



Trip Report

**Botswana
08th - 17th June 2013 (10 days)**



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TOUR SUMMARY

This ten day mobile safari covered some of the most pristine wilderness in Africa. Northern Botswana's wildlife experience is second to none. We explored the Moremi Game Reserve, the Khwai community concession, the Savuti marsh area ending at Kasane on the Chobe River. It was a true safari conducted in an open vehicle and the camp itself is tented and is re-erected at each destination. The wildlife encounters were abundant and photographic opportunities were endless. It was truly a magical experience encompassing the best of Botswana.

REPORT

Our Botswana tour began in the in the bustling little town of Maun, which is a port of entry into the Okavango Delta. We took a 25 minute scenic flight from Maun over the South Eastern edge of the Delta to arrive at the Xakanaxa airstrip in Moremi Game Reserve.



This 4700 square km reserve is the protector of the bulk of the Okavango Delta. It contains some of Africa's most prized wilderness. There is very little human activity here, other than the yearly influx of visitors from around the globe. The Moremi is host to thousands of large mammals including large

herds of African Buffalo, Elephant, Hippopotamus, Giraffe, Lechwe antelope and Impala to name but a few. The area has over 400 bird species and a large variety of fish and also plant species such as the Mopane which attracts the Elephant herds from far and wide.



The seasonal movement of wildlife herds is drawn to the crystal clear waters of the Delta and rivers in Northern Botswana, this is the area where our mobile tented safari took place.

On the way to camp in our open safari vehicle, we were greeted by a number of delightful species including the delicate Impala, Plains Zebra, the comical Warthog and numerous bird species such as Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, the stunning Saddle-billed Stork and the Little Bee-eaters.



We were almost at camp when a young male leopard suddenly stepped out from behind tall grass directly next to our vehicle. Unbelievably close and calm, it remained in the area for some time showing interest in Sacred Ibis at water hole

close by. This was the first of many special wildlife encounters that we were to have in our adventure.



Our lovely camp site was well chosen, and the ensuite tents were to be our mobile home for the next ten days. We went out for a celebratory sundowner at a Hippo pool before returning back to camp for a delicious dinner prepared in the camp's bush kitchen. Spotted Hyena and feeding Elephant were heard close to

camp that night.

The following morning's game drive was eventful with numerous sightings of Elephants, some with little calves still suckling from their mothers. The high speed Tsessebe antelope was seen amongst a herd of Impala and after a sunny comfort break we were alerted to two large male Lions by alarming Red-billed Francolin. The two brothers were resting in the shade of some Feverberry trees. We had a great view and thereafter returned to camp for a welcomed brunch. The cook prepared amazing meals in his bush kitchen throughout the entire trip. He was the envy of many of the home chefs,

successfully delivering complicated recipes in a kitchen with only a fire and coals to work with. That afternoon we watched the sunset at Dead-tree Island, with Lechwe antelope crossing a floodplain in crimson light and on the way home we saw our first tiny Pearl-spotted Owlet.



The following day we set off to the boat station for a boat cruise on the Okavango Delta, an activity not to be missed. On the way there we briefly encountered two big male Lions on their territorial patrol. They walked past the vehicle as if we did not exist. It was an exhilarating event, and was then contributed to by a herd of three hundred

African Buffalo next to the sandy road. These large mammals are continuously harassed by Lion prides in the area and are generally moving large distances in search of grazing. We were almost at the boat station when we encountered a large herd of Giraffe, we had a great view in early morning sun of them feeding on the Acacia trees and thereafter we headed out on the boat cruise.

The lily scattered, crystal clear water is home to large Nile Crocodiles, Hippopotamus, two Otter species and numerous fish and bird species too. We meandered through dozens of islands on little channels to enter the large Manuchira Channel.



We also spent some time searching islands for the elusive Pels Fishing Owl, unfortunately it was not to be found on this day. From there we had a view of the legendary Godikwa Heronry, where large flocks of water birds gather for breeding and thereafter we returned to the mainland to make our way to a lovely picnic sight under a huge Sausage Tree where the cook and his two assistants welcomed us with another perfectly prepared meal. We ended the day with some relaxation around the fireplace and a hearty meal prior to a needful rest in our cozy tents.

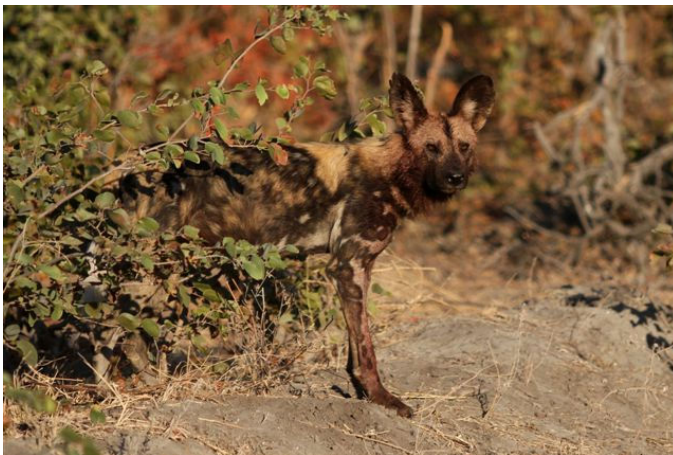




Day four was a traveling day from the Moremi to the community run Khwai concession. We covered some 60 km through pristine wilderness, encountering a herd of almost 40 Giraffe crossing a floodplain in single file. It truly was a special moment, with these prehistoric like mammals

gracefully moving through the open. Warthogs were in abundance on this day together with herds of Zebra.

We also saw and photographed the first Steenbok of the trip, the little antelope totally frozen in the hope that we would move past. A small water hole with numerous large Crocodiles and two species of Pelican made for a great place to enjoy a cup of tea before leaving the stunningly beautiful Moremi Game Reserve.



The following morning in Khwai we encountered the very rare and interesting African Wild Dog on the move. Botswana is home to fewer than 1000 of these remarkable mammals. The pack of 11 was split and the trailing animals were calling intently to make contact with the leaders. It was an amazing sight, we spent over two hours searching for and viewing these beautifully marked Canids. The slow flowing Khwai

River produced amazing Elephant sightings in the later part of the morning with large bulls quenching their thirst in the golden sunlight. This made for great photographic opportunities. Large groups of Hippopotamus also lined the river where they made the most of the winter sun.





The bizarre Southern Ground Hornbill was also sighted on this day, with a small family hunting in long grass next to the vehicle. Their long eye-lashes and coloration make them rather pleasing to look at.

That afternoon we took a dug-out canoe trip on the shallow Sable Alley

where we encountered a dozen breeding herds of Elephants. The little calves waded in waist deep to be next to their vigilant drinking mothers and half sisters. This was one of the many highlights of the trip.



After brunch we went out to locate a pride of Lions with two large males. While viewing the sleepy cats, a different pack of 7 Wild Dogs arrived from across the floodplain and began chasing after some Kudu. The Kudu fled in different directions with one fleeing directly towards the sleeping Lions. They sat up very alert as soon as they heard the rustling of the on-coming Kudu through the grass. Within seconds the inevitable fate was upon the Kudu. Predator had seized prey right next to the vehicle. It was a very powerful sight indeed.



We left shortly afterwards to briefly view the Wild Dog on the way out of the area. This interaction was a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle! We completed the drive in the dark using a spotlight to search nocturnal wildlife. Back at camp the friendly team was waiting for us once again with welcome drinks and three course meal. This day was unbelievably productive and etched into our memories for ever.



The following day produced yet another pride of Lions which had pulled down an old Buffalo the night before. We spent the golden hour of dawn with them as they lay about in the warm sunshine. The Buffalo was almost entirely consumed and the curious Hyena were close by, waiting patiently for their share.

We saw a second herd of Buffalo on this day, grazing close to the road and wading through a floodplain away from the Lions which had dispatched the old bull the night before.

Another highlight on this day was an hour spent with 6 week old Hyena pups at their termitaria den. A clan member and baby-sitter Hyena was watching the little ones closely as they bounced about discovering their new environment outside of their underground burrow.



That evening we had fantastic views of a Lesser Bush Baby and also a Verreaux's Eagle owl perched on a large dead Leadwood tree. The red light from the filtered spotlight gave the bird a mystical appearance.

The following day was another travel day, from Khwai to Savuti in the Chobe National Park. We encountered many Elephant herds on the way and had a great view of a Pale Chanting Goshawk on the way. During our picnic lunch break we undertook a short bush walk to have a close look at a large herd of Giraffe.



If approached correctly on foot they are very tolerant and can be viewed from close. This was yet another big highlight for the trip. This days travel was loaded with thick Kalahari sand, making hard work for our open safari vehicle. We

arrived in Savuti to be greeted by large Elephant bulls making their way to the small pools in the Savuti channel.



They drink daily from the drying channel, sharing the water's with hundreds of Marabou Storks and Grey Herons. Our tented camp and friendly staff was a welcoming sight. We had went out briefly that afternoon to celebrate our arrival in this iconic wildlife area. We shared the sunset

with dozens of Double-banded Sandgrouse flying past on the way back from collecting water at the Savuti Channel. Large Elephant bulls dotted the dry Savuti marsh as the it darkened and we then made our way back to camp.

That night we had countless Elephant feeding around out camp, the breaking of branches audible from inside our tents. It was an eventful night for some of the group.

The following morning we were on our way to the famous Rock-paintings in the Savuti hills, when some Impala alerted us to the presence of a predator. Within minutes we had located a young Leopard, which crossed the road directly in front of us. It was another great sighting amongst a myriad of encounters with wildlife in this area.



We also saw the very rare Roan antelope on this day.

Our sunset on this day was silhouetted by a large bull Elephant, it was a memorable sight. On the way back to camp we saw the shy Honey Badger and an African Wild Cat. The two highlighted birds for the day was a Northern Black Korhaan and an African Hawk Eagle drinking from a small pool.



This night we heard a lot of activity and even had a Honey Badger visit the camp. The cook had to wake up during the night and chase the investigating animal away. It made for some humour in the morning. This last full day in the Savuti marsh area was another highlight, with a close-up view of a Lioness and four new born cubs. Their eyes were still slightly milky indicating young age. It was the first time that these cubs had been seen. A life of struggle and persistence awaits them in this challenging environment.

We returned to have a second look at the cubs in the late afternoon but the mother was out hunting and had left a large male Lion to guard over the little lions.



He was one of the dominant five males in the area, well known for hunting sub-adult Elephant. That night we had three of the coalition roaring around our camp site. It was an earth shattering sound which went on for most of the night. It was an eventful night for some of the group to say the least. When we woke up to start another traveling day to Kasane, we encountered two of the big

males next to the road. They roared one more time, 30 meters away from us and left another strong memory in our minds. This safari was loaded with highlights.

The five hour drive to Kasane was along another sandy track and we did get stuck once only. With the help of another passing vehicle we were out and on our way without losing any significant time.

Upon arrival in Kasane, which lies on the southern banks of the Chobe River we embarked on another boat cruise and our last activity for the trip. This too was a remarkable activity, with dozens of basking Hippo to be seen on the shores. Enormous crocodiles lined the banks together with herds of bull Elephant. The highlight was a large Sable antelope drinking from the river, this majestic rare antelope made an impression on everyone in the group.





We were also privileged to see 70 Elephant, including infants, swim across the deep Chobe River to Sedudu Island to feed on the green grasses. This is quite a sight, with only trunks visible on the water surface allowing the big mammal to breath

as they undertake the risky swim. The birding was also rewarding, with Giant Kingfishers, Goliath Herons and White-fronted Bee-eaters providing us with great views.



This was a delightful way to end the Botswana tour, we then returned to boat station and shortly after the group were collected for their onward extension in Zambia and their visit to the Victoria Falls.

If you have read this report and are considering the INDRI Botswana tour, don't hesitate, go ahead and make the booking. It is an unbelievable wildlife experience!

Mammal list - Total 34

Nomeclature and taxonomy follows: A revised systematic checklist of the extant mammals of the southern African subregion. Durban Museum Novitates 28: 56-106. Bronner, G.N., Hoffmann, M., Taylor, P.J., Chimimba, C.T., Best, P.B., Matthee, C.A. & Robinson, T.J.

African Elephant Elephantidae

African Elephant *Loxodonta africana*.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Tree Squirrel *Paraxerus cepapi*

Bushbabies Galagidae

South African Galago *Galago moholi*

Monkeys and Baboons Cercopithecidae

Chacma Baboon *Papio ursinus*
Vervet Monkey *Cercopithecus aethiops*

Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

Peter's Epauletted Fruit-Bat *Epomophorus crypturus*

Hyenas Hyaenidae

Spotted Hyena *Crocuta crocuta*

Cats Felidae

Leopard *Panthera pardus*
Lion *Panthera leo*
African Wild Cat *Felis sylvestris*

Mongoose Herpestidae

Slender Mongoose *Galerella pulchra*
Banded Mongoose *Mungos mungo*
Dwarf Mongoose *Helogale parvula*
Yellow Mongoose *Cynictis penicillata*

Dogs & Allies Canidae

African Wild Dog *Lycaon pictus*
Side-striped Jackal *Canis adustus*



Black-backed Jackal

Canis mesomelas

Otters, Weasel, Polecat and Ratel Mustelidae

Honey Badger

Mellivora capensis

Zebras Equidae

Plains Zebra

Equus quagga

Pigs Suidae

Common Warthog

Phacochoerus africanus

Hippopotamus Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus

Hippopotamus amphibius

Giraffe Giraffidae

Giraffe

Giraffa camelopardalis

Bovids & Horned Ungulates Bovidae

African Buffalo

Syncerus caffer

Greater Kudu

Tragelaphus strepsiceros

Blue Wildebeest

Connochaetes taurinus

Roan

Hippotragus equinus

Sable

Hippotragus niger

Common Reedbuck

Redunca arundinum

Waterbuck

Kobus ellipsiprymnus

Lechwe

Kobus leche

Steenbok

Raphicerus campestris

Impala

Aepyceros melampus

Sitatunga

Tragelaphus spekei

Tsessebe

Damaliscus lunatus

Bird List – Total 190

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Frank Gill & Minturn Wright. *Birds of the World: Recommended English Names* (2006) Princeton University Press, Version 2.4 generated on 2009-05-12. Notes are provided where Clements differs; alternatively Clements names are in parenthesis.

Key: E: regional endemic, NE: regional near-endemic

Ostriches Struthionidae

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus*

Guineafowl Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*

Pheasants, Fowl & Allies Phasianidae

Crested Francolin *Dendroperdix sephaena*

Red-billed Spurfowl (Francolin) *Pternistis adspersus*

Swainson's Spurfowl (Francolin) (NE) *Pternistis swainsonii*

Ducks & Geese Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*

White-backed Duck *Thalassornis leuconotus*

Spur-winged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*

Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*

Cape Teal *Anas capensis*

Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata*

Red-billed Teal (Duck) *Anas erythrorhyncha*

Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota*

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopus minor*

Storks Ciconidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis*

African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus*

Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*

Ibises & Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*

Hadada Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*

Glossy Ibis
African Spoonbill

Plegadis falcinellus
Platalea alba

Herons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae

Striated Heron
Squacco Heron
Rufous-bellied Heron
Western Cattle Egret
Grey Heron
Goliath Heron
Purple Heron
Western Great Egret
Intermediate Egret
Black Heron
Slaty Heron
Little Egret

Butorides striata
Ardeola ralloides
Ardeola rufiventris
Bubulcus ibis
Ardea cinerea
Ardea goliath
Ardea purpurea
Ardea alba
Egretta intermedia
Egretta ardesiaca
Egretta vinaceigula
Egretta garzetta

Hamerkop Scopidae

Hamerkop

Scopus umbretta

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican
Pink-backed Pelican

Pelecanus onocrotalus
Pelicanus rufescens

Cormorants Phalacrocoracidae

Reed (Long-tailed) Cormorant

Phalacrocorax africanus

Anhingas Anhingidae

African Darter

Anhinga rufa

Secretarybird Sagittaridae

Secretarybird

Sagittarius serpentarius

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae

Black-winged(shouldered) Kite
African Fish Eagle
Hooded Vulture
White-backed Vulture
Lappet-faced Vulture
Black-chested Snake Eagle
Brown Snake Eagle
Bateleur
White-headed Vulture
African Marsh Harrier

Elanus caeruleus
Haliaeetus vocifer
Necrosyrtes monachus
Gyps africanus
Aegypius tracheliotus
Circaetus pectoralis
Circaetus cinereus
Terathopius ecaudatus
Trigonoceps occipitalius
Circus ranivorus

Pale Chanting Goshawk
Gabar Goshawk
Little Sparrowhawk
Tawny Eagle
African Hawk-Eagle
Martial Eagle

Melierax canorus
Micronisus gabar
Accipiter minullus
Aquila rapax
Hieraaetus spilogaster
Polemaetus bellicosus

Falcons Falconidae

Dickinson's Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon

Falco dickinsoni
Falco peregrinus

Bustards Otididae

Kori Bustard
Red-crested Korhaan (Bustard)
Northern Black Korhaan (Bustard)

Ardeotis kori
Lophotis ruficrista
Afrotis afraoides

Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae

Black Crake

Amaurornis flavirostra

Cranes Gruidae

Wattled Crane

Grus carunculata

Buttonquail Turnicidae

Common Buttonquail

Turnix sylvaticus

Thick-knees Burhinidae

Water Thick-knee

Burhinus vermiculatus

Stilts & Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus himantopus

Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae

Long-toed Lapwing
Blacksmith Lapwing (Plover)
White-crowned (headed) Lapwing
Crowned Lapwing
African Wattled Lapwing
Three-banded Plover
Kittlitz's Plover

Vanellus crassirostris
Vanellus armatus
Vanellus albiceps
Vanellus coronatus
Vanellus senegallus
Charadrius tricollaris
Charadrius pecuarius

Jacanas Jacanidae

African Jacana

Actophilornis africanus

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

Courasers & Pratincoles Glareolidae

Collared Pratincole

Glareola pratincola

Gulls & Terns Laridae

African Skimmer

Rynchops flavirostris

Grey-hooded (headed) Gull

Larus cirrocephalus

Sandgrouse Pteroclididae

Double-banded Sandgrouse

Pterocles bicinctus

Burchell's Sandgrouse

Pterocles burchelli

Doves & Pigeons Columbidae

Mourning Collared Dove

Streptopelia decipiens

Red-eyed Dove

Streptopelia semitorquata

Cape Turtle Dove

Streptopelia capicola

Laughing Dove

Streptopelia senegalensis

Emerald-spotted Wood Dove

Turtur chalcospilos

Namaqua Dove

Oena capensis

African Green Pigeon

Treron calva

Parrots & Allies Psittacidae

Meyer's Parrot

Poicephalus meyeri

Turacos Musophagidae

Grey Go-away-bird

Corythaixoides concolor

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Senegal Coucal

Centropus senegalensis

Coppery-tailed Coucal

Centropus cupreicaudus

White-browed Coucal

Centropus supersiliosus

Typical Owls Strigidae

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl

Bubo lacteus

Pearl-spotted Owlet

Glaucidium perlatum

Nightjars Caprimulgidae

Square-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus fossii

Swifts Apodidae

African Palm Swift

Cypsiurus parvus

Little Swift

Apus affinis

Mousebirds Coliidae

Red-faced Mousebird

Urocolius indicus

Rollers Coraciidae

Purple (Rufous-crowned) Roller

Coracias naevia

Lilac-breasted Roller

Coracias caudata

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Striped Kingfisher

Halcyon chelicuti

Malachite Kingfisher

Alcedo cristata

Giant Kingfisher

Megaceryle maxima

Pied Kingfisher

Ceryle rudis

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater

Merops hirundineus

Little Bee-eater

Merops pusillus

White-fronted Bee-eater

Merops bullockoides

Hoopoes Upupidae

African (Eurasian) Hoopoe

Upupa africana

Woodhoopoes Phoeniculidae

Green Wood Hoopoe

Phoeniculus purpureus

Common Scimitarbill

Rhinopomastus cyanomelas

Hornbills Bucerotidae

African Grey Hornbill

Tockus nasutus

Southern Red-billed Hornbill

Tockus rufirostris

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill

Tockus leucomelas

Trumpeter Hornbill

Ceratogymna bucinator

Bradfield's Hornbill

Tockus Bradfieldi

Ground Hornbills Bucorvidae

Southern Ground Hornbill

Bucorvus leadbeateri

Barbets Capitonidae

Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>

Woodpeckers Picidae

Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicops fuscescens</i>
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicops namaquus</i>

Wattle-eyes and Batises Platysteiridae

Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>
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Helmetsrikes Prionopidae

White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
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Bushshrikes Malaconotidae

Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegala</i>
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>

Shrikes Laniidae

Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleuca</i>
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocaphalus anguitimens</i>

Orioles Oriolidae

(African) Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
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Drongos Dicruridae

Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
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Tits Paridae

Southern Black Tit	<i>Parus niger</i>
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Larks Alaudidae

Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
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Fawn-coloured Lark

Calendulauda africanoides

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

African Red-eyed Bulbul

Pycnonotus nigricans

Dark-capped Bulbul

Pycnonotus tricolor

Swallows & Martins Hirundinidae

Banded Martin

Riparia cincta

Wire-tailed Swallow

Hirundo smithii

Lesser Striped Swallow

Cecropis abyssinica

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Rattling Cisticola

Cisticola chinianus

Chirping Cisticola

Cisticola pipiens

Desert Cisticola

Cisticola aridulus

Tawny-flanked Prinia

Prinia subflava

Grey-backed Camaroptera

Camaroptera brevicaudata

Crombecs, African Warblers Marosphenidae

Long-billed (Cape) Crombec

Sylvietta rufescens

Babblers Timaliidae

Hartlaub's Babbler

Turdoides hartlaubii

Southern Pied Babbler

Turdoides bicolor

Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae

Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler

Parisoma subcaeruleum

Starlings Sturnidae

Wattled Starling

Creatophora cinerea

Greater Blue-eared (Glossy-) Starling

Lamprotornis chalybaeus

Meves's (Glossy-) Starling

Lamprotornis mevesii

Burchell's (Glossy-) Starling

Lamprotornis australis

Oxpeckers Buphagidae

Yellow-billed Oxpecker

Buphagus africanus

Red-billed Oxpecker

Buphagus erythrorhynchus

Thrushes & Allies Turdidae

Groundscraper Thrush

Psophocichla litsitsirupa

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

White-browed Robin-Chat

Cossypha heuglini

White-browed Scrub Robin

Cercotrichas leucophrys

African Stonechat
Capped Wheatear
Arnot's Chat
Marico (Mariqua) Flycatcher

Saxicola torquatus
Oenanthe pileata
Myrmecocichla arnotti
Bradornis mariquensis

Sunbirds Nectariniidae

Collared Sunbird
Marico (Mariqua) Sunbird

Hedydipna collaris
Cinnyris mariquensis

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

House Sparrow
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow (NE)
Yellow-throated Petronia

Passer domesticus
Plocepasser mahali
Passer diffusus
Gymnornis superciliaris

Weavers & Allies Ploceidae

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver
Lesser Masked Weaver
Southern Masked Weaver
Red-headed Weaver
Red-billed Quelea
Fan-tailed Widowbird

Bubalornis niger
Ploceus intermedius
Ploceus velatus
Anaplectes melanotis
Quelea quelea
Euplectes axillaris

Waxbills & Allies Estrildidae

Green-winged Pytilia
Red-billed Firefinch
Jameson's Firefinch
Blue Waxbill
Common Waxbill

Pytilia melba
Lagonostica senegala
Lagonostica rhodopareia
Uraeginthus angolensis
Estrilda astrild

Indigobirds & Whydahs Viduidae

Shaft-tailed Whydah

Vidua regia

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Cape Wagtail
African Pipit
Plain-backed Pipit

Motacilla capensis
Anthus cinnamomeus
Anthus leucophrys

Finches Fringillidae

Black-throated Canary

Crithagra atrogularis

Buntings Emberizidae

Lark-like Bunting
Golden-breasted Bunting

Emberiza impetuanii
Emberiza flaviventris

Reptiles,Amphibians,Fish – Total 6

Silver Catfish

Tiger Fish

Painted Reed Frog

Striped Skink

Nile Monitor

Nile Crocodile

Schilbe intermedius

Hydrocynus vittatus

Hyperolius viridiflavus

Mabuya striata

Varanus niloticus

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