

# **SOUTH AFRICA**

**October 4 – 25, 2007**

## **KRUGER PARK EXTENSION**

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The pelagic trip off Cape Town is always a special part of this tour, with the cold, nutrient-rich waters drawing a wealth of deep ocean seabirds into the trawling grounds and, more importantly, within reach of a day-trip out. Cetaceans are also common in Cape seas at this time of year, and provided some exciting viewing on our trip.

As we were leaving Simonstown Harbour, a party of four southern right whales were sighted less than 200 yards from the boat. The group was made up of a cow in season attended by three very keen and attentive bulls, all trying to roll her onto her back so that they could mate with her. In these circumstances, each bull tries to purge the semen of his competitors that may have already successfully mated with the cow by mating with her repeatedly. Raw sex is in the air, and groups seem totally oblivious to everything but the business of reproduction.

Leaving the whales behind, we headed out towards Cape Point and the trawling grounds beyond. A mixed flock of terns and Cape Gannets—the terns harried by several Parasitic Jaegers—alerted us to the presence of bait fish near the surface. Almost immediately we were surrounded by a large school of over 500 Atlantic common dolphins. For the next ten minutes we watched, entranced, as these beautiful animals played around our boat, surfing the bow wave and racing along next to us. The light was perfect, and the dolphins were so close that every detail of their attractive coloring and patterns was clear as they “porpoised” only yards away. We could even watch them under the water as they raced along, and we could hear their soft exhalations as they surfaced.

Further out, we linked up with a trawler just as he started to pull in the nets, and we were soon treated to the sight of thousands of albatrosses, gannets, and petrels, as well as Cape fur seals feasting on the “spill” from the nets. Processing of the catch started immediately, and for the next hour we cruised back and forth across the trawler’s wake, checking to see what had been drawn to the feast of discarded fish offal.

Close behind the trawler, scores of Shy, Black-browed, and a solitary Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross squabbled over the spoils with hundreds of Giant Petrels, White-chinned Petrels, and Great and Sooty shearwaters.

Further away, numbers of exquisitely marked Pintado Petrels (or Cape Pigeons), together with numbers of Black-bellied Storm-Petrels (the latter typically on passage past the Cape at this time of year), worked for the scraps that had eluded the melee behind the trawler. We had spectacular, close views of the “stormies” as they bounced chest-first off the waves in their strange feeding behaviors, and then we reluctantly turned for home.

Our day up Sani Pass and into Lesotho is always a highlight of the tour, and this year was no different. The spectacular scenery is usually eclipsed by even greater birding, and this year the weather, the birds, and the recent rains all worked together to give us one of the most memorable days of our tour.

The tortuous trip up the pass was punctuated by great sightings of a number of special birds, starting with great views of a Bush Blackcap calling from the top of a bush, and followed by stunning views of Red-throated Wryneck, Long-crested Eagle, Gurney's Sugarbird, Gray-backed (Red-headed) Cisticola, Cape Grassbird, and our first views of the strange Ground Woodpecker—an endemic, terrestrial woodpecker that excavates its nest into an earth bank! Excellent views of other endemics—including Barratt's Warbler, Layard's Tit-Babbler, Fairy Flycatcher, Cape Rock-Thrush, Buff-streaked Chat, and Drakensberg Siskin—kept excitement levels high all the way up the pass.

At the top of the pass, rainfall tapers off dramatically and the habitat changes; vegetation resembles scrubby, semi-desert. A whole new suite of exciting birds awaited us. Stunning male Sentinel Rock-Thrushes provided vivid splashes of blue-and-orange color, while spectacular Orange-breasted (or Drakensberg) Rockjumpers eyed us warily from the side of the road, their coloring even more striking in the sparkling mountain air. A pair of Gray Tits appeared and fed unconcernedly only yards from the group, while the first of several Sicklewinged Chats flicked its wings nervously as it watched us from a low bush.

Our guides had mentioned that the first returning Mountain Pipits—a breeding endemic of these high mountains—had been reported the week before, and we stopped in likely-looking habitat to try and call out this bird. Minutes later the group was treated to stunning, close-up views of a bird that hovered in display over our heads and then perched only yards away, giving everyone walkaway views of this often elusive bird!

Further excitement came in the shape of a party of six Bald Ibis feeding right next to our vehicles. In the morning light, the incredible violet, blue, ultramarine, and magenta patches in the plumage of these stunning endemic ibises glowed like richly-colored silk, and their scarlet bald pates glistened as if lit from within. WOW!

The first of several Bearded Vultures passed briefly overhead, giving us great views of its long, narrow, eagle-like wings and strange wedge-shaped tail. This proved to be only an appetizer, however, and we were treated to several more even closer (and better) views of these spectacular icons of the high mountains before we headed back down the pass to our hotel.

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Kruger National Park is one of Africa's great wildlife refuges, with an amazing diversity of plants, insects, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and, of course, birds. Surprises lurk around every corner and literally anything could happen.

This year we took an early drive out of Skukuza on our first morning in the park, enjoying the cool early morning air and the range of bushveld birds, many of them new for the trip. Crested and Natal francolins, Orange- (or Sulfur) breasted Bush-Shrikes, various hornbill species, cuckoos, and coucals all vied for our attention. Suddenly, a familiar shape crossed the road ahead; as we drew nearer, we were surrounded by a pack of at least 17 African wild dogs. Attractively-marked "Painted Wolves" were everywhere, and it was obvious that these critically endangered carnivores had just completed a successful hunt. A group of seven well-grown pups, one proudly carrying a section of the ribs of some animal, were excitedly milling around less than five yards away from our vehicle, giving us stunning, ultra-close views. They showed only mild curiosity at our arrival, however, and then ignored us completely. An adult arrived, and was immediately besieged by the pups, whose excited chitterlings prompted it to regurgitate chunks of hastily bolted down meat. More adults arrived, and elaborate greeting rituals between pack members had us entranced.

The activity and excitement attracted the attention of an immature Bateleur, which landed on a dead tree stump and began looking around for any scraps that may have been left by the dogs. Soon it was joined by a Hooded Vulture, who also surveyed the scene hopefully for anything that the dogs might have overlooked.

For the next 20 minutes we watched, spellbound at the antics of the pack, before the last of the dogs disappeared in the direction of the river. Then we headed back to camp for a well-deserved breakfast!

After breakfast we headed out along the Sabie River towards the camp of Lower Sabie. Reaching the bridge across the river, we turned onto it and began scanning up and downstream for anything interesting. Suddenly, Allen casually asked what the cormorant-like bird with a red bill could be, and there it was—a magnificent male African Finfoot slowly picking its way upstream. We had great views of this usually elusive species for several minutes until it disappeared behind a bend in the river. Moving out further onto the bridge, we stopped over another channel, and there was a female Finfoot feeding off the overhanging vegetation along the sides of the stream. Again, we were treated to cracking views before she too disappeared from view.

On the drive back to Johannesburg from Kruger Park, we skirted the edge of the Drakensberg (literally the Dragon Mountains) escarpment. The scenery was spectacular and the climb up out of the Lowveld took us through the Strydom Tunnel and Abel Erasmus Pass—site of one of South Africa's rarest breeding raptors, the Taita Falcon. This site has to be one of the best places in the world to see these striking small falcons, and this year we were treated to some of the best views ever!

We pulled off the road at the curio stall just above the nest site and asked the assembled women if the falcons were around. Several of the women walked down the road with us to where the nest was visible, but there was no sign of any activity. We carefully scanned all likely-looking ledges for the birds, but could not detect any sign of the adults.

As we waited, the first of several Cape Vultures passed low overhead, giving stunning flight views for those who had missed this species on our day up Sani Pass. Suddenly, a shrill piping call had us frantically scanning the cliff above, just in time to see the male falcon rocket off a ledge near the top of the cliff and stoop towards the nest carrying prey. Simultaneously, the female shot out of the nest hollow and flew towards her mate, attempting to take the prey from him in flight. The male resisted, however, and, after the aborted food pass, flew back to his perch at the top of the cliff where he proceeded to pluck what appeared to be a large swift—either an African Black Swift or an Alpine Swift. Through the scope we could see drifts of feathers whirling about in the air currents along the cliff face as the male continued to pluck the prey. Meanwhile, the female had perched out in full view and was busy preening, and we alternated between stunning scope views of the male at the top of the cliff and of the female as she enjoyed a break from brooding the young in the sunshine.

Taita Falcons must be amongst the most attractive members of the falcon family. They are built like miniature Peregrines, but are strikingly beautiful, with rich, rust-colored underparts. Their head patterns are particularly attractive, with the typical black-and-white falcon “hood” brightened by rust edgings to the cheeks and rust-orange spots on the nape—features clearly visible as we enjoyed these gorgeous birds at our leisure. Finally, as we were about to head back to the vehicle, the male launched himself from the top of the cliff and swooped down into the nest to feed the chicks, wrapping up what had been a magical half-hour with these special birds.

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## ITINERARY

### Main Tour

- Oct. 05 - Alphen Greenbelt, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Oct. 06 - Alphen Hotel to Tulbagh via Paarl Mountain Reserve and the Paarl Bird Sanctuary
- Oct. 07 - Tulbagh to the Karoo via Karoopoort
- Oct. 08 - Tulbagh to Cape Town via Bain's Pass; Hohenhort Greenbelt
- Oct. 09 - False Bay; (Strandfontein, Rooi Els, Harold Porter Botanical Garden and Stoney Point Penguin Colony, Betty's Bay)
- Oct. 10 - Pelagic trip
- Oct. 11 - Cape Peninsular (Hohenhort Greenbelt, Kirstenbosch, Kommetjie, Cape Point and Boulders Penguin Colony)
- Oct. 12 - West Coast National Park via Tienie Versveldt Wildflower Reserve
- Oct. 13 - Hohenhort Greenbelt; Flight to Durban and drive to the Sani Pass Hotel, Himeville
- Oct. 14 - Sani Pass and Lesotho
- Oct. 15 - Natal Midlands and Xumeni Forest, Donnybrooke
- Oct. 16 - Sani Pass Hotel to Mtunzini via Howick Falls and Dlinza Forest, Eshowe
- Oct. 17 - Umlalazi Nature Reserve & Ongoye Forest
- Oct. 18 - Mtunzini to Bonamanzi via Thulasihleka Pan (Richard's Bay) and Sugarloaf campground, St Lucia
- Oct. 19 - Bonamanzi
- Oct. 20 - Bonamanzi / Hluhluwe Game Reserve
- Oct. 21 - Bonamanzi to Weavers Nest, Wakkerstroom
- Oct. 22 - Wakkerstroom
- Oct. 23 - Wakkerstroom to Johannesburg via Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve
- Oct. 24 - Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens; Flights home

### Kruger National Park extension

- Oct. 25 - Johannesburg to Skukuza Rest Camp (KNP) via Belfast, Dullstroom, Lydenburg and Sabie
- Oct. 26 - Skukuza to Lower Sabie, KNP
- Oct. 27 - Skukuza to Satara Camp, KNP
- Oct. 28 - Satara Camp to Nwanedzi (am); Satara towards Timbavati (pm)
- Oct. 29 - Satara to Johannesburg via Orpen Gate, Srijdom Tunnel and Abel Erasmus Pass
- Oct. 30 - Marievale Bird Sanctuary; Flights home

The weather on this year's tour was rather variable with rain, sleet and icy winds giving us our toughest day in the Karoo ever, but with generally good conditions for the rest of the tour. The Cape once again had excellent rains and birding in the region was some of the best in recent years. On the eastern side of the country, the spring rains had begun very late and many of the areas visited had not yet greened up thoroughly. In spite of this, birding went well and the group managed to see a high percentage of our target birds - as well as two national rarities!

As usual, our trip up Sani Pass into Lesotho was a highlight - giving the group great views of all the high-altitude endemics - as well as several views of the spectacular Lammergeier or Bearded Vulture.

The post-tour Kruger Park Extension provided excellent viewing of a variety of raptors, rollers, hornbills and shrikes, as well as stunning views of a pack of at least 17 Wild Dogs interacting only yards from our vehicle. It also gave us lion and great views of elephant, buffalo and other game.

## TRIP SIGHTINGS

- E** Denotes an endemic species
- NE** Denotes a near-endemic species
- BE** Denotes a breeding-endemic species

**\* Note that the endemic classification used refers to the status of a species within the southern African sub-region - i.e. the area south of the Cunene and Zambezi Rivers, and not to South Africa itself. Near endemic birds are usually those which extend into southern Angola**

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**Ostrich                                      Struthionidae**

Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>																							Δ
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**Penguins                                      Spheniscidae**

<b>E</b> Jackass Penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>				Δ	Δ																				
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**# Great, close-up views of birds preening, swimming, coming ashore (and even copulating) - Stoney Point and Boulders**

**Grebes                                      Podicipedidae**

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Δ	Δ																			Δ					
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Δ																									Δ
Eared (Black-necked) Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Δ																									

**Albatrosses                                      Diomedidae**

Indian Ocean Yellow-nosed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche c. carteri</i>					Δ																					
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>					Δ																					
Shy Albatross	<i>Thalassarche cauta</i>					Δ																					

**Shearwaters & Petrels                      Procellariidae**

(Southern) Antarctic Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>					Δ																					
(Northern) Hall's Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>					Δ																					
Cape (Pintado) Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>					Δ																					
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>					Δ																					
Greater Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>					Δ																					
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>					Δ																					

**Storm Petrels                                    Hydrobatidae**

Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>					Δ																					
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**# Several great, close views of these attractive birds bouncing chest-first off the top of the waves - pelagic trip**

**Pelicans                                      Pelecanidae**

Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Δ	Δ						Δ																		
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>																										

**Boobies & Gannets                          Sulidae**

<b>BE</b> Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>					Δ																					
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**Cormorants & Shags                      Phalacrocoracidae**

Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>																										
(White-breasted Cormorant)	<i>(Phalacrocorax (c.) lucidus)</i>	Δ				Δ	Δ	Δ															Δ				Δ
<b>BE</b> Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	Δ				Δ	Δ																				
<b>E</b> Bank Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>					Δ																					
(Reed) Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ					Δ				Δ				Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ
<b>E</b> Crowned Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>					Δ	Δ																				

**Anhingas & Darters                      Anhingidae**

Darter (African Darter)	<i>Anhinga melanogaster (rufa)</i>	Δ				Δ			Δ	Δ								Δ	Δ	Δ					Δ	Δ	Δ
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**Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns              Ardeidae**

Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ	Δ						Δ	Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ
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**Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns**

**Ardeidae**

Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>

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# Ultra-close views of an adult strangely attacking the flowers of water lilies - snapping them off and then discarding them -

**Lake Panic bird hide, Skukuza**

Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>

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**Hamerkop**

**Scopidae**

Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
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# Great views of an adult first softening up, then washing and finally swallowing a toad close to our vehicle - Wakkerstroom

**Storks**

**Ciconiidae**

Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>

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**Ibises & Spoonbills**

**Threskiornithidae**

Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
(Southern) Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>

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# Fantastic, ultra-close views of a small party of these gorgeous ibises feeding next to our vehicle - Lesotho

Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>

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**Flamingos**

**Phoenicopteridae**

Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>

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**Swans, Geese & Ducks**

**Anatidae**

White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
White-backed Duck	<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>

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# The only bird species to be recorded on every day of our trip - including the Kruger park extension!

South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>
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## Swans, Geese &amp; Ducks

## Anatidae

Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>
Red-billed Duck (Teal)	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>
Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
Maccoa Duck	<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>

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## Hawks, Eagles &amp; Kites

## Accipitridae

African Cuckoo-Hawk	<i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
(Yellow-billed Kite)	<i>(Milvus m. parasiticus)</i>
African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Palm-nut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
Cape (Vulture) Griffon	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
White-headed Vulture	<i>Trionocephs occipitalis</i>
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
Fasciated Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>
(Southern Banded Snake-Eagle)	

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# Great extended scope views of an adult flushed from the ground with a freshly caught Puff Adder *Bitis arietans*. The bird perched up in a tree eyeing us suspiciously before flying off - walk at Bonamanzi. Marj (who does not like snakes) had this as one of her favourites !

Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>

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# Fantastic fly-by views of an adult that passed only yards away from the group - bridge over the Wakkerstroom wetland

E Black Harrier	<i>Circus maurus</i>
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# Stunning, ultra-close views of a bird hunting the road verge only yards away from our bus. The bird was beating into a strong wind and ignored us completely as our driver drove alongside. One of the best views ever of this striking endemic! Road to the West Coast

African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
(Southern) Pale Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>

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**Hawks, Eagles & Kites** **Accipitridae**

Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>	Δ																
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# Great, extended scope views of an adult plucking an unidentified small bird - Paarl Mountain Wildflower Reserve

Black Goshawk (Sparrowhawk)	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	Δ																
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Eurasian Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>																	
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Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo (b.) vulpinus</i>	Δ		Δ		Δ							Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ
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E Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	Δ	Δ			Δ		Δ	Δ					Δ	Δ			
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Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>													Δ	Δ			Δ
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Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>													Δ	Δ			Δ
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Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Δ															Δ	
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# Spectacular flight views of two adults flying with their newly-fledged youngster on our arrival at the walter Sisulu Botanical Garden, Johannesburg.

African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>																	Δ
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Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Δ	Δ															
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Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>																	Δ
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Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>								Δ					Δ				
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**Secretary-bird** **Sagittariidae**

Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>																Δ	Δ
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**Falcons & Caracaras** **Falconidae**

Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>																	
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(Rock Kestrel)	<i>(Falco (t.) rupicolis)</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ								Δ
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Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>					Δ			Δ							Δ		
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# Extended views of a pair perched uncharacteristically on the ground in a field - Wakkerstroom

Taita Falcon	<i>Falco fasciinucha</i>																	Δ
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# After a wait of about twenty minutes anxiously searching the cliff face we were treated to best-ever views of these stunning small falcons. The male flew from a hidden perch near the top of the cliff carrying a large (possibly African Black-) swift and the female flew of the nest to join him. After an aborted food pass, the male returned to a ledge near the top of the cliff where he began to pluck the swift while the female perched out on another ledge - both giving great scope views. Latter the male flew to the nest with the prey. WOW !!!

Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Δ																
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**Pheasants & Partridges** **Phasianidae**

Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>													Δ	Δ			
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Red-winged Francolin	<i>Francolinus levillantii</i>														h			
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E Gray-winged Francolin	<i>Francolinus africanus</i>					Δ											Δ	
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E Cape Francolin	<i>Francolinus capensis</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ												
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NE Natal Francolin	<i>Francolinus natalensis</i>																	Δ
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NE Swainson's Francolin	<i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>															Δ	Δ	Δ
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Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>					h												
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**Guineafowl** **Numididae**

Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ				Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ
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Crested Guineafowl	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>													Δ	Δ			
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**Cuckoos    Cuculidae**

Dideric Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
Yellowbill (Green Malkoa)	<i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i>

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# Great views of an adult called in in thick bush - St Lucia

White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>
<b>NE</b> (Burchell's Coucal)	<i>(Centropus (s.) burchelli)</i>

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**Typical Owls    Strigidae**

African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
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# Superb daytime scope views of an adult quietly preening. Even when moving this bird's camouflage was still awesome!

Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>

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# Jane and Mike had great views of a pair only yards away from the deck of their tree house - Bonamanzi

Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
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# Superb scope views of an adult which responded to the tape - Satara campground, Kruger National Park.

**Nightjars & Allies    Caprimulgidae**

Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
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**Swifts    Apodidae**

African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>

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# Stunning, close fly-bys of a flock at Howick Falls, Natal Midlands which gave us uncharacteristic look-down views.

African (Black) Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Horus Swift	<i>Apus horus</i>
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>

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**Mousebirds    Coliidae**

Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>
<b>E</b> White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>

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**Trogon    Trogonidae**

Narina Trogon	<i>Apaloderma narina</i>
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# Stunning views of an adult called in to the group which uncharacteristically perched facing us showing its brilliant crimson underparts - Dlinza Forest, Eshowe

**Kingfishers    Alcedinidae**

Half-collared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maximus</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>

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Woodpeckers & Allies		Picidae																		
Rufous-necked Wryneck (Red-throated Wryneck)	<i>Jynx ruficollis</i>																			
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# Stunning views of a pair displaying in a dead willow - Weavers Nest, Wakkerstroom

Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campeothera bennettii</i>																			Δ
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campeothera abingoni</i>									Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ					
E Ground Woodpecker	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>								Δ											

# Our usual stunning views of these strange members of the Woodpecker family - Sani Pass and Lesotho

Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>								Δ						Δ					
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos namaquus</i>																			Δ
Olive Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>											Δ								

Larks	Alaudidae	Cape Peninsular/ Kirstenbosch	Karoo	False Bay	Pelagic Trip	West Coast	Durban to Sani Pass	Sani Pass and Lesotho	Natal Midlands	Sani Pass - Mtunzini via Dlinza Forest	Mtunzini and Ongoye Forest	Mtunzini - Bonamanzi	Bonamanzi	Bonamanzi + Hluhluwe Game Reserve	Bonamanzi - Wakkerstroom	Wakkerstroom	Wakkerstroom - Johannesburg	Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens	Kruger National Park Ext.	
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>													Δ	Δ			Δ		
NE Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>																	h		
E Rudd's Lark	<i>Heteromirafra ruddi</i>																	Δ		
E E Eastern Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i>																	Δ	Δ	
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>																			Δ
E Karoo Lark	<i>Calendulauda albescens</i>			Δ			Δ													
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albobasata</i>																	Δ	Δ	
NE Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>			Δ																
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>			Δ			Δ			Δ								Δ	Δ	
NE Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>																		Δ	
E E Botha's Lark	<i>Spizocorys fringillaris</i>																		Δ	
E Long-billed (Thick-billed) Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>			Δ							Δ									

Swallows	Hirundinidae	Cape Peninsular/ Kirstenbosch	Karoo	False Bay	Pelagic Trip	West Coast	Durban to Sani Pass	Sani Pass and Lesotho	Natal Midlands	Sani Pass - Mtunzini via Dlinza Forest	Mtunzini and Ongoye Forest	Mtunzini - Bonamanzi	Bonamanzi	Bonamanzi + Hluhluwe Game Reserve	Bonamanzi - Wakkerstroom	Wakkerstroom	Wakkerstroom - Johannesburg	Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens	Kruger National Park Ext.	
Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Δ	Δ			Δ			Δ				Δ							Δ
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>					Δ											Δ			
Gray-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>													Δ						
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ					Δ										Δ	Δ
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Δ							Δ			Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	Δ		Δ					Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ	Δ			Δ
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>											Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ

# Great viewing of adults feeding newly-fledged young - Lalapanzi Camp, Bonamanzi

Blue Swallow	<i>Hirundo atrocaerulea</i>								Δ											
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# Overcast, rainy conditions almost had us miss this globally threatened swallow species but fortunately first a male, the a female gave us brief fly-by views - Natal Midlands

Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>					Δ														
Greater Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	Δ	Δ			Δ			Δ						Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ
Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>									Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ					Δ
Rufous-chested Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>														Δ					Δ



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**Swallows**

<b>BE</b> South African Swallow <i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>
House Martin <i>Delichon urbica</i>
Black Sawwing <i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>

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**Wagtails & Pipits**

African Pied Wagtail <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
Cape Wagtail <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
Yellow-throated Longclaw <i>Macronyx croceus</i>
<b>E</b> Orange-throated (Cape) Longclaw <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
Rosy-throated Longclaw <i>Macronyx ameliae</i>

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# Breath-taking close-up views of an adult feeding a fledgeling - Bonamanzi Floodplain, he rose colouring of the underparts startlingly bright against the new green grass.

<b>E</b> Yellow-breasted Pipit <i>Hemimacronyx chloris</i>
<b>E</b> Yellow-tufted (African Rock) Pipit <i>Anthus crenatus</i>
<b>BE</b> Mountain Pipit <i>Anthus hoeschi</i>

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# Our luck with this species continued this year and we again had superb scope views of a bird perched only yards from the group -

**Lesotho**

African (Grassveld) Pipit <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
Long-billed Pipit <i>Anthus similis</i>

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**Cuckoo-shrikes**

**Campephagidae**

Gray Cuckoo-shrike <i>Coracina caesia</i>
Black Cuckoo-shrike <i>Campephaga flava</i>

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# Brilliant scope views of a male with bright yellow carpal patches -Lalapanzi Camp, Bonamanzi

**Bulbuls**

**Pycnonotidae**

Common Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
(Dark-capped Bulbul) <i>(Pycnonotus (b.) tricolor)</i>
<b>NE</b> Black-fronted (Red-eyed) Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>
<b>E</b> E Cape Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>
Sombre Greenbul <i>Andropadus importunus</i>
Yellow-bellied Greenbul <i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
Terrestrial Brownbul <i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
Yellow-streaked Greenbul <i>Phyllastrephus flavostriatus</i>
Eastern Nicator <i>Nicator gularis</i>

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**Thrushes & Allies**

**Turdidae**

<b>E</b> Cape Rock-Thrush <i>Monticola rupestris</i>
<b>E</b> Sentinel Rock-Thrush <i>Monticola explorator</i>
Orange Ground-Thrush <i>Zoothera gurneyi</i>
Spotted Ground-Thrush <i>Zoothera guttata</i>

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# Stunning views of a bird feeding unconcernedly only yards away from the group - Dlinza Forest, Eshowe



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<b>Old World Warblers</b>		<b>Sylviidae</b>																			
<b>E</b>	(Barratt's) African Scrub-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus barratti</i>							Δ	Δ											
<b>E</b>	E Victorin's Scrub-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus victorini</i>			h																
<b>E</b>	Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	Δ		Δ				Δ	Δ											
<b>Old World Warblers</b>		<b>Sylviidae</b>																			
	African Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>												Δ		Δ				Δ	
	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>											LB							Δ	
	Lesser Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	Δ										Δ							Δ	
	African Yellow Warbler	<i>Chloropeta natalensis</i>								Δ											
<b>E</b>	Yellow-rumped (Karoo) Eremomela	<i>Eremomela gregalis</i>		Δ																	
<b># Another species which was easier than usual - this in spite of very cold, windy conditions in the Karoo</b>																					
	Burnt-neck Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>																		Δ	
	(Long-billed) Cape Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>					Δ								Δ	Δ				Δ	
	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>												Δ					Δ		
<b>E</b>	Layard's Warbler (Tit-babbler)	<i>Parisoma layardi</i>		Δ			Δ		Δ												
<b>NE</b>	Rufous-vented Warbler (Tit-babbler)	<i>Parisoma subcaeruleum</i>		Δ			Δ												Δ		
<b>Old World Flycatchers</b>		<b>Muscicapidae</b>																			
	Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>													LB					Δ	
	Southern Black-Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>													Δ	Δ	Δ			Δ	
<b>E</b>	Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Sigelus silens</i>	Δ			Δ													Δ	Δ	
	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>																		Δ	
	African Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa adusta</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ											
	Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>										Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ	
	Gray Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>													Δ	Δ				Δ	
<b># Superb scope views performing its pirouetting tail-fanning only yards from the group - Lalapanzi Camp, Bonamanzi</b>																					
<b>E</b>	Fairy Flycatcher	<i>Stenostira scita</i>		Δ					Δ												
<b># One of the leader's favourite birds - and we had great views in the Karoo and again at Sani Pass and in Lesotho</b>																					
	Cape Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ								Δ	Δ	Δ	
<b>E</b>	White-throated Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>													Δ					Δ	
	White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>																		Δ	
	Red-capped (Natal) Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha natalensis</i>									Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ					
<b>E</b>	Chorister Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>									Δ										
	Bearded Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>													Δ	Δ					
<b># Stunning, at-our-feet views of a pair quietly feeding next to the path - Lalapanzi Camp, Bonamanzi</b>																					
	Red-backed Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>																			
	(White-browed Scrub-Robin)														Δ	Δ	Δ			Δ	
<b>NE</b>	Kalahari Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>																	Δ		
<b>E</b>	Karoo Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphaeus</i>		Δ			Δ														
	African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>					Δ			Δ	Δ				Δ	Δ	Δ			Δ	
<b>E</b>	Buff-streaked Bushchat (Chat)	<i>Saxicola (Oenanthe) bifasciata</i>							Δ									Δ			

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<b>Old World Flycatchers</b>		<b>Muscicapidae</b>																			
<b>NE</b>	Mountain Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>		Δ													Δ	Δ			
	Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>		Δ														Δ			
<b>E</b>	Sicklewing Chat	<i>Cercomela sinuata</i>							Δ												
<b>NE</b>	Karoo Chat	<i>Cercomela schlegelii</i>		Δ																	
<b>Old World Flycatchers</b>		<b>Muscicapidae</b>																			
<b>NE</b>	Tractrac Chat	<i>Cercomela tractrac</i>		Δ																	
	Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	Δ	Δ			Δ												Δ		
<b>E</b>	Southern Anteater-Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>								Δ						Δ	Δ	Δ			
	Mocking Cliff-Chat	<i>Thamnotlaea cinnamomeiventris</i>																		Δ	
# Great, close-up views of a pair feeding in the Nwanedzi Picnic Site, Kruger National Park																					
<b>Wattle-eyes</b>		<b>Platysteiridae</b>																			
	Black-throated Wattle-eye	<i>Platysteira peltata</i>																			
# Stunning views of a pair only yards from the group - campground, Umlalazi Nature Reserve, Mtunzini																					
<b>E</b>	Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	Δ		Δ	Δ				Δ	Δ	Δ									
	Woodward's Batis	<i>Batis fratrum</i>													Δ						
# Great views of a pair that finally came in to the tape - Sugarloaf Campground, St Lucia																					
	Chin-spot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>														Δ	Δ			Δ	
<b>NE</b>	Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pirit</i>		Δ																	
<b>Monarch Flycatchers</b>		<b>Monarchidae</b>																			
	African Crested-Flycatcher (Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher)	<i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>																			
	African Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Δ							Δ		Δ	Δ		Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ	
<b>Babblers</b>		<b>Timalidae</b>																			
<b>E</b>	E (Cape) Rufous Rock-jumper	<i>Chaetops frenatus</i>			Δ																
# Great, extended scope-viewing of a family of these striking endemics working the rock-strewn hillslope above Rooi Els - Cape																					
<b>E</b>	Orange-breasted Rock-jumper	<i>Chaetops aurantius</i>								Δ											
	Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>																		Δ	
<b>E</b>	Bush Blackcap	<i>Lioptilus nigricapillus</i>								Δ											
<b>Chickadees &amp; Tits</b>		<b>Paridae</b>																			
	Southern Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>														Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	
<b>E</b>	Gray Tit	<i>Melaniparus afer</i>								Δ											
# Exceptional, extended close-up views of a pair feeding only yards from the group - Lesotho																					
<b>Sunbirds &amp; Spiderhunters</b>		<b>Nectarinidae</b>																			
	Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>																		Δ	
<b>E</b>	E Orange-breasted Sunbird	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>	Δ		Δ		Δ														
	Eastern Olive-Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>									Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ							
	(Gray) Mouse-colored Sunbird	<i>Cyanomitra veroxii</i>													Δ	Δ	Δ				
	Amethyst (Black) Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>								Δ						Δ					
	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>														Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	

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<b>Sunbirds &amp; Spiderhunters</b>			<b>Nectarinidae</b>																		
	Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ									Δ		
<b>E</b>	Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ														
<b>E</b>	Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>								Δ									Δ		
	Mariqua Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>																		Δ	
	Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>										Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ					
<b>Sunbirds &amp; Spiderhunters</b>			<b>Nectarinidae</b>																		
	White-breasted (bellied) Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>													Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ	Δ
<b>NE</b>	Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>		Δ	Δ																
<b>White-eyes</b>			<b>Zosteropidae</b>																		
	African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>													Δ	Δ	Δ				
<b>E</b>	Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ			Δ		Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ
<b>Sugarbirds</b>			<b>Promeropidae</b>																		
<b>E</b>	Gurney's Sugarbird	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>							Δ												
<b>E</b>	E Cape Sugarbird	<i>Promerops cafer</i>	Δ		Δ																
<b>Old World Orioles</b>			<b>Oriolidae</b>																		
	African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>								Δ	Δ								Δ	Δ	
<b>Shrikes</b>			<b>Laniidae</b>																		
	Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ
	Magpie Shrike	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>																			Δ
<b>Bushshrikes &amp; Allies</b>			<b>Malaconotidae</b>																		
	Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>													Δ						Δ
	Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>								Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ	Δ
	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>												Δ	Δ						Δ
	Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>																	Δ		Δ
<b>E</b>	Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	Δ		Δ				Δ		Δ				Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ	Δ
<b>NE</b>	Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	Δ	Δ			Δ		Δ									Δ	Δ		
	Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (Orange-breasted Bushshrike)	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>															Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ
<b>NE</b>	Olive Bushshrike (Gorgeous)Four-colored Bushshrike	<i>Telophorus olivaceus</i> <i>Telophorus viridis</i>															Δ	Δ			
# Fantastic, close-up views of an adult male called up to next to our vehicle - one of the most spectacular sightings ever. Hluhluwe GR																					
	Gray-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>																			Δ
<b>Drongos</b>			<b>Dicruridae</b>																		
	Square-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>									Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				
	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>								Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ
<b>Crows, Jays &amp; Magpies</b>			<b>Corvidae</b>																		
	House Crow ( 1 )	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	Δ																		
	Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>								Δ	Δ					Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	
	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	Δ			Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ









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Spotted Hyeana	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>																		Δ
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>																		Δ
Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	Δ			Δ														
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>													Δ					Δ
Rock Dassie (Hyrax)	<i>Procavia capensis</i>					Δ													
Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus burchelli</i>									Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ			Δ		Δ
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>													Δ					Δ
Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>												Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>											Δ							Δ
Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>													Δ					Δ
Cape Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>													Δ					Δ
Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>								Δ								Δ		
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>													Δ					Δ
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>											Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>											Δ							Δ
Common Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>								Δ										
<b>E</b> Grey Rhebuck	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>		Δ																
Black Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>																Δ		
<b>E</b> Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>											Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ
Red Hartbeest	<i>Alcelaphas buselaphus</i>																Δ		
<b>E</b> Blesbuck	<i>Damaliscus d. phillipsi</i>														Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ
<b>E</b> Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus d. dorcas</i>	Δ																	
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>										Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				
<b>NE</b> Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>		Δ														Δ		
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>																		Δ
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>					Δ			Δ										Δ
Oribi	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>								Δ										
Red Duiker	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>									Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ				Δ
Blue Duiker	<i>Philantomba monticola</i>									Δ									
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>					Δ													Δ
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>														Δ	Δ			Δ
Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>				Δ														
Southern Right Whale	<i>Baleana glacialis</i>				Δ														
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>				Δ														

43 - Number of mammal species recorded on main tour (6 endemics and 3 near-endemics)

29 - Number of mammal species recorded on the Kruger Park extension (1 near-endemic)

50 - Total number of mammal species recorded (6 endemics and 3 near-endemics)

## REPTILES/ AMPHIBIANS

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	Leopard (Mountain) Tortoise																		△
<b>E</b>	Angulate Tortoise	△	△	△		△													
	Marsh/ Helmeted Terrapin												△						△
	Hawksbill Turtle				△														
	Striped Skink																	△	△
<b>E</b>	Cape Skink	△																	
	Yellow-throated Plated Lizard							△											
<b>E</b>	Black Girdled Lizard	△																	
<b>E</b>	Transvaal Girdled Lizard																	△	
<b>E</b>	Cape Crag Lizard	△																	
<b>E</b>	Southern Rock Agama																	△	
	Southern Tree Agama										△								
	Moreau's Tropical House Gecko												△						
	Cape Dwarf Gecko																		△
	Nile Crocodile											△	△	△	△				△

12 - Reptile species recorded on the main tour (6 endemics)

5 - Reptile species recorded on the Kruger Park extension

15 - Total reptile species recorded (6 endemics)