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1 *Struthio camelus*  
STRUTHIONIDAE  
Ostrich



2 *Pelecanus onocrotalus*  
PELECANIDAE  
Great white pelican



3 *Phalacrocorax capensis*  
PHALACROCORACIDAE  
Cape cormorant



4 *Microcarbo coronatus*  
PHALACROCORACIDAE  
Crowned cormorant



5 *Anhinga rufa*  
ANIHINGIDAE  
African darter



6 *Ardea cinerea*  
ARDEIDAE  
Grey heron



7 *Ardea goliath*  
ARDEIDAE  
Goliath heron



8 *Ardea pupurea*  
ARDEIDAE  
Purple heron



9 *Butorides striata*  
ARDEIDAE  
Striated heron



10 *Scopus umbretta*  
SCOPIIDAE  
Hamerkop (nest)



11 *Mycteria ibis*  
CICONIIDAE  
Yellow-billed stork



12 *Leptoptilos crumentiferus*  
CICONIIDAE  
Marabou stork



13 *Bostrychia hagedash*  
THRESKIORNITHIDAE  
Hadada ibis



14 *Phoenicopterus minor*  
PHOENICOPTERIDAE  
Lesser Flamingo



15 *Aviceda cuculoides*  
ACCIPITRIDAE  
African cuckoo hawk



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**17**     *Elanus axillaris*  
ACCIPITRIDAE  
Black-shouldered kite



**18**     *Haliaeetus vocifer*  
ACCIPITRIDAE  
African fish Eagle



**19**     *Melierax canorus*  
ACCIPITRIDAE  
Pale chanting goshawk



**20**     *Circaetus pectoralis*  
ACCIPITRIDAE  
Black-breasted snake eagle



**21**     *Polemaetus bellicosus*  
ACCIPITRIDAE  
Martial eagle



**22**     *Aquila rapax*  
ACCIPITRIDAE  
Tawny eagle



**23**     *Sagittarius serpentarius*  
SAGITTARIDAE  
Secretarybird



**24**     *Falco biarmicus*  
FALCONIDAE  
Lanner falcon



**25**     *Dendroperdix sephaena*  
PHASIANIDAE  
Crested francolin



**26**     *Scleroptila lewaillantoides*  
PHASIANIDAE  
Orange River francolin



**27**     *Pternistis adpersus*  
PHASIANIDAE  
Red-billed francolin



**28**     *Pternistis swainsonii*  
PHASIANIDAE  
Swainson's francolin



**29**     *Ardeotis kori*  
OTIDIDAE  
Kori bustard



**30**     *Eupodotis rueppellii*  
OTIDIDAE  
Rüppell's bustard



**31**     *Lophotis ruficrista*  
OTIDIDAE  
Red-crested bustard



**32**     *Afrotis afraoides*  
OTIDIDAE  
White-quilled bustard (female)

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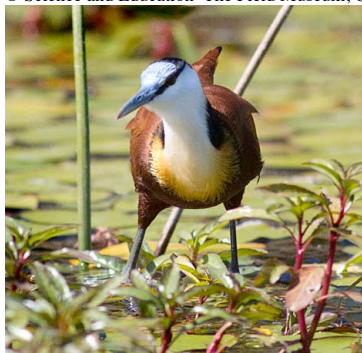
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33 *Actophilornis africanus*  
JACANIDAE  
African Jacana



34 *Actophilornis africanus*  
JACANIDAE  
African Jacana (nest)



35 *Recurvirostris avocetta*  
RECURVIROSTRIDAE  
Pied avocet



36 *Burhinus vermiculatus*  
BURHINIDAE  
Water thick-knee



37 *Rhinoptilus africanus*  
GLAREOLIDAE  
Double-banded courser



38 *Vanellus armatus*  
CHARADRIDAE  
Blacksmith lapwing



39 *Vanellus senegallus*  
CHARADRIDAE  
Wattled lapwing



40 *Charadrius pallidus*  
CHARADRIDAE  
Chestnut-banded plover (juvenile)



41 *Rynchops flavirostris*  
RYNCHOPIDAE  
African skimmer



42 *Rynchops flavirostris*  
RYNCHOPIDAE  
African skimmer



43 *Pterocles burchelli*  
PTEROCLIDIDAE  
Burchell's sandgrouse



44 *Pterocles namaqua*  
PTEROCLIDIDAE  
Namaqua sandgrouse (female)



45 *Columba guinea*  
COLUMBIDAE  
Speckled pigeon



46 *Streptopelia semitorquata*  
COLUMBIDAE  
Red-eyed dove



47 *Spilopelia senegalensis*  
COLUMBIDAE  
Laughing dove



48 *Oena capensis*  
COLUMBIDAE  
Namaqua dove (juvenile)

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49 *Treron calvus*  
COLUMBIDAE  
African green pigeon



50 *Agapornis roseicollis*  
PSITTACIDAE  
Rosey-faced lovebird



51 *Agapornis roseicollis*  
PSITTACIDAE  
Rosey-faced lovebird



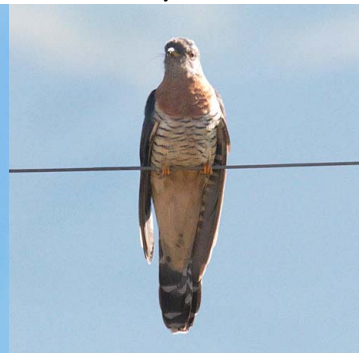
52 *Agapornis roseicollis*  
PSITTACIDAE  
Rosey-faced lovebird



53 *Poicephalus meyeri*  
PSITTACIDAE  
Meyer's parrot



54 *Corythaixoides concolor*  
MUSOPHAGIDAE  
Grey-go-away bird



55 *Cuculus solitarius*  
CUCULIDAE  
Red-chested cuckoo



56 *Tyto alba*  
TYTONIDAE  
Barn owl



57 *Otus senegalensis*  
STRIGIDAE  
African scops owl



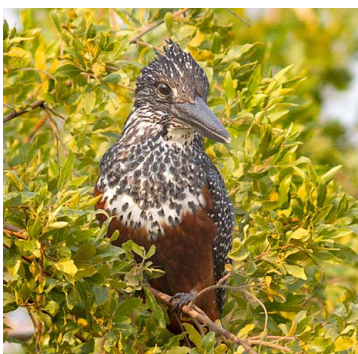
58 *Scotopelia peli*  
STRIGIDAE  
Pel's fishing owl



59 *Glaucidium perlatum*  
STRIGIDAE  
Pearl-spotted owllet



60 *Colius colius*  
COLIIDAE  
White-backed mousebird



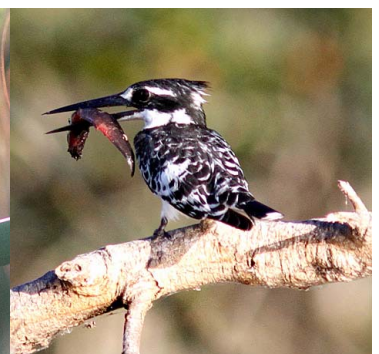
61 *Megaceryle maxima*  
CERYLIDAE  
Giant Kingfisher



62 *Alcedo cristata*  
CERYLIDAE  
Malachite Kingfisher



63 *Alcedo cristata*  
CERYLIDAE  
Malachite Kingfisher



64 *Ceryle rudis*  
CERYLIDAE  
Pied Kingfisher

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**65** *Merops bullockoides*  
MEROPIDAE  
White-fronted bee-eater



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MEROPIDAE  
White-fronted bee-eater



**67** *Merops pusillus*  
MEROPIDAE  
Little bee-eater



**68** *Merops pusillus*  
MEROPIDAE  
Little bee-eater



**69** *Merops hirundineus*  
MEROPIDAE  
Swallow-tailed bee-eater



**70** *Merops nubicoides*  
MEROPIDAE  
Southern carmine bee-eater



**71** *Merops nubicoides*  
MEROPIDAE  
Southern carmine bee-eater



**72** *Merops nubicoides*  
MEROPIDAE  
Southern carmine bee-eater (nests)



**73** *Coracias caudatus*  
CORACIIDAE  
Lilac-breasted roller



**74** *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas*  
PHOENICULIDAE  
Common scimitarbill



**75** *Tockus damarensis*  
BUCEROTIDAE  
Damara red-billed hornbill



**76** *Tockus damarensis*  
BUCEROTIDAE  
Damara red-billed hornbill



**77** *Tockus monteiri*  
BUCEROTIDAE  
Monteiro's hornbill



**78** *Tockus leucomelas*  
BUCEROTIDAE  
Southern yellow-billed hornbill



**79** *Tockus sp.*  
BUCEROTIDAE  
Hornbill



**80** *Tricholaema leucomelas*  
CAPITONIDAE  
Acacia nied barbet

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**81** *Mirafraga fasciolata*  
ALAUDIDAE  
Eastern Clapper lark



**82** *Mirafraga fasciolata*  
ALAUDIDAE  
Eastern Clapper lark



**83** *Certhilauda subcoronata*  
ALAUDIDAE  
Karoo long-billed lark



**84** *Calendulauda burra*  
ALAUDIDAE  
Red lark



**85** *Calandrella cinerea*  
ALAUDIDAE  
Red-capped lark



**86** *Chersomanes albofasciata*  
ALAUDIDAE  
Spike-heeled lark



**87** *Ptyonoprogne fuligula*  
HIRUNDINIDAE  
Rock martin



**88** *Hirundo albigularis*  
HIRUNDINIDAE  
White-throated swallow



**89** *Cecropis abyssinica*  
HIRUNDINIDAE  
Lesser-striped swallow



**90** *Motacilla aguimp*  
MOTACILLIDAE  
African pied wagtail



**91** *Psophocichla litsitsirupa*  
TURDIDAE  
Groundscraper thrush



**92** *Cisticola subruficapilla*  
CISTICOLIDAE  
Grey-backed cisticola



**93** *Prinia flavicans*  
CISTICOLIDAE  
Black-chested prinia



**94** *Prinia flavicans*  
CISTICOLIDAE  
Black-chested prinia



**95** *Sylvia subcaerulea*  
SYLVIIDAE  
Chested-vented-warbler



**96** *Achaetops pycnopygius*  
MACROSPHENIDAE  
Rockrunner

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97 *Monticola brevipes*  
MUSCIPIDAE  
Short-toed rock thrush



98 *Cercomela familiaris*  
MUSCIPIDAE  
Familiar chat



99 *Batis molitor*  
PLATYSTEIRIDAE  
Chinspot batis (male)



100 *Batis pririt*  
PLATYSTEIRIDAE  
Pirit batis (male)



101 *Lanioturdus torquatus*  
PLATYSTEIRIDAE  
White-tailed shrike



102 *Turdoides melanops*  
TIMALIIDAE  
Black-faced babbler



103 *Turdoides hartlaubi*  
TIMALIIDAE  
Hartlaub's babbler



104 *Turdoides gymnogenys*  
TIMALIIDAE  
Bare-cheeked babbler



105 *Anthoscopus minutus*  
REMIZIDAE  
Cape penduline tit



106 *Hedydigna collaris*  
NECATARIINIDAE  
Collared sunbird (male)



107 *Dryoscopus cubia*  
MALACONOTIDAE  
Black-backed puffback



108 *Laniarius atrococcineus*  
MALACONOTIDAE  
Crimson-breasted shrike



109 *Prionops plumatus*  
PRIONOPIDAE  
White-crested helmetshrike



110 *Dicrurus adsimilis*  
DICRURIDAE  
Fork-tailed drongo



111 *Corvus albus*  
CORVIDAE  
Pied crow



112 *Lamprotornis nitens*  
STURNIDAE  
Cape glossy starling

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113 *Lamprotornis australis*  
STURNIDAE  
Burchell's starling



114 *Lamprotornis mevesi*  
STURNIDAE  
Meve's glossy starling



115 *Onychognathus nabouroup*  
STURNIDAE  
Pale-winged starling



116 *Onychognathus nabouroup*  
STURNIDAE  
Pale-winged starling



117 *Passer motitensis*  
PASSERIDAE  
Great sparrow (male)



118 *Passer melanurus*  
PASSERIDAE  
Cape sparrow (female)



119 *Passer diffusus*  
PASSERIDAE  
Southern grey-headed sparrow



120 *Philetairus socius*  
PASSERIDAE  
Sociable weaver



121 *Philetairus socius*  
PASSERIDAE  
Sociable weaver (nest)



122 *Plocepasser mahali*  
PASSERIDAE  
White-browed sparrow weaver



123 *Plocepasser mahali*  
PASSERIDAE  
White-browed sparrow weaver



124 *Plocepasser mahali*  
PASSERIDAE  
White-browed sparrow weaver



125 *Sporopipes squamifrons*  
PLOCEIDAE  
Scalv-feathered weaver



126 *Ploceus subaureus*  
PLOCEIDAE  
Eastern golden weaver



127 *Ploceus velatus*  
PLOCEIDAE  
Southern masked weaver



128 *Pytilia melba*  
ESTRIDIDAE  
Green-winged ovtilia (male)



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129 *Pytilia melba*  
ESTRIDIDAE  
Green-winged pytilia (female)



130 *Lagonosticta senegala*  
ESTRIDIDAE  
Red-billed firefinch (male)



131 *Uraeginthus angolensis*  
ESTRIDIDAE  
Blue waxbill



132 *Estrilda erythronotos*  
ESTRIDIDAE  
Black-cheeked waxbill



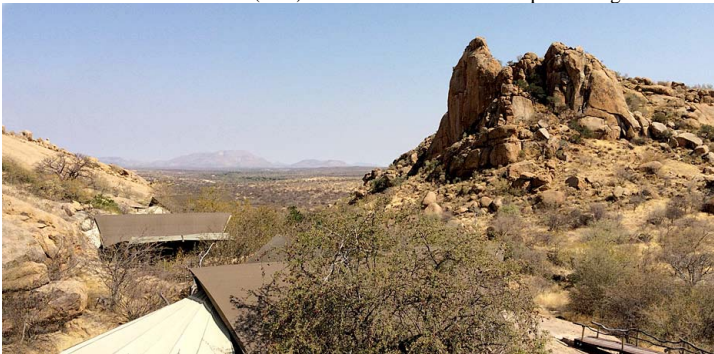
133 *Amadina erythrocephala*  
ESTRIDIDAE  
Red-headed finch (male)



134 *Emberiza capensis*  
EMBERIZIDAE  
Cape bunting



Dune Lark habitat near Walvis Bay



Erongo Mountains



Etosha National Park



Damaraland



Okavango River