

Five weeks in southern Africa in July/August 2018,



a nature-focussed, mainly organized family-trip

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Since our son Valentin had been born in 2007, the two of us had created the idea to repeat our honeymoon of 2004 together with him, as soon as he would be old enough for doing that. As he became eleven this year, we considered that point had been reached. Like we did 14 years ago we booked a round-trip called *Great Trek Adventure* at the travel agency *Kiboko*, which should lead us from Cape Town/South Africa through Namibia, the north of Botswana and finally to Victoria Falls/Zimbabwe.

As we wanted to stay some time in the south of Cape Town before that trip, we hired an accommodation in Simon's Town (*The Flying Penguin*, 46 Freesia Road, Simon's Town 7975) and a car from July 4th to 14th.

Besides that we booked three places on a Pelagic trip for July, 7th to watch seabirds on the high seas.

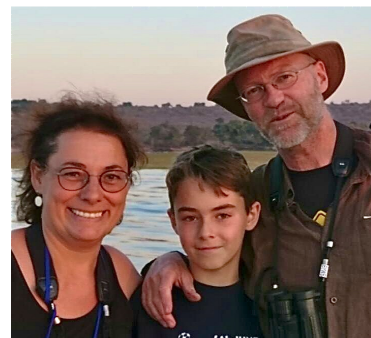
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the **mammals** from *Stuart C. & T. Stuart: Field Guide Mammals of Southern Africa, 1996*

and the **reptiles** from *Branch, B.: Field Guide to Snakes and other Reptiles of Southern Africa, 3rd edition, 1998*.

These three books accompanied us to Africa and were very helpful in animal identification. As I (Thomas) am a keen birdwatcher and it was my fifth time in the south of Africa, I had some knowledge about the animals before.

You find a list of **websites** of some places we visited as restaurants, accommodations and national parks below.



Itinerary:

03/07: Flight Bremen – Frankfurt/Main – Cape Town.

04/07: Arrival in **Cape Town** in the morning, first drive in left-winged traffic after many years, to our accomodation in **Simon's Town - Rocklands**. We walk to the penguin-colony of **Boulders Bay**, watch many penguins and Rock Dassies and the first Sunbirds.

Malachite (left)
and Southern
Double-collared
Sunbird



05/07: We drive through the **Cape Point National Park**. We find some Striped Mice on the terrasse of a restaurant, some Elands around, but to Valentin's disappointment no Baboons. In the evening, we take some tasty Fish and Chips from the *Salty Sea Dog* in Simon's Town.



06/07: We explore the area around Simon's Town/Boulders Bay on foot.

07/07: At seven o'clock the **Pelagic trip** starts from Simon's Town harbour with *Cape Town Pelagics*, about 7 exciting hours at sea, e.g. with four species of Albatross.

We sail to the shelf edge in the southwest of the Cape, where huge fishing vessels attract many seabirds. The only seven persons on board include a very experienced and friendly guide.



08/07: We do an excursion to **Kommetjie** where we eat good fish at the *Fisherman's*. Finally, we meet Valentin's first Baboons in Simon's Town and along the road. In the afternoon, we coincidentally find the *World of Birds Wildlife Sanctuary and Monkey Park* in **Hout Bay**. In many, often walkable aviaries we see a lot of birds, many of them not of African origin, and some monkeys – a bit strange, but funny. Just outside the park I see the only Amethyst Sunbird of the trip.

09/07: At eight thirty, we take the funicular up to the **Table Mountain**. Not many animals, but Orange-breasted Sunbirds and very nice landscape.



10/07: In the morning we visit the **Botanical Garden of Kirstenbosch**, a very beautiful and convenient place where we have a picnic on a lawn and find one of my sought-after species, the Cape Batis:



A nice gentleman tells a lot about the park and tries to show us some birds.

In the afternoon we spend three more hours in the **Cape Point National Park**, the first time with Baboons there.



11/07: Excursion to **Hermanus**. Only one Southern Right Whale, our target species, gives close views, some more stay further away. Rock Dassies climb on us while sitting on the coastal rocks. On our way back we stop for about an hour at **Sir Lowry's Pass**: It is windy, cool and damp and no Cape Rock Jumper, the bird we try to find, shows up.

12/07: It rains nonstop. We leave the house only for a nice meal in the harbour of Simon's Town, at the restaurant *Saveur*.

13/07: In the morning we drive to **Scarborough**, where we have breakfast at the *Camel Rocks Café*. Drive through the **Cape Point National Park** for the third time. See many Bonteboks much closer than before, a Baboon demonstrates how these guys may rob things out of tourists' jackets.

14/07: In the early morning, we try again our luck with the Cape Rock Jumper at **Sir Lowry's Pass**, where we do a walk of about two hours, again without success. At noon we pick up our baggage from the *Flying Penguin*, go to **Cape Town** airport, deliver the car and get into the hands of our tour operators of *Kiboko*. In the evening, we get to know our guide and driver Colleen from Zimbabwe and our tour mates at the hotel *City-Lodge* near the *Waterfront*. The group consists of six Danes, two couples of about 60 years old and a bit older guy with his 19-year-old granddaughter, all of them very pleasant persons.

15/07: We do a round-trip with our „bus-truck“ into **Cape National Park**, to the penguins of **Boulders Bay** and have lunch at the *Harbourview Restaurant* in Simon's Town. Back in Cape Town we watch the final of the Soccer World Cup on television at the hotel's bar (France-Croatia 4:2). The three of us stroll through the *Waterfront*, where we finally have a great pizza under the star spangled skies.

16/07, 360 km: Together with Ambition and Mishek, our two further helping companions as well from Zimbabwe, we do our shopping (beer, wine, cookies, ...). Then we leave Cape Town northwards. We build up our first tent camp at **Highlanders Campsite** above the Olifants-River, where we do a wine-tasting in the early evening. As from now on every day Ambition and Mishek cook an excellent meal on the fire. Colleen lets us know the, as well from now on daily morning-time-table: „Six thirty for seven thirty“ – means: Breakfast at half past six (with luggage already packed), departure at half past seven. From this day on I do not write diary entries continuously, as there is often no possibility to do so. All the lists below might have become longer and more complete as they are. But from some species I noted only the first observation, I ignored many „small brown jobs“ and far away circling raptors. Please keep in mind, that this has been a non-ornithological group tour which hasn't offered the possibility to stop for every animal next to the road!

17/07, 600 km:
Ride to **Augrabies Falls Lodge and Camp**, where we visit the falls. The Orange River flows and falls through round rocks, very beautiful landscape. We see many Rock Dassies, Orange River White-Eye and extremely colourful lizards (Broadley's Flat Lizard).



18/07, 360 km: After a relatively short drive to **Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park**, we check in at Mata Mata campsite. In the afternoon, we do a *Gamedrive* by truck. The park offers only sand tracks and belongs partially to South Africa and partially to Botswana. We watch e.g. Gemsboks, Springboks, Blue Wildebeests and Suricates on the drive and Yellow Mongooses in the camp.

19/07: In the morning we do another extended gamedrive in our truck with Colleen, who proves to be great in finding even well-hidden animals like a sleeping Cape Fox in a bush or Barn Owls in trees. See some fresh Lion-tracks, but no Lion. Landscape again is very beautiful, we don't meet many cars, but (more interesting) animals are widely scattered as well. From five to eight p.m. we do a night-drive in an open jeep with a local guide. We see a Verreux's Eagle Owl near the park's entrance, later we find e.g. African Wild Cats, a Lesser Spotted Genet and a Porcupine with the help of strong searchlamps.

20/07, 370 km: Drive to **Namibia** to the **Fish River Canyon**. Stop near Quiver Trees. At the campsite some Rosy-faced Lovebirds show up. We go to the Canyon to see the sunset.

On our way we find many large grasshoppers (Armoured African Ground Cricket, *Acanthopplus discoidalis*).



On her walk back from the pub to the tents around midnight, 19-year-old Mette, one of our Danish companions, sees the only Brown Hyena of our trip. Sometimes it's good to be the last one!

21/07, 520 km: Long drive to **Sesriem** Campsite in the Namib Desert. We get to know our additional tour mates for the oncoming two weeks, a couple from New Zealand and one from Italy as well as a norwegian guy. Together we climb up a dune to enjoy the sunset.

22/07: In the early morning, we walk up another dune to watch the sunrise. Then we drive to a parking place near the **Death Valley** and walk over approx. 5 km to and back, to even higher dunes up and down into the valley. Wind brings up dust in the air, but the Death Valley is impressive. The dead trees seem to look like they did 14 (and probably many more) years ago. The exhausting walk is worth it! In the afternoon, we go through the **Sesriem-Gorge**, which we find relatively unexciting.

23/07, 380 km: Drive through barren wilderness to the coast. Stop at the *Solitaire Bakery*, where in a very special ambiance between oldtimer-wrecks „Namibia's best applepie“ is offered. Later we have lunch in the shade of palms watching flamingoes in **Swakopmund**. At the town's outskirts we move into rooms in the *Bon Hotel*. In the evening we walk into town.

24/07, 150 km: Until noon we have got time for individual activities. The three of us visit the museum with its worth seeing mixture of historical, scientific and patrimonial exhibits. In the afternoon we drive to the **Spitskoppe**, where our camp is set up far away from the reception in the shade of huge rocks. The only sanitary facility is an earth closet. Again it is Mette who sees some „green reptiles with four legs“ jumping out of this construction. A very capable local guide leads us to some Bushman paintings beneath a huge rock, explains a lot about their meanings, the artists and some plants nearby as well.

25/07, 530 km: Long ride into **Etosha National Park** to the campsite *Okaukuejo*. We do another gamedrive in our truck.



Bat-eared Fox

From the evening to 2 o'clock in the morning Valentin and me sit wrapped in our sleepingbags near the illuminated waterhole. We watch many sandgrouses and Elephants, up to seven Black Rhinos together and three lionesses. Great experience again!

26/07: In the morning we go on a gamedrive in our truck again, find four male Lions,



a Honey Badger, some Damara Dikdiks and many more animals. We move into *Namutonic* camp. There is a waterhole as well, but it offers worse looks and obviously less animals. In the camp we meet Banded Mongooses, Valentin finds the only snake of the trip, in the evening a Lesser-spotted Genet explores the cooking place.

27/07, 420 km: Destination of the day is the ***Kavango River Lodge*** near Rundu at the Okavango River, where we hear Hippos while laying in our tents.

28/07, 300 km: Drive into **Botswana**, to the *Swamp Stop* at the shore of the Okavango River. At noon we climb on a motor-boat there and ride three-and-a-half hours through reed and papyrus to **Pepere Island** in the Okavango Delta. There a tent camp is already waiting for us.

29/07: We do a boat-trip in makoros, the traditional boats of the region (although meanwhile made of plastic). We continue with a walking safari over the island with a local guide, meeting some Elephants. In the afternoon we have leisure time in and (in a small circle) around the camp.

30/07, 310 km: In the morning boat trip back. By truck to the *Kwando Camp* near the Kwando (later called Linyanti and finally Chobe) River in **Namibia**.

31/07, 300 km: We walk over the *Ngoma Bridge* from Namibia into **Botswana**. Drive to the *Chobe Game Lodge* in the **Chobe National Park**.

01/08: The magical day: We start at 6 o'clock with a game drive into the Chobe National Park with a local guide again in an open jeep. Spotted Hyenas, Puku-antelopes and a pride of Lions give very close views. During our brunch in the camp Colleen makes me aware of some bird calls nearby, I manage to find two beautiful Schalow's Turacos in the shady canopy of a tree.



In the afternoon we get on a tourist boat with two floors and start a sunset-cruise on the Chobe River. We have fantastic views on a Leopard that comes down to the water to drink, doubtless the trip's highlight for the whole group.



Skimmers sit nearby on small islands. Back on land and after a drink at the Lodge's bar Valentin finds a Small-spotted Genet on a twig just two meters near the path to the camp. We celebrate this fantastic day near the tents with *Chibuku*, a local alcoholic drink.

02/08, 90 km: Last time „six thirty for seven thirty“, we leave the Chobe River and drive to **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**, near the Zambesi River. After about 5700 km in the truck we reach our final destination. Together we visit the spectacular Falls and have a last dinner with our tour guides and mates at the hotel.

03/08: After breakfast the official *Kiboko*-trip ends. Most of our companions leave to the airport, we stay for one more day. We visit the craft market, the *Victoria Falls Snake Park* and the hoary english *Victoria Falls Hotel*. We give some of our clothes to people in the street, have dinner at *Mama Africas Eating House*, on farewell we eat Crocodile.

04/08: Bustransfer to the airport – return journey.

Conclusion: We spent a great time in southern Africa. It was a good decision to book again *Kiboko's Great Trek Adventure*. Not only the selection of destinations was even better than 14 years ago, it was a big profit to travel together with our three local guides Colleen, Ambition and Mishek, who told us a lot about their lives and living conditions in general in southern Africa. The three of them were always in a good mood and did all their work (driving, cooking, animal spotting, ...) in an excellent way. Also we were lucky with our fellow travellers. Everybody in the truck was very kind with Valentin all the time, thank you for that again, friends! And with the very nice local people there was not one problem during the whole time.

We enjoyed the beautiful landscapes of the Namib and the Kalahari Desert with red sand and high dunes, but as well coastal and riverine areas with reed and papyrus thickets and rocky mountains with gorges, and the African bush.

And the script was perfect: After the nine days the three of us had spent in Simon's Town including the pelagic trip as a first highlight, the density of observations of interesting animals increased towards the trip's end, culminating in the day near and on the Chobe River with the greatest highlight, the most soughtafter Leopard.

There are many animals left, not all of the three of us have seen yet: Cheetah, Caracal, Wild Dog, Crowned Crane, Cape Rock Jumper, ...

So we will be back one day to search for them and enjoy southern Africa again – once upon a time in the south!



Birds' list:

used abbreviations:

m = male, f = female

ad. = adult = mature

immat. = immature = still not in adult plumage

juv. = juvenil = young bird

+ = species noted, but not counted

+ behind a number = at least that number seen

„way“ often means during a break

001 African Penguin

04/07-15/07

+

Boulders Bay



002 Shy Albatross
07/07 10s
Pelagic trip

003 Black-browed Albatross

07/07

100s

Pelagic trip

004 Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross 07/07

1

Pelagic trip



005
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross
07/07 6+
Pelagic trip

06 Southern Giant Petrel	07/07	1+	Pelagic trip
007 Northern Giant Petrel	07/07 11/07	ca. 5 1	Pelagic trip in front of Hermanus
008 Pintado Petrel	07/07	10s	Pelagic trip
009 White-chinned Petrel	07/07	100s	Pelagic trip
010 Spectacled Petrel	07/07	1	Pelagic trip
011 Sooty Shearwater	07/07	100s	Pelagic trip
012 Great Shearwater	07/07	1	Pelagic trip
013 Manx Shearwater	07/07	1	Pelagic trip
014 Antarctic Prion	07/07	2+	Pelagic trip
015 Wilson's Storm Petrel	07/07	1	Pelagic trip
016 Cape Gannet Cape	04/07-15/07	+	in front of Simon's Town, Pelagic trip,
017 Greater Flamingo	23/07	100s	coast Swakopmund
018 Lesser Flamingo	23/07	10s	coast Swakopmund
019 White-breasted Cormorant Cape	04/07-15/07	+	in front of Simon's Town, Pelagic trip,
020 Bank Cormorant	07/07	+	coast Simon's Town (Pelagic trip)
021 Cape Cormorant roost	04/07-15/07	10.000s daily	in front of Simon's Town, way to/from night
		+	Cape (colony)
	23/07	+	coast Swakopmund
022 Crowned Cormorant	04/07-15/07	+	Simon's Town, Pelagic trip
023 Reed Cormorant	27/07-01/08	+	Okavango, Chobe
024 African Darter	27/07-01/08	+	Okavango, Chobe
025 African Spoonbill	31/07 01/08	2+ +	Ngoma Bridge Chobe NP
026 Sacred Ibis		+	Cape region, Okavango, Chobe
027 Hadedda Ibis		+	Cape region, Okavango, Chobe
028 Glossy Ibis	01/08	10+	Chobe NP

029 Goliath Heron	30/07	ca. 5	Kwando River
030 Grey Heron		+	Cape region, Okavango, Chobe
031 Black-headed Heron		+(singles)	Cape Town, Simon's Town, Cape
032 Great Egret		+	Okavango, Kwando, Chobe
033 Yellow-billed Egret		+	Okavango, Kwando, Chobe
034 Little Egret		+	+/- everywhere near water
035 Cattle Egret		+	
036 Black Heron	30/07	1	close to Pepere Island
037 Squacco Heron		+	Okavango, Kwando, Chobe
038 Black-crowned Night Heron	30/07	+(flock)	close to Pepere Island
039 Little Bittern	30/07	1	close to Pepere Island
040 Green-backed Heron	28-30/07	+	Okavango-Delta
041 Yellow-billed Stork	31/07 01/08	+	Ngoma Bridge Chobe NP



042 Marabou Stork	26/07 29/07	4 1	Etosha NP Pepere Island
043 Openbill	31/07 a. 01/08	+	Chobe NP
044 Hamerkop	17/07	1	Augrabies Falls more in the Okavango-Delta, at the Chobe River, ... ?

045 Little Grebe	16/07 26/07	1 1	near the road Etosha NP
046 White-faced Whistling Duck	28 a. 30/07 31/07 31/07 a. 01/08	+ + 100s	Pepere Island Ngoma Bridge Chobe NP
047 African Pygmy Goose	28/07 30/07	ca. 8 in flight 3 in flight	close to Pepere Island close to Pepere Island
048 Spur-winged Goose	from 28/07	+	Pepere Island, Ngoma Bridge, Chobe NP
049 Knob-billed Duck	31/07 01/08	+ +	Ngoma Bridge Chobe NP
050 Egyptian Goose		+	nearly everywhere on/at sweetwater
051 South African Shelduck	16/07 21/07	2+ 2	Highlanders campsite way through the Namib Desert
052 Yellow-billed Duck	08 a. 13/07 16/07	ca. 6 +	between Simon's Town a. Kommetije Highlanders campsite
053 Cape Shoveler	ca. 13/07	2+	close to Simon's Town
054 Southern Pochard	30/07	1 in flight	close to Pepere Island
055 Red-billed Teal	31/07 a. 01/08	100s	Ngoma Bridge, Chobe NP
056 Cape Teal	25/07	+	Etosha NP
057 White-backed Vulture	19/07 29/07-01/08	+ +	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Okavango, Chobe
058 Lapped-faced Vulture	29/07 30/07	1 1	Pepere Island border station Botswana-Namibia
059 White-headed Vulture	30/07	1 m	border station Botswana-Namibia
060 African Fish Eagle	28/07-01/08	+	Okavango, Chobe
061 Bateleur	29/07-30/07 31/07	1-2 1+	Pepere Island, border station Botswana-Namibia Chobe NP
062 Verreaux's Eagle	20/07	1	way Kgalagadi Transfr. Park – Fish River Canyon
063 Martial Eagle	18/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
064 Tawny Eagle	25/07	1	Okaukuejo waterhole/Etosha NP

065 Booted Eagle	17/07	1	Augrabies Falls
	19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
066 Brown Snake Eagle	29/07	1+	Pepere Island
067 Black-chested Snake Eagle	19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park way through the Namib Desert close to Pepere Island
	21/07	1	
	30/07	1	
068 Jackal Buzzard	05/07	1+	Cape Point NP
	16/07	1	N Cape Town
	19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
069 African Marsh Harrier	30/07	1	close to Pepere Island
	01/08	1+	Chobe NP
070 Black-shouldered Kite e.g.:	05/07	1	Cape Point NP
	25/07	1	Etosha NP
	28/07	1	Pepere Island
	30/07	1	near the road
071 Pale Chanting Goshawk	18-22/07	common	Kgalagadi Transfr. Park-Sesriem
072 Dark Chanting Goshawk	30/07	1+	near the road
073 Black Sparrowhawk	ca. 06/07	1	Simon's Town-Rockland
074 Little Sparrowhawk	30/07	1 m	close to Pepere Island (?)
075 African Harrier-Hawk	10/07	1 ad., 1 immat.	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
	25/07	1	Etosha NP
076 Peregrine Falcon	05/07	1 ad. +	Cape Point NP
	17/07	1 m, 1 f	Augrabies Falls



077
Red-necked Falcon
30/07 2
Pepere Island

78 Rock Kestrel	19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
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079 Greater Kestrel	25/07	1+	Etosha NP
080 Ostrich	17/07 22/07 25-27/07	+ + +	Cape Point NP way Highlanders CP – Augrabies Falls Sesriem Etosha NP
081 Helmeted Guineafowl		+	everywhere
082 Crested Francolin	01/08	ca. 10	Chobe NP
083 Red-billed Spurfowl	25/07 31/07	+ +	Etosha NP Chobe NP
084 Cape Spurfowl	05, 10 a. 13/07 10/07	+ +	Cape Point NP Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
085 Red-knobbed Coot	a few		near Cape Town, near Simon's Town
086 Common Moorhen	26/07	+	Etosha NP
087 Black Crake	28 a. 31/07	+	close to Pepere Island
088 Wattled Crane	29/07	6 (4+2) in flight	Pepere Island
089 Secretary Bird	19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
090 Kori Bustard	18-20/07 25-27/07 01/08	+ + +	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP Chobe NP
091 Northern Black Korhaan	17/07 19/07 25-27/07	1 m + + +	way Highlanders CP – Augrabies Falls Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP
092 Black-winged Stilt	17/07 26/07 31/07 a. 01/08	+ + +	way Highlanders CP – Augrabies Falls Etosha NP Chobe NP
093 African Jacana	28/07-01/08	+	Okavango, Ngoma Bridge, Chobe
094 Lesser Jacana	28/07	1	close to Pepere Island
095 African Black Oystercatcher	04-15/07	+	Cape region
096 Spotted Thick-Knee	25/07	1+	Etosha NP
097 Water Thick-Knee	e.g.: 01/08	1 (breeding?)	Chobe NP
098 Red-winged Pratincole	30/07-01/08	10s	Kwando Camp, Chobe NP
099 Blacksmith Plover		+	+/- everywhere



100
White-crowned Plover
01/08 4
Chobe NP

101 Long-toed Plover	28/07-01/08	+	close to Peperre Island, Chobe NP
102 Crowned Plover		+	at many places
103 White-fronted Plover	15/07	3+	Cape Point NP
104 Common Greenshank	31/07	1	Chobe NP
105 Subantarctic Skua	07/07 04-14/07	10s	Pelagic trip sometimes up to 3 ind. in front of Simon's Town
106 Kelp Gull		+	Cape region
107 Grey-headed Gull	31/07 a. 01/08	+	Ngoma Bridge, Chobe NP
108 Hartlaub's Gull		+	Cape region
	23/07	+	Swakopmund



109
African Skimmer
01/08 20+,
some breeding?
Chobe NP

110 Caspian Tern	05/07 23/07	2 35+	Cape Point NP Swakopmund
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111 Swift Tern			+	Cape region
	23/07		+	Swakopmund
112 Whiskered Tern	31/07		ca. 10	Ngoma Bridge
113 Namaqua Sandgrouse	21/07		some in flight	way Fish River – Sesriem
114 Double-banded Sandgrouse	25/07		300+	at dusk at the Okaukuejo-waterhole
115 Speckled Pigeon			+	Cape region
116 Rock/Feral Pigeon			+	
117 Red-eyed Dove			+	
118 Cape Turtle Dove			+	
119 Laughing Dove			+	
120 African Green Pigeon	28-30/07		up to 30 Ind.	Pepere Island
	30/07		1+	Kwando Camp
121 Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	26/07		1+	Etosha NP
	01/08		1	Chobe NP
122 Namaqua Dove	e.g.: 18-20/07		+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
	25-27/07		+	Etosha NP
	30/07-01/08		+	Chobe NP

123
Rosy-faced Lovebird
20/07 5+
campsite Fish River Canyon

24/07 2 in flight
Spitskoppe



124 Meyer's Parrot	27/07		ca. 5	Kavango River Lodge
125 Schalow's Turaco	01 a. 02/08		2	Chobe Game Lodge Camping
126 Grey Lourie			+	ab 25/07
127 Senegal Coucal	28-30/07		+	Pepere Island
128 Pearl-spotted Owl	19 a. 20/07		1+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
	30/07		1/1	Pepere Island/Kwando Camp

129 Verreux's Eagle Owl		19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
130 Spotted Eagle Owl		10/07	1	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
		17/07	1	Augrabies Falls Camp
		19/07	2+	„night-drive“ Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
		21/07	1	Sesriem
131 Barn Owl		18-20/07	+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
		25/07	2+, incl. juv.	Etosha NP
132 Fiery-necked Nightjar		28-31/07	heard	Pepere Island, Chobe NP
133 Alpine Swift		17/07	2+	Augrabies Falls
		20/07	3+	Fish River Canyon
134 Bradfield's Swift	e.g.:	21 a. 22/07	+	Sesriem
		25/07	+	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
135 Little Swift	e.g.:	17/07	10s	Augrabies Falls Camp
		21/07	+	way Fish River - Sesriem
136 African Palm Swift	e.g.:	17/07	+	Augrabies Falls Camp
		25/07	+	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
137 Speckled Mousebird			+	Cape region
138 White-backed Mousebird	e.g.:	17-18/07	+	Orange River, Kgalagadi Transfr. Park
		20-22/07	+	way Fish River - Sesriem
139 Red-faced Mousebird			+	Okavango
140 Giant Kingfisher		28/07	2	close to Pepere Island
141 Pied Kingfisher		from 28/07	+	Okavango, Ngoma Bridge, Chobe

142
Malachite Kingfisher
28 a. 30/07 3+
close to Pepere Island



143 Brown-hooded Kingfisher		30/07	1	Kwando Camp
		01/08	1	Chobe NP

144
White-fronted Bee-Eater
28/07 3+
close to Pepere Island

30/07 +
Kwando Camp



145 Swallow-tailed Bee-Eater	+	e.g.: 18 a. 19/07, 25 a. 26/07, 29/07	
146 Little Bee-Eater	at least 28-31/07	+	Pepere Island, Kwando Camp, Chobe NP
147 Lilac-breasted Roller	daily from 26/07		
148 Trumpeter Hornbill	31/07 a. 01/08	2	Chobe Game Lodge
149 African Grey Hornbill	e.g.: 18/07 27/07	1 1+	way Orange River - Kgalagadi Transfr. Park ?
150 Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	26-27/07	e.g.:	24/07 way Swakopmund – Spitskoppe way Etosha NP – Kavango River Lodge
151 Bradfield's Hornbill	31/07 a. 01/08	2-3	Etosha NP
152 Southern Red-billed Hornbill	+	at least 26-31/07	northern Namibia, Botswana
153 Violet Wood-Hoopoe	27/07	ca. 5	Kavango River Lodge
154 African Hoopoe	29/07	1 heard	Pepere Island
155 Black-collared Barbet	28-29/07 30-31/07	+	Pepere Island Kwando Camp, Chobe Game Lodge
156 Crested Barbet	28-30/07	+	Pepere Island
157 Acacia Pied Barbet	19/07 22/07	+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Sesriem Camp
158 Lesser Honeyguide	01/08	1	Chobe Game Lodge
159 Brown-backed Honeyguide	09/07	1 m	Simon's Town-Rockland
160 Golden-tailed Woodpecker	28-30/07	1+ m	Pepere Island

161 Cardinal Woodpecker Lodge	27/07	1	way Etosha NP – Kavango River
	31/07	1	Chobe Game Lodge
162 Red-capped Lark	26/07	5+	Etosha NP
163 Sabota Lark	25/07	1-2	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
164 Wire-tailed Swallow	daily from 28/07		Okavango, Ngoma Bridge, Chobe
165 Lesser Striped Swallow	+/- daily from 27/07		
166 Banded Martin	29/07	3+	Pepere Island
167 Rock Martin		+	Cape region,
e.g.: 17-19/07, 22-25/07	Augrabies F., Kgalagadi Transfr. P., Sesriem, Spitskoppe, ...		
168 Fork-tailed Drongo	daily from 18/07		Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, ...
169 White-necked Raven		+	Cape region incl. Simon's Town
170 Pied Crow		+	+/- everywhere
171 Cape Crow	e.g.: 17/07	+	way Highlanders camping – Augrabies Falls
	26/07	+	Etosha NP
172 Ashy Tit	22/07	2	nahe Death Valley
173 Black-faced Babbler	27/07	8+	Kavango River Lodge
174 Arrow-marked Babbler	30/07-01/08	+	Chobe Game Lodge
175 Hartlaub's Babbler	28/07-30/07	+	Pepere Island
176 Terrestrial Brownbull	31/07-01/08	+	Chobe Game Lodge
177 Cape Bulbul		+	Cape region
178 African Red-eyed Bulbul	17-27/07	+	Namibia, parts of Botswana
179 Black-eyed Bulbul	28/07-03/08	+	Pepere Islands, Chobe, Victoria Falls
180 Sombre Greenbul	10/07	+	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
181 Yellow-bellied Greenbul	30/07-01/08	+	Kwando Camp, Chobe Game Lodge
182 Olive Thrush	10/07	2	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
183 Karoo Thrush	17/07	2+	Augrabies Falls camping
184 Kurrichane Thrush	01/08	1	Chobe Game Lodge camp

185 Groundscraper Thrush 18/07 1 way Augrabies Falls - Kgalagadi Transfr. Park



186
Cape Rock-Thrush
14/07 1 m, 1 f+
Sir Lowry's Pass

187 Sentinal Rock Thrush	11/07	1 f	Sir Lowry's Pass
188 Short-toed Rock-Thrush	25/07	1 f	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
189 Familiar Chat	at least 19-22/07	+	Cape region, e.g. Cape Point NP Namib Desert
190 Karoo Chat	21/07	1+	Namib Desert
191 Ant-eating Chat	26/07	1	Etosha NP
192 Mountain Wheatear	23-25/07	+	Swakopmund – Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
193 Capped Wheatear	at least 17 a. 20/07	+	near the road
194 African Stonechat	at least 17/07	1 m	near the road
195 Cape Robin-Chat	17/07	+	Cape region
		1+	near the road
196 White-browed Robin-Chat	29/07-01/08	+	Kwando Camp, Chobe Game Lodge
197 Collared Palm-Thrush	31/07-01/08	1-2	Chobe Game Lodge
198 Cape Grassbird		+	Simon's Town, Kommetije, Cape Point NP
199 Long-billed Crombec	27/07	1	way Etosha NP – Kavango River Lodge
200 Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler	e.g.: 18-19/07 22/07	+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
		+	Sesriem
201 Chirping Cisticola	28-30/07	+	Pepere Island

202 Black-chested Prinia	19/07 25/07	1 1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP
203 Karoo Prinia		common	Cape region
204 Rufous-eared Warbler	21/07	1	Namib Desert
205 Grey-backed Camaroptera	nearly daily from 27/07		
206 Fiscal Flycatcher		+	Cape region
207 Marico Flycatcher		+	
208 Grey Tit-Flycatcher	31/07	1+	Chobe Game Lodge
209 Cape Batis	10/07	ca. 5	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
210 Cape White-Eye		+	Cape region
211 Orange-River White-Eye	17/07	1+	Augrabies Falls
212 African Yellow White-Eye	28/07	2+	Pepere Island (?)
213 Cape Wagtail		+	
214 African Pied Wagtail	17/07 29/07 01/08	1 1 1	Augrabies Falls Pepere Island Chobe NP
215 Magpie Shrike	28 a. 30/07	+	Botswana
216 Southern White-crowned Shrike	28 a. 30/07	+	Botswana
217 Common Fiscal		+	+/- everywhere
218 White-crested Helmet-Shrike	31/07	+	way Kwando Camp – Chobe NP
219 Brubru	19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
220 Black-backed Puffback	01/08	1+	Chobe NP
221 Southern Boubou		+	Simon's Town
222 Tropical Boubou	31/07 a. 01/08	+	Chobe Game Lodge
223 Swamp Boubou	27/07 28-30/07	1 +	Kavango River Lodge Pepere Island
224 Crimson-breasted Shrike	e.g.: 18-19/07 25/07	+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP
225 Brown-crowned Tchagra	25/07	1	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP

226 Bokmakierie	24/07	2		Spitskoppe
227 Orange-breasted Bushshrike	02/08	1+		Victoria Falls
228 Grey-headed Bushshrike	02/08	1		Victoria Falls
229 Cape Glossy Starling	at least: 19/07 22/07	+		Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Sesriem
230 Greater Blue-eared Starling	31/07	+		Chobe Game Lodge
231 Meves's Starling	at least: 26/07 28-30/07	+		Etosha NP Pepere Island
232 Red-winged Starling		+		Cape region
233 Pale-winged Starling	17/07- at least 25/07	+		Augrabies Falls – Etosha NP
234 Common Myna	18/07 01/08	1+	way	Augrabies - Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Chobe NP
235 Common Starling		+		Cape region
236 Wattled Starling	01/08	2-3+		Chobe NP
237 Yellow-billed Oxpecker	01/08	+		Chobe NP
238 Red-billed Oxpecker	01/08	+		Chobe NP

239
Cape Sugarbird
+ Cape region, so Cape Point NP, Simon's Town; not seen on Table Mountain, probably for missing flowers.



240 Malachite Sunbird				+ Cape region, so Cape Point NP, Simon's Town; not seen on Table Mountain, probably for missing flowers
241 Orange-breasted Sunbird				+ Cape region, as well on Table Mountain
242 Amethyst Sunbird	08/07	1 m		in front of „World of Birds“
243 Southern Double-collared Sunbird				+ Cape region, so Cape Point NP, Simon's Town

244 White-bellied Sunbird 29/07 1 m + Pepere Island



245
Dusky Sunbird
21-23/07 10+
Sesriem campsite

246 Cape Sparrow		+	+/- everywhere
247 House Sparrow		+	+/- everywhere
248 Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	19/07	+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
249 White-browed Sparrow-Weaver		+	from 18/07
250 Sociable Weaver		+	from 18/07
251 Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	26/07	+	Etosha NP
252 Cape Weaver	e.g.: 16/07		colony at petrol station N Cape Town
253 Southern Masked Weaver		+	from 16/07
254 Red-headed Weaver	mind.: 25/07	1+	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
255 Red-billed Quelea	mind.: 18 a. 19/07 25/07	+ 1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
256 Southern Red Bishop	17/07	+	way Highlanders camping - Augrabies
257 Pin-tailed Whydah	06/07	1 m	Simon's Town
258 Shaft-tailed Whydah	25/07	1+ f	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
259 Red-headed Finch	18-20/07 26/07	+ +	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP
260 Scaly-feathered Finch		+	ab 18/07
261 Blue Waxbill		+	ab 25/07

262 Violet-eared Waxbill	25/07	+	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
	26/07	+	Etosha NP
263 Black-faced Waxbill	26/07	1+	Etosha NP
264 Green-winged Pytilia	25/07	1+	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
265 Red-billed Firefinch	02/08	2+	Victoria Falls
266 White-throated Canary	20/07	+	way Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park – Fish River Canyon
267 Brimstone Canary	06/07	1	Simon's Town
	10/07	1+	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
268 Black-throated Canary	25/07	+	way Spitskoppe – Etosha NP
269 Yellow Canary	19/07	+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
270 Cape Canary		+	Cape region incl. Simon's Town
271 Forest Canary	10/07	1+	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
272 Common Chaffinch	10/07	+	Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden
273 Cape Bunting		+	Cape region

Mammals' list:

01 Peter's Epauletted Fruit-Bat	28 a. 29/07		Pepere Island
	31/07 a. 01/08		Chobe Game Lodge
02 Baboon	often seen, so in Simon's Town, Cape Point NP, Augrabies Falls, Etosha NP, Pepere Island, Chobe NP, Victoria Falls		
03 Vervet Monkey	30/07-03/08 daily (way from Pepere Island, Kwando River Lodge, Chobe Game Lodge, Victoria Falls)		
04 Cape Hare	18 a. 19/07	some	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
05 Ground Squirrel	16/07	7+	Cape Town,
	later nearly daily until 01/08, e.g. 18, 19, 22/07		
06 Tree Squirrel	30/07	3+	Kwando Camp
	31/07	+	Chobe Game Lodge
07 Porcupine	09/07	1 dead (killed by car)	Simon's Town-Rockland
	14/07	1	Simon's Town-Rockland
	19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

08 Pouched Mouse	25/07	3+	Okaukuejo-Camp, Etosha NP
09 Bushveld Gerbil	26/07	1	Namutoni-Camp, Etosha NP
10 Striped Mouse	05 a. 13/07 06/07 10/07 18/07	2-3 1 1 1+	Cape Point NP, restaurant Simon's Town-Rockland Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
11 Brown Rat	08/07	+	„World of Birds“
12 Cape Fox	18/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
13 Bat-eared Fox	19/07 25/07	3 3+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP
14 Black-backed Jackal	some sightings e.g. in Kgalagadi TP, Etosha NP, Chobe NP		
15 Honey Badger	26/07	1	Etosha NP
16 Banded Mongoose	from 26/07 on sometimes, some at campsites		
17 Small Grey Mongoose	10/07	1	Botanical Garden Kirstenbosch
18 Slender Mongoose	19/07	1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park



19
Yellow Mongoose
18 a. 19/07 +
Kgalagadi Transfrontier
Park - Camping

20 Suricate	18 a. 19/07	+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
21 Small-spotted Genet	19/07 26/07 01/08	1 1 1	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Namutoni-Camp, Etosha NP campsite Chobe Game Lodge

22

Spotted Hyena

25/07 2-3

Okaukuejo, waterhole

26/07 2+

Etosha NP

01/08 2

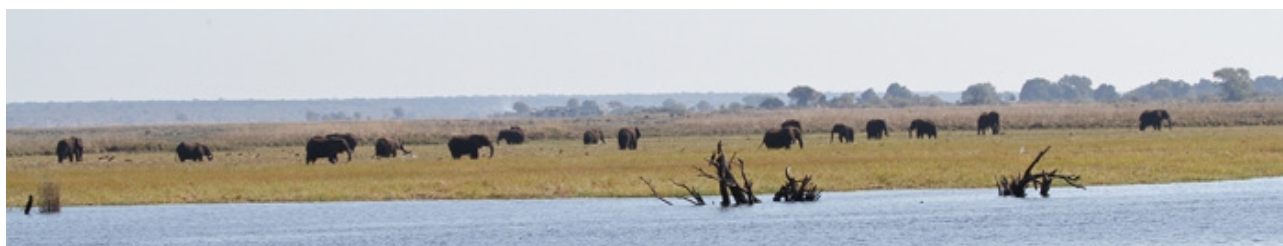
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02/08 1

early morning at campsite of
Chobe Game Lodge



23 African Wild Cat	19/07	2-3+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park
24 Lion	(19/07	fresh tracks	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park)
	25/07	3 f	Okaukuejo, waterhole
	26/07	2 younger m., 2 ad. m	Etosha NP
	01/08	10+	Chobe NP
25 Leopard	01/08	1 f	Chobe NP
26 Elephant	25 a. 26/07	+	Etosha NP
	29/07	+	Pepere Island
	31/07	1 young one	Ngoma-Bridge,
	more during drive through Namibia on and		near the road
	31/07 a. 01/08	+	Chobe NP



27 Rock Dassie	common in the Cape-region, Augrabies Falls		
28 Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	21/07	ca. 8	Namib Desert
	23/07	6	Namib Desert
29 Burchell's Zebra		+	Etosha NP
30 Hook-lipped Rhinoceros	25/07	up to 7 simultaneous, total >10	Okaukuejo waterhole, Etosha
	26/07	2/1	Etosha NP/Namutoni waterhole
31 Warthog	31/07-01/08	+	Chobe Game Lodge
32 Hippopotamus	27/07-01/08		daily seen and/or heard

33 Giraffe		+	Etosha a. Chobe NP
34 Buffalo	31/07-01/08	+	Chobe NP
35 Eland	05/07 13 a. 15/07	32 +	Cape Point NP Cape Point NP
36 Kudu		+	e.g. Etosha a. Chobe NP
37 Bushbuck	31/07-01/08	ca. 5	Chobe Game Lodge
38 Gemsbock	e.g. Kgalagadi Transfr. Park, Etosha NP, near the road		
39 Waterbuck	31/07 01/08	+ +	Ngoma Bridge Chobe NP
40 Lechwe	30/07 01/08	+ 1	Kwando Camp Chobe NP
41 Puku	01/08	3+	Chobe NP
42 Blue Wildebeest	18 a. 19/07 25 a. 26/07	+ +	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP
43 Red Hartebeest	13/07 25 a. 26/07	1 +	Cape Point NP Etosha NP
44 Bontebok	10/07 13/07	3 ca. 25	Cape Point NP Cape Point NP
45 Impala	25 a. 26/07 31/07 a. 01/08	+ +	Etosha NP Chobe NP
46 Springbok	18 a. 19/07 25 a. 26/07 31/07 a. 01/08	+ + +	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP Chobe NP

47
 Damara Dik-dik
 25/07 4+
 near the road
 26/07 4+
 Etosha NP



48 Klipspringer	17/07 (?) 24/07	2+ 1	near the road Spitzkoppe
49 Steenbok	19/07 26/07	2+ 1+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park Etosha NP some more seen, mainly near the road
50 Bryde's Whale	06/07 07/07	1 1	in front of Simon's Town-Rockland Pelagic trip
51 Humpback Whale	06/07 07/07 08/07 09/07 11/07	1+ 2+ 3 2 1	in front of Simon's Town-Rockland Pelagic trip in front of Simon's Town-Rockland in front of Simon's Town-Rockland in front of Simon's Town-Rockland
52 Southern Right Whale	11/07 ca. 12/07	4+ 2	in front of Hermanus in front of Simon's Town-Rockland
53 Killer Whale	06/07	ca. 7	in front of Simon's Town-Rockland
54 Cape Fur Seal		+	Cape region, Swakopmund
Reptiles' list:			
01 Padloper/Tortoise spec.		1+	Cape Point NP
02 Olive Grass Snake	26/07	1	Etosha NP Namutoni Camp
03 Cape Skink	04/07	1	Boulders Bay
04 Variegated Skink	24/07	1	Spitzkoppe
05 Striped Skink	19/07 28/07 31/07	3+ 2+ 2+	Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park <i>Swamp Stop</i> Chobe Game Lodge
06 Namaqua Sand Lizard	21/07	3+	way Fish River - Sesriem
07 Plain Sand Lizard	20/07	1+	way Kgalagadi Transfr. Park – Fish River
08 Nile Monitor	31/07 01/08	1 juv. 1 ad.	Chobe (Game Lodge) Chobe (boat trip)
09 Black Girdled Lizard	common 05, 10 a. 15/07 09/07	+ + +	Simon's Town-Rockland Cape Point NP Table Mountain

10 Southern Rock Agama	04/07	1 m	Simon's Town-Beach
	07/07	1 m, 1 f	Simon's Town Rockland
	10/07	1 m	Cape Point NP
11 Ground Agama	20/07	1 way	Kgalagadi Transfr. Park – Fish River
	26/07	1	Etosha NP Namutoni Camp
12 Moreau's Tropical House Gecko	30/07	3+	Kwando Camp
13 Chobe Dwarf Gecko	02 a. 03/08.	ca. 10	<i>Cresta Sprayview Hotel</i> garden
14 Nile Crocodile	28 a. 30/07	+	boat trip to/from Pepere Island
	01/08	+	Chobe NP
15 Broadley's Flat Lizard	17/07	7+	Augrabies Falls

Websites, ordered chronologically:

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