



Essential Namibia Birding Set-departure

16th – 28th November 2019

Trip Report



Above: Rüppels Korhaan, Sossusvlei

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Tour Summary

Tour Participants: Larry Derr & Alan Shears

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Temperature Range: 17 – 38 °C

Total Birds Seen: 202

Total Mammals Seen: 30

Birds of the Trip: Augur Buzzard, Rüppel's Korhaan, Damara Tern, Violet Wood Hoopoe, Damara Red-billed Hornbill, Montiero's Hornbill, Rüppel's Parrot, White-tailed Shrike, Carp's Tit, Gray's Lark, Dune Lark, Damara Rockrunner, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Black-faced Babbler, Herero Chat, (denoted by shaded cells in the bird list).

Trip Report Compiled By: Leon Marais

Notes:

This was another great Namibian tour run by Lawson's. As with much of Southern Africa, Namibia is in the grip of a drought, and this did have an effect on the birding, with certain usually common species just not making an appearance, and the usually present Hartlaub's Spurfowls of Erongo having disappeared completely, it seems. Still, it was a wonderful experience, with great overall birding, good wildlife and stunning scenery throughout. And indeed, that really captures the spirit of birding in Namibia – great birding which takes place in some of the most impressive scenery you'll ever see. The accommodation comprised Namibian Wildlife Resorts chalets, private lodges and a guest house in Swakopmund. The food was good overall, and included a few packed meals to allow us to maximize our time in the field. The vehicle was a Toyota Fortuner 4x4, which fit the bill perfectly and was comfortable, even on some of the longer road journeys. Thanks to Larry and Alan for joining this tour and it was from our side a pleasure to host you here in Southern Africa. See details for the 2020 trip here: [Essential Namibia Birding 2020](#)



Above: Montiero's Hornbill, Erongo Wilderness Lodge

Trip Breakdown

Day 1: Saturday, 16th November 2019 ~ Windhoek

Today was an assembly day – Larry had arrived late the night before due to flight delays, and Alan arrived late as well today due to flight delays, so there wasn't much time for birding, though Larry and I did a bit of birding in the resort grounds, recording species such as Chestnut-vented Warbler, Southern Masked and Lesser Masked Weavers, White-backed Mousebird, Dusky Sunbird and Rosy-faced Lovebird. By the time Alan was checked in we had a bit of time to unwind before dinner and an introduction to the tour to come.

Route: N/A

Weather: Clear and hot

Bird species seen: 12

Bird of the day: Rosy-faced Lovebird.

Day 2: Sunday, 17th November 2019 ~ Sesriem

Today we left Windhoek at the early hour of 05h15, the mission at hand being a Herero Chat stakeout on the Spreetshoogte Pass, where the central highlands give way rather suddenly to the vastness of the Namib Desert, one of the scenic highlights of the tour. We left Windhoek in the dark, heading south via Rehoboth, then taking the C24 and D1265 south-westwards. We arrived on the pass at 08h00 under relatively cool conditions, and proceeded half way down to begin the search for the Herero Chat. We started off walking slowly and checking out suitable spots until we had reached the last bend near the bottom of the pass, and then proceeded to the bottom by car where we turned around and headed back up for a second go. On the way up we spotted a single Herero Chat perched up on top of a tree close to the road, and got fairly brief but cracking views before it flew off. We then followed it back down the pass for more views, seeing a second bird as well, and getting some more prolonged views. This was a great start, as Herero Chat is arguably one of the more difficult Namibian specials to find, and this took a lot of pressure off for later in the tour. On the way back up again we also saw a pair of Verreaux's Eagles in display flight, and had a close fly-over by an Augur Buzzard. We then had a picnic breakfast, during which we had quite a number of White-backed and Lappet-faced Vultures swirling overhead. We then made our way to camp via Solitaire, where we had a quick break, with fantastic scenery all the way to our lodge in the Namib Naukluft National park at Sesriem. We checked in and had a break and then took a short afternoon drive that produced a great sighting of a pair of Rüppel's Korhaans, with some great audio as they advertised their territory as the day came to an end. Back at the lodge we had dinner on the deck, with stupendous views of the sun setting to the west, before calling it a night in anticipation of a great day to come

Route: Windhoek to Sesriem via Rehoboth, the Spreetshoogte Pass and Solitaire

Weather: clear and hot

Bird species seen: 45

Birds of the day: Herero Chat, Augur Buzzard, Verreaux's Eagle.

Day 3: Monday, 18th November 2019 ~ Sesriem and Solitaire

Today we left camp at 06h00 heading into the park, destined for Sossusvlei and the huge dunes of the Namib sand sea – one of the classic scenic spots of Namibia. En-route we got a beautiful trio of Rüppel's Korhaans, making for a great start to the day. From there we proceeded slowly to the Tsauchab River view site, where we began the search for Dune Lark, Namibia's only true endemic and an important bird on the tour. Surprisingly though we could not locate one, this spot usually being a solid bet. After a while of searching (with another birding group also coming up empty-handed) we decided to push on, seeing a lovely Ludwig's Bustard before making for our breakfast spot at Sossusvlei, with some stops along the route to admire the incredible desert scenery all around us. At the Sossusvlei picnic site we ate among the resident Cape Sparrows, and afterwards Alan took a walk into Deadvlei for some landscape shots while Larry and I searched the Picnic area for the resident Spotted Eagle Owl pair. We found them roosting in a large Camel Thorn tree, and it seemed as if the female might have been on a nest. From there we collected Alan from his walk to Deadvlei, showed him the owls and then made our way back to the Dune Lark spot, where we were soon rewarded with great views of one only a few minutes after arriving. We then headed back to the camp to relax, and in the late afternoon headed out again, hoping to find the Dune Lark again in better light. But

once again it did not oblige, but we still had a great time photographing Oryx, Springbok, some birds and the curious Fairy Circles of the Namib Desert before heading back for dinner.

Route: Sesriem to Sossusvlei

Weather: clear and warm

Bird species seen: 24

Birds of the day: Dune Lark, Ludwig's Bustard, Spotted Eagle Owl.

Day 4: Tuesday, 19th November 2019 ~ Swakopmund

Today we met up for breakfast at 07h00 overlooking the desert, then packed up and departed for the coast, stopping to see Sesriem Canyon not far from the lodge on the way out. This interesting slot canyon owes its origins to the ice age, and makes for a good spot to search for Bradfield's Swifts, which unfortunately weren't present during our short visit. It was more a travelling day, albeit through some spectacular scenery, with several stops to take photographs and to try and soak it all in. We picked up some lunch to go in Solitaire and took a few scenery stops on the way, arriving in Walvis Bay in the mid-afternoon. The tide in the bay was low and the exposed mud flats were crammed with both Greater and Lesser Flamingos, making for a spectacular sight, especially after emerging from the barren coastal Namib Desert. We then pushed on to Swakopmund, where we wrapped up a few logistical issues before taking time to recharge and get ready for dinner at Kücki's Pub and Restaurant, a fine end to the day.

Route: Sesriem to Swakopmund via Walvis Bay

Weather: clear and hot inland, cooler at the coast

Bird species seen: 19

Bird of the day: Rüppel's Korhaan.

Day 5: Wednesday, 20th November 2019 ~ Swakopmund and Walvis Bay

Today Alan was booked on a 'living desert' tour, going into the endless dunes inland of town to see and film some of the remarkable creatures living in the seemingly lifeless sand sea. These include Shovel-snouted Lizard, Namib Sand Gecko, Namaqua Chameleon, Peringuey's Adder, and a range of insects, spiders, beetles etc. It's a great trip, which Alan thoroughly enjoyed. Larry and I headed out into the desert in search of Gray's Lark, in the process discovering a remarkable area known as the Moon Valley, where the almost featureless gravel plains suddenly give way to an incredibly rugged but beautiful valley, in the bottom of which was a veritable oasis of greenery where we saw some great birds such as Lanner Falcon, Dusky Sunbird, Orange River White-eye, Cardinal Woodpecker, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Southern Masked Weaver, Cape Sparrow and others. Gray's Lark however had eluded us, so we continued with our route and eventually found a small flock foraging next to the main road where a large water pipe had leaked, bagging Tractrac Chat at the same place as well. From there we headed back to town to change money and have a cup of coffee, and when Alan got back we loaded up and made our way down to Walvis Bay for some wader watching along the esplanade and down to the salt works. Our two target species were Chestnut-banded Plover and Damara Tern, both of which we were successful with. The birding was good overall, thanks to pretty good weather, and we managed a good haul of species including Cape Teal, Great White Pelican, Cape Cormorant, Black-winged Stilt, Pied Avocet, Bar-tailed Godwit, Whimberel, Common Greenshank, Sanderling, Little Stint, Caspian and Sandwich Terns, and many others. From there we made our way back to Swakopmund for a chance to relax before dinner at The Brewer and Butcher.

Route: Welwitschia Loop and Moon Valley AM; Walvis Bay salt works PM

Weather: cool and foggy to start, becoming clear and mild

Bird species seen: 44

Birds of the day: Gray's Lark, Chestnut-banded Plover

Day 6: Thursday, 21st November 2019 ~ Erongo Wilderness

Today we started with breakfast at 07h00, then packed and headed down to the beach near the Swakop River mouth to kill some time while we waited for the shops in town to open, recording two pairs of Damara Terns flying inland to feed their chicks in nests among the sand dunes. From there we stopped off in town for a few essentials before making our way inland along the B2 before diverting for some birding around the

impressive Spitzkoppe rock formation. We recorded Monteiro's Hornbill, Damara Red-billed Hornbill, Kalahari Scrub Robin, Layard's Warbler, Rock Kestrel and a few others before the rising heat put a dampener on bird activity. From there we pushed on to Erongo Wilderness Lodge, arriving at around 15h00 to check in and take a break before high tea at 16h00. Some new birds started appearing soon after arriving and we put White-tailed Shrike on the list, while some late afternoon birding produced Carp's Tit, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Augur Buzzard, Great Sparrow, Red-billed Spurfowl, Rosy-faced Lovebird and several others. We then met up at 19h00 for dinner, with Freckled Nightjars zipping around the outdoor dining area as night fell to round off another great day in Namibia.

Route: Swakopmund to Erongo via Spitzkoppe

Weather: cool and foggy on the coast, clear and hot at Erongo

Bird species seen: 49

Birds of the day: Layard's Warbler, White-tailed Shrike

Day 7: Friday, 22nd November 2019 ~ Erongo Wilderness

Today Larry and I met up at 05h30 for an early morning birding walk. We were a tad early, and had to wait a little while before it got light enough to start walking, but that gave us opportunity to listen out for the Hartlaub's Spurfowls, which were unfortunately not vocalizing at all. Alan did his own thing for the morning, spending time filming the birds around the restaurant feeding station area. Larry and I were on the lookout for Hartlaub's Spurfowl, the prime target species for the area, but despite heading to a usually reliable spot, there was no evidence of the birds at all, though at least we managed to see Damara Rockrunner, the other special species for Erongo. Back at the lodge we had a great breakfast while watching the scores of Rosy Faced Lovebirds and other species at the feeding station, arguably the best place for general birding on the property! After the meal we drove to the Omaruru Campsite in town to look for Rüppel's Parrot, which we did manage to find, thanks to the help of one of the camp staff members, and also recorded other species such as Grey Go-Away Bird, African Hoopoe, White-bellied Sunbird, African Paradise Flycatcher and others. We then made our way back to Erongo to rest through the heat of the day, and in the afternoon Larry relaxed in his room, birding from the porch, Allan spent time filming birds in camp while I went to recon a new area for Hartlaub's Spurfowl, aiming to widen our search area as the drought might have caused the birds to disperse further afield. We then met up at 19h00 for dinner on the deck before calling it a night.

Route: walks around the lodge, plus a short drive into Omaruru

Weather: clear and hot

Bird species seen: 35

Birds of the day: Rüppel's Parrot, White-tailed Shrike

Day 8: Saturday, 23rd November 2019 ~Etosha, Okaukuejo

Once again we were up early to look for the elusive Hartlaub's Spurfowl. Changing tactics a bit we started off by vehicle, driving down to the lower parking area and then taking a track running alongside the rocky outcrops for a couple of kilometers. We stopped to listen every few hundred meters, getting out and scanning the rocky slopes, but to no avail, it seemed as if the Spurfowls just weren't there, perhaps having moved as a result of the drought. We did get better views of Damara Rockrunner, and picked up a few new species such as Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Golden-tailed Woodpecker and Crimson-breasted Shrike, and it was still a pleasant morning's birding in a stunningly beautiful environment. Back at the lodge we had breakfast, packed and departed for Etosha, with a nice lunch stop at the Bakery in Outjo. We got to Anderson Gate and entered Etosha at around 13h00, and had our first bit of game viewing and birding as we made our way to Okaukuejo Resort. One of the highlights on the way in was a Gabar Goshawk finishing off some kind of bird kill in the shade right next to the road. After checking in we took a bit of a break through the heat, and then took a late afternoon drive out to Gemsbokvlake and Nebrowni Waterhole, recording a multitude of new birds and mammals, the latter including three Black Rhino and a Black-backed Jackal den with five tiny pups, all playing around the burrow entrance while mom kept a watchful eye out. Back at camp we had dinner and then checked out the camp waterhole, which produced even more Black Rhino sightings (reaffirming Etosha as the world's best place to see Black Rhino) and then called it a day.

Route: Erongo to Okaukuejo, game drive around Okaukuejo

Weather: clear and hot

Bird species seen: 56

Birds of the day: Damara Rockrunner, Pallid Harrier.

Day 9: Sunday, 24th November 2019 ~ Etosha, Halali

Today we met up at 06h00 for a pre-breakfast drive, heading back towards Anderson Gate to check out Omabinda Waterhole, but it wasn't too productive overall. Back at camp we had a quick look at the waterhole, and Larry spotted an African Wildcat on the run while looking at a flock of Helmeted Guineafowl. The cat disappeared into a thicket, and a pair of Tawny Eagles immediately flew in to perch on top of the bushes, probably waiting for the cat to flush some smaller prey items (though the big eagles are known to prey on Wild Cats). We then had breakfast, followed by a longish drive eastwards to Halali Resort, which produced some good sightings, including new species such as Namaqua Sandgrouse, Capped Wheatear and Rufous-eared Warbler. We arrived in camp in time for lunch, quickly bagging the resident Bare-cheeked Babbler on the camp lawn. After lunch we took some time out through the heat of the day and in the early evening Alan and I went up to the camp waterhole to see out the daylight. The highlight on the bird side was a Western Yellow Wagtail, as an odd record for the area, while on the mammal side we were graced by the most magnificent Black Rhino bull coming down to drink as the sun set, making for a great end to a great day in Etosha.

Route: Okaukuejo to Halali

Weather: clear and hot

Bird species seen: 61

Birds of the day: Rufous-eared Warbler, Bare-cheeked Babbler.

Day 10: Monday, 25th November 2019 ~ Etosha, Namutoni

Today we met up at 05h45 and went up to the waterhole for a pre-breakfast session. It wasn't however as good as it can be, but we did record three new bird species: Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, Grey-backed Cameroptera and Marabou Stork. At around 07h00 we packed it in and walked around the camp to try and find the Violet Wood-Hoopoes, but to no avail so we had breakfast and tried again afterwards, with great success with a family of Wood-Hoopoes foraging in the trees in the camp site. We then packed up and left Halali, heading east to Namutoni. Along the way we saw a White-headed Vulture and a Lappet-faced Vulture out on the pan feeding on the remains of a Zebra, and a few hundred meters on came across the culprits: two Lionesses and an impressive male. Under his intense stare we didn't hang around too long, and after some good photo ops carried on, seeing plenty more on the way to the next camp. We arrived in time for lunch and then took a break before heading out again at 17h00. Unfortunately a puncture used up some of our time, but no Namibian trip is quite the same without a flat tire or two! Moving on we spent the last 20 minutes at Chudop waterhole where, simultaneously, we had a melanistic Gabar Goshawk trying to catch Red-billed Queleas around the water while a Black Rhino bull made his way down to drink – we didn't know where to point our cameras!. Unfortunately something startled the Rhino and he ran back to the tree line, and at that point we made our way back to camp for dinner, arriving in camp just as the gates closed for the day.

Route: Halali to Namutoni, game drives around Namutoni

Weather: clear and hot AM, thunderstorm activity PM

Bird species seen: 56

Birds of the day: Gabar Goshawk, Violet Wood-Hoopoe.

Day 11: Tuesday, 26th November 2019 ~ Etosha, Namutoni

Today we wanted to find out about getting the tire fixed so we had breakfast at 06h00 and then learned that there was nowhere close by to get it fixed so we carried on with our morning (we had a couple of emergency tire foam canisters as a back-up). We headed down to Klein Namutoni waterhole first, then headed around Fischer's Pan and then went north all the way up to Andoni Plains, where the waterhole and surrounding area was crammed with game, and we found the Blue Cranes, though at quite some distance off the road. At the water we recorded South African Shelduck, a lone juvenile Lesser Flamingo, loads of Cape Teals and

some waders, as well as Pink-billed Lark in the parking area. We then made our way back to camp for lunch, and in the late afternoon, under impressive rolling thunderstorms, Alan and I headed out on an afternoon drive, which produced some fantastic stormy landscapes, and we ended off with some wonderful Spotted Hyena action at Klein Namutoni before dinner.

Route: game drives around Namutoni

Weather: clear and hot AM, thunderstorm activity PM

Bird species seen: 66

Bird of the day: Pink-billed Lark.

Day 12: Wednesday, 27th November 2019 ~ Waterberg Wilderness

Today we met up at 06h00 for an early morning drive, which took us down to Klein Namutoni, Klein Otavi, Groot Otavi and the edge of the vast Etosha Pan. New birds were few and far between, the drought seeming to have affected the numbers of small seed eaters in particular. It was a pleasant morning nevertheless, fresh after the recent rain, and back at camp we had breakfast before packing and departing. We exited Etosha via Von Lindequist Gate, and then popped in to Mokuti Lodge just outside to look for their resident Black-faced Babblers (hard to find in the park!), which we had success with after a few passes through the lush gardens. Moving on, we refueled and got the tire fixed near Tsumeb and then drove south along the B1 to the Waterberg Plateau. En-route we passed through several large thunder storms, which delivered enough rain to form large pools of standing water in many areas. The rain also triggered the eruption of vast numbers of termite alates, and for a long time we drove through large flocks of Common Swifts making the most of the bounty. Just south of Otjiwarongo we pulled off the road to marvel at a massive eruption of termites that had attracted huge numbers of swifts as well as Wahlberg's and Lesser-spotted Eagles (in good numbers) and even some Marabou Storks, the whole scene being one of the highlights of the entire trip. We arrived at our destination at about 15h30 and spent the rest of the afternoon birding in the grounds, drinking tea and relaxing. We managed to add African Fish Eagle, Violet Wood-Hoopoe, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Pearl-spotted Owlet and a few others to the day's tally. We then met up for dinner in the evening, with a bottle of South African Sauvignon Blanc to toast a truly fantastic Namibian birding and wildlife experience, now sadly behind us.

Route: Namutoni to Waterberg Wilderness

Weather: warm and stormy

Bird species seen: 60

Birds of the day: Common Swift and Lesser-spotted Eagle.

Day 13: Thursday, 28th November 2019 ~ Departure

Today Alan and I had mid-day flights out of Windhoek, so we didn't have much time for birding and by 06h30 we were on the road, heading back to Windhoek and on to the airport after dropping Larry off at a travel lodge where he could relax before his late afternoon flight to Victoria Falls.



Above: Giraffes drinking, Etosha

Bird List

(Note: birds listed were seen by the guide and at least one member of the tour)

#	Species	Info	Seen	FG	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Ostrich <i>Struthionidae</i>																	
1	Common Ostrich <i>Struthio camelus</i>		8	134		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	
Ducks, Geese & Swans <i>Anatidae</i>																	
2	Egyptian Goose (M) <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		3	76								X	X		X		
3	South African Shelduck (M) <i>Tadorna cana</i>		1	76											X		
4	Cape Teal (M) <i>Anas capensis</i>		3	80					X				X		X		
5	Red-billed Teal (M) <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>		2	80								X	X				
Guineafowl <i>Numididae</i>																	
6	Helmeted Guineafowl <i>Numida meleagris</i>		6	134		X							X	X	X	X	X
Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies <i>Phasianidae</i>																	
7	Red-billed Spurfowl <i>Pternistis adspersus</i>		8	138						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8	Swainson's Spurfowl <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>		1	138												X	
Grebes <i>Podicipedidae</i>																	
9	Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		4	72								X	X		X	X	
Flamingos <i>Phoenicopteridae</i>																	
10	Greater Flamingo (M) <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		2	54				X	X								
11	Lesser Flamingo (M) <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	-- NT-	3	54				X	X						X		
Storks <i>Ciconiidae</i>																	
12	Saddle-billed Stork (M) <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>		1	70											X		
13	Marabou Stork (M) <i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>		3	70										X	X	X	
Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns <i>Ardeidae</i>																	
14	Western Cattle Egret (M) <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		1	62											X		
15	Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>		2	60					X	X							
16	Black-headed Heron (M) <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>		2	60								X	X				

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17	Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>		1	62					X								
Pelicans <i>Pelecanidae</i>																	
18	Great White Pelican (M) <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>		1	54					X								
Cormorants and Shags <i>Phalacrocoracidae</i>																	
19	Crowned Cormorant (M) <i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>	-- NT-	1	56					X								
20	White-breasted Cormorant (M) <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>		2	56					X	X							
21	Cape Cormorant (M) <i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	-- NT-	1	56					X								
Kites, Hawks & Eagles <i>Accipitridae</i>																	
22	Black-winged Kite <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		1	114		X											
23	White-backed Vulture (M) <i>Gyps africanus</i>	-- NT-	4	86		X							X	X	X		
24	White-headed Vulture (M) <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	-- VU-	2	88									X	X			
25	Lappet-faced Vulture <i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	-- VU-	5	88		X	X	X					X	X			
26	Black-chested Snake Eagle (M) <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>		1	102								X					
27	Brown Snake Eagle (M) <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>		1	102						X							
28	Bateleur (M) <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	-- NT-	2	92										X	X		
29	Wahlberg's Eagle (M) <i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i>		1	96												X	
30	Lesser-spotted Eagle (M) <i>Aquila pomarina</i>		1	100												X	
31	Tawny Eagle <i>Aquila rapax</i>		5	96								X	X	X	X	X	
32	Verreaux's Eagle (M) <i>Aquila verreauxii</i>		1	94		X											
33	African Hawk-Eagle (M) <i>Aquila spilogaster</i>		1	100												X	
34	Gabar Goshawk <i>Micronisus gabar</i>		2	116								X		X			
35	Pale Chanting Goshawk <i>Melierax canorus</i>		7	116		X				X		X	X	X	X	X	
36	Pallid Harrier (M) <i>Circus macrourus</i>	-- VU-	1	110								X					
37	African Fish Eagle (M) <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>		1	92												X	
38	Augur Buzzard (M) <i>Buteo augur</i>		3	106		X				X	X						

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Bustards <i>Otididae</i>																	
39	Kori Bustard <i>Ardeotis kori</i>	-- NT-	4	154								X	X	X	X		
40	Ludwig's Bustard (M) <i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	-- EN-	1	154			X										
41	Rüppell's Korhaan <i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>	N---	4	112		X	X	X		X							
42	Red-crested Korhaan (M) <i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>		4	156								X	X	X	X		
43	Northern Black Korhaan <i>Afrotis afraoides</i>		5	156								X	X	X	X	X	
Cranes <i>Gruidae</i>																	
44	Blue Crane (M) <i>Grus paradisea</i>	-- VU-	1	124											X		
Stilts and Avocets <i>Recurvirostridae</i>																	
45	Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		2	160					X							X	
46	Pied Avocet (M) <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		1	160					X								
Plovers and Lapwings <i>Charadriidae</i>																	
47	Blacksmith Lapwing (M) <i>Vanellus armatus</i>		5	168								X	X	X	X	X	
48	Crowned Lapwing <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>		4	170								X	X	X	X		
49	Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		3	172				X	X	X							
50	Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		1	178					X								
51	Kittlitz's Plover (M) <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>		3	176								X		X	X		
52	Three-banded Plover <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>		2	178									X	X			
53	White-fronted Plover <i>Charadrius marginatus</i>		2	176				X	X								
54	Chestnut-banded Plover <i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	-- NT-	3	176					X			X	X				
Sandpipers and Allies <i>Scolopacidae</i>																	
55	Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>		1	184					X								
56	Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		2	182					X	X							
57	Common Greenshank (M) <i>Tringa nebularia</i>		2	186					X						X		
58	Wood Sandpiper (M) <i>Tringa glareola</i>		3	190								X		X	X		
59	Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>		2	192				X	X								

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60	Ruff (M) <i>Calidris pugnax</i>		2	192											X	X	
61	Curlew Sandpiper (M) <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		1	196					X								
62	Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>		1	194					X								
63	Little Stint (M) <i>Calidris minuta</i>		1	200					X								
Pratincoles and Coursers <i>Glareolidae</i>																	
64	Double-banded Courser <i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>		6	166						X		X	X	X	X	X	
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers <i>Laridae</i>																	
65	Hartlaub's Gull (M) <i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>		2	208				X	X								
66	Kelp Gull <i>Larus dominicanus</i>		2	206					X	X							
67	Caspian Tern (M) <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>		2	210				X	X								
68	Sandwich Tern (M) <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		1	212					X								
69	Damara Tern (M) <i>Sternula balaenarum</i>	-- NT-	2	216					X	X							
70	Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>		2	214					X	X							
71	White-winged Tern (M) <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>		1	218						X							
Sandgrouse <i>Pteroclididae</i>																	
72	Namaqua Sandgrouse (M) <i>Pterocles namaqua</i>		3	220									X	X	X		
73	Double-banded Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>		2	220								X		X			
Pigeons and Doves <i>Columbidae</i>																	
74	Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i>	I---	1	222				X									
75	Speckled Pigeon <i>Columba guinea</i>		5	222		X	X	X		X		X					
76	Ring-necked Dove <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		6	224								X	X	X	X	X	X
77	Laughing Dove <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>		9	224					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
78	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove (M) <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>		2	226										X	X		
79	Namaqua Dove <i>Oena capensis</i>		3	226		X						X			X		
Turacos <i>Musophagidae</i>																	

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80	Grey Go-away-bird <i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>		8	232	X	X					X	X		X	X	X	X
Cuckoos <i>Cuculidae</i>																	
81	African Cuckoo (M) <i>Cuculus gularis</i>		1	234							X						
Barn-Owls <i>Tytonidae</i>																	
	Western Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba</i>			244			H										
Owls <i>Strigidae</i>																	
82	Spotted Eagle-Owl <i>Bubo africanus</i>		1	244				X									
83	Pearl-spotted Owlet <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>		1	242									X				
Nightjars and Allies <i>Caprimulgidae</i>																	
84	European Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>		1	246								X					
85	Rufous-cheeked Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>		1	248								X					
86	Freckled Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>		2	246					X	X							
Swifts <i>Apodidae</i>																	
87	African Palm Swift <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>		2	252											X	X	
88	Alpine Swift <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		1	250												X	
89	Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i>		1	250												X	
90	Bradfield's Swift <i>Apus bradfieldi</i>		1	250											X		
91	Little Swift <i>Apus affinis</i>		2	252								X	X				
92	White-rumped Swift (M) <i>Apus caffer</i>		2	252					X						X		
Mousebirds <i>Coliidae</i>																	
93	White-backed Mousebird <i>Colius colius</i>		3	254	X	X	X										
94	Red-faced Mousebird <i>Urocolius indicus</i>		1	254												X	
Rollers <i>Coraciidae</i>																	
95	Purple Roller <i>Coracias naevius</i>		2	264		X										X	
96	Lilac-breasted Roller <i>Coracias caudatus</i>		1	264		X											
Bee-eaters <i>Meropidae</i>																	

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97	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater <i>Merops hirundineus</i>		4	262					X	X		X	X				
98	European Bee-eater (M) <i>Merops apiaster</i>		5	260							X	X	X	X		X	
Hoopoes <i>Upupidae</i>																	
99	African Hoopoe (M) <i>Upupa africana</i>		2	270							X		X				
Wood Hoopoes <i>Phoeniculidae</i>																	
100	Violet Wood Hoopoe (M) <i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>		3	270									X	X		X	
101	Common Scimitarbill <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>		3	270						X	X						X
Hornbills <i>Bucerotidae</i>																	
102	Damara Red-billed Hornbill (M) <i>Tockus damarensis</i>	N---	4	268						X		X	X	X			
103	Southern Red-billed Hornbill (M) <i>Tockus rufirostris</i>		1	268										X			
104	Monteiro's Hornbill (M) <i>Tockus monteiri</i>	N---	3	268						X	X	X					
105	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill <i>Tockus leucomelas</i>		6	266		X						X	X	X	X	X	
106	African Grey Hornbill <i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>		5	266							X		X	X	X	X	
African Barbets <i>Lybiidae</i>																	
107	Acacia Pied Barbet <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>		2	274		X							X				
Woodpeckers <i>Picidae</i>																	
108	Golden-tailed Woodpecker <i>Campethera abingoni</i>		1	278								X					
109	Cardinal Woodpecker <i>Dendropicops fuscescens</i>		1	280					X								
Falcons and Caracaras <i>Falconidae</i>																	
110	Rock Kestrel (M) <i>Falco rupicolus</i>		3	130			X			X		X					
111	Lanner Falcon <i>Falco biarmicus</i>		1	124					X								
112	Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>		3	124		X				X				X			
African & New World Parrots <i>Psittacidae</i>																	
113	Rüppell's Parrot (M) <i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>	N---	1	230							X						

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	Old World Parrots <i>Psittaculidae</i>																
114	Rosy-faced Lovebird <i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>		5	228		X			X	X	X	X					
	Wattle-eyes, Batises <i>Platysteiridae</i>																
115	Pirit Batis <i>Batis pririt</i>		3	374						X	X	X					
116	White-tailed Shrike (M) <i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>		3	376						X	X	X					
	Helmetsrikes and Allies <i>Prionopidae</i>																
117	White-crested Helmetshrike <i>Prionops plumatus</i>		1	392											X		
	Bushshrikes and Allies <i>Malaconotidae</i>																
118	Black-backed Puffback <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>		2	392							X						X
119	Crimson-breasted Shrike (M) <i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>		3	394								X	X				X
	Shrikes <i>Laniidae</i>																
120	Southern White-crowned Shrike <i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>		3	390									X	X	X		
121	Red-backed Shrike <i>Lanius collurio</i>		1	390													X
122	Southern Fiscal <i>Lanius collaris</i>		5	390		X	X			X		X			X		
	Drongos <i>Dicruridae</i>																
123	Fork-tailed Drongo <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>		6	302		X					X		X	X	X	X	
	Monarchs <i>Monarchidae</i>																
124	African Paradise Flycatcher <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>		4	372	X					X	X						X
	Crows, Jays, and Magpies <i>Corvidae</i>																
125	Cape Crow <i>Corvus capensis</i>		5	306	X	X						X	X	X			
126	Pied Crow (M) <i>Corvus albus</i>		6	306	X	X	X					X	X				X
	Tits, Chickadees <i>Paridae</i>																
127	Carp's Tit (M) <i>Melaniparus carpi</i>	N---	1	308						X							
	Larks <i>Alaudidae</i>																

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128	Spike-heeled Lark <i>Chersomanes albobasciata</i>		2	282								X	X				
129	Gray's Lark <i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>	N---	1	292					X								
130	Karoo Long-billed Lark <i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>	N---	1	288						X							
131	Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark <i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>		1	292									X				
132	Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark <i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>		2	292								X	X				
133	Sabota Lark <i>Calendulauda sabota</i>		7	282		X				X		X	X	X	X	X	
134	Dune Lark (M) <i>Calendulauda erythrochlamys</i>	E---	1	284			X										
135	Rufous-naped Lark <i>Mirafra africana</i>		1	286											X		
136	Stark's Lark (M) <i>Spizocorys starki</i>		2	290								X	X				
137	Pink-billed Lark <i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>		1	290											X		
138	Red-capped Lark <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>		5	282					X			X	X	X	X		
Bulbuls Pycnonotidae																	
139	African Red-eyed Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>		11	312	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swallows Hirundinidae																	
140	Banded Martin <i>Riparia cincta</i>		1	300											X		
141	Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>		10	294		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
142	Rock Martin <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>		8	300		X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	
143	Lesser Striped Swallow <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>		1	296													X
Crombecs, African warblers Macrosphenidae																	
144	Rockrunner <i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>		2	336							X	X					
145	Long-billed Crombec <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>		1	338											X		
Leaf warblers and allies Phylloscopidae																	
146	Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		1	346											X		
Cisticolas and allies Cisticolidae																	

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147	Desert Cisticola <i>Cisticola aridulus</i>		1	352											X		
148	Black-chested Prinia <i>Prinia flavicans</i>		1	362			X										
149	Rufous-eared Warbler <i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>		1	362									X				
150	Grey-backed Camaroptera <i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>		1	364										X			
151	Yellow-bellied Eremomela <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>		1	340								X					
Laughingthrushes <i>Leiothrichidae</i>																	
152	Black-faced Babbler <i>Turdoides melanops</i>		1	310												X	
153	Bare-cheeked Babbler <i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>		2	310									X	X			
Sylviid Babblers <i>Sylviidae</i>																	
154	Chestnut-vented Warbler <i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i>		4	342		X	X		X						X		
155	Layard's Warbler <i>Sylvia layardi</i>		1	342					X								
White-eyes <i>Zosteropidae</i>																	
156	Orange River White-eye <i>Zosterops pallidus</i>		1	378					X								
Starlings <i>Sturnidae</i>																	
157	Cape Starling <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>		7	400		X					X	X	X	X	X	X	
158	Burchell's Starling (M) <i>Lamprotornis australis</i>		1	402											X		
159	Pale-winged Starling (M) <i>Onychognathus naboroupe</i>		7	402		X	X	X		X	X	X				X	
Thrushes and Allies <i>Turdidae</i>																	
160	Groundscraper Thrush <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>		2	316								X	X				
Chats, Old World Flycatchers <i>Muscicapidae</i>																	
161	Kalahari Scrub Robin <i>Cercotrichas paena</i>		4	330						X				X	X	X	
162	White-browed Scrub Robin <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>		2	330							X					X	
163	Chat Flycatcher <i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>		5	368		X	X			X		X	X				
164	Marico Flycatcher <i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>		5	368	X								X	X	X	X	

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165	Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1	370					X								
166	Short-toed Rock Thrush <i>Monticola brevipes</i>		2	318						X			X				
167	Tractrac Chat <i>Emarginata tractrac</i>		2	412						X	X						
168	Ant-eating Chat (M) <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>		1	324											X		
169	Mountain Wheatear <i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>		5	324		X	X	X		X	X						
170	Capped Wheatear <i>Oenanthe pileata</i>		1	326									X				
171	Familiar Chat <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>		2	322		X				X							
172	Herero Chat (M) <i>Namibornis herero</i>	N---	1	328		X											
Sunbirds and Spiderhunters <i>Nectariniidae</i>																	
173	Scarlet-chested Sunbird <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>		1	408													X
174	Marico Sunbird <i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>		1	410													X
175	White-bellied Sunbird <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>		1	412							X						
176	Dusky Sunbird <i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>		6	412		X	X		X	X	X	X					
Old World Sparrows <i>Passeridae</i>																	
177	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>		10	416	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X
178	Sociable Weaver <i>Philetairus socius</i>		4	416		X	X	X					X				
179	House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	I---	2	414		X	X										
180	Great Sparrow <i>Passer motitensis</i>		5	414						X	X		X	X	X		
181	Cape Sparrow <i>Passer melanurus</i>		6	414	X	X	X	X	X	X							
182	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow <i>Passer diffusus</i>		6	414						X	X	X		X	X	X	
Weavers, Widowbirds <i>Ploceidae</i>																	
183	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver <i>Bubalornis niger</i>		1	416							X						
184	Scaly-feathered Weaver <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>		4	430					X					X	X	X	
185	Lesser Masked Weaver <i>Ploceus intermedius</i>		2	420	X	X											

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186	Southern Masked Weaver <i>Ploceus velatus</i>		7	420	X		X		X	X	X	X					X
187	Red-billed Quelea <i>Quelea quelea</i>		4	422									X	X	X	X	
Waxbills, Munias and allies <i>Estrildidae</i>																	
188	Green-winged Pytilia <i>Pytilia melba</i>		1	434							X						
189	Red-headed Finch <i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>		3	430		X							X	X			
Indigobirds <i>Viduidae</i>																	
190	Shaft-tailed Whydah (M) <i>Vidua regia</i>		2	426										X			X
Wagtails, Pipits <i>Motacillidae</i>																	
191	Cape Wagtail <i>Motacilla capensis</i>		3	380	X			X		X							
192	Western Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i>		1	380									X				
193	African Pipit <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>		1	386									X				
195	Buffy Pipit <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>		1	384										X			
Finches <i>Fringillidae</i>																	
196	Black-throated Canary <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>		3	442									X	X	X		
197	Yellow Canary <i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>		1	442		X											
198	White-throated Canary <i>Crithagra alboocularis</i>		2	440		X				X							
Old World Buntings <i>Emberizidae</i>																	
199	Lark-like Bunting <i>Emberiza impetuani</i>		2	446		X								X			
200	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>		1	446										X			
201	Cape Bunting <i>Emberiza capensis</i>		2	446		X					X						
202	Golden-breasted Bunting <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>		1	446													X
	Daily Totals				12	45	24	19	44	50	35	56	61	56	66	60	9

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Elephants <i>Elephantidae</i>																	
1	African Elephant (M) <i>Loxodonta africana</i>		4	85								X	X	X	X		
Hylaxes <i>Procaviidae</i>																	
2	Rock Hyrax <i>Procavia capensis</i>		5	84		X				X	X	X				X	
Old World monkeys <i>Cercopithecidae</i>																	
3	Chacma Baboon <i>Papio ursinus</i>		5	7	X	X				X		X				X	
Rabbits, Hares <i>Leporidae</i>																	
4	Scrub Hare (M) <i>Lepus saxatilis</i>		1	37									X				
Dassie Rat <i>Petromuridae</i>																	
5	Dassie Rat (M) <i>Petromus typicus</i>		2	51						X		X					
Squirrels <i>Sciuridae</i>																	
6	South African Ground Squirrel (M) <i>Xerus inauris</i>		4	39		X		X		X			X				
7	Smith's Bush Squirrel (M) <i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>		2										X	X			
Cats <i>Felidae</i>																	
8	Wild Cat <i>Felis silvestris</i>		1	75									X				
9	Lion <i>Panthera leo</i>		2	77									X	X			
Mongoose <i>Herpestidae</i>																	
10	Slender Mongoose (M) <i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>		2	68										X		X	
11	Banded Mongoose (M) <i>Mungos mungo</i>		2	66											X	X	
Hyenas, Aardwolf <i>Hyaenidae</i>																	
12	Spotted Hyaena (M) <i>Crocuta crocuta</i>		4	71									X	X	X	X	
Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals <i>Canidae</i>																	
13	Black-backed Jackal (M) <i>Canis mesomelas</i>		6	61			X					X	X	X	X	X	
Sea Lions <i>Otariidae</i>																	
14	Afro-Australian Fur Seal <i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>		1					X									

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Zebras, Horse, Asses <i>Equidae</i>																	
15	Plains Zebra <i>Equus quagga</i>		5	86								X	X	X	X	X	
16	Mountain Zebra <i>Equus zebra</i>	N---	2	87		X		X									
Rhinceroses <i>Rhinocerotidae</i>																	
17	White Rhinoceros <i>Ceratotherium simum</i>		1	89									X				
18	Black Rhinoceros <i>Diceros bicornis</i>		3	89								X	X	X			
Pigs <i>Suidae</i>																	
19	Common Warthog <i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>		5	92	X							X			X	X	X
Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats <i>Bovidae</i>																	
20	Impala <i>Aepyceros melampus</i>		4	112									X	X	X	X	
21	Hartebeest <i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>		2	114									X	X			
22	Springbok (M) <i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>		9	111		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
23	Common Wildebeest (M) <i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>		6	115		X						X	X	X	X	X	
24	Kirk's Dik-dik (M) <i>Madoqua kirkii</i>		2	106									X			X	
25	Klipspringer <i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>		1	105						X							
26	Gemsbok (M) <i>Oryx gazella</i>		8	117		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	
27	Steenbok <i>Raphicerus campestris</i>		6	105		X						X	X	X	X	X	
28	Common Duiker (M) <i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>		1	100		X											
29	Greater Kudu (M) <i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		3	98								X	X	X			
Giraffe, Okapi <i>Giraffidae</i>																	
30	Giraffe <i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>		5	94								X	X	X	X	X	
	Daily Totals				2	9	3	5	1	5	1	14	20	16	12	15	1



Clockwise from top left: Hereo Chat; Dune Lark; Ludwig's Bustard; Flamingos at Walvis Bay; Damara Terns; Gemsbok.



Clockwise from top left: Great White Pelican fly-by; White-tailed Shrike; Lion; Zebras crossing Etosha Pan; Violet Wood-Hoopoe; Ostriches.