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White-quilled Bustard

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ITINERARY

Aug 7-9	- Pre-tour to the Namibian coast, Walvis Bay and Swakopmund
Aug 10	- Flight to Huab Lodge
Aug 11	- Huab Lodge
Aug 12	- Huab Lodge
Aug 13	- Huab Lodge, drive to Okaukeujo Camp, Etosha
Aug 14	- Etosha (Okaukeujo to Halali via Okondeka, Rietfontein waterholes)
Aug 15	- Etosha (Halali to Namutoni Camp via Goas, Kalkheuwel and Khoinachas waterholes)
Aug 16	- Etosha (Namutoni to Andoni plains via Klein Okeivi + Tsumcor waterholes and Stinkwater)
Aug 17	- Namutoni Camp; charter to Bagani (Caprivi Strip); Mahango Game Reserve to Shakawe
Aug 18	- Shakawe
Aug 19	- Shakawe
Aug 20	- Shakawe, flight to Xakanaxa, Moremi
Aug 21	- Xakanaxa
Aug 22	- Xakanaxa, flight to Livingstone via Kasane
Aug 23	- Zambezi boat trip, and game drive in the Mosi o Tunya National Park
Aug 24	- Hotel grounds in Livingstone and flight back to Johannesburg

TOUR SUMMARY

Our pre-trip to the coast was once again a great addition, providing a wonderful spectacle of Greater and Lesser flamingos, as well as numbers of shorebirds and a total of 12 regional endemics or near-endemic bird species including larks, chats, and cormorants. We also had some surprising "out-of-range" birds on this leg of the tour.

On our main tour, conditions could hardly have been more different from those we experienced last year. All areas visited had received fantastic rains during the last summer, and the recovery of the veld was remarkable. Areas which had been simply bare soil were now covered in grass and seed-eaters; particularly, Africa's feathered locusts—the Red-billed Queleas—had proliferated, and we saw large flocks on all stops of our tour. Lilac-breasted Rollers (always a hit with participants) were also more abundant than on any previous tour, and we observed unusual behavior in several species. Perhaps most spectacularly, Etosha Pan still held water—the first time in over 40 years that this has occurred—and the sight of flocks of Great White Pelicans swimming and fishing where we usually have dried mud was particularly memorable.

Flood levels along the Okavango River in the Mahango Game Reserve and at Shakawe were still relatively high, but the floodplain gave us the usual rapid boost in new species. Our first morning in the grounds of Shakawe Lodge proved typically frenetic as a succession of brightly-colored bird species were added to our rapidly growing list.

Xakanaxa also provided great game-viewing and birding with superb views of lion, elephant, and various antelope species, and, on our last morning, an exceptional encounter with a leopard. We spent an hour watching this glorious cat, at times from distances of less than ten yards, and finally reluctantly left for our flight to Livingstone—leaving her stalking a herd of Impala.

The Zambezi River above the Victoria Falls was lower than usual, but still produced great sightings of several special birds. We unfortunately failed to locate an African Finfoot (the first time we have missed this bird), but were compensated with unbelievably good views of a party of eight Schalow's Turacos as they bounded through the branches above our heads on the grounds of our hotel—WOW !

KEY

Note: The Endemic classifications used in this Trip List refer to birds endemic to the southern African sub-region - i.e. South of the Cunene and Zambezi Rivers.

E	Denotes a regional Endemic Species
NE	Denotes a regional Near-Endemic Species
BE	Denotes a breeding endemic species
■	Recorded on pre-tour
▲	Recorded on main tour
h	heard only
LB	Leader only

BIRDS												
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	Coastal Pre-tour	Huab	Travelling	Okaukuejo	Halali	Namautoni	Mahango G R	Shakawe	Xakanaxa	Travelling	Livingstone
Ostrich		Struthionidae										
Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>				▲	▲	▲	▲				
Grebes		Podicipedidae										
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	■			▲	▲	▲					
Eared (Black-necked) Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	■										
Shearwaters and Petrels		Procellariidae										
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	■										
Pelicans		Pelecanidae										
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					▲	▲			▲		
Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>									▲		
Gannets and Boobies		Sulidae										
BE Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>	■										
Cormorants & Shags		Phalacrocoracidae										
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>											
(White-breasted Cormorant)	<i>(Phalacrocorax (c.) lucidus</i>	■										▲
BE Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	■										
E Bank Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>	■										
E Crowned Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	■										
(Reed) Long-tailed Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
Anhingas & Darters		Anhingidae										
Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>											
(African Darter)	<i>(Anhinga (m.) rufa)</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns		Ardeidae										
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	■				▲	▲	▲	▲			
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>											▲
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>							▲	▲			
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>								▲	▲		
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
Slaty Egret	<i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>							▲		▲		
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>							▲	▲			
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>								▲			
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	■						▲	▲	▲		
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					▲		▲	▲	▲		
Rufous-bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>							▲	▲	▲		
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	■			▲			▲	▲	▲		▲
Striated (Green-backed) Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>								▲			
White-backed Night-Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>								▲			
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>								▲			
Hamerkop		Scopidae										
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
Storks		Ciconiidae										
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>							▲	▲	▲		
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>							▲	▲			
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	■			▲							
# Lee photographed this bird on the golf course at Swakopmund (making it impossible for the rest of us to doubt his record!) but the rest of us managed to catch up with an amazing, second unseasonal bird at Okondeka, Etosha.												
Saddle-billed Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>								▲	▲		

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	Storks	Ciconiidae											
	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>								▲	▲		
	Ibises & Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae											
	African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>						▲	▲	▲			▲
	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>							▲	▲			▲
	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>									▲		
	Ibises & Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae											
	African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>								▲	▲		
	Flamingos	Phoenicopteridae											
	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	■					▲					
	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	■										
	Swans, Geese & Ducks	Anatidae											
	White-faced Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	■			▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
E	South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>						▲					
	# Great views of a pair with 5 well-developed youngsters at the Naumautoni waterhole - Etosha												
	Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	African Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus auritus</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>						▲			▲		
	Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>									▲		
	Osprey	Pandionidae											
	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	■										
	# Great views of a bird perched on the lighthouse, and then hunting over the bay - Walvis Bay												
	Hawks, Eagles & Kites	Accipitridae											
	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	■							▲	▲		▲
	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>											
	(Yellow-billed Kite)	<i>(Milvus (m.) parasitus)</i>									▲		▲
	African Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>								▲	▲		▲
	White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>						▲	▲	▲	▲		
	Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>				▲		▲	▲	▲			
	White-headed Vulture	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>				▲	▲	▲					
	Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>			▲								
	Brown Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>		▲			▲		▲				▲
	(Western) Banded Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>								▲			
	# Fantastic, best ever, close views of an adult perched next to our vehicle - Mosi o Tunya National Park, Livingstone												
	Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>				▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲
	African Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>							▲	▲			
	African Harrier-Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>								▲			
	Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>											▲
	Dark Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax metabates</i>							▲				
NE	(Southern) Pale Chanting-Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	■		▲	▲	▲	▲					
	# Incredible, ultra-close views down to less than three yards from our vehicle. The bird ignored us totally!! Naumautoni												
	Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>		▲				▲		▲			
	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>		▲				▲					
	Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>		▲									
	Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>		▲	▲								
	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>				▲		▲	▲	▲			

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	Skimmers	Rhynchopidae											
	African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>								▲			▲
	Sandgrouse	Pteroclididae											
NE	Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	■			▲	▲	▲					
	Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>		▲		▲	▲						
NE	Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>						▲					
	# Great views of over 30 birds drinking at Klein Okeivi - Etosha, compared to only three we saw last year.												
	Doves & Pigeons	Columbidae											
	Rock Pigeon (Dove) (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	■										
	Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	■										▲
	African Mourning 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 calva</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Parrots, Macaws & Allies	Psittacidae											
NE	Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>		▲									
	Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	Rueppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>		▲									
	# We managed several good flight-views of this species before getting a bird to perch up for extended views - Huab												
	Turacos	Musophagidae											
	Schalow's Turaco	<i>Tauraco schalowi</i>											▲
	# Unbelievable, best-ever views of a flock of 8 birds that cavorted above our heads - chasing each other in agile bounds through the branches while calling loudly and then flitting to the next tree showing their incredible crimson remiges - certainly the most spectacularly exotic bird of the trip! Hotel grounds - Livingstone.												
	Gray Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
	Cuckoos	Cuculidae											
	Thick-billed Cuckoo	<i>Pachucoccyx audeberti</i>								▲			
	# Flight views of this Botswana rarity as it passed overhead calling - Shakawe. Only the second record on these tours.												
	Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>							▲	▲	▲		
	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>									▲		
	White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>									▲		
	Typical Owls	Strigidae											
	African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>					▲				▲		
	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>		▲			▲				▲		
	Pel's Fishing-Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>								▲			
	# Surprisingly, we battled for this bird this tour - finally managing good scope views at Xaro lodge, Shakawe												
	African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>								▲			▲
	Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>		▲			▲	▲					
	African Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium capense</i>							▲				
	Nightjars & Allies	Caprimulgidae											
	Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>		h									
	Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>		▲									
	# Great, close views of a bird that dropped in at the 'German Bath' next to the dining area - Huab												
	Swifts	Apodidae											
	African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	■		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲
	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		▲									
	African (Black) Swift	<i>Apus barbatus</i>											▲
NE	Bradfield's swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>				▲							
	# Severa birds feeding with a large flock of Little Swifts - Okaukeujo waterhole, Etosha. An unusual record for this tour.												

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	Swifts	Apodidae											
	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		▲		▲	▲						▲
	Mousebirds	Coliidae											
E	White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	■										
	# Several birds gave great scope views on the Swakopmund golf course - Swakopmund												
	Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>		▲	▲				▲	▲	▲		▲
	Kingfishers	Alcedinidae											
	Half-collared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>											▲
	# Unbelievable scope views of this usually difficult kingfisher on two successive days - hotel grounds, Livingstone												
	Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</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>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	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>								▲	▲		▲
	# Brilliant views of adults at Shakawe and Xakanaxa (although this species was late in arriving this season)												
	Rollers	Coraciidae											
	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲
	# We recorded in excess of 250 of these gorgeous birds on this year's tour - way more than usual.												
	Rufous-crowned (Purple)Roller	<i>Coracias naevia</i>			▲		▲		▲		▲		▲
	# Great close views of an adult perched in a tree only yards from our vehicle - Mosi o Tunya National Park												
	Hoopoes	Upupidae											
	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>											
	(African Hoopoe)	<i>(Upupa (e.) africana)</i>				▲		▲			▲		
	Woodhoopoes	Phoeniculidae											
	Green Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Violet Woodhoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>		▲			▲						
	# After missing this bird last year, we had great views of an immature at Huab, and a flock in camp at Halali												
	Common Scimitar-bill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>				▲		▲		▲			
	Hornbills	Bucerotidae											
	Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>				▲		▲		▲			
	# Superb, close views of an adult perched up near our vehicle - evening drive at Huab												
	Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>								▲	▲		▲
NE	(Damara Hornbill)	<i>(Tockus e. damarensis)</i>		▲			▲	▲					
	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>			▲	▲	▲	▲			▲		
	Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus albaterminatus</i>											h
NE	Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Tockus bradfieldi</i>							▲	▲			
	# Usually a tough bird - this time we got it from the plane as we taxied in after landing !! - Bagani airstrip, Caprivi												
	African Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲
	Trumpeter Hornbill	<i>Ceratogymna bucinator</i>											▲
	Barbets	Capitonidae											
	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>								▲	▲		▲
NE	Pied (Acacia Pied) Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>		▲		▲		▲					
	Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>								▲			
	Honeyguides	Indicatoridae											
	Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>								h			

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	Honeyguides	Indicatoridae											
	Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>								▲			
	Woodpeckers & Allies	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>								▲	▲		
	Larks	Alaudidae											
NE	Eastern Clapper lark	<i>Mirafraga fasciolata</i>						▲					
	# We had unusually good views of this endemic lark this year - Andoni Plains, Etosha												
NE	Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲						
NE	Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>			▲								
E	Dune Lark	<i>Certhilauda erythrochlamys</i>	■										
	# Several great views of this localised endemic species on our drive along the Kuiseb Delta - Coastal Pre-tour												
	Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>				▲							
NE	Gray-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>				▲		▲					
NE	Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanes grayi</i>	■										
	# Our best year for this species! Great views of several groups of these attractive larks - Namib gravel plains, coastal pre-tour												
	Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>				▲		▲					
NE	Pink-billed Lark	<i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>				▲		▲					
	Swallows	Hirundinidae											
	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>								▲			
	Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>							▲	▲	▲		
	Gray-rumped Swallow	<i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i> (<i>Hirundo griseopyga</i>)							▲				
	Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i> (<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>)	■	▲		▲	▲						▲
	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>								▲			▲
	Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>		▲			▲						
	Lesser Striped-Swallow	<i>Cecropis (Hirundo) abyssinica</i>							▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
	Rufous-chested Swallow	<i>Cecropis (Hirundo) semirufa</i>									LB		
	Wagtails & Pipits	Motacillidae											
	African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>								▲			▲
	Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	■							▲			
	Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>									▲		
	African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>				▲				▲			▲
	Cuckoo-shrikes	Campephagedae											
	Black Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Campephaga flava</i>								▲			
	Bulbuls	Pycnonotidae											
	Common Bulbul (Dark-capped Bulbul)	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i> (<i>Pycnonotus (b). tricolor</i>)								▲	▲	▲	▲
NE	Black-fronted Bulbul (African Red-eyed Bulbul)	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	■	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
	Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>								▲			▲
	Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>								▲			▲
	Thrushes & Allies	Turdidae											
NE	Short-toed Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>		▲	▲								
	Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Psophocichla litsipsirupa</i>		▲		▲	▲						▲
	Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyanus</i>							▲	▲	▲		

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	Cisticolas & Allies	Cisticolidae											
	Red-faced Cisticola	<i>Cisticola erythropus</i>											▲
	Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>		▲			▲	▲			▲		
	Winding (Luapula) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola galactotes luapula</i>								▲			
	Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>								▲	▲		
	Piping Cisticola (Neddicky)	<i>Cisticola fulvicapillus</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>	■	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲					
E	Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>	■			▲							
	# An incredible record of a pair recorded in the Namib - within sound of the Atlantic !!! (Coastal pre-tour), and great views of a bird that came into the tape - Okondeka, Etosha. We seem to have 'cracked the code' for this species in Etosha.												
	Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Green-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>											
	(Grey-backed Bleating Warbler)	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>		▲			▲		▲	▲	▲		▲
NE	Barred Camaroptera	<i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>											
	Barred Wren-Warbler			▲			▲						
	Old World Warblers	Sylviidae											
	African Bush-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>											
	(Little Rush Warbler)									▲			
	African Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	■							▲			
	Greater Swamp-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>								▲			
	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>		▲	▲		▲	▲			▲		
	Greencap Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>									▲		
	# Great views of a bird that landed at eye-level only yards away (instead of staying up in the canopy) - Xakanaxa												
	Burnt-neck Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>						▲	▲				
	(Long-billed) Cape Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>		▲	▲		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲
E	Layard's warbler	<i>Parisoma layardi</i>											
	Layard's Tit-babbler		■										
	# An amazing record from the Swakopmund Golf Course. I have only had this species in the Kuiseb delta before.												
NE	Rufous-vented Warbler	<i>Parisoma subcaeruleum</i>											
	(Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler)		■	▲	▲		▲						
	Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae											
	Pale Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis pallidus</i>											▲
NE	Chat Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis infuscatus</i>					▲						
NE	Mariqua Flycatcher	<i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲						
	Southern Black-Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>									▲		
	Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae											
	Gray Tit-Flycatcher	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>								▲			
	White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	Collared Palm-Thrush	<i>Cichladusa arquata</i>											▲
	# Breath-taking views of an adult that seemed to modelling for us right next to our vehicle - Mosi o Tunya National Park												
NE	Kalahari Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>		▲	▲		▲						
	Red-backed Scrub-Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>											
	(White-browed Scrub-Robin)							▲	▲		▲		
	African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>								▲			
	Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>			▲							▲	
	# Good views of a pair feeding next to the runway, Kasane Airport while we were clearing Botswana emmigration												

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	Old World Flycatchers	Muscicapidae											
NE	Tractrac Chat	<i>Cercomela tractrac</i>	■										
	# Best-ever views of a bird feeding only yards away on the greens of the Swakopmund Golf Course - Coastal Pre-tour												
	Familiar Chat	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	■	▲	▲		▲	▲					
E	Southern Anteater-Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>				▲							
	Wattle-eyes	Platysteiridae											
	Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>							▲		▲		▲
NE	Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pirit</i>				▲							
NE	White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>		▲	▲								
	Babblers	Timalidae											
NE	Damara Rock-jumper (Rockrunner)	<i>Chaetops pycnopygius</i>		▲									
	# Persistent effort was rewarded with great scope views of a bird calling from a rock - Huab Lodge												
	Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>							▲	▲	▲		
E	Southern Pied-Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>			▲			▲					
	Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>							▲	▲	▲		
NE	Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>		▲									
	Chickadees & Tits	Paridae											
	Southern Black-Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>								▲	▲		▲
NE	Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>		▲			▲						
	Sunbirds & Spiderhunters	Nectarinidae											
	Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>											▲
	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>									▲		▲
	Mariqua Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>				▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
	Purple-banded Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>									▲		
	# An unusual record of a male at Xakanaxa - this species does not usually occur this far into the Okavango Delta.												
	White-breasted (bellied) Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talata</i>				▲	▲		▲	▲			▲
NE	Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	■	▲									
	White-eyes	Zosteropidae											
	African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>								▲	▲		
E	Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	■										
	Old World Orioles	Oriolidae											
	African Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>								▲	▲		
	Shrikes	Laniidae											
	Common Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	■			▲							
	Magpie Shrike	<i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>						▲	▲	▲			
	White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguimans</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲						
	Bushshrikes & Allies	Malaconotidae											
	Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>				▲	▲	▲			▲		
	Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>						▲		▲	▲		▲
	Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>			▲			▲	▲				
	Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>											▲
	(Swamp) Gabon Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>							▲	▲	▲		
NE	Crimson-breasted Gonolek (Shrike)	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲			
NE	Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	■										
	Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike (Orange-breasted Bushshrike)	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>									▲		▲
	Gray-headed Bushshrike	<i>Malaconotus</i>											▲
	# Great, close scope views of an adult calling from a tree-top - hotel grounds, Livingstone.												

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	Helmetshrikes	Prionopidae											
	White Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>											▲
	Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>								▲			▲
	# We had great views of a flock of six birds coming down to drink - while having breakfast at Shakawe												
	Drongos	Dicruridae											
	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
	Crows, Jays & Magpies	Corvidae											
	Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>			▲	▲	▲						
	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	■			▲							▲
	Starlings	Sturnidae											
	Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>				▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
	Cape Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲			
	Greater Blue-eared Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>							▲	▲	▲		
	Meves' Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>							▲	▲	▲		
NE	Burchell's Glossy-Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>				▲		▲	▲	▲	▲		
	Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>								▲			
	Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>											▲
NE	Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>		▲	▲								
	Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>								▲	▲		
	Old World Sparrows	Passeridae											
	House Sparrow (I)	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	■										
NE	(Great) Great Rufous Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>		▲				▲					
NE	Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	■					▲					
	Southern Gray-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
	Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Petronia supercilii</i>							▲		▲		
	Weavers & Allies	Ploceidae											
	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>		▲	▲		▲	▲					
NE	Scaly Weaver (Scaly-feathered Finch)	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>											
	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>		▲	▲	▲		▲	▲				▲
E	Social Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>			▲	▲							
	Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>								▲	▲		
	Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Holub's Golden-Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	Southern Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	■	▲		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲
	Chestnut Weaver	<i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>		▲	▲								
	Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>									▲		▲
	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲
	# A bumper season for this species - with large flocks of 'Africa's feathered locusts' from Huab onwards!												
	Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>							▲	▲			
	Grosbeak (Thick-billed) Weaver	<i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>								▲			
	Waxbills & Allies	Estrildidae											
	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>				▲			▲				
	Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>									▲	▲	▲
	# Great, close views of a flock of 9 of the often illusive waxbills feeding next to the path in camp - Xakanaxa												
	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Blue-breasted Cordonbleu (Blue Waxbill)	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>							▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
	Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatina</i>						▲					
	Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	■	▲						▲	▲		

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	Waxbills & Allies	Estrildidae											
	Black-cheeked Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>			▲			▲					
	African Quailfinch	<i>Ortygospiza fuscocrissa</i>							▲				
	Bronze Mannikin	<i>Spermestes cucullata</i>											▲
NE	Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲					
	Whydahs & Indigobirds	Viduidae											
NE	Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>				▲							
	# Great scope views of a flock of these attractive seedeater, with several males in breeding plumage - Okaukeujo												
	Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>					▲						
	Whydahs & Indigobirds	Viduidae											
	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>					LB						
	Siskins, Crossbills & Allies	Fringillidae											
	Black-throated Canary	<i>Serinus atrogularis</i>		▲		▲	▲	▲	▲				
	Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>											▲
NE	Yellow Canary	<i>Serinus flaviventris</i>			▲			▲					
	Buntings, Sparrows & Allies	Emberizidae											
NE	Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>		▲	▲								
	Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>					▲						
	Birds recorded - Pre-tour : 78 species; 9 endemics, 8 near-endemics and 3 breeding endemics												
	Birds recorded - Main tour : 325 species; 6 endemics, 39 near-endemics												
	MAMMALS												
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	Common Slit-faced Bat	<i>Nycterus thebiaca</i>								▲			
	Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>		▲					▲	▲	▲		▲
	Vervet Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	Damara (Mountain)Ground Squirrel	<i>Geosciurus (Xerus) inauris</i>		▲									
E	South African Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>				▲	▲						
	Striped Tree Squirrel	<i>Funisciurus congicus</i>		▲									
	Congo Rope (Tree) Squirrel	<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>					▲	▲		▲	▲		▲
	Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxitalis</i>		▲									
NE	Cape Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>	■										
	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>									▲		
	# We spent an amazing hour watching a stunning female as she rolled in the sand, climbed up-, and down trees, and stalked Impala. At times this fabulous animal was only yards from our vehicle - last game drive at Xakanaxa.												
	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>				▲					▲		
	# Spectacular views of two lionesses hunting Zebra and missing a kill by inches. During the attack, they were heading straight for our vehicle!! Okondeka, Etosha												
	Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	■	▲		▲	▲	▲					
	Side-striped Jackal	<i>Canis adustus</i>									▲		
E	Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>				▲							
	Slender Mongoose	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>	■					▲	▲				
	Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>						▲			▲		
	Cape (African) Clawless Otter	<i>Aonyx capensis</i>								▲			
	African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>				▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲

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E	Rock Dassie (Cape Rock Hyrax)	<i>Procavia capensis</i>		▲									
	Black (Hook-lipped) Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>				▲							
	# Great views of 5 individuals (including a suckling youngster) Okaukuejo waterhole, Etosha												
	Burchell's (Common) Zebra	<i>Equus burchellii</i>				▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
NE	Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equus zebra hartmanni</i>		▲									
	Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopus</i>			▲		▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
	Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲
	Giraffe	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>				▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
	Blue Wildebeest (Brindled Gnu)	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>				▲	▲	▲					▲
	Red Hartebeest (Kongoni)	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>					▲						
NE	Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	■		▲	▲	▲	▲					
	Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>		▲									
	Damara (Kirk's) Dikdik	<i>Madoqua kirkii</i>						▲					
	Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>		▲	▲		▲	▲					
	Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>							▲		▲		▲
	Blackfaced Impala	<i>Aepyceros m. petersi</i>					▲	▲					
	Roan Antelope	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>							▲				
NE	Gemsbok (Southern Oryx)	<i>Oryx gazella</i>		▲		▲	▲	▲					
	Cape (African) Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>											▲
	Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		
	Sititunga	<i>Tragelaphus spekei</i>								▲			
	Bushbuck	<i>Tragelephus scriptus</i>									▲		▲
	Common Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>							▲		▲		
	Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>									▲		
	Red Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>							▲		▲		
	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	■										
	Mammals recorded - Pre-tour : 5 species; 2 near-endemics												
	Mammals recorded - Main tour : 41 species; 3 endemics, 2 near-endemics												
	REPTILES and AMPHIBIANS												
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	Marsh Terrapin	<i>Pelomedusa subrufa</i>		▲			▲	▲			▲		
	Namib Rock Agama	<i>Agama planiceps</i>		▲	▲								
	Hoesch's Skink	<i>Mabuya hoeschi</i>		▲									
	Striped Skink	<i>Mabuya sp.</i>								▲			
	Wahlberg's Striped Skink	<i>Mabuya wahlbergi</i>									▲		
NE	Namaqua Chameleon		■										
	# An amazing series of a female, then a male, followed by a youngster - gravel plains, Namib desert												
	Bouton's Namib Day Gecko	<i>Rhoptropus boultoni</i>		▲									
E	Common Barking Gecko	<i>Ptenopus garrulus</i>		h									
	Chobe Dwarf Gecko	<i>Lygodactylus chobiensis</i>											▲
	Rock Monitor Lizard	<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>				▲							
	Nile (Water) Monitor	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>								▲	▲		▲
	Nile Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>							▲	▲	▲		▲

