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African Barred Owlet

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ITINERARY

Pre-tour

- August 10 Flight to Walvis Bay; Kuiseb Delta and drive to our hotel in Swakopmund
August 11 Swakop River mouth; coastal drive and Walvis Bay and the Walvis Bay Salt Works
August 12 Swakopmund Salt Works, Rossmund Golf Course & Swakop River valley
August 13 Early morning walk in Swakopmund; flight to Huab Lodge for the start of the main tour

Main Tour

- August 13 Afternoon drive to a water point in the hills
August 14 Early morning walk downstream; birding around the lodge then a drive upstream along the river; afternoon drive along the river
August 15 Birding around the Huab Conservancy
August 16 Early birding around the lodge, travel to Okaukeujo Camp, Etosha via Kamanjab
August 17 Early birding in camp; drive to Okondeka contact spring, Newbrowni waterhole and Gemsbokvlakte
August 18 Drive eastwards through the park to Mushara Lodge via Rietfontein waterhole, Halali Camp, Goas waterhole and Namutoni Camp
August 19 Mushara Lodge to Namutoni; drive to various waterholes around camp
August 20 Namutoni and surrounds (Klein Namutoni waterhole and Dikdik drive; Klein Okeivi and Tsumcor waterholes)
August 21 Namutoni to Mokuti Lodge; flight to Bagani airstrip in the Caprivi; drive through the Mahango Game Reserve to Nxamaseri, Botswana
August 22 Boat trip downstream (am); Mekoro (dug-out canoe) trip and walk on an island (pm); night boat trip after dinner
August 23 Walk around the airstrip/ or trip to Tsodilo Hills World Heritage Site (part of group) (am); drive to along the Nxamaseri lagoons (pm)
August 24 Early morning boat trip downstream; flight to Xakanaka Camp, Moremi and afternoon game drive
August 25 Morning and afternoon game/birding drives around Xakanaka
August 26 Early morning game/birding drive; flight to Livingstone via Kasane and an overflight over the Victoria Falls
August 27 Early morning boat trip on the Zambezi River above the Falls; afternoon game/birding drive through the Mosi oa Tunya National Park
August 28 Early morning walk to the Falls; flight to Johannesburg and onward flights home.

TOUR SUMMARIES

Coastal Pre-trip

The pre-trip to the Namibian coast brought customary great views of thousands of Greater and Lesser Flamingos, Great White Pelicans, and a variety of early-arriving shorebirds, as well as numbers of endemic and near-endemic terns, gulls, and cormorants. We were, however, just too early to pick up the first Damara Terns, and shorebird numbers were generally low compared to previous tours.

Away from the coast, we were treated to great views of Dune and Gray's larks, Bokmakierie, Tractrac Chat, and Orange River White-eyes, as well as superb, extended views of feeding Scarlet-chested Sunbirds.

Main Tour

Our flight to Huab was somewhat delayed by heavy mist along the coast, and it was already lunchtime by the time we reached the lodge. In contrast to the desperate drought last year, Huab had experienced excellent rains – and the seedeaters were back in their usual numbers. We soon had recorded most of the usual species, along with Damara and Monteiro's hornbills, Rüppell's Parrots, White-tailed Shrikes, Bare-cheeked Babblers, Short-toed Rock-Thrushes, and Carp's Tits. Raptors were represented by flight views of Verreaux's Eagle and African Hawk-Eagle, while we also recorded our first Pearl-spotted Owlets and African Scops-Owls. Highlights were stunning full-frame scope views of a trio of two male and a female Hartlaub's Francolins duetting raucously from a large boulder, followed shortly thereafter by great views of a Damara Rockrunner warbling away from a striking Star Chestnut tree.

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The drive through to the Etosha National Park brought a number of great raptor sightings: a brief flight view of an Augur Buzzard and perched views of a spectacular Martial Eagle – unusually with pure white, un-blotched underparts, followed by a perched Black-chested Snake-Eagle. On the other end of the size spectrum, we also had our first Pygmy Falcons! Other species included Mariqua and Chat flycatchers, our first Crimson-breasted Gonoleks, Kalahari Scrub-Robin, and Scaly Weavers.

Our two-night stay in the Okaukeujo Camp in Etosha gave us extended access to the dry western part of this stunning national park. A walk around camp on our first evening had us studying the amazing colonial nests of the Sociable Weavers when a pair of Pygmy Falcons flew in and perched only yards from the group – giving us the best views ever of these tiny raptors. First the male, and then his mate flew up and into one of the nest chambers, and we headed to dinner.

A drive to the Okondeka contact spring on the western edge of the pan brought a parade of endemic and near-endemic larks, chats, bustards, and coursers – including a group of Burchell's Coursers in the same area as we had located them last year. After a few false starts, we also managed to call up a pair of Rufous-eared Warblers at the picnic stop near Okondeka. Large mammals were also well-represented, although not as numerous as on some previous tours, and we enjoyed great views of elephant, Black Rhino, Giraffe, Oryx, zebra, Black-faced Impala, and Blue Wildebeest coming to drink at the waterhole next to camp.

The eastern side of Etosha introduced numbers of new birds and mammals – including an all too brief view of a female Leopard walking purposefully through the bush. Other mammal highlights included our first sightings of the tiny Damara Dikdiks, a great view of a Black Rhino coming to drink as the sun was setting, and our only view of a Spotted Hyeana – also coming to drink. Best bird sightings included a Secretary-bird hunting in short grass along the edge of the pan, a male Red-necked Falcon at its nest in a palm in Namutoni Camp, and the sight of hundreds of Burchell's and Namaqua sandgrouse coming in to drink at Klein Okeivi waterhole. The antics of a sub-adult Gabar Goshawk, who seemed convinced that the sandgrouse were within his capabilities, had us laughing wildly as he repeatedly tried to stalk the drinking birds on foot! We also finally caught up with some vultures at Tsumcor waterhole - where over 50 White-backed Vultures plus a single Lappet-faced Vulture were feeding on an elephant carcass along with a solitary Marabou Stork. A quick walk around the grounds of Mokuti Lodge before our flight to Bagani in the Caprivi Strip gave us brilliant, ultra-close views of a party of Black-faced Babblers, keeping alive hopes of ticking all five of the region's babbler species on the tour!

After our struggle to find Bradfield's Hornbills last year, it was a relief to have the first of the over thirty birds we finally recorded fly over as we were touching down at Bagani. As always, our drive through Mahango proved to be a highlight, with numbers of new mammals and birds being added around every bend. Roan Antelope, Red Lechwe, Common Reedbuck, Tsessebe (Topi), Cape Buffalo, and Hippopotamus were added to our already impressive list, along with a range of herons, raptors, ducks, geese, kingfishers, bee-eaters, and swallows. It also gave us our first views of both Hartlaub's and Arrow-marked babblers – leaving just Southern Pied Babbler to reach our goal. The highlight of our visit, however, was a pair of stately Wattled Cranes feeding across from where we stopped for lunch. The drive from the border down to Nxamaseri brought our last babbler – as well as Magpie Shrike and Greater Blue-eared Starling, and then our first Coppery-tailed Coucal and Allen's Gallinule on the boat trip into the lodge. Over the next two days we explored the river channels, floodplains, and lagoons by boat and mekoro (dug-out canoes), and took a drive along the Nxamaseri lagoon. A walk on one of the islands brought incredible full-frame scope views of an adult Pel's Fishing-Owl – rust-brown tiger-striped plumage, massive ivory talons, and enormous jet-black eyes leaving an indelible impression of this iconic owl! A night boat trip down river after dinner brought brilliant spotlight views of another Pel's – this time a juvenile, as well as a glimpse of an adult flying off. **Three Pel's Fishing-Owls in one day!** Perhaps even more special, however, were the incredible ultra-close spotlight views of an adult White-backed Night-Heron, followed almost immediately by similarly great views of a sub-adult on a sandbank. These were our first sightings of this gorgeous heron at Nxamaseri – and the best views of this species the leader has seen! Other highlights were views of a Cape Clawless Otter playing around the jetty, plus great views of Rufous-bellied Heron, “umbrella-fishing” Black Herons, and our first Lesser Jacanas of the trip.

Our next stop was Xakanaka Camp in the Moremi Game Reserve, and the mix of magnificent tall Mopane woodland, dry Kalahari sandveld, wetlands, and pools always offers exciting opportunities for great sightings. Heading for camp at the end of our first afternoon drive, our guide Conrad spotted a magnificent male Leopard

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draped over a dead tree directly over the track. He showed no interest in us at all – allowing wonderful, close views.

The next morning we set off towards Dead Tree Island, an area that had been inaccessible in recent years, and heading for one of the most rewarding drives ever on these tours! First up was a magnificent Verreaux's Eagle-Owl spotted by Bevan in a tree right next to our vehicle. As we were watching this majestic bird, we spotted its mate in a nearby tree and carefully climbed off the vehicle to set up the scope. Both birds ignored us and soon began calling to each other – their deep grunting hoots echoing through the trees. The first bird then flew across to join his mate, and the pair began a bout of mutual allopreening. Watching the bliss on the face of the female as the male's massive bill gently worked through the feathers on the top of her head was one of the most intimate and rewarding encounters with these owls. Before we could leave, a distinctive call of a Thick-billed Cuckoo was heard and, after a frantic search for the recording, we soon had an adult circling above our vehicle – hotly pursued by a group of five Meve's Starlings. It disappeared, but soon was back and landed to allow great scope views of this Botswana rarity – a first for Xakanaka, and only our second sighting on these tours!

Our morning wasn't over, however, and next came stunning views of a gorgeous female Leopard draped over the branches of a dead tree. She allowed wonderful, ultra-close views, even shifting to a more comfortable branch with us parked only yards away. Eventually we forced ourselves away, and there was yet another Pel's Fishing-Owl perched in a large Jackalberry tree. We stopped, and had two of the most sought after species in the Delta – one on each side of the vehicle! WOW!

The flight to Livingstone was made memorable by a close fly-past by a Marabou Stork (our last bird sighting in Botswana), and then we were given permission for a quick overflight of the spectacular Victoria Falls before landing at the Livingstone airport in Zambia. Our late afternoon walk to the falls brought great sightings of a group of Schalow's Turacos coming to drink in the grounds of our hotel, and also of a stunning pair of bizarre-looking Trumpeter Hornbills.

The next morning saw us heading out for an early morning birding cruise on the Zambezi, stopping to pick up a Collared Palm Thrush at the entrance to the boat station. This boat trip is always a highlight of these tours, and this year proved no exception. Close views of roosting Rock Pratincoles were soon followed by superb sightings of the first of four African Finfoots feeding along the shoreline next to the boat. Brilliant views of White-crowned Lapwings (one of the world's most attractive lapwings); a brief view of a Half-collared Kingfisher; and stunning, ultra-close views of African Openbills, brightly-colored kingfishers, bee-eaters, and sunbirds followed, including a sighting of a male Olive Woodpecker, a first on these tours. A pair of White-backed Night-Herons gave great views before creeping away into denser cover, and then it was time for the first African Skimmers of the trip, with two birds roosting on a sandbar taking to the air and giving us close fly-by views. The exhilarating dash through the rapids down to our hotel proved a fitting end to a spectacular morning's birding.

After lunch at our hotel we set off for the Mosi oa Tunya National Park on our last game/birding drive of the tour – picking up another great view of two Collared Palm Thrushes at the entrance. Great views of White-backed, Lappet-faced, and Hooded vultures were followed by another sighting of a Banded Snake-Eagle perched up close to our vehicle. After checking in with authorities, we headed to the northern section of the reserve where we were privileged to spend time with two young White Rhinos – under the watchful eyes of the armed guards who accompany these prehistoric-looking animals 24/7 in an effort to prevent them from being poached. Traveling back through the reserve to our hotel, we encountered two Puku – a kind of antelope related to Waterbuck and Red Lechwe, and yet another mammal species for the list.

We undertook an early walk back to the falls on our last morning and were rewarded with best-ever sightings of a pair of Half-collared Kingfishers as they investigated various sections of riverbank for a place to excavate their nest tunnel. This was the first time we have managed extended, repeat scope views of these beautiful birds – and certainly our best encounter with this often-elusive species. We also managed to add another Finfoot – our fifth, plus an amazingly confiding Gray-headed Bush-Shrike and several African Black Swifts before heading back for breakfast and to check out of the hotel for our flights home.

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KEY

E	Endemic species
NE	Near-endemic species
BE	Breeding endemic species
•	Recorded
h	Heard only
L	Leader only

Note: The endemic classifications used in this trip list reflect the status of a particular species within the southern African sub-region (i.e. the area south of the Zambezi and Cunene rivers), and not to the status of that species in the individual countries that we visited on the tour. They are given to help identify probable life birds for first-time visitors to the region.

BIRDS		Coastal	Pre-tour	Huab Lodge	Travelling	Okaukeujo	Mushara Lodge	Namutoni	Mahango GR	Nxamaseri Lodge	Xakanaka Lodge	Livingstone
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME											
Ostriches												
Struthionidae												
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>			•		•		•	•			
Ducks, Geese & Waterfowl												
Anatidae												
White-faced Whistling-Duck (White-faced Duck)	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>								•	•	•	•
Fulvous Whistling-Duck (Fulvous Duck)	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>											•
# A surprising view of a flock of 20+ of these attractive ducks flying up and down the Zambezi River above the Victoria Falls was a first record of this species in Livingstone												
Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>								•	•		•
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	•				•		•			•	•
E South African Shelduck (RE)	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	•				•		•				
# Great views of a pair of these striking near-endemic ducks at the Klein Namutoni waterhole, Etosha												
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>								•	•	•	•
African Pygmy-Goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</i>									•	•	
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>										•	
E Cape Shoveler (RE)	<i>Anas smithii</i>	•						•				
Red-billed Duck (Teal)	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>							•				
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	•									•	
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	•						•				
Maccoa Duck	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>	•										
Guineafowl												
Numididae												
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Pheasants, Grouse & Allies												
Phasianidae												
NE Hartlaub's Francolin	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>			•								
# Spectacular, repeat scope views of two males and a female duetting from atop a large granite boulder. The female eventually flew down and landed close to our group – Huab Lodge												
NE Red-billed Francolin	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
NE Natal Francolin (RE)	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>											h
Swainson's Francolin (Spurfowl)	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>							•			•	
Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>							h				

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	Grebes											
	Podicipedidae											
	Little Grebe	•			•	•			•			
	Eared (Black-necked) Grebe	•										
	Flamingos											
	Phoenicopteridae											
	Greater Flamingo	•										
	Lesser Flamingo	•								•		
	Storks											
	Ciconiidae											
	African Openbill							•	•	•	•	
	Saddle-billed Stork								•	•		
	Marabou Stork					•				•	•	
	Yellow-billed Stork							•	•	•	•	
	Cormorants & Shags											
	Phalacrocoracidae											
	Long-tailed (Reed) Cormorant							•	•	•	•	
	Crowned Cormorant	•										
E	Great Cormorant											
	(White-breasted Cormorant)	•										
BE	Cape Cormorant	•										
E	Bank Cormorant	•										
	Anhingas											
	Anhingidae											
	African Darter							•	•	•	•	
	Pelicans											
	Pelecanidae											
	Great White Pelican	•										
	Pink-backed Pelican								•	•		
	# Brilliant views of several birds in breeding plumage – Nxamaseri lagoon											
	Hamerkop											
	Scopidae											
	Hamerkop								•	•	•	
	# Wonderful views of a pair working industriously to complete the roof of their massive nest – Xakanaka game drive											
	Herons, Egrets & Bitterns											
	Ardeidae											
	Little Bittern								•			
	# Great spotlight views were exceeded by ultra-close daylight views of a breeding male giving his gruff calls from the top of a reed – Nxamaseri boat trips											
	Gray Heron	•						•	•	•	•	
	Black-headed Heron	•		•								
	Goliath Heron								•	•	•	
	Purple Heron								•	•		
	Great Egret							•	•	•	•	
	Intermediate Egret							•	•	•	•	
	Little Egret	•							•	•	•	
	Slaty Egret								•	•		
	Black Heron							•	•			
	# Great views of a group of these herons performing their distinctive “umbrella- fishing” – Nxamaseri floodplain											
	Cattle Egret	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	Squacco Heron	•						•	•	•	•	
	Rufous-bellied Heron							•	•	•		
	Striated (Little) Heron								•	•	•	

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Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>									●		●
White-backed Night-Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>									●		●
# Stunning, best-ever spotlight views of an adult perched on some reeds right next to our boat – Nxamaseri night boat trip												
Ibises & Spoonbills		Threskiornithidae										
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	●								●	●	
Sacred (African Sacred) Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>							●	●	●	●	
Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>								●	●	●	
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>							●	●	●		
Secretary-bird		Sagittariidae										
Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>						●					
Osprey		Pandionidae										
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>											●
Hawks, Eagles & Kites		Accipitridae										
Black-shouldered(-winged) Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>						●					
African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>										●	
# Great views of a pair of juveniles investigating every cavity of a large dead tree for possible prey - Xakanaka												
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>								●		●	●
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>							●	●			●
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>									●	●	●
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>					●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>					●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>			●		●	●	●				
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>									●		
Banded Snake-Eagle (Western Banded Snake-Eagle)	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>									●		●
# Brilliant scope views of a pair of these floodplain specialist snake-hunters – Nxamaseri boat trip, plus great views of a juvenile in the Mosi oa Tunya National Park at the end of the tour												
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>				●				●			
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>											●
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>					●	●	●				
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>				●							
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>				●				●		●	
Dark Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>						●					
Pale Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	●			●	●	●	●				
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>				●			●				
# Amusing views of a sub-adult who was convinced that he would be able to overpower one of the Burchell's Sandgrouse coming in to drink. Watching as he tried to stalk up to his intended prey on foot had most of us doubled up with laughter – Klein Okeivi waterhole, Etosha												
African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>										●	
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>							●				●
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>											●
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>											
(Yellow-billed Kite)	<i>(Milvus migrans parasiticus)</i>									●		●
African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>								●	●	●	●

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	Augur Buzzard			•								
	Bustards											
	Kori Bustard					•	•	•				
NE	Ludwig's Bustard					•						
	# Great views of a male striding away from the road on the way to the Okondeka contact spring, Etosha. An uncommon - but very welcome sighting on these tours											
NE	Red-crested Bustard (Korhaan)				•	•	•	•				
E	White-quilled Bustard (Northern Black Korhaan)					•	•					
	Rails, Gallinules & Coots											
	Black Crane								•	•	•	•
	Allen's Gallinule									•		
	African Swamphen	•								•		•
	Eurasian (Common) Moorhen	•						•	•	•	•	•
	Red-knobbed Coot	•										
	Flufftails											
	Red-chested Flufftail											h
	Finfoots											
	African Finfoot											•
	# One of our best tours for this spectacular and sought after bird – with great, extended views of five different individuals – Livingstone (and also the last of Judy's target birds)											
	Cranes											
	Wattled Crane								•	•		
	# Great scope views of a pair feeding on the Mahango Game Reserve floodplain – right opposite where we stopped for lunch (another of Judy's special target species)											
	Thick-knees											
	Water Thick-knee									•	•	•
	Spotted Thick-knee			•	•							
	Stilts & Avocets											
	Black-winged Stilt	•				•	•				•	•
	Pied Avocet	•										
	Oystercatchers											
E	African (Black) Oystercatcher	•										
	Plovers & Lapwings											
	Black-bellied (Gray) Plover	•										
	Long-toed Lapwing (Plover)								•	•	•	
	Blacksmith Lapwing	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	White-headed(-crowned) Lapwing											•
	Crowned Lapwing (Plover)			•	•	•	•					
	Caspian Plover					•						
	# Great views of an early-arriving individual – Newbrowni waterhole, Etosha											
	Kittlitz's Plover	•						•	•	•		
	Three-banded Plover	•		•				•	•	•	•	•
	White-fronted Plover	•										
	Chestnut-banded Plover	•										

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	Painted-Snipes											
	Rostratulidae											
	Greater Painted-Snipe									•		
	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>											
	Jacanas											
	Jacanidae											
	Lesser Jacana									•	•	
	<i>Microparra capensis</i>											
	African Jacana						•		•	•	•	•
	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>											
	Sandpipers & Allies											
	Scolopacidae											
	Whimbrel	•										
	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>											
	Eurasian Curlew	•										
	<i>Numenius arquata</i>											
	Bar-tailed Godwit	•										
	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>											
	Ruddy Turnstone	•										
	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>											
	Ruff	•						•	•	•	•	
	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>											
	Curlew Sandpiper	•										
	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>											
	Sanderling	•										
	<i>Calidris alba</i>											
	Little Stint	•						•			•	
	<i>Calidris minuta</i>											
	Common Sandpiper							•				•
	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>											
	Common Greenshank	•								•	•	
	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>											
	Marsh Sandpiper										•	
	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>											
	Wood Sandpiper											
	<i>Tringa glareola</i>											
	Pratincoles & Coursers							•	•	•	•	
	Glareolidae											
NE	Burchell's Courser					•						
	<i>Cursorius rufus</i>											
	# Great views of a party of these stunning coursers feeding close to the vehicle – drive to Okondeka contact spring, Etosha											
	Double-banded Courser					•	•	•				
	<i>Smutsornis africanus</i>											
	Collared Pratincole								•			•
	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>											
	Rock Pratincole											•
	<i>Glareola nuchalis</i>											
	Gulls, Terns & Skimmers											
	Laridae											
NE	Hartlaub's Gull (RE)	•										
	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>											
	Kelp Gull	•										
	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>											
	Caspian Tern	•										
	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>											
	White-winged Tern	•										
	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>											
	Black Tern	•										
	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>											
	# Our best year ever for this migrant, with at least 10 birds feeding over the Walvis Bay salt works!											
	Common Tern	•										
	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>											
	Arctic Tern	•										
	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>											
	Antarctic Tern	•										
	<i>Sterna vittata</i>											
	Great Crested (Swift) Tern	•										
	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>											
	Sandwich Tern	•										
	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>											
	African Skimmer											•
	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>											
	Sandgrouse											
	Pteroclididae											
NE	Namaqua Sandgrouse				•	•	•	•				
	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>											
NE	Double-banded Sandgrouse				•	•	•					
	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>											
NE	Burchell's Sandgrouse							•		•		
	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>											
	# Customary spectacular views of flocks of this attractive near-endemic coming in to drink – Klein Okeivi, Etosha											
	Pigeons & Doves											
	Columbidae											
	Rock Pigeon (I)	•										
	<i>Columba livia</i>											

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		Coastal	Pre-tour																		
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	•																			
Mourning Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>																				
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>																				
Ring-necked (Cape Turtle) Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>																				
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>																				
African Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>																				
Turacos	Musophagidae																				
Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>																				•
<p># Amazing views of a group of 6 of these incredibly striking birds coming to drink at a densely wooded stream in the grounds of our hotel - Livingstone</p>																					
Gray Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>																				
Cuckoos	Cuculidae																				
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>																				
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>																				
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>																				
Thick-billed Cuckoo	<i>Pachycoccyx audeberti</i>																				
<p># Best-ever views of a bird being hotly pursued by 4 Meve's Starlings circling low overhead while calling loudly. It returned soon after – perching to give us even better scope views. This was only the second sighting of this Botswana rarity on these tours! - Xakanaxa</p>																					
Barn-Owls	Tytonidae																				
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>																				
Owls	Strigidae																				
African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>																				
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>																				
<p># Bevan's birds. Wonderful, extended views of a pair of these huge owls perched in adjacent trees. Ignoring us completely, they started calling to each other – their gruff hoots echoing through the woodland! The male then flew to join his mate – and we were treated to the sight of these fearsome predators allo-preening. The look of pure bliss on the face of the groomed individual as its mate gently nibbled the feathers of its face and head was a highlight of the tour – and a wonderful insight into the behaviour of these owls - Xakanaka</p>																					
Pel's Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>																				
<p># Superb, full-frame scope views of a bird perched above the group – the massive, ivory-white talons; rust-red tiger-striped plumage and enormous, jet-black eyes indelibly etched into our memories. This was followed by wonderful spotlight views of a juvenile bird on an after dinner night boat trip – Nxamaseri Lodge. At Xakanaka, we went one better – with a gorgeous leopard draped over a branch of a dead tree on one side of our vehicle and another Pel's perched in a large Jackalberry on the other - Incredible!!</p>																					
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>																				
African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>																				
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>																				
Nightjars & Allies	Caprimulgidae																				
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>																				
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>																				
Swifts	Apodidae																				
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>																				
African Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>																				
(African Black Swift)																					

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NE	Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>		•								
	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		•	•	•						•
	African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
	Mousebirds	Coliidae										
E	White-backed Mousebird (RE)	<i>Colius colius</i>	•									
	Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	•	•					•	•	•	•
	Hoopoes	Upupidae										
	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		•						•	•	
	(African Hoopoe)	<i>(Upupa epops africana)</i>			•							
	Woodhoopoes & Scimitarbills	Phoeniculidae										
	Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>						•	•	•	•	•
	Violet Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>		•								
	Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>		•				•		•	•	
	Hornbills	Bucerotidae										
	Southern Ground-Hornbill	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>								•		
	Crowned Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>										•
NE	Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros bradfieldi</i>							•			
	African Gray Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>		•		•			•	•	•	•
NE	Sthn. Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
	Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>		•								
	Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>				•	•	•			•	•
NE	Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>		•	•	•						
	Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>										•
	Kingfishers	Alcedinidae										
	Half-collared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>										•
<p># Brilliant extended views of a pair interacting, displaying and chasing each other, this was followed by both birds investigating different spots along the bank for a suitable site to excavate their nest tunnel.</p>												
	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>								•	•	•
	Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>										•
	Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>									h	•
	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>								•		•
	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>							•	•	•	•
	Bee-eaters	Meropidae										
	White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>								•	•	•
	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>							•	•	•	•
	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>							•	•	•	
	Rollers	Coraciidae										
	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Rufous-crowned (Purple) Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>			•		•			•		
	African Barbets	Lybiidae										
	Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>								•	•	•
	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>								•	•	
NE	Pied (Acacia Pied) Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	•	•		•		•				

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Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>								•	•	•
Honeyguides	Indicatoridae										
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>								•	•	
Woodpeckers	Picidae										
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>								•	•	
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>		•						•		
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>				•						
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>		•							•	
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>										•

Great views of a male feeding at the top of a large Natal Mahogany on an island in the Zambezi was the first record of this species on these tours – Zambezi boat trip, Livingstone.

	Falcons & Caracaras	Falconidae									
Pygmy Falcon		<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>			•	•					
Rock Kestrel		<i>Falco rupicolis</i>	•	•							
Greater Kestrel		<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>			•	•	•				
Red-necked Falcon		<i>Falco chicquera</i>			•	•	•				
Lanner Falcon		<i>Falco biarmicus</i>			•						
Old World Parrots		Psittaculidae									
Rosy-faced Lovebird		<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>		•							

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Some of our best views of this species on these attractive parrots coming in to drink at the Kuduput waterhole, Huab Lodge

	New World and African Parrots	Psittacidae									
Meyer's Parrot		<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>									
Rüppell's Parrot		<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>		•							
Wattle-eyes & Batises		Platysteiridae									
White-tailed Shrike		<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>		•							
Chin-spot Batis		<i>Batis molitor</i>					•			•	
Pirit Batis		<i>Batis pirit</i>		•							
Vangas, Helmetshrikes & Allies		Vangidae									
White(-crested) Helmetshrike		<i>Prionops plumatus</i>				•				•	
Retz's Helmetshrike		<i>Prionops retzii</i>								•	
Bushshrikes & Allies		Malaconotidae									
Brubru		<i>Nilaus afer</i>		•	•	•	•			•	
Black-backed Puffback		<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Black-crowned Tchagra		<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>								•	
Brown-crowned Tchagra		<i>Tchagra australis</i>					•	•		•	
Tropical Boubou		<i>Laniarius major</i>									•
(Swamp) Gabon Boubou		<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>						•	•	•	
Crimson-breasted Gonolek (Shrike)		<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>		•	•	•	•	•	•		
Bokmakierie (RE)		<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	•								
Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (Orange-breasted Bushshrike)		<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>							•		
Gray-headed Bushshrike		<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>									•

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Great close views of an adult on our last morning walk to the Falls - Livingstone

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	Shrikes											
	Laniidae											
	Southern Fiscal	•			•							
	Magpie Shrike								•			
NE	White-crowned Shrike				•	•	•	•				
	Old World Orioles											
	Oriolidae											
	African Black-headed Oriole									•		
	Drongos											
	Dicruridae											
	Fork-tailed Drongo		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	Crows, Jays & Magpies											
	Corvidae											
	Cape Crow (Cape Rook)			•	•							
	Pied Crow			•	•						•	
	Larks											
	Alaudidae											
NE	Spike-heeled Lark			•								
NE	Gray's Lark	•										
	# Great views of a small part feeding in the road next to our vehicle – road to Rooibank, Walvis Bay											
	Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark			•	•	•	•					
NE	Gray-backed Sparrow-Lark				•		•					
	Sabota Lark			•	•	•	•					
NE	Fawn-coloured Lark						•					
E	Dune Lark	•			•							
NE	Eastern Clapper Lark											
	Red-capped Lark	•			•	•	•					
NE	Pink-billed Lark				•							
	Swallows											
	Hirundinidae											
	Plain (Brown-throated) Martin								•			
	Banded Martin							•		•		
	Rock Martin	•	•	•	•							
	Barn Swallow	•										
	White-throated Swallow								•			
	Wire-tailed Swallow							•	•		•	
	Pearl-breasted Swallow		•						•			
	Lesser Striped-Swallow							•	•	•	•	
	Rufous-chested Swallow			•	•	•	•	•				
	South African Swallow							•				
BE	Gray-rumped Swallow								•			
	Tits, Chickadees & Titmice											
	Paridae											
	Southern Black-Tit									•		
NE	Carp's Tit		•					•				
	Penduline-Tits											
	Remizidae											
NE	Southern (Cape) Penduline-Tit			•								
	Bulbuls											
	Pycnonotidae											
	Yellow-bellied Greenbul										•	
	Terrestrial Brownbul								•	•	•	

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	Common Bulbul (Dark-capped Bulbul)	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> (<i>Pycnonotus barbatus tricolor</i>)							•	•	•	•
NE	Black-fronted Bulbul (RE) (African Red-eyed Bulbul)	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
	African Warblers	Macrospenidae										
	Cape (Long-billed) Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	•			•	•	•	•		•	
NE	Rockrunner (Damara Rock-jumper)	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>		•								
# Great scope views of a bird giving its attractive warbling song from the top of a large Star Chestnut tree – Huab Lodge game drive												
	Reed-Warblers & Allies	Acrocephalidae										
	African Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	•	•						•	•	
	Lesser Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>								•		
	Greater Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>								•		
# Amazing views of this papyrus reedbed skulker! Usually, getting even mediocre views of this species takes considerable effort, but this time we had a pair pop up in full view at only our second try for the species. If only they were always so obliging! Nxamaseri boat trip												
	Little Rush-Warbler (African Bush-Warbler)	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>								h	h	
	Cisticolas & Allies	Cisticolidae										
	Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>								•	•	•
	Green-backed Camaroptera (Gray-backed Camaroptera)	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i> (<i>C. brachyura brevicaudata</i>)		•		•	•					•
NE	Barred Wren-Warbler (Camaroptera)	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>			•		•					
E	Rufous-eared Warbler (RE)	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>			•							
	Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythrops</i>										•
# We had exceptional views of a pair of these cisticolas – even by cisticola standards perhaps one of our most nondescript species, during a birding walk in the grounds of our hotel – Livingstone. (Saving the best till last?)												
	Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>			•	•	•			•	•	
	Winding (Luapula) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes</i>									•	
	Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola piapiens</i>								•	•	
	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			•					•		
	Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>			•		•					
	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>								•	•	•
	Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	•	•	•	•	•	•				
	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>		•	•	•	•	•				
	Green-cap Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>									•	
	Burnt-neck Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>					•					
	Sylviids	Sylviidae										
NE	Rufous-vented Warbler (Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler)	<i>Sylvia subcaeruleum</i>	•	•	•	•	•			•		
	White-eyes, Yuhinas & Allies	Zosteropidae										
	African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>								•		
E	Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	•									
	Laughingthrushes & Allies	Leiothrichidae										
	Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>								•	•	

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NE	Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>							•					
E	Southern Pied-Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>									•			
	Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>								•	•	•		
	Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>			•									
	Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae												
NE	Mariqua Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>				•	•	•	•	•				
NE	Chat Flycatcher (RE)	<i>Agricola infuscatus</i>				•	•							
	Gray Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria plumbea</i>										•		
	Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Fraseria caerulescens</i>									•	•	•	
	Bearded Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>											•	
NE	Kalahari Scrub-Robin (RE)	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>				•	•	•	•					
	Red-backed Scrub-Robin (White-browed Scrub Robin)	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>						•	•					
	White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>								•	•	•	•	
	Collared Palm-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>											•	
NE	Short-toed Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>				•								
E	Southern Anteater-Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>					•		•					
	White-headed Black-Chat (Arnott's Chat)	<i>Myrmecocichla arnotti</i>										•		
NE	Tractrac Chat	<i>Cercomela tractrac</i>	•											
	Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	•		•	•	•							
NE	Mountain Wheatear		•											
	Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>					•							
	Thrushes & Allies	Turdidae												
	Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsitpirupa</i>						•						
	Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>									•	•		
	Starlings	Sturnidae												
	Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>					•	•	•	•	•	•		
NE	Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus naboroupp</i>				•								
	Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>											•	
NE	Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>							•	•	•	•		
	Meves's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>								•	•	•	•	
	Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>									•	•		
	Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>			•	•	•	•	•					
	Oxpeckers	Buphagidae												
	Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>								•	•	•	•	
	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>									•	•		
	Sunbirds & Spiderhunters	Nectariniidae												
	Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>									•	•	•	
	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	•									•	•	
	# Wonderful extended views of spectacularly colourful males feeding on mistletoe flowers – Swakop River													
	Mariqua Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	•				•		•	•	•			
	White-breasted(-bellied) Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>					•		•	•	•	•		
NE	Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	•				•							

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	Wagtails & Pipits										
	Motacillidae										
	Cape Wagtail	•							•	•	
	African Pied Wagtail										•
	African (Grassland) Pipit			•	•	•			•		
	Plain-backed Pipit								•		
	Buntings & New World Sparrows										
	Emberizidae										
	Lark-like Bunting		•	•	•						
	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting		•	•	•	•					
NE	Cape Bunting		•								
	Golden-breasted Bunting		•		•	•				•	
	Finches, Euphonias & Allies										
	Fringillidae										
	Yellow-fronted Canary							•			
	Black-throated Canary		•	•	•		•				
NE	Yellow Canary (RE)						L				
NE	White-throated Canary		•								
	Old World Sparrows										
	Passeridae										
	House Sparrow (I)	•									
NE	Great Rufous Sparrow		•	•	•	•	•				
NE	Cape Sparrow		•								
	Southern Gray-headed Sparrow	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Yellow-throated Petronia									•	
	Weavers & Allies										
	Ploceidae										
	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver				•	•			•		
NE	Scaly Weaver (RE) (Scaly-feathered Finch)			•	•	•	•				
	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
E	Social Weaver			•	•						
	Red-headed Weaver		•			•			•		
	Spectacled Weaver								•		•
	Holub's Golden-Weaver								•	•	
	Southern Brown-throated Weaver								•		
	Lesser Masked-Weaver		•								
	Southern Masked-Weaver	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Village Weaver										•
	Chestnut Weaver		•	•	•		•				
	Red-billed Quelea		•	•	•	•			•	•	•
	Southern Red Bishop							•			
	Fan-tailed Widowbird								•		
	Grosbeak (Thick-billed) Weaver								•		
	Waxbills & Allies										
	Estrildidae										
	Common Waxbill	•	•						•		
	Black-faced Waxbill				•						•

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	Southern Cordonbleu (Blue Waxbill)	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
NE	Red-headed Finch (RE)	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Indigobirds	Viduidae		
	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
NE	Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Birds recorded – Coastal Pre-tour: 89 species – (10 endemics, 11 near-endemics & 1 breeding endemic)
Birds recorded – Main Tour: 330 species – (7 endemics, 47 near-endemics & 1 breeding endemic)
Birds recorded – Combined tours: 372 species – (13 endemics, 52 near-endemics & 2 breeding endemics)

	MAMMALS			Coastal Pre-tour
	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME		Huab Lodge Travelling Okaukeujo Mushara Lodge Namutoni Mahango GR Nxamaseri Lodge Xakanaka Lodge Livingstone
	Dolphins	Delphinidae		
	Atlantic Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Galagos	Galagidae		
	Lesser Galago (Bushbaby)	<i>Galago moholi</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	# Karla had some of these delightful primates bouncing through the bushes next to the path to her cabin – Mushara Lodge			
	Cheek-Pouch Monkeys	Cercopithecidae		
	Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus pygerythrus</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Old World Fruit Bats	Pteropodidae		
	Peters's Epauletted Fruit Bat	<i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Free-tailed Bats	Molossidae		
	Egyptian Free-tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida aegyptiaca</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Hares & Rabbits	Leporidae		
	Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Squirrels	Sciuridae		
NE	Damara (Mtn.) Ground Squirrel	<i>Geosciurus princeps</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
E	South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Geosciurus inauris</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
	Smith's Bush (Tree) Squirrel	<i>Parexerus cepapi</i>		● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

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Congo Rope (Striped Tree) Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus congicus</i>			•								
Rats & Mice	Muridae											
Four-striped Grass Mouse	<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>	•										
Acacia Rat (Tree Mouse)	<i>Thallomys paedulcus</i>										•	
Cats	Felidae											
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>							•			•	
# A great tour for these gorgeous cats – with views of a female walking through the bush near Namutoni, a magnificent male draped over a branch of a dead tree, and a second – this time a stunning female, also dozing in a tree right next to our vehicle on Xakanaka game drives												
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>					•					•	
Hyaenas	Hyaenidae											
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>							•				
Dogs & Allies	Canidae											
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	•		•		•	•	•				
Eared Seals & Sealions	Otariidae											
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	•										
Mustelids	Mustelidae											
African (Cape) Clawless Otter	<i>Aonyx capensis</i>									•		
Spot-necked Otter	<i>Lutra maculicollis</i>										•	
Mongoose	Herpestriidae											
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>					•						
Slender Mongoose	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>									•	•	
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>						•	•			•	
Hyraxes	Procaviidae											
Cape Rock Hyrax (Dassie)	<i>Procavia capensis</i>			•								
Elephants	Elephantidae											
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>					•	•	•	•		•	•
Horses	Equidae											
Common (Plains/Burchell's) Zebra	<i>Equus burchelli</i>					•	•	•	•		•	•
Rhinoceroses	Rhinocerotidae											
Black (Hook-lipped) Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>					•	•	•				
White (Square-lipped) Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>											•
Hippopotamuses	Hippopotamidae											
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>								•	•	•	•
Pigs	Suidae											
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>			•			•	•	•		•	•
Giraffes	Giraffidae											
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>					•	•	•			•	•
Bovids & Horned Ungulates	Bovidae											
Brindled Gnu (Blue Wildebeest)	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>					•	•	•				•
African (Cape) Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>								•		•	•
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>								•		•	

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	Greater Kudu		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
	Bush (Common/Gray) Duiker		•		•	•	•		•		
NE	Springbok	•	•	•	•	•					
NE	Kirk's Dikdik										
	Damara Dikdik					•					
	Steinbuck		•		•					•	
	Klipspringer		•								
	Sthn (Common) Reedbuck							•			
	Defassa Waterbuck									•	
	Red Lechwe							•		•	
	Puku										•
	Impala							•		•	•
	(Black-faced Impala)			•	•	•					
	Roan Antelope							•			
NE	Southern Oryx (Gemsbok)		•	•	•	•					
	Bontebuck (I)					•					
	Topi (Tsessebe)							•			

Mammals recorded – Coastal pre-tour: 4 species – (1 endemic & 1 near-endemic)

Mammals recorded – Main Tour: 46 species – (2 endemics, 4 near-endemics)

Mammals recorded – Combined tours – 49 species – (3 endemics, 4 near-endemics)

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REPTILES											
	COMMON NAME										
	SCIENTIFIC NAME										
	Southern African Python						•				
E	Namib Rock Agama		•								
E	Etosha Agama				•	•					
	Nile (Water) Monitor							•	•		•
E	Brain's Blind Legless Skink	•									
	Rainbow Skink									•	
	Wahlberg's Striped Skink				•	•	•				
	Variiegated Skink						•				
	Common Barking Gecko		h								
E	Boulton's Namib Day Gecko	•									
	Nile Crocodile							•	•	•	•
	Marsh Terrapin				•	•					

Reptiles recorded – Combined tours – 12 species – (4 endemics)