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Namibia, Botswana & Victoria Falls – Species List

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A = Species number B = Number of days out of 10 recorded C = Highest daily count

A	BIRD SPECIES	B	C	Notes
1	Common Ostrich <i>Struthio camelus</i>	1	1	A pair seen well on our game drive in Bwabwata NP
2	Crested Francolin <i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	3	4	Several seen on game drives in Chobe NP
3	Red-billed Francolin <i>Pternistis adspersus</i>	7	20	Good numbers seen in many places throughout tour
4	Natal Francolin <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>	1	3	A localised species with 3 seen well through scopes at Victoria Falls
5	Swainson's Spurfowl <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	3	4	Just a few seen at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
6	Helmeted Guineafowl <i>Numida meleagris</i>	6	8	Small numbers seen well at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
7	White-faced Whistling Duck <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	5	30+	Seen mostly from boat trips at Chobe NP, from Xaro Lodge and from Ngami lake and Thamalakane River Lodge
8	Egyptian Goose <i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	5	20+	Common and seen in many wetlands
9	Spur-winged Goose <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	7	30	Small groups at Chobe and wetlands around Okavango. 30 in flight at Bwabwata NP
10	Comb Duck <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	1	1	Just 1 in flight at Thamalakane Lodge wetlands
11	African Pygmy-Goose <i>Nettapus auritus</i>	3	8	Fabulous views of 7 on boat trip from Xaro Lodge. Others seen in flight at Thamalakane Lodge
12	Red-billed Teal <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	4	9	Biggest group was 9 at Chobe NP, with a few others at Ngami Lake
13	Hottentot Teal <i>Anas hottentota</i>	1	6	Seen well at Ngami Lake
14	Bennett's Woodpecker <i>Campethera bennettii</i>	2	3	3 seen very in grounds of Xaro Lodge, with 1 at Lawdon's Lodge
15	Golden-tailed Woodpecker <i>Campethera abingoni</i>	2	2	A pair seen on picnic stop along Caprivi Strip and 2 seen in gardens of Lawdon's Lodge
16	Cardinal Woodpecker <i>Dendropicops fuscescens</i>	1	1	One seen well in gardens of Lawdon's Lodge
17	Bearded Woodpecker <i>Dendropicops namaquus</i>	1	2	2 seen on game drive in Bwabwata NP
18	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>	1	1	One showed well as it called constantly above our heads near Protea Hotel
19	Black-collared Barbet <i>Lybius torquatus</i>	8	4	A beautiful bird seen many times and often in pairs during the trip
20	Crested Barbet	4	2	Seen at Bakwena Lodge, Bwabwata NP and

	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>			Lawdon's Lodge
21	Red-billed Hornbill <i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	4	5	Seen well at Chobe NP and around Thamalakane Lodge
22	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill <i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	3	2	Seen well at Bwabwata NP and also in scrub near Thamalakane Lodge
23	Bradfield's Hornbill <i>Tockus bradfieldi</i>	3	3	Seen well at Chobe NP, Bwabwata NP and in scrub near Thamalakane Lodge
24	African Gray Hornbill <i>Tockus nasutus</i>	7	6	Seen on many occasions throughout trip
25	Trumpeter Hornbill <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>	3	4	The best were 4 seen well at Victoria Falls
26	Southern Ground-Hornbill <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>	2	6	Great views of family groups of this amazing bird on roadside stops along Caprivi Strip
27	African Hoopoe <i>Upupa africana</i>	5	4	Up to 4 seen in Chobe NP and a few others throughout trip
28	Green Wood-Hoopoe <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	2	6	A group of 6 showed well in Chobe NP and another group of 6 gave great views at Xaro Lodge
29	Common Scimitarbill <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	3	6	A group of 6 seen well at Chobe NP was our best sighting
30	Narina Trogon <i>Apaloderma narina</i>	1	1	A difficult bird to find but 1 was seen at Drotsky's Camp
31	Racket-tailed Roller <i>Coracias spatulatus</i>	1	4	We had great views of 4 birds at a rest stop along the Caprivi Strip
32	Lilac-breasted Roller <i>Coracias caudata</i>	9	20	A stunningly beautiful bird seen on most days of the trip
33	Purple Roller <i>Coracias naevia</i>	1	1	Just one seen along the Caprivi Strip
34	Broad-billed Roller <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	6	8	Another fabulous bird seen many times throughout the tour
35	Malachite Kingfisher <i>Alcedo cristata</i>	6	4	Excellent close looks from boat trips at Chobe and the Okavango
36	Gray-headed Kingfisher <i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	3	1	Just singles seen but best views of one on Okavango from boat trip from Xaro Lodge
37	Woodland Kingfisher <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	5	4	This bird has a fabulous call which was heard in many places. We had super views including one nesting at Xaro Lodge
38	Brown-hooded Kingfisher <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	2	3	A pair seen very well at Maramba Lodge
39	Giant Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	5	2	Seen on 5 days but most memorable was one with a crab at Popa Falls Resort
40	Pied Kingfisher <i>Ceryle rudis</i>	9	6	Common and seen almost daily throughout the trip
41	White-fronted Bee-eater <i>Merops bullockoides</i>	3	20	Excellent views of many birds in the grounds of Lawdon's Lodge
42	Little Bee-eater <i>Merops pusillus</i>	8	20	Seen many times at various sites throughout the trip
43	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater <i>Merops hirundineus</i>	3	6	A couple seen at Chobe NP and up to 6 at Bwabwata NP
44	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater <i>Merops persicus</i>	6	30	Seen on 6 days our best views were from a boat trip at Chobe
45	European Bee-eater <i>Merops apiaster</i>	4	4	Just a few seen with best views of perched birds at Chobe NP
46	Southern Carmine Bee-eater <i>Merops nubicoides</i>	5	50	An absolutely stunning bird we had our best views of up to 50 birds including adults and young perched on wires near Lawdon's Lodge. Others

				were seen hunting at sunset in Bwabwata NP
47	Red-faced Mousebird <i>Urocolius indicus</i>	7	8	Small group mostly seen in flight, with good views in Chobe NP
48	Jacobin Cuckoo <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	5	2	Good views of several at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
49	Levaillant's Cuckoo <i>Clamator levaillantii</i>	1	2	Just one seen at the Protea Hotel gardens, although 2 showed well at Maramba Lodge a day prior to the start of our tour
50	Great Spotted Cuckoo <i>Clamator glandarius</i>	1	1	One adult showed well in Chobe NP
51	Red-chested Cuckoo <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	3	1	It took a while to track our first one down in Victoria Falls, and then we found another at Maramba Lodge
52	Black Cuckoo <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>	2	1	One showed well at Maramba Lodge to those that had arrived a day early. The only one during the trip flew alongside our vehicle
53	African Cuckoo <i>Cuculus gularis</i>	1	1	One seen perched in Chobe NP
54	Klaas's Cuckoo <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	1	1	One seen perched on dead tree top in Chobe NP. Others heard
55	Diderick Cuckoo <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	2	1	One showed well in scopes at Victoria Falls
56	Coppery-tailed Coucal <i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>	4	2	Several seen well from boat trip in wetlands at Chobe
57	Senegal Coucal <i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	1	2	Two were seen in wetlands from Thamalakane Lodge
58	White-browed Coucal <i>Centropus superciliosus</i>	1	1	Just one seen at Chobe NP
59	Meyer's Parrot <i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	1	6	A tough one to see perched we eventually got views of 4 at Bwabwata NP
60	African Palm-Swift <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	8	10+	Seen in small numbers on most days
61	Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i>	2	30+	The best was a group seen flying past a Popa Falls resort
62	Little Swift <i>Apus affinis</i>	1	6	Just one sighting of 6 at the border crossing from Namibia to Botswana
63	Schalow's Turaco <i>Tauraco schalowi</i>	3	6	Another fantastic looking bird. We had good but distant views of 6 at Victoria Falls and some closer views of several in scrub near Protea Hotel
64	Gray Go-away-bird <i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	8	30	Fairly common with many seen including about 30 together on the banks of the Okavango River
65	Pel's Fishing-Owl <i>Scotopelia peli</i>	3	2	One of the major highlights of the trip. We had good looks at 2 birds in daylight in the grounds of Xaro Lodge and superb views of another bird in a private forest. Check Gina's videos on YouTube
66	African Wood-Owl <i>Strix woodfordii</i>	3	2	Dan found our first one at the Protea Hotel in the garden and we got good looks the next morning. We also had fantastic views of a pair at Xaro Lodge
67	Pearl-spotted Owlet <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>	1	1	Just one seen well in scrub near Thamalakane Lodge
68	African Barred Owlet <i>Glaucidium capense</i>	1	1	Great looks at this smart owl during the daytime at Xaro Lodge
69	Fiery-necked Nightjar			Seen at Xaro Lodge. Flushed from a ground perch

	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>			near where the Pel's Owl was seen.
70	Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	3	10	A few seen
71	Laughing Dove <i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	8	50+	Common and seen in suitable habitat most days
72	Ring-necked Dove <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	8	100	Also known as Cape Turtle Dove this was by far the most common dove seen most days
73	Red-eyed Dove <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	5	50+	This dove became common throughout the second half of our tour
74	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	4	1	Just singles of this smart little dove seen well at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
75	African Green-Pigeon <i>Treron calva</i>	3	6	Seen in flight at Maramba Lodge and then a few seen perched at Thamalakane Lodge
76	Kori Bustard <i>Ardeotis kori</i>	1	1	This massive bird, the largest of the Bustards was seen only once on a roadside stop along the Caprivi Strip
77	Red-crested Korhaan <i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>	1	2	Two separate individuals were seen on game drives in Bwabwata NP
78	Wattled Crane <i>Grus carunculatus</i>	3	4	Another top bird of the trip we saw small family groups of just 3 birds at Bwabwata NP and another 3 from a boat trip on the Okavango from Xaro Lodge
79	Black Crake <i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>	6	4	For a crake these are surprisingly easy to see and we had many views of birds out in the open at most wetlands
80	African Purple Swamphen <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>	3	20+	A couple of individuals on the Okavango from Xaro Lodge but most significant were 20+ on Livingstone Sewerage Ponds
81	Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	2	2	One seen on Livingstone Sewerage Ponds and 2 on the Okavango from Xaro Lodge
82	African Snipe <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	2	2	Individuals were seen on 2 days on boat trips on the Chobe river
83	Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1	1	Only one bird seen in wetlands on our game drive at Bwabwata NP
84	Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	1	1	Just one seen at Ngami Lake
85	Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i>	6	10+	The most common shorebird seen in small numbers at most wetlands
86	Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	7	4	Singles seen on many days along rivers and wetlands
87	Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>	1	3	Just 2 together at Ngami Lake
88	Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	6	6	Small numbers seen at Livingstone Sewerage Ponds and wetlands at Chobe, Bwabwata NP and Okavango
89	African Jacana <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	9	50+	Very common and seen anywhere there was water
90	Lesser Jacana <i>Microparra capensis</i>	1	2	This is a rarely seen species due to its tiny size and skulking behaviour. We were lucky to see two birds well at Livingstone Sewerage Ponds
91	Water Thick-knee <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	5	6	Up to 6 seen on the Chobe river trips and others seen on boat trips on the Okavango river
92	Spotted Thick-knee <i>Burhinus capensis</i>	2	4	This dry scrub species was found twice on the nest with varying size chicks in Chobe NP
93	Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	3	10	Seen at Livingstone Sewerage Ponds, Bwabwata NP and along the Okavango river

94	Kittlitz's Plover <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	2	3	This smart looking plover was seen well from our boat trip on the Chobe river and also at Ngami Lake
95	Three-banded Plover <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	5	4	Another very smart plover seen at Chobe NP, Bwabwata NP and Ngami Lake
96	Long-toed Lapwing <i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	6	40	Common in the wetlands of Chobe, Bwabwata and the Okavango
97	Blacksmith Lapwing <i>Vanellus armatus</i>	9	20+	A common and attractive bird seen most days in any area of wetlands
98	White-crowned Lapwing <i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	2	2	An excellent and often difficult species we had excellent views of two separate pairs on 2 different Chobe river trips
99	African Wattled Lapwing <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	3	2	2 were seen well from the deck by the river at Popa Falls Resort and others seen on our Okavango river trips
100	Crowned Lapwing <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	1	8	This dry zone species was seen sheltering from the heat on our drive between Ngami Lake and Thamalakane Lodge
101	Bronze-winged Courser <i>Rhinoptilus chalcopterus</i>	1	4	Wow! Finally after many years of looking, this lifer for Steve was seen well at dusk in Bwabwata NP. 2 pairs in close proximity
102	Collared Pratincole <i>Glareola pratincola</i>	5	1000	Many seen on the ground and flying around the cattle fields from our Chobe river trip and at dusk forming a flock of around 1,000 birds. Also at Bwabwata NP and the Okavango
103	Rock Pratincole <i>Glareola nuchalis</i>	1	2	One seen distantly on rocks from Protea Hotel and much better views of one from the river deck at Popa Falls Resort
104	African Skimmer <i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	5	10	Lone birds seen on Chobe river trip, and up to 10 seen on the Okavango river trips from Xaro Lodge. Several large chick were seen with the adults here
105	Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	9	50+	The common tern seen most days around any wetlands. Most birds were in non-breeding plumage but on the Okavango we saw several smart birds in full breeding plumage
106	Western Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	2	1	One seen perched in Chobe NP and another distant one on the Okavango river
107	African Cuckoo Hawk <i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>	1	2	Two separate birds seen in flight on the game drives in Bwabwata NP
108	European Honey-Buzzard <i>Pernis apivorus</i>	1	1	One seen flying into the trees at Livingstone Sewerage Ponds
109	Black-shouldered Kite <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	3	1	2 were poorly seen in Chobe NP and one showed very well from our boat on the Okavango river
110	Black Kite <i>Milvus migrans</i>	9	6+	Seen on many days this and the next species were often not assigned to a specific species as we had seen so many
111	Yellow-billed Kite <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>	10	100+	It appeared that there were far more of this species than the previous species. Many seen well
112	African Fish-Eagle <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	9	35	This iconic bird with its flashy plumage and evocative call was seen and heard on most days. An area on the Okavango river where adults teach young birds to fish had over 35 birds present
113	Hooded Vulture <i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>	2	10	This was the common vulture of the Livingstone area
114	White-backed Vulture	5	30+	Fairly common in Chobe NP where we watched

	<i>Gyps africanus</i>			many flying around and feeding on a carcass
115	Lappet-faced Vulture <i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	2	2	Two were seen flying towards a carcass in Chobe NP and superb views of one perched in a dead tree in Bwabwata NP
116	White-headed Vulture <i>Trionocephs occipitalis</i>	1	2	This unusual species is not often seen but we had two flying over and heading towards a carcass
117	Black-chested Snake-Eagle <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	2	3	We had good views of 3 flying while driving towards Chobe from Livingstone and then 1 distantly perched from our boat trip on the Okavango river
118	Brown Snake-Eagle <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>	4	3	This very distinctive species was seen on a few occasions perched in dead trees or on telephone poles especially near Chobe
119	Western Banded Snake-Eagle <i>Circaetus cinerascens</i>	1	1	A very good species to find we watched one perched on a tree top from our boat on the Okavango river
120	Bateleur <i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	5	2	Another iconic African bird we watched adults and a juveniles flying around Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP and also beside the ferry from Zambia to Botswana
121	African Marsh-Harrier <i>Circus ranivorus</i>	2	1	Two different birds were seen from our boat trip on the Okavango river
122	African Harrier-Hawk <i>Polyboroides typus</i>	1	1	Poor views of one flying away from our boat trip on the Okavango river from Xaro Lodge
123	Lizard Buzzard <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>	1	1	Great close views of one bird perched above our heads in Bwabwata NP
124	Gabar Goshawk <i>Melierax gabar</i>	1	1	One seen briefly perched on the ground before flying off in Bwabwata NP
125	Little Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter minullus</i>	1	1	Fantastic close views of a perched bird in the car park of Thamalakane Lodge
126	Ovambo Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>	1	2	Another excellent species we watched two birds flying around from the river deck at Popa Falls Resort
127	Black Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	2	1	We saw the same bird on two different days in a private area of forest beside the Okavango river while searching for Narina Trogon
128	Steppe Buzzard <i>Buteo vulpinus</i>	4	6	A few of these distinctive Buteos were seen flying along the Caprivi strip and also Popa Falls area
129	Tawny Eagle <i>Aquila rapa</i>	3	1	Great looks at one bird perched in a tree top while we were watch a pack of Wild Dogs. Maybe he was watching them as well
130	Steppe Eagle <i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	1	1	Just one sub adult bird seen flying at Bwabwata NP
131	Martial Eagle <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>	1	1	Only the first vehicle got to see an immature before it flew off
132	Lesser Kestrel <i>Falco naumanni</i>	1	6	A very nice encounter with a group of perched birds in perfect light in Chobe NP
133	Eurasian Hobby <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	1	1	Fabulous interaction with a single bird dashing through the Whiskered Terns at Livingstone Sewerage Ponds
134	Lanner Falcon <i>Falco biarmicus</i>	2	1	Wonderful flight views of one bird from our boat on the Chobe river and then another distant bird perched in a dead tree top in the Buffalo Core area of Bwabwata NP
135	Little Grebe	2	1	Difficult to see but one on the river at Thamalakane

	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			Lodge and another at Ngami Lake
136	African Darter <i>Anhinga rufa</i>	9	30+	Common and seen many times at all wetlands. It was fun to watch them tossing fish in the air and catching them again
137	Reed Cormorant <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	9	20+	Very common and seen in all wetland areas and on all boat trips
138	Slaty Egret <i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>	3	2	A very special bird we encountered our first from our boat trip on the Chobe river, another in the wetlands of Bwabwata NP and then two on the Okavango river trip
139	Black Heron <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	2	3	One was seen at Chobe and then three flying together showing their bright yellow feet and dark legs at Ngami Lake
140	Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	9	30+	Fairly common and seen in all wetland areas
141	Yellow-billed Egret <i>Egretta intermedia</i>	6	3	We probably overlooked a few but when we did check the egrets we often found this species amongst its commoner cousins
142	Great Egret <i>Egretta alba</i>	9	10+	Common and seen in all wetland areas
143	Gray Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	9	3	Just small numbers seen on most days in areas that held water
144	Black-headed Heron <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	2	1	One seen flying past at Livingstone Sewerage Ponds and another immature seen from our Chobe river trip
145	Goliath Heron <i>Ardea goliath</i>	6	2	As its name suggests this is a massive heron and was seen well on the Chobe river trips as well as Bwabwata NP and the Okavango river from Xaro Lodge
146	Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	9	3	Seen in ones or twos on most days in areas of marsh and wetlands
147	Western Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	9	100	Common and seen most days often in small flocks
148	Squacco Heron <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	9	50+	A common species easily seen in any area of wetland
149	Rufous-bellied Heron <i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>	2	1	A scarce bird we had poor views of one from our Chobe river trip and better views although not great of one in marshes in Bwabwata NP
150	Striated Heron <i>Butorides striata</i>	5	6	A few seen especially from our boat trips on various rivers
151	Black-crowned Night-Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	3	6	Several flew up river each night while we watched the sunset at Xaro Lodge
152	White-backed Night-Heron <i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>	1	2	This highly sought after and difficult species proved otherwise with excellent views of two birds right beside Xaro Lodge
153	Little Bittern <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	3	1	Singles showed well from our boat trips on the Okavango river
154	Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i>	7	4	Seen on a number of occasions throughout the tour
155	Glossy Ibis <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	5	60	Flocks were seen on our Chobe river trips with just a few elsewhere
156	Hadada Ibis <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	3	2	This noisy species was heard each morning at Xaro lodge and also seen at Livingstone Sewerage Ponds
157	African Sacred Ibis <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	4	50	Lots were seen from our Chobe river trip and a few on the Okavango

158	African Spoonbill <i>Platalea alba</i>	3	9	Only seen at Chobe NP and from the Chobe river trip
159	Pink-backed Pelican <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	1	2	Just two seen in flight from the Chobe river trip
160	Yellow-billed Stork <i>Mycteria ibis</i>	6	5	Small numbers were seen at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
161	African Openbill <i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	3	6	Up to 6 were seen at Chobe NP from our boat trip
162	Abdim's Stork <i>Ciconia abdimii</i>	1	1	One bird flew past our boat on the first Chobe river trip
163	Saddle-billed Stork <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	2	2	A stunning stork and another iconic species we saw a pair at the Buffalo Core area of Bwabwata NP and another pair on the Okavango river
164	Marabou Stork <i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	6	60+	There were lots hanging around a rubbish dump near Chobe and a few others in the Okavango. We had close looks at one feeding on a carcass with vultures in Chobe
165	Eurasian Golden Oriole <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	1	1	One female seen in scrub area Bwabwata NP
166	African Golden Oriole <i>Oriolus auratus</i>	2	1	Best one was just outside the gate of Thamalakane Lodge
167	Black-headed Oriole <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>	1	1	One seen well in scrub land near Bwabwata NP
168	Fork-tailed Drongo <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	9	20	Bill's bird! Seen nearly every day
169	African Paradise-Flycatcher <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	5	4	Seen quite a few places but best views were at Popa Falls Resort
170	Brubru <i>Nilaus afer</i>	2	2	Finally got everyone on a pair in scrub near Thamalakane Lodge
171	Black-backed Puffback <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	10	3	Seen every day of the trip including one on a nest at Maramba Lodge
172	Brown-crowned Tchagra <i>Tchagra australis</i>	6	2	Seen well at Maramba Lodge, Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
173	Tropical Boubou <i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>	4	4	Easily seen at Maramba Lodge and Chobe NP
174	Swamp Boubou <i>Laniarius bicolor</i>	5	4	The distinctive call of this bird helped us see them at Popa Falls, Bwabwata and Xaro Lodge
175	Crimson-breasted Shrike <i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	2	6	What a stunning bird. Seen well on the Caprivi strip and on our game drives in Bwabwata NP
176	Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike <i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>	5	4	Another great looking bird seen well at Maramba Lodge and 3 together near Protea Hotel
177	Gray-headed Bush-Shrike <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>	1	1	One seen in grounds of Maramba Lodge
178	White-crested Helmet-Shrike <i>Prionops plumatus</i>	4	8	Always a great bird to find in their roving flocks. Groups were seen at Chobe NP, Caprivi and at Bwabwata NP
179	Retz's Helmet-Shrike <i>Prionops rufiventris</i>	1	2	Fabulous bird. 2 seen well in scrub behind Xaro Lodge
180	Chinspot Batis <i>Batis molitor</i>	1	2	A pair seen well in gardens of Protea Hotel
181	Pied Crow <i>Corvus albus</i>	6	10	Seen several times on first half of tour
182	Red-backed Shrike <i>Lanius collurio</i>	9	30	Seen on a good number of days mostly juveniles with a few adults seen at Chobe NP and up to 30 at

				Bwabwata NP
183	Souza's Shrike <i>Lanius souzae</i>	1	1	An immature of this localised bird seen well by one vehicle but flew off before second vehicle could see it
184	Lesser Gray Shrike <i>Lanius minor</i>	4	3	Individuals at Maramba Lodge and Caprivi as well as Popa Falls and Bwabwata NP
185	Magpie Shrike <i>Corvinella melanoleuca</i>	6	4	Seen along roadside at Chobe NP and also seen at Thamalakane NP
186	Black Cuckooshrike <i>Campephaga flava</i>	2	2	A pair seen well at Maramba Lodge
187	Southern Black Tit <i>Parus niger</i>	2	1	Best sighting of one was in Chobe NP on our game drive
188	Brown-throated Martin <i>Riparia paludicola</i>	2	30	Up to 30 seen on the Okavango on our boat trip from Xaro Lodge
189	Banded Martin <i>Riparia cincta</i>	2	4	This huge martin was seen on the Okavango near Lawdon's
190	Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	9	60+	Common and seen many days
191	Wire-tailed Swallow <i>Hirundo smithii</i>	6	6	Just small numbers at Chobe river and Popa Falls and along the Okavango river
192	Lesser Striped Swallow <i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>	1	4	Only sighting was 4 from Lawdon's Lodge on the Okavango river
193	Red-breasted Swallow <i>Hirundo semirufa</i>	4	2	Pairs seen at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
194	Rock Martin <i>Hirundo fuligula</i>	1	4	Only 4 seen at Victoria Falls
195	Dark-capped Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	10	Common	Common and seen every day
196	African Red-eyed Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	1	2	Two were found in scrub near to Thamalakane Lodge
197	Yellow-bellied Greenbul <i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	8	4	Fairly widespread and seen in ones and twos at most lodges
198	Terrestrial Brownbul <i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	2	1	Only seen at Bakwena Lodge
199	Sedge Warbler <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	2	1	Seen at Buffalo Core area of Bwabwata NP
200	Greater Swamp-Warbler <i>Acrocephalus rufescens</i>	2	2	Best seen from boat trip on Okavango river from Xaro Lodge
201	Lesser Swamp-Warbler <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	2	1	Seen at Buffalo Core area Bwabwata NP and also on Okavango river from Xaro Lodge
202	Green-capped Eremomela <i>Eremomela scotops</i>	1	4	Superb views of 4 birds in scrub near Bwabwata NP
203	Burnt-necked Eremomela <i>Eremomela usticollis</i>	1	3	Three birds showed well in scrub near to Thamalakane Lodge
204	Long-billed Crombec <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	2	3	Three seen at Chobe NP and two in scrub near Thamalakane Lodge
205	Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	5	5	Seen in Chobe NP, scrub near Bwabwata NP and near Thamalakane Lodge
206	Hartlaub's Babbler <i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>	4	6	Small groups were seen at Lawdon's Lodge, Xaro Lodge and Thamalakane Lodge
207	Southern Pied Babbler <i>Turdoides bicolor</i>	1	2	Two were seen on game drive in Bwabwata NP
208	Arrow-marked Babbler <i>Turdoides jardineii</i>	7	10	Many groups seen at Chobe NP, Bwabwata NP and elsewhere

209	Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler <i>Parisoma subcaeruleum</i>	1	1	Only one seen well on game drive in Bwabwata NP
210	Rattling Cisticola <i>Cisticola chinianus</i>	2	1	One seen at Bwabwata NP and another as we drove out from Ngami Lake
211	Luapula Cisticola <i>Cisticola luapula</i>	1	1	Good views of one from our boat trip on the Chobe river
212	Chirping Cisticola <i>Cisticola pipiens</i>	1	1	Just one seen from boat trip on the Okavango river
213	Zitting Cisticola <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1	Hear d	Only heard in wetlands in Bwabwata NP
214	Tawny-flanked Prinia <i>Prinia subflava</i>	3	2	Just a couple seen with best view sat Chobe NP
215	Black-chested Prinia <i>Prinia flavicans</i>	1	1	Super looks at one in scrub as we left Ngami Lake
216	Yellow-breasted Apalis <i>Apalis flavida</i>	3	2	Seen well on a number of occasions in Chobe NP
217	Gray-backed Camaroptera <i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>	5	4	Easy in Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP. Very vocal
218	Stierling's Wren-Warbler <i>Calamonastes stierlingi</i>	1	1	Just one seen on roadside stop on Caprivi strip
219	Fawn-colored Lark <i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>	1	4	Four were seen on game drive in Bwabwata NP
220	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark <i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	1	3	Three in a tree together in scrub as we left Ngami Lake
221	Red-capped Lark <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	1	4	Several seen on ground in scrub as we left Ngami Lake
222	Groundscraper Thrush <i>Psophocichla litsipsirupa</i>	2	4	A family of 4 seen well by our cabins at Thamalakane lodge
223	Kurrichane Thrush <i>Turdus libonyanus</i>	2	1	One beside roadside near Bakwena Lodge and another in garden at Thamalakane Lodge
224	Pale Flycatcher <i>Bradornis pallidus</i>	3	2	Seen at Bakwena Lodge, Chobe N and Bwabwata NP
225	Marico Flycatcher <i>Bradornis mariquensis</i>	2	3	Seen well on game drives in Bwabwata Np and also one in scrub near Thamalakane Lodge
226	Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	4	1	A few seen at Chobe NP and near Thamalakane Lodge
227	Ashy Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>	1	1	Just one seen by a few people in garden at Lawdon's Lodge
228	White-browed Robin-Chat <i>Cossypha heuglini</i>	8	4	Fairly common and smart looking bird seen at almost all the lodges we stayed
229	Collared Palm-Thrush <i>Cichladusa arquata</i>	2	2	Great views of a couple in Maramba River Lodge
230	Bearded Scrub-Robin <i>Cercotrichas quadrivirgata</i>	1	1	Superb views of one at Victoria Falls
231	White-browed Scrub-Robin <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>	3	1	A few seen at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
232	Kalahari Scrub-Robin <i>Cercotrichas paena</i>	2	4	Seen well at Bwabwata NP
233	African Stonechat <i>Saxicola torquata</i>	2	2	Just a couple seen from boat trip on the Chobe river
234	Capped Wheatear <i>Oenanthe pileata</i>	1	1	One was seen near the shore of Ngami Lake
235	Red-winged Starling <i>Onychognathus morio</i>	1	10	A group of 10 were seen on the rocks and trees at Victoria Falls

236	Cape Glossy Starling <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	4	8	Seen well around Chobe NP and also near Thamalakane Lodge
237	Greater Blue-eared Starling <i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>	3	4	Best seen at Chobe NP and before we got on the boat for the Chobe river trip
238	Burchell's Starling <i>Lamprotornis australis</i>	4	20	Lots seen at Bwabwata NP and a few near Lawdon's Lodge
239	Meves's Starling <i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>	5	10	Seen well at Maramba River Lodge, Bwabwata NP and near Lawdon's and Xaro Lodges
240	Violet-backed Starling <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	4	6	A Wow bird seen in good light. Our best views were on our game drive in Chobe NP
241	Yellow-billed Oxpecker <i>Buphagus africanus</i>	3	6	A few in Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
242	Red-billed Oxpecker <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	7	12	Often seen on the back of animals in Chobe NP, Bwabwata NP and near Thamalakane Lodge
243	Amethyst Sunbird <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>	3	4	Good views were had of several males in flowering tree at entrance to Chobe NP
244	Scarlet-chested Sunbird <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	1	1	Just one male seen in tree top in Maramba River Lodge
245	Collared Sunbird <i>Hedydipna collaris</i>	3	3	One seen at Chobe and a couple more around the Protea Hotel
246	White-bellied Sunbird <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	2	3	One briefly at Popa Falls Resort and then great views of 3 in scrub near Thamalakane Lodge
247	Marico Sunbird <i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	2	2	Seen a couple of times in flowering tree at entrance to Chobe NP
248	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver <i>Bubalornis niger</i>	1	8	Just one group seen at Buffalo Core area of Bwabwata NP
249	Scaly-feathered Finch <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	1	4	A few seen well in scrub as we left Ngami Lake
250	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	4	6	Many nest seen along roadsides and a few birds seen around Chobe NP
251	Lesser Masked-Weaver <i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	3	15	Seen well at Bakwena Lodge, Popa Falls and Lawdon's Lodge
252	Golden Weaver <i>Ploceus xanthops</i>	7	10	Seen many times at Chobe NP, Bwabwata NP on the Okavango and Thamalakane Lodge
253	Southern Brown-throated Weaver <i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>	5	20	A few seen at Bakwena Lodge and lots at Lawdon's Lodge
254	Village Weaver <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	6	12	Fairly common at Maramba River Lodge and Chobe NP
255	Red-headed Weaver <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	3	1	Super views of one building nest in Chobe NP and another building a nest on roadside stop near Bwabwata NP
256	Red-billed Quelea <i>Quelea quelea</i>	4	40	Many group of non-breeding birds seen at Chobe NP and others near Ngami Lake
257	Fan-tailed Widowbird <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>	2	4	Just a few seen from boat trip on Okavango river from Xaro Lodge
258	Thick-billed Weaver <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>	4	3	Seen beside ferry crossing Zambia to Botswana and also on private land near Xaro Lodge
259	Green-winged Pytilia <i>Pytilia melba</i>	2	2	Just 2 seen on game drive in Bwabwata NP
260	Brown Firefinch <i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>	4	6	A few seen at Maramba River Lodge and coming to feeder at Bakwena Lodge, and also Lawdon's Lodge
261	Red-billed Firefinch <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	4	8	Around Maramba River Lodge, And Chobe NP

262	Jameson's Firefinch <i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>	1	2	Just 2 seen at Maramba River Lodge
263	Blue Waxbill <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	9	4	Seen in small numbers nearly every day of the tour
264	Violet-eared Waxbill <i>Granatina granatina</i>	1	4	Four stunning birds seen well on the Bwabwata NP game drive
265	Common Waxbill <i>Estrilda astrild</i>	1	3	Only 3 seen in the gardens of Lawdon's Lodge
266	Bronze Mannikin <i>Lonchura cucullata</i>	1	1	Only seen at Livingstone Sewerage Ponds
267	Cut-throat Finch <i>Amadina fasciata</i>	1	2	A pair seen well just outside Thamalakane Lodge
268	Shaft-tailed Whydah <i>Vidua regia</i>	1	1	One seen once by one vehicle in Bwabwata NP
269	Pin-tailed Whydah <i>Vidua macroura</i>	2	2	One seen in flight near Protea Hotel and another male showed well from boat on Okavango river from Xaro Lodge
270	Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah <i>Vidua paradisaea</i>	1	20	Mostly non-breeding birds we also had two breeding males in Chobe NP
271	House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	2	10	Surprisingly just a few in towns
272	Southern Gray-headed Sparrow <i>Passer diffusus</i>	5	6	Seen a few times in Chobe NP, Popa Falls Resort and in scrub near Thamalakane Lodge
273	Northern Gray-headed Sparrow <i>Passer griseus</i>	1	2	A very localised bird we saw 2 near the Livingstone Sewerage Ponds
274	Yellow-throated Petronia <i>Petronia superciliaris</i>	1	1	Only one seen in Chobe NP
275	African Pied Wagtail <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	6	2	Seen well at Maramba River Lodge, Chobe NP, Popa Falls and Okavango river from Xaro Lodge
276	Cape Wagtail <i>Motacilla capensis</i>	1	3	Just 3 seen on the Okavango river trip from Xaro Lodge
277	Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i>	2	10	A group of 10 were seen with cattle from the Chobe river trip
278	African Pipit <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	1	2	Two were seen from our boat on the Chobe river trip
279	Buffy Pipit <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>	1	1	We found one close to the shore at Ngami Lake
280	Golden-breasted Bunting <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	2	2	A couple of birds seen well in scrub near to Bwabwata NP

A = Species number B = Number of days out of 10 recorded C = Highest daily count

A	MAMMALS/OTHER SPECIES	B	C	Notes
1	Wild Dog <i>Lycaon pictus</i>	1	16	This one of the major highlights of the trip. This nomadic and very difficult to find species put on a great performance with dogs chasing each other through a puddle playing within 100m of us
2	Cape Clawless Otter <i>Aonyx capensis</i>	1	2	A pair of otters showed really well in the river right beside our cabins at the Protea Hotel
3	Small Spotted Genet <i>Genetta genetta</i>	1	D	We saw one of these beautiful animals dead on the road
4	Slender Mongoose <i>Galerella sanguinea</i>	1	2	Two separate animals were seen while on a game drive in Bwabwata NP
5	Banded Mongoose	2	30	We had some big groups while on a game drive in

	<i>Mungos mungo</i>			Chobe NP
6	Blue Wildebeest <i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	1	12	An iconic species we watched 12 of these near dusk on a game drive in Bwabwata NP
7	Tsessebe <i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>	1	4	We saw a few of these on our game drive in Bwabwata NP
8	Impala <i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	5	40	Easily seen at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP often with tiny calf's
9	Roan <i>Hippotragus equinus</i>	1	1	Only one seen briefly running off into the bush on game drive at Bwabwata NP
10	Sable <i>Hippotragus niger</i>	1	2	Two individuals see on our game drives in Bwabwata NP
11	African Buffalo <i>Syncerus caffer</i>	4	100+	Good numbers seen over 100+ in Chobe NP and also at Bwabwata NP
12	Kudu <i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	5	8	Up to 8 seen at Chobe NP and other small groups at Bwabwata NP
13	Bushbuck <i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	4	6	Seen very well in grounds of Bakwena Lodge and also Xaro Lodge
14	Reedbuck <i>Redunca arundinum</i>	1	2	Two were seen distantly in grasses in Bwabwata NP
15	Waterbuck <i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	3	30	Our best views were all from the boat trip in Chobe river
16	Red Lechwe <i>Kobus leche</i>	4	50+	Many seen well from our boat trip at Chobe river and at Bwabwata NP
17	Puki <i>Kobus sardonius</i>	1	1	We found just one of these rare antelopes while on our boat trip on the Chobe river
18	African Bush Elephant <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	4	50+	Great views of another iconic African species. We saw many walking and feeding and also in the water at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
19	Warthog <i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>	5	10	Seen at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP our favourite sighting was of a family with tiny piglets
20	Hippopotamus <i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	9	20	Many sightings of these huge creatures. Especially on our boat trips in Chobe NP and the Okavango. We even had Hippos walking around our cabins and tents at Maramba River Lodge and Xaro Lodge
21	Burchell's Zebra <i>Equus burchelli</i>	2	20	We saw a few at Chobe NP and then up to 20 on our game drives in Bwabwata NP
22	Giraffe <i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	4	6	Our first was from our boat trip on the Chobe river and then we enjoyed seeing others in Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP
23	Chacma Baboon <i>Papio ursinus</i>	6	50+	We had many encounters with groups, but most memorable were watching large groups at a waterhole in Bwabwata NP and another big noisy group crossing the road at Chobe NP
24	Vervet Monkey <i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>	8	20+	Many were seen throughout the trip often hanging around the lodges we stayed at
25	Tree Squirrel / Smith's Bush Squirrel <i>Paraxerus cepapi</i>	4	5	We saw several of these at Chobe NP and Bwabwata NP



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