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Namibia Okavango Sept 2015 trip list by Tertius Gous. Total species recorded: 315

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Bold = endemic or near-endemic

Italics = migrant

[] = species had a different name on the IOC list but we include this name to make it clearer

Ostriches	Family Struthionidae	
Common Ostrich	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	Common at Etosha
Ducks, Geese & Swans	Family Anatidae	
White-faced Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	Seen along the Okavango river and associated floodplain
Spur-winged Goose	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	Seen along the Okavango river and associated floodplain
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	Common at waterbodies and rivers at Etosha and the north
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	Common at Walvis Bay and Etosha
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhynchos</i>	Seen at farm dam near Khorixas and Okavango floodplain at Mahango
Hottentot Teal	<i>Anas hottentota</i>	Seen at Rundu Sewage Works
Guineafowl	Family Numididae	
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Common at Erongo and Etosha
Pheasants, Fowl & Allies	Family Phasianidae	
Coqui Francolin	<i>Peliperdix coqui</i>	Seen in the Kavango woodlands near Rundu
Crested Francolin	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	Seen best at Etosha
Hartlaub's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis hartlaubi</i>	Heard only at Waterberg
Red-billed Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>	Abundant all over
Swainson's Spurfowl	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	Seen at Etosha
Grebes	Family Podicipedidae	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Seen at the waterbodies at Etosha
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay lagoon and the ocean
Flamingos	Family Phoenicopteridae	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Abundant at Walvis Bay
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	Abundant at Walvis Bay
Storks	Family Ciconiidae	
Yellow-billed Stork	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	Seen on the Okavango floodplain
African Openbill	<i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	Regular along the Okavango River and associated floodplain
Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	A few sightings along Okavango River and associated floodplain
Ibises, Spoonbills	Family Threskiornithidae	
African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Best seen along Okavango River and associated floodplain
African Spoonbill	<i>Platalea alba</i>	Seen along the Okavango river and associated floodplain
Hérons, Bitterns	Family Ardeidae	
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	A few sightings in the reed beds of the Okavango River
White-backed Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>	Good sightings in the reed beds of the Okavango River
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Seen along the Okavango River and associated floodplain
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Common along the Okavango River and associated floodplain
Rufous-bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Associated with livestock and game
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay and the Okavango River
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Seen along the Okavango river and associated floodplain
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Seen once at Mahango
Black Heron	<i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	Seen along the Okavango river and associated floodplain
Slaty Egret	<i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>	Seen once along the Okavango River
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay and the Okavango River
Hamerkop	Family Scopidae	

Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Common along the Okavango River and associated floodplain
Pelicans	Family Pelecanidae	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Flocks seen at Walvis Bay and the ocean
Cormorants, shags	Family Phalacrocoracidae	
Reed Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	Common along the Okavango River and associated floodplain
Crowned Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>	Seen only at near Walvis Bay
White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Cape Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	Common at Walvis Bay
Anhingas, darters	Family Anhingidae	
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
Kites, Hawks & Eagles	Family Accipitridae	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Seen mostly along the road in the Windhoek area
White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps africanus</i>	Seen at Etosha and Mahango
Lappet-faced Vulture	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>	Seen on the plains southwest of Brandberg and at Mahango
Black-chested Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	Seen in the Erongo Mountains, near Brandberg and at Rundu Sewage Works
Brown Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	Seen once en route to Windhoek on last day
Western Banded Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>	Pair seen along Okavango River
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Seen at Etosha, Mahango and over the Okavango floodplain
Wahlberg's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>	Bird on nest seen en route to Waterberg
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	Fairly common at Etosha
Verreaux's Eagle	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Pair at Spitzkoppe
African Hawk-Eagle	<i>Aquila spilogaster</i>	Scattered sightings in dry west and at Etosha
Gabar Goshawk	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>	Seen once flying over Okavango River
Pale Chanting Goshawk	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	Very common in the dry west and at Etosha
Little Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter minullus</i>	Seen at Halali, our lodge near Rundu and our Okavango lodge
African Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus ranivorus</i>	Seen along the Okavango river and associated floodplain
Black Harrier	<i>Circus maurus</i>	One bird seen quartering the dunes at Rooibank
Yellow-billed Kite	<i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	Common along the Okavango River with nesting observed
African Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	Common along the Okavango River with nesting observed
Augur Buzzard	<i>Buteo augur</i>	Seen near Spitzkoppe
Bustards	Family Otidae	
Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	Common at Etosha
Ludwig's Bustard	<i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	Seen once near Brandberg
Rüppell's Korhaan	<i>Eupodotis rueppellii</i>	Seen on the plains of the Namib Desert
Red-crested Korhaan	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>	Heard a few times but seen once on last day along road en route to Windhoek
Northern Black Korhaan	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>	Common at Etosha
Rails, Crakes & Coots	Family Rallidae	
African Rail	<i>Rallus caerulescens</i>	Heard along Okavango River
Black Crake	<i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	Common along the Okavango River and associated floodplain
African Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	Seen at Rundu Sewage Works
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Seen at Etosha and Rundu Sewage Works
Red-knobbed Coot	<i>Fulica cristata</i>	Seen at Rundu Sewage Works
Cranes	Family Gruidae	
Wattled Crane	<i>Grus carunculata</i>	Seen at Mahango
Stone-curlews, Thick-knees	Family Burhinidae	
Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	Seen and heard along the Okavango River
Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	Heard at Etosha
Oystercatchers	Family Haematopodidae	
African Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus moquini</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Stilts, Avocets	Family Recurvirostridae	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay and the Okavango River
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Plovers	Family Charadriidae	
Long-toed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	Seen along the Okavango river and associated floodplain
Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	Very common at Etosha and along Okavango River
Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Seen at Etosha and Mahango
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Kittlitz's Plover	<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay and Etosha
Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay and Etosha
White-fronted Plover	<i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Chestnut-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	Common at Walvis Bay
Jacanas	Family Jacanidae	
African Jacana	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	Seen at Etosha and common along Okavango River and floodplain
Sandpipers, Snipes	Family Scolopacidae	
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay and the Okavango River

Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Seen at Etosha and along the Okavango River
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Seen at Etosha and along the Okavango River
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay and Etosha
Curllew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay and Etosha
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay, Etosha and along Okavango River
Courasers, Pratincoles	Family Glareolidae	
Double-banded Courser	<i>Rhinoptilus africanus</i>	Fairly common at Etosha
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Seen along the Okavango river and associated floodplain
Rock Pratincole	<i>Glareola nuchalis</i>	Seen on rocks in the Okavango River
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	Family Laridae	
African Skimmer	<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	Seen well along Okavango River with nesting noted
Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Hartlaub's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>	Seen along coast and at Walvis Bay
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Seen along coast and at Walvis Bay
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Seen along coast and at Walvis Bay
Damara Tern	<i>Sternula balaenarum</i>	One bird seen at Walvis Bay
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Sandgrouse	Family Pteroclididae	
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	Very common at Etosha with large numbers at waterholes
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>	Seen near Erongo and once at Etosha
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>	Group flying over while on boat on Okavango River
Pigeons, Doves	Family Columbidae	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Seen in urban areas especially Windhoek and Walvis Bay
Speckled Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Mourning Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>	Seen and heard in riverine forest along Okavango River
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Very common in the north
Ring-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Very common all over
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	Very common all over
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	Seen from eastern Etosha and further north
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Fairly common all over
African Green Pigeon	<i>Treron calvus</i>	Seen in the riverine forest along the Okavango River
Turacos	Family Musophagidae	
Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	Fairly common all over
Cuckoos	Family Cuculidae	
Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>	Seen along the Okavango River and associated floodplain
White-browed Coucal	<i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	Seen at our Okavango lodge
Barn Owls	Family Tytonidae	
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Seen at Etosha
Owls	Family Strigidae	
African Scops Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>	Heard a few times but seen at roost in Halali
Southern White-faced Owl	<i>Ptilopsis granti</i>	Heard at Hohenstain Lodge
Pel's Fishing Owl	<i>Scotopelia peli</i>	Amazing sighting at our Okavango lodge campsite, but also at Shakawe
Pearl-spotted Owlet	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	Common and heard and seen all over
Nightjars	Family Caprimulgidae	
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>	Heard on several days in the north
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	Heard at Erongo Brandberg and Waterberg
Square-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>	Heard along Okavango River
Swifts	Family Apodidae	
African Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Scattered sightings at Windhoek, Etosha, the north and Waterberg
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Seen along road near Windhoek and at Waterberg
Bradfield's Swift	<i>Apus bradfieldi</i>	Screaming parties seen well at Waterberg
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Scattered sightings all over
Mousebirds	Family Coliidae	
White-backed Mousebird	<i>Colius colius</i>	Seen in Windhoek and at Spitzkoppe
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	Fairly common all over
Rollers	Family Coraciidae	
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevius</i>	Seen in Erongo Mountains, Etosha and Waterberg
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	Common in the north and Waterberg area
Kingfishers	Family Alcedinidae	
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	Seen in the Kavango woodlands
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	Common along Okavango River
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	Fairly common along Okavango River
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Very common along Okavango River
Bee-eaters	Family Meropidae	
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	Seen in Erongo Mountains, Etosha, the north and Waterberg

Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Common in the north
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	Common along Okavango River
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>	Common along Okavango River with spectacular nesting colony at Shakawe

Hoopoes **Family Upupidae**

African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	Seen well at Etosha
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Wood Hoopoes **Family Phoeniculidae**

Green Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	Seen in the riverine forest along the Okavango River
Violet Wood Hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus damarensis</i>	Seen very well in riverine trees along dry Khan River
Common Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	Seen at Etosha, Kavango woodlands and Mahango

Hornbills **Family Bucerotidae**

Damara Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus damarensis</i>	Good sightings along Khan River
Southern Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	Common at Etosha
Monteiro's Hornbill	<i>Tockus monteiri</i>	Seen well at Erongo Mountains and Spitzkoppe
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	Common all over
Bradfield's Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros bradfieldi</i>	Seen near Mahango and Shakawe
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	Common in most thornveld and broadleaf woodlands

African barbets **Family Lybiidae**

Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	Seen in the north with a nest found
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	Fairly common in the dry centre and west, and Etosha
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	Seen in the riverine forest along the Okavango River
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	Seen in the riverine forest along the Okavango River

Honeyguides **Family Indicatoridae**

Lesser Honeyguide	<i>Indicator minor</i>	Seen at Roy's Camp
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Woodpeckers **Family Picidae**

Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	Heard in the north but seen at Waterberg
Bearded Woodpecker	<i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>	Pair seen well along Khan River
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	Heard at Etosha

Falcons **Family Falconidae**

Pygmy Falcon	<i>Polhierax semitorquatus</i>	Pair seen near Karibib
Rock Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicolus</i>	Seen near Brandberg and at Etosha
Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	Fairly common at Etosha
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Seen once at Spitzkoppe
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Seen at farm dam near Khorixas

African & New World Parrots **Family Psittacidae**

Meyer's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	Fairly common in the north
Rüppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>	Seen along the Khan River and at Waterberg

Old World Parrots **Family Psittaculidae**

Rosy-faced Lovebird	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	Common in the Erongo Mountains and Spitzkoppe
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Wattle-eyes, Batises **Family Platysteiridae**

Chinspot Batis	<i>Batis molitor</i>	Common in the north
Pirit Batis	<i>Batis pirit</i>	Common at Erongo Mountains and Spitzkoppe
White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>	Seen well at Erongo Mountains and Spitzkoppe

Helmetshrikes **Family Prionopidae**

White-crested Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>	Seen in the north
Retz's Helmetshrike	<i>Prionops retzii</i>	Seen at Mahango

Bushshrikes **Family Malaconotidae**

Orange-breasted Bushshrike	<i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>	Heard and seen in riverine forest of the Okavango River
Brown-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra australis</i>	Seen in the north
Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	Fairly common in the north
Swamp Boubou	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>	Very common along Okavango River
Crimson-breasted Shrike	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	Common in thornveld all over
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>	Seen at Erongo Mountains and Etosha

Shrikes **Family Laniidae**

Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>	Seen in the north
Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguimans</i>	Common at Etosha
Souza's Shrike	<i>Lanius souzae</i>	Great sighting in the Kavango woodlands
Southern Fiscal	<i>Lanius collaris</i>	Seen in dry centre and west (subsp subcoronatus)

Orioles **Family Oriolidae**

Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	Seen in the north
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Drongos **Family Dicruridae**

Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Very common all over
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Monarchs **Family Monarchidae**

African Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Seen once in riverine forest along Okavango River
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Crows **Family Corvidae**

Cape Crow	<i>Corvus capensis</i>	Seen on the Namib plains and at Etosha
Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Scattered sightings all over

Tits **Family Paridae**

Southern Black Tit	<i>Melaniparus niger</i>	Common in the north
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Carp's Tit	<i>Melaniparus carpi</i>	Seen well along the Khan River
Rufous-bellied Tit	<i>Melaniparus rufiventris</i>	Great sighting in the Kavango woodlands
Ashy Tit	<i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>	Fairly common in the thornveld of the centre and west
Penduline Tits	Family Remizidae	
Cape Penduline Tit	<i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>	Seen at Spitzkoppe
Larks	Family Alaudidae	
Spike-heeled Lark	<i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	Scattered sighting in open plains around Brandberg and at Etosha
Gray's Lark	<i>Ammomanopsis grayi</i>	A few sightings in open plains south of Brandberg and along coastal road
Benguela Long-billed Lark	<i>Certhilauda benguelensis</i>	Seen well on plains south and east of Brandberg
Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	Seen at Etosha and near our lodge near Rundu
Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	Common at Etosha
Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	Common in west and at Etosha (mostly subsp herero)
Fawn-colored Lark	<i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>	Seen in Kavango woodlands
Dune Lark	<i>Calendulauda erythroclamyra</i>	Brief sighting by some at Rooibank near Walvis Bay
Eastern Clapper Lark	<i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>	Seen at Etosha
Stark's Lark	<i>Spizocorys starki</i>	Seen at Etosha only
Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	Very common at Etosha
Bulbuls	Family Pycnonotidae	
African Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	Common in dry centre and west including Etosha
Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	Very common in the north
Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	Seen in riverine forest along Okavango River
Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	Seen in riverine thickets along Okavango River
Swallows, martins	Family Hirundinidae	
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
Banded Martin	<i>Riparia cincta</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
<i>Barn Swallow</i>	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	<i>Seen along the Okavango River</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Common along the Okavango River
Pearl-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>	Seen en route to Etosha from Khorixas
Rock Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	Common at western mountains and Etosha
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>	Common in the north
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Cecropis semirufa</i>	Seen at Etosha and the north
Mosque Swallow	<i>Cecropis senegalensis</i>	Seen once near our lodge near Rundu
Crombecs, African warblers	Family Macrosphenidae	
Rockrunner	<i>Achaetops pycnopygius</i>	Heard and seen at Waterberg by some
Long-billed Crombec	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	Seen around Erongo and at Etosha
Reed warblers and allies	Family Acrocephalidae	
Greater Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>	Seen and heard in the papyrus swamps along the Okavango River
Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	Heard and seen along the Okavango River
African Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>	Heard along the Okavango River
Grassbirds and allies	Family Locustellidae	
Little Rush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>	Heard along the Okavango River
Cisticolas and allies	Family Cisticolidae	
Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	Seen around Windhoek and in the north
Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>	Seen and heard along the Okavango River
Desert Cisticola	<i>Cisticola aridulus</i>	Seen near Karibib
Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Common along the Okavango River
Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	Common in the west, centre and at Etosha
Yellow-breasted Apalis	<i>Apalis flavida</i>	Seen and heard in the riverine forest along the Okavango River
Rufous-eared Warbler	<i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>	Seen well at Etosha
Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>	Fairly common with scattered sightings all over
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	<i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	Seen in the centre, west and at Etosha
Green-capped Eremomela	<i>Eremomela scotops</i>	Seen in the Kavango woodlands
Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>	Seen at Etosha and Mahango
Typical Babblers	Family Leiothrichidae	
Black-faced Babbler	<i>Turdoides melanops</i>	Seen well near our Okavango lodge
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	Common in the woodlands along the Okavango River
Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>	Very common along the Okavango River
Southern Pied Babbler	<i>Turdoides bicolor</i>	Seen along the Khan River, at Etosha and near our Okavango lodge
Bare-cheeked Babbler	<i>Turdoides gymnogenys</i>	Seen well at Halali
Sylviid Babblers	Family Sylviidae	
Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcaerulea</i>	Common in the west, centre and at Etosha
White-eyes	Family Zosteropidae	
Orange River White-eye	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
African Yellow White-eye	<i>Zosterops senegalensis</i>	Seen at our lodge near Rundu and in the Kavango woodlands
Starlings	Family Sturnidae	
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	Seen at Etosha and the north
Cape Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	Very common at Etosha
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	Common in the north

Meves's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>	Very common in woodlands along the Okavango River
Burchell's Starling	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>	Common in woodlands along Okavango and Khan Rivers, and Waterberg
Violet-backed Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	Seen at our lodge near Rundu
Pale-winged Starling	<i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>	Common at Erongo Mountains, Spitzkoppe and Waterberg
Oxpeckers	Family Buphagidae	
Yellow-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus africanus</i>	Seen on game at Mahango
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	Seen on livestock and game in the north
Thrushes	Family Turdidae	
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>	Common at Etosha but also seen along Khan River and at Waterberg
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>	Seen in the north a few times
Chats, Old World Flycatchers	Family Muscicapidae	
Kalahari Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	Seen at Erongo and the Erongo Mountains
White-browed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	Seen along Khan River, at Etosha and Mahango
Southern Black Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>	Seen in the Kavango woodlands
Pale Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>	Seen in the Kavango woodlands
Chat Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>	Several sightings in the west and at Etosha
Marico Flycatcher	<i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>	Common in the centre, west and at Etosha
Ashy Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	Seen in the riverine forest along the Okavango River
White-browed Robin-Chat	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	Often heard and seen in riverine forest along Okavango River
Short-toed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola brevipes</i>	Seen near Usakos and at Waterberg
African Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	Seen once along Okavango River
Karoo Chat	<i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>	Seen on the dry western plains
Tractrac Chat	<i>Emarginata tractrac</i>	Seen on the plains of the Namib Desert
Ant-eating Chat	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	Seen at Etosha
Mountain Wheatear	<i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>	Seen at Spitzkoppe and near Brandberg
Familiar Chat	<i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	Seen in mountainous areas
Herero Chat	<i>Namibornis herero</i>	Pair seen very well at Spitzkoppe
Sunbirds	Family Nectariniidae	
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedypipna collaris</i>	Seen in the riverine forest along the Okavango River
Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	Seen in the woodlands and riverine forest along the Okavango River
Marico Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	Common in the centre, west and north
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	Common in the north
Dusky Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	Seen in the west and at Etosha
Old World Sparrows	Family Passeridae	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	Common in the centre, west and at Etosha
Sociable Weaver	<i>Philetairus socius</i>	Common at Etosha
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Scattered sightings in urban areas
Great Sparrow	<i>Passer motitensis</i>	Common in the centre, west and at Etosha
Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	Seen in the west and at Etosha
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	Seen at Etosha
Yellow-throated Petronia	<i>Gymnoris supercilialis</i>	Seen in the Kavango woodlands
Weavers, Widowbirds	Family Ploceidae	
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Seen along the Khan River
Scaly-feathered Weaver	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	Seen in the west and at Etosha
Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>	Common along the Okavango River
Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	Common in the centre, west and at Etosha
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	Seen at Etosha and the Kavango woodlands
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	Seen in the north
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	Seen in the north
Waxbills, Munias & Allies	Family Estrildidae	
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	Seen at Erongo and Etosha
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	Seen at Erongo
Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>	Seen well at our Okavango lodge
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Seen near our lodge near Rundu and at Mahango
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	Seen in the north
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus granatinus</i>	Seen well at Erongo
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Seen at Walvis Bay
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>	Seen in Windhoek and Erongo
Indigobirds, Whydahs	Family Viduidae	
Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>	Non-breeding males seen at Erongo and near our lodge near Rundu
Wagtails, Pipits	Family Motacillidae	
Cape Wagtail	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>	Common at Walvis Bay
African Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Seen along the Okavango River
African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	A few scattered sightings at Etosha and Mahango
Finches	Family Fringillidae	
Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>	Common at Erongo
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Crithagra mozambica</i>	Seen in the north, especially the Kavango woodlands

Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	Seen at Erongo
White-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra albogularis</i>	Seen at Erongo
Buntings	Family Emberizidae	
Lark-like Bunting	<i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	Abundant at Erongo
Cape Bunting	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>	Seen at Spitzkoppe
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	Seen at Erongo and the Kavango woodlands