



South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe

Tour Report
25 January to 10 February 2018

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ITINERARY

- 25 Jan: fly Johannesburg to Richards Bay. Drive to St Lucia.
- 26 Jan: St Lucia to Phinda to Muzi Pan to Mpempe Pan to Pongola.
- 27 Jan: Pongola to Inharrime in Mozambique, via Swaziland.
- 28 Jan: Inharrime to Panda to Inharrime.
- 29 Jan: Inharrime to Panda to Inharrime to Nelspruit in South Africa.
- 30 Jan: Nelspruit to Kaapsehoop to Nelspruit to Satara in Kruger.
- 31 Jan: Kruger (Satara to Mopani to Shingwedzi to Punda Maria to Mopani)
- 1 Feb: Mopani to Polokwane to Johannesburg, visiting Elandsvlei.
- 2 Feb: Johannesburg (Sandton and Suikerbosrand area), then fly to Harare.
- 3 Feb: Harare area (Monovale Vlei, Marlboro Vlei, Christon Bank Road)
- 4 Feb: Harare area (Lake Chivero, Monovale Vlei) to Vumba
- 5 Feb: Vumba to Burma Valley to Vumba
- 6 Feb: Vumba to Save Valley Conservancy (Chishakwe Camp)
- 7 Feb: Save Valley Conservancy and adjacent areas (Chishakwe to Mapari)
- 8 February: Save Valley Conservancy to Cecil Kop Nature Reserve near Mutare to Lake Chivero near Harare.
- 9 February: Lake Chivero to Mazowe to Lake Chivero
- 10 February: Lake Chivero to Monovale Vlei to Harare. Evening departure from Harare

ANNOTATED SPECIES LIST

THE SPECIES LIST FOLLOWS THE IOC LIST EXCEPT FOR ENGLISH NAMES GIVEN IN GREEN TEXT. ALL TARGET SPECIES WERE SEEN EXCEPT BRONZE-WINGED COURSER (HEARD ONLY) AND BROAD-TAILED PARADISE WHYDAH.

Ostriches Family Struthionidae

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus*: Seen in Kruger on the night drive at Mopani

Ducks, Geese and Swans Family Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*: Seen at Muzi and Mpempe Pan and Lake Chivero

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*: Heard

White-backed Duck *Thalassornis leuconotus*: Seen at Elandsvlei

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*: Seen a few times

Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*: Seen a few times

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*: Seen a few times

African Black Duck *Anas sparsa*: Seen in Sandton and at Monovale

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*: Seen in Sandton

Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha*: Seen at Mpempe Pan and in Zimbabwe

Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota*: Seen at Muzi Pan

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma*: Seen at Elandsvlei

Guineafowl Family Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*: Seen a few times

Southern Crested Guineafowl (Crested Guineafowl) *Guttera [pucherani] edouardi*: Seen superbly at St Lucia

Pheasants and allies Family Phasianidae

Southern Red-winged Francolin (Red-winged Francolin) *Scleroptila levaillantii*: Heard at Kaapsehoop

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena*: Seen a few times

Natal Francolin (Natal Spurfowl) *Pternistis natalensis*: Seen in Kruger and Zimbabwe

Red-necked Spurfowl *Pternistis afer*: Seen en route to Panda

Swainson's Francolin (Swainson's Spurfowl) *Pternistis swainsonii*: Seen in Kruger and Zimbabwe

Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*: Heard

Grebes Family Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*: Seen

Storks Family Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*: Seen several times

African Openbill **African Open-billed Stork** *Anastomus lamelligerus*: Seen several times

Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii*: Seen around Harare in impressive numbers

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*: Several on coastal KwaZulu-Natal

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*: Seen a few times

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*: Seen in Kruger

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer*: Seen in Swaziland and Kruger

Ibises, Spoonbills Family Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*: Seen a few times

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*: Seen

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*: Seen in Johannesburg

African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*: Seen in Kruger

Hérons, Bitterns Family Ardeidae

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*: Seen at Mopani

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*: Heard to Mopani

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*: Seen at Mopani and Lake Chivero

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*: Seen

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*: Seen

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*: Seen

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*: Seen in Kruger

Great Egret *Ardea alba*: Seen

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*: Seen at Mpempe Pan

Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca*: Seen at Muzi Pan

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*: Seen

Hamerkop Family Scopidae

Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*: Seen

Pelicans Family Pelecanidae

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*: Seen at Phinda

Cormorants, Shags Family Phalacrocoracidae

Reed Cormorant **Long-tailed Cormorant**
Microcarbo africanus: Seen a few times

White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus*: Seen at Lake Chivero

Anhingas, Darters Family Anhingidae

African Darter *Anhinga [melanogaster] rufa*: Seen at Mopani in Kruger

Ospreys Family Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*: Seen at Mopani in Kruger

Kites, Hawks and Eagles Family Accipitridae

Black-shouldered Kite (Black-winged Kite) *Elanus caeruleus*: Seen

African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus*: Seen a few times

European Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*: A dark brown male was seen at St Lucia, and one at Christon Bank Road and one at Goshu Park

Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus*: One in Kruger

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*: Seen

White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis*: One in Kruger

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos*: One in Kruger

Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*: Seen at Mpempe Pan and in Zimbabwe

Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus*: Seen a few times

Southern Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus fasciolatus*: One male seen quite well at St Lucia on the first day, and a pair superbly well on the second morning

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*: Seen

Crowned Eagle *Stephanoaetus coronatus*: One hunting low over the forest at St Lucia, making the monkeys mad, and another on the road from Kaapsehoop

Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis*: Seen a few times

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Clanga pomarina*: Seen in Burma Valley

Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraetus wahlbergi*: Seen a few times

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*: Seen in Kruger

Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii*: Seen at Save Valley

African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster*: Seen at Panda and in Kruger

Lizard Buzzard *Kaupifalco monogrammicus*: Seen a few times in Mozambique and Zimbabwe

Gabar Goshawk *Micronisus gabar*: One in Kruger

Dark Chanting Goshawk *Melierax metabates*: Seen at Save Valley

Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus*: One near Polokwane

Shikra *Accipiter badius*: Seen a few times

Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus*: Very good views of a pair in Sandton

Ovambo Sparrowhawk *Accipiter ovampensis*: Excellent perched views of a pair in Sandton

Black Sparrowhawk **Great Sparrowhawk**
Accipiter melanoleucus: Seen at Save Valley, and nice perched views at Mazowe Dam

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*: A male perched in northern Kruger

Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus migrans aegyptius*: Seen

African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*: Seen at Mopani and Lake Chivero

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*: Many seen

Augur Buzzard *Buteo augur*: Seen at Vumba

Bustards Family Otididae

Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori*: Seen in Kruger

Red-crested Korhaan *Lophotis ruficrista*: Seen in Kruger

Northern Black Korhaan *Afrotis [afra] afroides*: Seen near Suikerbosrand

Flufftails Family Sarothruridae

Buff-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura elegans*: Heard at Vumba

Streaky-breasted Flufftail *Sarothrura boehmi*: A male seen briefly but at close range, and a female fairly well, at Monovale Vlei

Striped Flufftail *Sarothrura affinis*: Seen at Kaapsehoop; brief but good views

Rails, Crakes and Coots Family Rallidae

African Crake *Crex egregia*: Several flushed at Monovale Vlei

Corn Crake *Crex crex*: Excellent views of four at Monovale Vlei

Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra*: Seen at Goshu Park

Striped Crake *Aenigmatolimnas marginalis*: A female was flushed at Monovale Vlei

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*: Seen

Lesser Moorhen *Paragallinula angulata*: Good flight views of three at Monovale Vlei

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*: Seen at Elandsvlei

Buttonquail Family Turnicidae

Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus*: Heard at Phinda

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees Family Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus*: Seen in Kruger

Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis*: Seen in Kruger

Stilts, Avocets Family Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*: Seen

Plovers Family Charadriidae

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus*: Seen

Black-winged Lapwing *Vanellus melanopterus*: Seen at Mpempe Pan, with young

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*: Seen

African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*: Seen in Zimbabwe

Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*: Seen in Kruger

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*: Seen in Kruger and Zimbabwe

Jacanas Family Jacanidae

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*: Seen at Muzi Pan

Sandpipers, Snipes Family Scolopacidae

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: Seen in Kruger

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*: Seen in Kruger

Courasers, Pratincoles Family Glareolidae

Temminck's Courser *Cursorius temminckii*: Seen in Kruger

Three-banded Courser **Heuglin's Courser** *Rhinoptilus cinctus*: Good sightings in Save Valley

Bronze-winged Courser *Rhinoptilus chalcopterus*: Despite 20 hours of night work in Kruger, Save Valley and Lake Chivero we only heard them at Lake Chivero

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*: Seen at Mpempe Pan

Gulls, Terns and Skimmers Family Laridae

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*: Seen at Lake Chivero

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*: Seen in breeding plumage at Elandsvlei

Sandgrouse Family Pteroclididae

Double-banded Sandgrouse *Pterocles bicinctus*: Seen well in Kruger and adjacent to Save Valley Conservancy

Pigeons, Doves Family Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia*: Seen

African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix*: Many in Joburg; one at Kaapsehoop; also in Zimbabwe

African Mourning Dove (Mourning Collared Dove) *Streptopelia decipiens*: Heard at Satara in Kruger

Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata*: Seen

Ring-necked Dove **Cape Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia capicola*: Seen

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*: Seen

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcopilos*: Seen

Tambourine Dove *Turtur tympanistria*: A pair seen as they flushed off the road at St Lucia; also seen at Burma Valley

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*: Seen

African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus*: Seen at St Lucia and Panda (*delandei*, split by BirdLife as Grey-breasted Green Pigeon)

Turacos Family Musophagidae

Livingstone's Turaco *Tauraco livingstonii*: Nice views at St Lucia; heard at Vumba

Purple-crested Turaco *Tauraco porphyreolophus*: Seen

Grey Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides concolor*: Seen

Cuckoos Family Cuculidae

Senegal Coucal *Centropus senegalensis*: Heard at Harare

Burchell's Coucal *Centropus [superciliosus] burchellii*: Seen

Black Coucal *Centropus grillii*: Good views at Monoale Vlei

Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii*: Seen at Christon Bank Road

Jacobin Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*: Seen in Zimbabwe

Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*: Seen

Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas*: Heard

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus*: Seen well in Zimbabwe

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*: Heard

Common Cuckoo **Eurasian Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*: Seen at Kaapsehoop, and one flew into the car at Magoebaskloof

Barn Owls Family Tytonidae

Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba*: Seen at Lake Chivero

African Grass Owl *Tyto capensis*: Good views of two at Elandsvlei

Owls Family Strigidae

African Scops Owl *Otus senegalensis*: Heard at Save Valley

Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo africanus*: Seen at Lake Chivero

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Bubo lacteus*: Heard at Panda

African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii*: Heard at Lake Chivero

Pearl-spotted Owlet *Glaucidium perlatum*: Seen in Kruger, heard at Mozambique and Zimbabwe

Marsh Owl *Asio capensis*: Seen near Satara and Elandsvlei, and at Monoale

Nightjars Family Caprimulgidae

European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*: One seen in Kruger and one in Save Valley

Fiery-necked Nightjar *Caprimulgus pectoralis*: Heard in Harare

Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma*: Heard in Nelspruit

Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii*: Many seen in Kruger

Swifts Family Apodidae

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*: Seen

Common Swift *Apus apus*: Seen near Suikerbosrand

Little Swift *Apus affinis*: Seen

Horus Swift *Apus horus*: Seen near Suikerbosrand

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*: Seen

Mousebirds Family Coliidae**Speckled Mousebird** *Colius striatus*: Seen**Red-faced Mousebird** *Urocolius indicus*: Seen**Rollers Family Coraciidae****Purple Roller** **Rufous-crowned Roller** *Coracias naevius*: Seen in Kruger**Racket-tailed Roller** *Coracias spatulatus*: Seen at Panda**Lilac-breasted Roller** *Coracias caudatus*: Seen**European Roller** *Coracias garrulus*: Many seen very well**Broad-billed Roller** *Eurystomus glaucurus*: Seen at Panda and in Zimbabwe**Kingfishers Family Alcedinidae****Grey-headed Kingfisher** *Halcyon leucocephala*: One juvenile in Save Valley**Brown-hooded Kingfisher** *Halcyon albiventris*: Seen**Striped Kingfisher** *Halcyon chelicuti*: Seen**Woodland Kingfisher** *Halcyon senegalensis*: Seen**Malachite Kingfisher** *Corythornis cristatus*: Seen at Phinda**Giant Kingfisher** *Megaceryle maxima*: Heard in Sandton and seen at Lake Chivero**Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis*: Seen in Kruger**Bee-eaters Family Meropidae****Little Bee-eater** *Merops pusillus*: Seen at St Lucia**White-fronted Bee-eater** *Merops bullockoides*: Seen near Nelspruit**Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** *Merops persicus*: Seen well at St Lucia and Mpempe Pan**European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster*: Seen**Northern Carmine Bee-eater** *Merops nubicus*: Seen in Kruger**Hoopoes Family Upupidae****African Hoopoe** *Upupa [epops] africana*: Seen**Wood Hoopoes Family Phoeniculidae****Green Wood Hoopoe** *Phoeniculus purpureus*: Seen at Panda and in Kruger**Common Scimitarbill** *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*: Seen at Panda**Ground Hornbills Family Bucorvidae****Southern Ground Hornbill** *Bucorvus leadbeateri*: Seen in Kruger; heard in Zimbabwe**Hornbills Family Bucerotidae****Southern Red-billed Hornbill** *Tockus [erythrorhynchus] rufirostris*: Seen at Save Valley**Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill** *Tockus leucomelas*: Seen in Kruger and Save Valley**Crowned Hornbill** *Lophoceros alboterminatus*: Seen at Panda and in Zimbabwe**African Grey Hornbill** *Lophoceros nasutus*: Seen**Trumpeter Hornbill** *Bycanistes bucinator*: Seen at St Lucia**Silvery-cheeked Hornbill** *Bycanistes brevis*: Seen at Burma Valley**African Barbets Family Lybiidae****White-eared Barbet** *Stactolaema leucotis*: Seen at St Lucia and Vumba**Whyte's Barbet** *Stactolaema whytii*: Seen at Christon Bank Road and near Lake Chivero**Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus bilineatus*: Seen at Vumba**Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird** *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*: Seen at Nelspruit**Acacia Pied Barbet** *Tricholaema leucomelas*: Seen near Polokwane**Black-collared Barbet** *Lybius torquatus*: Seen**Crested Barbet** *Trachyphonus vaillantii*: Seen in Kruger and Zimbabwe**Honeyguides Family Indicatoridae****Green-backed Honeybird** *Prodotiscus insignis zambesiae*: Seen at Panda (MO) and Goshu Park**Lesser Honeyguide** *Indicator minor*: Heard**Scaly-throated Honeyguide** *Indicator variegatus*: Heard**Greater Honeyguide** *Indicator indicator*: Heard**Woodpeckers Family Picidae****Golden-tailed Woodpecker** *Campethera abingoni*: Seen at Panda**Little Spotted Woodpecker (Green-backed Woodpecker)** *Campethera cailliautii*: Seen at Burma Valley**Bearded Woodpecker** *Chloropicus namaquus*: Seen at Panda and in Zimbabwe**Cardinal Woodpecker** *Dendropicos fuscescens*: Seen**Caracaras, Falcons Family Falconidae****Lesser Kestrel** *Falco naumanni*: Seen near Polokwane**Dickinson's Kestrel** *Falco dickinsoni*: Seen near Panda**Amur Falcon** *Falco amurensis*: Lots seen well in South Africa and Zimbabwe**Eurasian Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*: Several in Zimbabwe**Lanner Falcon** *Falco biarmicus*: Two in Swaziland**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*: One seen at Mopani in Kruger**African & New World Parrots Family Psittacidae****Brown-headed Parrot** *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus*: Seen at Panda and Save Valley**Wattle-eyes, Batises Family Platysteiridae****Cape Batis** *Batis capensis*: Seen at Vumba**Chinspot Batis** *Batis molitor*: Seen**Pale Batis** *Batis soror*: Seen at Panda and Burma Valley**Pririt Batis** *Batis pririt*: One seen near Polokwane (MO)**Helmetshrikes Family Prionopidae****White-crested Helmetshrike** *Prionops plumatus*: Seen**Retz's Helmetshrike** *Prionops retzii*: Seen in Panda and Kruger**Bushshrikes Family Malaconotidae****Grey-headed Bushshrike** *Malaconotus blanchoti*: Seen**Black-fronted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus [multicolor] nigrifrons*: Seen at Vumba**Olive Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus olivaceus*: Heard at Vumba**Orange-breasted Bushshrike** **Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike** *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus*: Seen**Gorgeous Bushshrike** *Telophorus viridis*: Heard**Brown-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra australis*: Heard**Black-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra senegalus*: Seen**Black-backed Puffback** *Dryoscopus cubla*: Seen

Tropical Boubou *Laniarius [aethiopicus] major*: Seen at Christon Bank Road and Save Valley

Southern Boubou *Laniarius ferrugineus*: Seen at Kaapsehoop

Crimson-breasted Shrike *Laniarius atrococcineus*: Heard near Polokwane

Brubru *Nilaus afer*: Seen at Panda (MO)

Cuckooshrikes Family Campephagidae

White-breasted Cuckooshrike *Coracina pectoralis*: Seen at Panda

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*: Seen at Panda

Shrikes Family Laniidae

Magpie Shrike *Urolestes melanoleucus*: Seen in Swaziland, Zimbabwe and South Africa

Southern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus anguitemens*: Seen in Save Valley

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*: Seen

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*: Seen

Southern Fiscal *Lanius collaris*: Seen

Figbirds, Orioles Family Oriolidae

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*: Heard at Phinda, seen in Kruger

Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus*: Seen

Drongos Family Dicruridae

Square-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus ludwigii*: Seen at Vumba

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*: Seen

Monarchs Family Monarchidae

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus cyanomelas*: Seen at Vumba

African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*: Seen

Crows, Jays Family Corvidae

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*: Seen

White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis*: Seen in Swaziland and Zimbabwe

Fairy Flycatchers Family Stenostiridae

White-tailed Crested Flycatcher *Elminia albonotata*: Seen at Vumba

Tits, Chickadees Family Paridae

Southern Black Tit *Melaniparus niger*: Seen at Panda and Save Valley

Cinnamon-breasted Tit *Melaniparus [rufiventris] pallidiventris*: Seen at Burma Valley (MO)

Miombo Tit *Melaniparus griseiventris*: Seen at Christmas Pass

Ashy Tit *Melaniparus cinerascens*: Seen near Polokwane

Penduline Tits Family Remizidae

Grey Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus caroli*: Seen at Panda

Nicator Family Nicatoridae

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis*: Heard

Larks Family Alaudidae

Spike-heeled Lark *Chersomanes albofasciata*: Seen near Suikerbosrand

Short-clawed Lark *Certhilauda chuana*: Excellent views near Polokwane

Dusky Lark *Pinarocorys nigricans*: Excellent views in Kruger and at Save River

Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis*: Seen in Kruger

Sabota Lark *Calendulauda sabota*: Seen in Kruger

Fawn-colored Lark *Calendulauda africanoides*: Heard at Panda

Eastern Clapper Lark *Mirafra [apiata] fasciolata*: Heard near Suikerbosrand

Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana*: Seen well at Phinda

Flappet Lark *Mirafra rufocinnamomea*: Seen well at St Lucia

Monotonous Lark *Mirafra passerina*: Seen well near Polokwane

Melodious Lark *Mirafra cheniana*: Several seen near Suikerbosrand

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*: Seen in Kruger

Bulbuls Family Pycnonotidae

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus barbatus tricolor*: Seen

Stripe-cheeked Greenbul *Arizelocichla milanjensis*: Seen at Vumba

Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus*: Heard

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris*: Seen at Vumba

Terrestrial Brownbul *Phyllastrephus terrestris*: Seen at Vumba

Yellow-streaked Greenbul *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*: Seen at Vumba

Swallows, Martins Family Hirundinidae

Black Saw-wing *Psalidoprocne pristoptera*: Seen at Burma Valley and Mazowe (Eastern Saw-wing)

Grey-rumped Swallow *Pseudhirundo griseopyga*: Seen at Monovale Vlei

Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*: Seen at Mpempe Pan and Gosho Park

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*: Seen

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*: Seen in Kruger and Harare

Greater Striped Swallow *Cecropis cucullata*: Seen

Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica*: Seen

Red-breasted Swallow **Rufous-chested Swallow** *Cecropis semirufa*: Seen

Mosque Swallow *Cecropis senegalensis*: Seen in Kruger

South African Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon spilodera*: Seen near Suikerbosrand

Crombecs, African Warblers Family Macrosphenidae

Cape Grassbird *Sphenoeacus afer*: Heard at Vumba

Red-faced Crombec *Sylvietta whytii*: Seen at Panda and Christon Bank Road and Burma Valley

Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens*: Seen at Save Valley

Leaf Warblers and allies Family Phylloscopidae

Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler *Phylloscopus ruficapilla*: Heard at Vumba

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*: Heard

Reed Warblers and allies Family Acrocephalidae

Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*: Heard in Harare

Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris*: Heard in Kruger

Dark-capped Yellow Warbler (African Yellow Warbler) *Iduna natalensis*: Seen at Monovale Vlei

Grassbirds and allies Family Locustellidae

Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala*: Heard

Barratt's Warbler *Bradypterus barratti*: Heard at Vumba

Cisticolas and allies Family Cisticolidae**Red-faced Cisticola** *Cisticola erythrops*: Heard**Singing Cisticola** *Cisticola cantans*: Seen at Vumba**Lazy Cisticola** *Cisticola aberrans*: Seen at Christon Bank Road**Rattling Cisticola** *Cisticola chiniana*: Seen**Wailing Cisticola** *Cisticola lais*: Seen at Kaapsehoop**Rufous-winged Cisticola** *Cisticola galactotes*: Heard at Mpempe Pan**Levaillant's Cisticola** *Cisticola tinniens*: Seen at Kaapsehoop and Harare**Croaking Cisticola** *Cisticola natalensis*: Seen well at St Lucia; also at Monovale Vlei**Short-winged Cisticola** *Cisticola brachypterus*: Seen in Burma Valley**Neddicky** *Cisticola fulvicapilla*: Seen at Panda**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*: Seen**Desert Cisticola** *Cisticola aridulus*: Seen near Polokwane**Cloud Cisticola** *Cisticola textrix*: Seen near Suikerbosrand**Pale-crowned Cisticola** *Cisticola [brunnescens] cinnamomeus*: Seen very well at Monovale Vlei**Wing-snapping Cisticola** **Ayres's Cisticola** *Cisticola ayresii*: Seen at Kaapsehoop**Tawny-flanked Prinia** *Prinia subflava*: Seen**Drakensberg Prinia** *Prinia [maculosa] hypoxantha*: Seen at Kaapsehoop**Roberts's Warbler** *Oreophilais robertsi*: Seen well at Vumba**Bar-throated Apalis** *Apalis thoracica*: Seen at Christon Bank Road**Rudd's Apalis** *Apalis ruddi*: Very nice views at St Lucia**Yellow-breasted Apalis** *Apalis flavida*: Seen at Panda**Chirinda Apalis** *Apalis chirindensis*: Seen at Vumba**Green-backed Camaroptera** *Camaroptera brachyura*: Heard**Grey-backed Camaroptera** *Camaroptera brachyura brevicaudata*: Heard**Stierling's Wren-Warbler** *Calamonastes [undosus] stierlingi*: Seen at Panda**Barred Wren-Warbler** *Calamonastes fasciolatus*: Seen near Polokwane**Green-capped Eremomela** *Eremomela scotops*: Heard**Burnt-necked Eremomela** *Eremomela usticollis*: Seen at Save Valley**Laughingthrushes Family Leiothrichidae****Arrow-marked Babbler** *Turdoides jardineii*: Seen at Panda**Sylviid Babblers Family Sylviidae****Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin*: Heard**Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler** *Sylvia subcoerulea*: Heard near Polokwane**White-eyes Family Zosteropidae****Cape White-eye** *Zosterops [pallidus] virens*: Seen in Johannesburg**Southern Yellow White-eye (African Yellow White-eye)** *Zosterops [senegalensis] anderssoni*: Seen at Panda and in Zimbabwe**Hyliotas Family Hyliotidae****Southern Hyliota** *Hyliota australis*: Seen at Panda, Gosh Park and Christon Bank Road**Treecreepers Family Certhiidae****African Spotted Creeper** *Salpornis [spilonota] salvadori*: Seen in Burma Valley**Starlings, Rhabdornis Family Sturnidae****Wattled Starling** *Creatophora cinerea*: Seen in Kruger**Black-bellied Starling** *Notopholia corrusca*: Seen at St Lucia**Cape Glossy Starling (Cape Starling)** *Lamprotornis nitens*: Seen**Greater Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis chalybaeus*: Seen in Kruger**Miombo Blue-eared Starling** *Lamprotornis [chloropterus] elisabeth*: A large flock seen in Burma Valley, including distinctive juveniles**Meves's Starling** *Lamprotornis mevesii*: Many in Save River**Burchell's Starling** *Lamprotornis australis*: Seen in Kruger**Violet-backed Starling** *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*: Seen**Red-winged Starling** *Onychognathus morio*: Seen**Oxpeckers Family Buphagidae****Yellow-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus africanus*: Seen in Kruger**Red-billed Oxpecker** *Buphagus erythrorhynchus*: Seen**Thrushes Family Turdidae****Orange Ground Thrush** *Geokichla gurneyi*: Heard at Vumba**Groundscraper Thrush** *Turdus litsitsirupa*: Seen in Kruger and Save River**Kurrichane Thrush** *Turdus libonyana*: Seen at Panda and in Kruger**Karoo Thrush** *Turdus [olivaceus] smithi*: Seen in Johannesburg**Chats, Old World Flycatchers Family Muscipidae****Kalahari Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas paena*: Seen near Polokwane**White-browed Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas leucophrys*: Seen**Grey Tit-Flycatcher** **Lead-coloured Flycatcher** *Myioparus plumbeus*: Heard**Southern Black Flycatcher** *Melaenornis pammelaina*: Seen in Panda**Pale Flycatcher** *Melaenornis pallidus*: Seen at Panda and Gosh Park**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*: Seen**Ashy Flycatcher** *Muscicapa caerulescens*: Heard**African Dusky Flycatcher** *Muscicapa adusta*: Seen in Zimbabwe**Cape Robin-Chat** *Cossypha caffra*: Seen at Kaapsehoop**White-throated Robin-Chat** *Cossypha humeralis*: Heard in Kruger, seen in Burma Valley**White-browed Robin-Chat** *Cossypha heuglini*: Seen in Burma Valley**Red-capped Robin-Chat** *Cossypha natalensis*: Heard at Vumba**Swynnerton's Robin** *Swynnertonia swynnertoni*: Seen well at Vumba**White-starred Robin** *Pogonochila stellata*: Heard at Vumba**Miombo Rock Thrush** *Monticola angolensis*: Seen at Christon Bank Road**African Stonechat** *Saxicola torquatus*: Seen**Buff-streaked Chat** *Campicoloides bifasciatus*: Seen at Kaapsehoop**Mocking Cliff Chat** *Thamnotalaea cinnamomeiventris*: Seen in Kruger, Save Valley and Lake Chivero

Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris*: Seen at Christon Bank Road

Boulder Chat *Pinarornis plumosus*: Seen at Christon Bank Road and Goshu Park

Sunbirds Family Nectariniidae

Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris*: Heard

Olive Sunbird *Cyanomitra olivacea*: Heard

Grey Sunbird **Mouse-coloured Sunbird**
Cyanomitra veroxii: Heard

Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina*: Seen

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis*: Seen

Eastern Miombo Sunbird (**Miombo Double-collared Sunbird**) *Cinnyris manoensis*: Seen well at Christon Bank Road, and other sites in Zimbabwe

Marico Sunbird *Cinnyris mariquensis*: Seen in Kruger

Purple-banded Sunbird *Cinnyris bifasciatus*: Heard

White-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris talatala*: Heard

Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus*: Seen in Zimbabwe

Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches Family Passeridae

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*: Seen near Polokwane

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*: Seen

Cape Sparrow *Passer melanurus*: Seen around Johannesburg

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer griseus diffusus*: Seen

Yellow-throated Petronia *Gymnoris superciliaris*: Seen at Panda and Save Valley

Weavers, Widowbirds Family Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger*: Seen

Scaly-feathered Finch (Scaly-feathered Weaver)
Sporopipes squamifrons: Seen near Polokwane

Grosbeak Weaver (Thick-billed Weaver)
Amblyospiza albifrons: Seen at Mpempe Pan and Burma Valley

Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis*: Seen in Burma Valley

Cape Weaver *Ploceus capensis*: Seen at Kaapsehoop

Holub's Golden Weaver *Ploceus xanthops*: Seen at Nelspruit and in Zimbabwe

Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius*: Seen

Southern Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus*: Seen around Harare

Spotted-backed Weaver (**Village Weaver**) *Ploceus [cucullatus] collaris*: Seen in South Africa and around Harare

Dark-backed Weaver *Ploceus bicolor*: Heard

Olive-headed Weaver *Ploceus olivaceiceps*: Excellent views of a pair at Panda

Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps*: Seen at Panda

Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea*: Seen, including white-faced males

Yellow-crowned Bishop *Euplectes afer*: Seen around Johannesburg

Black-winged Red Bishop **Black-winged Bishop**
Euplectes hordeaceus: Seen in the Burma Valley

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*: Seen at Mpempe Pan and Harare

Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis*: Seen at Kaapsehoop and Harare

Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris*: Seen in South Africa and Mozambique

Yellow-mantled Widowbird *Euplectes macroura*: Seen at Harare

White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus*: Seen at Phinda and Harare

Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens*: Seen in South Africa and Zimbabwe

Long-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes progne*: Seen near Suikerbosrand

Waxbills, Munias and allies Family Estrildidae

Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*: Seen at Phinda and Burma Valley

Red-headed Finch *Amadina erythrocephala*: About 20 seen in northern Kruger, where very rare

Cut-throat Finch *Amadina fasciata*: A few seen near Nelspruit, where rare

Green Twinspot *Mandingoa nitidula*: Incredible views in the Burma Valley

Red-throated Twinspot *Hypargos niveoguttatus*: Seen well in the Burma Valley

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*: Seen near Harare

African Firefinch *Lagonosticta rubricata*: Seen at Burma Valley

Jameson's Firefinch *Lagonosticta rhodopareia*: Seen at Christon Bank Road

Blue Waxbill *Uraeginthus angolensis*: Seen in South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe

Violet-eared Waxbill *Uraeginthus granatinus*: Seen near Polokwane

Yellow-bellied Waxbill *Coccyzygia quartinia*: Seen at Christmas Pass

Grey Waxbill *Estrilda perreini*: Super views in the Burma Valley

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*: Seen many times

Orange-breasted Waxbill **Zebra Waxbill**
Amandava subflava: Seen in Kruger, where rare, and near Harare

Quailfinch *Ortygospiza atricollis*: Seen very well at Mpempe Pan, and also near Harare

Bronze Mannikin *Lonchura cucullata*: Seen many times

Red-backed Mannikin *Lonchura [bicolor] nigriceps*: Seen at Panda and Burma Valley

Indigobirds, Whydahs Family Viduidae

Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata*: Seen at Christon Bank Road and Burma Valley

Purple Indigobird *Vidua purpurascens*: Seen near Nelspruit and at Christon Bank Road, Save Valley and Burma Valley

Dusky Indigobird *Vidua funerea*: Seen near Nelspruit and at Burma Valley

Zambezi Indigobird *Vidua codringtoni*: Two males seen very well at Phinda, and others briefly. All features were seen - pale bill, reddish legs, strong gloss, blue-green gloss and Pink-throated Twinspot mimicry. Seen again at Burma Valley, where very blue.

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*: Seen many times

Shaft-tailed Whydah *Vidua regia*: Super views near Polokwane

Long-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua paradisaea*: Several at Phinda

Cuckoo-finch *Anomalospiza imberbis*: Excellent views near Suikerbosrand

Wagtails, Pipits Family Motacillidae

Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara*: Brief views at Burma Valley

African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*: Seen

Cape Longclaw *Macronyx capensis*: Seen at Kaapsehoop

Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus*: Seen at St Lucia and Harare

Rosy-throated Longclaw *Macronyx ameliae*: Seen near Harare

African Pipit *Anthus [richardi] cinnamomeus*: Seen several times

Wood Pipit *Anthus [similis] nyassae*: Seen at Goshu Park

Striped Pipit *Anthus lineiventris*: Incredible views on Christon Bank Road, Christmas Pass and Burma Valley

Finches Family Fringillidae

Black-throated Canary *Crithagra atrogularis*: Seen in Harare

Lemon-breasted Canary *Crithagra citrinipectus*: Excellent views at Mpempe Pan

Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica*: Seen many times

Yellow Canary *Crithagra flaviventris*: Seen at Polokwane

Brimstone Canary *Crithagra sulphurata*: Seen in Zimbabwe

Streaky-headed Seedeater *Crithagra gularis*: Seen at Christon Bank Road

Black-eared Seedeater *Crithagra mennelli*: Seen well in the Burma Valley and at Gosho Park

Cape Canary *Serinus canicollis*: Seen at Vumba (MO)

Buntings, New World Sparrows and allies Family Emberizidae

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi*: Seen several times

Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*: Seen at Panda

Cabanis's Bunting *Emberiza cabanisi*: Seen at Vumba

LIST OF MAMMALS RECORDED

Impala

Steenbok

Nyala

Bushbuck

Greater Kudu

Common Waterbuck

Tsessebe

Sharpe's Grysbok

Blue Wildebeest

Southern Giraffe

Plains Zebra

White Rhinoceros

African Buffalo

African Elephant

Smith's Bush Squirrel

Hippopotamus

Common Warthog

Spotted Hyaena

Cheetah

Lion

Honey Badger

Dwarf Mongoose

Slender Mongoose

Chacma Baboon

Vervet Monkey

Large Spotted Genet

Scrub Hare

Black-backed Jackal

Side-striped Jackal

Red Duiker

Blue Duiker

Common Reedbuck

South African Porcupine

African Wild Cat

Samango Monkey

Selous's Mongoose

Red Bush Squirrel