

# Western Cape, South Africa

30 June – 11 July 2013



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Karoo Birding on Road P2250.

Photo: Göran Pettersson

This was a relaxed birding trip with focus on Western Cape specialties. We managed very well in our intentions and found almost all of our target species. The trip was an arrangement via Birding Africa, Cape Town. *Our sincerely thanks goes to Callan and Marje for excellent ideas and work with our trip.*

### **30 June**

Early morning departure from Copenhagen to Cape Town, via Amsterdam. Late night arrival. Smooth pick up of rental car and straight driving to our accommodation close to airport.

### **1 July**

Early breakfast. Drove direct to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens just south of Cape Town. Great birding here to lunch time. We made some shopping in the Garden book and gift store. Good range of naturalist books.

Afternoon on Cape Peninsula. First stop at Boulders for African Penguin, with splendid views of this very nice species. Later on we drove down to Cape Good of Hope for a short visit before they closed the gate. On the way back to Cape Town we drove via Kommetjie on the west coast. Night in Cape Town

### **2 July**

Full day birding with Callan Cohen from Birding Africa in Hottentots-Holland NR, Franschhoek region and Paarl. Great views of Cape Rockjumper among many other good birds! Night in Cape Town

### **3 July**

Third day in raw with cancelled pelagic trip (too strong winds). We decided to do pelagic from the coastline at Cape Good of Hope. Pretty good result, although, not the high numbers of birds and species you can get from a boat. In late afternoon we visited Strandfontein Sewage Works, very bird rich area. Night in Cape Town

#### **4 July**

We started to head north. Via Darling Wildflower Route we reached Jacobs Bay and Langebaan. The Darling Wildflower Route produced many good birds for the trip. Night in Langebaan.

#### **5 July**

Full day birding in West Coast NP. Also a very bird rich area with many good birds for the trip. We visited both sides of the bay. Did also some birding to the sea. Night in Langebaan.

#### **6 July**

Started our inland birding. Via Ceres we reached Klein Cedarberg. In late afternoon we visited Skitterykloof. Beautiful landscape here. Night in Klein Cedarberg.

#### **7 July**

Full day karoo birding along road P2250. We turn around at Tankwa Karoo NP Guest House. A most rewarding day with many good birds for the trip. Night in Klein Cedarberg.

#### **8 July**

Early morning we found ourselves at Skitterykloof once again. We were still missing Cinnamon-breasted Warbler (... and still remains so). Nevertheless, most probably, a Leopard were making mating/territorial calls from the cliffs above us. Long drive today with many stops en route. Via Swellendam we finally reached De Hoop Nature Reserve. Night at De Hoop Reserve

#### **9 July**

Full day birding at different localities in De Hoop NR. Whales and Secretarybirds was on the meny. Night at De Hoop Reserve.

#### **10 July**

Travel day that started with morning birding at Potberg. At lunch time we reached Grootvadersbosch NR. The forest looked very promising. We managed to see some target species but midday birding in heat gave low numbers. Before we left for a long drive to the airport at Cape Town we finished our Western Cape birding with a nice pair of Swee Waxbill. Late night flight back to Copenhagen (via Amsterdam).

#### **11 July**

Arrival at Södra Sandby.



Hartlaub's Gull, West Coast NP

Photo: Göran Pettersson





Victorin's Warbler, Hottentots-Holland NR.

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## Birds

(The species list follow Clements (September 2013))

1. **Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca*  
Common/widespread - seen on 10 days of 10 with first observation Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7.
2. **South African Shelduck** *Tadorna cana*  
1 ♂ Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 1 ♂ West Coast NP 5.7, 16 en route 6.7, 14 en route 8.7 and 2 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 2 there 10.7.
3. **Spur-winged Goose** *Plectropterus gambensis niger*  
2 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 13 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, up to 15 en route 6-8.7, seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen 10.7.
4. **Yellow-billed Duck** *Anas undulata undulata*  
2 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 20 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 1 West Coast NP 5.7, up to 12 en route 6-8.7 and 10 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 15 there 10.7.
5. **Cape Shoveler** *Anas smithii*  
50 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 12 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 3 West Coast NP 5.7 and 5 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 10 there 10.7.
6. **Red-billed Duck** *Anas erythrorhyncha*  
10 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7.
7. **Cape Teal** *Anas capensis*  
50 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 5 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7, 2 en route 6.7, 2 P2250 7.7, 2 De Hoop NR 9.7, 2 De Hoop and 1 Suurbak 10.7.
8. **Southern Pochard** *Netta erythrophthalma brunnea*  
300 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7.
9. **Maccoa Duck** *Oxyura maccoa*  
4 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7 and 25 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 10 there 10.7.
10. **Gray-winged Francolin** *Francolinus africanus*  
3 heard Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 5 West Coast NP 5.7.
11. **Cape Francolin** *Francolinus capensis*  
2 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 2.7, 7 Strandfontein Sewage Works 4.7, 8 en route 5.7, seen West Coast NP 6.7, seen en route 7.7, 15 Skitterykloof 7.7 and 30 De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen there 10.7.
12. **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*  
200 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7, 1 en route 6.7 and 15 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 5 there 10.7.
13. **Great Crested Grebe** *Podiceps cristatus infuscatus*  
20 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 20 there 10.7.
14. **Eared Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis gurneyi*  
400 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7 and 15 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 15 there 10.7.

15. **Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus*  
1000 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 6 Oudepos Wildflower Reserve 4.7, 1 Jacobs Bay 4.7, abundant West Coast NP 5.7, seen en route 6.7, 20 en route 8.7 and 30 De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen there 10.7.
16. **Lesser Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus minor*  
400 West Coast NP 5.7.
17. **Jackass Penguin** *Spheniscus demersus*  
Common Boulders 1.7, 1 West Coast NP 5.7 and 14 De Hoop NR 9.7.
18. **White-capped Albatross** *Thalassarche cauta cauta*  
1 Cape of Good Hope 1.7 and 30 Cape of Good Hope 3.7.
19. **Black-browed Albatross** *Thalassarche melanophris melanophris*  
1 Cape of Good Hope 3.7.
20. **White-chinned Petrel** *Procellaria aequinoctialis*  
10 Cape of Good Hope 3.7.
21. **Sooty Shearwater** *Puffinus griseus*  
Common Cape of Good Hope 3.7 and 1 West Coast NP 5.7.
22. **Cape Gannet** *Morus capensis*  
1 Boulders 1.7, 5 Cape of Good Hope 1.7, 20 Cape of Good Hope 3.7 and 15 West Coast NP 5.7.
23. **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus*  
3 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, seen 3-5.7, seen en route 6.7, seen 8.7 and up to 2 De Hoop NR 8-10.7.
24. **Cape Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax capensis*  
Abundant Cape of Good Hope 1.7, abundant Cape of Good Hope 3.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
25. **Bank Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax neglectus*  
1 Boulders 3.7 and 1 West Coast NP 5.7.
26. **Long-tailed Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax africanus africanus*  
3 West Coast NP 5.7.
27. **Crowned Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax coronatus*  
1 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 2 Boulders 1.7, 5 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, seen 4.7, seen en route 6.7, 1 en route 8.7 and 15 De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen there 10.7.
28. **African Darter** *Anhinga rufa rufa*  
1 en route 2.7, 10 West Coast NP 5.7 and 3 De Hoop NR 9.7.
29. **Great White Pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus*  
1 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 20 West Coast NP 5.7 and 10 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 6 there 10.7.
30. **Gray Heron** *Ardea cinerea cinerea*  
6 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 2 Jacobs Bay 4.7, 1 West Coast NP 5.7, 1 en route 6.7, 1 en route 8.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 10.7.
31. **Black-headed Heron** *Ardea melanocephala*  
1 Paarl 2.7, 2 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 2 en route 8.7 and 2 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 3 there 10.7.
32. **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea purpurea*  
1 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7.
33. **Intermediate Egret** *Mesophoyx intermedia brachyrhyncha*  
2 De Hoop NR 9.7.
34. **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta garzetta*  
5 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 1 Oudepos Wildflower Reserve 3.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 1 there 10.7.
35. **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis ibis*  
Seen Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, seen 2-4.7, seen 6.7, common De Hoop NR 8.7 and seen 10.7.
36. **Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*  
1 en route 2.7, 4 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 1 en route 10.7.
37. **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*  
3 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7 and 15 en route 4.7.
38. **Sacred Ibis** *Threskiornis aethiopicus aethiopicus*  
50 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, seen 2-6.7, abundant en route 8.7, seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen 10.7.
39. **Hadada Ibis** *Bostrychia hagedash hagedash*  
10 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, seen 2-8.7, 2 De Hoop NR 8.7 and seen there 9.7 and seen 10.7.
40. **African Spoonbill** *Platalea alba*  
1 en route 2.7, 10 West Coast NP 5.7 and 3 De Hoop NR 9.7.

41. **Black-shouldered Kite** *Elanus caeruleus caeruleus*  
1 en route 2.7, 10 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 10 West Coast NP 5.7, seen en route 6.7, seen en route 8.7, 2 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 1 en route 10.7.
42. **Cape Griffon** *Gyps coprotheres*  
5 De Hoop NR 9.7.
43. **Martial Eagle** *Polemaetus bellicosus*  
1 adult Darling Wildflower Route 4.7.
44. **Verreaux's Eagle** *Aquila verreauxii*  
2 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7.
45. **Pale Chanting-Goshawk** *Melierax canorus canorus*  
1 en route 6.7, 1 P2250 7.7 and 1 en route 8.7.
46. **African Marsh-Harrier** *Circus ranivorus*  
1♀ Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 1 en route 4.7 and 2 West Coast NP 5.7.
47. **Black Harrier** *Circus maurus*  
1 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7, 1 De Hoop NR 8.7 and 5 there 9.7 and 5 en route 10.7.
48. **Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter rufiventris rufiventris*  
1 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7 and 2 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7.
49. **Black Goshawk** *Accipiter melanoleucus melanoleucus*  
1 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 1 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 10.7.
50. **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans parasitus*  
1 De Hoop NR 10.7.
51. **African Fish-Eagle** *Haliaeetus vocifer*  
1 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7 and 1 en route 8.7.
52. **Mountain Buzzard** *Buteo oreophilus trizonatus*  
1 Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
53. **Jackal Buzzard** *Buteo rufofuscus*  
1 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 2 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 2 Paarl 2.7, 1 en route 2.7, 5 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 1 West Coast NP 5.7, 1 en route 6.7, 3 De Hoop NR 8.7 and 5 there 9.7 and 5 en route 10.7.
54. **Stanley Bustard** *Neotis denhami stanleyi*  
1 pair De Hoop NR 8.7.
55. **Karoo Bustard** *Eupodotis vigorsii vigorsii*  
7 P2250 7.7.
56. **Black Bustard** *Eupodotis afra*  
2♂♂ West Coast NP 5.7.
57. **Black Crake** *Amaurornis flavirostra*  
2 West Coast NP 5.7 and 4 Suurbrak 10.7.
58. **Purple Swampphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio madagascariensis*  
2 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7.
59. **Eurasian Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus meridionalis*  
1 en route 1.7, 10 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 1 West Coast NP 5.7, 1 heard Skitterykloof 8.7 and 4 Suurbrak 10.7.
60. **Red-knobbed Coot** *Fulica cristata*  
50 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7, 50 en route 6.7 and abundant De Hoop NR 8-10.7.
61. **Blue Crane** *Anthropoides paradiseus*  
2 en route 6.7, up to 25 De Hoop NR 8-10.7 and 5 en route 10.7.
62. **Spotted Thick-knee** *Burhinus capensis damarensis*  
1 Cape Town 1.7 and 1 there 2.7 and 1 heard en route 5.7.
63. **Blacksmith Plover** *Vanellus armatus*  
3 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 2 en route 1.7, 2 Cape Town 3.7, 5 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, seen 4.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7, 2 P2250 7.7, 1 en route 8.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
64. **Crowned Lapwing** *Vanellus coronatus coronatus*  
4 Jacobs Bay 4.7.
65. **Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*  
15 West Coast NP 5.7.
66. **Kittlitz's Plover** *Charadrius pecuarius*  
4 West Coast NP 5.7.

67. **Three-banded Plover** *Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris*  
8 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7, 8 P2250 7.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
68. **White-fronted Plover** *Charadrius marginatus*  
1 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 6 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 10 West Coast NP 5.7.
69. **Chestnut-banded Plover** *Charadrius pallidus pallidus*  
1 Jacobs Bay 4.7 and 1 West Coast NP 5.7.
70. **African Oystercatcher** *Haematopus moquini*  
20 Cape of Good Hope 1.7, 7 Cape Town 3.7, 15 West Coast NP 5.7 and 2 De Hoop NR 9.7.
71. **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*  
10 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 4 Jacobs Bay 4.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7 and 10 en route 8.7.
72. **Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta*  
11 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 15 West Coast NP 5.7 and 2 P2250 7.7.
73. **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*  
10 West Coast NP 5.7.
74. **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus phaeopus*  
30 West Coast NP 5.7.
75. **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres interpres*  
20 West Coast NP 5.7.
76. **Double-banded Courser** *Smutornis africanus granti*  
2 P2250 7.7.
77. **Gray-hooded Gull** *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus poiocephalus*  
1 adult Cape of Good Hope 3.7.
78. **Hartlaub's Gull** *Chroicocephalus hartlaubii*  
100 Cape Town 1.7, abundant Cape of Good Hope 3.7, seen 4.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7 and 3 De Hoop NR 10.7.
79. **Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus vetula*  
Seen Cape Town 1.7, seen 3.7 and there 4.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7, seen 6.7 and seen De Hoop NR 9.7.
80. **Antarctic Tern** *Sterna vittata*  
150 Jacobs Bay 4.7 and 5 West Coast NP 5.7.
81. **Great Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii bergii*  
20 Cape of Good Hope 1.7, 200 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 30 Jacobs Bay 4.7, 1 West Coast NP 5.7 and 5 De Hoop NR 9.7.
82. **Speckled Pigeon** *Columba guinea phaeonota*  
2 Boulders 1.7, 1 en route 2.7, 3 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 1 heard en route 5.7, 1 en route 8.7 and 3 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 1 there 10.7.
83. **Rameron Pigeon** *Columba arquatrix*  
4 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7.
84. **Red-eyed Dove** *Streptopelia semitorquata*  
4 en route 1.7, seen 2.7, 2 en route 4.7 and 3 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 1 there 10.7.
85. **Ring-necked Dove** *Streptopelia capicola*  
2 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 1 Cape Town 3.7, 15 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 10 West Coast NP 5.7, seen en route 6.7, 2 P2250 7.7, abundant en route 8.7 and seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen there 10.7.
86. **Laughing Dove** *Streptopelia senegalensis senegalensis*  
1 en route 1.7, 2 Paarl 2.7, 1 Cape Town 3.7 and seen en route 6.7 and common en route 8.7.
87. **Barn Owl** *Tyto alba affinis*  
1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
88. **Spotted Eagle-Owl** *Bubo africanus africanus*  
1 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
89. **Alpine Swift** *Apus melba*  
Only observed en route with 3 8.7.
90. **African Swift** *Apus barbatus barbatus*  
15 De Hoop NR 10.7.
91. **Little Swift** *Apus affinis*  
3 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7 and 15 De Hoop NR 10.7.
92. **Speckled Mousebird** *Colius striatus striatus*  
1 Cape Town 1.7, 2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7, 10 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 5 there 10.7 and 5 Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.

93. **White-backed Mousebird** *Colius colius*  
8 De Hoop NR 4.7, 1 Jacobs Bay 4.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7, 5 Skitterykloof 6.7, 2 P2250 7.7 and 7 en route 8.7.
94. **Red-faced Mousebird** *Urocolius indicus indicus*  
7 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 25 Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
95. **Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops africana*  
2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
96. **Pied Barbet** *Tricholaema leucomelas leucomelas*  
1 De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen there 10.7.
97. **Lesser Honeyguide** *Indicator minor minor*  
1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
98. **Cardinal Woodpecker** *Dendropicos fuscescens*  
1 West Coast NP 5.7 and 2 Skitterykloof 8.7.
99. **Olive Woodpecker** *Dendropicos griseocephalus griseocephalus*  
1 pair Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
100. **Eurasian Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus rupicolus*  
1 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 1 Paarl 2.7, 2 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 4 en route 4.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7 and up to 4 en route 6-8.7 and 1 en route 10.7.
101. **Lanner Falcon** *Falco biarmicus biarmicus*  
1 adult Darling Wildflower Route 4.7.
102. **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus minor*  
2 Cape of Good Hope 3.7.
103. **Cape Batis** *Batis capensis capensis*  
2 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 1 pair Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
104. **Pirit Batis** *Batis pririt pririt*  
1 ♂ P2250 7.7.
105. **Southern Tchagra** *Tchagra tchagra tchagra*  
4 De Hoop NR 9.7.
106. **Southern Boubou** *Laniarius ferrugineus ferrugineus*  
1 heard Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7 and 5 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 4 there 10.7.
107. **Bokmakierie** *Telophorus zeylonus zeylonus*  
15 en route 4.7, 10 West Coast NP 5.7, 2 Skitterykloof 6.7, 1 P2250 7.7, 2 Skitterykloof 8.7 and 5 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 3 there 10.7.
108. **Southern Fiscal** *Lanius collaris*  
3 en route 2.7, common Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7, seen 6.7 and there 7.7, abundant en route 8.7, seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and abundant en route 10.7.
109. **Fork-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus adsimilis*  
5 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 5 en route 10.7.
110. **African Crested-Flycatcher** *Trochocercus cyanomelas*  
3 Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
111. **Cape Crow** *Corvus capensis capensis*  
1 en route 6.7 and up to 10 De Hoop NR 8-10.7.
112. **Pied Crow** *Corvus albus*  
Common/widespread - seen on 8 days of 10 with first observation Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7.
113. **White-necked Raven** *Corvus albicollis*  
3 Cape Town 1.7, 15 en route 2.7 and 10 there 3.7, 2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, seen 6.7, 2 P2250 8.7 and 15 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 5 there 10.7.
114. **Cape Rockjumper** *Chaetops frenatus*  
1 pair Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7.
115. **Cape Clapper Lark** *Mirafra apiata*  
*apiata*: 1 heard Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 2 heard Jacobs Bay 6.7.  
*marjoriae*: 2 De Hoop NR 10.7.
116. **Karoo Lark** *Calendulauda albescens*  
2 P2250 7.7.
117. **Agulhas Lark** *Certhilauda brevirostris*  
Up to 5 De Hoop NR 8-10.7.
118. **Red-capped Lark** *Calandrella cinerea cinerea*  
10 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 20 P2250 7.7 and 3 there 8.7.
119. **Large-billed Lark** *Galerida magnirostris*  
2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 8 P2250 7.7 and 2 there 8.7 and 5 De Hoop NR 10.7.



120. **Plain Martin** *Riparia paludicola paludicola*  
Seen Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 1 West Coast NP 5.7, 40 en route 6.7 and seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen there 10.7.
121. **Rock Martin** *Ptyonoprogne fuligula fuligula*  
Common/widespread - seen on 9 days of 10 with first observation Boulders 2.7.
122. **Fairy Flycatcher** *Stenostira scita*  
3 Skitterykloof 6.7 and 2 Skitterykloof 8.7.
123. **Sombre Greenbul** *Andropadus importunus importunus*  
8 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 2 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 5 Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
124. **Cape Bulbul** *Pycnonotus capensis*  
Seen Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, seen Paarl 2.7, seen 3.7, 20 West Coast NP 5.7, 2 Skitterykloof 6.7, 2 Skitterykloof 8.7, seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen 10.7.
125. **Cape Grassbird** *Sphenoeacus afer afer*  
1 Cape of Good Hope 1.7, 2 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 1 Paarl 2.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
126. **Victorin's Warbler** *Cryptillas victorini*  
1 seen and another 3 heard Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7.
127. **Lesser Swamp-Warbler** *Acrocephalus gracilirostris gracilirostris*  
1 heard Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7 and 1 heard West Coast NP 5.7.
128. **Little Rush-Warbler** *Bradypterus baboecala baboecala*  
3 heard Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7 and 2 heard West Coast NP 5.7.
129. **Bar-throated Apalis** *Apalis thoracica capensis*: 2 Paarl 2.7, 1 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 1 there 10.7 and 1 Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.  
*griseopyga*: 2 West Coast NP 5.7.
130. **Rufous-eared Warbler** *Malcorus pectoralis pectoralis*  
1 P2250 7.7.
131. **Red-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola subruficapilla subruficapilla*  
3 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 1 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, 2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 2 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 2 there 10.7.
132. **Tinkling Cisticola** *Cisticola tinniens tinniens*  
1 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 1 heard Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7 and 2 West Coast NP 5.7.
133. **Piping Cisticola** *Cisticola fulvicapilla silberbaueri*  
2 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 1 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 2 Suurbrak 10.7.
134. **Cloud Cisticola** *Cisticola textrix textrix*  
2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7.
135. **Karoo Prinia** *Prinia maculosa*  
5 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 5 Paarl 2.7, 10 en route 3.7, seen 4.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7, seen 6-8.7, seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen 10.7.
136. **Namaqua Prinia** *Prinia substriata substriata*  
4 P2250 7.7.
137. **Yellow-rumped Eremomela** *Eremomela gregalis gregalis*  
6 P2250 7.7 and 2 en route 8.7.
138. **Layard's Warbler** *Parisoma layardi*  
1 en route 6.7 and 1 Skitterykloof 6.7 and 2 Skitterykloof 8.7.
139. **Cape White-eye** *Zosterops pallidus capensis*  
Abundant Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, seen 2.7 and abundant Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
140. **Cape Sugarbird** *Promerops cafer*  
10 en route 2.7, 1 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 3 en route 6.7, 1 Skitterykloof 8.7 and 2 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 4 there 10.7.
141. **Fiscal Flycatcher** *Sigelus silens*  
2 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 4 Paarl 2.7, 1 pair Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 3 there 10.7.
142. **Dusky-brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa adusta adusta*  
1 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7 and 2 De Hoop NR 9.7.
143. **Karoo Scrub-Robin** *Cercotrichas coryphaeus cinerea*  
1 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 4 Jacobs Bay 4.7 and 10 West Coast NP 5.7.
144. **Cape Robin-Chat** *Cossypha caffra caffra*  
2 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 2 Cape Town 1.7, 10 en route 2.7, 5 Cape Town 3.7, 8 West Coast NP 5.7, 2 Skitterykloof 8.7, 8 De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen there 10.7 and seen Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.

145. **African Stonechat** *Saxicola torquatus*  
1 pair Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 1 Jacobs Bay 4.7, 2 en route 6.7, 5 en route 8.7, 3 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 6 en route 10.7.
146. **Southern Anteater-Chat** *Myrmecocichla formicivora*  
Only observed en route with 2 8.7.
147. **Sicklewing Chat** *Cercomela sinuata*  
2 P2250 7.7.
148. **Karoo Chat** *Cercomela schlegelii*  
5 P2250 7.7 and 2 en route 8.7.
149. **Tractrac Chat** *Cercomela tractrac tractrac*  
4 P2250 7.7 and 6 en route 8.7.
150. **Familiar Chat** *Cercomela familiaris familiaris*  
1 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7 and 1 Paarl 2.7.
151. **Mountain Wheatear** *Oenanthe monticola monticola*  
10 Skitterykloof 6.7, 3 en route 7.7 and 2 Skitterykloof 8.7.
152. **Capped Wheatear** *Oenanthe pileata pileata*  
10 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 3 en route 6.7 and 2 De Hoop NR 8.7 and 5 De Hoop NR 10.7.
153. **Olive Thrush** *Turdus olivaceus olivaceus*  
2 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7 and 1 en route 1.7.
154. **European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris vulgaris*  
Common/widespread - seen on 10 days of 10 with first observation Cape Town 1.7.
155. **Wattled Starling** *Creatophora cinerea*  
20 West Coast NP 5.7.
156. **African Pied Starling** *Spreo bicolor*  
75 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, abundant West Coast NP 5.7, seen en route 6.7, common en route 8.7 and seen 9.7 and there 10.7.
157. **Red-winged Starling** *Onychognathus morio morio*  
Common Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, seen 2.7 and there 3.7, 2 en route 8.7 and 4 De Hoop NR 9.7.
158. **Orange-breasted Sunbird** *Anthobaphes violacea*  
4 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 4 Paarl 2.7, 1 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 2 en route 6.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
159. **Amethyst Sunbird** *Chalcomitra amethystina amethystina*  
1 pair Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7 and 1 Paarl 2.7.
160. **Malachite Sunbird** *Nectarinia famosa famosa*  
1 ♂ Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 10 en route 2.7, 3 P2250 7.7, 1 pair en route 8.7 and 3 De Hoop NR 9.7.
161. **Southern Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris chalybeus albilateralis*  
Abundant Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 2 Paarl 2.7, 15 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 20 West Coast NP 5.7, seen en route 6.7, 10 Skitterykloof 8.7 and seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen there 10.7.
162. **Greater Double-collared Sunbird** *Cinnyris afer afer*  
4 Suurbak 10.7 and 4 Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
163. **Dusky Sunbird** *Cinnyris fuscus fuscus*  
1♀ De Hoop NR 4.7 and 5 P2250 7.7.
164. **Cape Wagtail** *Motacilla capensis capensis*  
4 Boulders 1.7, 30 Cape Town 3.7, seen Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7, seen 4.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7, seen 6.7, 1 P2250 7.7, seen en route 8.7, seen De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen 10.7.
165. **African Pipit** *Anthus cinnamomeus rufuloides*  
2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 1 en route 6.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 10.7.
166. **Plain-backed Pipit** *Anthus leucophrys leucophrys*  
2 Cape of Good Hope 3.7.
167. **Orange-throated Longclaw** *Macronyx capensis capensis*  
12 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 1 West Coast NP 5.7 and 5 De Hoop NR 8.7.
168. **Cape Bunting** *Emberiza capensis capensis*  
3 Cape of Good Hope 1.7, 2 Paarl 2.7, 2 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 5 West Coast NP 5.7, 10 Skitterykloof 6.7, 2 P2250 7.7, seen en route 8.7 and 10 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 5 there 10.7.
169. **Cape Siskin** *Pseudochloroptila totta*  
75 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7 and 2 De Hoop NR 10.7.
170. **Cape Canary** *Serinus canicollis canicollis*  
10 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 5 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 3 en route 6.7, 6 en route 8.7 and 2 Suurbak 10.7.

171. **Forest Canary** *Serinus scotops umbrosus*  
2 Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
172. **Brimstone Canary** *Serinus sulphuratus sulphuratus*  
1 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 2 Paarl 2.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
173. **Yellow Canary** *Serinus flaviventris flaviventris*  
12 West Coast NP 5.7, 3 en route 6.7, 30 P2250 7.7, 10 Skitterykloof 8.7, 2 De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen 10.7.
174. **White-throated Canary** *Serinus albogularis albogularis*  
1 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 4 West Coast NP 5.7, 3 en route 6.7, 1 en route 8.7 and 1 De Hoop NR 9.7.
175. **Streaky-headed Seedeater** *Serinus gularis humilis*  
2 Suurbrak 10.7.
176. **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus indicus*  
Common/widespread - seen on 5 days of 10 with first observation Cape Town 1.7.
177. **Cape Sparrow** *Passer melanurus melanurus*  
1 Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens 1.7, 2 en route 1.7, abundant Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, abundant Jacobs Bay 4.7, seen West Coast NP 5.7, seen en route 6.7 and seen there 7.7 and seen 8-10.7.
178. **Cape Weaver** *Ploceus capensis*  
20 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 20 West Coast NP 5.7, 3 Skitterykloof 6.7, 3 en route 6.7, 5 P2250 7.7, 3 Skitterykloof 8.7, 40 De Hoop NR 9.7 and seen 10.7.
179. **Southern Masked-Weaver** *Ploceus velatus velatus*  
1 ♂ Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 1 ♂ West Coast NP 5.7.
180. **Red Bishop** *Euplectes orix*  
4 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 20 en route 6.7.
181. **Yellow Bishop** *Euplectes capensis capensis*  
5 Cape of Good Hope 3.7 and 10 en route 8.7.
182. **Swee Waxbill** *Coccygia melanotis melanotis*  
1 pair Grootvadersbosch NR 10.7.
183. **Common Waxbill** *Estrilda astrild astrild*  
2 Paarl 2.7, 1 Strandfontein Sewage Works 3.7 and 1 pair P2250 7.7.



Cape Mountain Zebra, De Hoop Nature Reserve.

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## Mammals

1. **Common Rock Hyrax** *Procavia capensis*  
1 Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, 1 Cape of Good Hope 3.7 and 10 Skitterykloof 6.7 and 5 Skitterykloof 8.7.
2. **Chacma Baboon** *Papio ursinus ursinus*  
40 en route 2.7, seen en route 8.7 and seen De Hoop NR 9.7.
3. **South African Ground Squirrel** *Xerus inauris*  
1 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7.
4. **Four-striped Grass Mouse** *Rhabdomys pumilio*  
2 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7, 1 P2250 7.7 and 10 De Hoop NR 9.7.
5. **Leopard** *Panthera pardus pardus*  
Most probably mating/territorial calls at Skitterykloof 8.6.
6. **Cape Grey Mongoose** *Herpestes pulverulentus*  
1 en route 2.7 and 1 en route 7.7.
7. **Black-backed Jackal** *Canis mesomelas*  
1 P2250 7.7.
8. **African Clawless Otter** *Aonyx capensis*  
5 De Hoop NR 9.7.
9. **South African Fur Seal** *Arctocephalus pusillus*  
9 Cape of Good Hope 3.7.
10. **Mountain Zebra** *Equus zebra*  
4 De Hoop NR 9.7.
11. **Cape Grysbok** *Raphicerus melanotis*  
3 Darling Wildflower Route 4.7 and 1 Jacobs Bay 6.7.
12. **Steenbok** *Raphicerus campestris campestris*  
1 West Coast NP 5.7.
13. **Common Duiker** *Sylvicapra grimmia*  
1 West Coast NP 5.7.
14. **Common Eland** *Tragelaphus oryx*  
3 Cape of Good Hope 3.7, 2 West Coast NP 5.7, 15 De Hoop NR 9.7 and 10 Paarl 10.7.
15. **Grey (Vaal) Rhebok** *Pelea capreolus*  
6 De Hoop NR 10.7.

16. **Hartebeest** *Alcelaphus buselaphus*  
1 West Coast NP 5.7.
17. **Southern Right Whale** *Eubalaena australis*  
12 De Hoop NR 9.7.
18. **Indo-pacific Bottlenose Dolphin** *Tursiops aduncus*  
3 De Hoop NR 9.7.

## Other creatures

1. **Angulated Tortoise** *Chersina angulata*  
3 West Coast NP 5.7.
2. **Clicking Stream Frog** *Strongylopus grayii*  
Heard Cape of Good Hope 1.7 and 3.7, Hottentots-Holland and Paarl NR 2.7.
3. **Cape Mountain Rain Frog** *Breviceps montanus*  
Heard Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7, Cape of Good Hope 3.7, Darling Wildflower Route 4.7.
4. **De Villier's Moss Frog** *Arthroleptella villiersi*  
Heard Hottentots-Holland NR 2.7.