

# **SOUTH AFRICA**

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Malachite Sunbird

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**ALBATROSSES : *Diomedidae***

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans*

# Brief views of a Juvenile and a Stage 4 Immature in the wake of a trawler processing its catch

Shy Albatross *Thalassarche cauta*  
 Blackbrowed Albatross *Thalassarche melanophris*  
 Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche chlororhynchos*  
 Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross *Thalassarche carteri*

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**SHEARWATERS and PETRELS : *Procellariidae***

Southern (Antarctic) Giant Petrel *Macronectes giganteus*  
 Northern (Hall's) Giant Petrel *Macronectes halli*  
 Pintado (Cape) Petrel *Daption capense*  
 Great-winged Petrel *Pterodroma macroptera*  
 Soft-plumaged Petrel *Pterodroma mollis*

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# Great, close extended views of a bird that came in behind our boat

White-chinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis*  
 Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*  
 Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis*

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**STORM PETRELS : *Hydrobatidae***

Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*  
 Black-bellied Storm-Petrel *Fregetta tropica*

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**PELICANS : *Pelecanidae***

(Great) White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*  
 Pinkbacked Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*

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**GANNETS and BOOBIES : *Sulidae***

**BE** Cape Gannet *Morus capensis*

**CORMORANTS : *Phalacrocoracidae***

Whitebreasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus*  
**BE** Cape Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capensis*  
**E** Bank Cormorant *Phalacrocorax neglectus*  
 Reed (Longtailed) Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus*  
**E** Crowned Cormorant *Phalacrocorax coronatus*

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**DARTERS : *Anhigidae***

African Darter *Anhinga rufa*

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Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
 Blackheaded Heron *Ardea melanocephala*  
 Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*  
 Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*  
 Great (White) Egret *Ardea alba*  
 Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca*  
 Yellowbilled (Intermediate) Egret *Egretta intermedia*  
 Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
 Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*  
 Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

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**HERONS, EGRETS and Bitterns : *Ardeidae* cont.**

- Greenbacked (Striated) Heron *Butorides striatus*
- Blackcrowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*
- White-backed Night-Heron *Gorsachius leuconotus*

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# Stunning, ultra-close spotlight views of a bird feeding in a pool right next to our vehicle - Bonamanzi

- Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*

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**HAMERKOP : *Scopidae***

- Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta*

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**STORKS : *Ciconiidae***

- Yellowbilled Stork *Mycteria cinerea*
- Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*
- Woolynecked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*
- White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*
- Saddlebilled Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

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# Superb, close views of a male feeding in an almost dry pan - Bonamanzi Game Reserve, Zululand

**IBIS and SPOONBILLS : *Threskiornithidae***

- Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus*
- Bald Ibis *Geronticus calvus*

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# Great, close views of an adult feeding next to the road - Sani Pass, and of a pair feeding chicks - Hluhluwe Game Park

- Hadedda Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash*

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# Our only species recorded every day !

- Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*
- African Spoonbill *Platalea alba*

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**FLAMINGOES : *Phoenicopteridae***

- Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*
- Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopterus minor*

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**SWANS, GEESE and DUCKS : *Anatidae***

- Whitefaced (Whistling) Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*
- Whitebacked Duck *Thalassornis leuconotus*
- Egyptian Goose *Alophocen aegyptiacus*
- South African Shelduck *Tadorna cana*
- Spurwinged Goose *Plectropterus gambensis*
- African Pygmy Goose *Nettapus auritus*
- African Black Duck *Anas sparsa*
- Cape Teal *Anas capensis*
- Yellowbilled Duck *Anas undulata*
- Redbilled Teal (Duck) *Anas erythrorhyncha*
- Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota*
- Cape Shoveller *Anas smithii*
- Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma*
- Maccoa Duck *Oxyura maccoa*

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**HAWKS, EAGLES and KITES : *Accipitridae***

- African Cuckoo-Hawk *Aviceda cuculoides*

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# Brilliant views of an adult perched out in the open next to our vehicle - Bonamanzi Game drive

- Blackshouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

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## HAWKS, EAGLES and KITES : *Accipitridae* cont.

Yellowbilled Kite	<i>Milvus parasitus</i>
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
Palmnut Vulture	<i>Gypohierax angolensis</i>
Hooded Vulture	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
Bearded Vulture (Lammergeier)	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
Whitebacked Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
<b>E</b> Cape Griffon	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>

# Great views of 4 birds passing low above our heads - Underberg

White-headed Vulture	<i>Trionoceps occipitalis</i>
Lappetfaced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>
Blackbreasted Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
Southern-banded Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus fasciolatus</i>

# Superb, extended scope views of an adult perched in front of Lalapanzi Camp, Bonamanzi. Diane's bird!

Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>
<b>E</b> Black Harrier	<i>Circus maurus</i>

# An unusual sighting of an adult soaring over our heads in the Karoo

African Harrier Hawk	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>
Lizard Buzzard	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>
African Goshawk	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>

# Super close views of a male perched low down in a tangle in a patch of sunlight - Hohenhort Greenbelt, Constantia

Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>
Black Sparrowhawk (Goshawk)	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
Eurasian Buzzard	<i>Buteo b. vulpinus</i>
<b>E</b> Jackal Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>

# Great views of a pair interacting with a fledged youngster - Rooi Els, False Bay

African Hawk Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Martial Eagle	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
Long-crested Eagle	<i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
Crowned Hawk-Eagle	<i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>

# Superb views of an adult perched right next to our vehicle - Hluhluwe Game Reserve plus a bird in display flight over

Ongoye Forest

## SECRETARY-BIRD : *Sagittariidae*

Secretary-bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
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## FALCONS and KESTRELS : *Falconidae*

Rock (Eurasian) Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>

# Great views of a pair feeding at Howick Falls - Natal Midlands

## PHEASANTS and PARTRIDGES : *Phasianidae*

Crested Francolin	<i>Francolinus sephaena</i>
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**AVOCETS and STILTS : *Recurvirostridae***

- Blackwinged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*
- Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

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**THICK-KNEES : *Burhinidae***

- Water Dikkop (Thick-knee) *Burhinus vermiculatus*

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**PRATINCOLES and COURSERS : *Glareolidae***

- Redwinged (Collared) Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

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# Superb, ultra-close views of an adult right next to the vehicle - Bonamanzi Flood Plain

**PLOVERS and LAPWINGS : *Charadriidae***

- Blacksmith Plover *Vanellus armatus*
- Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*
- Wattled Lapwing *Vanellus senegallus*
- Grey (Blackbellied) Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
- Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*
- Kittlitz's Plover *Charadrius pecuarius*
- Threebanded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*
- Whitefronted Plover *Charadrius marginatus*

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**SANDPIPERS and ALLIES : *Scolopacidae***

- African Snipe *Gallinago nigripennis*
- Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
- Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
- Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*
- Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
- Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
- Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
- Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*
- Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
- Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
- Red Knot *Calidris canutus*
- Sanderling *Calidris alba*
- Little Stint *Calidris minuta*
- Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
- Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

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**SKUAS and JAEGERS : *Stercorariidae***

- Subantarctic (Brown) Skua *Catharacta antarctica*
- Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*
- Arctic Skua (Parasitic Jaeger) *Stercorarius parasiticus*
- Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus*

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# Great views of at least 14 birds - probably reflecting birds on passage through the area

**GULLS : *Laridae***

- Cape Kelp Gull *Larus vetula*
- Greyheaded Gull *Larus cirrocephalus*
- Hartlaub's Gull *Larus hartlaubii*

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**TYPICAL OWLS : *Strigidae* cont.**

(African) Wood Owl *Strix woodfordii*

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# Superb views of an adult perched in an uncharacteristically open situation keeping an eye on two downy nestlings -

Bonamanzi

**NIGHTJARS : *Caprimulgidae***

Fierynecked Nightjar *Caprimulgus pectoralis*

[? Rufous-cheeked Nightjar] *Caprimulgus pectoralis*

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# A bird hovering, caught in the spotlight next to our vehicle showed the characteristic white wing- and tail markings of

a ♂ of this out-of-range species - Bonamanzi Game Park

**SWIFTS : *Apodidae***

African Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*

Alpine Swift *Tachymartia melba*

African (Black) Swift *Apus barbatus*

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Horus Swift *Apus horus*

Whiterumped Swift *Apus caffer*

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**MOUSEBIRDS : *Colidae***

Speckled Mousebird *Colius striatus*

Whitebacked Mousebird *Colius colius*

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# Unusually good views of a small flock sunning themselves next to our vehicle - Karooport

Redfaced Mousebird *Urocolius indicus*

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**TROGONS : *Trogonidae***

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*

# Superb, close views of a ♂ that showed itself well - game drive at Bonamanzi on our last morning

**KINGFISHERS : *Alcedinidae***

Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata*

Malachite Kingfisher *Alcedo cristata*

African Pygmy Kingfisher *Ispidina picta*

Brownhooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris*

Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maxima*

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

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**BEE-EATERS : *Meropidae***

Little Bee-eater *Merops pusillus*

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

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**HOOPOES : *Upupidae***

African Hoopoe *Upupa africanus*

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**WOODHOOPES, SCIMITARBILLS : *Phoeniculidae***

Common Scimitarbill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

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**HORNBILL : *Bucerotidae***

Crowned Hornbill *Tockus alboterminalis*

(African) Gray Hornbill *Tockus nasutus*

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# A single bird flying across the road near Pongola was the only record for the trip

Trumpeter Hornbill *Ceratogymna bucinator*

Southern Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus leadbeateri*

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**BARBETS : Capitonidae**

- White-eared Barbet *Stactolaema leucotis*
- Green Barbet *Stactolaema olivacea*

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# Stunning views of a pair perched together and calling just above our heads - Ongoye Forest

- Yellow-rumped TinkerBird *Pogoniulus bilineatus*
- Yellow-fronted TinkerBird *Pogoniulus chrysoconus*

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# Great views of a bird brought in to the tape - Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens, Johannesburg - our last new bird!

- Red-fronted Tinker-Bird *Pogoniulus pusillus*
- Pied Barbet *Tricholaema leucomelas*
- Blackcollared Barbet *Lybius torquatus*
- Crested Barbet *Trachyphonus vaillantii*

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**HONEYGUIDES : Indicatoridae**

- Scalythroated Honeyguide *Indicator variegatus*

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# Great scope views of an adult that came in to the tape- Mtunzini Forest Lodge, Zululand

- Greater Honeyguide *Indicator indicator*
- Lesser Honeyguide *Indicator minor*
- Brown-backed (Wahlberg's) Honeybird *Prodotiscus regulus*

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**WOODPECKERS and WRYNECKS : Picidae**

- Red-throated (Rufousnecked) Wryneck *Jynx ruficollis*
- Golden-tailed Woodpecker *Campethera abingoni*
- Ground Woodpecker *Geoclaptes olivaceus*

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# Superb, close views of several birds right next to our vehicles - Lesotho

- Cardinal Woodpecker *Dendropicos fuscescens*
- Olive Woodpecker *Dendropicos griseocephalus*

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**LARKS : Alaudidae**

- Rufousnaped Lark *Mirafra africana*
- Rudd's Lark *Heteromirafra ruddi*

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# Brilliant scope views of and adult foraging in short grass only yards away from the group - Wakkerstroom

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- Eastern Longbilled Lark *Certhilauda semitorquata*
- Karoo Lark *Certhilauda albescens*
- Spikeheeled Lark *Chersomanes albofasciata*
- Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*

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- Pink-billed Lark *Spizocorys conirostris*

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# Superb, close views of several birds in a recently burnt field - Wakkerstroom

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- Botha's Lark *Spizocorys fringillaris*

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# Great scope views of several birds feeding in short grass - Wakkerstroom

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- Thickbilled (Longbilled) Lark *Galerida magnirostris*

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**SWALLOWS and MARTINS : Hirundinidae**

- Sand Martin (Bank Swallow) *Riparia riparia*
- Brown-throated (Plain) Martin *Riparia paludicola*
- Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*
- Greyrumped Swallow *Hirundo griseopyga*
- Rock Martin *Hirundo fuligula*
- European (Barn) Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

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### SWALLOWS and MARTINS : *Hirundinidae* cont.

White-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Blue Swallow	<i>Hirundo atrocaerulea</i>
Pearlbreasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
Greater Striped Swallow	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
Redbreasted (Rufous-chested) Swallow	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>
South African (Cliff) Swallow	<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
Black Sawwing	<i>Psalidoprocne holomelas</i>

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### WAGTAILS, PIPITS & LONGCLAWS : *Motacillidae*

African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
Yellowthroated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
Orangethroated Longclaw	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
Pinkthroated (Rosybreasted) Longclaw	<i>Macronyx ameliae</i>

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# Crippling views of an adult only yards from the vehicle. The dry winter grass throwing the stunning pink-and-black of the underparts of this gorgeous bird into sharp contrast - Bonamanzi Floodplain

**E** Yellowbreasted Pipit *Anthus chloris*

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# Great, close views of a male that landed thirty yards from us in short green grass - Wakkerstroem

Striped Pipit *Anthus lineiventris*

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**E** African Rock (Yellowtufted) Pipit *Anthus crenatus*

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# Great, close views of a male calling from a rock outcrop above the road - Lesotho

**BE** Mountain Pipit *Anthus hoeschi*

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# Ultra-close views of a bird fluttering only yards above our heads, then landing next to the group - Lesotho

Grassveld (African) Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*

Longbilled Pipit *Anthus similis*

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### CUCKOO-SHRIKES : *Campephagidae*

Gray Cuckooshrike *Coracina caesia*

Black Cuckooshrike *Campephaga flava*

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# Several stunning views of both males and females of this dimorphic species - Zululand

### BULBULS : *Pycnonotidae*

Dark-capped Bulbul *Pycnonotus tricolor*

**NE** Redeyed (Blackfronted) Bulbul *Pycnonotus nigricans*

**E** Cape Bulbul *Pycnonotus capensis*

Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunis*

Yellowbellied Bulbul (Greenbul) *Chlorocichla flaviventris*

Terrestrial Bulbul (Brownbul) *Phyllastrephus terrestris*

Yellowstreaked Bulbul *Phyllastrephus flavostriatus*

Eastern Nicator *Nicator gularis*

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# After really battling to get views of a bird we had one fly out and land right next to the vehicle - Bonamanzi game drive

### THRUSHES : *Turdidae*

**E** Cape Rock Thrush *Monticola rupestris*

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**CANARIES, SISKINS and ALLIES : *Frigillidae* - cont.**

- Yellow-fronted Canary *Serinus mozambicus*
- NE** Yellow Canary *Serinus flaviventris*
- Bully (Brimstone) Canary *Serinus sulphuratus*
- NE** White-throated Canary *Serinus albogularis*
- Streaky-headed Canary *Serinus gularis*
- E** Cape Siskin *Serinus totta*

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# Brilliant, last-chance views of a ♂ that came in to the tape - Cape Point Nature Reserve

- E** Drakensberg Siskin *Serinus symonsi*

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# Typically great, close views of these attractive endemic seed-eaters - Lesotho

- E** Black-headed Canary *Serinus alario*

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**BUNTINGS and ALLIES : *Emberizidae***

- Cape Bunting *Emberiza capensis*
- Golden-breasted Bunting *Emberiza flaviventris*

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- 463** - Total number of bird species recorded
- 71** - Total number of endemic bird species recorded
- 12** - Total number of near-endemic bird species recorded
- 3** - Total number of breeding-endemic bird species recorded





