NE	Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>		o	o	o							
	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>		o		o	o						
	Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>					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	o					
NE	White-throated Canary	<i>Serinus albogularis</i>		o									
	Old World Sparrows	Passeridae											
	House Sparrow (I)	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	•										
NE	(Great) Great Rufous Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>		o	o	o	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	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	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>											
	(Scaly-feathered Finch)				o	o	o	o	o				
	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o				
		<i>Plocepasser m . pectoralis</i>											o
E	Social (Sociable) 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			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		o
	Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>		o		o		o					
	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		o
	Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>								o			
	Grosbeak (Thick-billed) Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>								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			
	Blue-breasted Cordonbleu	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>											
	(Blue Waxbill)			o				o	o		o		o

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	Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina (Uraeg.) granatina</i>				o	o	o					
	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>		o	o	o							
	Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>							o	o	o		
	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>								o			o
NE	Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>		o		o	o	o					
	Indigobirds	Viduidae											
	Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>				o		o		o			o
	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>							o				
	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>				o							
	Birds recorded - Pre-tour:	90 species; 6 endemics, 8 near-endemics, 3 breeding endemics											
	Birds recorded - Main tour:	301 species; 5 endemics, 36 near-endemics, 2 breeding endemics											
	Birds records - Combined tour:	337 species; 14 endemic species, 40 near-endemics, 4 breeding endemics											
MAMMALS													
	Common Name	Scientific Name	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
	Cheek-pouch Monkeys	Cercopithecidae											
	Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>		o					o				o
	Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>							o	o	o		o
	Squirrels & Chipmunks	Sciuridae											
NE	Damara (Mntn.) Ground Squirrel	<i>Geosciurus princeps</i>		o									
E	South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Geosciurus inauris</i>				o							
	Smith's Bush (Striped Tree) Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus congicus</i>		o									
	Congo Rope (Tree) Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>						o	o		o		o
	Common Slit-faced Bat	<i>Nycterus thebiaca</i>		o									
	Rats & Mice	Muridae											
	Four-striped Grass Mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>	•										
	Acacia Rat (Tree Mouse)	<i>Thallomys paedulus</i>		o									
	Eared Seals & Sealions	Otariidae											
NE	Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	•										
	Hyanas & Aardwolf	Hyaenidae											
	Spotted Hyeana	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>					o	o			h		
	Cats	Felidae											
	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>					o		o		o		
#	Amazing close views of a lioness and a sub-adult male grooming each other while her three four-month old cubs playfully stalked and pounced on each other - Xakanaxa, Moremi.												

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	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>									o		
#	<p>After stopping to investigate what had caused a group of terrified Impala to erupt in all directions, we saw a group of four Wild Dogs loping in our direction through the long grass. Movement off to our right - and a young female leopard lept gracefully into the low branches of a dead tree with the Wild Dogs only inches behind her. Yipping excitedly, they leapt up repeatedly in an effort to reach the her - eventually forcing her to climb higher. After several minutes the dogs gave up and, after circling around the area for a while seemed to have moved off. The wary cat slowly made her way down out of the tree - flowing like golden honey through the stark branches - and giving the group the chance for some awesome photos and videos. As she reached the ground however, the Wild Dogs appeared out of nowhere! After an anxious few seconds we were relieved to see her streak up another dead tree where she decided to remain! The most gripping wildlife interaction ever on these tours. Xakanaxa game drive.</p>												
	Foxes, Jackals & Dogs	Canidae											
	Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>		o		o	o	o					
	Wild Dog	<i>Lycanor pictus</i>									o		
	Otters, Weasels & Allies	Mustelidae											
	Spot-necked Otter	<i>Lutra maculicollis</i>								o			
	Mongoose	Herpestidae											
NE	Suricate (Meerkat)	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	•										
NE	Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>			o	o							
	Slender Mongoose	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>						o					o
	Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>						o					
	Genets & Civets	Viverridae											
	Blotched (Large-spotted) Genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>									o		
#	An adult that visited the sinning area after dinner to scrounge chicken bones gave great views - Xakanaxa.												
	Elephants	Elephantidae											
	African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>				o	o	o			o		o
	Hyraxes	Procaviidae											
NE	Cape Rock Hyrax (Dassie)	<i>Procavia capensis</i>		o									
	Rhinoceroses	Rhinocerotidae											
	Black (Hook-lipped) Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>				o	o	o					
	White (Square-lipped) Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>											o
	Zebras, Asses & Horses	Equidae											
	Common (Burchell's) Zebra	<i>Equus quagga burchellii</i>				o	o	o			o		o
	Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>		o									
	Pigs	Suidae											
	Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>			o			o	o				o
	Hippopotamidae	Hippopotami											
	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>							o	o	o		o
	Giraffe & Okapi	Giraffidae											
	Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>				o	o	o	o		o		o
	Antelope & Buffalo	Bovidae											
	Brindled Gnu (Blue Wildebeest)	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>				o	o	o	o				o
	Kongoni (Red Hartebeest)	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>					o						
E	Blesbuck (I)	<i>Damaliscus dorcas (damalisc.)</i>			o			o					
NE	Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	•		o	o	o	o					
	Kirk's (Damara) Dikdik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>											

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	Steinbuck	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>		o	o	o		o			o		
	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>							o		o		o
	Black-faced Impala	<i>Aepyceros m. petersi</i>				o	o	o					
	Roan Antelope	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>							o				
	Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>							o				
NE	Southern Oryx (Gemsbok)	<i>Oryx gazella</i>		o	o	o	o	o					
	African (Cape) Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>							o		o		o
	Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		o	o	o	o	o	o		o		
	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelephus scriptus</i>									o		o
	Southern (Common) Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>							o				
	Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>							o		o		
	Red Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>							o		o		
	Mammals recorded - Pre-tour	4 species; 3 near-endemics											
	Mammals recorded - Main tour	43 species; 2 endemics (one introduced), 6 near-endemics											
	Mammals recorded - Combined tour	46 species; 2 endemics (one introduced), 7 near-endemics											
REPTILES													
Common Name		Scientific Name	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Halali	Namutoni	Mahangu GR	Nxamaseri	Xakanaxa, Moremi G. R.	Travelling	Livingstone
	Southern African Python	<i>Python natalensis</i>		o									
	Leopard Whip Snake	<i>Psammophis leopardinus</i>		o									
NE	Namib Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>		o									
	Nile (Water) Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>							o	o			o
	Wedge-snouted Desert Lizard	<i>Meroles cuneirostris</i>	•										
	Wahlberg's Striped Skink	<i>Trachylepis wahlbergii</i>							o	o			
	Variable Skink	<i>Trachylepis varia</i>											o
E	Common Barking Gecko	<i>Ptenopsis garrulus</i>		h									
NE	Boulton's Namib Day Gecko	<i>Rhoptropus boultoni</i>		o									
	Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>							o	o	o		o
	Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>						o	o	o			
	Reptiles recorded - Pre-tour:	1 species											
	Reptiles recorded - Main tour:	10 species; 1 endemic (heard only), 2 near-endemics											
	Reptiles recorded - Combined tour:	11 species; 1 endemic (heard only), 2 near-endemics											

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	Guttural Toad	<i>Amietophrynus gutturalis</i>										h		
	Western Olive Toad	<i>Amietophrynus poweri</i>							h					
	Amphibians recorded - Pre-tour:	None												
	Amphibians recorded - Main tour:	2 (heard only)												
	Amphibians recorded - Combined tour:	2 (heard only)												