

# TRAVEL EXPERIENCE CONSERVE

# Tour Report South Africa's Rare Mammals in Style 27 May - 5 June 2022

Caracal



Black rhino



Giraffe



Meerkat



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#### Tour Leader: Helen Bryon with seven participants

With 96 bird and 39 mammal species recorded during our inaugural South Africa's Rare Mammals in Style holiday, we got off to a good start! Delayed for two years by the pandemic, expectations were high, and the incredible Tswalu Private Game Reserve certainly delivered. We spent seven nights there in the green Kalahari, at the start of winter, in the hope that we would come across a number of rare mammal species such as pangolin, aardvark, aardwolf and smaller cats. At this time of year, they begin their usual nocturnal foraging earlier in the afternoon before the cold desert nights draw in. As the reserve is also home to four of the Big Five (there are no elephants), we are looking to enjoy an all-round safari experience.

#### Day 1: Depart London

# Friday 27 May 2022

#### Weather: Sunny, 19°C

The group met at our Heathrow departure gate and introductions were made shortly before boarding our direct overnight BA flight to Johannesburg. We left on time during a lovely sunset.

#### Day 2: Arrive Tswalu, afternoon game drive

#### Saturday 28 May 2022

# Weather: Sunny, 26 °C

We were met directly off the aircraft and escorted through Port of Health temperature checks and Immigration, collecting our bags within 45 minutes of landing. We were then driven to Fireblade Aviation, just 15 minutes away, where we had lunch and relaxed in the VIP area. We walked around the small garden and enjoyed the morning sunshine before boarding our private flight to Tswalu that departed shortly before 13:00. We had an eight-seater Beechcraft aircraft and 90 minutes later, we were descending over the Korannaberg Mountains with the Kalahari stretching endlessly into the distance.

We were met by our guides Morah and Dave, and their trackers Pete and Mangaliso, and we were asked if we wanted to go straight on drive? There was absolutely no hesitation from the group, and we jumped onto the vehicles (open sided with no roof and either four or six tiered window seats apiece), any tiredness from our travels rapidly being replaced by adrenaline as we wondered what may be around every corner. We split up and both vehicles got off to a great start with one group seeing a rock monitor as they left the airfield and another seeing ground squirrels and our first meerkats. We were immediately introduced to several bird species that we would see over and over again (fawn coloured lark, scaly feathered finch, Marico flycatchers and Kalahari scrub robins) before plains game took to the fore. Roan antelope, gemsbok, wildebeest, springbok, impala, steenbok and kudu were joined by giraffe and Hartmann's mountain zebra. A few chacma baboons later and by the time we reconvened for our first sundowner atop a dune and we had clocked up around 40 species on our first drive! We toasted the sun as it began to sink below the horizon with Kalahari gin & tonics (when in Rome..!), wine and beer, and we pinched ourselves at being here after such a long wait.

As we headed for home, to Tarkuni Lodge for the first time, the colours in the sky deepened and really began to put on a show. Sightings wise, our first day was wrapped up with a genet for one vehicle (large or lesser spotted to be determined) and a spotted eagle owl silhouetted against the blood orange sky for the other. After a very warm welcome by Rachel and our lodge staff, we were shown our rooms and had a little time to freshen up, before we met our private chef, Theo, and were treated to our first three course meal by him. Elasticated trousers will be on the packing list for 2023! By 22:00 we were ready for bed as we had an early start in the morning.



#### Day 3: Morning and afternoon safaris

# Weather: Sunny and windy, 20°C (6°C when we set out in the morning)

Following our 06:00 wake up calls, fresh coffee and a lovely early morning spread (we are really not going to go hungry here!), we were in our vehicles, blankets and coats on, ready for our 06:30 departure. Leopard had been seen in the vicinity of Tarkuni by the trackers on their way to pick us up so we slowly drove the access road but to no avail. We then proceeded to head west into the dunes to really get a feel for the reserve. We were on the lookout for wild dogs and rhinos and came across black-backed jackals bathed in beautiful light before stopping for tea and coffee (with Amarula of course) at a waterhole where we enjoyed spotting a variety of bird species. Continuing, we headed back towards the mountains and were fortunate to come across two cheetah brothers, soaking up the sun. They were not far from the road, so we progressed further on foot and watched entranced as they alternately slept, kept a look out for predators and prey alike, and warmed up after a chilly start to the morning.

Returning to the lodge for a stunning al fresco brunch, we rested before high tea at 15:30, during which a pearl spotted owlet was seen from one of the bathrooms. We set off at 16:00, planning to head south-west on the lookout for rare mammals. As with all great plans, they are often subject to change in the bush and sure enough, after only a few minutes, our tracker spotted a puff adder crossing the road and after another half an hour or so, Helen spotted a black rhino browsing on a blackthorn approximately 50 metres from the road. We sat and watched it as it fed, blissfully unaware of our presence due to the direction of the wind. The rest of the group joined us and he began to move west, adjacent to the road. Suddenly he became aware of us and we were enthralled as we read the mixture of emotions going through his face. He kept taking a few steps towards us, stopping to work out if we were friend or foe. Closer and closer he came, stopping, investigating, advancing. Finally, he ran at us for a few steps before deciding against it and bolting away from us. What a sighting!

We stopped by a pan for a sundowner, elated, and then continued our drive as night fell and Scorpio rose to our east whilst Orion dropped over the horizon to the west. The deep red sky condensed further and further until we were driving in the dark, taking in numerous bat-eared fox sightings on the way home. Between us, the group also saw spotted eagle owl, spring hare and Cape hare. Dinner was another three-course affair and another resounding success!

#### Day 4: Morning and afternoon safaris

#### Monday 30 May 2022

#### Weather: Sunny, 20°C

Another 06:00 wakeup call and we were on our way at 06:30 (complete with hot water bottles this morning), to explore the northern part of the reserve. In what seemed like the blink of an eye, half of the group came across another black rhino and then together, we found lion. We thoroughly enjoyed watching three playful youngsters stalking each other through the long grass of a valley for well in excess of an hour. Mum kept a close eye on them, and it was fabulous! Refreshed after our morning tea and coffee stop, we continued with some great birding (including close ups of white-backed mousebirds preening and digesting, bellies to the sun) and one vehicle saw the first sable of the trip. We were out for five and a half hours, and it had literally flown by!

This afternoon's drive got off to a great start with one vehicle coming across a brown hyena less than five minutes from the lodge! Walking along the road, it was very relaxed, but it turned south into thick scrub and quickly disappeared. We could scarcely believe our luck but our focus this afternoon, was another nocturnal specialist, pangolin. We turned towards the dunes and our quest began. One of the great benefits of a stay at Tswalu, is not coming across other vehicles when out on drive. A third vehicle joined us this afternoon however, as collectively our guiding team searched for signs of recent activity. One tracker was dropped by a burrow known to be in use and everyone else spread out and walked the dunes searching for spoor. As the



sun began to dip towards the horizon, hope was fading but we consoled ourselves with sundowners whilst taking in the view and listening to the call of a red crested korhaan. Suddenly, the radio came to life, and we were cajoled into action. A female had been seen leaving her burrow and we were instructed to jump on to the vehicles ASAP. We set off into the night, with only a sliver of crimson light left on the horizon, and then walked by the torchlight of mobile phones along a dune until we located the tracker who had stayed with her until our arrival. She was curled into a ball in thick grass, and we watched silently as she unravelled and we marvelled at her size and at the fact that we were with her. For many, it was their first pangolin sighting and once she had returned to her burrow, we veritably waltzed back to the lodge, seeing springhare, scrub hare and porcupine en route. Once home, we chatted excitedly over our braai (barbecue) dinner in the boma under the stars. What a day!

#### Day 5: Morning and afternoon safaris

#### Tuesday 31 May 2022

#### Weather: sunny, 21°C

We had a lie in this morning with a 06:30 wakeup call ready for our 07:00 departure. Our plan was to visit one of several habituated suricate (meerkat) colonies on the reserve and with the cold mornings, they rise a little later to bask in the morning sun. With a sable sighting along the way, we arrived at our destination to find them standing tall at the various entrances to their burrows, scanning for predators whilst warming up. Walking all the way around the burrow system, being careful not to walk over the burrows to avoid them collapsing, we were able to view them in different light and then settled down to watch as they gradually became more active. We noticed a variety of behaviours including play, the setting up of sentries and the use of their anal glands on each other to scent mark the clan.

Time flew by as they enchanted us with their antics and then we had tea and coffee before continuing to an unexpected sighting. A pair of cheetah brothers had been found on a fresh kill not far away, so we made our way to them, their presence alerted to us by the number of black-backed jackal, loitering in the area, waiting for their turn on the gemsbok carcass. We sat metres from them, as the brothers took it in turns to eat and then flop heavily close by, panting hard as they digested their rather large meal. One even rested against the untouched stomach and its contents, using it somewhat like a pillow!

Leaving them to their feast, we came across another meerkat colony as we drove back towards brunch. First, we noticed a sentry, high up in a camel thorn, taking his role very seriously as he scanned the skies on the lookout for aerial predators. The undoubted highlight of this sighting though was the presence of several new additions to the family. We estimated that they could not have been more than three weeks old, and they completely and utterly stole the show. A delight!

There was one more surprise to go before the morning was out, and that was an unexpected bush brunch at the foot of the mountains. Sitting in the sunshine, with mimosas in hand and bee-eaters flitting all around us, smiles were wide, and spirits were high. We were greeted back at the lodge by a herd of kudu drinking at the waterhole and they were joined a little later by a lone buffalo.

This afternoon's drive was through the mountains behind the lodge to view a sacred bushmen site. Here, petroglyphs, estimated to be around 110,000 years old, perhaps older, have been carved into rocks, close to a natural spring. Etched into the rock using harder stone tools not found in this area, ostrich, the sun, multiple circles and eland facing north, east, south and west were clearly visible. They added an air of mystery and indeed, the emblem representing Tswalu is taken from one of these petroglyphs.

Mountain reedbuck had been spotted and then as we left the site, one vehicle had a brief glimpse of a brown hyena and the other came across Smith's red rock rabbit. This was a first for our guide Morah and to say she was ecstatic would be an understatement. Her enthusiasm was catching! We then continued into the night searching predominantly for aardvark. Although there were plenty of signs of activity, we were unsuccessful,



but half of the group had quite an experience as a number of young male buffalo stampeded, narrowly missing their vehicle and tracker!

#### Day 6: Morning and afternoon safaris

#### Wednesday 1 June 2022

#### Weather: sunny, 21°C

Heading out into the dunes this morning, we explored the north-western part of the reserve. Giraffes were out in force (we stopped counting at 20+ at one gathering) and we saw a few newborn gemsbok. As we progressed, we picked up tracks for black rhino and kept our eyes peeled. We came across blue wildebeest dust bathing and then picked up fresh cheetah tracks for a female and two youngsters and soon enough, heard from the other vehicle that they'd just had a brief visual. We were on either side of a dune and after scanning the crest for a minute or two, up popped a head indicating that they were still in the area. Our tracker jumped off the vehicle to track them on foot and we slowly followed along the base of the dune. Suddenly there was a flash of movement, and one cheetah ran out ahead of us from left to right. Shortly afterwards, another one followed. It was fantastic to see them running but we didn't follow them as they clearly wanted to be left alone.

We then made our way to the Motse, Tswalu's other lodge, with one vehicle enjoying more meerkat sightings along the way. On arrival, we watched sun birds feed on the aloes and quiver trees that were in bloom. We had tea and coffee around the pool as more and more birds came down to drink and bathe. A quick look at 'The Gallery' (Tswalu's owners have a keen interest in encouraging and promoting unknown artists) and we headed home for another fabulous brunch and a rest. Kudu, baboons, warthog and our lone buffalo once again kept us entertained at the waterhole before we headed out at 16:00.

We headed straight for the dunes, adding quite a few new bird species along the way, and we were ever scanning the area for signs of aardvark activity and other fresh tracks. One vehicle came across four white rhino and just as they were radioed in, the other group came across their own mother and calf. The calf was very young and quite possibly hadn't come across a vehicle before. They took off into the bush and we joined the other vehicle on their sighting where the animals were very relaxed. They were framed by the mountains behind them and as the sun began to dip below the horizon, the scene became tinged with pink and we set up sundowners a safe distance away and bottled the moment in our memories.

Commencing our night drive, we set off in different directions and within a few minutes, one group had a fantastic sighting of a caracal and the other had African wild cat, complete with kitten! Both creatures were completely relaxed, and photos were captured. Grins all round! The drive home then proved to be fruitful with springhares jumping, bat-eared foxes, scrub hares racing along in front of the vehicles and a new mammal species for us, the Cape fox. What a day!

#### Day 7: Morning and afternoon safaris

#### Thursday 2 June 2022

#### Weather: sunny, 23°C

We kept close to the mountains on the drive this morning, scanning the area that wild dogs were last known to be. After a cold start, it turned into the most beautiful day, noticeably warmer, and although unsuccessful on our dog quest, sable were out in force providing great photographic opportunities. We soaked up the scenery, saw buffalo and had a great number of bird sightings, adding yet more species to our already impressive list.

This afternoon's high tea was served a little earlier at 15:00 so that we could set off at 15:30. One vehicle set off for the stables on site, to drop off one of the clients for her afternoon horse safari (she highly recommended the experience for intermediate to advanced riders). Those of us not riding, spent a pleasant half hour birding at the stables where a large number of crimson-breasted shrikes were in evidence, and we



also saw a pale chanting goshawk fly in with a kill. We then headed for the dunes watching running gemsbok, finding more meerkat sentries in shrubs and stumbling across a lovely daytime bat-eared fox sighting. We had been driving the dune streets (the roads running parallel with the dunes) but then we headed east, the sun setting behind us casting a deep red hue on the tracks crossing the dunes themselves. We stopped atop a dune for a special sundowners surprise. A Land Rover had been converted into a mobile bar, lanterns were everywhere and an Arabian style sitting area had been set up for us complete with cushions, snacks and rugs. Feeling thoroughly spoilt, we watched the sunset and cradled G&Ts with black pepper and apple. Stunning!

We had the option of a late-night drive tonight but after another huge meal, the group decided against it and we decided on a full day drive tomorrow instead.

#### Day 8: Morning and afternoon safaris

# Friday 3 June 2022

#### Weather: sunny, 22°C

Our objective today was to try and find a coalition of Kalahari black-maned male lions. We set off eagerly at 06:30, taking different routes as always, and after only ten minutes or so, both vehicles picked up very fresh leopard tracks. We followed them, coming across buffalo along the way and keeping eyes peeled, suddenly Morah and Pete both got a glimpse of it as it flew across the road in front of them (we didn't add it to the species list however as no one else saw it). Two of the Big Five quickly became three however, with a white rhino mother and calf pair being spotted trotting parallel with one vehicle. The rhino sightings continued with another three sightings across the group before one vehicle came across a remarkably relaxed brown hyena by a water hole. The other vehicle was on a mission following ridiculously fresh lion tracks. They'd clearly had a busy night as we could clearly see where they'd been walking along the roads and dunes as well as where they had rested and cubs had played. After both vehicles reconvening together for a morning tea and coffee break spent birding by a waterhole, we carried on, taking in the truly fantastic scenery dotted with plains game.

As we approached what we had been told was an old, abandoned farmhouse, we were delighted to find the entire housekeeping staff of Tarkuni there, who had been busy preparing an absolute feast for us. Not only did we dine on wonderful curry, salads, barbecue chicken and more, but we feasted our eyes on the incredible views before us. Built into a cliff, the views were spectacular and we watched sun birds and palm swifts swoop below us and ostrich on the plains below. The Kalahari stretched away from us, enchanting us entirely.

We were all on a natural high and not wanting to leave, but we ambled back to Turkuni, stopping to watch two Hartmann's mountain zebra live up to their name, as they traversed a rocky outcrop and stood proud against an azure blue sky at the very top.

We were back at the lodge by 15:30 and had time to freshen up before being picked up at 17:00 (no rest for the wicked!) for our drive to Klein Jan. Jan Hendrik Van Der Westhuizen is South Africa's first Michelin starred chef and Klein Jan is one of his restaurants found at Tswalu. Baboons were making an absolute racket as we left the lodge so we stopped to see if any predators were alarming them, but it appeared to be a domestic dispute. With buffalo and white rhino also being seen, our transfer was a good one.

We didn't really know what to expect tonight as we had deliberately not been told much about it. I don't want to give too much away for the benefit of future clients but, suffice to say it was absolutely superb. An experience, rather than just a meal, the thought behind the concept is to truly embrace the Kalahari, making full use of local materials and produce throughout. Three and a half hours later and we were grinning all the way back to Tarkuni, taking full advantage of the transfer being a night drive (springhare, porcupine, scrub hare and a spotted eagle owl were all seen).



#### Day 9: Morning safari and departure

#### Saturday 4 June 2022

Some of us opted for one last drive this morning, culminating at the airstrip, whilst others chose to relax at the lodge and meet us there later. We set off in search of our Kalahari black-maned lions once again and to everyone's delight, we found three brothers in the far north. They had been heard roaring and after following their tracks, were located with full bellies, spread out and sleeping off their kill underneath a thicket of blackthorns. With a herd of sable and one last new owl species for the trip under our belts, we arrived at the airstrip in time to say thank you and goodbyes to the simply superb team that had looked after us during our time in this magical place.

We boarded our eight-seater Beechcraft and headed east, back to Johannesburg, to relax at Fireblade Aviation where we had use of day rooms, showers and a gym. They also had a lovely lunch menu to keep us going. The group were transported across to the international airport late afternoon in preparation for their overnight flight home with BA.

# Day 10: Arrival home

#### Sunday 5 June 2022

Arriving in London in the early hours, the group said their goodbyes and headed home after a fantastic and memorable trip.

Please note that in the list below, species have been listed on the first day that they were seen. We may have seen many of them again later in the itinerary.



# Checklist



	Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
	BIRDS	AVES								
1	Scarlet-chested sunbird	Chalcomitra senegalensis	$\checkmark$							
2	White-backed mousebird	Colius colius	$\checkmark$							
3	Red-faced mousebird	Urocolius indicus	~							
4	Scaly feathered finch	Sporopipes squamifrons	~							
5	Short-toad rock-thrush	Monticola brevipes	~							
6	Fawn coloured lark	Calendulauda africanoides	~							
7	Kalahari scrub-robin	Cercotrichas paena	~							
8	Ant-eating chat	Myrmecocichla formicivora	~							
9	White-browed sparrow-weaver	Plocepasser mahali	✓							
10	Marico flycatcher	Bradornis mariquensis	✓							
11	White-bellied sunbird	Cinnyris talatala	✓							
12	Black-chested prinia	Prinia flavicans	~							



13	Tawny-flanked prinia	Prinia subflava	✓		
14	Cape turtle dove	Streptopelia capicola	✓		
15	Lilac-breasted roller	Coracias caudatus	✓		
16	Pale chanting goshawk	Melierax canorus	~		
17	Yellow canary	Crithagra flaviventris	~		
18	Cape glossy starling	Lamprotornis nitens	~		
19	Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	~		
20	Fork-tailed drongo	Dicrurus adsmilis	~		
21	South African shelduck	Tadorna Cana	~		
22	African red-eyed bulbul	Pycnonotus nigricans	~		
23	Crowned lapwing	Vanellus coronatus	~		
24	Familiar chat	Cercomela familiaris	~		
25	Blacksmith lapwing	Vanellus armatus	~		
26	Spotted eagle-owl	Bubo africanus	~		
27	Sabota lark	Calendulauba sabota	~		
28	Common fiscal	Lanius collaris	~		
29	Little grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	~		
30	Ostrich	Struthio camelus	✓		



31	Southern yellow-billed hornbill	Tockus leucomelas	✓				
32	Namaqua dove	Oena cape sis		~			
33	African palm swift	, Cypsiurus parvus		~			
34	Long-billed crombec	Sylvietta rufescens		~			
35	Common scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas		~			
36	Swallow-tailed bee-eater	Metops malimbicus		~			
37	Namaqua sandgrouse	Pterocles namaqua		~			
38	Double-banded sandgrouse	Pterocles bicinctus		~			
39	Burchell's sandgrouse	Pterocles burchelli		~			
40	Wattled starling	Creatophora cinerea		~			
41	Black-shouldered kite	Elanus caeruleus		~			
42	Secretary bird	Sagittarius serpentarius		~			
43	Kori bustard	Ardeotis kori		~			
44	Cape sparrow	Passer melanurus		~			
45	Crimson-breasted shrike	Laniarius atrococcineus		~			
46	Chestnut-vented tit-babbler	Sylvia subcaeruleum		~			
47	Violet-eared waxbill	Granatina granatina		~			
48	Black faced waxbill	Estrilda erythronotos		~			



49	Golden-breasted bunting	Emberiza flaviventris	✓				
50	Pririt batis	Batis pririt	✓				
51	African grey hornbill	Tockus nasutus	✓				
52	Pygmy falcon	Polihierax semitorquatus	✓				
53	Chat flycatcher	Bradornis infuscatus	~				
54	Acacia pied barbet	Tricholaema leucomelas	✓				
55	Pearl-spotted owlet	Glaucidium perlatum	~				
56	Rock Martin	Ptyonoprogne fuligula	~				
57	Black chested prinia	Prinia flavicans	~				
58	Kimberley pipit	Anthus pseudosimilis		$\checkmark$			
59	Laughing dove	Streptopelia senegalensis		$\checkmark$			
60	Brown-crowned tchagra	Tchagra australis		$\checkmark$			
61	Ashy tit	Parus cinerascens		$\checkmark$			
62	Brubru	Nilaus afer		~			
63	Yellow-bellied eremomela	Eremomela icteropygialis		$\checkmark$			
64	Dusky sunbird	Cinnyris fuscus		$\checkmark$			
65	Green-winged pytilia	Pytilia melba		$\checkmark$			
66	Cardinal woodpecker	Dendropicos fuscescens			~		



	Marshall eagle				
67		Polemaetus bellicosus	✓		
68	Red-necked falcon	Falco chicquera	✓		
69	Common buttonquail		~		
70	Golden-tailed woodpecker	Campethera abingoni	~		
71	Gabar goshawk	Micronisus gabar	~		
72	Crested barbet	Trachyphonus vaillantii	~		
73	Southern masked weaver	Ploceus velatus	~		
74	Black-chested snake eagle	Circaetus pectoralis	~		
75	Common quail	Coturnix coturnix	~		
76	Red-crested korhaan	Lophotis ruficrista		✓	
77	Mountain wheatear	Oenanthe monticola		✓	
78	Little swift	Apus affinis		✓	
79	Red-headed finch	Amadina erythrocephala		✓	
80	Purple roller	Coracias naevius		✓	
81	House sparrow	Passer domesticus		~	
82	Marico sunbird	Cinnyris manoansis		~	
83	Fiscal flycatcher	Sigelus silens		~	
84	Ground scraper thrush	Psophocichla litsitsirupa		$\checkmark$	



	Red-winged starling						
85		Onychognathus morio		✓			
86	Spotted thick-knee	Burhinus capensis		✓			
87	Southern pied babbler	Turdoides bicolor			✓		
88	Shaft-tailed whydah	Vidua regia			$\checkmark$		
89	Red-billed firefinch	Lagonostica senegala			$\checkmark$		
90	Southern grey-headed sparrow	Passer diffusus			$\checkmark$		
91	Speckled pigeon	Columba guinea			$\checkmark$		
92	Common buttonquail	Turnix sylvaticus				$\checkmark$	
93	Cinnamon-berated bunting	Emberiza tahapisi				$\checkmark$	
94	Black-throated canary	Crithagra atrogularis				$\checkmark$	
95	Egyptian goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca				$\checkmark$	
96	Verreux's eagle owl	Bubo lacteus					✓
	MAMMALS	MAMMALIA					
1	Roan	Hippotragus equinus	✓				
2	Gemsbok	Oryx gazella	✓				
3	Blue wildebeest	Connochaetes taurinus	✓				
4	Springbok	Antidorcas marsupialis	✓				
5	Impala	Aepyceros melampus	$\checkmark$				



6	Southern giraffe	Giraffa camelopardalis	✓				
7	Chacma baboon	Papio hamadryas ursinus	✓				
8	Warthog	Phacochoerus africanus	✓				
9	Hartman's mountain zebra	Equus zebra hartmannae	✓				
10	Steenbok	Raphicerus campestris	✓				
11	Kudu	Tragelaphus strepsiceros	✓				
12	Ground squirrel	Xerus inauris	✓				
13	South African large-spotted genet	Genetta tigrina	~				
14	Meerkat/suricate	Suricate suricatta	✓				
15	Buffalo	Syncerus caffer		✓			
16	Cheetah	Acinonyx jubatus		✓			
17	Black-backed jackal	Canis mesomelas		✓			
18	Red hartebeest	Alcelaphus buselaphus		✓			
19	Black rhino	Diceros bicornis		✓			
20	Common duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia		✓			
21	Springhare	Pedetes capensis		✓			
22	Cape hare	Lepus capensis		✓			
23	Bat-eared fox	Otocyon megalotis		$\checkmark$			



	Lion							
24		Panthera leo	✓					
25	Sable	Hippotragus niger	✓					
26	Plains zebra	Equus quagga	✓					
27	Scrub hare	Lepus saxatilis	~					
28	Yellow mongoose	Cynictus penicillata		$\checkmark$				
29	Slender mongoose	Galerella sanguinea		$\checkmark$				
30	Southern mountain reedbuck	Redunca fulvorufula		$\checkmark$				
31	Rock dassie/hyrax	Procavia capensis		$\checkmark$				
32	Smith's red rock rabbit	Pronolagus rupestris		$\checkmark$				
33	Brown hyena	Parahyaena brunnea		$\checkmark$				
34	Ground pangolin	Smutsia temminckii		$\checkmark$				
35	Caracal	Caracal caracal			~			
36	African wildcat	Felis silvestris cafra			~			
37	Cape fox	Vulpes chama			~			
38	Waterbuck	Kobus ellipsiprymnus				✓		
39	Small-spotted genet	Geneta genetta				✓		
40	Four striped field mouse	Hippotragus equinus					~	
	OTHER							



1	Rock monitor	Varanus albigularis	$\checkmark$					
2	African Monarch butterfly	Danaus chrysippus	✓					
3	Spotted joker butterfly	Byblia ilithyia	~					
4	Puff adder	Bitis arietans		~				
5	African skink	Trachylepis striata			~			
6	Armoured ground cricket	Gryllus bimaculatus				~		

