

ORNIFOLKS IN NAMIBIA – MARCH 2-24 2002

Ornifolk's first trip to Namibia took place between the 2nd and 24th of March 2002. With only 3 participants it was touch and go as to whether it would run – but we decided to go ahead and as it turned out it was a great success, with 480 species of birds (7 leader birds and 9 heard birds included) and 55 species of mammals seen on the trip. The routing of this trip is the same for the trip scheduled for February_2003 so the details are not repeated in this short trip report.

The tour started in Windhoek in the central highlands of the country and then we traveled south and west to the magnificent sand sea of the Namib Desert in the Sossusvlei area. From there we traveled north to Walvis Bay, inland to the Erongo Mountains at Omaruru and then up to the Kunene River via Hobatere on the western edge of Etosha National Park. From the Kunene we started our eastward journey to Namutoni (Etosha NP), the Mahango Game Reserve on the Okavango River, Katima Mulilo in the far eastern Caprivi and our final destination in Victoria Falls.

The trip was characterized by some really unusual weather and although this caused us to lose some birding time in some areas it provided us with good opportunities elsewhere. The



summer rains arrived about 3 months late and had only just started when the trip got going. The dry western part of the country was characterized by unseasonably wet conditions and the “wetter” eastern part of the country was incredibly dry. The wet conditions in the desert were a bonus and we were able to catch up on all the endemics and near-endemics there, but the very dry conditions in the Caprivi blighted our chances of finding all the crakes, rails and other water birds, which are usually common at that time of year.

Pearl-spotted Owl, near Windhoek

Our first day was spent birding around Windhoek and we quickly caught up with many of the commoner local birds such as Black-cheeked Waxbill, Fork-tailed Drongo, White-backed Mousebird and South African Shelduck. The next morning we made an early start for the Namib Desert via the western escarpment. There was some excellent birding along the way with species such as Bokmakierie, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Pale Chanting Goshawk and several species of hornbills (including the to-be-split Damara Red-billed) keep everyone interested. Stress levels were heightened by the fact that we missed Herero Chat at a known site because of a huge rainstorm but Rüppell's Korhaan and other desert specials kept us going. The following morning a pre-dawn start found us in the area of huge sand dunes around Sossusvlei. It was spectacular, due to heavy rain the previous night. Within a short space of time we had found several Dune Lark, Ludwig's Bustard, Burchell's Courser and huge flocks of Grey-backed Finch-Larks. Having missed the Herero Chat the previous day, we went back to the area and worked very hard for it. Linda decided to stay with the car and heard the bird calling around the vehicle while we were rushing around the slopes nowhere nearby!!! We came back to hear this tale and decided to give it another shot down the hill. Just before sunset we had magnificent views of a pair, with the male coming to land about 10 feet away following a short burst on tape-playback. Louise was HAPPY!!



Dune lark habitat, near Sossusvlei.

A long days drive through to the coast found us picking up all the requisite desert species including good numbers of Gray's Lark. Walvis Bay was up to speed with huge numbers of 2 species of flamingoes still around, massive flocks of Palearctic migrant shorebirds and terns. Damara Terns, African Black Oystercatcher, Chestnut-banded Plover and several migrant rarities (including Eurasian Oystercatcher) were found relatively easily. A short trip up Pelican Point for pelagics (poor) allowed us to view the huge haul-outs of Cape Fur Seals at close range.

The route through to Omaruru via the Spitzkoppe was once again rewarding with light rains the previous day having cooled things down nicely. Benguella Long-billed Lark, Monteiro's Hornbill and White-tailed Shrike were some of the highlights. Early morning in the Erongo Mountains gave us great views of Hartlaub's Francolin, Rockrunner and Short-toed Rock Thrush.

Hobaterere on the western boundary of Etosha is an excellent area for birding and provided us with our first experiences of big game – we were charged by an elephant within a few hours!! Violet Woodhoopoe, Giant Eagle Owl, Bare-cheeked Babbler, Meves' Long-tailed Starling and Black Cuckoo were all seen around the lodge. Game was also good here and we saw Hartmann's Mountain Zebra, Eland, Giraffe and some of the smaller nocturnal species such as African Wild Cat and Small-spotted Genet.



Bull Elephant in Etosha National Park

We arrived at Ruacana on the Kunene River in the pouring rain and left a couple of days later under the same conditions. Although it was very wet we saw many of the specials in the area. Olive Bee-Eaters were everywhere; we were lucky with a Grey Kestrel and had reasonable views of Rufous-tailed Palm Thrush. Night birding was rewarding

with great views of Spotted Dikkop, Bronze-winged Courser, Spotted Eagle Owl and several species of nightjar. We caught up with Marsh Owl at a site north of Etosha on the way through to Namutoni a day or so later.



The grasslands and woodlands of eastern Etosha provided excellent birding and game viewing for the days we were there. Blue Crane, several species of raptors, Black-faced Babbler, Secretary Bird, Painted Snipe, Lesser Moorhen and Double-banded Courser were some of the highlights. For some the sight of 2 huge male Lion hunting a Giraffe just before sunset was perhaps more memorable – or perhaps it was being charged by an Elephant again!!! (What did we do to deserve this??).

Sable Antelope with Red-billed Oxpecker, Mahango Game Reserve

Birding along the Okavango River at Popa Falls and the Mahango Game Reserve has to be one of the most rewarding experiences in southern Africa. We saw over 200 species in the 3 days we had there including Slaty Egret, Coppery-tailed Coucal, White-backed Night Heron, Brown Firefinch and Wood Owl. An Africa Hobby perched out in late afternoon light was magnificent. Game in this area is also excellent and we had great views of Sable and Roan Antelope, lots of Elephant, Common Reedbuck and Red Lechwe.



Slaty Egret, Mahango Game Reserve

On our way through to Katima Mulilo we had an afternoon break along the Kwando River and quickly picked up Racquet-tailed Roller, Crested Francolin and African Golden Oriole. We had to give up our search for Narina Trogon but were amply rewarded with a pair of Wattled Cranes at about 50 m from the car out on the floodplains. Black Coucal was another special bird in

this area. Katima Mulilo on the banks of the Zambezi River has a variety of habitats and we were able to pick up many of the specials in this area including Schalow's Turaco, Western Banded Snake Eagle, Arnot's Chat, Eastern Bearded Scrub Robin and Trumpeter Hornbill. A nighttime visit to mopane woodlands gave us excellent views of at least 3 African Scops Owl and 2 White-faced Owls. Wood Owl, Green-backed Heron, Yellow White-eye, Tropical Boubou and Grey-headed Bush Shrike were all seen in the grounds of the lodge we were staying in.

Victoria Falls was our final destination and everyone spent time down at the falls before going birding on the golf course and along the river. White-crowned Plover, Yellow-breasted Apalis, Natal Francolin, Collared Palm Thrush and Common Whitethroat were all seen down in the golf course area. On the river we saw Half-collared Kingfisher, Allen's Gallinule, White-fronted Bee-eater, Water Dikkop and Southern Pochard.

The vagaries of the weather and some bad luck resulted in some significant misses such as Long-crested Eagle, Orange River Francolin (heard but not seen), Long-toed Plover and Greater Honeyguide. We missed 2 near endemics – Ruppell's Parrot (leader bird only) and Cinderella Waxbill. However, with nearly 500 species seen in 3 weeks and considering the distances covered the trip was a great success. We will be running the trip in February 2003 and look forward to cracking the magical 500 species mark.

An annotated list of species of birds and mammals is attached. Anyone wanting more information about the trip is welcome to contact Chris Hines rockrun@iafrica.com.na or hines@africaonline.com.na or veteran Ornifolks participant Louise Augustine on lbirder@juno.com



Lesser Jacana, Mahango Game Reserve. Photographs taken with Nikon Coolpix 885 held up to lens of a Kowa 823 with 20-60 x eyepiece.



The Mammal List

<i>FAMILY: Macroscelididae</i>		
<i>Elephantulus rufestris</i>	Smith's Rock Elephant-shrew	Several on rocks at tented camp, Hobatere
<i>Elephantulus intufi</i>	Bushveld Elephant-shrew	Seen on several occasions Erongo/Omaruru, Hobatere, Ruacana and Etosha
<i>FAMILY: Peteropodidae</i>		
<i>Epomophorus wahlbergi</i>	Wahlberg's Epauletted Fruit Bat	Several on fruiting trees Katima Mulilo
<i>FAMILY: Emballonuridae</i>		
<i>Taphozous perforatus</i>	Egyptian Tomb Bat	Common at Hobatere
<i>FAMILY: Vespertilionidae</i>		
<i>Scotophilus dinganii</i>	Yellow House Bat	Several at Weltevrede, Omaruru and Ruacana
<i>FAMILY: Cercopithecidae</i>		
<i>Papio ursinus</i>	Chacma Baboon	Common around Windhoek, Namib-Naukluft, Mahango GR, Victoria Falls
<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>	Vervet Monkey	Common at Ruacana, Mahango, Katima and Victoria Falls
<i>FAMILY: Leporidae</i>		
<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	Scrub Hare	Seen at Hobatere, in Etosha, Mahango GR and near Katima Mulilo
<i>FAMILY: Sciuridae</i>		
<i>Xerus inauris</i>	Ground Squirrel	Common in Namib desert, near Spitzkoppe/Omaruru and Etosha
<i>Xerus princeps</i>	Mountain Ground Squirrel	Single animal seen in rocky outcrops near Khorixas
<i>Funisciurus congicus</i>	Striped Tree Squirrel	Common on Ugab River at Hobatere and Ruacana
<i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>	Tree Squirrel	Common in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
<i>FAMILY: Pedetidae</i>		
<i>Pedetes capensis</i>	Springhare	Several seen on nightdrives in Hobatere area
<i>FAMILY: Petromuridae</i>		
<i>Petromus typicus</i>	Dassie Rat	Seen on granite outcrops near Solitaire and the Erongo Mountains, also at Hobatere
<i>FAMILY: Muridae</i>		



<i>Rhabdomys pumilio</i>	Striped Mouse	Seen well on several occasions, Namib Desert, Erongo/Omaruru, Hobatere, Etosha One in the food box at Hobatere!
<i>Mastomys coucha</i>	Multimammate Mouse	
<i>FAMILY: Canidae</i>		
<i>Vulpes chama</i>	Cape Fox	Single animal seen west of Omaruru on 7 March
<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	Bateared Fox	Family group seen at Sossus Vlei on 4 March Common on the coast and in Etosha
<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	Blackbacked Jackal	
<i>FAMILY: Herpestidae</i>		
<i>Mungos mungo</i>	Banded Mongoose	Small groups in Etosha and Victoria Falls. Single animals at Omaruru, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo Common in and around Windhoek Small groups seen near Solitaire on 4th and 5th March
<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>	Slender Mongoose	
<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	Yellow Mongoose	
<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	Suricate	
<i>FAMILY: Viverridae</i>		
<i>Genetta maculata</i>	Smallspotted Genet	Seen on night drives at Hobatere and on both nights at Ruacana
<i>FAMILY: Hyaenidae</i>		
<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	Spotted Hyena	Seen well (up to 10 animals) in Etosha
<i>FAMILY: Felidae</i>		
<i>Felis lybica</i>	African Wild Cat	One seen on night drive at Hobatere 2 adult males seen at close range (2m) near Namutoni, Etosha on 13 March
<i>Panthera leo</i>	Lion	
<i>FAMILY: Elephantidae</i>		
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Elephant	Seen well on numerous occasions, Hobatere, Etosha, Mahango, Kwando River, Victoria Falls
<i>FAMILY: Procaviidae</i>		
<i>Procavia capensis</i>	Rock Dassie	Common on rocky outcrops Omaruru, Hobatere, Windhoek
<i>FAMILY: Equidae</i>		
<i>Equus hartmannae</i>	Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	Common in Hobatere area
<i>Equus burchellii</i>	Burchell's Zebra	Common in Etosha and Mahango GR
<i>FAMILY: Rhinocerotidae</i>		
<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	White Rhino	3 seen from boat at Victoria Falls. Some of last protected animals in Zambia.



FAMILY: Suidae

Phacochoerus aethiopicus Warthog

Common through Hobatere, Etosha, Mahango, Victoria Falls.

FAMILY: Hippopotamidae

Hippopotamus amphibius Hippopotamus

Seen in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls.

FAMILY: Giraffidae

Girffa camelopardalis Giraffe

Common at Hobatere, Etosha, Mahango GR, Victoria Falls.

FAMILY: Bovidae

Taurotragus oryx Eland

Large herd seen at Hobatere, singles and smaller groups in Etosha

Tragelaphus strepsiceros Kudu

Widespread and common

Tragelaphus scriptus Bushbuck

2 females on Kwando River, one adult male on Chobe River. Subsp. Chobiensis

Hippotragus equinus Roan

Seen on numerous occasions in Mahango GR, up to 25 in a single group

Hippotragus niger Sable

Seen on numerous occasions in Mahango GR

Oryx gazella Gemsbok

Common and widespread in Namib, Hobatere and Etosha

Kobus ellipsiprymnus Waterbuck

Common in Victoria Falls and on Chobe River

Kobus leche Lechwe

Seen at distance in Mahango GR

Redunca arundinum Reedbuck

Seen on all days in Mahango GR

Connochaetes taurinus Blue Wildebeest

Common in Etosha NP and Mahango GR

Alcelaphus buselaphus Red Haartebeest

Seen in Etosha and on farmlands near Windhoek

Aepyceros melampus petersi Black-faced Impala

Common in Etosha NP

Aepyceros melampus Impala

Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River and Victoria Falls

Antidorcas marsupialis Springbok

Very common in Namib, at Hobatere and Etosha

Madoqua kirkii Damara Dikdik

Seen well in Namutoni area of Etosha NP

Oreotragus oreotragus Klipspringer

Seen on road to Namib Desert, Erongo Mountains and Hobatere

Raphicerus campestris Steenbok

Seen on a number of occasions in Namib, Hobatere and Etosha NP.

Sylvicapra grimmia Common Duiker

Single animal seen briefly in Mahango GR

FAMILY: Delphinidae

Cephalorhynchus heavisidii Heaviside's Dolphin

Small numbers seen offshore of Pelican Point, Walvis Bay

FAMILY: Otariidae

Arctocephalus pusillus

Cape Fur Seal

Large numbers at haul-out areas at Pelican Point, Walvis Bay.

The Bird List

Ostrich <i>Struthio camelus</i>	Common and widespread, Namib Desert, Etosha and Mahango GR
Greatcrested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Small numbers at Walvis Bay Sewerage Works
Blacknecked Grebe <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Common on coast and at Fischer's Pan, Etosha NP
Dabchick <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Common in Windhoek, Walvis Bay, near Khorixas and Etosha NP
Whitechinned Petrel <i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	Single bird seen offshore Walvis Bay
Eastern White Pelican <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Seen in Windhoek, v. common in Walvis Bay, also in Walvis Bay and at Lake Liambezi, Caprivi.
Pinkbacked Pelican <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	At least 6 birds at Lake Liambezi, Caprivi
Cape Gannet <i>Morus capensis</i>	Common offshore Walvis Bay
Whitebreasted (Great) Cormorant <i>P. carbo</i>	Common Windhoek, Walvis Bay and small numbers on Zambezi River, Katima Mulilo
Cape Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	V. common at Walvis Bay
Bank Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>	3 on jetty in Swakopmund.
Reed Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	Common on Kunene River, at Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and in Victoria Falls
Crowned Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	Common on coast between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund
African Darter <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Seen in Windhoek, Ruacana area, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Small numbers, widespread
Blackheaded Heron <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	3 north of Etosha and at least 30 at Lake Liambezi, Caprivi
Goliath Heron <i>Ardea goliath</i>	Seen in small numbers on Kunene River, Mahango GR and at Victoria Falls
Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Small numbers Walvis Bay, Ruacana, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo, Victoria Falls
Great White Egret <i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Common Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo, Victoria Falls
Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Seen in Windhoek, common at Walvis Bay, small numbers Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo
Yellowbilled (Intermediate) Egret <i>E. intermedia</i>	Small numbers Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo
Black Egret <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Seen near Ruacana, at Lake Liambezi and Victoria Falls
Slaty Egret <i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>	Single bird seen well on a number of occasions in Mahango GR
Cattle Egret <i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>	Common and widespread in the north
Common Squacco Heron <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	2 seen in Etosha, v common in Mahango GR, Katima and Victoria Falls
Greenbacked (Striated) Heron <i>Butorides striatus</i>	Common on Kunene River, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Rufousbellied Heron <i>Butorides rufiventris</i>	Small numbers in Mahango GR, at Lake Liambezi and Victoria Falls

Blackcrowned Night Heron <i>N. nycticorax</i>	Common Windhoek, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Whitebacked Night Heron <i>G. leuconotus</i>	1 seen well Mahango GR and 1 well at Victoria Falls
Little Bittern <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	2 at Windhoek Sewerage Works, 1 Mahango GR
Dwarf Bittern <i>Ixobrychus sturmii</i>	1 near Hobatere and another seen well in Mahango GR
Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Seen on Kunene River, common in Mahango GR, at Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
White Stork <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	8 seen at Lake Liambezi, Caprivi
Abdim's Stork <i>Ciconia abdimii</i>	Small numbers scattered around country, but large concentrations at Ruacana, Etosha and Lake Liambezi
Woollynecked Stork <i>Ciconia espicopus</i>	Singles near Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
African Openbilled Stork <i>A. lamelligerus</i>	Large numbers Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Saddlebilled Stork <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	2 seen well east of Katima Mulilo
Marabou Stork <i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	Only one seen in Etosha!!
Sacred Ibis <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Only one seen in Etosha!!
Glossy Ibis <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Small numbers Etosha and Lake Liambezi, Caprivi
Hadedea <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	Small numbers Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
African Spoonbill <i>Platalea alba</i>	At least 20 at Lake Liambezi, Caprivi
Greater Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	V. large numbers at Walvis Bay and Etosha
Lesser Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	V. large numbers at Walvis Bay and Etosha
Whitefaced Duck <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Fulvous Duck <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	Group of 5 seen on dam east of Ruacana
Knobbilled Duck <i>Sarkidiornis melanotus</i>	Small numbers near Etosha, v. common Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Egyptian Goose <i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	Widespread and common
South African Shelduck <i>Tadorna cana</i>	Small numbers on open water in Windhoek, Walvis Bay, and Etosha
Cape Teal <i>Anas capensis</i>	Common Walvis Bay and Etosha
Hottentot Teal <i>Anas hottentota</i>	Common Walvis Bay, Etosha, Katima Mulilo, Lake Liambezi
Redbilled Teal <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	Common Walvis Bay, Etosha, Katima Mulilo, Lake Liambezi
Cape Shoveler <i>Anas smithii</i>	Small numbers Walvis Bay and Etosha
Southern Pochard <i>Netta erythroptalma</i>	Small numbers Walvis Bay, Etosha and Victoria Falls
Pygmy Goose <i>Nettapus auritus</i>	Excellent views and common in Mahango GR
Spurwinged Goose <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	V. common in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Lake Liambezi
Maccoa Duck <i>Oxyura maccoa</i>	Small numbers in Windhoek, Walvis Bay and in Etosha
Secretary Bird <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>	3 in Etosha
Hooded Vulture <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	Seen in Mahango GR, near Katima Mulilo, v. common in Victoria Falls
African Whitebacked Vulture <i>Gyps africanus</i>	V. common in Etosha, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls

Lappetfaced Vulture <i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	Small numbers almost daily, Namib, Hobatere, Etosha, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Vic. Falls
Whiteheaded Vulture <i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>	2 seen near Katima Mulilo
Yellowbilled Kite <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	Seen almost daily in the north of the country. No attempt made to distinguish after 1st day
Black Kite <i>Milvus migrans</i>	Seen almost daily in the north of the country. No attempt made to distinguish after 1st day
Blackshouldered Kite <i>Elanus caerulus</i>	Widespread and common
Verreaux's (Black) Eagle <i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	2 seen on 25 March near Windhoek
Tawny Eagle <i>Aquila rapax</i>	Small numbers scattered throughout the country
Steppe Eagle <i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	1 seen well near Hobatere on 9 March
Lesser Spotted Eagle <i>Aquila pomarina</i>	1 seen at about 10 m in Mahango GR
Wahlberg's Eagle <i>Aquila wahlbergi</i>	1 seen near Omaruru and more commonly Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo, Victoria Falls
Booted Eagle <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Seen daily in Namib area, one near Ugab River and one surprisingly in Mahango GR
African Hawk Eagle <i>Hieraaetus spilogaster</i>	One in Victoria Falls and another near Kwando River
Martial Eagle <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	2 in Namib, in Etosha, Mahango GR and at Lake Liambezi
Brown Snake Eagle <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	Singletons near Hobatere, Mahango GR, near Lake Liambezi
Blackbreasted Snake Eagle <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	Widespread and common
Western Banded Snake Eagle <i>C. cinerascens</i>	Single bird on a 2 occasions at Katima Mulilo
Bateleur <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Small numbers Etosha, v. common in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo, Victoria Falls
African Fish Eagle <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	One on farm dam near Hobatere, small numbers Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo, Victoria Falls
Steppe Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i>	Widespread and common
Augur Buzzard <i>Buteo augur</i>	Seen on 2 days only - both near Hobatere
Lizard Buzzard <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	1 seen near Katima Mulilo
Ovambo Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>	1 in riparian woodlands on Kunene River and 1 near Katima Mulilo
Little Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter minullus</i>	2 in Katima Mulilo
Little Banded Goshawk (Shikra) <i>A. badius</i>	Seen in small numbers throughout wooded habitats
African Goshawk <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>	Heard only - Katima Mulilo
Gabar Goshawk <i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Seen Windhoek, Hobatere, Etosha, Victoria Falls
Pale Chanting Goshawk <i>Melierax canorus</i>	Widespread and common
Dark Chanting Goshawk <i>Melierax metabates</i>	Common in north-eastern woodlands
African Marsh Harrier <i>Circus ranivorus</i>	1 seen Mahango GR, 4 seen Lake Liambezi, Caprivi
Montagu's Harrier <i>Circus pygargus</i>	At least 10 at Lake Liambezi
Gymnogene <i>Polyboroides typus</i>	Single birds on Kunene River and near Katima Mulilo
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Single bird on dam east of Ruacana and at Katima Mulilo
Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1 seen in Namib, 1 in Etosha and 1 in Mahango GR
Lanner Falcon <i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Small numbers, widespread
European (Eurasian) Hobby <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	4 seen on road near Ruacana and at least 2 birds at Victoria Falls

African Hobby <i>Falco cuvierii</i>	1 seen well (if briefly) Mahango GR
Western Redfooted Falcon <i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Small flocks near Ruacana and in Etosha
Eastern Redfooted (Amur) Falcon <i>Falco amurensis</i>	1 male bird near Namutoni (Leader only)
Rock (Common) Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common and widespread in the west
Greater Kestrel <i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	Small numbers in Namib and also in Etosha
Grey Kestrel <i>Falco ardosiaceus</i>	1 bird seen twice on Kunene River
Dickinson's Kestrel <i>Falco dickonsoni</i>	Seen Mahango GR, near Kwando River and Katima Mulilo
Pygmy Falcon <i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	Seen in Namib and at Hobatere
Coqui Francolin <i>Francolinus coqui</i>	Heard only - Katima Mulilo
Crested Francolin <i>Francolinus sephaena</i>	3 seen at Susuwe on Kwando River
Orange River Francolin <i>Francolinus levaillantoides</i>	Heard only - Hobatere
Redbilled Francolin <i>Francolinus adspersus</i>	Widespread and common
Natal Francolin <i>Francolinus natalensis</i>	Small groups on 2 occasions, Victoria Falls
Hartlaub's Francolin <i>Francolinus hartlaubi</i>	Seen well Erongo Mountains (Omaruru), also at Hobatere and heard on Kunene River
Rednecked Francolin <i>Francolinus afer</i>	Heard only - Kunene River
Swainson's Francolin <i>Francolinus swainsonii</i>	Small numbers Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo
Harlequin Quail <i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>	Heard only - Etosha
Helmeted Guineafowl <i>Numida meleagris</i>	Widespread and common
Wattled Crane <i>Grus carunculatus</i>	2 at close range on Kwando River
Blue Crane <i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>	Etosha NP, 2 on separate occasions
Black Crake <i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>	Heard on Kunene River, small numbers Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Purple Gallinule <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Walvis Bay only
Lesser (Allen's) Gallinule <i>Porphyrola alleni</i>	At least 4 in Victoria Falls
Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common in Windhoek, Walvis Bay, Etosha and Katima Mulilo
Lesser Moorhen <i>Gallinula angulata</i>	Only seen in Etosha
Redknobbed Coot <i>Fulica cristata</i>	Common in Windhoek, Walvis Bay and Etosha
African Finfoot <i>Podica senegalensis</i>	1 in Victoria Falls (Leader Only)
Kori Bustard <i>Ardeotis kori</i>	Common in Etosha, 2 at Lake Liambezi
Stanley's Bustard <i>Neotis denhami</i>	1 at Lake Liambezi - a v. rare bird in Namibia this was an exceptional sighting
Ludwig's Bustard <i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	Seen on 3 days in Namib
Rüppell's Korhaan <i>Eupodotis rüppellii</i>	Seen in good numbers in Namib, 1 seen near Ugab River
Redcrested Korhaan <i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>	Small numbers in wooded habitats from Omaruru, Hobatere, Etosha, and the north-east
Northern Black Korhaan <i>Eupodotis afroides</i>	Small numbers near Windhoek, Omaruru, common in Etosha
African Jacana <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	V. common Mahango GR, Katima and Victoria Falls
Lesser Jacana <i>Microparra capensis</i>	Seen well in Mahango GR
Greater Painted Snipe <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	3 birds seen on Fischer's Pan 13/03, further 2 seen near Namutoni on 15/03
European Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Single bird at Walvis Bay Salt Works
African Black Oystercatcher <i>H. moquini</i>	Up to 40 birds, Walvis Bay
Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Common Walvis Bay, also in Etosha
Whitefronted Plover <i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	V. common in Walvis Bay, one seen north of Etosha
Chestnutbanded Plover <i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	Common in Walvis Bay

Kittlitz's Plover <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	Common Walvis Bay and Etosha
Threebanded Plover <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	Common in widespread localities
Grey (Blackbellied) Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	V. common in Walvis Bay.
Crowned Plover <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Widespread and common
Blacksmith Plover <i>Vanellus armatus</i>	Widespread and common
Whitecrowned Plover <i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	Small numbers in Victoria Falls
Wattled (Senegal) Plover <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	Seen in Etosha, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Common in Walvis Bay
Terek Sandpiper <i>Xenus cinereus</i>	4 seen in Walvis Bay
Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Small numbers at widespread localities.
Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i>	Common in Windhoek, Walvis Bay, Etosha and the north-east
Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>	1 seen in Walvis Bay
Marsh Sandpiper <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Small numbers seen Walvis Bay, Etosha and Lake Liambezi
Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Seen Windhoek, Walvis Bay, large numbers in Etosha and on rivers in north-east
Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	V. common in Walvis Bay, about 20 seen north of Etosha
Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>	4 seen Windhoek, common in Walvis Bay and in Etosha
Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>	Common in Walvis Bay
Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Common in Windhoek, Walvis Bay, Etosha and Mahango GR
Blacktailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i>	1 seen in Walvis Bay
Bartailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Common in Walvis Bay
Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	6 seen in Walvis Bay
Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Common in Walvis Bay
Pied Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Up to 50 birds, Walvis Bay
Blackwinged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1 in Walvis Bay, common in Etosha, Lake Liambezi
Spotted Dikkop <i>Burhinus capensis</i>	Up to 25 on roads at night around Ruacana
Water Dikkop <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	Small numbers on Kunene River, Mahango GR, Victoria Falls
Burchell's Courser <i>Cursorius rufus</i>	Up to 20 birds on 2 days in Solitaire-Sossusvlei area
Temminck's Courser <i>Cursorius temminckii</i>	2 seen near Omaruru and 3 near Ruacana
Doublebanded Courser <i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>	3 near Halali, Etosha NP
Bronzewinged Courser <i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i>	3 at night near Ruacana
Redwinged (Collared) Pratincole <i>G. pratincola</i>	Group of at least 20 over floodplain in Mahango GR
Arctic Skua <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	At least 6 in Walvis Bay
Pomarine Skua <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	At least 2 in Walvis Bay
Kelp Gull <i>Larus dominicanus</i>	V.common in Walvis Bay
Greyheaded Gull <i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>	Up to 20 in Walvis Bay
Hartlaub's Gull <i>Larus hartlaubii</i>	V.common in Walvis Bay
Franklin's Gull <i>Larus pipixican</i>	1 at Walvis Bay Sewerage Works
Sabine's Gull <i>Larus sabini</i>	2 offshore Walvis Bay
Caspian Tern <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Common in Walvis Bay
Swift (Greater Crested) Tern <i>Sterna bergii</i>	Common in Walvis Bay
Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	Common in Walvis Bay

Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common in Walvis Bay
Damara Tern <i>Sterna balaenarum</i>	Up to 20 in Walvis Bay
Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Common in Walvis Bay
Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	Small numbers in Etosha, up to 10 birds at Lake Liambezi, Caprivi
Whitewinged Tern <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	6 in Walvis Bay, up to 20 at Lake Liambezi, Caprivi
Namaqua Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	Small groups of up to 15 in Namib and near Omaruru
Doublebanded Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>	1 female on roadside near Halali, Etosha
Feral Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	Common around settlements
Rock (Speckled) Pigeon <i>Columba guinea</i>	Common in Windhoek, Namib, Omaruru and Hobatere
Redeyed Dove <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
African Mourning Dove <i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	Common near Ruacana, Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Cape Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Widespread and common
Laughing (Palm) Dove <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Widespread and common
Namaqua Dove <i>Oena capensis</i>	Widespread and common
Greenspotted Dove <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	Common in Etosha and in the north-east
African Green Pigeon <i>Treron calva</i>	2 near Ruacana, common in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Meyer's Parrot <i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	V. common Mahango GR, Katima and Victoria Falls
Rüppell's Parrot <i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>	1 near Omaruru, 1 at Hobatere, heard near Ruacana (Leader bird only)
Rosy faced Lovebird <i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	Common and widespread in west
Schalow's Lourie <i>Tauraco schalowi</i>	Up to 4 seen well in Katima Mulilo
Grey Lourie <i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	Widespread and common
African Cuckoo <i>Cuculus gularis</i>	Small numbers Omaruru, Hobatere, Ruacana, Mahango GR, Katima and Victoria Falls
Black Cuckoo <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>	Seen Hobatere, Etosha and Mahango GR, heard widely
Great Spotted Cuckoo <i>Cuculus glandarius</i>	Seen near Windhoek, Omaruru, Hobatere, Ruacana, Mahango GR and Victoria Falls
Striped (Levaillant's) Cuckoo <i>Clamator levaillantii</i>	Seen at Hobatere and Ruacana
Jacobin (Pied) Cuckoo <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	Seen at Hobatere.
Klaas's Cuckoo <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	Seen at Omaruru and heard at Hobatere
Diederik Cuckoo <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	Small numbers in widespread localities throughout trip area
Black Coucal <i>Centropus grillii</i>	1 seen well on the Kwando River
Copperytailed Coucal <i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Senegal Coucal <i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	Small numbers in Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Whitebrowed Coucal <i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	1 seen Ruacana, up to 4 in Mahango GR, also Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba</i>	1 at Ruacana, heard in Omaruru, Hobatere, Mahango GR
Wood Owl <i>Strix woodfordii</i>	2 Popa Falls on numerous occasions, also Katima Mulilo
Marsh Owl <i>Asio capensis</i>	1 flushed in daylight north of Etosha



African Scops Owl <i>Otus senegalensis</i>	3 near Katima Mulilo, heard at Hobatere
Whitefaced Owl <i>Otus leucotis</i>	3 near Katima Mulilo.
Pearlspotted Owl <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	Small numbers in Omaruru, Hobatere, Mahango GR, and near Windhoek. Heard widely
African Barred Owl <i>Glaucidium capense</i>	1 seen Mahango GR.
Spotted Eagle Owl <i>Bubo africanus</i>	2 near Spitzkoppe and Omaruru, also at Ruacana and Mahango GR
Giant Eagle Owl <i>Bubo lacteus</i>	Seen well at Hobatere Lodge
Fierynecked Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	Heard only - Mahango GR
Rufouscheeked Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>	1 at Ruacana
Freckled Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	1 at Omaruru
Mozambique Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>	Up to 6 at Ruacana, 3 near Mahango GR
European (Eurasian) Swift <i>Apus apus</i>	Widespread and common
Black Swift <i>Apus barbatus</i>	At least 2 birds at Victoria Falls
Bradfield's Swift <i>Apus bradfieldi</i>	Common in Windhoek, around Omaruru
Whiterumped Swift <i>Apus caffer</i>	Common in Windhoek, Walvis Bay and Omaruru
Little Swift <i>Apus cf. finus</i>	Widespread and common
Alpine Swift <i>Apus melba</i>	Seen in Omaruru and near Ruacana
African Palm Swift <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Widespread and common
Whitebacked Mousebird <i>Colius colius</i>	Widespread and common
Redfaced Mousebird <i>Colius indicus</i>	Widespread and common
Pied Kingfisher <i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Seen on Kunene River, common in Mahango GR, at Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Giant Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	Only 1 seen in Katima Mulilo
Halfcollared Kingfisher <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>	1 seen at Victoria Falls
Malachite Kingfisher <i>Alcedo cristata</i>	Seen in Mahango GR, and Victoria Falls
Woodland Kingfisher <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	Seen near Ruacana, Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Brownhooded Kingfisher <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	Small numbers Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Greyhooded Kingfisher <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	Seen near Ruacana, Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Striped Kingfisher <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	Small numbers Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo
European Bee-eater <i>Merops apiaster</i>	Widespread and common
Olive Bee-eater <i>Merops superciliosus</i>	Up to 20 birds seen at Ruacana, heard at Hobatere
Bluecheeked Bee-eater <i>Merops persicus</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Southern Carmine Bee-eater <i>Merops nubicoides</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Whitefronted Bee-eater <i>Merops bullockoides</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Little Bee-eater <i>Merops pusillus</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Swallowtailed Bee-eater <i>Merops hirundineus</i>	Widespread and common
European Roller <i>Coracias garrulus</i>	1 in Etosha, also near Katima Mulilo, Victoria Falls
Lilacbreasted Roller <i>Coracias caudata</i>	Widespread and common
Racket-tailed Roller <i>Coracias spatulata</i>	3 birds seen well at Kwando River
Purple Roller <i>Coracias naevia</i>	Widespread and common
Broadbilled Roller <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	Up to 8 seen near Katima Mulilo

Hoopoe <i>Upupa africana</i>	Small numbers throughout
Redbilled Woodhoopoe <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Southern Violet Woodhoopoe <i>P. damarensis</i>	3 seen at Hobatere
Greater Scimitarbill <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	Small numbers at scattered localities
Trumpeter Hornbill <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>	Up to 10 birds seen in Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Grey Hornbill <i>Tockus nasutus</i>	Widespread and common
Redbilled Hornbill <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	Common in the north of the country. Distinct from following species
Damara Redbilled Hornbill <i>T. e. damarensis</i>	Common around Omaruru and Hobatere
Southern Yellowbilled Hornbill <i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	Widespread and common
Elegant Yellow-billed Hornbill <i>T.l. elegans</i>	2 seen well near Ruacana. Limited range (sub)species which may be up for a split
Bradfield's Hornbill <i>Tockus bradfieldi</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Monteiro's Hornbill <i>Tockus monteiri</i>	Common around Windhoek, Omaruru, Hobatere and Ruacana
Ground Hornbill <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>	Seen in small groups in Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe on 22/03
Blackcollared Barbet <i>Lybius torquatus</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Acacia Pied Barbet <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	Widespread and common
Yellowfronted Tinker Barbet <i>P. chrysoconus</i>	2 seen in Victoria Falls, heard in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo
Crested Barbet <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	Small numbers in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Lesser Honeyguide <i>Indicator minor</i>	1 in Omaruru
Sharpbilled Honeyguide <i>Protodiscus regulus</i>	1 in Mahango GR. A v. difficult bird to find in Namibia, a highlight for Chris Hines (Leader)
Bennett's Woodpecker <i>Campethera bennettii</i>	Up to 3 birds seen in Mahango GR
Goldentailed Woodpecker <i>Campethera abingoni</i>	1 in Omaruru, also in Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo
Cardinal Woodpecker <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	Small numbers in Omaruru, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Bearded Woodpecker <i>Thripias namaquus</i>	2 near Omaruru, 1 on Kwando River
Monotonous Lark <i>Mirafra passerina</i>	V. common near Omaruru, Hobatere and Etosha
Rufousnaped Lark <i>Mirafra africana</i>	Small numbers in Etosha, Mahango GR, Kwando River and Lake Liambezi
Clapper Lark <i>Mirafra apiata</i>	Small numbers in Etosha
Flappet Lark <i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>	Up to 15 in a day in Mahango GR
Fawncoloured Lark <i>Mirafra africanoides</i>	Common in Mahango GR.
Sabota Lark <i>Mirafra sabota</i>	Widespread and common
Benguela Long-billed Lark <i>Certhilauda [c.] benguelensis</i>	2 seen near Spitzkoppe, several heard in same area
Karoo Long-billed Lark <i>Certhilauda [c.] subcoronata</i>	1 seen near Nauchas, western escarpment
Dune Lark <i>Certhilauda erythrochlamys</i>	At least 8 seen on dunes near Sossusvlei
Dusky Lark <i>Pinarocorys nigricans</i>	Up to 10 seen near Ruacana, single birds also in Etosha, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Spikeheeled Lark <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	4 seen near Nauchas

Redcapped Lark <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	Up to 6 birds seen in Etosha, also in Mahango GR and Lake Liambezi
Pinkbilled Lark <i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>	2 seen in Etosha.
Stark's Lark <i>Spizocorys starki</i>	V.common in Namib and around Spitzkoppe
Gray's Lark <i>Ammomanes grayi</i>	Up to 15 birds seen near Ganab in Namib Desert
Chestnutbacked Finchlark <i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	2 seen in Mahango GR, also near Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Greybacked Finchlark <i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	Very common in Namib, around Spitzkoppe and Etosha
European (Barn) Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Widespread and common
Whitethroated Swallow <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>	4 seen in Windhoek
Wiretailed Swallow <i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Small numbers daily on Kunene River, at Mahango GR , Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Pearlbreasted Swallow <i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	Small numbers near Windhoek, Hobatere, Etosha, Kwando River
Redbreasted Swallow <i>Hirundo semirufa</i>	Seen near Ruacana, Etosha and on road near Grootfontein
Mosque Swallow <i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>	Small numbers in Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo
Great Striped Swallow <i>Hirundo cucullata</i>	Common around Windhoek and Omaruru
Lesser Striped Swallow <i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>	Common in Ruacana, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
South African Cliff Swallow <i>Hirundo spilodera</i>	2 seen at Windhoek International Airport
Rock Martin <i>Hirundo fuligula</i>	Widespread and common
Common House Martin <i>Delichon urbica</i>	Large numbers Hobatere, Ruacana and north of Etosha
Greyrumped Swallow <i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>	Common in Mahango GR
Brownthroated Martin <i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Small numbers in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Banded Martin <i>Riparia cincta</i>	Seen in small numbers at Hobatere, Etosha, Mahango GR
Black Cuckooshrike <i>Campephaga flava</i>	1 female seen in Mahango GR, heard in Katima and Victoria Falls
Forktailed Drongo <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Widespread and common
European (Eurasian) Golden Oriole <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Small numbers at Hobatere, Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo
African Golden Oriole <i>Oriolus auratus</i>	Small numbers around Omaruru, Hobatere, Ruacana, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Black Crow <i>Corvus capensis</i>	2 seen in Namib near Ganab, at Ruacana, up to 10 in Etosha
Pied Crow <i>Corvus alba</i>	Seen in Namib, Omaruru, Etosha and common in Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Ashy Tit <i>Parus cinerascens</i>	Small numbers in Omaruru and Hobatere
Southern Black Tit <i>Parus niger</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Carp's Tit <i>Parus carpi</i>	Seen in small numbers at Hobatere and Ruacana
Arrowmarked Babbler <i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	Up to 20 birds daily in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Blackfaced Babbler <i>Turdoides melanops</i>	Excellent views of 4 birds near Namutoni, Etosha

Hartlaub's Babbler <i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>	15 on Kunene River at Ruacana, common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Southern Pied Babbler <i>Turdoides bicolor</i>	Small numbers near Hobatere, Etosha and Mahango GR
Barecheeked Babbler <i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>	Up to 11 seen at Hobatere and Ruacana
African Redeyed Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	Widespread and common
Blackeyed (Common) Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	Common in north east
Terrestrial Bulbul <i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Yellowbellied Bulbul <i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	Common along Kunene River, Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Kurrichane Thrush <i>Turdus libonyana</i>	2 seen outside Mahango GR
Groundscraper Thrush <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>	Small numbers near Omaruru, Hobatere, Ruacana, Etosha, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Short-toed Rock Thrush <i>Monticola brevipes</i>	Small numbers near Omaruru, Hobatere and Ruacana
Mountain Chat <i>Oenanthe monticola</i>	Common, up to 10 daily, near Windhoek, Namib, Omaruru and Hobatere
Capped Wheatear <i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	Small numbers near Windhoek, Namib, Omaruru, Hobatere and Etosha
Familiar Chat <i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	Seen in Namib, Hobatere and Ruacana
Tractrac Chat <i>Cercomela tractrac</i>	6 seen between Nauchas and Solitaire
Karoo Chat <i>Cercomela schlegelii</i>	Small numbers in Namib and near Spitzkoppe
Arnot's Chat <i>Thamnota arnoti</i>	3 seen in mopane woodland near Katima Mulilo
Southern Anteater Chat <i>M. formicivora</i>	Small numbers near Windhoek, Hobatere and Etosha
Common Stonechat <i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Seen in the Mahango GR and along Kwando River
Heuglin's Robin <i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	Common in riparian woodlands, Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Collared Palm Thrush <i>Cichladusa arquata</i>	4 seen in Victoria Falls
Rufoustailed Palm Thrush <i>Cichladusa ruficauda</i>	1 seen in Ruacana area
Whitebrowed Robin <i>Erythropgia leucophrys</i>	Seen in Omaruru area, Etosha, Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo
Kalahari Robin <i>Erythropgia paena</i>	Widespread and common
Eastern Bearded Robin <i>E. quadrivirgata</i>	3 seen in riparian woodlands in Katima Mulilo, also Victoria Falls
Herero Chat <i>Namibornis herero</i>	3 seen, 1 at about 2 m, near Solitaire
Garden Warbler <i>Sylvia borin</i>	1 near Ruacana
Common Whitethroat <i>Sylvia communis</i>	1 seen well at Victoria Falls
Chestnutvented Titbabbler <i>Parisoma subcaeruleum</i>	Common in wooded habitats near Windhoek, Namib, Omaruru, Hobatere, Ruacana and Etosha
Icterine Warbler <i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Widespread and common
Great Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Heard only - Mahango GR
African Marsh Warbler <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	Common in reedbeds in Walvis Bay
European Marsh Warbler <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	3 birds presumed to be this species seen well at Katima Mulilo Sewerage Works
European Sedge Warbler <i>A. schoenobaenus</i>	2 seen in Victoria Falls.
Cape Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	Seen on Kunene River, common in Mahango GR, at Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls

Greater Swamp Warbler <i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>	Heard only - Mahango GR
Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Widespread and common
Yellowbreasted Apalis <i>Apalis flavida</i>	6 near Ruacana, also at Katima and Victoria Falls
Longbilled Crombec <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	Small numbers at Ruacana, Etosha, Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo
Yellowbellied Eremomela <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	Small numbers near Windhoek, Namib, Omaruru, Hobatere and Etosha
Greencapped Eremomela <i>Eremomela scotops</i>	8 near Mahango GR
Burntnecked Eremomela <i>Eremomela usticollis</i>	2 near Windhoek, heard in Mahango GR
Greybacked Bleating Warbler <i>C. brevicaudata</i>	Widespread and common
African Barred Warbler <i>Calamonastes fasciolata</i>	Common in areas around Omaruru, Hobatere, Ruacana, Etosha and Mahango GR. Heard more often than seen.
Cinnamonbreasted Warbler <i>Eurypytila subcinnamomea</i>	2 near Solitaire
Rockrunner <i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>	1 in Windhoek, also Omaruru and Hobatere
Fantailed (Zitting) Cisticola <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Small numbers in scattered localities
Desert Cisticola <i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	Common, any short grass habitat, especially common in Etosha
Greybacked Cisticola <i>Cisticola subruficapillus</i>	4 seen near Nauchas
Tinkling Cisticola <i>Cisticola rufilatus</i>	Up to 8 in broadleaved woodlands in Mahango GR
Rattling Cisticola <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	Widespread and common
Redfaced Cisticola <i>Cisticola erythropis</i>	3 seen Victoria Falls
Blackbacked Cisticola <i>Cisticola galactotes</i>	Luapula Cisticola?? Seen in Mahango GR and Lake Liambezi
Chirping Cisticola <i>Cisticola pipiens</i>	Up to 6 in Mahango GR and Lake Liambezi
Neddicky <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>	1 seen in Mahango GR, many heard calling (a common bird)
Tawnyflanked Prinia <i>Prinia subflava</i>	Common along Kunene River, Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Blackchested Prinia <i>Prinia flavicans</i>	Widespread and common
Rufouseared Warbler <i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>	1 seen in Namib and 1 near Spitzkoppe
Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Widespread and common
Bluegrey Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	Common in woodlands in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Fantailed Flycatcher <i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>	1 seen at Popa Falls - Leader only
Southern Black Flycatcher <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	Small numbers in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Marico Flycatcher <i>Malaenornis mariquensis</i>	Widespread and common
Mousecoloured Flycatcher <i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>	Small numbers in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Chat Flycatcher <i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>	Small numbers in Namib, near Omaruru and Etosha
Chinspot Batis <i>Batis molitor</i>	2 seen Katima Mulilo, heard widely in north-east
Pririt Batis <i>Batis pririt</i>	Seen in Windhoek, Omaruru and Hobatere
African Paradise Flycatcher <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Seen in Omaruru, Ruacana, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
African Pied Wagtail <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Cape Wagtail <i>Motacilla capensis</i>	Seen in Windhoek, Walvis Bay, Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo
Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i>	1 at Walvis Bay.

Grassveld (Richard's) Pipit <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	Common in Etosha, also in Mahango GR and at Lake Liambezi
Longbilled Pipit <i>Anthus similis</i>	1 near Nauchas
Wood Pipit <i>Anthus nyassae</i>	1 in Mahango GR.
Plainbacked Pipit <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>	Up to 6 in Mahango GR and Lake Liambezi
Buffy Pipit <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>	6 seen in Namutoni area, Etosha - also Windhoek
Lesser Grey Shrike <i>Lanius minor</i>	Widespread and common
Common Fiscal Shrike <i>Lanius collaris subcoronatus</i>	Common in south and west
Redbacked Shrike <i>Lanius collurio</i>	Widespread and common
African Longtailed Shrike <i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Tropical Boubou <i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>	Small numbers in Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Swamp Boubou <i>Laniarius bicolor</i>	Seen on Kunene River, common in Mahango GR
Crimsonbreasted Shrike <i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	Widespread and common
Blackbacked Puffback <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	Widespread and common
Brubru <i>Nilaus afer</i>	Widespread and common
Browncrowned Tchagra <i>Tchagra australis</i>	Widespread and common
Blackcrowned Tchagra <i>Tchagra senegala</i>	Seen in small numbers in Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo
Bokmakierie <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	Up to 4 seen in Namib and near Spitzkoppe
Orangebreasted Bush Shrike <i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>	4 seen near Katima Mulilo, heard near Ruacana and Mahango GR
Greyheaded Bush Shrike <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	1 seen Katima Mulilo
Whitetailed Shrike <i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>	Common near Windhoek, near Spitzkoppe, Omaruru, Hobatere and Ruacana
White Helmetshrike <i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Small flocks in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Redbilled Helmetshrike <i>Prionops retzii</i>	3 birds seen near Katima Mulilo - Leader only
Whitecrowned Shrike <i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>	Widespread and common
Wattled Starling <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	Widespread and common
Plumcoloured Starling <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Widespread and common
Burchell's Starling <i>Lamprotornis australis</i>	Widespread and common
Longtailed Starling <i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>	Common in Hobatere, Ruacana, Mahango GR
Glossy Starling <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	Widespread and common
Greater Blue-eared Starling <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Common in Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Sharptailed Starling <i>Lamprotornis acuticaudus</i>	2 seen near Mahango GR
Red-winged Starling <i>Onychognathus morio</i>	Common in Victoria Falls
Palewinged Starling <i>Onychognathus naboroupp</i>	Common in west - near Windhoek, Namib, Omaruru, Hobatere
Yellowbilled Oxpecker <i>Buphagus africanus</i>	Seen near Ruacana and also Mahango GR
Redbilled Oxpecker <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	Up to 20 in Mahango GR area
Marico Sunbird <i>Nectarinia mariquensis</i>	Seen in Windhoek, Omaruru and Hobatere
Whitebellied Sunbird <i>Nectarinia talatala</i>	4 seen near Ruacana, also common in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Dusky Sunbird <i>Nectarinia fusca</i>	Common in west - near Windhoek, Namib, Omaruru, Hobatere
Scarletched Sunbird <i>Nectarinia senegalensis</i>	1 near Windhoek, also Ruacana, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Black (Amethyst) Sunbird <i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>	Common in woodlands in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls

Collared Sunbird <i>Anthreptes collaris</i>	Seen in small numbers in Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo
Cape White-eye <i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	Up to 4 in suburban gardens, Walvis Bay
Yellow White-eye <i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	Up to 20 in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Redbilled Buffalo Weaver <i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Widespread and common
Whitebrowed Sparrowweaver <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	Widespread and common
Sociable Weaver <i>Philetairus socius</i>	Large numbers in Namib and Etosha
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Widespread and common
Great Sparrow <i>Passer motitensis</i>	Widespread and common
Cape Sparrow <i>Passer melanurus</i>	Common in west.
Grey-headed Sparrow <i>Passer griseus</i>	Small numbers at Ruacana, near Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Southern Greyheaded Sparrow <i>Passer diffusus</i>	Widespread and common
African Yellowthroated Sparrow <i>Petronia superciliaris</i>	6 seen Mahango GR, also near Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Scalyfeathered Finch <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	Widespread and common
Spectacled Weaver <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	2 at Ruacana, also in riparian thickets in Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Spottedbacked Weaver <i>Ploceus cucullatus nigriceps</i>	1 seen near Katima Mulilo
Chestnut Weaver <i>Ploceus rubiginosus</i>	Large numbers near Omaruru, Hobatere, Ruacana and Etosha
Southern Masked Weaver <i>Ploceus velatus</i>	Widespread and common
Lesser Masked Weaver <i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	Small flocks of up to 10 birds near Omaruru
Golden Weaver <i>Ploceus xanthops</i>	Small numbers near Ruacana, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Southern Brownthroated Weaver <i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>	2 in Mahango GR
Redheaded Weaver <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	4 In Mahango GR, also Victoria Falls
Redbilled Quelea <i>Quelea quelea</i>	Widespread and common
Southern Red Bishop <i>Euplectes orix</i>	Numerous in Windhoek, also near Ruacana, Mahango GR and Victoria Falls
Golden Bishop <i>Euplectes afer</i>	Small numbers in Etosha
Redshouldered Widow <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	Common in marsh areas in Mahango GR
Whitewinged Widow <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	3 in Mahango GR, 1 in Victoria Falls
Melba Finch <i>Pytilia melba</i>	Small numbers in Omaruru, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Jameson's Firefinch <i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>	Single birds seen in Mahango GR
Redbilled Firefinch <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Common near Ruacana, Mahango GR, Kwando River, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Brown Firefinch <i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>	3 birds seen at Popa Falls, also Victoria Falls
Blue Waxbill <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	Widespread and common
Violeteared Waxbill <i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>	Widespread and common
Common Waxbill <i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Small numbers in Walvis Bay, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Blackcheeked Waxbill <i>Estrilda erythronotus</i>	Up to 10 in Windhoek, Mahango GR
Quail Finch <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>	Up to 10 seen in Etosha, Mahango GR and Katima Mulilo. Excellent views of both sexes on the ground
Cutthroat Finch <i>Amadina fasciata</i>	2 in Mahango GR and Victoria Falls
Redheaded Finch <i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	Common near Windhoek, Namib, Hobatere, Ruacana and Etosha
Bronze Mannikin <i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>	Small groups of up to 6 in Katima and Victoria

	Falls
Pintailed Whydah <i>Vidua macroura</i>	Seen in Windhoek, Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Shafttailed Whydah <i>Vidua regia</i>	Widespread and common
Paradise Whydah <i>Vidua paradisaea</i>	Small numbers from Ruacana, eastwards through Caprivi to Victoria Falls
Steelblue Widowfinch <i>Vidua chalybeata</i>	Small numbers in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Yelloweyed Canary <i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	Common in woodlands in Mahango GR, Katima Mulilo and Victoria Falls
Blackthroated Canary <i>Serinus atrogularis</i>	Widespread and common
Yellow Canary <i>Serinus flaviventris</i>	1 seen well near Omaruru. Seen at a few other sites in small numbers
Whitethroated Canary <i>Serinus albogularis</i>	3 in Namib, up to 10 in Spitzkoppe area
Goldenbreasted Bunting <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	Widespread and common
Cape Bunting <i>Emberiza capensis</i>	Small numbers in Namib and near Windhoek
Cinnamonbreasted Rock Bunting <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	Common near Windhoek, Hobatere, Ruacana and Etosha
Larklike Bunting <i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	V. common in Namib, near Omaruru, Hobatere and Ruacana