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Systematic List

Nomenclature largely follows the six-volume Mammals of Africa except for bovids where it follows the recently published Bovids of the World which in turn follows the taxonomy of the Handbook of Mammals of the World.

The list excludes two introduced ungulates at Marrick which are outside their natural range: **Sable** *Hippotragus niger* and **Roan** *Hippotragus equinus*.

Mammals

Eastern Rock Sengi *Elephantulus myurus*

After a lengthy search, this species was found by Selwyn in the high rocky areas at Suikerbosrand. It was then seen through a crevice where the animal remained partially viewable for about five minutes.

Karoo Rock Sengi *Elephantulus pilicaudus*

A recent split from Western Rock Sengi. We had excellent views of a single animal on a kopje at Marrick for around 15 minutes.



Karoo Rock Sengi © Sue Cunningham

Chacma Baboon *Papio ursinus*

Groups seen on the roads around the Cape and common at Suikerbosrand. Large numbers at Madikwe where one group alerted us to a Leopard.

Vervet *Chlorocebus pygerythrus*

Small numbers of these monkeys were always present at the Madikwe River Lodge. Often around the restaurant and balconies.

Southern Lesser Galago *Galago moholi*

Easily found at Madikwe by eyeshine with torches and with a thermal imager. Three invaded John Warner's room on the final morning and were filmed on the bed and railings.

Cape Hare *Lepus capensis*

This species was common around the accommodation at De Hoop. Also seen at Marrick and Marievale.

African Savanna Hare *Lepus microtis*

Very large numbers at Madikwe after dark. Only one seen in daylight.

Scrub Hare *Lepus saxatilis*

At least two were seen at Marrick in the scrub close to the farm.

Southern African hedgehog *Atelerix frontalis*

As it was still quite early in the season, we did not expect to see this species, but we had great views for 10 minutes on our second night drive at Marrick.



South African Hedgehog © Sue Cunningham

South African Ground Squirrel *Xerus inauris*

Common at Marrick, including five living near the guest accommodation. Also seen on the runway at Kimberley airport and in small numbers daily at Madikwe.

Tree Squirrel *Paraxerus cepapi*

Several were seen most days in the rockier areas at Madikwe.



Tree Squirrel © John Cunningham

Spring Hare *Pedetes capensis*

This unusual rodent was common on night drives at Marrick with over ten recorded on each night drive. Similar counts in areas near the lodge at Madikwe.

Cape Porcupine *Hystrix africaeaustralis*

One seen well on the first night drive at Marrick, with two more on the second night.

Four-striped Grass Mouse *Rhabdomys pumilio*

Regularly seen running across the road at all areas visited at the Cape, as well as in the talons of a Rock Kestrel. Large numbers (over 50) were found along the roadside at De Hoop sunning themselves at dawn.



Four-striped Grass Mouse © Stephen Curtis

Southern Vlei Rat *Otomys irroratus*

One seen by some of the group on arrival at De Hoop. A second was found alongside the hordes of grass mice at De Hoop.

Bat-eared Fox *Otocyon megalotis*

A group of three of these termite specialists showed well during the second night drive at Marrick.

Black-backed Jackal *Canis mesomelas*

Fairly common with several seen most days. Primarily at dawn, dusk and on night drives but also some good daytime views. The largest numbers together were at Madikwe near lion kills.

African Wild Dog *Lycaon pictus*

Two amazing sightings of a group of ten at Madikwe. On our first morning drive, we found them on the move and watched as they crossed the river. The pack made several hunting attempts on Warthogs and Impalas before briefly interacting with a White Rhinoceros, before moving away. The same pack was then seen resting in the shade on our final morning drive.



Wild Dog © John Warner

Cape Fur Seal *Arctocephalus pusillus*

One individual was seen briefly in the surf off Hermanus by some of the group.

Spotted-necked Otter *Lutra maculicollis*

After an unsuccessful attempt to find this species at our normal site in Warrenton, we moved a couple of miles upriver resulting in views of one animal crossing the river. It was also seen by Stephen climbing out onto rocks.

Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo*

Several groups gave brief views, before we finally got a good look at three individuals for ten minutes on our final morning drive at Madikwe.

Small Grey Mongoose *Herpestes pulverulentus*

Seen briefly on several occasions crossing roads at the Cape, before good views for everyone on our first morning at De Hoop. Two more individuals were seen at Marrick: one on our first morning drive, the other when leaving the property on the second afternoon.

Slender Mongoose *Herpestes sanguineus*

One running alongside the road near the Suikerbosrand visitors centre was seen by everyone. A second individual was seen by some of the group on our second morning drive at Madikwe.

Marsh Mongoose *Atilax paludinosus*

An animal seen by Carol at Marievale at dusk, running along the edge of the reedbed was most probably this species.

Common Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale parvula*

A group of three was seen on our fourth afternoon at Madikwe. They were seen well by everyone, crossing the road and back and standing on a fallen tree.



Dwarf Mongoose © John Warner

Yellow Mongoose *Cynictis penicillate*

Seen on most days before we reached Madikwe. Usually by the road or moving away. Found in a wide variety of habitats.



Yellow Mongoose © Sue cunningham

Meerkat *Suricata suricatta*

One was impressively photographed from the plane while at Kimberley by Ruth. The following morning, a lone individual was seen well by most of the group as it foraged for 20 minutes on our morning drive at Marrick. A group was seen distantly later that morning with at least seven animals present. Some of the group then encountered twelve more near their rooms after lunch.

African Civet *Civettictis civetta*

Not previously seen on this tour with one individual found foraging during our night drive at Madikwe.

Small-spotted Genet *Genetta genetta*

Surprising difficult this year. Although four were found on evening drives at Madikwe, these were never seen well, and most of the group saw only a glimpse or eyeshine. Somewhat unexpectedly, there was no sign of any around the lodge this year.

Spotted Hyaena *Crocuta crocuta*

Two adults on one of our night drives at Madikwe, with another sighting at dusk on the final evening. Three young cubs at a den were seen briefly on our first morning drive with much better views on our final afternoon.

Brown Hyaena *Hyaena brunnea*

An older cub was observed at a den on the first morning drive at Madikwe and again on the last afternoon with an adult also briefly recorded nearby.

One individual was also coming to drink at the river at Madikwe during the night. This was found with a thermal imager and was seen on two nights by Ewan and eventually by John and Ruth. On the final morning, the same animal came by at dawn and again drank from the river but was only seen by Ewan.

Aardwolf *Proteles cristata*

An impressive total of eleven individuals was recorded at Marrick with many giving prolonged views: three on the first night, eight on the second.

African Wildcat *Felis lybica*

These proved difficult, but two individuals were finally seen near our lodge at Madikwe at the end of a night drive. A third was picked up by eyeshine on the final evening but could not be relocated and was only seen by Ewan.

Lion *Panthera leo*

Two on our first evening at Madikwe. A further four by the river on the second full day stayed in the area all day until they were chased off by Buffalo during the night. A highlight on the third full day was a group of two adults and seven cubs devouring a Warthog. Twenty individual animals were seen in total.

Leopard *Panthera pardus*

A distant male was located as a result of baboon alarm calls and was watched moving across a rock slope before settling to rest on a rocky outcrop.



Leopard © John Warner

Aardvark *Orycteropus afer*

Another highlight of the trip. Two seen on our first evening at Marrick with both initially found with the thermal imager. The second probed and moved around the vehicle for about a quarter of an hour and gave some of the best views you are ever likely to get of this species.

African (Bush) Elephant *Loxodonta africana*

Large numbers were present at Madikwe where they were seen daily, including one group of eleven that regularly came to the river to drink.

Rock Hyrax *Procavia capensis*

Very common at Betty's Bay, Hermanus and De Hoop. Also seen near one of our otter sites near Warrenton and by our accommodation in Heidelberg.

Plains Zebra *Equus quagga*

First seen at Suikerbosrand, then on the road north from Johannesburg, and common at Madikwe.

Cape Mountain Zebra *Equus zebra zebra*

Small numbers around the accommodation at De Hoop, with five present most of the time.



Cape Mountain Zebra © John Warner

White Rhinoceros *Ceratotherium simum*

We saw several on each full day at Madikwe with the largest grouping being three individuals. Notable sightings included one being bothered by Wild Dogs and, on another occasion, two in a dominance dispute.



White Rhinoceros © Sue Cunningham

Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibius*

One of the surprises of the trip was two hippos seen by the river when doing a late evening walk around the grounds of Madikwe River Lodge. One of these was seen again the following morning in a deeper area of the river upstream from the lodge.

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus*

A group of four at Marrick was our first sighting. Common at Madikwe and far less prone to flee than in many places. There were one or two by the river most of the time.

Southern Giraffe *Giraffa giraffa*.

Good numbers were seen at Madikwe. Three sat together in the road on one afternoon proved an unusual spectacle.



Southern Giraffe © Ewan Davies

African (Savanna) Buffalo *Syncerus caffer*

It took a while to find this species at Madikwe with the first being a large herd found by Ewan crossing the river late at night and interacting with Lions. Individual males were seen on the third and fourth days and a large herd of perhaps one hundred was seen crossing the river late one evening by John and John.

Zambezi Greater Kudu *Tragelaphus zambeziensis*

Four at Suikerbosrand, with several most days at Madikwe including some smart males. A female group came to drink at the river on one afternoon.

Eland *Taurotragus oryx*

Large herds of this massive antelope were present at De Hoop near the accommodation, as well as groups seen distantly outside the reserve. More large groups were also found at Suikerbosrand.

Cape Bushbuck *Tragelaphus sylvaticus*

Two males, four females and one youngster frequented the River Lodge at Madikwe and were seen regularly. A few were also found on the night drive along the edge of the reserve.

Grey Rhebok *Pelea capreolus*

Five in farmland on the drive to De Hoop. A few individuals within the reserve and several more on the drive back to Cape Town.



Grey Rhebok © John Warner

Gemsbok *Oryx gazella*

Herds seen in and around Marrick every day.

Ellipsen Waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus*

Quite a low count compared with some previous tours, with only one or two individuals seen daily at Madikwe River Lodge. Small groups of six or six seen on drives.

Mountain Reedbuck *Redunca fulvorufula*

One at Marrick, and a group of three on our third morning at Madikwe towards the Klipspringer areas.



Mountain Reedbuck © John Warner

Southern Common Reedbuck *Redunca arundinum*

One was found with a thermal imager at Marievale whilst looking for Marsh Owls. Several more were seen later the same evening on the edge of Suikerbosrand.

Black Wildebeest *Connochaetes gnou*

These beautiful but often overlooked animals were recorded in reasonable numbers at Suikerbosrand. We also saw some reintroduced individuals at Marrick.

Blue Wildebeest *Connochaetes taurinus*

First found along the road from Johannesburg in reserves near the roadside, then regularly at Madikwe.

Blesbok *Damaliscus phillipsi*

Large numbers at Suikerbosrand alongside the Zebra and Wildebeest.

Bontebok *Damaliscus pygargus*

This localised antelope was common at De Hoop, particularly around our accommodation but also coming out into fields on the edges of the reserve.

Red Hartebeest *Alcelaphus caama*

One was seen at night outside Suikerbosrand, with some small herds of ten or so animals within the reserve. Two individuals were also found on the final morning drive at Madikwe, although this species is scarce there.

Common Impala *Aepyceros melampus*

Small groups were ubiquitous at Madikwe coming together to form larger herds at night. Several conflicts between males were impressive to watch.

South African Springbok *Antidorcas marsupialis*

First seen from the plane before landing at Kimberley. Reintroduced animals were common at Marrick and the farms around there. Smaller numbers at Suikerbosrand.

Kalahari Springbok *Antidorcas hofmeyri*

Up to twenty animals were present on the grasslands at Madikwe.

Transvaal Klipspringer *Oreotragus transvaalensis*

Three individuals were seen at the Klipspringer lookout area at Madikwe on our second morning, although in scrub not on the rocks. Two more on our final morning in the west.



Transvaal Klipspringer © John Warner

Steenbok *Raphicerus campestris*

Seen on a virtually daily basis by day and night.

Common Duiker *Sylvicapra grimmia*

One on our first night drive at Marrick, then one during the day the next day. Several were seen in the evening at Marievale, and three at Suikerbosrand. Singles at Madikwe.

Southern Right Whale *Eubalaena australis*

Considered by most of the group to have been the highlight of the trip.

Excellent views of upwards of ten animals on the first afternoon at Hermanus, both close in and breaching further out in the bay. Similar numbers the next morning and again from the viewing point at De Hoop.



Southern Right Whale © Sue Cunningham

Indian Humpback Dolphin

An unexpected find as two of these dolphins swam close by the waterfront at Hermanus, easily identified by their humped backs and small dorsal fins.

Birds

With nearly 270 species of birds seen on the trip, these are presented as sightings by section of the trip.

Common Name	Scientific Name	SW Cape	Marrick	Heidelberg	Madikwe
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	X	X	X	X
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	X	X	X	X
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>				X
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>			X	X
Grey-winged Francolin	<i>Scleroptila afra</i>	X			
Orange River Francolin	<i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>			X	
Cape Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis capensis</i>	X			
Natal Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>				X
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	H			
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>		X		
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	X	X	X	X
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>		X	X	
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	X	X	X	X
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	X			
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	X		X	
Mallard	<i>Alas platyrhynchus</i>	X			
African Black Duck	<i>Anas sparsa</i>			X	
Cape Shoveler	<i>Spatula smithii</i>	X			
Hottentot (Blue-billed) Teal	<i>Spatula hottentota</i>			X	
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>				X
African Penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>	X			
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	X		X	
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	X			

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	X		X	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	X			
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>			X	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>				X
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	X	X	X	x
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	X	X		
Hadeda (Hadada) Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	X	X	X	X
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>			X	X
Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	X		X	X
Green-backed (Striated) Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>				X
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	X		X	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		X	X	
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	X	X	X	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	X		X	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	X	X	X	X
Yellow-billed (Intermediate) Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>			X	X
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	X	X	X	X
Black-headed Heron	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	X	X	X	
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>			X	X
Cape Gannet	<i>Morus capensis</i>	X			
Bank Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>	X			
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	X	X	X	X
Crowned Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>	X			
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	X		X	X
Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	X			
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	X	X	X	X

African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	X			X
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	X	X	X	
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	X		X	
Secretarybird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	X		X	
Cape Vulture	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>	X		X	
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>			X	
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>				L
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>				X
Black Harrier	<i>Circus maurus</i>	X			
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>			X	X
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>			X	X
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>				X
Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	X		X	X
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>				X
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	X			
African Hawk Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>				X
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus wahlbergi</i>				X
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	X			
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	X			X
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>				X
Denham's Bustard	<i>Neotis denhami</i>	X			
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>				X
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>		X		X
African Rail	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>			X	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			X	X
African Finfoot	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>				X
Black Crane	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>			X	X
African (Purple) Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>			X	
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	X		X	

Blue Crane	<i>Grus paradisea</i>	X	X		
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>			X	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			X	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			X	X
African (Black) Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>	X			
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	X	X	X	X
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	X	X	X	X
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	X			
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>			X	
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	X		X	X
African Snipe	<i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>			X	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			X	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			X	X
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			X	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			X	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>			X	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			X	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			X	
Temminck's Courser	<i>Cursorius temminckii</i>				X
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>			X	
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	X			
Cape Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	X			
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	X		X	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydropogone caspia</i>	X			
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>			X	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>				X
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles gutturalis</i>				X

Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>		X		
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	X	X	X	
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	X	X	X	X
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	X	X	X	X
Cape Turtle (Ring-necked) Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	X	X	X	X
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	X	X	X	X
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>			X	X
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>			X	X
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>			X	
Klaas's Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	X			
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>		X		
African Grass Owl	<i>Tyto capensis</i>			X	
Marsh Owl	<i>Asio capensis</i>			X	
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>				X
Spotted Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	X	X		
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo lacteus</i>				X
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	H			
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>		X		X
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		X		
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>		X	X	X
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	X			X
Horus Swift	<i>Apus horus</i>	X			
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	X	X		
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	X		X	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	X	X	X	
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>			X	X
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>				X
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>				X

European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>			X	
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>				X
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		X	X	X
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>		X		X
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>		X		X
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>				X
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>				X
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>		X		X
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	X	X	X	X
Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>				X
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>		X		X
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>				X
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>		X		X
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>				X
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>			X	
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>			X	
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>		X	X	X
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>		X		
Knysna Woodpecker	<i>Campethera notata</i>	X			
Cape Batis	<i>Batis capensis</i>	X			
Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>				X
Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>				X
Bokmakierie	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	X			
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>		X	X	X
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	X			
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>				X
Southern Boubou	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>	X		X	

Southern Tchagra	<i>Tchagra tchagra</i>	X			
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>				X
Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>				X
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguimans</i>				X
Southern (Common) Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	X	X	X	X
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	X	X	X	X
Cape Rockjumper	<i>Chaetops frenatus</i>	X			
Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	X			
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	X	X	X	X
White-necked Raven	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>	X			
Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>			X	X
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafraga africana</i>			X	X
Cape Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafraga apiata</i>	X			
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>				X
Agulhas Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda brevirostris</i>	X			
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>			X	
Large-billed Lark	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>				
Cape Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>	X			
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>			X	
Sombre Greenbul	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>	X			
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	X			
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	X			
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	X			
South African Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i>		X	X	
White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>				
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	X			
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>				X

Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis cucullata</i>	X	X		
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>				X
Cape Grassbird	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>	X			
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>				X
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>		X	X	
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>			X	
Neddicky	<i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>			X	
Levaillant's Cisticola	<i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	X			
Grey-backed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>	X			
Cloud Cisticola	<i>Cisticola textrix</i>	X			
Karoo Prinia	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>	X			
Bar-throated Apalis	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>		X		
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>				X
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>				X
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>				X
Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler	<i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>		X		X
Cape White-eye	<i>Zosterops virens</i>	X		X	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>		X	X	X
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>			X	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	X			
Cape Glossy (Cape) Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>			X	X
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>				X
Pied Starling	<i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>	X			
Red-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>	X			
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>		X		X
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>				X
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>				X
Olive Thrush	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>				

Karoo Thrush	<i>Turdus smithi</i>			X	
Cape Robin-chat	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>	X			
Karoo Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>	X		X	
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>			X	
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	X	X	X	
Capped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	X		X	
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>			X	
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	X			
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>			X	
(Southern) Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>		X		X
Mocking Cliff Chat	<i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>				X
Cape Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>	X			
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>			X	
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>				X
Fiscal Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis silens</i>	X	X		
Cape Sugarbird	<i>Promerops cafer</i>	X			
Malachite Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>	X			
Amethyst Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>	X			
Southern Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>	X			
Greater Double-collared Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris afer</i>	X			
Orange-breasted Sunbird	<i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>	X			
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>				X
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>				X
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	X	X		
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>				X
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>				X
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>		X		X

Scaly-feathered Finch (Weaver)	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>				X
Cape Weaver	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>	X			
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	X	X	X	X
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>			X	X
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	X		X	
Yellow Bishop	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>	X	X		
Fan-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes axillaris</i>			X	
Red-collared Widowbird	<i>Euplectes ardens</i>			X	
Long-tailed Widowbird	<i>Euplectes progne</i>	X		X	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>			X	X
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>				X
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>				X
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>			X	X
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>			X	X
Orange-breasted Waxbill	<i>Amandava subflava</i>			X	
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	X			
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>		X		X
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	X	X	X	
Cape Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>			X	
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	X	X	X	X
Plain-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	X			
Cape Canary	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>	X			
Brimstone Canary	<i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>	X			
Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	X			
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>				X
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	X			



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Rufous-cheeked Nightjar © Stephen Curtis



Pearl Spotted Owlet © John Warner

Reptiles

Only identified species are listed, many smaller lizards, particularly skinks and agamas were also seen.

Puff Adder *Bitis arietans*

A large Puff Adder basking in the road at De Hoop was an unexpected find. This was seen well from the vehicle but then moved away into scrub.



Puff Adder © Ewan Davies

Common Brown Water Snake *Lycodonomorphus rufulus*

A snake seen at one of the Spot-necked Otter sites by Stephen was most likely this species, although this was not confirmed

Nile Crocodile *Crocodylus niloticus*

A few basking along the banks at Madikwe river lodge and in the water by night. One larger individual known as "Steve" could be found near the river crossing.

Nile Monitor *Varanus niloticus*

Several seen at our third otter site near Warrenton and regularly along the river at Madikwe.

Rock Monitor *Varanus albigularis*

Seen twice at Madikwe. A heavier animal than the water monitor, with a shorter tail. Once seen climbing a tree and another head only seen emerging from a hole in the ground.

African Helmeted Terrapin *Pelomedusa subrufa*

Common in the Limpopo by Madikwe river camp.