

Maremani

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Birds



Red-headed Weaver

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Preface

This report presents the results of our bird counts on the properties owned by the Aage V. Jensen Charity Foundation in northern South Africa, close to the Zimbabwe border. As far as we know, no similar counts have been made in this area previously, and the data collected are therefore a baseline for the birdlife of the area. Due to the method used, corresponding counts can be repeated under the same conditions in a few years' time, thereby indicating any changes that may have occurred in the avian fauna of the individual localities.

It is our hope that the counts can be used by the Foundation as documentation of the high quality of nature in the area and thereby help to secure the area's status as an important nature reserve.

The counts were carried out as 24 point counts each of one hour's duration spread over the Foundation's three properties. 14 counts were made at the Maremani Nature Reserve, 4 at the Limpopo Conservancy and 6 at Dover. We counted every day during the period Sunday 13th February up to and including Saturday 19th February 2011.

The results are presented below in two ways. For each point there is a total list of the bird species seen and heard, a photo to illustrate the biotope, and the point's GPS coordinates, so that it can easily be found again. Each point was given a name and marked on the Google-map page 34. There then follows a table with a summary of the results of all 24 counts so that it can easily be seen which species were the most numerous.

The point count census method is well known in Denmark (in use since 1976) and from a number of other European countries. Counts of 5 minutes' duration are carried out at fixed points – 10 or 20 – and are repeated year after year at the same period. The duration of one count in our census was – in contrast to counts in Denmark – fixed at 60 minutes to give us more time to identify as many species as possible and to ensure a more exact number.

The point count census method makes it possible to obtain a more reliable evaluation of the frequency of the individual species, but by counting for 60 minutes a good assessment can be made of the species that are difficult to register and of the rarer

species. In the course of the seven days, we registered a total of 180 species on the Foundation's three properties. During transport between the individual points we registered all new species, which can also be seen in the final list of species. In addition, we noted all raptors and largish, characteristic species.

For the counts we used binoculars, telescopes and in certain cases a Handy Recorder, which was a help when identifying some birds through song/calls. Our background for carrying out the counts are two earlier visits to the area in 2006 and 2009 and many years' experience in field ornithology in Europe.

When at Riverview, we registered all the species we saw during the seven-day period. A summary of species with the highest daily numbers is included in this report.

Finally, in a table at the end of this report, we have grouped our list of species from 2011 with lists of bird observations made during two seminars for the Foundation's Danish Nature Council, which were held in the area on 18th-25th February 2006 and 14th-24th February 2009 respectively. On these two visits, in which we ourselves participated, no systematic counts were made, so the lists only give sporadic observations made by a wide circle of experienced ornithologists. All lists combined give a total of 240 species.

On all seven days we started out at 05.30 h and were ready for the first hour's count half an hour or one hour later, depending on the distance to the first count point. As expected, birds were most active (and sang most) during the early hours. We managed to make three counts every morning and therefore carried out the remaining counts in the afternoons or in the evening, when the birds were more active again. One of the afternoon counts was a repetition of a morning count in a very interesting area in Skirbeek (Skirbeek Pond 3), with the express purpose of determining whether there was a difference as to how visible the birds were at different times of the day.

The points were selected partly because they were easily recognizable in the landscape, preferably near water or drinking basins, but also on the basis of recommendations from Manager Rieker Botha and Chief advisor Dr. Salomon Joubert, who took part in the counts 16th and 18th February. Dover, especially, was a positive surprise with many exciting species and magnificent scenery, but it was also difficult country to drive in.

When we arrived at a point, its coordinates were determined, and the count then started. We agreed that it was "lawful" to move around the point in a radius of up to around 100 meters. We were often surprised that the quieter species were not registered until late in the course of the hour we were on the spot. They would have been overlooked on a standard point count of five minutes. In some cases we had to identify difficult species at the end of the count by comparing recordings of their song/call with those on purchased CD's.

Our wives, Inge, Ulla and Else, were present at all counts every single day and were very helpful in finding and registering the birds.

The seven days were extremely successful, not least thanks to the Foundation's staff. Thanks are due to Manager Rieker Botha for good advice about attractive localities and

for energetic efforts to obtain a new hired car for us, as the air conditioning did not function in the car we had hired from Hertz. Our very friendly and extremely skilful driver, Adam Hlungwan, was also a great help on the counts. He made detailed notes and made good use of his bird guide. When we left he said he had learnt a great deal about birds from us and could now identify many new species. This new knowledge will in future be an inspiration in his daily work with the pupils at the nature school and we hope that the paper *Maremani – 20 birds to see* will be helpful for him and them.

Many thanks, too, to the very friendly and helpful staff at Riverview, who did their utmost to make our stay a success. We are also grateful to Joy Klein for translating this report into English.

Our count census was, however, only possible because the President of the Board of Directors, Leif Skov, was kind enough to enable us to stay at Riverview, to be driven around in the area and to be looked after by the staff at the Foundation's beautiful properties in South Africa.

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Limpopo Hippodam, February 2011.

Point Count Census

The tables on the following pages give the results of the 24 point count census. When travelling between the points we counted all new species, particularly raptors and characteristic birds. This data can be seen at the foot of each table.

Point 1 – Limpopo Hippodam			
Latitude: 22° 21,721' S		Longitude: 30° 17,621' E	
Date: 13.02.11		Period: 06.30 - 07.30 h	
Reed Cormorant	1	Red-billed Hornbill	1
Grey Heron	1	African Hoopoe	1
Green-backed Heron	1	Crested Barbet	1
Egyptian Goose	10	Acacia Pied Barbet	2
African Hawk-Eagle	1	Wire-tailed Swallow	2
Natal Francolin	3	Lesser Striped Swallow	1
Helmeted Guineafowl	9	European Swallow	20
Black Crake	3	House Martin	10
Three-banded Plover	1	Eastern Black-headed Oriole	1
Blacksmith Plover	4	Arrow-marked Babbler	5
Wood Sandpiper	1	Blackeyed (Common) Bulbul	1
Marsh Sandpiper	1	Neddicky	1
Greater Painted Snipe	1	Tawny-flanked Prinia	2
Cape Turtle-Dove	6	African Pied Wagtail	2
Laughing Dove	10	Tropical Boubou	1
Greenspotted Wood-Dove	8	Plumcoloured Starling	1
Namaqua Dove	2	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	5
Jacobin Cuckoo	1	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	10
Burchell's Coucal	1	Red-headed Weaver	2
Little Swift	2	Red-billed Quelea	20
Speckled Mousebird	3	Pin-tailed Whydah	3
Pied Kingfisher	4	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	2
Woodland Kingfisher	3	Red-billed Firefinch	1
Little Bee-eater	2	Common Waxbill	1
African Grey Hornbill	2	Blue Waxbill	2
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	2	Yellow-fronted Canary	4

13.02. between Riverview and Limpopo Hippodam:

Black-breasted Snake-Eagle 1, Dark Chanting Goshawk 1, Helmeted Guineafowl 10, Double-banded Sandgrouse 3, Red-billed Oxpecker 2.

Point 2 – Kate’s Hope			
Latitude: 22° 23,172’ S		Longitude: 30° 19,258’ E	
Date: 13.02.11		Period: 08.30 - 09.30 h	
Bateleur	1	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	2
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	1	Red-billed Hornbill	2
Shikra	1	Crested Barbet	2
Natal Francolin	6	European Swallow	5
Cape Turtle-Dove	0	House Martin	10
Laughing Dove	2	Marsh Warbler	1
Greenspotted Wood-Dove	2	Tawny-flanked Prinia	2
Burchell’s Coucal	1	Meves’ Longtailed Starling	2
African Palm-Swift	1	White-bellied Sunbird	1
Pied Kingfisher	2	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	3
Woodland Kingfisher	2	Red-billed Quelea	90
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	1	Pin-tailed Whydah	1

13.02. between Kate’s Hope and Limpopo View:

Carmine Bee-eater 10, Lilac-breasted Roller 1.



Point 3 - Limpopo View			
Latitude: 22° 21,957' S		Longitude: 30° 17,107' E	
Date: 13.02.11		Period: 10.40 - 11.40 h	
Brown Snake-Eagle	1	Laughing Dove	2
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	2	Greenspotted Dove	2
Lesser Spotted Eagle	1	Blackeyed (Common) Bulbul	2
African Hawk-Eagle	2	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	1
Booted Eagle	2	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	4
Cape Turtle-Dove	2		

13.02. on the road from Limpopo View to Riverview:

Bateleur 1, African Hawk-Eagle 1 juv., Steppe Buzzard 1, Carmine Bee-eater 10, Lilac-breasted Roller 1, Yellow-billed Hornbill 3.



Point 4 - Skirbeek Pond 3			
Latitude: 22° 27,94' S		Longitude: 30° 21,762' E	
Date: 14.02.11		Period: 06.45 - 07.45 h	
Cape Turtle-Dove	20	Red-backed Shrike	1
Laughing Dove	10	Greater Blue-eared Starling	2
Namaqua Dove	8	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	5
Grey Lourie	2	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	30
Jacobin Cuckoo	1	Red-billed Quelea	100
Red-faced Mousebird	1	Pin-tailed Whydah	1
Woodland Kingfisher	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	3
Lilac-breasted Roller	2	Village Indigobird	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	2	Black-faced Waxbill	2
Sabota Lark	5	Blue Waxbill	5
African Reed-Warbler	1	Green-winged Pytilia (Melba Finch)	2
Olive-tree Warbler	3	Yellow-fronted Canary	5
Willow Warbler	3	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	5
Rattling Cisticola	1		

14.02. from Riverview to Skirbeek pond nr. 3: Wahlberg's Eagle 1, Dark Chanting Goshawk 1, Helmeted Guineafowl 18, Red-crested Korhaan 1, Double-banded Sandgrouse 2, Lilac-breasted Roller 1, Red-backed Shrike.

14.02. between Skirbeek Pond 3 and the Sabelfenche: Wahlberg's Eagle 1 2cy, Gabar Goshawk 1 ad male, Common Ostrich 2, Kori Bustard 1, Namaqua Dove 6, Grey Lourie 2, Striped Kingfisher 1, Carmine Bee-eater 20, European Bee-eater 10, Lilac-breasted Roller 1, European Roller 2, Sabota Lark 50, Marico Flycatcher 1, Yellow Wagtail 1, Red-backed Shrike 1, Lesser Grey Shrike 2, Common Fiscal 1, Scaly-feathered Finch 15.



Point 5 - Rock Sabelfenche			
Latitude: 22° 29,139' S		Longitude: 30° 19,271' E	
Date: 14.02.11		Period: 09.06 - 10.06 h	
Bateleur	1	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	5
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	1	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	1
Wahlberg's Eagle	1	Acacia Pied Barbet	1
Verreaux's Eagle	2	European Swallow	100
Natal Francolin	1	Mocking Chat	1
Greenspotted Dove	2	African Reed-Warbler	1
Grey Lourie	6	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	6
European Bee-eater	10		

14.02. between Sabelfenche and Dawn Pond 1:

Red-crested Korhaan 1, European Roller 2, Yellow-billed Hornbill 4.



Point 6 - Dawn Pond 1			
Latitude: 22° 28,942' S		Longitude: 30° 18,056' E	
Date: 14.02.11		Period: 10.50 - 11.50 h	
Gabar Goshawk	1	House Martin	1
Three-banded Plover	1	White-browed Scrub-Robin	1
Marsh Sandpiper	1	Willow Warbler	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	15	Yellow-bellied Eremomela	1
Laughing Dove	10	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	5
Namaqua Dove	6	Red-billed Quelea	40
Lilac-breasted Roller	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	2
European Roller	2	Blue Waxbill	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	1	Yellow-fronted Canary	2
Sabota Lark	2	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	5
European Swallow	100	Golden-breasted Bunting	1

14.02. between Dawn Pond 1 and Riverview:

Small Buttonquail 2, Red-billed Hornbill 1, Crimson-breasted Shrike 1,
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver 10, Red-headed Weaver 1 pair.



Point 7 - Dover Hippodam

Latitude: 22° 23,083' S

Longitude: 30° 12,375' E

Date: 15.02.11

Period: 06.01 - 07.01 h

Green-backed Heron	1	European Swallow	25
Egyptian Goose	7	Southern Black Tit	2
Natal Francolin	2	Willow Warbler	1
Three-banded Plover	5	African Pied Wagtail	1
Blacksmith Plover	2	Glossy Starling	2
Wood Sandpiper	1	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	10
Cape Turtle-Dove	6	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	3
Greenspotted Dove	1	Red-headed Weaver	4
African Palm-Swift	10	Cut-throat Finch	1
Pied Kingfisher	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	5
Crested Barbet	1	Golden-breasted Bunting	1

15.02. between Dover Hippodam and Malala Pond/Hook with short stop at Chirundu Dam:

Helmeted Guineafowl 14, Three-banded Plover 1, Common Sandpiper 1, Green Sandpiper 1, Wood Sandpiper 1, African Grey Hornbill 6, Yellow-billed Hornbill 3, Green Pigeon 1, Fork-tailed Drongo 1, Marico Flycatcher 1, Red-backed Shrike 1 female and 4 males, Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah 1.



Point 8 – Malala pond/Hook			
Latitude: 22° 18,872' S		Longitude: 30° 12,283' E	
Date: 15.02.11		Period: 08.55 - 09.55 h	
Three-banded Plover	6	Familiar Chat	1
Wood Sandpiper	2	Chinspot Batis	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	10	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	5
Laughing Dove	15	Lesser Masked-Weaver	1
Red-faced Mousebird	5	Southern Masked-Weaver	5
African Grey Hornbill	2	Red-billed Quelea	1
Acacia Pied Barbet	1	Pin-tailed Whydah	1
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	1
African Golden Oriole	1	Blue Waxbill	1
Black-eyed (Common) Bulbul	2	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	2

15.02. between Malala pond and Twilight (Dover):

Brown Snake-Eagle 2, Peregrine Falcon 1, White-crested Helmet-Shrike 4.



Point 9 - Twilight			
Latitude: 22° 20,742' S		Longitude: 30° 14,964' E	
Date: 15.02.11		Period: 10.43 - 11.43 h	
Wahlberg's Eagle	1	Black-eyed (Common) Bulbul	1
African Hawk-Eagle	1	Familiar Chat	1
Natal Francolin	2	Tawny-flanked Prinia	2
Cape Turtle-Dove	6	Chinspot Batis	2
Laughing Dove	15	Red-backed Shrike	1
European/African Cuckoo	1	Red-billed Helmet-Shrike	3
Jacobin Cuckoo	1	Plumcoloured Starling	14
European Bee-eater	3	White-bellied Sunbird	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	4	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	2
Red-billed Hornbill	1	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	2
Crested Barbet	1	Southern Masked-Weaver	3
European Swallow	10	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	1
Fork-tailed Drongo	1	Golden-breasted Bunting	1

15.02. in rain between Twilight and Riverview:

Brown Snake-Eagle 1, Little Sparrowhawk 1, Crested Guineafowl 1,
Red-crested Korhaan 1, Diderick Cuckoo 1, European Oriole 3,
Southern White-crowned Shrike 1.



Point 10 - Senator Last Pond			
Latitude: 22° 24,754' S		Longitude: 30° 13,338' E	
Date: 16.02.11		Period: 06.00 - 07.00 h	
Helmeted Guineafowl	3	Southern Black Tit	1
Red-crested Korhaan	2	White-browed Robin	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	10	Brubru	1
Laughing Dove	1	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	6
Greenspotted Dove	1	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	1
African Wood-Owl	1	Blue Waxbill	3
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	1	Yellow-fronted Canary	6
Acacia Pied Barbet	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	5
Cardinal Woodpecker	1	Golden-breasted Bunting	3

16.02. to Senator Last Pond:

Crested Francolin 1.

16.02. between Senator Last Pond and Lenin 1. waterhole:

Speckled Mousebird 2.



Point 11 - Lenin 1. waterhole			
Latitude: 22° 26,728' S		Longitude: 30° 12,654' E	
Date: 16.02.11		Period: 07.30 - 08.30 h	
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	2	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	25	Chinspot Batis	1
Laughing Dove	5	Brubru	1
Namaqua Dove	3	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	1
Red-faced Mousebird	2	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	2
Acacia Pied Barbet	1	Yellow-fronted Canary	10
European Swallow	1	Golden-breasted Bunting	1
Fork-tailed Drongo	2		

16.02. between Lenin 1. waterhole and Lenin Pond 2:

Wahlberg's Eagle 1, Dark Chanting Goshawk 1, Shikra 1, Striped Kingfisher 1.



Point 12 - Lenin Pond 2			
Latitude: 22° 27,063' S		Longitude: 30° 13,304' E	
Date: 16.02.11		Period: 08.47 - 09.47 h	
Dark Chanting Goshawk	1	Marico Flycatcher	1
Shikra	1	Black-crowned Tchagra	1
Namaqua Dove	3	Brubru	1
Jacobin Cuckoo	1	Red-billed Quelea	10
European Roller	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	2
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	1	Cut-throat Finch	1
Acacia Pied Barbet	1	Violet-eared Waxbill	2
Sabota Lark	10	Blue Waxbill	6
European Swallow	10	Green-winged Pytilia (Melba Finch)	3
White-browed Robin	1	Yellow-fronted Canary	5
Willow Warbler	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	1
Long-billed Crombec	1	Golden-breasted Bunting	1
Spotted Flycatcher	2		

16.02. between Lenin Pond 2 and Riverview: Tawny Eagle 1 ad, Dusky Lark 2, Black-chested Prinia 2, Spotted Flycatcher 2, Scaly-feathered Finch 4.

16.02. between Riverview and Office: African Palm-Swift 20, Woodland Kingfisher 2, White-breasted Cuckooshrike 1, Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver 5, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver 10.

16.02. between Riverview and Skirbeek Pond 3: Double-banded Sandgrouse 2, Lilac-breasted Roller 2, European Roller 2, Rufous-naped Lark 3.



Point 13 - Skirbeek Pond 3			
Latitude: 22° 27,94' S		Longitude: 30° 21,762' E	
Date: 16.02.11		Period: 17.30 - 18.30 h	
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	1	Willow Warbler	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk	1	Red-backed Shrike	3
Helmeted Guineafowl	14	Greater Blue-eared Starling	2
Three-banded Plover	1	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	25
Double-banded Sandgrouse	36	Pin-tailed Whydah	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	50	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	4
Laughing Dove	50	Purple Indigobird	1
Namaqua Dove	10	Red-billed Firefinch	1
African Scops-Owl	1	Violet-eared Waxbill	1
Fiery-necked Nightjar	4	Black-faced Waxbill	4
Red-faced Mousebird	6	Common Waxbill	2
Lilac-breasted Roller	1	Blue Waxbill	10
Greater Scimitarbill	1	Green-winged Pytilia (Melba Finch)	3
European Swallow	100	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	5
Black-eyed (Common) Bulbul	1	Golden-breasted Bunting	1

16.02. 18.30 – 20.00 between Skirbeek Pond 3 and Riverview:

Red-crested Korhaan 1, Bronze-winged Courser 2, Rufous-tailed Nightjar 2, Square-tailed Nightjar 10.



Point 14 - Riverview 2. lookout			
Latitude: 22° 25,304' S		Longitude: 30° 16,462' E	
Date: 17.02.11		Period: 05.45 - 06.45 h	
Grey Heron	1	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	5
Green-backed Heron	1	Red-billed Hornbill	1
Hamerkop	1	Bennett's Woodpecker	1
Egyptian Goose	6	Wire-tailed Swallow	1
African Fish-Eagle	1	European Swallow	30
Natal Francolin	2	Fork-tailed Drongo	2
Black Crake	2	Eastern Black-headed Oriole	2
Three-banded Plover	1	Black-eyed (Common) Bulbul	2
Blacksmith Plover	4	Zitting Cisticola	1
Common Sandpiper	1	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Wood Sandpiper	1	African Pied Wagtail	5
Cape Turtle-Dove	2	Tropical Boubou	1
Laughing Dove	1	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike	1
Greenspotted Dove	2	Greater Blue-eared Starling	1
Grey Lourie	2	Plumcoloured Starling	2
European Cuckoo	1	Meves' Longtailed Starling	3
Burchell's Coucal	3	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	4
Pied Kingfisher	3	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	2
Woodland Kingfisher	1	Spectacled Weaver	5
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	3	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	1
White-fronted Bee-eater	5	Village Indigobird	1

17.02. between Riverview 2. lookout and Udini Pond:

Dark Chanting Goshawk 1, Red-billed Hornbill 1, Plumcoloured Starling 3, Red-billed Oxpecker 2.



Point 15 - Udini Pond			
Latitude: 22° 23,277' S		Longitude: 30° 14,482' E	
Date: 17.02.11		Period: 08.05 - 09.05 h	
Bateleur	1	Sabota Lark	1
Tawny Eagle	1	European Swallow	15
Lesser Spotted Eagle	2	Fork-tailed Drongo	1
Crowned Plover	2	European Golden Oriole	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	10	Grey Penduline-Tit	1
Laughing Dove	5	Spotted Flycatcher	1
European Bee-eater	7	Black/Brown-crowned Tchagra	1
Crested Barbet	1	Yellow-fronted Canary	2
Bennett's Woodpecker	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	3
Dusky Lark	10		



Point 16 – Office, Maremani			
Latitude: 22° 23,504' S		Longitude: 30° 12,946' E	
Date: 17.02.11		Period: 10.00 - 11.00 h	
Lesser Spotted Eagle	1	Red-backed Shrike	1
Wahlberg's Eagle	1	Brown-crowned Tchagra	2
Cape Turtle-Dove	10	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	10
Grey Lourie	1	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	4
Diederik Cuckoo	2	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	10
African Palm-Swift	4	Lesser Masked-Weaver	6
Woodland Kingfisher	2	Red-headed Weaver	30
Crested Barbet	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	2
Dusky Lark	1	Cut-throat Finch	1
European Swallow	10	Blue Waxbill	3
Black-eyed (Common) Bulbul	2	Green-winged Pytilia (Melba Finch)	1
Rattling Cisticola	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	1



Point 17 - Reitz 1			
Latitude: 22° 25,142' S		Longitude: 30° 15,397' E	
Date: 18.02.11		Period: 06.00 - 07.00 h	
Natal Francolin	1	Long-billed Crombec	1
Helmeted Guineafowl	16	Spotted Flycatcher	3
Cape Turtle-Dove	3	Chinspot Batis	2
Laughing Dove	2	Black-backed Puffback	1
Greenspotted Dove	3	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	3
Grey Lourie	2	Red-billed Quelea	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	1	Red-billed Firefinch	1
Greater Scimitarbill	2	Black-faced Waxbill	2
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	1	Common Waxbill	1
European Swallow	2	Blue Waxbill	16
Fork-tailed Drongo	5	Green-winged Pytilia (Melba Finch)	1
Eastern Black-headed Oriole	2	Yellow-fronted Canary	1
Arrow-marked Babbler	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	4
Willow Warbler	2	Golden-breasted Bunting	4

18.02. between Reitz 1 and Reitz 2:

Fork-tailed Drongo 2.



Point 18 - Reitz 2			
Latitude: 22° 25,805' S		Longitude: 30° 15,347' E	
Date: 18.02.11		Period: 07.30 - 08.30 h	
Red-crested Korhaan	2	House Martin	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	4	Kurrichane Thrush	1
Laughing Dove	5	Willow Warbler	1
Greenspotted Dove	1	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Namaqua Dove	1	Chinspot Batis	2
African Grey Hornbill	1	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	3
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	1	Blue Waxbill	5
Acacia Pied Barbet	1	Yellow-fronted Canary	1
Sabota Lark	3	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	3
European Swallow	1	Golden-breasted Bunting	1



Point 19 - Reitz 3			
Latitude: 22° 25,143' S		Longitude: 30° 16,002' E	
Date: 18.02.11		Period: 08.47 - 09.47 h	
Bateleur	1	Fork-tailed Drongo	2
Wahlberg's Eagle	1	Southern Black Tit	3
Shikra	2	Tawny-flanked Prinia	1
Wood Sandpiper	1	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	10	Chinspot Batis	1
Laughing Dove	19	Tropical Boubou	1
Greenspotted Dove	6	Red-billed Quelea	1
Grey Lourie	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	2	Yellow-fronted Canary	6
Greater Scimitarbill	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	2
House Martin	2	Golden-breasted Bunting	1

18.02. between Reitz 3 and Riverview:

Steppe Buzzard 1, European Bee-eater 6.



Point 20 - Kate's Hope Plain			
Latitude: 22° 23,664' S		Longitude: 30° 17,701' E	
Date: 18.02.11		Period: 16.10 - 17.10 h	
Cape Turtle-Dove	6	Sabota Lark	3
Laughing Dove	10	European Swallow	50
Greenspotted Dove	1	Willow Warbler	1
Namaqua Dove	1	Rattling Cisticola	2
Diederik Cuckoo	1	Southern White-crowned Shrike	3
Red-faced Mousebird	1	Greater Blue-eared Starling	20
Woodland Kingfisher	2	Plumcoloured Starling	1
European Bee-eater	4	Wattled Starling	12
Little Bee-eater	1	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	6
Lilac-breasted Roller	2	Red-billed Quelea	25
European Roller	3	Scaly-feathered Finch	4
Greater Honeyguide	1		



Point 21 - Riverview "Bubber's baobab tree"			
Latitude: 22° 24,278' S		Longitude: 30° 16,077' E	
Date: 18.02.11		Period: 18.13 - 19.13 h	
Natal Francolin	1	European Bee-eater	4
Red-crested Korhaan	2	Plumcoloured Starling	1
Double-banded Sandgrouse	16	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	3
Cape Turtle-Dove	6	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	3
Laughing Dove	3	Yellow-fronted Canary	1
Greenspotted Dove	3	Golden-breasted Bunting	2

18.02. between "Bubber's baobab tree" and Riverview:

Bronze-winged Courser 3, Square-tailed Nightjar 2.



Point 22 - Dover Magdala - dam			
Latitude: 22° 23,112' S		Longitude: 30° 07,356' E	
Date: 19.02.11		Period: 06.30 - 07.30 h	
Natal Francolin	3	Chinspot Batis	1
Cape Turtle-Dove	5	Black-backed Puffback	1
Laughing Dove	10	Brubru	1
Greenspotted Dove	1	Greater Blue-eared Starling	2
Namaqua Dove	2	Plumcoloured Starling	1
Jacobin Cuckoo	2	Red-billed Oxpecker	1
Diederik Cuckoo	1	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	5
Burchell's Coucal	2	Southern Masked-Weaver	1
Woodland Kingfisher	1	Red-billed Quelea	30
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	3
European Bee-eater	1	Jameson's Firefinch	2
African Grey Hornbill	1	Red-billed Firefinch	1
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	3	Black-faced Waxbill	2
Black-collared Barbet	1	Common Waxbill	3
Crested Barbet	1	Blue Waxbill	10
Sabota Lark	1	Green-winged Pytilia (Melba Finch)	5
Arrow-marked Babbler	1	Yellow-fronted Canary	4
Black-eyed (Common) Bulbul	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	15
Familiar Chat	3	Golden-breasted Bunting	7
Spotted Flycatcher	3		

19.02. to Dover: African Hawk Eagle 2 ad., Double-banded Sandgrouse 8, Little Bee-eater 2, European/African Cuckoo 1, Neddicky 1.

19.02. between Magdala dam and Mbuyu camp/waterhole: Red-crested Korhaan 2, Crowned Plover 2, Spotted Thick-knee 1 dead on the road, African Grey Hornbill 1, Plumcoloured Starling 1.



Point 23 - Mbuyu camp pond/waterhole			
Latitude: 22° 22,342' S		Longitude: 30° 08,685' E	
Date: 19.02.11		Period: 08.08 - 09.09 h	
Shikra	2	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Red-crested Korhaan	1	Marico Flycatcher	3
Cape Turtle-Dove	8	Crimson-breasted Shrike	1
Laughing Dove	10	Red-backed Shrike	2
Greenspotted Dove	1	Black-crowned Tchagra	1
Namaqua Dove	1	Brubru	1
Diederik Cuckoo	1	Red-billed Oxpecker	5
European Bee-eater	3	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	5
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	1	Red-billed Quelea	10
Greater Scimitarbill	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	1
Acacia Pied Barbet	1	Cut-throat Finch	1
Sabota Lark	4	Violet-eared Waxbill	1
European Swallow	30	Blue Waxbill	2
Fork-tailed Drongo	3	Green-winged Pytilia (Melba Finch)	2
Southern Black Tit	1	Golden-breasted Bunting	1
Long-billed Crombec	1		

19.02. between Mbuyu camp and Wryhead below Fria lookout:

Helmeted Guineafowl 2, Brown-hooded Kingfisher 1.



Point 24 - Wryheid below Fria lookout			
Latitude: 22° 19,699' S		Longitude: 30° 09,940' E	
Date: 19.02.11		Period: 09.47 - 10.47 h	
Cape Turtle-Dove	20	White-browed Robin	2
Laughing Dove	60	Grey-backed Bleating Warbler	2
Greenspotted Dove	1	Neddicky	2
Namaqua Dove	1	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Grey Lourie	1	Red-billed Oxpecker	5
Jacobin Cuckoo	1	White-bellied Sunbird	2
Red-faced Mousebird	1	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	4
Speckled Mousebird	3	Red-headed Weaver	2
Woodland Kingfisher	1	Eastern Paradise-Whydah	3
Greater Scimitarbill	1	Red-billed Firefinch	2
Crested Barbet	1	Cut-throat Finch	3
Acacia Pied Barbet	1	Red-headed Finch	1
Sabota Lark	2	Violet-eared Waxbill	2
Eastern Black-headed Oriole	1	Common Waxbill	4
Southern Black Tit	2	Yellow-fronted Canary	10
Black-eyed (Common) Bulbul	3	Golden-breasted Bunting	6

19.02. between Wryheid through Dover to Riverview:

Lanner Falcon 1 ad., Red-crested Korhaan 1, European/African Cuckoo 1, Chestnut-backed Finchlark 2, Long-billed Crombec 1, Red-billed Oxpecker 5.



Summary of species found at the 24 points 2011

Species																									Total		
	Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Birds	Points
Reed Cormorant	1																									1	1
Grey Heron	1													1												2	2
Green-backed Heron	1						1							1												3	3
Hamerkop														1												1	1
Egyptian Goose	10						7							6												23	3
African Fish-Eagle														1												1	1
Bateleur		1			1										1				1							4	4
Brown Snake-Eagle			1																							1	1
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle		1	2		1					2		1														7	5
Tawny Eagle															1											1	1
Lesser Spotted Eagle			1												2	1										4	3
Wahlberg's Eagle					1				1							1				1						4	4
Verreaux's Eagle					2																					2	1
African Hawk-Eagle	1		2						1																	4	3
Booted Eagle			2																							2	1
Dark Chanting Goshawk											1	1														2	2
Gabar Goshawk						1																				1	1
Shikra		1									1									2				2		6	4
Natal Francolin	3	6			1		2	2						2			1				1	3				21	9
Helmeted Guineafowl	9									3			14					16								42	4

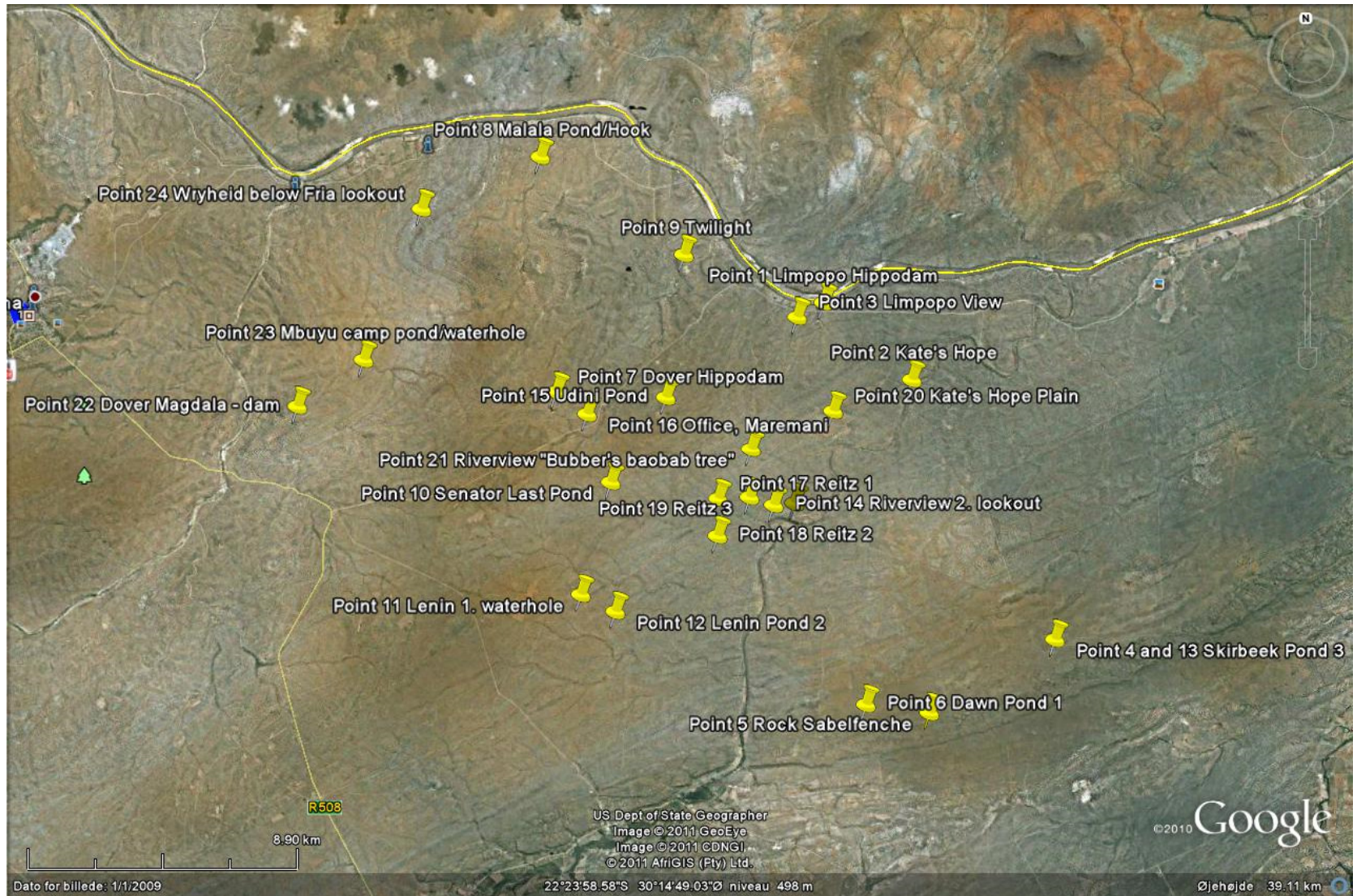
Points	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Birds	Points	
Black Crake	3													2												5	2
Red-crested Korhaan										2								2			2			1		7	4
Three-banded Plover	1					1	5	6					1	1												15	6
Crowned Plover							2								2											4	2
Blacksmith Plover	4													4												8	2
Common Sandpiper														1												1	1
Wood Sandpiper	1						1	2						1						1						6	5
Marsh Sandpiper	1					1																				2	2
Greater Painted-Snipe	1																									1	1
Double-banded Sandgrouse													36									16				52	2
Cape Turtle-Dove	6	10	2	20		15	6	10	6	10	25		50	2	10	10	3	4	10	6	6	5	8	20	244	23	
Laughing Dove	10	2	2	10		10		15	15	1	5		50	1	5		2	5	19	10	3	10	10	60	245	20	
Greenspotted Wood-Dove	8	2	2		2		1			1				2			3	1	6	1	3	1	1	1	35	15	
Namaqua Dove	2			8		6					3	3	10					1		1			2	1	1	38	11
Grey Lourie				2	6									2		1	2		1						1	15	7
European Cuckoo									1					1												2	2
Jacobin Cuckoo	1			1					1			1										2		1		7	6
Diederik Cuckoo																2				1		1	1			5	4
Burchell's Coucal	1	1												3									2			7	4
African Wood-Owl										1																1	1
African Scops-Owl													1													1	1
Fiery-necked Nightjar													4													4	1
Little Swift	2																									2	1
African Palm-Swift		1					10									4										15	3
Red-faced Mousebird				1				5			2		6								1			1		16	6

Points	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Birds	Points	
Speckled Mousebird	3																							3	6	2	
Pied Kingfisher	4	2					1							3												10	4
Woodland Kingfisher	3	2		1										1		2				2		1		1		13	8
Brown-hooded Kingfisher		1												3								1				5	3
European Bee-eater					10				3						7					4	4	1	3			32	7
White-fronted Bee-eater														5												5	1
Southern Carmine Bee-eater					5																					5	1
Little Bee-eater	2																				1					3	2
Lilac-breasted Roller				2		1							1								2					6	4
European Roller						2						1									3					6	3
African Grey Hornbill	2							2										1					1			6	4
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	2	2		2	1	1			4	1		1		5			1	1	2			3	1			27	14
Red-billed Hornbill	1	2							1					1												5	4
Greater Scimitarbill													1				2		1				1	1		6	5
African Hoopoe	1																									1	1
Greater Honeyguide																					1					1	1
Black-collared Barbet																						1				1	1
Crested Barbet	1	2					1		1						1	1						1		1		9	8
Acacia Pied Barbet	2				1			1		1	1	1							1					1	1	10	9
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird								1																		1	1
Cardinal Woodpecker										1																1	1
Golden-tailed Woodpecker																	1									1	1
Bennett's Woodpecker														1	1											2	2
Dusky Lark															10	1										11	2
Sabota Lark				5		2						10			1			3		3		1	4	2		31	9

Points	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Birds	Points
Wire-tailed Swallow	2													1											3	2
Lesser Striped Swallow	1																								1	1
European Swallow	20	5			100	100	25		10		1	10	100	30	15	10	2	1		50			30		509	16
House Martin	10	10				1												1	2						24	5
Fork-tailed Drongo									1		2			2	1		5		2				3		16	7
African Golden Oriole								1																	1	1
European Golden Oriole															1										1	1
Eastern Black-headed Oriole	1													2			2							1	6	4
Southern Black Tit							2			1									3				1	2	9	5
Arrow-marked Babbler	5																1					1			7	3
Black-eyed (Common) Bulbul	1		2					2	1				1	2		2						1	3		15	9
Kurrichane Thrush																		1							1	1
Familiar Chat								1	1													3			5	3
Mocking Chat					1																				1	1
White-browed Robin-Chat						1				1		1												2	5	4
Willow Warbler				3		1	1					1	1				2	1		1					11	8
Olive-tree Warbler				3		1																			4	3
Grey Penduline-Tit															1										1	1
African Reed-Warbler				1	1																				2	2
European Marsh-Warbler		1																							1	1
Bleating Warbler																								2	2	1
Long-billed Crombec												1					1						1		3	3
Zitting Cisticola														1											1	1
Neddicky	1																							2	3	2
Rattling Cisticola				1												1								2	4	3

Points	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Birds	Points
Tawny-flanked Prinia	2	2							2										1						7	4
Black-chested Prinia																			1						1	1
Spotted Flycatcher											1	2		1	1							3	1	1	14	9
Marico Flycatcher												1											3		4	2
Chinspot Batis								1	2		1							2	2	1			1		10	7
African Pied Wagtail	2						1							5											8	3
Crimson-breasted Shrike																							1		1	1
Red-backed Shrike				1					1				3			1								2	8	5
Tropical Boubou	1													1						1					3	3
Blackcrowned Tchagra												1											1		2	2
Brown-crowned Tchagra															1	2									3	2
Black-backed Puffback																	1					1			2	2
Grey-headed Bush-Shrike														1											1	1
Red-billed Helmet-Shrike									3																3	1
Southern White-crowned Shrike																					3				3	1
Brubru										1	1	1											1	1	5	5
Greater Blue-eared Starling				2									2	1							20	2			27	5
Glossy Starling							2																		2	1
Plumcoloured Starling	1								14					2							1	1	1		20	6
Meves' Longtailed Starling		2												3											5	2
Wattled Starling																					12				12	1
Red-billed Oxpecker																						1	5	5	11	3
White-bellied Sunbird		1							1															2	4	3
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	5	3	1	5		5	10	5	2	6	1			4		10	3	3			3	5	5		76	17
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	10						3		2	1	2			2		4	1				6	3		4	38	11

Points	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Birds	Points	
White-browed Sparrow-Weaver				30									25			10									65	4	
Lesser Masked-Weaver								1								6										7	3
Southern Masked-Weaver								5	3													1				9	3
Spectacled Weaver														5												5	1
Red-headed Weaver	2						4									30								2	38	4	
Red-billed Quelea	20	90		100		40		1				10							1	25		30	10		327	10	
Pin-tailed Whydah	3	1		1				1					1													7	5
Eastern Paradise-Whydah	2			3		2		1				2	4	1		2			1				3	1	3	25	12
Purple Indigobird													1													1	1
Village Indigobird				1									1	1												3	3
Jameson's Firefinch																							2			2	1
Red-billed Firefinch	1												1				1						1		2	6	5
Violet-eared Waxbill												2	1											1	2	6	4
Black-faced Waxbill				2									4				2						2			10	4
Common Waxbill	1												2				1						3		4	11	5
Blue Waxbill	2			5		1		1		3		6	10				3	16	5				10	2		64	12
Cut-throat Finch							1					1					1							1	3	7	5
Red-headed Finch																									1	1	1
Scaly-feathered Finch																					4					4	1
Green-winged Pytilia				2								3	3			1	1						5	2		17	7
Yellow-fronted Canary	4			5		2				6	10	5			2		1	1	6			1	4		10	57	13
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting			4	5	6	5	5	2	1	5		1	5		3	1	4	3	2				15			67	16
Golden-breasted Bunting						1	1		1	3	1	1	1				4	1	1			2	7	1	6	31	14
Number of species at the points	52	24	11	27	15	22	22	20	26	18	15	25	30	42	19	24	28	20	22	23	12	39	31	32			
Total 143 species																											



Summary of species found at Riverview 2011 (Total species list with highest daily numbers)			
Latitude: 22° 25,29' S		Longitude: 30° 16,867' E	
Date: 13.02.11 - 19.02.11		Period: 13.02.11 - 19.02.11	
White-breasted Cormorant	2	Pied Kingfisher	4
Cattle Egret	1	Woodland Kingfisher	5
Green-backed Heron	4	European Bee-eater	1
Hamerkop	2	White-fronted Bee-eater	6
Egyptian Goose	10	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	100
White-backed Vulture	2	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	4
African Fish-Eagle	1	African Hoopoe	1
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	2	Wire-tailed Swallow	10
Wahlberg's Eagle	5	European Swallow	75
Martial Eagle	1	House Martin	10
African Hawk-Eagle	1	Fork-tailed Drongo	2
European Honey Buzzard	1	Kurrichane Thrush	1
Shikra	2	White-browed Robin-Chat	1
Natal Francolin	4	Lesser Swamp-Warbler	2
Black Crake	1	Tawny-flanked Prinia	2
Three-banded Plover	3	African Pied Wagtail	4
Blacksmith Plover	10	Tropical Boubou	1
Common Sandpiper	1	Black-backed Puffback	2
Wood Sandpiper	1	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike	1
Water Dikkop	8	Plumcoloured Starling	2
Cape Turtle-Dove	6	Meves' Longtailed Starling	4
Laughing Dove	12	Collared Sunbird	2
Greenspotted Dove	5	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	10
Burchell's Coucal	1	Lesser Masked-Weaver	10
Mozambique Nightjar	3	Red-billed Quelea	50
European Swift	2	Village Indigobird	2
Little Swift	5	Common Waxbill	2
Giant Kingfisher	1	Blue Waxbill	1



White-breasted Cormorant



The Camp

Results

The 24 points at which the counts were carried out were not selected at random but were chosen so as to represent different habitats on the Foundation's properties. It was also taken into consideration where it could be expected to see good concentrations of birds, that is to say in the vicinity of natural or artificial water-holes or rivers.

From the point counts it can be seen that a number of the species found in the area in February are migrants from Europe/Asia, whereas most of the species are birds that breed locally in South Africa.

The table below shows the species that were seen at at least half of the 24 points. The numbers in the right-hand column show the number of points at which the species was registered. Cape Turtle Dove and Laughing Dove are the commonest species and were seen and heard most of the time when moving around in the area.

1	Cape Turtle Dove	22
2	Laughing Dove	20
3	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	17
4	Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting	16
5	European Swallow	16
6	Green-spotted Dove	15
7	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	14
8	Golden-breasted Bunting	14
9	Yellow-fronted Canary	13
10	Blue Waxbill	12
11	Eastern Paradise Whydah	12

As shown on page 44, 37 new species were found during the 2011 counts in comparison with the 2009 counts, bringing the total list of species for the Foundation's properties to 240 bird species, of which 180 were seen on this latest count. Of these, 143 were registered on the 24 point counts, which shows that this method gives quite a good picture of the avian fauna.

The counts show that there is a considerable concentration of birds at waterholes, both natural and artificial, and indeed even small drinking troughs can often attract many individuals and species, especially in the morning. In the middle of the day, fewer passerines are seen, as they are then resting in the trees and bushes in the area. Around sunset, more passerines are again seen at the waterholes. A special phenomenon was observed at Skirbeek Pond 3, where up to 36 Double-banded Sandgrouse were seen coming to drink at the waterholes after sunset.

Bird species 2006, 2009 and 2011

Species		2006	2009	2011
		18.-25.2.	14.-24.2.	13.-19.2.
Dabchick	Tachybaptus ruficollis	x		
White-breasted Cormorant	Phalacrocorax lucidus		x	x
Reed Cormorant	Phalacrocorax africanus			x
African Darter	Anhinga rufa	x	x	
Eastern White Pelican	Pelecanus onocrotalus	x		
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	x	x	x
Great White Egret	Egretta alba		x	
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis		x	x
Green-backed Heron	Butorides striatus	x	x	x
Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	x	x	
White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	x		
Yellow-billed Stork	Mycteria ibis	x		
Saddle-billed Stork	Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis	x		
Hamerkop	Scopus umbretta	x	x	x
Hadeda Ibis	Bostychia hagedash		x	
Spur-Winged Goose	Plecopterus gambensis	x		
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiacus	x	x	x
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos	x		
White-faced Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	x	x	
White-backed Duck	Thalassornis leuconotus		x	
Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotus	x		
White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus	x		x
African Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	x	x	x
Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus	x	x	x
Brown Snake-Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	x	x	x
Black-breasted Snake-Eagle	Circaetus gallicus	x	x	x
Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis	x		
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	x		x
Lesser Spotted Eagle	Aquila pomarina	x		x
Wahlberg's Eagle	Aquila wahlbergi	x	x	x
Verreaux's Eagle	Aquila verreauxii			x
Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	x	x	x
African Hawk-Eagle	Hieraaetus fasciatus	x	x	x
Booted Eagle	Aquila pennatus			x
Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus		x	x

Steppe Buzzard	Buteo buteo		x	x
Gymnogene	Polyboroides typus	x	x	
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus		x	
Dark Chanting Goshawk	Melierax metabates	x	x	x
Black Kite	Milvus migrans		x	
Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar		x	x
Shikra	Accipiter badius			x
Little Sparrowhawk	Accipiter minullus		x	x
Black Sparrowhawk	Accipiter melanoleucus	x		
African Goshawk	Accipiter tachiro		x	
Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus	x		x
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus			x
Swainson's Francolin	Francolinus swainsonii		x	
Natal Francolin	Francolinus natalensis	x	x	x
Crested Francolin	Francolinus sephaena	x	x	x
Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	x	x	x
Crested Guineafowl	Guttera pucherani	x		x
Ostrich	Struthio camelus		x	x
Harlequin Quail	Coturnix delegorguei	x	x	
Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix	x	x	
Small Buttonquail	Turnix sylvatica			x
Black Crake	Amaurornis flavirostris		x	x
Kori Bustard	Ardeotis kori		x	x
Red-crested Korhaan	Eupodotis ruficrista		x	x
Three-banded Plover	Charadrius tricollaris	x	x	x
Kittlitz's Plover	Charadrius pecuarius	x	x	
Crowned Plover	Vanellus coronatus	x		x
Blacksmith Plover	Vanellus armatus	x	x	x
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	x	x	x
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	x	x	x
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	x	x	x
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis			x
Greater Painted-Snipe	Rostratula benghalensis		x	x
Spotted Thick-knee	Burhinus capensis		x	x
Water Thick-knee	Burhinus vermiculatus	x	x	x
Bronze-winged Courser	Rhinoptilus chalcopterus		x	x
Double-banded Sandgrouse	Pterocles bicinctus	x	x	x
Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)	Columba livia			x
African Mourning Dove	Streptopelia decipiens	x	x	
Red-eyed Dove	Streptopelia semitorquata	x	x	
Cape Turtle-Dove	Streptopelia capicola	x	x	x

Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	x	x	x
Greenspotted Dove	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>	x	x	x
Tambourine Dove	<i>Turtur tympanistria</i>	x	x	
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	x	x	x
Grey Lourie	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	x	x	x
European Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	x	x	x
Red-chested Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus solitarius</i>	x		
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	x	x	x
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	x		
Diederik Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcus caprius</i>	x	x	x
Klaas Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcus klaas</i>	x	x	
African Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>		x	
Burchell's Coucal	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>	x	x	x
African Wood-Owl	<i>Strix woodfordii</i>		x	x
African Scops-Owl	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>			x
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>		x	
Freckled Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>	x		
Fiery-necked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>			x
Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>	x		x
Mozambique Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus fossii</i>	x		x
European Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	x	x	x
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	x	x	x
Horus Swift	<i>Apus horus</i>	x		
White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	x	x	
African Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	x	x	x
Red-faced Mousebird	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>			x
Speckled Mousebird	<i>Colius striatus</i>	x	x	x
Giant Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>		x	x
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	x	x	x
Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>	x	x	
Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Ispidina picta</i>		x	
Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	x	x	x
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	x	x	x
Grey-hooded Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon leucocephala</i>	x		
Striped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>	x	x	x
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	x	x	x
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>	x		
White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	x	x	x
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>	x	x	x
Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	x	x	x
Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudata</i>	x	x	x

European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	x	x	x
Purple Roller	<i>Coracias naevia</i>	x	x	
Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>		x	
Crowned Hornbill	<i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>	x		
African Grey Hornbill	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>	x	x	x
Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	x	x	x
Red-billed Hornbill	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>	x	x	x
Redbilled Wood-hoopoe	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>	x		
Greater Scimitarbill	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	x	x	x
African Hoopoe	<i>Upupa africana</i>	x	x	x
Greater Honeyguide	<i>Indicator indicator</i>			x
Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>			x
Crested Barbet	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>		x	x
Acacia Pied Barbet	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	x		x
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	<i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>			x
Cardinal Woodpecker	<i>Dendropicos fuscensens</i>	x	x	x
Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>			x
Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>			x
Dusky Lark	<i>Pinatocorus nigricans</i>			x
Sabota Lark	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>	x	x	x
Rufous-naped Lark	<i>Mirafra africana</i>			x
Chestnut-backed Finchlark	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>	x		x
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	x	x	x
Red-breasted Swallow	<i>Hirundo semirufa</i>	x	x	
Lesser Striped Swallow	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>	x	x	x
South African Cliff-Swallow	<i>Hirundo spilodera</i>	x		
European Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	x	x	x
Brown-throated Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>		x	
Rock Martin	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>	x	x	
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	x	x	x
Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	x	x	x
White-breasted Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina pectoralis</i>			x
African Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus auratus</i>			x
European Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	x	x	x
Eastern Black-headed Oriole	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>		x	x
Southern Black Tit	<i>Parus niger</i>		x	x
Arrow-marked Babbler	<i>Turdoides jardeneii</i>	x	x	x
Blackeyed (Common) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>	x	x	x
Kurrichane Thrush	<i>Turdus libonyanus</i>			x
Groundscraper Thrush	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>	x		
Familiar Chat	<i>Cermomela familiaris</i>	x	x	x

Mocking Chat	Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris			x
White-browed Robin-Chat	Cossypha heuglini	x	x	x
White-browed Robin	Erythropygia leucophrys	x	x	x
Thrush Nightingale	Luscinia luscinia	x	x	
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	x	x	x
Olive-tree Warbler	Hippolais olivetorum			x
Yellow-bellied Eremomela	Eremomela icteropygialis			x
Grey Penduline-Tit	Anthoscopus caroli			x
Lesser Swamp-Warbler	Acrocephalus gracilirostris	x		x
African Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus baeticatus		x	x
European Marsh-Warbler	Acrocephalus palustris		x	x
Great Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	x	x	x
Grey-backed Bleating Warbler	Camaroptera brevicaudata			x
Long-billed Crombec	Sylvieatta rufescens			x
Yellow-breasted Apalis	Apalis flavida	x		
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	x	x	x
Neddicky	Cisticola fulvicapilla		x	x
Rattling Cisticola	Cisticola chiniana	x	x	x
Tawny-flanked Prinia	Prinia subflava		x	x
Black-chested Prinia	Prinia flavicans			x
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	x	x	x
Marico Flycatcher	Bradornis mariquensis	x	x	x
African Paradise-Flycatcher	Persipone viridis	x		
Chinspot Batis	Batis molitor	x	x	x
African Pied Wagtail	Motacilla aguimp	x	x	x
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava			x
Grassveld Pipit	Anthus cinnamomeus rufoloides		x	
Bushveld Pipit	Anthus caffer	x		
Crimson-breasted Shrike	Laniarius atrococcineus	x	x	x
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio	x	x	x
Lesser Grey Shrike	Lanius minor	x	x	x
Fiscal Shrike	Lanius collaris			x
Southern Boubou	Laniarius ferrugineus		x	
Tropical Boubou	Laniarius aethiopicus		x	x
Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegala	x		x
Brown-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra australis		x	x
Black-backed Puffback	Dryoscopus cubla	x		x
Grey-headed Bush-Shrike	Malaconotus blanchoti	x		x
Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike	Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus		x	
Redbilled Helmet-Shrike	Prionops retzii			x
White-crested Helmet-shrike	Prionops plumatus	x		x

Southern White-crowned Shrike	<i>Eurocephalus anguitimens</i>	x	x	x
Brubru	<i>Nilaus afer</i>		x	x
Greater Blue-eared Starling	<i>Lamprotornis chalybaeus</i>		x	x
Glossy Starling	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>	x	x	x
Plumcoloured Starling	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>	x	x	x
Meves' Longtailed Starling	<i>Lamprotornis mevesii</i>		x	x
Wattled Starling	<i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	x		x
Red-billed Oxpecker	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>	x	x	x
Collared Sunbird	<i>Hedydipna collaris</i>			x
White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>	x	x	x
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer griseus</i>		x	
Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	x	x	x
Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	x	x	x
Whitebrowed Sparrow-Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	x	x	x
Lesser Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>			x
Southern Masked-Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	x		x
Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>		x	x
Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	x	x	x
Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	x	x	x
Southern Red Bishop	<i>Euplectes orix</i>	x	x	
White-winged Widow	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>			x
Pin-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua macroura</i>	x	x	x
Eastern Paradise-Whydah	<i>Vidua paradisaea</i>	x	x	x
Dusky Indigobird	<i>Vidua funerea</i>		x	
Purple Indigobird	<i>Vidua purpurascens</i>		x	x
Village Indigobird	<i>Vidua chalybeata</i>		x	x
Bluebilled Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>	x	x	
Jameson's Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>	x	x	x
Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>		x	x
Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>			x
Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>			x
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	x	x	x
Blue Waxbill	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	x	x	x
Cut-throat Finch	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>	x	x	x
Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>			x
Scaly-feathered Finch	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>		x	x
Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>		x	x
Goldenbacked Pytilia	<i>Pytilia afra</i>		x	
Yellow-fronted Canary	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	x	x	x
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	x	x	x
Golden-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	x	x	x

Sum		152	163	180
Total number of species		152	203	240
Increase			51	37

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