

SOUTH AFRICA

Kruger & Drakensberg

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Trip photos (clockwise from top left): Diederik Cuckoo • Monotonous Lark • Lesser Masked Weaver • Swainson's Spurfowl • Kori Bustard • Leopard. © Joe Grosel/Limosa

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After arriving on an overnight flight from Heathrow the tour participants met their guide at OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg and soon started the journey south to the Free State Province and the Golden Gate Highlands National Park. The first bird seen after leaving the airport was an **African Darter** flying across the motorway outside the airport. A good one to start things off. At a lunch stop near the town of Villiers along the N3 highway we picked up some nice birds in the parking lot and gardens including **Grey-headed Gull** (the only one of the trip), **Southern Masked Weaver**, **Speckled Pigeon**, **Cape White-eye**, **White-browed Sparrow-Weaver**, **Southern Red Bishop** and **Cape Wagtail**. After lunch we turned onto a secondary road heading to the towns of Reitz and Bethlehem, where our travelling speed was reduced allowing for good roadside birding along the farmlands. The likes of **Amur Falcon**, **Black-headed Heron**, **Common Buzzard**, **Northern Black Korhaan**, **Helmeted Guineafowl**, **Southern Red Bishop**, **Long-tailed Widowbird** (displaying males) were seen while travelling and a stop overlooking a farm dam produced **Red-knobbed Coot**, **Pied Avocet**, **Yellow-billed Duck**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **South African Shelduck**, **Cape Shoveler**, **White-faced Whistling Duck** and **Cape (Orange-throated) Longclaw**. After travelling through the attractive grasslands and sandstone hills of Clarens in the Eastern Free State we entered the Golden Gate National Park. Once we had settled into our hotel accommodation there was time for a quick walk around the grounds. Here we had great views of **African Pied Starling**, **Red-throated Wryneck**, **Cape Weaver**, **Greater-striped Swallow**, **Alpine** and **African Black Swift**, **Red-winged Starling**, **Olive Thrush** and **Cape Robin-Chat**.

Day two started off with an early breakfast before heading up into the higher altitudes of the Drakensberg Mountain Range which saw us travelling eastward through the green grasslands and hills of the Golden Gate National Park and then via the more densely populated area of Qwaqwa. A quick stop at a hide where carcasses are put out for vultures gave us great views of a group of eight **Cape Griffon**, **White-necked Ravens**, **Cape Bunting** and two **Black-backed Jackal**. Other mammals seen whilst driving through the park were **Blesbok**, **Plains Zebra**, **Springbok**, **Rhebok**, **Eland**, **Red Hartebeest** and the endemic **Black Wildebeest**. At the end of a rather challenging rocky road, we arrived at the base of Sentinel Peak (at an altitude of about 2600 masl) where we set about searching for one of the day's target birds and a true Drakensberg speciality - the **Drakensberg Rockjumper**. After about 20 minutes, a pair was located bounding across the basalt scree below the mountain pass. Other birds seen here were **Cape Canary**, **Rock Kestrel**, **Familiar Chat**, **Sentinel Rock Thrush** and two very special raptors: a **Black Harrier** foraging below and **Lammergeier** soaring way above. A light lunch was enjoyed at a mountain top hotel before we started the descent and the return journey to Golden Gate. At a spot aptly named Protea Corner we took a walk to the edge of a wooded ravine overlooking some rocky habitat and a grove of flowering *Protea roupelliae*. Here we were entertained by the likes of **Gurney's Sugarbird**, **Malachite Sunbird**, **Cape Rock Thrush**, **Southern Fiscal**, **Buff-streaked Chat** and **Ground Woodpecker**. The final birding stop of the day was at the Langtoon Dam not far from our hotel where we had good views of **African Black Duck**, **Levaillant's Cisticola**, **Red-collared Widowbird**, **Jackal Buzzard** and **Reed Cormorant**.

A pre-breakfast birding excursion to a wooded gorge proved to be very productive. Whilst in the company of a troop of **Chacma Baboons**, we had wonderful views of a few regional endemics in the form of **Drakensberg Prinia**, **Bush Blackcap** and **Cape Grassbird**. Then after breakfast we packed up and headed for our next destination, Wakkerstroom. Just before leaving the national park we had a walk around the grounds of an open-air Basotho museum and saw **Fiscal Flycatcher**, **Ant-eating Chat**, **African Red-eyed Bulbul**, **Horus Swift** and **Speckled Mousebird**. At the hamlet of Verkykerskop we collected a packed lunch which we enjoyed at the impressive Witkoppen Nature Lodge whilst watching herds of **Black Wildebeest**, **Springbok** and **Blesbok**. Noteworthy birds seen in this area included **Pin-tailed Whydah**, **Diderick Cuckoo**, **Banded Martin**, **Southern Bald Ibis**, **Yellow-crowned Bishop** performing 'bumble-bee' display flights and a pair of **Crowned Cranes** with three very young chicks. On the final leg of our journey, at least four **Denham's Bustard** were seen and just before checking into our charming Wakkerstroom B&B, we spent some quality time birding from the bridge crossing the local marsh. Here we saw **Glossy Ibis**, **African Snipe**, **Three-banded Plover**, **African Swampphen**, **South African Cliff Swallow**, **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, **Black Crake** and **African Marsh Harrier** to name but a few.

The next morning we were met by a local bird guide who took us to various private farms and community sites around Wakkerstroom. First on the agenda was a pre-breakfast drive to a community farming area east of Wakkerstroom where we picked up, amongst others, **White-bellied Bustard**, **Fan-tailed Widowbird**, **Black-winged Lapwing** and **Wing-snapping Cisticola**. Then along some hilly farm roads to the south of

Wakkerstroom we were fortunate to come across the very localised and normally 'tricky-to find' **Yellow-breasted Pipit** sitting in the road in front of our vehicle! Two other noteworthy birds seen on this stretch were **Eastern Long-billed Lark** and **Red-winged Francolin**. The rest of the day was spent exploring some favourite birding sites to the north of Wakkerstroom. Along the way we had smashing views of **Blue Bustard**, **Pale-crowned Cisticola**, **Blue Crane**, **Spur-winged Goose**, **Mountain Wheatear** and a **Red-footed Falcon** amongst hundreds of **Amurs**. In this area we also had several sightings of two very endearing small mammals in the form of **Yellow Mongoose** and a family of **Meerkats**. A picnic lunch was taken in a field overlooking a large body of water called Fickland Pan, where **Maccoa Duck**, **Southern Pochard** and **Cape Teal** were seen in the company of hundreds of **Red Knobbed Coot**. Today was a 'larky day' with no less than six species recorded. These included **Spike-heeled**, **Pink-billed**, **Rufous-naped**, **Red-capped** and lastly the critically endangered **Rudd's Lark** which we were very 'lucky' to see from the vehicle just before we were about to set off on what could have been a long search for it on foot. Back in Wakkerstroom the last hour of daylight was spent at the local wetland where we added **African Reed Warbler**, **Lesser Swamp Warbler** and **Little Rush Warbler** to the day's considerable bird list. The day ended with another superb dinner at another of Wakkerstroom's eccentric little restaurants.

Day five had a long drive to Kruger in store so a few participants opted to have a lie-in rather than do the early excursion to the south-west of Wakkerstroom. Those that did make the outing got to see some nice birds including **Black-collared Barbet**, **African Quail Finch**, **Lanner Falcon**, **Bokmakierie**, **Zitting Cisticola** and more **Blue Cranes** and **Denham's Bustard**. After another delightful breakfast at our B&B in the presence of the garden birds which included **Village Weavers**, **Amethyst Sunbirds**, **Speckled Mousebirds**, **Cape Starlings** and **Black-headed Orioles** it was time to bid Wakkerstroom farewell and head on to the Kruger National Park. This journey would take us through the towns of Ermelo, Chrissiesmeer, Carolina, Machadodorp, Bombela (Nelspruit) and finally Malelane. En route there were hundreds of roadside **Amur Falcons** along with other raptors including **Black-shouldered Kite**, **Common Buzzard**, **Long-crested Eagle** and a much sought-after **Secretarybird** foraging in grassland near Carolina. Kruger's Malelane Gate was reached by late afternoon and the long journey was soon forgotten as the group spotted some fine birds and mammals from the high-water bridge which crosses the Crocodile River (Kruger's southern boundary). There were **Hippo** and a few large **Nile Crocodiles** lying about in the shallows while **Water Thick-knee**, **Goliath**, **Grey and Striated Heron**, **Common and Wood Sandpiper**, **Pied**, **Woodland** and **Malachite Kingfisher** and **African Pied Wagtail** went about their business along the water's edge. The final leg of the journey took us from Malelane Gate to Skukuza Camp some 70 kilometres north. Along the way we had fabulous views of large mammals, including **Elephant**, **White Rhino**, **Cape Buffalo**, **Plains Zebra** and a nice variety of antelope such as **Impala**, **Greater Kudu** and **Steenbok**. Many of Kruger's widespread but iconic birds such as **Magpie Shrike**, **Burchell's Starling**, **Crowned Lapwing**, **Lilac-breasted Roller**, **African Cuckoo**, **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**, **Grey Go-away-bird**, **Crested Francolin** and the bizarre **Southern Ground Hornbill** were also seen. Not to be outshone by the residents, some of the common Palaearctic visitors such as **European Bee-eater**, **Spotted Flycatcher**, **Common Cuckoo**, **Red-backed Shrike** and **European Roller** also showed well. Skukuza was reached just before the official gate closing time of 18h30.

Early on our first full day in Kruger we were met by a knowledgeable guide in his open-sided, safari vehicle in which we were to do all our travelling in Kruger for the next three days. No sooner had we set off on our first short drive of the day when we started spotting large raptors with **Wahlberg's**, **Tawny** and **Lesser-Spotted Eagles** along with **African Hawk-Eagle**, **Bateleur** and **Brown Snake-Eagle**. We also had some well-hidden **Lion** and a most magnificent young male **Leopard** in a large Marula Tree. After breakfast we spent some time at 'Lake Panic' bird hide outside Skukuza which gave the photographers in the group some wonderful photo opportunities with the likes of **African Fish Eagle**, **Striated Heron**, **Malachite Kingfisher**, **Black Crake**, **Tawny-flanked Prinia**, **Lesser Masked Weaver** and a brooding **African Jacana** all showing well within a few yards of the hide. Then it was back to Skukuza for a well-earned siesta. In the late afternoon we enjoyed another short drive along one of the loops to the north of Skukuza. Mammals seen on this excursion included **Giraffe**, **Warthog**, **Nyala**, **Dwarf Mongoose**, **Chacma Baboon** and **Vervet Monkey** which alerted us to the presence of yet another **leopard**. This time a large male lying up on a distant sandbank along the Sand River. Significant birds seen on this late afternoon outing were **Green Woodhoopoe**, **Jacobin (Pied) Cuckoo**, **White-winged Widowbird**, **Monotonous Lark**, **Retz's Helmetshrike**, **Common Scimitarbill**, **Common Buttonquail**, **Southern Red-billed Hornbill** and **Chinspot Batis**.

The next day we set off early but were delayed somewhat by a few 'early birds' that showed up in the camp as we were about to leave. So a few extra minutes were set aside to view **Bearded Scrub Robin**, **Yellow-bellied Greenbul**, **Terrestrial Brownbul** and a stunning **Gorgeous Bushshrike**. When we did eventually set off it was to start our journey to Satara Camp, located within Kruger's vast basalt plains. Our route first took us along the very productive Sabie River to Lower Sabie Camp where we had breakfast. Along this stretch we encountered

Southern Carmine Bee-eater, African Grey Hornbill, White-crowned Lapwing, Verreaux's Eagle Owl, Woolly-necked and Yellow-billed Stork, Southern Boubou, Sombre Greenbul, Stierling's Wren-Warbler, White-browed Scrub Robin and Red-billed Buffalo Weaver. From Lower Sabie Camp where we had breakfast, we crossed the Sabie River and headed north over the Nkumbe Hills and onto the plains. At the Nkumbe viewing point we spotted our 'compulsory' six mammal species before moving on to get an ice-cream at the Tshokwane Picnic site. Interesting birds seen along this stretch included **Yellow-throated Longclaw, Southern Ostrich, Croaking Cisticola, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Arrow-marked Babbler, Knob-billed Duck and Red-breasted Swallow.** Mammal highlights were large concentrations of **Elephant**, more **White Rhino**, many **Waterbuck** and **Giraffe** and a **Spotted Hyaena**. Satara was reached by late afternoon and following an early dinner we hit the sack after a long, hot but very rewarding day.

An early morning drive across the open plains northward to the Olifants River produced many memorable sightings including large concentrations of **Zebra, Blue Wildebeest** and **Impala** amidst vast numbers of **White Stork** feeding on locusts on the grassy plains. At the Olifants River a Giraffe carcass attracted several **Spotted Hyaena** along with **Yellow-billed Kite, White-backed, Hooded, Cape and Lappet-faced Vultures.** Breakfast was taken at the cliff top Olifants Camp which overlooks the wide plains of the Olifants River below. With elephant breeding herds dotted along this mighty river for as far as the eye could see was a scene that will linger in the minds of the observers for many years to come. Some good birds were seen on this morning excursion including wonderful, close views of **Kori Bustard** along with **Saddle-billed Stork, White-headed Vulture, Sabota** and **Dusky Lark, Emerald-Spotted Wood-Dove, Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah, Lesser Grey Shrike** and many **Marabou Stork** also feasting on locusts alongside their counterparts visiting from Europe. After bidding our comfortable wildlife viewing vehicle farewell, we had a siesta and took a short afternoon drive before taking an early dinner and embarking on a night drive in one of the park safari vehicles. Highlights of the drive were seeing many **Square-tailed Nightjars**, a beautiful **Southern White-faced Owl**, several **Small-spotted Genets**, a single **Large-spotted Genet**, a **Spotted Hyaena** and a lone male **Lion**.

Our final morning in Kruger saw us take another early drive from Satara Camp during which we added **Golden-breasted Bunting, Chestnut-backed Sparrow-lark, Black-chested Snake Eagle, Black-crowned Tchagra, Yellow-billed Oxpecker** and **Red-crested Korhaan** to our already impressive Kruger bird list. A quick walk around Satara Camp after breakfast was a hot and humid affair but did produce some great birds in the form of **Marico** and **White-bellied Sunbirds, Brubru, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Icterine Warbler, Mourning Collared Dove, Yellow-fronted Canary, Crested Barbet** and **Brown-headed Parrot.** The park was exited via the Orpen gate but not before we had superb views of a pack of 17 **African Wild Dogs** frolicking around a waterhole plus another top predator in the form of a soaring **Martial Eagle.** After leaving the park we briefly headed up into Limpopo Province, stopping off at a tea garden on the banks of the Blyde River for lunch where we had great views of **Mountain Wagtail.** Then on the way up the eastern escarpment we hit a massive thunderstorm which lasted for over an hour. So alas our stop-off at the spectacular Abel Erasmus Pass to look for the resident Taita Falcons was pretty much washed out. The last leg of the day's journey took us through more mountain scenery before reaching the Mount Sheba Hotel situated amongst Afro-montane forest in very wet and foggy conditions.

The soaking, misty weather had continued into the following day so after breakfast it was decided to drive to lower altitudes where there would be better birding conditions. So off we went to Ohrigstad valley where two birding stops in mixed Acacia woodland produced some excellent birds with the most notable species being **African Paradise Flycatcher, White-throated Robin-Chat, Cardinal Woodpecker, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Black Cuckooshrike** and **Green-backed Camaroptera.** There was also a nice one for the Limpopo Province in the form of **Bokmakierie** while on a small field outside the town of Ohrigstad we had over a hundred **Abdim's Storks.** This excitement was followed by a scenic road trip along the aptly-named Panorama Route which takes one along the edge of the impressive Blyde River Canyon. We stopped off at the dramatic 'Three Rondavels' view point where some curio shopping was done and **Mocking Cliff Chat** and **Cinnamon-breasted Bunting** were observed at close quarters. In the town of Graskop we enjoyed its famous Pancakes for lunch, after which we paid the quaint tourist town of Pilgrims Rest a brief visit. Back at the hotel we had our last dinner of the tour and celebrated Joyce's birthday and Valentine's Day in fine style.

Sadly we had reached the last day of the tour and still the mist shrouded the forested escarpment. Before breakfast we did however do some birding from the entrance port outside reception. Here we spotted a number of forest birds through the mist as they desperately foraged in the soggy shrubbery. We managed to spot **Chorister Robin-Chat, Dusky Flycatcher, Cape Batis, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Grey Cuckooshrike, Natal Spurfowl, Southern Double-collared Sunbird** and **Olive Bushshrike** plus a troop of very wet **Samango (Blue) Monkeys.** Then once packed up we headed along the bumpy track that leads out of the reserve to the main road and started the drive back to Johannesburg via the town of Dullstroom. With the widespread rain

disrupting our chances of any birding stops along the way, we pushed on to our lunch spot near the town of Witbank before we had one more dip at finding new birds at the Marievale Bird Sanctuary near the town of Springs. A fairly quick visit here gave us several good species with the new additions being **Black-chested Prinia**, **Brown-throated Martin**, **Hottentot Teal**, **Greater Flamingo** and **Burchell's Coucal**. We then took our final road journey through the rain and traffic to reach OR Tambo International Airport in the late afternoon in good time to say our goodbyes and for everyone to do their flight 'check-ins'.

Annotated List of Species Recorded

(A total of 344 (9 heard only) birds, 45 mammals and 18 reptile species were recorded on this tour.)

BIRDS

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus* seen well in central KNP
White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* classic tropical ducks seen in KNP
White-backed Duck *Thalassornis leuconotus* seen at a wetland near Wakkerstroom
Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis* seen around Wakkerstroom
Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos* several seen in the KNP
Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* seen almost daily
South African Shelduck *Tadorna cana* fairly common in the Wakkerstroom area
Hottentot Teal *Spatula hottentota* great views of this small teal at the Marievale Bird Sanctuary
Cape Shoveler *Spatula smithii* seen on pans around Wakkerstroom and at Marievale BS
African Black Duck *Anas sparsa* a single sighting in the Golden Gate NP
Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata* common in the Drakensberg and around Wakkerstroom
Cape Teal *Anas capensis* seen on Fickland Pan near Wakkerstroom
Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha* seen in Wakkerstroom and in Kruger
Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma* seen in wetlands around Wakkerstroom & Marievale
Maccoa Duck *Oxyura maccoa* several seen at Fickland Pan near Wakkerstroom
Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* this iconic African bird was regularly encountered
Coqui Francolin *Peliperdix coqui* one seen crossing the road in Kruger
Red-winged Francolin *Scleroptila levaillantii* a great sighting of a male calling near Wakkerstroom
Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena* quite common in Kruger
Natal Spurfowl *Pternistis natalensis* seen regularly common in Kruger and again at Mount Sheba
Swainson's Spurfowl *Pternistis swainsonii* very common in Kruger, also seen around Wakkerstroom
Harlequin Quail *Coturnix delegorguei* often heard and seen once crossing the road in Kruger
Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* often seen on water bodies throughout
Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* seen nicely at the Marievale Bird Sanctuary
Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* several seen in Kruger
African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* two seen on the Olifants River in Kruger
Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* seen well in KNP
Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii* over a hundred birds seen in a field near Ohrigstad
Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus* seen in the KNP
White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* common throughout, particularly in Kruger
Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* a few sightings in KNP
Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumenifer* great views in Kruger
African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* common throughout the highlands
Southern Bald Ibis *Geronticus calvus* seen very well in the highlands
Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* seen and heard almost daily
Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* seen around Wakkerstroom and at Marievale
African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* seen on several occasions
Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* a single bird seen flying over a dam in Golden Gate
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* seen at the Wakkerstroom wetlands
Striated Heron *Butorides striata* small numbers in Kruger
Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* seen in Wakkerstroom and Kruger
Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* common and widespread throughout
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* small numbers on wetlands throughout
Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* common in the Drakensberg and Wakkerstroom areas
Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath* seen in the Kruger National Park
Great Egret *Ardea alba* seen in the Kruger National Park
Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia* encountered around Wakkerstroom and Marievale BS

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* several sightings in Kruger
Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* good sightings in Kruger
Reed Cormorant *Microcarbo africanus* small numbers on wetlands throughout
White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus* seen around Wakkerstroom
African Darter *Anhinga rufa* seen in Johannesburg and Kruger
Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius* first seen near the town of Carolina and again in Kruger
Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* common roadside raptor seen throughout
African Harrier-Hawk *Polyboroides typus* several sightings of this unusual raptor
Bearded Vulture *Gypaetus barbatus* a single bird soaring near the Sentinel peak in the Drakensberg
Hooded Vulture *Necrosyrtes monachus* seen well in Kruger
White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus* good numbers in Kruger
Cape Vulture *Gyps coprotheres* seen well from a hide in the Golden Gate park and again in Kruger
White-headed Vulture *Trigonoceps occipitalis* had good views of this handsome vulture in Kruger
Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotos* this massive bird was seen in Kruger
Black-chested Snake Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis* great views of one in Kruger
Brown Snake Eagle *Circaetus cinereus* several sightings in Kruger
Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* a fairly common sight in Kruger
Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* a single sighting in Kruger
Long-crested Eagle *Lophaetus occipitalis* this distinctive raptor was seen near Golden Gate and Ohrigstad
Lesser Spotted Eagle *Clanga pomarina* very common around quelea breeding colonies in Kruger
Wahlberg's Eagle *Hieraetus wahlbergi* seen well in Kruger
Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* two sightings of soaring birds in Kruger
Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax* several seen very well in Kruger
African Hawk-Eagle *Aquila spilogaster* a few sightings in Kruger
Shikra *Accipiter badius* a brief sighting of a flying bird in Kruger
Black Sparrowhawk *Accipiter melanoleucus* a bird seen flying over the Wakkerstroom marsh
African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus* seen over the marshes of Wakkerstroom
Black Harrier *Circus maurus* a great sighting of an adult bird foraging near the Sentinel peak, Drakensberg
Yellow-billed Kite *Milvus aegyptius* common in Kruger
African Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer* several sightings in Kruger
'Steppe' Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus* numerous sightings throughout
Jackal Buzzard *Buteo rufofuscus* fairly common in high-lying areas
Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori* seen very well in the KNP
Denham's Bustard *Neotis denhami* great views near Memel and Wakkerstroom
White-bellied Bustard *Eupodotis senegalensis* seen well east of Wakkerstroom
Blue Korhaan *Eupodotis caerulea* two sightings north of Wakkerstroom
Red-crested Korhaan *Lophotis ruficrista* seen very well in KNP
Northern Black Korhaan *Afrotis afraoides* brief views of a individual near Villiers en-route to Golden Gate
Red-chested Flufftail *Sarothrura rufa* heard only - at the Wakkerstroom marsh
African Rail *Rallus caeruleus* heard only - at the Wakkerstroom wetland
Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra* seen very well at the Wakkerstroom marsh and again in Kruger
African Swamphen *Porphyrio madagascariensis* seen in the Wakkerstroom marshes
Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* several sightings in upland wetlands
Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata* common in the Drakensberg, Wakkerstroom and Marievale
Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum* good sightings near Verkykerskop and Wakkerstroom
Blue Crane *Grus paradisea* several seen in the Wakkerstroom area
Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus* brief views in Kruger
Water Thick-knee *Burhinus vermiculatus* seen very well in Kruger
Spotted Thick-knee *Burhinus capensis* a good sighting east of Wakkerstroom
Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* several sightings around Wakkerstroom and Kruger
Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* a few seen on a pan near Villiers en-route to Golden Gate
Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus* common near water throughout
White-crowned Lapwing *Vanellus albiceps* seen near Lower Sabie in the KNP
Black-winged Lapwing *Vanellus melanopterus* several birds seen around Wakkerstroom
Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus* small numbers in dry grassland throughout
African Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus* a few seen in the highlands
Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris* small numbers on wetlands at Wakkerstroom and Kruger
African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus* a few seen well in Kruger
Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* distant views of a small flock feeding in a pan near Villiers
African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis* good sightings at the Wakkerstroom marsh
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* small numbers in Kruger

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* numerous sightings throughout
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* seen near Verkykerskop and in Kruger
Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* a single bird seen at our lunch stop near Villiers on day-1
Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* several breeding birds seen at highland pans
White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* a brief sighting of two birds near the Marievale Bird Sanctuary
Rock Dove *Columba livia* small numbers in a few towns
Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea* common in high-lying regions
African Olive Pigeon *Columba arquatrix* brief views for some in the mist at Mount Sheba Hotel
Mourning Collared Dove *Streptopelia decipiens* common around Satara Camp in Kruger
Red-eyed Dove *Streptopelia semitorquata* common in the eastern regions
Ring-necked Dove *Streptopelia capicola* common and widespread throughout
Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis* common and widespread throughout
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur chalcospilos* seen in the KNP
Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis* seen well in Kruger
African Green Pigeon *Treron calvus* seen in Skukuza Camp, Kruger
Purple-crested Turaco *Tauraco porphyreolophus* seen in Skukuza Camp, Kruger
Grey Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides concolor* common in Kruger
Burchell's Coucal *Centropus burchellii* one briefly seen at the Marievale Bird Sanctuary
Levaillant's Cuckoo *Clamator levaillantii* great sightings of this large cuckoo in Kruger
Jacobin Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus* several sightings in Kruger
Diederik Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius* seen very well on several occasions
Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas* heard only - in Kruger
Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus* good flight views in Kruger
Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius* heard only - at Golden Gate and Kruger
African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis* two good sightings in Kruger
Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus* several sightings in Kruger
Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba* two birds seen at its roost at the Lower Sabie restaurant
Southern White-faced Owl *Ptilopsis granti* great views of a bird on the night drive near Satara camp, Kruger
Verreaux's Eagle Owl *Bubo lacteus* a single sighting in Kruger
African Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii* heard only - by some at Mount Sheba Hotel
Square-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus fossii* several seen on the night drive in Kruger
African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus* seen on a number of occasions
Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* flocks in the highlands
Common Swift *Apus apus* large aggregations in Golden Gate and Wakkerstroom
African Black Swift *Apus barbatus* seen well at the Golden Gate National Park
Little Swift *Apus affinis* common around bridges and in towns
Horus Swift *Apus horus* seen once at the Golden Gate Hotel
White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer* common throughout, mainly Kruger
Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus* good views in Golden Gate and Wakkerstroom
Red-faced Mousebird *Urocolius indicus* seen in the KNP
Purple Roller *Coracias naevius* seen in KNP
Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudatus* fairly common in Kruger
European Roller *Coracias garrulus* very common throughout Kruger
Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris* seen at the Blyde River lunch stop - Moholoholo Ya Mati
Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis* common summer visitor in Kruger
Malachite Kingfisher *Corythornis cristatus* seen very well on a few occasions
Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* seen very well on a few occasions
Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus* briefly seen in Kruger
European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* seen almost daily
Southern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicoides* seen very well in Kruger
African Hoopoe *Upupa africana* good views in Kruger camps
Green Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus purpureus* a few sightings in Kruger
Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas* seen well in Kruger
Southern Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri* great close-up views in Kruger
Southern Red-billed Hornbill *Tockus rufirostris* fairly common in Kruger
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus leucomelas* common in Kruger
African Grey Hornbill *Lophoceros nasutus* a few sightings in Kruger
Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird *Pogoniulus bilineatus* heard only - at the Moholoholo Ya Mati tea garden
Acacia Pied Barbet *Tricholaema leucomelas* seen well near Ohrigstad
Black-collared Barbet *Lybius torquatus* seen on a few occasions
Crested Barbet *Trachyphonus vaillantii* seen well in Satara Camp, Kruger

Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor* brief views of a bird in Satara Camp, Kruger
Red-throated Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis* great views in Golden Gate and Wakkerstroom
Ground Woodpecker *Geocolaptes olivaceus* good sightings near Golden Gate
Bearded Woodpecker *Chloropicus namaquus* heard only - in Kruger
Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens* seen very well near Ohrigstad
Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* a few seen near Verkykerskop
Rock Kestrel *Falco rupicolus* seen near the Sentinel peak in the Drakensberg
Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides* an unusual sighting at the Witsieshoek Lodge in the Drakensberg
Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* a single bird seen outside Wakkerstroom
Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis* abundant throughout the highlands
Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* seen on two occasions - Golden Gate and Ohrigstad
Brown-headed Parrot *Poicephalus cryptoxanthus* seen well in Satara Camp, Kruger
Cape Batis *Batis capensis* seen at the Mount Sheba Hotel
Chin-spot Batis *Batis molitor* seen well in Kruger
Grey-headed Bushshrike *Malaconotus blanchoti* seen well in Kruger
Olive Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus olivaceus* seen at Mount Sheba
Orange-breasted Bushshrike *Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus* heard only - in Kruger
Gorgeous Bushshrike *Telophorus viridis* great views in Skukuza Camp, Kruger
Bokmakierie *Telophorus zeylonus* seen at Golden Gate, Wakkerstroom and Ohrigstad
Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis* seen very well in Kruger and near Ohrigstad
Black-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra senegalus* seen well in Kruger
Black-backed Puffback *Dryoscopus cubla* seen well in Kruger
Southern Boubou *Laniarius ferrugineus* seen along the Sabie River in Kruger
Brubru *Nilaus afer* seen well in Satara camp in Kruger
White-crested Helmetshrike *Prionops plumatus* brief views for some from a hide near Skukuza, Kruger
Retz's Helmetshrike *Prionops retzii* seen very well near Skukuza, Kruger
Grey Cuckooshrike *Coracina caesia* seen at Mt Sheba Hotel
Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava* good views near Ohrigstad
Magpie Shrike *Urolestes melanoleucus* common in Kruger
Southern White-crowned Shrike *Eurocephalus anguitimens* seen at the Malelane Gate in Kruger
Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collaris* very common throughout Kruger
Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* several seen north of Satara camp, Kruger
Southern Fiscal *Lanius collaris* common everywhere except Kruger
Black-headed Oriole *Oriolus larvatus* good sightings in Wakkerstroom and Kruger
Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis* common in Kruger
African Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis* seen well near Ohrigstad
Cape Crow *Corvus capensis* common in the highlands
White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis* seen well in the Drakensberg
Drakensberg Rockjumper *Chaetops aurantius* great views in the Drakensberg near the Sentinel Peak
Southern Black Tit *Melaniparus niger* seen by some at a view-point north of Lower Sabie Camp, Kruger
Spike-heeled Lark *Chersomanes albofasciata* seen well near Wakkerstroom
Eastern Long-billed Lark *Certhilauda semitorquata* good views of this large lark near Wakkerstroom
Dusky Lark *Pinarocorys nigricans* great views of this migratory lark in Kruger
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix leucotis* seen well in the Kruger National Park
Sabota Lark *Calendulauda sabota* fairly common in KNP
Rudd's Lark *Heteromirafra ruddi* a single bird seen at Fickland Pan near Wakkerstroom
Rufous-naped Lark *Mirafra africana* seen well near Wakkerstroom and in Kruger
Monotonous Lark *Mirafra passerina* great views of displaying males in Kruger
Pink-billed Lark *Spizocorys conirostris* this nomadic species was seen very well near Wakkerstroom
Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea* good views near Wakkerstroom
African Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus nigricans* seen well in Golden Gate
Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor* common, especially in Kruger
Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus* seen well in Kruger
Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris* seen in Skukuza Camp, Kruger
Terrestrial Brownbul *Phyllastrephus terrestris* seen at Skukuza Camp and at Mount Sheba
Yellow-streaked Greenbul *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus* brief views at Mount Sheba Hotel
Brown-throated Martin *Riparia paludicola* a few at the Marievale Bird Sanctuary
Banded Martin *Riparia cincta* fairly common in Golden Gate and Wakkerstroom
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* seen on every day of the tour
White-throated Swallow *Hirundo albigularis* common near streams and marshes in the highlands
Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* seen along large rivers in Kruger

Rock Martin *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* small number at rocky cliffs in the highlands
Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum* a few seen in Ohrigstad town
Greater Striped Swallow *Cecropis cucullata* common in high-lying areas
Lesser Striped Swallow *Cecropis abyssinica* seen well in Kruger
Red-breasted Swallow *Cecropis semirufa* good views of this large swallow in Kruger
South African Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon spilodera* seen at the bridge over the Wakkerstroom wetlands
Cape Grassbird *Sphenoeacus afer* seen well in the Golden Gate National Park
Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens* good views in Kruger
Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* seen on several occasions throughout
Lesser Swamp Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* great views at the Wakkerstroom wetland
Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* seen in a reed bed at the Tshokwane picnic site in Kruger
African Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus baeticatus* seen at the Wakkerstroom marsh
Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris* good close-up views in a dense thicket in Satara Camp in Kruger
Olive-tree Warbler *Hippolais olivetorum* heard only - north of Satara in the Kruger National Park
Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina* great views in Satara Camp, Kruger
Little Rush Warbler *Bradypterus baboecala* seen in the Wakkerstroom marsh
Red-faced Cisticola *Cisticola erythrops* seen well in Kruger
Rattling Cisticola *Cisticola chiniana* common in Kruger
Levaillant's Cisticola *Cisticola tinniens* regular in highland wetlands
Croaking Cisticola *Cisticola natalensis* a single sighting in Kruger
Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* seen in Golden Gate and Wakkerstroom
Cloud Cisticola *Cisticola textrix* seen in Golden Gate
Pale-crowned Cisticola *Cisticola cinnamomeus* seen well north of Wakkerstroom
Wing-snapping Cisticola *Cisticola ayresii* seen near Fickland Pan, Wakkerstroom
Tawny-flanked Prinia *Prinia subflava* common in Kruger
Black-chested Prinia *Prinia flavicans* This small bird was seen at the Marievale Bird Sanctuary
Drakensberg Prinia *Prinia hypoxantha* seen in Golden Gate NP
Bar-throated Apalis *Apalis thoracica* seen well at Mount Sheba
Yellow-breasted Apalis *Apalis flavida* great views near Ohrigstad
Green-backed Camaroptera *Camaroptera brachyura* seen near Ohrigstad
Stierling's Wren-Warbler *Calamonastes stierlingi* seen briefly in the Kruger National Park
Burnt-necked Eremomela *Eremomela usticollis* hear only - Kruger National park
Arrow-marked Babbler *Turdoides jardineii* seen several times in Kruger
Bush Blackcap *Lioptilus nigricapillus* seen very well at Golden Gate
Cape White-eye *Zosterops virens* quite common throughout
Gurney's Sugarbird *Promerops gurneyi* seen on flowering Proteas in Golden Gate and near Mount Sheba
Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* common in highland towns
Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea* several sightings in Kruger
Cape Starling *Lamprotornis nitens* common in Kruger
Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus* good sightings in Satara Camp, Kruger
Burchell's Starling *Lamprotornis australis* fairly common in Kruger
Pied Starling *Lamprotornis bicolor* very common in the highlands, often on road edges
Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster* a few sightings in Kruger
Red-winged Starling *Onychognathus morio* common throughout
Yellow-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus africanus* a single sighting of a bird on a Giraffe in Kruger
Red-billed Oxpecker *Buphagus erythrorhynchus* common in the KNP
Olive Thrush *Turdus olivaceus* seen well at Golden Gate and Wakkerstroom
Bearded Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas quadrivirgata* seen well in Skukuza Camp, Kruger
White-browed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys* seen and often heard in Kruger
Southern Black Flycatcher *Melaenornis pammelaina* seen in Pilgrim's Rest town near Mount Sheba
Fiscal Flycatcher *Melaenornis silens* seen well at Golden Gate National Park
Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* fairly common migrant in Kruger
African Dusky Flycatcher *Muscicapa adusta* seen well at Mount Sheba
Cape Robin-Chat *Cossypha caffra* common in thickets throughout the highlands
White-browed Robin-Chat *Cossypha heuglini* seen well in Lower Sabie Camp, Kruger
Chorister Robin-Chat *Cossypha dichroa* good views in the Mount Sheba Hotel gardens
Cape Rock Thrush *Monticola rupestris* seen well in the Golden Gate National Park
Sentinel Rock Thrush *Monticola explorator* good views in the Drakensberg
African Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus* common in the highlands
Buff-streaked Chat *Campicoloides bifasciatus* handsome endemic seen in Golden Gate and Wakkerstroom
Mocking Cliff Chat *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris* seen near in the Kruger and in the Blyde River Canyon

Ant-eating Chat *Myrmecocichla formicivora* quite common in highland grasslands
Mountain Wheatear *Myrmecocichla monticola* scattered sightings in rocky areas in the high country
Familiar Chat *Oenanthe familiaris* fairly common in the highlands
Collared Sunbird *Hedydipna collaris* seen well in Skukuza Camp, Kruger
Amethyst Sunbird *Chalcomitra amethystina* seen in Wakkerstroom
Malachite Sunbird *Nectarinia famosa* many good views in Golden Gate
Southern Double-collared Sunbird *Cinnyris chalybeus* seen in the gardens of Mount Sheba Hotel
Marico Sunbird *Cinnyris mariquensis* seen well in Satara Camp, Kruger
White-bellied Sunbird *Cinnyris talatala* good views in Satara Camp, Kruger
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* common near human habitation throughout, even in Kruger camps
Cape Sparrow *Passer melanurus* fairly common in the highlands
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer diffusus* widespread in small numbers, particularly in the Kruger
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver *Bubalornis niger* common in Kruger with many large nests seen
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali* seen en-route to Golden Gate and again in Ohrigstad
Thick-billed Weaver *Amblyospiza albifrons* seen once at its nest in the Moholoholo Ya Mati tea garden
Spectacled Weaver *Ploceus ocularis* seen well in Satara Camp, Kruger
Cape Weaver *Ploceus capensis* common in the highlands
Lesser Masked Weaver *Ploceus intermedius* good sightings from the hide near Skukuza, Kruger
Southern Masked Weaver *Ploceus velatus* fairly common throughout
Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus* common in the Kruger and seen well in Wakkerstroom
Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* abundant in Kruger
Yellow-crowned Bishop *Euplectes afer* common over grassy pans in the highlands
Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix* common throughout
Yellow Bishop *Euplectes capensis* seen by some in Golden Gate
Fan-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes axillaris* seen at Golden Gate and Wakkerstroom
White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus* fairly common in Kruger and around Ohrigstad
Red-collared Widowbird *Euplectes ardens* seen well in Golden Gate
Long-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes progne* spectacular displays in the upland grasslands
Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba* brief views in Kruger
Red-headed Finch *Amadina erythrocephala* a few seen on a fence near Wakkerstroom
Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala* seen by some in Satara Camp, Kruger
Blue Waxbill *Uraeginthus angolensis* a few good sightings in Kruger
Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild* seen near Verkykerskop and Wakkerstroom
Quailfinch *Ortygospiza atricollis* great views of this secretive finch near Wakkerstroom
Village Indigobird *Vidua chalybeata* seen very well in Skukuza Camp, KNP
Purple Indigobird *Vidua purpurascens* good views near Skukuza, Kruger
Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* fairly common in the highlands
Long-tailed Paradise Whydah *Vidua paradisaea* several sightings in Kruger
Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis* quite common in the highlands
Mountain Wagtail *Motacilla clara* good views on the Blyde River
African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp* seen along the rivers in Kruger
Cape Longclaw *Macronyx capensis* this smart bird at times very common in highland grasslands
Yellow-throated Longclaw *Macronyx croceus* seen very well in southern Kruger
African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus* very common in highland grasslands
Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis* brief views for some in the Drakensberg
Yellow-breasted Pipit *Anthus chloris* seen very well, sitting in the road near Wakkerstroom
Black-throated Canary *Crithagra atrogularis* seen near Villiers en-route to Golden Gate
Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica* seen in Kruger
Streaky-headed Seedeater *Crithagra gularis* briefly seen by some in the Golden Gate National Park
Cape Canary *Serinus canicollis* common in the highlands
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi* seen in Kruger and at the Blyde River Canyon
Cape Bunting *Emberiza capensis* great close-up views at the Vulture hide in the Golden Gate NP
Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris* great views of a pair at a small waterhole in Kruger

MAMMALS

Rock Hyrax *Procavia capensis* Seen well near the Sentinel Peak in the Drakensberg

African Savanna Elephant *Loxodonta africana* Large numbers seen throughout Kruger

Thick-tailed Greater Galago *Otolemur crassicaudatus* Heard only - in Skukuza Camp KNP

Chacma Baboon *Papio ursinus* Frequently seen in the Drakensberg and Kruger

Vervet Monkey *Chlorocebus pygerythrus* Multiple sightings in and around Kruger

Blue Monkey *Cercopithecus mitis* Seen on the final morning on tour at Mount Sheba Hotel

Smith's Bush Squirrel *Paraxerus cepapi* Quite common in the Kruger National Park

Spectacled Dormouse *Graphiurus ocularis* A baby was found that had fallen out of a thatched roof in Skukuza, KNP

Scrub Hare *Lepus saxatilis* Seen on a night drive near Satara Camp, KNP

Peters'/Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat *Epomophorus crypturus/wahlbergi* Heard only - Skukuza Camp KNP

Egyptian Free-tailed Bat *Tadarida aegyptiaca* Good views of a colony in the Olifants River Bridge, KNP

Leopard *Panthera pardus* A great sighting of a young male in a tree near Skukuza Camp, KNP

Lion *Panthera leo* Two sightings in the Kruger National Park

Common/Small-spotted Genet *Genetta genetta* At least three seen on a night drive near Satara Camp, KNP

Blotched/Large-spotted Genet aZ'Z' AQ q q qwa\$1A *Genetta tigrina* One seen on the night drive out of Satara Camp, KNP

Spotted Hyaena *Crocuta crocuta* Great sightings and vocalizations in Kruger

Yellow Mongoose *Cynictis penicillata* Fairly common around Wakkerstroom

Common Slender Mongoose *Herpestes sanguinea* Brief views in the Kruger National Park

Meerkat *Suricata suricata* Several sightings around Wakkerstroom

Common Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale parvula* At least three sightings in the Kruger National Park

Black-backed Jackal *Canis mesomelas* Several sightings in Golden Gate and Kruger NP

African Wild Dog *Lycaon pictus* A great sighting of a pack of 17 dogs west of Satara, KNP

African Clawless Otter *Aonyx capensis* A single animal seen at the Wakkerstroom wetland

Plains Zebra *Equus quagga* Seen in Golden Gate, Witkoppen Reserve and a few hundred in Kruger

White Rhinoceros *Ceratotherium simum* At least five good sightings in Kruger

Common Warthog *Phacochoerus africanus* A number of sightings in Kruger

Common Hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibius* Fine views in and out of the water in Kruger

Giraffe *Giraffa camelopardalis* Numerous sightings in Kruger

African Buffalo *Syncerus caffer* Seen well in Kruger

Nyala *Tragelaphus angasi* A good sighting in Kruger

Cape Bushbuck *Tragelaphus scriptus* Seen well along the Sabie River in Kruger

Greater Kudu *Tragelaphus strepsiceros* Seen well in Kruger

Eland *Taurotragus oryx* Lovely views of this large antelope in the Golden Gate National Park

Common Impala *Aepyceros melampus* Almost abundant in Kruger

Steenbok *Raphicerus campestris* Good sightings in Kruger

Cape Springbok *Antidorcas marsupialis* Seen in Golden Gate and Witkoppen

Southern Reedbuck *Redunca arundinum* A single sighting near the Witkoppen reserve, Free State

Mountain Reedbuck *Redunca fulvorufula* Seen in Golden Gate and in the hills south of Wakkerstroom

Common Waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus* Nice views of this handsome antelope in Kruger

Rhebok *Pelea capreolus* A small herd seen in Golden Gate NP

Red Hartebeest *Alcephalus caama* Seen well in the Golden Gate National Park

Blesbok *Damaliscus phillipsi* Numerous sightings in the high country

White-tailed Gnu (Black Wildebeest) *Connochaetes gnou* Sightings of this endemic species in Golden Gate and Witkoppen

Blue Wildebeest *Connochaetes taurinus* Good numbers seen in Kruger

Bush Duiker *Sylvicapra grimmia* Seen on a night drive in Kruger