



## NAMIBIA TOUR REPORT

15<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> April  
2014

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- African Penguin
- Hartlaub's Spurfowl
- Black-chested Snake-Eagle
- Verreaux's Eagle
- Northern Black Korhaan
- Allen's Gallinule
- Chestnut-banded Plover
- Burchell's Courser
- Subantarctic Skua
- Damara Tern
- Burchell's Sandgrouse
- Ruppell's Parrot
- Bradfield's Swift
- Violet Wood-Hoopoe
- Golden-tailed Woodpecker
- White-tailed Shrike
- Crimson-breasted Shrike
- Black Cuckooshrike
- Dune Lark
- Gray's Lark
- Carp's Tit
- Rockrunner
- Cinnamon-breasted Warbler
- Barred Wren-Warbler
- Rufous-eared Warbler
- Orange-river White-eye
- Golden-breasted Bunting
- Violet-eared Waxbill
- Lion, Spotted Hyena, Meerkat
- Heaviside's Dolphin
- Jeep safaris at Etosha
- Pelagic at Walvis Bay

### SUMMARY:

The first **ZOOTHERA** tour to Namibia this year was a thoroughly enjoyable tour with Namibia's top birding guide – Charles Rhyn. Any tour where you have jeep safaris and boat rides always provides a wonderful experience and a feast of superb memories that stay with you forever. Throw in a very fun-loving group and you have the perfect cocktail for an awesome holiday. Beginning from Windhoek we headed west to the first of a series of fine lodges at Solitaire, set in the Namib Desert we particularly enjoyed the rare Cinnamon-breasted Warbler at a secret site! Moving on via the endemic Dune Lark to Walvis Bay and its countless thousands of shorebirds and a boat ride out into the bay. Apart from the Subantarctic Skua, African penguin and White-chinned Petrel, I think the Cape Fur Seal that jumped onto our boat was also pretty cool! The Erongo Mountains were next on the agenda and we found Hartlaub's Spurfowl quite easily before eventually reaching the world renowned Etosha National Park. Here we were treated to the full-on African safari experience with multitudes of mammals and lots of great birds as well. We finished on a high at the Waterberg Plateau with Ruppell's Parrot and a very cute Lesser Galago outside our cabins in the hills. All I can say about Namibia is – ITS AWESOME!

## Days 1 - 2 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April

My first of two Namibia tours this year began with a long overnight journey, eventually arriving in Windhoek in the early afternoon of 16<sup>th</sup> April and meeting up with our guide, Charly. A quick look around the airport was quite productive with **Familiar Chat**, **Black-chested Prinia**, **Black-throated Canary**, **Great Sparrow**, **Cape Wagtail**, **Greater Striped Swallow**, **African Palm**, **Little** and **White-rumped Swifts** and lots of **Rock Martins** being seen. It was only 40kms into the city of Windhoek and after dropping our bags into our rooms, met up with Charly who gave us an overview of the tour ahead, as well as a map showing our forthcoming route. Afterwards it was down to business as we birded the road outside the hotel, which proved to be worthwhile as a number of good birds were discovered. We began with several **Marico Flycatchers** adorning the fence, followed by a group of amazingly beautiful **Violet-backed Starlings**, as well as **African Red-eyed Bulbul** and **Fork-tailed Drongo**. And then a little further along the road we came across a real burst of activity with a bunch of new birds all appearing at the same time. John C spotted a pair of **Burnt-necked Eremomela**, a stunning **Crimson-breasted Shrike** was many people's top bird of the day, a pair of **Marico Sunbirds** were superb, a female **Pirit Batis** was also stunning, and there was also an **Ashy Tit**, a few **Southern Masked Weavers** and a **Rufous-vented Tit-Babbler** also put in an appearance.

As the light began to fade several hulking **Bradfields Swifts** flew over, and walking back to the hotel several close **White-browed Sparrow-Weavers** were admired, and a pair of **Groundscraper Thrushes** were scoped. Other birds seen this afternoon included **Pied Crow**, **Pale-winged Starling**, and lots of **Cape Glossy Starlings** as well. So we ended up seeing quite a few really nice birds quite easily but it was something of a relief to get a hot shower, excellent meal and retire early after all the travelling involved to get here.

## Day 3 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

A pre-breakfast walk from the hotel gave us much the same birds as yesterday, but after a refreshing night's sleep I think we all appreciated them a little more this morning. We did add **Common** (Eurasian) **Swift** to our list, along with a pair of **Blue (Cordon-bleu) Waxbills**, **Cardinal Woodpecker** and **Rock Kestrel** were new for us as well.



Red-headed Finch at Avis Dam

After a superb buffet breakfast we headed to Avis Dam, just a short drive away where we spent a nice couple of hours. At the edge of the car park a **Black-faced Waxbill** appeared as soon as we arrived, and several **White-rumped Swifts** showed much better than yesterday. The acacias nearby held **Grey Go-Away Birds**, a flock of **Red-headed Finches**, **Common Waxbills**, and **Southern Red Bishop** – all new birds for us. A **Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler** also appeared, whilst an **Acacia Pied Barbet** was also much appreciated. Out on the water, there was **White-breasted Cormorant**, a pair of **Egyptian Goose**, an **African Fish-Eagle** flew across, and later

on we saw a **Great White Pelican** as well. Walking onto the dam itself, several **Greater Striped**

**Swallows** showed amazingly well when they landed right below us, a **Gabar Goshawk** flew over and several **Alpine Swifts** appeared. A **Cape Wagtail** and some **Red-billed Firefinches** were seen in the

damp areas below us, and a few people saw a **Yellow Mongoose** as well. Walking on we called in a **Pearl-spotted Owlet** which came in close and was promptly mobbed by an **Acacia Pied Barbet** and a **Brubru**. Returning towards the minibus, we had a **Great Spotted Cuckoo** and shortly after a **Diderik Cuckoo** as well. Then a group of **Red-billed Quelea** flew down to a small pond to drink, and we saw a playful group of **South African Ground Squirrels**.



Crowned lapwing

Leaving here we set out on the long journey to Solitaire, but it was birding all the way with many, many stops for some quality lifers. The first 90kms were on a paved road before turning off onto a 'gravel' road for the rest of the journey, passing through great open scenery interspersed with rocky canyons – finally arriving at our brilliant lodge around 6pm! Anyway, there were lots of birds today and we made our first stop when a pair of **Pale Chanting Goshawks** and **Rattling Cisticola** were seen, and from then on we made frequent stops. Amongst many goodies we saw **Red-billed (Spurfowl) Francolin**, **Pygmy Falcon**, **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill**,

**Chat Flycatcher**, **Sabota Lark**, **Capped Wheatear**, **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Crowned Lapwing**, **Three-banded Plover**, **Blacksmith Lapwing**, **Common Fiscal**, many colonies of **Social Weavers**, and **Southern Grey-headed Sparrow**.

A pair of **Double-banded Coursers** actually on the road in front of us was my personal highlight today, and this sighting was made even more memorable when a displaying male **Northern Black Korhaan** flew right over us. As the scenery changed from the open, acacia plains to rocky canyons we tried a couple of times for Herero Chat, which never appeared. However, we picked up **Lanner**, **White-throated Canary**, **Lark-like Bunting**, and a **Mountain Wheatear** for a couple of us, plus a troop of **Chacma Baboons** and a few **Klipspringers**. As we dropped back down into the lowlands a **Black-chested Snake-Eagle** was a great spot by Charly and some **Greater Kudu** were rather impressive. And as we got closer to the lodge, Jenny spotted a female **Northern Black**



Double-banded Courser

**Korhaan** and shortly after, our first **Helmet Guineafowl** and **Springbok** were seen. After settling into our rooms nestled at the base of some hills we had a fabulous buffet dinner, were entertained by the staff singing some local folk songs and then had a quick night drive, seeing some **Spotted Thick-knees**. What a great day!



## Day 4 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

I thought yesterday was a good day, but today was even better – fantastic in fact. We began the day driving to a rocky area just after first light and were very fortunate to find a **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler** creeping around the boulders on the hillside above us. It came in reasonably close to check us out, and the views through the scope were great but it wasn't good for photos. A pair of **Cape Buntings** were also a good find here. We drove back to the lodge, and along the way saw a pair of **African Hawk-Eagles** and flocks of **Namaqua Sandgrouse** flying in the distance, and had repeated views of the very common **Grey-backed Sparrow-lark**.

A small drinking pool in the garden was attracting lots of birds including **Namaqua Dove**, **Cape Sparrows**, **Lark-like Buntings** and other common birds, and there was also a pair of **Dusky Sunbirds** feeding on some nearby flowers. I was surprised to see quite a few **Rosy-faced Lovebirds** flying out of the large trees in the garden, and we managed to see a couple of them perched as well a little later. After breakfast we loaded the luggage into the trailer of our minibus and had a quick walk around the grounds, but it was getting quite hot by now and apart from some very nice butterflies we really only saw a pair of **Green-winged Pytilia**. It was a shame a **Bokmakierie** was only heard as we very much wanted to see this species. John and Jenny also saw a **Verreaux's Eagle** here, whilst everyone saw a pale-phase **Booted Eagle**.



Lappet-faced Vulture seen on the way to Walvis Bay

Leaving here we called into the Solitaire Filling Station for fuel and a chance to purchase some cold drinks before setting out on the drive towards Walvis Bay, passing through the Namib Desert. We spent much of the time scanning for bustards along the way but for the first couple of hours we drew a blank. Our first stop was for a **Lappet-faced Vulture** feeding on something close to the road, and as we watched it was joined by a **White-backed Vulture**. The usual **Pale Chanting Goshawks** were also around, and we also saw **Greater Kestrel**, **Rufous-crowned (Purple) Roller**, **Cape Crow**, **Tractrac Chat**, and the mega **Dune Lark** which took some work but everyone saw it quite well. Mammal highlights were **Mountain Zebra** and a family group of **Meerkats** – the latter was found as we watched the Zebras. Lucky or what?

Just before lunch John C pulled the rabbit out of the hat when he spotted a pair of **Ruppell's Korhaan** feeding a couple of hundred metres away in the desert. And afterwards we had our picnic lunch in the shade of some trees before continuing our journey for another 130kms. A pair of **Namaqua Sandgrouse** and a small chick were present right on the edge of the road, prompting us into a hasty three-point turn to get a better look.



White-fronted Plover - Walvis Bay

We eventually arrived at Walvis Bay around 3.30pm and began birding along the lagoon immediately. As the tide was high there were many birds on the pools on the inland side of the road, as well as out on the marshes at the edge of the bay. Tom spotted our first **White-fronted Plover** and I was amazed to see so many present as we drove along. A flock of **Greater Flamingo** held some **Lesser Flamingo** and you could see how much smaller the latter species was. There were hundreds of familiar waders (for UK birders) with the most numerous species being **Curlew Sandpipers**, some of which were in breeding plumage. There were also **Common Greenshanks**, **Little Stints**, **Sanderlings**, **Common Ringed Plovers** and a **Whimbrel** – all familiar fare admittedly, but it was fun scanning through so many birds. Undoubtedly, the highlight was a flock

of 32 **Damara Terns** – the most wanted bird here and to see such a big flock perched on a sandbar was amazing as you can easily miss this species here. Other birds seen included **Cape Cormorant**, **Great Crested (Swift) Tern** and lots of **Hartlaub's Gulls**. At the end of the day we checked in to a wonderful hotel situated right at the water's edge with stunning sunset views across the bay. Wow!

## Day 5 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April

We began the day just after sunrise with a few **Orange River White-eyes** being seen near our hotel. Then after breakfast we walked to the harbour and boarded a catamaran for a boat trip through the



Crowned Cormorants

bay and out into the ocean for about 9 nautical miles – but started with a glass of Sherry to warm us up. I wasn't expecting much at all in the shape of pelagic seabirds but we scored with **Arctic Skua**, **Cape Gannet** and, more unbelievably, a **Subantarctic Skua** before we'd even left the bay! There were hundreds of **Cape Fur Seals** along the shoreline, but one came

even closer when it jumped onto our boat and begged for fish! A few **African Black Oystercatchers** were also seen as well. Thousands of **Cape Cormorants** were flying around and a flock of **Black Terns**

was nice, but everyone was really pleased with some **Crowned Cormorants** perched on an old ship. Heading out into the open ocean it proved to be rather quiet, but we did get **White-chinned Petrel**, **Sooty Shearwater**, and an **African Penguin** was a surprise, plus a few more gannets. We also had a couple sightings of **Heaviside's Dolphins** which was very pleasing. We finished off with a buffet lunch on-board including some delicious oysters (according to those who tried them), some beer, soft drinks and sparkling wine! So we needed the 2 hour siesta to recover before heading out to the salt pans in the afternoon.

Our main quarry was **Chestnut-banded Plover** and it took some searching but we eventually found a few and took some time to enjoy them in the scope. Masses of shorebirds were present and we added **Red-necked Phalarope**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Pied Avocet**, **Ruff** and **Cape Teal** to our list, as well as enjoying very close views of waders we'd seen yesterday. Some poor views of **African Reed Warbler** ended another productive day.

## Day 6 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

We set out at 7.15am for the drive up the coast to Swakopmund, where we quickly scored with several **Gray's Larks** scrubbing around the desert. We spent a little time looking unsuccessfully for



Fantastic scenery at Spitzkoppe.

**Bank Cormorant** before heading inland to Spitzkoppe. It took until early afternoon to get there, only for our trailer to lose a wheel brace and it took some time for us to load the luggage into the minibus and some imaginative seating for the last few miles drive to the rocky escarpment.

After our picnic lunch in the local bar and some cold drinks we birded the area and found many people's bird of the trip in a pair of **White-tailed Shrikes** – what a bird! Currently a taxonomic conundrum, it is presently placed in the batis family. At the

same spot we had **Ashy Tit**, **Barred Wren-Warbler**, and several **Swallow-tailed Bee-eaters**. We also found a **Karoo Long-billed Lark** a little later, whilst Charly was getting the trailer fixed with some locals. A nearby waterhole held tons of **Lark-like Buntings** and 5 **Namaqua Sandgrouse** came down to drink, and a **Lanner** was spotted perched in a large tree. We reached our lovely little guest house at around 6pm and thoroughly enjoyed the oryx steaks!

## Day 7 Monday 21st April

We headed to the Erongo Hills at dawn in search of **Hartlaub's Francolin**, and duly scored with a pair calling back at us from their rocky perch. It was quite good to give directions to them from the pair of **Klipspringers** that they were hiding behind at one stage! We waited here for a while and were rewarded with a pair of **Monteiro's Hornbills** (another key species) calling from the top of a tree, and the peculiar dipping motion of their bodies as they called made the branch they were perched on

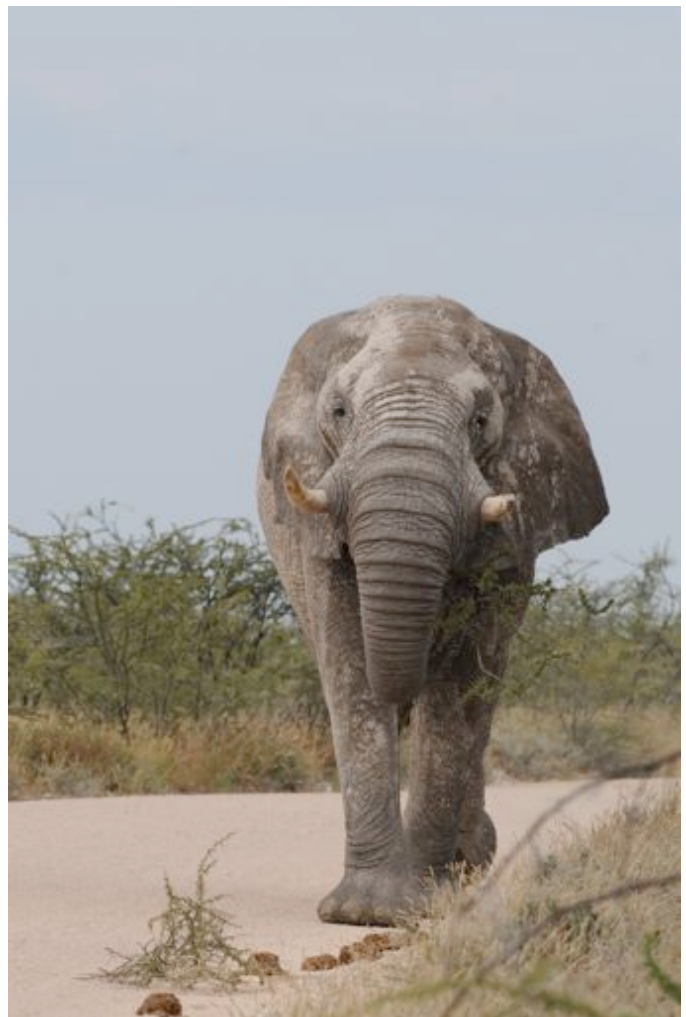


shake. Quite amusing really. Then we spent a little time in the lodge gardens after another great breakfast and saw **Rufous-crowned (Purple) Roller**, **Red-billed Spurfowl**, **Black-backed Puffback** and a pair of **African Paradise-Flycatchers**. I must say that this was another excellent lodge, with good rooms and great food – a trait of the whole tour.

We spent the rest of the morning driving along good roads to Outjo, making a few stops for a **Tawny Eagle** eating a snake, **Jacobin Cuckoo**, and our first **Lilac-breasted Rollers** amongst others. Lunch was good, with **Lesser Masked Weavers** in the garden, and we also saw **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, **Pirit Batis**, **Marico Sunbird**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, **Acacia Pied Barbet**, and best of all, a **White-browed Scrub-Robin**. From here it was a 100kms or so to the entrance to Etosha National Park, but one more quick stop was necessary as we needed to find **Fawn-coloured Lark**, which we did and also saw **Pearl-breast Swallow**, **Desert Cisticola**, **Southern Ant-eating Chat**, **Yellow Canary** and **Kalahari Scrub-Robin** as well. And a family of **Warthogs** was also much appreciated, especially by Laurie.

On entering Etosha at around 3pm we drove to our accommodation inside the park, at Okaukuejo, dropping the trailer off here and setting out straight away on safari. In the space of about an hour and a half we had an unbelievable time with so many of those typical African mammals you see on the wildlife shows on tv such as **Plains Zebra**, **Giraffe**, **Blue Wildebeast**, **Red Hartebeest**, **Black-faced Impala**, **Springbok**, **Oryx**, **Black-backed Jackal**, a huge male **African Elephant** 'in must' walking down the road towards us, **Black Rhino**, and to cap it all a pair of **Lions** sat in the grassland beside the road!

Oh and a **Western Barred Spitting Cobra** crossing the track in front of us was also quite interesting. And I mustn't forget the birds as we had at least 8 **Kori Bustards** striding around us in the savannah, **Ostrich**, several **Northern Black Korhaans**, and a wonderful **Secretarybird** as well. We ended the evening watching 3 **Lions** drinking at the floodlit waterhole at the edge of camp, with **Barn Owl** and **Verreaux's Eagle Owl** present as well. Phew! So good to finally be here and so excited..!



African Elephant

## Day 8 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Began the day with a short drive out across the open plains in search of larks, and after an hour or so we did find both **Spike-heeled** and **Pink-billed Larks** – both giving good views. And an **African Pipit** was also new, but small groups of **African Quailfinch** never settled long enough for a perched view. After breakfast we walked over to the waterhole at the edge of the lodges grounds where lots of **Plains Zebra** and some **Blue Wildebeast** were coming into drink, and the resident pair of **Verreaux's**

**Eagle Owls** were also quite obvious in the large tree. Then we set out on safari and drove across the savannah for the rest of the morning, and apart from a wild Cheetah search, mammals were pretty thin on the ground. Well new ones I mean, as there were hundreds and hundreds of **Springboks**, lots of **Oryx** and just a few **Black-faced Impala**. Our luck changed however, when we approached a large waterhole and saw quite a few other vehicles there. Sure enough there were a pride of 11 **Lions**, including a huge adult male with his golden mane. We killed the engine and watched them for some time and it was interesting to see a long line of **Oryx** waiting to come in to drink when the Lions left. The pride eventually began to move off so we drove around and managed to stop in just the right place as the **Lions** came straight towards us and we had amazing views as they sauntered through the grassland. Wow!



White-crested Helmetshrike

But we were not finished yet and at another waterhole a huge herd of over 40 **African Elephants** were present and they really seemed to love the water. There was splashing, some submerged totally, others were rolling around like children, whilst the older beasts just washed themselves sedately by spraying water over their backs with their trunks. Some very small youngsters brought a few gasps of “ohhhs” and then half the herd left and passed quite close to our vehicle. And it was then we truly realised how huge these animals are. I love Elephants!

On the birding front a **Rufous-eared Warbler** was special, as it sang from some low bushes, and there were quite a few previously seen species to keep us occupied. We reached Halali Lodge at lunchtime, seeing a flock of **African Grey Hornbills** close to the entrance, and spent the afternoon driving around

the woodland here. A great burst of action caused by the owl tape resulted in a flock of **White-crested Helmetshrikes** coming in, both **Golden-breasted** and **Cinnamon-breasted Buntings**, **African Hoopoe**, **Brubru**, **Violet-eared Waxbill** and for some, a fine **Long-billed Crombec**. A **Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill** was upstaged by our first **Damara Red-billed Hornbills**, and **Carp’s Black Tit** was much appreciated. At the last waterhole we checked there was a pair of **Black Rhinos** and an **African Jacana**, and as we drove back to the lodge a **Swainson’s Spurfowl** was spotted calling from a fallen tree.

Everyone was loving this African birding, although eating far too much and being stuck in the truck means very little walking – it’s a tough life sometimes! This evening a **Spotted Hyena** came into the floodlit waterhole beside the lodge and was followed later by an **African Elephant** and a **Rufous-cheeked Nightjar**. Easy life!



Black Rhinos



## Day 9 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April



Blue Cranes in Etosha

A quick check around the gardens produced very little so we went for breakfast and then after loading the luggage into the trailer set out on safari in a specially converted safari truck. At one stage we screeched to a halt when a male **Lion** was spotted quite close to the road, but he was just chilling in the shade and didn't look like he was going to move for quite some time! A pair of **Secretarybirds** also were quite close and provided stunning views, and we finally caught up with **Rufous-naped Lark** as well. At lunchtime we headed to Mokuti Lodge, situated just outside the entrance gate and enjoyed yet more excellent food and a little siesta.

After lunch and our first **Banded Mongoose** sighting we returned to Etosha, seeing a pair of **Crested Francolins** running down the road towards us, and drove to an area where there was water either side of the road - and the lake to our right was full of birds. Both flamingos were present in great numbers, and we also picked up **South African Shelduck** which was new for the trip. In fact there was quite a lot of waterfowl with **Red-billed** and **Cape teals** also present, whilst **Black-necked Grebes** were bobbing around on the water. However, just then our attention was drawn to two distant shapes that appeared to be cranes, so we drove around and eventually found a pair of stunning **Blue Cranes** and settled down to watch them for a while. Whilst here we also picked up a few **Kittlitz's Plovers** as well. Returning to the lake we drove around the side and found a few new trip birds: another **South African Shelduck**, **Glossy Ibis**, **Black-tailed Godwit** and **Grey-headed Gull**. But it was also just fun to see so many birds with flocks of shorebirds scattered along the water's edge, **Great White Pelicans** on a sandbar, **African Spoonbills** were feeding actively, and 3 **Lions** were sleeping beside the water as well.

Then we drove to another waterhole where several **Temminck's Coursers** were spotted in the grassland nearby, a few **Red-capped Larks** were feeding amongst the rocks, **Emerald-spotted Wood-doves** were coming down to drink and a fine male **Eastern Paradise-Whydah** flew in a few times.

Other birds seen today included **Ostrich**, **Cardinal Woodpecker**, **Damara Red-billed Hornbills**, many **Lilac-breasted Rollers**, **Crimson-breasted Shrike**, and a **Grey-headed Kingfisher** beside the entrance to the park. Whilst mammal highlights included very close **Giraffes**, our first **Steenbok** for everyone, much better **Rhino** views, and we also spent some time admiring the herds of **Springbok**, **Impala** and **Zebra** as well.

### Day 10 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April

In my opinion this was our best morning game drive so far as we started the day with **African Golden Oriole** at the lodge, 3 **Double-banded Sandgrouse** and some **Southern Red-billed Hornbills** beside the road, followed by a magnificent male **Lion** striding out of the bush towards us and passing within 3 metres of our vehicle! Ok the deal with Lions is if you've never seen one before then they are quite impressive, however most views are of animals lounging around under a tree, doing nothing. But we've been lucky so far to see them on the move and doing something, but

this animal was the best of the lot. Whether it was the savannah scenery behind him, the fact he walked within 3 metres of our vehicle or both I don't know, but I can tell you my heart was racing! The scenery was pure Africa with wide open horizons dotted with acacias and huge expanses of grassland with numerous animals grazing. Superb!



Double-banded Sandgrouse



This male Lion came incredibly close to our jeep.

Moving on, we saw several flocks of **Burchell's Sandgrouse** flying down to drink at a waterhole, a **Brown-crowned Tchagra** appeared, a couple of **Marabou Storks** were standing in a marsh, a fine **Bateleur** drifted over, and we also had nice looks at **Scaly-feathered Finch**. At a large lake we found our first **Southern Pochard**, whilst a non-breeding plover took some working out but appeared to be a **Pacific Golden Plover** – a very rare bird here. At the far end a **Saddle-billed Stork** was a great sighting, whilst another **Great Spotted Cuckoo** was also nice.

We also had a **Red-necked Falcon**, **White-backed Vulture**, pair of **Lappet-faced Vultures** on a nest, numerous

**Kori Bustards**, 2 distant **Blue Cranes**, **Kittlitz's Plover**, more **Temminck's Coursers**, **Whiskered Tern**, **African Spoonbill**, **Glossy Ibis**, flocks of **Red-billed Quelea**, **Yellow Canary** and **Wattled Starling**.



At Namutoni fort we walked out to the waterhole but it was very quiet, although both **Red** and **Yellow-crowned Bishops** were nice. At a large fruiting tree we saw our first **Red-faced Mousebird**, along with **Long-billed Crombec**, **Brubru**, **Black-backed Puffback**, **Burnt-necked Eremomela**, **Pearl-spotted Owlet**, and another **African Scops Owl**. The afternoon safari started off quiet but I most remember it for the number of **Spotted Hyenas** we found. The first one at a waterhole was something of a surprise, then another one came in and circled some **Zebras** before walking away. A huge **Greater Kudu** was also rather impressive here. On the drive back we came across another hyena just lounging beside the track, and then we had three more leaving the park. A pair of **Tawny Eagles** were also impressive, a **Spotted Thick-knee** was a good find, whilst we had more **Kori Bustards** & **Secretarybirds**, a loose flock of over 40 **African Grey Hornbills** was impressive, and near our lodge both **Damara Dik-Dik** and our first **Common Duiker** was nice.



Spotted Hyena

## Day 11 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April

A nice walk around the large gardens of our lodge was pretty successful as we finally found the localised **Black-faced Babbler**. There were plenty of other good birds here as well, with a female **Black Cuckooshrike** being something of a surprise, whilst we also had a group of **Southern White-crowned Shrikes**, **Yellow-breasted Apalis**, **Southern Black Tit**, and a **White-bellied Sunbird**.



Dusky Lark was a good find at Etosha

So we packed up and set out on the 400kms drive to the Waterberg Plateau, stopping for a **Dark Chanting Goshawk** along the way. At Otjikoto sink-hole lake we called in for a brief visit and quickly picked up **African Green-Pigeon** and yet more **Pearl-spotted Owlets** and then headed out towards Otjiwarango for lunch. Afterwards we visited the local sewage works at the edge of town and scored big-time with up to 6 **Allen's Gallinules** – a supposedly rare bird in this part of Namibia. Several **Black Crakes**, including a family with 2 small chicks, **Lesser Moorhen** (another cracking find), **Squacco Heron**, **African Jacana**, **Southern Pochard** and **African Reed Warbler** were also seen.

Moving on we eventually reached the turnoff from tarmac to gravel road and up towards Waterberg Plateau Park and found the approach road was quite soggy due to a recent thunderstorm. However, we did see our only **Hammerkop** of the trip, a **Bearded Woodpecker** and a little later the elusive **Burchell's Starling**, and even better a superb **Dusky Lark** on the road.



After checking in at reception we walked around the campsite but only picked up a pair of **White-browed Scrub-robins**, so drove up the road and then found one of the major target birds here, a **Ruppell's Parrot** feeding in some large trees. We birded around our cabins as well, finding another **Ruppell's Parrot** but the light began to fade so we decided to have a quick shower before meeting up at 6.15pm to walk the road in search of **Southern Lesser Galago (Bushbaby)** which we duly found without too much trouble. After dinner a couple of us decided to do some more spotlighting along the road outside our cabins and found another 3 **Lesser Galagos**, **Barn Owl**, **African Scops-Owl**, and best of all a **Small Spotted Genet** right outside our cabin.

## Day 12 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April



Hartlaub's Spurfbird at Waterberg.

We were up at daybreak and walking along a narrow trail below the escarpment until we reached an open area where the rocky hillside was visible above us. Within a couple of minutes everyone had their bins on a pair of **Rockrunners** creeping around the boulders and we were able to watch up to 3 different birds at leisure. This was one of the key targets of the entire trip and everyone really enjoyed nice views through the scope when one bird sat on a large boulder above us and sang back at the ipod. A **Short-toed Rock-Thrush** was also scoped, both **Scarlet-chested** and **White-bellied Sunbirds** appeared, and a fine pair of **Hartlaub's Spurfbird** gave much closer views than our previous sighting.

With our targets found quite quickly we decided to pack up and load the luggage into the trailer before going to breakfast, however our plans were somewhat disrupted when Charly heard and then called in a couple of **Violet Wood-Hoopoes** that Frank & Laurie had great views of. We then spent quite a while trying to relocate them but they never came in again despite calling back at us from the far side of some particularly dense thorn-brush. We searched the campsite for them but to no avail, although a **Golden-tailed Woodpecker** was really great, more **Ruppell's Parrots** were seen, and we also had a pair of **Verreaux's Eagles** flying over as well. As we left the area a **Bateleur** flew over, a **Kalahari Scrub-robin** popped up on a bush beside the minibus, and we found our only **Lesser Striped Swallow** of the tour as well.



Golden-tailed Woodpecker

Following another 4 hour drive we reached our hotel in Windhoek, literally dumping our bags into our rooms and then headed out on our final birding session of the trip at the nearby sewage works. It was very surprising to see such great habitat here with grass and reed fringed pools and plenty of tall trees, with many **White-breasted Cormorants** nesting. There were lots of birds here and it was great to pick up **Hottentot Teal**, **African Darter**, **Reed Cormorant**, **Little Bittern**, **Green-backed Heron**, **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, **Lesser Swamp Warbler**, **Pin-tailed Whydah**, and best of all some **White-throated Swallows** – all new birds for the trip. There was also **South African Shelduck**, **African Purple Gallinule**, **White-backed Mousebird**, **African Reed Warbler**, and lots of **Southern Red Bishops**.

And that was it. We returned to Windhoek for our final dinner before having a short night's sleep and then driving to the local airport where we flew overnight back to the UK having seen xx birds and xx mammals.

This had been a wonderful tour, staying in very comfortable accommodation, enjoying some amazing food, great scenery and fantastic wildlife. We had such a wonderful time with a great, fun group. And many thanks to Charly for being such an exceptionally knowledgeable guide, being so passionate about his country and having an uncanny ability for being in the right place at the right time to get us so many close views of Namibia's plentiful wildlife.

Nick Bray



Group at the Tropic of Capricorn Sign en-route to Walvis Bay

# SYSTEMATIC LIST – NAMIBIA TOUR APRIL 2014

## **STRUTHIONIFORMES: Struthionidae**

Common Ostrich

*Struthio camelus*

## **ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae**

Egyptian Goose

South African Shelduck

Cape Teal

Cape Shoveler

Red-billed Teal

Hottentot Teal

Southern Pochard

Maccoa Duck

*Alopochen aegyptiaca*

*Tadorna cana*

*Anas capensis*

*Anas smithii*

*Anas erythrorhyncha*

*Anas hottentota*

*Netta erythrophthalma*

*Oxyura maccoa*

## **GALLIFORMES: Numididae**

Helmeted Guineafowl

*Numida meleagris*

## **GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae**

Crested Francolin

Hartlaub's Spurfowl

Red-billed Spurfowl

Swainson's Spurfowl

*Dendroperdix sephaena*

*Pternistis hartlaubi*

*Pternistis adspersus*

*Pternistis swainsonii*

## **SPHENISCIFORMES: Spheniscidae**

African Penguin

*Spheniscus demersus*

## **PROCELLARIIFORMES: Procellariidae**

White-chinned Petrel

Sooty Shearwater

*Procellaria aequinoctialis*

*Puffinus griseus*

## **PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae**

Little Grebe

Black-necked Grebe

*Tachybaptus ruficollis*

*Podiceps nigricollis*

## **PHOENICOPTERIFORMES: Phoenicopteridae**

Greater Flamingo

Lesser Flamingo

*Phoenicopterus roseus*

*Phoeniconaias minor*

## **CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae**

Saddle-billed Stork

Marabou Stork

*Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis*

*Leptoptilos crumenifer*

## **PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae**

Glossy Ibis

African Spoonbill

*Plegadis falcinellus*

*Platalea alba*



**PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae**

Little Bittern

Black-crowned Night Heron

Striated Heron

Squacco Heron

Western Cattle Egret

Grey Heron

Black-headed Heron

Intermediate Egret

Little Egret

*Ixobrychus minutus**Nycticorax nycticorax**Butorides striata**Ardeola ralloides**Bubulcus ibis**Ardea cinerea**Ardea melanocephala**Egretta intermedia**Egretta garzetta***PELECANIFORMES: Scopidae**

Hamerkop

*Scopus umbretta***PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae**

Great White Pelican

*Pelecanus onocrotalus***SULIFORMES: Sulidae**

Cape Gannet

*Morus capensis***SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae**

Reed Cormorant

Crowned Cormorant

White-breasted Cormorant

Cape Cormorant

*Microcarbo africanus**Microcarbo coronatus**Phalacrocorax lucidis**Phalacrocorax capensis***SULIFORMES: Anhingidae**

African Darter

*Anhinga rufa***ACCIPITRIFORMES: Sagittariidae**

Secretarybird

*Sagittarius serpentarius***ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae**

Black-winged Kite

White-backed Vulture

Lappet-faced Vulture

Black-chested Snake Eagle

Bateleur

Booted Eagle

Tawny Eagle

Verreaux's Eagle

African Hawk-Eagle

Gabar Goshawk

Dark Chanting Goshawk

Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk

Shikra

African Fish Eagle

Augur Buzzard

*Elanus caeruleus**Gyps africanus**Torgos tracheliotos**Circaetus pectoralis**Terathopius ecaudatus**Hieraaetus pennatus**Aquila rapax**Aquila verreauxii**Aquila spilogaster**Micronisus gabar**Melierax metabates**Melierax canorus**Accipiter badius**Haliaeetus vocifer**Buteo augur*

**OTIDIFORMES: Otididae**

Kori Bustard  
Rüppell's Korhaan  
Red-crested Korhaan (H)  
Northern Black Korhaan

*Ardeotis kori*  
*Eupodotis rueppellii*  
*Lophotis ruficrista*  
*Afrotis afraoides*

**GRUIFORMES: Rallidae**

Black Crane  
African Swampphen  
Allen's Gallinule  
Common Moorhen  
Lesser Moorhen  
Red-knobbed Coot

*Amaurornis flavirostra*  
*Porphyrio madagascariensis*  
*Porphyrio alleni*  
*Gallinula chloropus*  
*Gallinula angulata*  
*Fulica cristata*

**GRUIFORMES: Gruidae**

Blue Crane

*Grus paradisea*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae**

Spotted Thick-knee

*Burhinus capensis*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Haematopodidae**

African Black Oystercatcher

*Haematopus moquini*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae**

Black-winged Stilt  
Pied Avocet

*Himantopus himantopus*  
*Recurvirostra avosetta*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae**

Blacksmith Lapwing  
Crowned Lapwing  
Pacific Golden Plover  
Grey Plover  
Common Ringed Plover  
Kittlitz's Plover  
Three-banded Plover  
White-fronted Plover  
Chestnut-banded Plover

*Vanellus armatus*  
*Vanellus coronatus*  
*Pluvialis fulva*  
*Pluvialis squatarola*  
*Charadrius hiaticula*  
*Charadrius pecuarius*  
*Charadrius tricollaris*  
*Charadrius marginatus*  
*Charadrius pallidus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae**

African Jacana

*Actophilornis africanus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae**

Black-tailed Godwit  
Bar-tailed Godwit  
Whimbrel  
Common Greenshank  
Green Sandpiper  
Wood Sandpiper

*Limosa limosa*  
*Limosa lapponica*  
*Numenius phaeopus*  
*Tringa nebularia*  
*Tringa ochropus*  
*Tringa glareola*

Ruddy Turnstone  
Sanderling  
Little Stint  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Ruff  
Red-necked Phalarope

*Arenaria interpres*  
*Calidris alba*  
*Calidris minuta*  
*Calidris ferruginea*  
*Philomachus pugnax*  
*Phalaropus lobatus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae**

Burchell's Courser  
Temminck's Courser  
Double-banded Courser

*Cursorius rufus*  
*Cursorius temminckii*  
*Rhinoptilus africanus*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae**

Grey-headed Gull  
Hartlaub's Gull  
Kelp (Cape) Gull  
Caspian Tern  
Greater Crested (Swift) Tern  
Sandwich Tern  
Damara Tern  
Common Tern  
Whiskered Tern  
Black Tern

*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*  
*Chroicocephalus hartlaubii*  
*Larus dominicanus vetula*  
*Hydroprogne caspia*  
*Thalasseus bergii*  
*Thalasseus sandvicensis*  
*Sternula balaenarum*  
*Sterna hirundo*  
*Chlidonias hybrida*  
*Chlidonias niger*

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Stercorariidae**

Brown (Subantarctic) Skua  
Parasitic Jaeger

*Stercorarius antarcticus*  
*Stercorarius parasiticus*

**PTEROCLIFORMES: Pteroclididae**

Namaqua Sandgrouse  
Double-banded Sandgrouse  
Burchell's Sandgrouse

*Pterocles namaqua*  
*Pterocles bicinctus*  
*Pterocles burchelli*

**COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae**

Rock Dove  
Speckled Pigeon  
Red-eyed Dove  
Ring-necked Dove  
Laughing Dove  
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove  
Namaqua Dove  
African Green Pigeon

*Columba livia*  
*Columba guinea*  
*Streptopelia semitorquata*  
*Streptopelia capicola*  
*Spilopelia senegalensis*  
*Turtur chalcospilos*  
*Oena capensis*  
*Treron calvus*

**MUSOPHAGIFORMES: Musophagidae**

Grey Go-away-bird

*Corythaixoides concolor*



**CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae**

Great Spotted Cuckoo  
Jacobin Cuckoo  
Diederik Cuckoo  
Black Cuckoo (H)

*Clamator glandarius*  
*Clamator jacobinus*  
*Chrysococcyx caprius*  
*Cuculus clamosus*

**STRIGIFORMES: Tytonidae**

Western Barn Owl

*Tyto alba*

**STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae**

African Scops Owl  
Pearl-spotted Owlet

*Otus senegalensis*  
*Glaucidium perlatum*

**CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae**

Rufous-cheeked Nightjar  
Freckled Nightjar (H)

*Caprimulgus rufigena*  
*Caprimulgus tristigma*

**APODIFORMES: Apodidae**

African Palm Swift  
Alpine Swift  
Common Swift  
Bradfield's Swift  
Little Swift  
White-rumped Swift

*Cypsiurus parvus*  
*Tachymarptis melba*  
*Apus apus*  
*Apus bradfieldi*  
*Apus affinis*  
*Apus caffer*

**COLIIFORMES: Coliidae**

White-backed Mousebird  
Red-faced Mousebird

*Colius colius*  
*Urocolius indicus*

**CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae**

Purple (Rufous-crowned) Roller  
Lilac-breasted Roller

*Coracias naevius*  
*Coracias caudatus*

**CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae**

Grey-headed Kingfisher

*Halcyon leucocephala*

**CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae**

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater

*Merops hirundineus*

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae**

African Hoopoe

*Upupa africana*

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Phoeniculidae**

Violet Wood Hoopoe  
Common Scimitarbill

*Phoeniculus damarensis*  
*Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*

**BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae**

African Grey Hornbill

*Tockus nasutus*

Monteiro's Hornbill  
Damara Red-billed Hornbill  
Southern Red-billed Hornbill  
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill

*Tockus monteiri*  
*Tockus damarensis*  
*Tockus rufirostris*  
*Tockus leucomelas*

**PICIFORMES: Lybiidae**

Acacia Pied Barbet

*Tricholaema leucomelas*

**PICIFORMES: Picidae**

Golden-tailed Woodpecker  
Cardinal Woodpecker  
Bearded Woodpecker

*Campethera abingoni*  
*Dendropicos fuscescens*  
*Dendropicos namaquus*

**FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae**

Pygmy Falcon  
Rock Kestrel  
Greater Kestrel  
Red-necked Falcon  
Lanner Falcon  
Peregrine Falcon

*Polihierax semitorquatus*  
*Falco rupicolus*  
*Falco rupicoloides*  
*Falco chicquera*  
*Falco biarmicus*  
*Falco peregrinus*

**PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae**

Rosy-faced Lovebird  
Rüppell's Parrot

*Agapornis roseicollis*  
*Poicephalus rueppellii*

**PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae**

Pririt Batis  
White-tailed Shrike

Batis pririt  
*Lanioturdus torquatus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Prionopidae**

White-crested Helmetshrike

*Prionops plumatus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae**

Bokmakierie (H)  
Brown-crowned Tchagra  
Black-backed Puffback  
Crimson-breasted Shrike  
Brubru

*Telophorus zeylonus*  
*Tchagra australis*  
*Dryoscopus cubla*  
*Laniarius atrococcineus*  
*Nilaus afer*

**PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae**

Black Cuckooshrike

*Campephaga flava*

**PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae**

Southern White-crowned Shrike  
Lesser Grey Shrike  
Southern (Common) Fiscal

*Eurocephalus anguitimens*  
*Lanius minor*  
*Lanius collaris*

**PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae**

African Golden Oriole

*Oriolus auratus***PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae**

Fork-tailed Drongo

*Dicrurus adsimilis***PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae**

African Paradise Flycatcher

*Terpsiphone viridis***PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae**

Cape Crow

*Corvus capensis*

Pied Crow

*Corvus albus***PASSERIFORMES: Paridae**

Southern Black Tit

*Melaniparus niger*

Carp's Tit

*Melaniparus carpi*

Ashy Tit

*Melaniparus cinerascens***PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae**

Spike-heeled Lark

*Chersomanes albofasciata*

Gray's Lark

*Ammomanopsis grayi*

Karoo Long-billed Lark

*Certhilauda subcoronata*

Dusky Lark

*Pinarocorys nigricans*

Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark

*Eremopterix verticalis*

Sabota Lark

*Calendulauda sabota*

Fawn-colored Lark

*Calendulauda africanoides*

Dune Lark

*Calendulauda erythrochlamys*

Rufous-naped Lark

*Mirafraga africana*

Monotonous Lark (H)

*Mirafraga passerina*

Pink-billed Lark

*Spizocorys conirostris*

Red-capped Lark

*Calandrella cinerea***PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae**

African Red-eyed Bulbul

*Pycnonotus nigricans***PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae**

Barn Swallow

*Hirundo rustica*

White-throated Swallow

*Hirundo albigularis*

Pearl-breasted Swallow

*Hirundo dimidiata*

Rock Martin

*Ptyonoprogne fuligula*

Common House Martin

*Delichon urbicum*

Greater Striped Swallow

*Cecropis cucullata*

Lesser Striped Swallow

*Cecropis abyssinica***PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae**

Rockrunner

*Achaetops pycnopygius*

Long-billed Crombec

*Sylvietta rufescens*



**PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae**

Lesser Swamp Warbler  
African Reed Warbler

*Acrocephalus gracilirostris*  
*Acrocephalus baeticatus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae**

Rattling Cisticola  
Zitting Cisticola  
Desert Cisticola  
Black-chested Prinia  
Yellow-breasted Apalis  
Rufous-eared Warbler  
Grey-backed Camaroptera  
Barred Wren-Warbler  
Cinnamon-breasted Warbler  
Yellow-bellied Eremomela  
Burnt-necked Eremomela

*Cisticola chiniana*  
*Cisticola juncidis*  
*Cisticola aridulus*  
*Prinia flavicans*  
*Apalis flava*  
*Malcorus pectoralis*  
*Camaroptera brevicaudata*  
*Calamonastes fasciolatus*  
*Euryptila subcinnamea*  
*Eremomela icteropygialis*  
*Eremomela usticollis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae**

Black-faced Babbler

*Turdoides melanops*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae**

Chestnut-vented (tit-babbler) Warbler

*Sylvia subcaerulea*

**PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae**

Orange River White-eye

*Zosterops pallidus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae**

Wattled Starling  
Cape (Glossy) Starling  
Burchell's (Glossy) Starling  
Violet-backed Starling  
Pale-winged Starling

*Creatophora cinerea*  
*Lamprotornis nitens*  
*Lamprotornis australis*  
*Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*  
*Onychognathus nabele*

**PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae**

Groundscraper Thrush

*Turdus litsitsirupa*

**PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae**

Kalahari Scrub Robin  
White-browed Scrub Robin  
Chat Flycatcher  
Marico Flycatcher  
Short-toed Rock Thrush  
Tractrac Chat  
Ant-eating Chat  
Mountain Wheatear  
Capped Wheatear  
Familiar Chat

*Cercotrichas paena*  
*Cercotrichas leucophrys*  
*Melaenornis infuscatus*  
*Melaenornis mariquensis*  
*Monticola brevipes*  
*Emarginata tractrac*  
*Myrmecocichla formicivora*  
*Myrmecocichla monticola*  
*Oenanthe pileata*  
*Oenanthe familiaris*

**PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae**

Scarlet-chested Sunbird  
Marico Sunbird  
White-bellied Sunbird  
Dusky Sunbird

*Chalcomitra senegalensis*  
*Cinnyris mariquensis*  
*Cinnyris talatala*  
*Cinnyris fuscus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae**

White-browed Sparrow-Weaver  
Sociable Weaver  
House Sparrow  
Great (Rufous) Sparrow  
Cape Sparrow  
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow

*Plocepasser mahali*  
*Philetairus socius*  
*Passer domesticus*  
*Passer motitensis*  
*Passer melanurus*  
*Passer diffusus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae**

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver  
Scaly-feathered (Finch) Weaver  
Lesser Masked Weaver  
Southern Masked Weaver  
Village Weaver  
Red-billed Quelea  
Yellow-crowned Bishop  
Southern Red Bishop

*Bubalornis niger*  
*Sporopipes squamifrons*  
*Ploceus intermedius*  
*Ploceus velatus*  
*Ploceus cucullatus*  
*Quelea quelea*  
*Euplectes afer*  
*Euplectes orix*

**PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae**

Green-winged Pytilia  
Red-headed Finch  
Red-billed Firefinch  
Blue (Cordonbleu) Waxbill  
Violet-eared Waxbill  
Common Waxbill  
Black-faced Waxbill  
Quailfinch

*Pytilia melba*  
*Amadina erythrocephala*  
*Lagonosticta senegala*  
*Uraeginthus angolensis*  
*Uraeginthus granatinus*  
*Estrilda astrild*  
*Estrilda erythronotos*  
*Ortygospiza atricollis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Viduidae**

Pin-tailed Whydah  
Shaft-tailed Whydah  
Long-tailed (Eastern) Paradise Whydah

*Vidua macroura*  
*Vidua regia*  
*Vidua paradisaea*

**PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae**

Cape Wagtail  
African Pipit

*Motacilla capensis*  
*Anthus cinnamomeus*

**PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae**

Black-throated Canary  
Yellow Canary  
White-throated Canary

*Crithagra atrogularis*  
*Crithagra flaviventris*  
*Crithagra albogularis*

**PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae**

Lark-like Bunting

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

Cape Bunting

Golden-breasted Bunting

*Emberiza impetuani**Emberiza tahapisi**Emberiza capensis**Emberiza flaviventris***MAMMALS****DENDROMURINAE**

Tree Climbing Mouse

*Dendromus sp.***OTARIIDAE (Eared Seals)**

Cape or South African Fur Seal

*Arctocephalus pusillus***DELPHINIDAE (Oceanic Dolphins)**

Heaviside's Dolphin

*Cephalorhynchus heavisidii***CERCOPITHECIDAE (Old World Monkeys)**

Chacma Baboon

*Papio ursinus***GALAGIDAE (Galagos)**

South African Galago

*Galago moholi***SCLURIDAE (Squirrels)**

South African Ground Squirrel

Striped Tree Squirrel

(Unstriped) Tree Squirrel

*Geosciurus inauris**Funisciurus congicus**Paraxerus cepapi***LEPORIDAE (Rabbits & Hares)**

Southern Scrub Hare

*Lepus saxatilis***CANIDAE (Canids)**

Black-backed Jackal

*Canis mesomelas***HYAENIDAE (Hyaenas)**

Spotted Hyaena

*Crocuta crocuta***VIVERRIDAE (Genets & Civets)**

Small Spotted (Common) Genet

*Genetta genetta***FELIDAE (Cats)**

Lion

*Panthera leo*

**HERPESTIDAE (Mongooses)**

Slender Mongoose  
Yellow Mongoose  
Banded Mongoose  
Meerkat

*Herpestes sanguineus*  
*Herpestes ochracea*  
*Mungos mungo*  
*Suricata suricatta*

**PROCAVIIDAE (Hyraxes)**

Cape Rock Hyrax

*Procavia capensis*

**ELEPHANTIDAE (Elephants)**

African Elephant

*Loxodonta Africana*

**GIRAFFIDAE (Giraffes)**

Giraffe

*Giraffa camelopardalis*

**EQUIDAE (Horses)**

Burchell's Common Zebra  
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra

*Equus burchelli/quagga*  
*Equus hartmannae*

**RHINOCEROTIDAE (Rhinoceroses)**

Black Rhinoceros

*Diceros bicornis*

**SUIDAE (Pigs)**

Common Warthog

*Phacochoerus aethiopicus*

**BOVIDAE (Bovids)**

Greater Kudu  
Gemsbok (Oryx)  
Springbok  
Klipspringer  
Steenbok  
Common Duiker  
Damara Dik-dik  
Black-faced Impala  
Red Hartebeest  
Blue Wildebeest

*Tragelaphus strepsiceros*  
*Oryx gazella*  
*Antidorcas marsupialis*  
*Oreotragus oreotragus*  
*Raphicerus campestris*  
*Sylvicapra grimmia*  
*Rhynchotragus kirki damarensis*  
*Aepyceros melampus petersi*  
*Alcelaphus buselaphus*  
*Connochaetes taurinus*

**OTHER ANIMALS**

Cape Cobra  
Western Barred Spitting Cobra  
Green Tree Snake  
Namibian Rock Agama  
Button-scaled Gecko  
Ovambo Tree Skink  
Rock Monitor  
Marsh Terrapin

*Naja nivea*  
*Naja nigricincta*  
*Dendrelaphis punctulata*  
*Agama planiceps*  
*Chondrodactylus fitsimonsi*  
*Trachylepis binotata*  
*Varanus albigularis*  
*Pelomedusa subrufa*





These Lions get a little close to our jeep.



Giraffes at Etosha



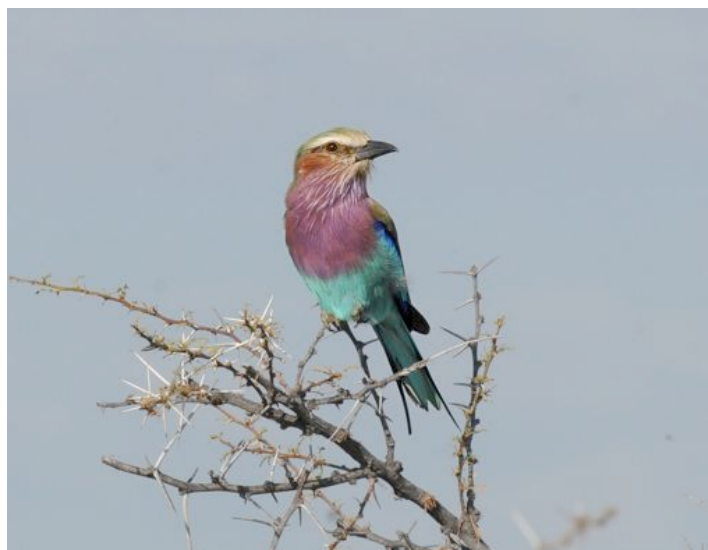
On the way to Solitaire



**Zebras at Okaukuejo**



**Crimson-breasted Shrike at Etosha**



**Lilac-breasted Roller is common in Namibia.**