

SPECIES SEEN IN NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA 25th NOVEMBER – 9th DECEMBER 2006. CAPITALS DENOTE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ENDEMICS PROBABLY BEST LOOKED FOR IN THE AREA VISITED.

Ostrich *Struthio camelus*

Fairly common in the Kalahari and Southern Namibia.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

3 on a roadside pool between Ai-ais and Luderitz on 3rd Dec.

Jackass (African) Penguin *Spheniscus demersus*

200-300 on an island off the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis*

20+ seen from the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Long-tailed Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus*

10+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Crowned Cormorant *Phalacrocorax coronatus*

Several seen on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Bank Cormorant *Phalacrocorax neglectus*

6 on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Great(White-breasted) Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Common around Luderitz.

Cape Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capensis*

100+ on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Cape Teal *Anas capensis*

ca 10 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Red-billed Duck *Anas erythrorhyncha*

200+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Hottentot Teal *Anas hottentota*

ca 6 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma*

One at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

20+ on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

2 on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

One at Augrabies Falls on 29th Nov; one on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec; 1-2 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*

5 perched on top of a water tank in the middle of the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on

28th Nov were something of a surprise. Also one at Augrabies Falls on 29th Nov.

Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

One on the Orange River near the Namibia-South Africa border on 2nd Dec.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

2-3 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov, and 20+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

3 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*

2 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

10+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*

A large group of 50+ seen by the roadside near Mariental Abattoir on 25th Nov and 6th Dec. Also 3 seen just north of Windhoek on 9th Dec.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

One at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Seen in small numbers throughout the trip.

African Fish-Eagle *Haliaeetus vocifer*

One between Augrabies and Pofadder on 30th Nov.

White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus*

A few birds seen throughout the trip.

Lappet-faced Vulture *Torgos tracheliotus*

2 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 28th Nov.

Black-chested Snake-Eagle *Circaetus pectoralis*

Rather common in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier – a few birds seen elsewhere.

Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*

ca 5 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th November.

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

One ringtail in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 26th Nov.

Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk *Melierax canorus*

A very common roadside bird.

Common (Steppe) Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

One seen while driving south through Namibia on 25th Nov, and one seen in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 28th Nov – possibly others not noted.

Jackal Buzzard *Buteo rufofuscus*

5+ in the Pofadder-Springbok area on 1st Dec, and 5+ between Springbok and Ai-ais on 2nd Dec.

Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax*

Rather common in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii*

A pair at Fish River Canyon on 3rd Dec, and one at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*

Superb views of one in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th November, also one near Pofadder on 30th Nov and 2 near Aus on 6th Dec. A very impressive bird.

Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarius*

One seen soaring high over the road as we headed south through Namibia on 25th Nov; one in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov; between 7 and 9 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 28th Nov; one between Ai-ais and Luderitz on 3rd Dec, and one near Aus on 6th Dec.

Pygmy Falcon *Polihierax semitorquatus*

A pair in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov; 4 there and one nearby on 29th Nov; one at Agrabies Falls on 30th Nov, and one between Pofadder and Springbok on 1st Dec.

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Fairly common.

Greater Kestrel *Falco rupicoloides*

Several in and around the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera*

A pair in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 26th Nov.

Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*

Seen in small numbers through much of the area visited, particularly in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*

10+ at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

HARTLAUB'S FRANCOLIN *Francolinus hartlaubi*

2 males and a female were seen at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 9th Dec.

Red-billed Francolin *Francolinus adspersus*

1-2 at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Black Crake *Amaurornis flavirostra*

2 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

10+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Red-knobbed Coot *Fulica cristata*

15+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Kori Bustard *Ardeotis kori*

Fairly common in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

Northern Black Korhaan *Eupodotis afraoides*

Common in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

KAROO KORHAAN *Eupodotis vigorsii*

4 near Pofadder on 30th Nov; 2 along the C10 to Ai-ais on 2nd Dec; 2 near Aus on 3rd Dec.

African Jacana *Actophilornis africanus*

ca 10 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

3 on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

One on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

One on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

One in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov, and 2+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Terek Sandpiper *Tringa cinerea*

2 on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos*

2+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Seen on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

Several on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

10+ on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

One at a waterhole in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 28th Nov.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

10+ on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

2-3 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Spotted Dikkop *Burhinus capensis*

4 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 26th Nov, and one there on 29th.

African Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus moquini*

Common on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

2 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

ca 5 on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Double-banded Courser *Rhinoptilus africanus*

A pair in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 26th Nov, and one on 29th Nov (probably one of same).

BURCHELL'S COURSER *Cursorius rufus*

7+ 21km south of the Namibian border on 2nd Dec, and a pair with one young near Fish River Canyon on 3rd Dec.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Several on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

5+ on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Three-banded Plover *Charadrius tricollaris*

ca 10 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

White-fronted Plover *Charadrius marginatus*

6+ on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Blacksmith Plover *Vanellus armatus*

ca 5 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Crowned Lapwing *Vanellus coronatus*

Fairly common in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

Cape Gull *Larus vetula*

Fairly common in the Luderitz area.

Hartlaub's Gull *Larus hartlaubii*

Fairly common in the Luderitz area.

Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*

30+ on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

2 on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

DAMARA TERN *Sterna balaenarum*

2 on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Namaqua Sandgrouse *Pterocles namaqua*

Common throughout the area, but particularly impressive was a flock of 400+ drinking at a trough approx 80km west of Aus on 6th Dec.

BURCHELL'S SANDGROUSE *Pterocles burchelli*

Superb views of a pair in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 26th Nov.

Rock (Speckled) Pigeon *Columba guinea*

Common and widespread.

Laughing Dove *Streptopelia senegalensis*

Common and widespread.

Cape Turtle Dove *Streptopelia capicola*

Common and widespread.

Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis*

Common and widespread.

ROSY-FACED LOVEBIRD *Agapornis roseicollis*

Several seen while at Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

White-backed Mousebird *Colius colius*

Only noted at Augrabies Falls on 30th Nov and at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Grey Lourie *Corythaixoides concolor*

Several seen at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Dideric Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*

One at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Spotted Eagle-Owl *Bubo africanus*

3 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 28th Nov; 6 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park and one just outside it on 29th Nov.

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl *Bubo lacteus*

2 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov.

Rufous-cheeked Nightjar *Caprimulgus rufigena*

2(+) at the Nossob Waterhole in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on the evening of 27th Nov.

Freckled Nightjar *Caprimulgus tristigma*

2 at Ai-ais campsite on 2nd Dec gave magnificent views.

African Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*

Several at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*

Seen in small numbers throughout, except in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.

Common Swift *Apus apus*

Literally thousands in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov.

BRADFIELD'S SWIFT *Apus bradfieldi*

At least one at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Little Swift *Apus affinis*

Common and widespread.

White-rumped Swift *Apus caffer*

Several in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov.

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater *Merops hirundineus*

Fairly common throughout.

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

5+ at Goegap NR on 1st Dec, and several there the next day.

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudate*

One seen by the roadside to the south of Windhoek on 25th Nov, and 2 on the drive from Erongo to Windhoek on 9th Dec.

Purple Roller *Eurystomus azureus*

2 on the drive from Erongo to Windhoek on 9th Dec.

African Hoopoe *Upupa Africana*

2 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov, and one at Augrabies Falls on 30th Nov.

Common (Greater) Scimitar-bill *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

One at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

MONTEIRO'S HORNBILL *Tockus monteiri*

Fairly common at Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

DAMARA HORNBILL *Tockus damarensis*

2 near Erongo on 7th Dec.

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill *Tockus leucomelas*

2 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov, one somewhere near Augrabies Falls on 29th Nov and 4 near Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 7th Dec.

African Grey Hornbill *Tockus nasutus*

One at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 9th Dec.

Acacia Pied Barbet *Tricholaema leucomelas*

Fairly common, particularly at Augrabies Falls and Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

Fork-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus adsimilis*

Common and widespread.

Cape Crow *Corvus capensis*

Common and widespread.

Pied Crow *Corvus albus*

Common and widespread.

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

Surprisingly few seen – one male at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec and a few roadside birds while driving back to Windhoek on 9th Dec.

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*

One on the drive from Erongo to Windhoek on 9th Dec.

Fiscal Shrike *Lanius collaris*

Common and widespread.

WHITE-TAILED SHRIKE *Lanioturdus torquatus*

Very common and easy to see at Erongo Wilderness Lodge, 7th-9th Dec. Brilliant.

Brown-crowned Tchagra *Tchagra australis*

3-4 at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

CRIMSON-BREASTED SHRIKE *Laniarius atrococcineus*

5+ in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov.

Bokmakierie *Telophorus zeylonus*

5+ at Goegap NR on 1st Dec, and several there on 2nd Dec.

Pirit Batis *Batis pririt*

At least 4 at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

SHORT-TOED ROCK-THRUSH *Monticola brevipes*

3 at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec, and one there on 9th.

KAROO THRUSH *Turdus smithi*

One at Augrabies Falls Campsite on 30th Nov.

PALE-WINGED STARLING *Onychognathus naboroupp*

Fairly common in southern and central Namibia.

Cape Glossy-Starling *Lamprotornis nitens*.

Common and widespread.

Violet-backed Starling *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

One at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea*

50+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Chat Flycatcher *Bradornis infuscatus*

Recorded between Fish River Canyon and Luderitz on 3rd Dec – probably elsewhere but not noted.

Marico Flycatcher *Bradornis mariquensis*

Common at Windhoek Sewage Works and Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

Cape Robin-Chat *Cossypha caffra*

5+ at Augrabies Falls on 30th Nov.

White-browed Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas leucophrys*

One at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Kalahari Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas paeon*

3 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov.

Karoo Scrub-Robin *Cercotrichas coryphaeus*

2 at Goegap NR on 2nd Dec.

Mountain Wheatear *Oenanthe monticola*

Common and widespread.

Capped Wheatear *Oenanthe pileata*

Common and widespread.

Karoo Chat *Cercomela schlegelii*

Common and widespread.

Tractrac Chat *Cercomela tractrac*

10+ on the Luderitz Peninsula on 5th Dec.

Familiar Chat *Cercomela familiaris*

Common and widespread.

Southern Anteating-Chat *Myrmecocichla formicivora*

Common and widespread.

Rock Martin *Hirundo fuligula*

Common and widespread.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Common and widespread.

White-throated Swallow *Hirundo albigularis*

One seen in Upington on 26th Nov, one at Augrabies Falls on 30th Nov and several at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Pearl-breasted Swallow *Hirundo dimidiata*

2(+) at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Greater Striped-Swallow *Hirundo cucullata*

Common and widespread.

South African Cliff Swallow *Hirundo spilodera*

Only seen at Windhoek Airport on 25th Nov.

African Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus nigricans*

Common and widespread.

ORANGE RIVER WHITE-EYE *Zosterops pallidus*

Fairly common at Augrabies Falls and Ai-ais Hot Springs.

Grey-backed Cisticola *Cisticola subruficapillus*

4 at Goegap NR on 1st Dec.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

2-3 near Pofadder on 30th Nov.

Black-chested Prinia *Prinia flavicans*

Common and widespread.

Karoo Prinia *Prinia maculosa*

3 at Goegap NR on 1st Dec.

NAMAQUA WARBLER *Prinia substriata*

One at Augrabies Falls on 30th Nov.

RUFOUS-EARED WARBLER *Malcorus pectoralis*

4 at Koa Dunes on 1st Dec, one at Goegap NR on 1st Dec 2 on 2nd Dec, and 2 at Fish River Canyon on 3rd Dec.

Grey-backed Camaroptera (Bleating Warbler) *Camaroptera brevicaudata*

Common at Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

CINNAMON-BREASTED WARBLER *Euryptila subcinnamomea*

A pair at Echo Corner viewpoint at Augrabies Falls on 30th Nov.

ROCKRUNNER *Achaetops pycnopygius*

One at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec, and 5+ at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Eurasian Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Common at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

African Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus baeticatus*

Very common at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Lesser Swamp-Warbler *Acrocephalus gracilirostris*

One at Augrabies Falls on 29th Nov.

Yellow-bellied Eremomela *Eremomela icteropygialis*

One at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

KAROO EREMOMELA *Eremomela gregalis*

6 at Goegap NR on 1st and 2nd Dec, and 2 at Fish River Canyon on 3rd Dec.

Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta rufescens*

One at Fish River Canyon on 3rd Dec, and one at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

LAYARD'S TIT-BABBLER *Parisoma layardi*

3 at Goegap on 2nd Dec.

Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler *Parisoma subcaeruleum*

Common and widespread.

CARP'S TIT *Parus carpi*

ca 5 at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Ashy Tit *Parus cinerascens*

One at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Cape Penduline-Tit *Anthoscopus minutus*

3(+) at Goegap on 2nd Dec.

Fawn-colored Lark *Mirafra africanoides*

5+ in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th and 28th Nov.

Sabota Lark *Mirafra sabota*

Common and widespread.

KAROO LONG-BILLED LARK *Certhilauda subcoronata*

One near Pofadder on 30th Nov, and 2 along the N1 in southern Namibia on 2nd Dec.

BARLOW'S LARK *Certhilauda barlowi*

2 47km east of Luderitz on 3rd Dec.

RED LARK *Certhilauda burra*

2 at the Koa Dunes on 1st Dec.

Spike-heeled Lark *Chersomanes albofasciata*

Fairly common in the Northern Cape.

Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark *Eremopterix verticalis*

Common and widespread.

Red-capped Lark *Calandrella cinerea*

ca 5 near Pofadder on 30th Nov.

SCLATER'S LARK *Spizocorys sclateri*

One near Pofadder on 30th Nov.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Urban areas.

Great Sparrow *Passer motitensis*

Fairly common at Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

Cape Sparrow *Passer melanurus*

Common and widespread.

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow *Passer diffuses*

Only noted in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov.

Melba Finch *Pytilia melba*

Fairly common at Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

Red-billed Firefinch *Lagonosticta senegala*

2-3 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec were out of range according to the SASOL guide.

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*

2 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

BLACK-CHEEKED WAXBILL *Estrilda erythronotos*

4 in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 29th Nov, and 20+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Shaft-tailed Whydah *Vidua regia*

5+ in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park on 27th Nov.

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura*

2-3 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Cape Wagtail *Motacilla capensis*

A few noted in various locations.

African Pipit *Anthus cinnamomeus*

2 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*

2 at Goegap NR on 1st Dec.

Scaly-feathered Finch *Sporopipes squamifrons*

Common in the general Kalahari area.

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver *Plocepasser mahali*

Common in the general Kalahari area.

Sociable Weaver *Philetairus socius*

Common in the general Kalahari area.

Southern Masked-Weaver *Ploceus velatus*

Noted at Augrabies Falls on 29th and 30th Nov.

Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*

10+ at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Nectarinia senegalensis*

2 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec.

Dusky Sunbird *Nectarinia fusca*

Common and widespread.

Marico Sunbird *Nectarinia mariquensis*

One at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Black-throated Canary *Serinus atrogularis*

10-15 at Windhoek Sewage Works on 7th Dec, and ca 10 at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.

Yellow Canary *Serinus flaviventris*

Common and widespread.

White-throated Canary *Serinus albogularis*

2+ at Goegap NR on 2nd Dec.

Lark-like Bunting *Emberiza impetuani*

Common near Pofadder and the Koa Dunes, a few seen elsewhere.

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting *Emberiza tahapisi*

A few seen at Erongo Wilderness Lodge.

Cape Bunting *Emberiza capensis*

One at Goegap NR on 2nd Dec, and one at Erongo Wilderness Lodge on 8th Dec.