

Trip Report Namibia: „Nature motives“ Self-drive tour October/November 2021

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Aim: Beautiful nature experiences and this time many photos at the water holes

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Due to a specialized [Birding Excursion](#) in April 2021 we had already seen 461 of the 696 known bird species in an unusually green and moist Namibia. Thus we decided to come back during the dry season and to focus more on mammals at the water holes. Anyhow, we managed to get 187 species of birds photographed, thereof 5 „near-endemics“, 2 subspecies, and 14 not yet seen („new“) species (printed in bold).

Besides the „[African Big Five](#)“ (46 Lions, 1 Leopard, 4 Black Rhinos, many Elephants including a herd of 60, several herds of African Buffalo) we had the luck to see 4 Southeast African Cheetahs, a lot of White Rhinos, abundant Hippopotamuses, Zebras, Giraffes, Antelopes and Nile Crocodiles. More are mentioned below.

22.10. **Day 1** 08:05 Arrival in WDH Windhoek International Airport [Hosea Kutako](#) after a night flight from FRA. We were asked for our PCR Test and entry forms. The procedures at the airport have been improved and went smooth and clear. There were 8 incoming flights scheduled per day (from Cape Town, Frankfurt and Addis).

As last time, we changed immediately at the airport 500 EUR into Namibian Dollars NAD, which was enough for the tour, when filling up with petrol we usually paid by credit card.

We were already greeted by the car rental company [Africa on Wheels](#) for our transfer to Windhoek and the FJ Cruiser [Albert](#) had booked for us. [Route Part 1](#)

On our way we saw the first Giraffes, Impala and Springboks.

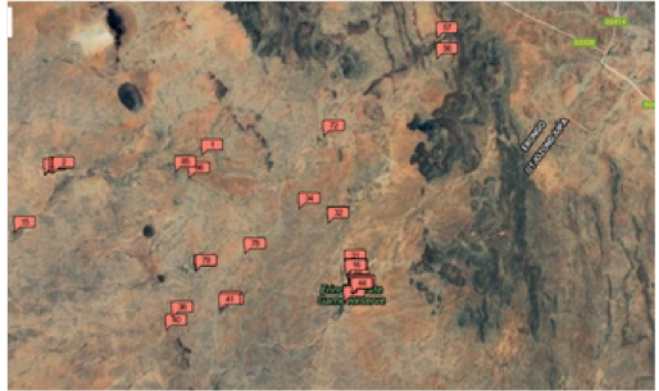
Namibia is known to be quite expensive, namely the lodges. That is not the case with the cost of food and beverages, e.g.: 1 glass red wine NAD 60 NAD, Rock Shandy (1 shot Gin NAD 22, 200 ml Indian Tonic Water NAD 22 + ice)

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We bought water in 5 litre bottles and dates for the road. Then the tour went off. Africa on Wheels is situated at the Sam Nujoma Drive which leads directly to the Western Bypass B1 direction [Okahandja](#).

Our first destination was the [Erindi Private Game Reserve](#), about 185 km mostly driving on tarred road, only the last part (D2414) is dust road. We however managed to miss the right turn in Okahandja and experienced a long slope via Omaruru and east again on a lonely gravelled road and got the right Namibian feeling for a start. From the Main Gate we had another 24 km on dust road passing a large Elephant and some Oryxes (Gemsbok) to our first lodge: [Old Traders Lodge \(Eri\)](#). Erindi means "Place of water". This is one of the largest private nature reserves in Africa comprising more than 70 000 hectares wilderness. Thus, we covered quite a **large area** during the activities.

Large, spacious lodge with 51 suites, several waterholes, one in front of our room terrace. Nice nearby pool. Reception and Main Building were several minutes away on foot. Breakfast & Dining take place on a huge terrace overlooking a vast waterhole. If it weren't for the numerous activities, we could spend hours there with a refreshing drink while enjoying wildlife flying or strolling in.



16:00 Evening Drive

Pale chanting Goshawk, Gabar Goshawk, Red-crested Korhaan (=Bustard), Lappet-faced Vulture, Kalahari Scrub-Robin, Red-billed Francolin, Egyptian Goose, Helmeted Guinea-fowl, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill



Two Southeast African Cheetahs **close by**, we got them up, followed them a while, then they **marked** their territory at a tree; Springboks, Oryxes, Impala, Black Rhino, Giraffes, Slender Mongoose Nile Crocodile

23.10. Day 2

06:30 Guided Game Drive, on the way we were offered "Erindi Special Coffee" with chocolate and [Amarula](#) as it was dead cold, close to zero degrees.

Kalahari Scrub-Robin, Kori Bustard, Black-winged Kite, Gabar Goshawk, Cape Starling, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver, Scaly(-feathered) Weaver, Lappet-faced Vulture, Sabota Lark, [Red-crested Korhaan](#), Ostrich, Red-billed Francolin, Blacksmith Lapwing, White-tailed Shrike, Crimson-breasted Gonolek, Mariqua Flycatcher, Common Scimitarbill,

First lions (2 male, 1 female) directly in front of us on the way, first sightings of African Wild Dogs, Hartebeest, Blue Wildebeest, Black Rhino, Elephants at a water hole, Spurfowl, Common Warthog, Oryx, Slender Mongoose, Damara Dik-Dik, Springbok, Acacia Rat (Field mouse) (*Thallomys paedulus*) in a tree.

Back at the lodge we enjoyed our breakfast and headed back to our



room with view of the 2. water hole (some Giraffes). The pool was near-by and refreshing at that time of the day.

We went for a walk to the Viewpoint with a small shelter hut, later we took the Birding Trail nearby. Chestnut-vented Warbler, Mariqua Sunbird, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Fork-tailed Drongo, European Bee-eater, Namaqua Dove, Three-banded Plover, Shaft-tailed Whydah, White-rumped Swift, White-browed Sparrow-Weaver

Herds of Elephants

Nile Crocodiles

16:00 Evening Drive, guided Game Drive with a lot of sightings, high-light Lions with their prey.

Finally the usual sundowner and back to dinner (watching Lions at meal makes you hungry ...)

Ostrich, Northern Black Korhaan (=White-quilled Bustard), Cape Starling, Laughing Dove, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl in the headlights, supposed to be around in this area in the morning.

Hartmann's Mountain Zebras, Water-buck, 3 male Lions at an Oryx crack, Black Rhino, Elephant, Common Genet



24.10. Day 3

As early as possible we were out full of hope to find last night's Verreaux's Eagle-Owl. And we succeeded: the owl was already waiting for us [on a transmission mast](#), not a very nice photo motif, but it flew off into a nearby jacaranda bush. Full of enthusiasm and eagerness we stalked, leaving the sheltered area of the lodge, and were very quickly polite but firmly asked to head back.

06:30 We had a private Morning Drive in search for Secretary Bird and more, off course!

Scimitarbill, Tawny Eagle flying, Martial Eagle perched, Black-chested Prinia, Scaly-feathered Weaver, Cape Turtle Dove (=Ring-necked Dove), Mariqua Flycatcher, Sabota Lark, Crowned Lapwing, Red-crested Korhaan, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Yellow Canary, Kori, Bustard, Green-winged Pytilia

family of 6 Lions, Springboks at the water hole, Greater Kudu family, Impala



Breakfast & Checkout of this lovely place. We had already seen most of the expected animals plus some nice birds!

We left Erindi by the North Gate (Omatoko) heading for the [Africat Foundation](#), about 165 km, outside of the park via D2178 reaching the known tarred road B1.

On our way we saw **Springboks**, Dik-Diks, South African Ground-squirrel, Blue Wildebeest, Oryx, Giraffes and Mountain Zebras.

We passed several gates, followed the road signs and reached finally the **Okonjima Bush Camp (Oko)** within the [Okonjima Nature Reserve](#), consisting of 8 chalets at a great distance from each other in the middle of nature, round hut, half the wall made of glass with a view at the antelopes



and a small waterhole a few metres away. A separate open-walled hut invites to leisurely observations. We should have been here for two overnights!

The Bush Camp has also a small pool (no time for that!)

Helmeted Guinea-fowl waiting to be fed, Green-winged Pytilia, Blue Waxbill (=Southern Cordonbleu), Groundscraper Thrush

16:00 Leopard Tracking Activity with classic antenna-supported direction finding and success after quite a while driving and searching.

The predator was well hidden in a tree, still gnawing on its prey, which it had dragged up the tree in typical fashion, not easy to get a picture.



Finally, and luckily for the photographer, the Leopard climbed down, and we followed for a while.

Obviously, the leopard was used to this loud, screeching, four-wheeled animal, it gave us a show by rolling in the sand directly in front of us.

White-tailed Shrike, Red-billed Teal, Swallow-tailed Bee-eater, Mariqua Flycatcher, Tawny Eagle
Leopard with Springbok prey on a tree, Damara Dik-Dik, Kudu, Impala, Giraffe lying, Burchell's Zebra,
[Dassie Rat](#)

Ground Agama

After dinner we were taken to the Night hide, which was already awaited with great anticipation. A group of [Hyenas](#) were already around [waiting for their food](#).

Cape Turtle Dove

[Brown Hyena](#), [Cape Porcupine](#)

25.10. Day 4

After the exciting events of the previous day we opted for a relaxing morning instead of another Game Drive and were pleased by game in front of our hut and the breakfast terrace.

Helmeted Guinea-fowl, Crowned Lapwing, southern Masked Weaver, Monteiro Hornbill, Crimson-breasted Gonolek, Black-throated Canary, Yellow Canary
Impala



We said good-bye to this lovely place, drove back to the main road B1, passed through [Otjiwarongo](#), took the C38 to Outjo heading north, later C40 direction Kamanjab and C35 further northbound already reaching the [Etosha National Park](#), passing the Galton Gate and entered the way to [Hobatere Lodge](#) (378 km).

In contrast to our experience from March, the 16 km long trail was really good, without any obstacles, hardly recognisable. Hobatere Concession comprises 8 800 hectares, lies close to the Etosha National Park, the hidden and nicely grown in lodge has 12 Bungalows or Rondawels. Hobatere means: "Find me". There are large common terraces for meals, drinks, or around a bone fire, all with a view over the nature and the water hole. A elevated observation bridge was made for closer inspection of wildlife. A nice Pool is close to the observation bridge, so you can grab your camera and jump, if needed ;)



Red-billed Quelea, Burchell's Starling, Groundscraper Thrush,

Night Drive:

Spotted Thick-knee, Damara Red-billed Hornbill
Cape Hare breast feeding two siblings, Cape Fox,
Black-backed Jackal, Common Genet, Springbok
herd, Steenbok, Damara Dik-Dik

Flap-necked Chameleon

In vain we searched for the Southern White-faced
Scops-owl.

26.10. Day 5

06:45 Morning Drive searching for Hartlaub's
Spurfowl & Orange River Francolin unfortunately
without success.



Instead we had

Black-chested Snake-Eagle, **Short-toed Rock Thrush**, Damara Red-billed Hornbill, Groundscraper Thrush
Elephant, Impala, Giraffes, Mountain Zebras, Smith's bush squirrel (*Paraxerus cepapi*), Cape Hyrax (Rock)



At the lodge's waterhole:

Speckled Pigeon, Red-billed Quelea,
Bare-cheeked Babbler, Namaqua Dove, Dark-capped Bulbul, Rüppel's Parrot, Groundscraper Thrush
herd of Oryxes, Impala, Chacma Baboons, Kudus, Mountain Zebras, 3 Elephants, Jackal, Springbok, **Striped Ground Squirrel** (South African Ground Squirrel)

A Barn-Owl crashed against the window – dead?! Luckily the Owl regained consciousness and came up again after a minute like a knocked-down boxer shaking its head, then flew off.

17:00 Afternoon Drive via the romantic Tree House
African Grey Hornbill, Double-banded Sandgrouse with chicks
Giraffes, Elephant, Kudus

27.10. Day 6

After an early breakfast we left the lodge, back over the trail (during the lock-down times, the stuff members had been working for weeks to improve this umbilical cord) via C35 back for 3 km into the Etosha National Park (**Eto**) through Galton Gate.



Red-headed Finch
Burchell's Zebras
Namaqua Sand Lizard (*Pedioplanis namaquensis*)

As expected, most animals were seen at the various water holes. Some holes were closed or barred namely Bitterwater, Duiselsvuur, Arendsnes, others had no water and were abandoned by wildlife: Teespoed & Sonderkop. Luckily, there are many more waterholes along the main road through the park!

Along the way we detected through the tirelessly scanning eyes a group of Lions below some bushes consisting of 2 female & 4 young ones.

At Renostervlei we saw
Kori Bustard, Namaqua Sandgrouse
Springbok, Burchell's Zebra

At Jackalswater
Cape Sparrow, Namaqua Sandgrouse, Ostrich drinking
Hartebeest, Jackal, Oryx, Zebra, Blue Wildebeest, Kudu

After some 60 km we reached **Olifantsrus**, a camp where you can stay over-night by camping in your own tent. The name means "place where Elephants rest".



The interesting thing from our point of view was the open hide in the form of a new built modern, two-storey high perch overlooking the waterhole. Pied Crow, Blacksmith Lapwing

Hartebeest, Oryx, Blue Wildebeest **young bucks**

We continued our way heading east direction Okaukuejo, another 130 km.

At Tobieroen/Tobiroen we were fascinated by the sight of drinking Giraffes, not easy with their head far up from the water, male Lion close to a termite mountain

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Ostrich
Herd of Zebras, Giraffe, Elephant



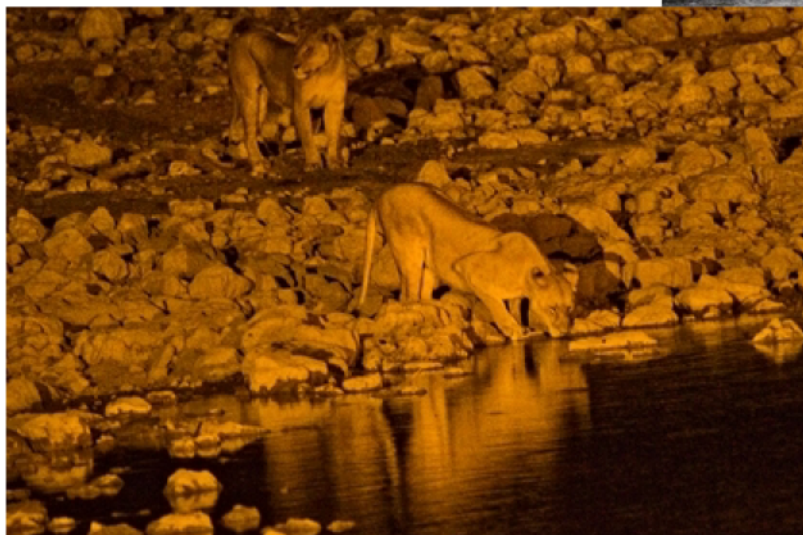
But there was more than waterholes: Along our way we ran into some birds close by, and the tirelessly scanning eyes detected another 3 Lions in the shade near the Charl Marais Dam and Elephants as well.

Gabar Goshawk, Red-capped Larks, Greater Kestrel juvenile & 2 adults, Scaly Weaver, Sabota lark, Bateleur juvenile, Ostrich & chicks

Full of impressions we came finally to our next stay: [Okaukuejo Waterhole Chalet](#)

Okaukuejo has the best and therefore renowned waterhole in the whole park, huge, constantly with water, and with a very good illumination, ideal for observations & photography. There are several shelters against the sun and a covered tribune with seating places.

The camp itself is a large area with many, but distanced buildings and nice huge pool, restaurant and several possibilities for barbecuing.



Where ever you stay in this camp, you will be near the waterhole if not on safari ...

There are night drives available, but we preferred to stay at the central attraction of Okaukuejo
Little Grebe, Ring-necked Dove
White Rhino

28.10. Day 7

Early morning's flying visit at the waterhole:

Namaqua Sandgrouse, African Pipit, Helmeted Guinea-fowl, Little Grebe
Springbok

After breakfast we took our car and drove into the Pan: dry endless sand and nothing besides Southern Anteater-Chat, Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark

At **Nebrownii** we only found some Chat Flycatcher, Kori Bustard, a not very clear driving regulation, normally there is a turning plate with access and exit, but here were several trails, also with cars parking. But: this was a patrol car admonishing us: „You are off-road“. However, we were not the only ones who went astray.

More activity was to be found at Gemsbokvlakte
Ring-necked Dove, Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark,
Great Rufous Sparrow
Springboks, Zebras, Blue Wildebeest, Kudus, Impala,
Jackal drinking



Next waterhole was named Aus
South African Shelduck
Kudus drinking

Driving along we saw two vehicles
parked and looking into the bushes:
always a good sign for something!
Patiently we had to wait for our
turn, and then: two **Cheetahs** feed-
ing on their prey!

Back at Okaukuejo the waterhole
showed several Springboks, Ele-
phants & Zebra herds.

After dinner we were back again.
Fork-tailed Drongo, Egyptian Goose
up to nine White Rhinos, two female
Lions, the male was only heard roar-
ing in the distance, a **Common Genet** climbed the fence.

Lightnings, thunderstorm atmosphere, real short sand storm and heavy rain put an end to the obser-
vations.



29.10. Day 8

07:30 We left this place heading east directly to
Ondunga, where we had been yesterday. There
we passed through a new part of Etosha via Ho-
mob, Sueda, Salvadora and Rietfontein to Halali.
African Pipit
Zebra, Blue Wildebeest, Springboks, Giraffes,
Spotted Hyena, **Suricate Meerkat** (at Homob)

Near Rietfontein we saw Marsh Sandpiper, Com-
mon Greenshank, African Harrier-Hawk and three
Lions (2 male) under a solitary tree in the savan-
nah.



Halali's waterhole Moringa is an elevated rocky
place with shelter, places and some tables over-
looking the waterhole which held Cinnamon-
breasted Bunting, **Impala** and quite a few turtles.



At **Goas** we saw a juvenile Bateleur, Egyptian
Goose, Red-billed Teal, Black-winged Stilt & Ruff

We opted for the trail along the coast to Okerfontein, luckily that we did! Here we spotted our very first **Secretary Bird** and another Tawny Eagle Elephants, Spotted Hyena, more Lions 1+3

The next Tawny Eagle waited for us at Kalkheuwel, whereas the **Chudop Waterhole** came up with more

Kori Bustard, Giraffes, Warthog & Springboks



The last waterholes visited were Koinachas & Klein Okevi, but there was nothing or nothing of interest. So quite exhausted we left Etosha full of impressions and photographs north via Lindequist Gate. A hundred meters later we turned left to our next destination, the **Onguma Tented Camp (Ong)**, all in all about 170 km driving during this day.

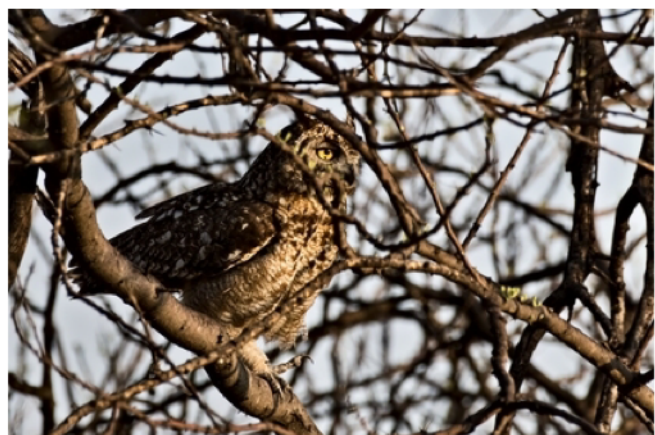
The Private **Onguma Game Reserve** lies within a terminalia forest at the border of the Etosha NP overlooking the Fischer's Pan. Onguma means: „The place You do not want to leave“. The Reserve comprises 5 lodges, two campsites and 34 000 hectares of private wilderness. Our Tented Camp had 7 tents besides the main building with terrace and fire place looking at the **waterhole**.



30.10. Day 9

Quick & early breakfast, greeted by Guinea-fowl and Zebras at the **waterhole**.

06:00 Morning Drive into Etosha again, this time with a Safari-Jeep and knowledgeable guide. **Spotted Eagle-Owl**, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Tawny Eagle, Ostrich Family Zebra, Giraffes, Black Rhino, Elephant, 5 Lions behind termite mountains, White Rhino, Warthogs



Siesta, & we treat ourselves to some time out by the pool.

Southern Cordonbleu, Green-winged Pytilia, Southern Masked Weaver, Violet-eared Waxbill, Red-billed Quelea, Golden-tailed Woodpecker

17:00 Afternoon drive

Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Red-necked Falcon, White-backed Vulture, Tawny Eagle
Impala, Elephant shaking fruits from tall palm trees.

31.10. Day 10

It was time for another highlight of the tour, also already awaited with great anticipation:

08:00 drive to the [Onkolo Photohide](#) with 2 other persons. Space for up to six observers, close in front of a waterhole, water level slightly below eye level.

Crested Francolin, Crowned Lapwing, Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, Violet-eared Waxbill, Black-faced Waxbill, Emerald-spotted Wood Dove, Grey Go-away-Bird, Ring-necked Dove, Intermediate Egret, Helmeted Guinea-fowl, Red-headed Finch, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Greater Blue-eared Starling, Laughing Dove, Southern Cordonbleu
Warthog, Impala, Blue Wildebeest, Burchell's Zebra, Springbok, Banded Mongoose, Oryx, Impala

And the big action: an Elephant is entering the stage! Back at 12:00, on the way 9 Giraffes, another **Secretary Bird**.

Siesta with

[Black-backed Puffback](#), Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver, Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Dark-capped Bulbul

15:30 Afternoon drive

fleeing Zebras announcing the presence of Lions:
2 female with 6 **cubs** 3 ½ to 4 ½ months old.

Impala, Blue Wildebeest, **Bat-eared Fox**, 9 Giraffes in the sunset.



The lodge has a nicely camouflaged wine cellar with several Namibian wines. On the recommendation of the sommelier we celebrated this eventful day with a bottle of the „Namibian Kiss“ (NAD 340)

01.11. Day 11

06:00 During breakfast, a Lioness is seen approaching the waterhole, but turns away.
Mantodea

07:00 We had a Nature walk with our guide and heard more information than we could take in.
Black-chested Prinia, Scaly-feathered Weaver

Time to leave this place, excellent both in terms of observations and lodge. Time for the second part of our tour: the north-east, the Caprivi trip.

We took the shortest way north to [Rundu](#): back to the B1, left and then 200 km on an excellent gravel road (D3001) until we reached the tarred B8. A short detour left on the B10 brought us to the already known [Hakusembe River Lodge](#). (Hak)
It took 4 hour for around 420 km.

The lodge lies directly at the Kavango river which marks the border to Angola. It is a nice complex of 22 pretty reed-covered little houses with small terrace and benches in front overlooking the river, has a with well-kept garden, a large, somewhat sheltered large pool, and a spacious wooden terrace next to the restaurant overlooking the banks of the Okavango into Angola.

Due to low water of the Kavango river, there was no Sundowner Cruise at offer. Instead we were entertained by people passing the border, fishing and wading through the water (Crocodiles!)

There is also a nice camping area with a wooden platform in the water ideal for observing water birds, sunset and sunrise.

Swamp Boubou (=Gabun Boubou), Hartlaub's Babbler, Common Greenshank, Striated Heron, White-breasted Cormorant, Little Bee-eater, Black-backed Puffback, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Holub's Golden Weaver, White-faced Whistling-Duck

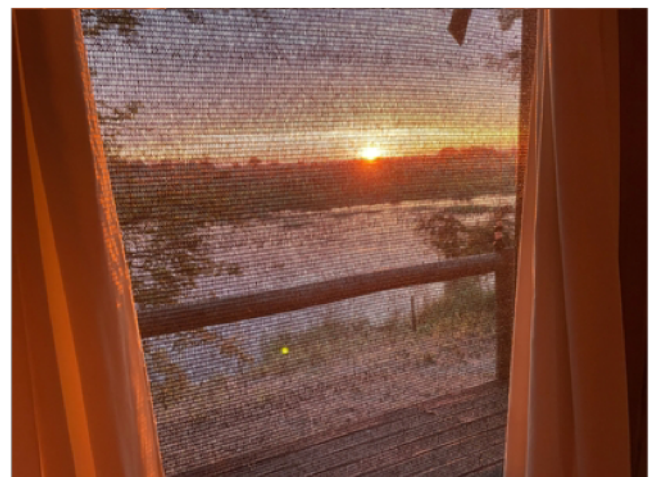
02.11. Day 12

We missed the **sunrise**! The alarm clock had jumped to Angolan time due to the smartphone's time automatic. One hour difference to our disadvantage. (O.k., we had slept well)
[Wahlberg's striped skink](#) (*Trachylepis (striata) wahlbergi*), Otters

We had another day of long driving east into the Caprivi stripe ahead of us (actually only 420 km)

[Route Part 2](#)

A herd of Roan Antelopes were crossing the road in front of us, shortly afterwards, we reached the Entrance/Reception to the [Bwabwata National Park](#), were we duly paid our fees (500 NAD for 2 days).



Then the adventure begins: Four Wheel Driving!

We had prepared ourselves in advance and also received helpful advice such as “drive with some speed” not to get stuck”. O. k.: 4WD in, and off to the road, immediately sandy road, quickly changing into deep sand, deep ruts, shaking the car from left to right forcing you to hold the steering wheel firmly and counter-steer. Sometimes the vehicle is touching the ground, finally we had to change from 4-High into 4-Low with all differentials shut off: stubbornly each wheel grinds through the sand on its own, and we continue without getting stuck! No need to let the tyres down, luckily!

Sweaty, after 14 (!) seemingly endless km we reached the entrance to the **Nambwa Luxury Tented Lodge (Nam)** and were asked: “Where are you going?”

The place features a camping area directly on the banks of the river, but also a Tented Lodge, thus the question.

The lodge lies in the heart of the **Mayuni Conservancy** in Bwabwata National Park and is positioned alongside the twisted Kwando River. It is elegantly built on stilts more like huge tree houses. All 10 large tents, actually more like palaces with private walkways and viewing decks among Camelthorn trees with a wonderful view over the Nambwa Lagoon close to the famous **Horseshoebend**. The “tent” has an open lounge, bath- and bedroom, a saloon with couch, tea and coffee station. If needed hot water will be brought.

To get you calmed down after the challenges of the way, a sherry is waiting in the tent :)

Afternoon cruise with Beavon, the guide we knew and appreciated from the last time. Banded Martin, Hartlaub's Babbler, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Little Bee-eater, White-fronted Bee-eater, African wattled Lapwing, Hadada Ibis, Water Thick-knee, African Jaçana, Collared Pratincole,



Purple Heron, Lesser Jaçana, Saddle-billed Stork, Allen's Gallinule
Monitor Lizard

03.11. Day 13

06:00 hot water was brought to the tent for an early morning coffee!

06:30 Morning Cruise into the **backwaters** of the Horseshoe-bent, an unforgettable experience! Green-backed Herons, Banded Martin, Common House Martin, Barn Swallows, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, White-fronted Bee-eater, Olive Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted & Broad-billed Roller, Purple Heron, Water Thick-knee, African Stone-chat, Southern Carmine Bee-eaters feeding, Malachite Kingfisher, Woodland Kingfisher, Open-billed Stork (=African Openbill), African Jaçana, Lesser Jaçana very close, Little Grebe, White-backed Vultures, African Darter, **Chirping Cisticola**



Lechwe, Impala, Nile Crocodile, Monitor Lizard, Hippos

After an opulent breakfast we strolled around the lodge searching for Lesser Honeyguide, which was said to be here around, but no luck. Instead we found:

Holub's Golden Weaver, Terrestrial Brownbul, White-fronted Bee-eater, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, willow Warbler, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Spotted Flycatcher, southern Yellow-billed Hornbill, [Tropical Boubou](#), Jacobin Cuckoo (=Pied Cuckoo), Magpie Shrike (=African Long-tailed Shrike), Red-billed Francolin, Broad-billed Roller

female Cape Bushbuck, **Lechwe** around the lodge



16:00 Game Drive into the park again to the Horseshoe-bend

Broad-billed Rollers, Double-banded Sandgrouse, Fan-tailed Widowbird, Crimson-breasted Shrike (=Go-nolek), Anhingas, Africa Wattled Lapwing, Magpie Shrike, Red-billed Francolin, another African Fish Eagle, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Red-capped Lark, Swainson's Spurfowl (=Francolin)

Giraffes, Buffalo, 16 Elephants, pack of **Wild (Painted) Dogs**, Steenbok, Waterbuck, Kudus, newborn Impala, Chapman's Zebras, Baboons

Another sunset & sundowner.



04.11. Day 14

Early rise around our tent and lodge. Last time scanning the area around. And it was worth the effort!

Broad-billed Roller, **Woodland Kingfisher displaying**, Mariqua Sunbird, Ashy Flycatcher, **Bennett wood-pecker**, lovely on the ground, Black-collared Barbet, Village Weaver

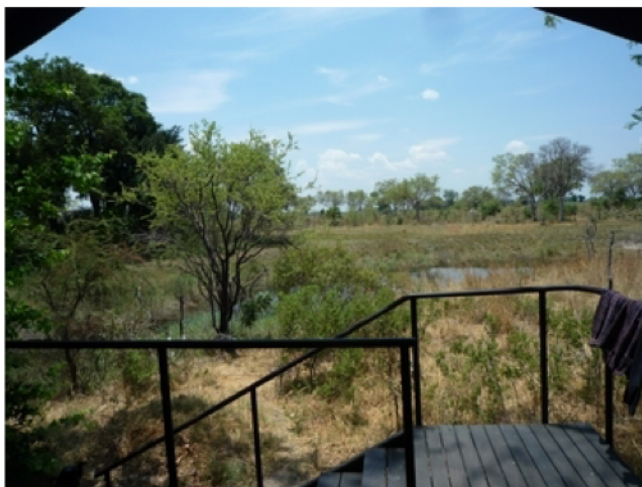
Vervet Monkeys at the breakfast area, House Gecko



Way back on a recommended & better route with easier 4W-driving. Our next destination is the **Nkasa Lupala Lodge (Nka)**. After a while, we leave the B8 into the C49. This newly tarred road leads to Katima Mullilo. We looked for a sign to [Sangwali](#) where the asphalted surface turns into gravel, later into deeper sand, still with a regular D-number (D3518) for 11 km to the lodge which is only accessible by 4WD, you can arrange a pick-up service from the lodge. We tried to do it by ourselves despite the fact, that Google maps cannot route up to the lodge due to “missing” bridges. Indeed, there are some reports on the internet of difficulties on the way. Luckily, there was very low water only, so we did not need to drive through (shallow water).

Humorous sign postings kept up our mood “4WD left, 2WD right”, the tracks will meet and cross later with a common part „now all need 4WD“ Several narrow metal bridges (where Google maps stop routing ..., [Openrouteservice](#) knows them), passing [Livingstone Museum](#), finally entering the Nkasa Rupara National Park at the Shisintze ranger station, no fees, no registration, just sharp left to the lodge at the border of the park. This part of the trail is the most difficult due to deep sand.

We arrived early before 12:00 and were friendly received. The lodge is built on the banks of one channels of the Kwando-Linyanti river system. The former name of Nkasa Lupala National Park was Mamili National Park. The lodge is totally energy self-sufficient using solar panels for electricity and hot water. There are 10 luxury Tents (steel, canvas and wood) with a own terrace, in front of a small water with Black-collared Barbet, Village Weaver, Woodland & Giant Kingfisher and Little & Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters.



Siesta, Pool, coffee and cake at the main terrace, later used as bar, restaurant, view point and a viewing deck on top of lodge! Relaxing time. Warthogs, Baboons

Night-drive with our excellent guide Derek in thundery atmosphere

Crowned Lapwing, Barn Owl

Impala, Kudus, Blue Wildebeest, Jackal, many [South African Spring Hares](#), [Cape \(Blotched\) Genet](#) hiding in a tree



05.11. Day 15

05:30 rising with the sun, early breakfast.

7 persons are ready for the famous **Combo Drive** for almost 7 hours which took us deep through the park very close to the Botswana border.

Impala with newborns, Warthog with young ones, Blue Wildebeest, Chapman's Zebras, 2 male Lions dozing in the shade



10:00 We finally reach the shore of the Liyanti river, change into a boat, and start pushing our way through the swamp area.



Yellow-billed Oxpecker, **Yellow-billed Kite**, Lesser Grey Shrike, Hornbills, Coucal, Squacco Heron, Swainson's Francolin (Spurfowl), Spur-winged Goose, Wood Sandpiper, Bateleur, Marabou, Chirping Cisticola, Little Bittern, Lappet-faced & White-backed Vultures, young African Darter not yet fledged, Carmine & Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Rufous-bellied Heron, Lesser Swamp Warbler, Spur-winged Goose, Collared Pratincole, Copper-tailed Coucal
herds of drinking Elephants, Lechwe, Waterbuck, Southern Reedbuck

On the way back we took a look at the Jackalberry Tented Camp.

After the late lunch a long siesta, time at the pool, later coffee and cake were very welcome.

Woodland Kingfisher, Little Bee-eater



06.11. Day 16

06:00 The usual early-Morning drive, how could we go without?

Magpie Shrike, Hornbills, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Crested Francolin, White-backed Vultures, 3 Pink-backed Pelicans(!) in the trees, „Brown“, but sadly Black-crowned Tchagra, White-browed Robin-Chat, Yellow-billed Stork, Spur-winged Goose, White-faced Whistling Ducks, Great white Egret, White-breasted Cormorant, Egyptian Goose, Secretary bird, Senegal Coucal, Black Crake, Bateleur, Lilac-breasted Roller Impala, Chapman's Zebra, Buffalo, some Blue Wildebeest, up to 60 Elephants, Hippos

A late, opulent and really needed Breakfast

Hartlaub's Babbler, Little Bee-eater, **Lesser Masked Weaver**, Giant Kingfisher, Village Weaver

The not so large Pool is decorated with the warning: „Hippo No Diving“. And there was no hippo in it!

[Grey foam-nest Tree frog](#) (*Chiromantis xerampelina*)

Another Night Drive (1040 NAD for 2 pers.)

Spring Hare, [Scrub Hare](#), Porcupine, Impala, Jackal

07.11. Day 17

Still in the bed we enjoyed the sunrise, took our time, and later had another good breakfast.

Black-backed Puffback, Scarlet-chested Sunbird, Black-collared Barbet, Little Bee-eater, Long-billed Crombec (=Cape Crombec), Tawny-flanked Prinia

On the way back to Sangwali we saw 3 Green Wood-hoopoes close to the trail. We did a refuel in Katima Mullilo, then headed south direction Botswana.

1 km close to the border we turned

left into the trail to [Chobe River Camp \(Cho\)](#), a short driving distance of only 200 km.

This camp is erected at the banks of the Chobe River, opposite of the [Chobe National Park](#).

All 20 tented chalets have a nice view over the river into Botswana.



Yellow-billed Kite, Coppery-tailed Coucal, Squacco Heron, Little Bittern, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Shaft-tailed Whydah, Southern Cordonbleu, Violet-backed Starling, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Common Sandpiper, Red-billed Teal, Hamerkop, Goliath Heron, White-backed Vultures, Marabou, African Fish Eagle, Collared Pratincole, African Pipit, African Sacred Ibis, juvenile Cormorant, Spur-winged Goose, White-breasted Cormorant, Tawny Eagle
Chapman's Zebra, Water Monitor, Crocodile, Kudus

In the afternoon we took part in a Sundowner Tour by a Safari vehicle, the planned boat cruise was unfortunately not possible due to very low water of the Chobe River. What a contrast to our spring experience, when we drove for hours directly over the flooded meadows to [Kasane](#) by motorboat. The satellite image may give an idea of the temporarily flooded area.



The famous Namibian **starlit sky** was not so brilliant as last time, it was often cloudy.

08.11. Day 18

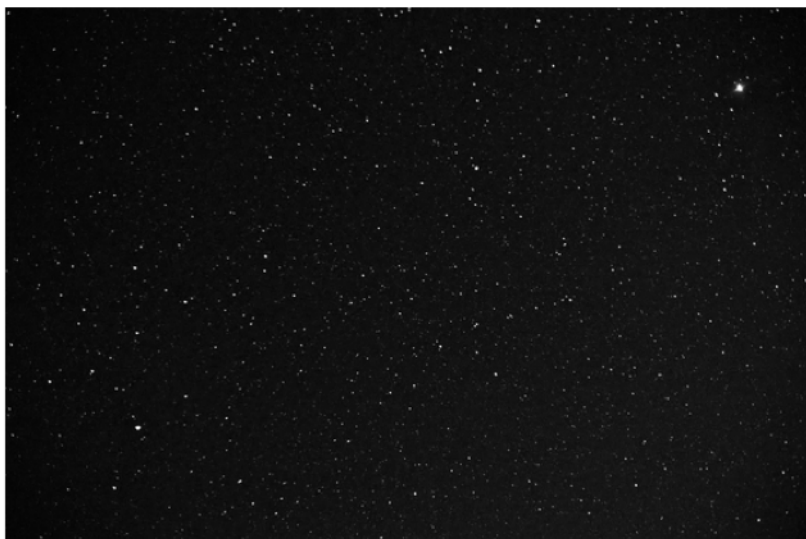
Rising with the sun we searched around the lodge.

Southern Red-billed Hornbill couple,
Shaft-tailed Whydah, Red-billed Fire-
finch

Magpie Shrike with a nest

07:00 we had a Canoe ride on the shallow Chobe River, sometimes touching the sandy ground!

Blue-billed Teal, Reed Cormorant
(=Long-tailed Cormorant), Red-billed
Teal, Anhinga, Pied Kingfisher,
Malachite Kingfisher, Open-bill Stork,
Glossy Ibis, Grey Heron, Green
Shank, Black-winged Stilt, Common Sandpiper, Hamerkop, Yellow-billed Kite, Ruff
Chapman's Zebras, Impala



Another opulent Breakfast, lazy time reading on the terrace and at the pool.

Giant Kingfisher

Nile Crocodile, Zebras, Impala at the Botswana site

Impressing thunderstorm, electricity fails, but the bridge to Botswana (border) is not involved.

09.11. Day 19

Giant Kingfisher, Lesser Masked Weaver, Red-billed Francolin with chicks, **Red-headed Weaver**
Impala, Chapman's Zebras

The river has gained some centimetres more water.

With power coming back breakfast was enabled.

Last time 4WD, leisurely drive north, before reaching Katima Mulilo right off into the D3508 announced as gravel on our maps and on Garmin, but freshly tarred. Obviously there had been much work on the roads throughout Namibia since our last visit in March/April.

Easily we reached **Zambezi Mubala Lodge** and their combined reception for Camping and Lodge (100 km). Transfer to the lodge is via boat on the broad Zambezi River. The lodge is built close to the quite steep and high bank, very chic and stylish, comprising 18 elegant and large bungalows with all the fancy. Here the air was very hot and moist. Thus we enjoyed the huge pool and later our own terrace overlooking the river.



15:00 Boat Cruise with another couple of photographers

White-browed Robin-Chat, Wire-tailed Swallow, Water Thick-knee, Common Bee-eater, Little Bee-eater, Little Stint, Wattled Lapwing with chick, Malachite Kingfisher, many African Skimmer, Whiskered Terns, White-faced Whistling-Ducks, Spur-winged Geese, White-breasted, Great and Reed Cormorants, Pied Kingfishers, another Coucal & yellow-billed kite

Here, the Carmine Bee-eaters are **breeding in the ground**, not as usual in the riparian walls.

African Fish-Eagle with bream fish.

Relaxing time.



Another impressive thunderstormous sky, finally a big show of lightnings and rolling full-surround sounding thunder. Heavy rain, sudden outburst of bushfire due to lightning, rapidly gaining momentum. Hours later the fire was ceased by the rains.

Atmospheric dinner with flickering electricity and we were soaked wet on our way back to our room (despite umbrellas).

10.11. Day 20

We started the day with another walk around the lodge area, enjoyed our breakfast while the Zambezi was flowing by.

Wire-tailed swallow, White-browed Robin-Chat, Red-billed Firefinch, Southern Carmine Bee-eater, Terrestrial Brownbul, Village Weaver, Dark-capped Bulbul, Tawny-flanked Prinia, Grey Go-away-bird, Spectacled Weaver, Common Swift, African Palm Swift, **White-rumped Swift**, Southern Grey-headed Sparrow, Southern Masked Weaver, **Southern Brown-throated Weaver**
[Red Velvet Mite](#)

Time to take the boat back to the reception, get into our car and head to our last destination in the Caprivi Strip on the already well-known B8 to Divundu, then immediately after the bridge left into the C48: **Ngepi Camp Treehouse (Nge)**, 360 km, thereof 4 km 4WD track.

This camp lies nestled between [Mahango Game Park](#) and [Bwabwata National Park](#) directly opposite across the river. It offers 12 tree houses, 3 bush houses and a large camping area, all at the banks of

the river. Our tree house was “equipped” with a Collared Barbet’s nest direct in front of us in a dead tree! The chicks were calling, the parent birds came feeding, we took shelter and many photos.



Woodland Kingfisher, Grey-backed Camaroptera

We allow ourselves a good fresh coffee below the huge trees with a nest of Paradise Flycatcher
Knob-billed Ducks, Spur-winged Geese, White-faced Whistling-Ducks
Buffalos

11.11. Day 21

Early morning walk around the area, our known excellent guide Christoph is announced to arrive late (around 9 o'clock).

Feeding Barbets, Meyer's Parrot, European & White-fronted Bee-eater, Grey Go-away-Bird, Fork-tailed Drongo, Black-backed Puffback, White-fronted Bee-eater Buffalo



Leisurely breakfast. Finally Christoph comes running.

09:00 Spontaneously suggesting a Boat Cruise, then be it so.

Ruff, Open-billed Stork, Red-billed Teal, Greenshank, Goliath Heron, Common Sandpiper, Long-toed Lapwing, glimpse of White-backed Night-Heron, Yellow-billed Oxpeckers, Osprey with fish, chased by Yellow-billed Kite, Collared Pratincole, [Rock Pratincole](#), Brown Snake-Eagle, Hippos



Relaxing time, checking photographs, bathing in the caged river pool.
Suddenly, Christoph is showing up again: he has found an [African Scops Owl](#)!

Tawny Eagle, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, African Pied Wagtail

16:00 Christoph took us on a Guided bird walk

Terrestrial Brownbul, **White-bellied Sunbird** (=White-breasted), Coppery-tailed Coucal, African Hoopoe, Hartlaub's Babbler, Fork-tailed Drongos, Red-billed Teal, Spotted Flycatcher, Knob-billed Ducks, Grey heron, Spur-winged Goose, Skimmer, Jaçana, Brown Firefinches, Black-throated Canary,

12.11. Day 22

Another stroll around the lodge, last breakfast at this place with a Caribbean feeling.
African Paradise Flycatcher, Cape Turtle Dove, Grey-backed Camaroptera, Impala

Then we started our long drive back to central Namibia on the B8 to [Grootfontein](#), took a short part on the C42, 480 km, we arrive well in time for visiting the world largest known & visible [meteorite Hoba](#) (entrance fee 50 NAD p.p.), discovered in 1920 by Jacobus Hermanus Brits. It weights about 50 tons and is said to be lying at this place for around 80.000 years.

After this geological highlight we made the last few km to our lodge for the night:



Seidarap Guesthouse (Sei). This is a German run farm, now in the tourist business with 10 double rooms, a lovely garden with interesting plants and still some new birds. The large pool is refreshing, but quite cold, so just a short dip was enough.

13.11. Day 23

A nice morning walk around the quarter gave us the last “new” bird: a [White-browed Scrub-Robin](#) (=Red-backed) as well as plenty of Little Swift under the roof, Senegal Coucal, White-bellied Sunbird, Pale-winged Starling.

Last step to Windhoek via [Otavi](#), very nice landscape and road, passing the lovely looking place [Otjivarongo](#), after 460 km reaching our last **Hotel Thule**.



14.11. Day 24

That's the end. Of our Self-drive Tour, of this Namibian adventure.

We had to separate from our cruiser, well, it needed a good washing ...

We were transferred to the airport and took our evening flight back home.



BIRDS List according to Howard & Moore 4. Ed. incl. Corrigenda 1+2, supplements after Avibase Concepts Feb 2021; German Bird names H. Barthel et al.: "Deutsche Namen der Vögel der Erde" Vogelwarte Bd. 58, 2020

Tick	English	Latin	German	Location
.	STRUTHIONIFORMES: Struthionidae			
x	Common Ostrich	Struthio camelus	Strauß	Eri, Oke, Eto, Ong
.	ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae			
x	White-faced Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	Witwenpfeifgans	Hak
x	Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	Nilgans	Eto
x	Hottentot Teal (Blue-billed)	Spatula hottentota	Hottentottenente	Cho
x	Red-billed Teal	Anas erythrorhyncha	Rotschnabelente	Oke, Eto, Cho
x	Spur-winged Goose	Plectropterus gambensis	Sporngans	Nka, Cho
x	Knob-billed Duck (Comb Duck)	Sarkidiornis melanotos	Glanzente	Zam, Nge
.	GALLIFORMES: Numididae			
x	Helmeted Guineafowl	Numida meleagris	Helmpferlhuhn	Eri, Oke, Ong
.	GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae			
x	Red-billed Spurfowl (Francolin)	Pternistis adspersus	Rotschnabelfrankolin	Eri, Nam, Cho
x	Swainson's Spurfowl (Francolin)	Pternistis swainsonii	Swainsonfrankolin	Nam, Nka
x	Crested Francolin	Dendroperdix sephaena	Schopffrankolin	Ong
.	PHOENICOPTERIFORMES: Podicipedidae			
x	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	Zwergtaucher	Eto, Nam
.	COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae			
x	Speckled Pigeon	Columba guinea	Guineataube	Hob
x	Ring-necked Dove	Streptopelia capicola	Gurrtube	Eri, Eto, Ong, Nge
x	Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis	Palmtube	Eri, Ong
x	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	Turtur chalcospilos	Bronzeflecktube	Ong
x	Namaqua Dove	Oena capensis	Kaptaubchen	Eri, Hob
.	PTEROCLIFORMES: Pteroclididae			
x	Namaqua Sandgrouse	Pterocles namaqua	Namaflughuhn	Eto
x	Double-banded Sandgrouse	Pterocles bicinctus	Nachtflughuhn	Hob, Nam
.	CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Apodidae			
x	African Palm Swift	Cypsiurus parvus	Palmensegler	Zam

x	White-rumped Swift	<i>Apus caffer</i>	Kaffernsegler	Eri, Zam
x	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Haussegler	Sei
x	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Mauersegler	Zam
.	CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae			
x	Senegal Coucal	<i>Centropus senegalensis</i>	Spornkuckuck	Nka, Nge
x	Coppery-tailed Coucal	<i>Centropus cupreicaudus</i>	Kupferschwanzkuckuck	Nam, Nka, Cho
x	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	Jakobinerkuckuck	Nam
.	GRUIFORMES: Rallidae			
x	Black Crake	<i>Zapornia flavirostra (Amauornis)</i>	Schwarzkielralle	Nka
.	OTIDIFORMES: Otidae			
x	Kori Bustard	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	Riesentrappe	Eri, Eto
x	Red-crested Korhaan (Bustard)	<i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>	Rotschopftrappe	Eri
x	North. Black Korhaan (White-quilled Bustard)	<i>Afrotis afraoides</i>	Weißflügeltrappe	Eri
.	MUSOPHAGIFORMES: Musophagidae			
x	Grey Go-away-bird	<i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>	Graulärmvogel	Ong, Cho, Nge
.	PELECANIFORMES: Ciconiidae			
x	Marabou Stork	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	Marabu	Nka, Cho
x	Saddle-bill Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	Sattelstorch	Nam
.	PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae			
x	Pink-backed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	Rötelpelikan	Nka
.	PELECANIFORMES: Scopidae			
x	Hamerkop	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Hammerkopf	Cho
.	PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae			
x	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Zwergdommel	Nam, Cho
x	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Mangroveierher	Hak, Nam, Nge
x	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Rallenreierher	Cho
x	Rufous-bellied Heron	<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>	Rotbauchreierher	Nka
x	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	Goliathreierher	Cho
x	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Purpureierher	Nam
x	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Silberreierher	Nka
x	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Asienmittelreierher	Ong
.	PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae			
x	African Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	Pharaonenibis (Heiliger Ibis)	Cho
x	Hadada Ibis	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	Hagedaschibis (Hagedasch)	Nam
.	PELECANIFORMES: Sulidae			
.	PELECANIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae			
x	Reed Cormorant (Long-tailed Cormorant)	<i>Microcarbo africanus</i>	Riedscharbe	Cho
x	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Kormoran	Cho
x	White-breasted Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	Weissbrustkormoran	Hak, Nka, Zam
.	PELECANIFORMES: Anhingidae			
x	African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Afrika-Schlangenhalsvogel	Nam, Nka
.	CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae			
x	Water Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	Wassertriel	Nam, Cho
x	Spotted Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus capensis</i>	Kaptriel	Hob
.	CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae			
x	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Stelzenläufer	Eto
.	CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae			
x	Three-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	Dreiband-Regenpfeifer	Eri
x	Blacksmith Lapwing	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>	Schmiedekiebitz	Eri, Eto
x	Crowned Lapwing	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Kronenkiebitz	Eri, Ong
x	African Wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	Senegalkiebitz	Nam, Zam
.	CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae			

x	African Jacana	Actophilornis africanus	Blaustirn-Blatthühnchen	Nam
x	Lesser Jacana	Microparra capensis	Zwergblatthühnchen	Nam
.	CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae			
x	Ruff	Calidris pugnax	Kampfläufer	Eto, Cho, Nge
x	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	Flußuferläufer	Cho
x	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	Grünschenkel	Eto, Hak, Cho
x	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	Bruchwasserläufer	Nka
x	Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	Teichwasserläufer	Eto
.	CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae			
x	Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola	Rotflügel-Brachschwalbe	Nam, Nka, Cho
x	Rock Pratincole	Glareola nuchalis	Halsband-Brachschwalbe	Nge
.	CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae			
x	African Skimmer	Rynchops flavirostris	Afrikanischer Scherenschnebel	Zam, Nge
x	Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	Weißbart-Seeschwalbe	Zam
.	ACCIPITRIFORMES: Sagittariidae			
x	Secretary-bird	Sagittarius serpentarius	Sekretär	Eto, Ong, Nka
.	ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae			
x	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	Fischadler	Nge
.	ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae			
x	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	Gleitaar	Eri
x	African Harrier Hawk	Polyboroides typus	Höhlenweihe	Eto
x	Bateleur	Terathopius ecaudatus	Gaukler	Eto, Nka
x	Black-chested Snake Eagle	Circaetus pectoralis	Schwarzbrust-Schlangenadler	Hob
x	Brown Snake Eagle	Circaetus cinereus	Einfarb-Schlangenadler	Nge
x	White-backed Vulture	Gyps africanus	Weißrückengeier	Ong, Nam, Nka, Cho
x	Lappet-faced Vulture	Torgos tracheliotos	Ohrengeier	Eri
x	Martial Eagle	Polemaetus bellicosus	Kampfadler	Eri
x	Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax	Savannenadler	Eri, Eto, Ong, Cho, Nge
x	Pale Chanting Goshawk	Melierax canorus	Großer Singhabicht	Eri, Ong
x	Gabar Goshawk	Micronisus gabar	Gabarhabicht	Eri, Eto
x	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	Rohrweihe	
x	African Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus vocifer	Schreiseeadler	Nam, Zam
x	Yellow-billed Kite	Milvus aegyptius	Schmarotzermilan	Nka, Cho, Zam, Nge
.	STRIGIFORMES: Tytonidae			
x	Common Barn Owl	Tyto alba	Schleihereule	Nka
.	STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae			
x	African Scops Owl	Otus senegalensis	Afrika-Zwergohreule	Nge
x	Spotted Eagle Owl	Bubo africanus	Fleckenuhu	Ong
x	Verreaux's Eagle Owl	Bubo lacteus	Blaßuhu	Eri
.	BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae			
x	African Grey Hornbill	Tockus nasutus	Grautoko	Hob
x	Monteiro's Hornbill	Tockus monteiri	Fleckentoko (Monteirotoko)	Oko
x	Southern Red-billed Hornbill	Tockus rufostris	Mopanetoko	Cho
x	Damara Hornbill	Tockus damarensis	Damaratoko (Damara-Rotschnabeltoko)	Hob
x	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill	Tockus leucomelas	Rotringtoko (Südlicher Gelbschnabeltoko)	Eri, Ong, Nam
.	BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae			
x	<i>African Hoopoe</i>	<i>Upupa africana</i>	Afrikawiedehopf (Afrikanischer Wiedehopf)	Nge
.	BUCEROTIFORMES: Phoeniculidae			
x	Green Wood Hoopoe	Phoeniculus purpureus	Grünbaumhopf (Baumhopf)	Nka
x	Common Scimitarbill	Rhinopomastus cyanomelas	Glanzsichelhopf (Sichelhopf)	Eri
.	PICIFORMES: Picidae			

x	Bennett's Woodpecker	<i>Campethera bennettii</i>	Bennettspecht	Nam
x	Golden-tailed Woodpecker	<i>Campethera abingoni</i>	Goldschwanzspecht	Ong, Hak, Nge
.	PICIFORMES: Ramphastidae			
x	Black-collared Barbet	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>	Halsband-Bartvogel	Nka, Nge
.	CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae			
x	White-fronted Bee-eater	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>	Weißstirrspint	Nam, Nge
x	Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<i>Merops nubicoides</i>	Karminspint	Nam, Cho, Zam
x	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>	Blauwangenspint	Nam, Nka
x	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops hirundineus</i>	Schwalbenschwanzspint	Eri, Oko
x	Little Bee-eater	<i>Merops pusillus</i>	Zwergspint	Hak, Nam, Nka
.	CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae			
x	Lilac-breasted Roller	<i>Coracias caudatus</i>	Gabelracke	Nam, Nka
x	Broad-billed Roller	<i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>	Zimtracke	Nam
.	CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae			
x	African Malachite Kingfisher	<i>Corythornis cristatus</i>	Haubenzwergfischer	Nam, Zam
x	Giant Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle maxima</i>	Riesenfischer	Nka, Cho
x	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Graufischer	Cho
x	Woodland Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	Senegalliest	Nam, Nka, Cho, Zam, Nge
.	FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae			
x	Greater Kestrel	<i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	Steppenfalke	Eto
x	Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	Rotkopffalke	Ong
.	PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae			
x	Meyer's Parrot (Brown Parrot)	<i>Poicephalus meyeri</i>	Goldbugpapagei	Nge
x	Rüppell's Parrot	<i>Poicephalus rueppellii</i>	Rüppellpapagei	Hob, Eto
.	PASSERIFORMES: Platysteiridae			
x	White-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanioturdus torquatus</i>	Erdschnäpper (Drosselwürger)	Eri
.	PASSERIFORMES: Malaconotidae			
x	Black-backed Puffback	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>	Schwarzmantel-Schneeballwürger	Ong, Hak, Nka, Nge
x	Black-crowned Tchagra	<i>Tchagra senegalus</i>	Senegaltschagra	Nka
x	Tropical Boubou	<i>Laniarius aethiopicus</i>	Boubouwürger	Nam
x	Swamp Boubou (Gabon)	<i>Laniarius bicolor</i>	Sumpfwürger	Hak
x	Crimson-breasted Shrike (Gonolek)	<i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>	Rotbauchwürger	Eri, Oko, Nam
.	PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae			
x	Fork-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	Trauerdrongo	Nge
.	PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae			
x	Magpie Shrike	<i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>	Elsterwürger	Nam
x	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	Schwarzstirnwürger	Nka
.	PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae			
x	Pied Crow	<i>Corvus albus</i>	Schildrabe	Eto
.	PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae			
x	African Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>	Graubrust-Paradiesschnäpper	Nge
.	PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae			
x	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	<i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>	Rotbrust-Glanzköpfchen	Nka
x	Mariqua Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>	Bindennektarvogel	Eri, Nam
x	White-bellied Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris talatala</i>	Weißbauch-Nektarvogel	Nge, Sei
.	PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae			
x	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>	Büffelweber	Ong, Nka
x	White-browed Sparrow Weaver	<i>Plocepasser mahali</i>	Weißbrauenweber	Eri, Oko
x	Scaly-feathered Weaver (fronted)	<i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>	Bartweber (Schnurrbartweber)	Eri, Eto, Ong
x	Red-billed Quelea	<i>Quelea quelea</i>	Blutschnabelweber	Hob, Ong
x	Spectacled Weaver	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>	Brillenweber	Zam
x	Holub's Golden Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthops</i>	Safranweber	Hak, Nam
x	Southern Brown-throated Weaver	<i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>	Braunkehlweber	Cho

x	Lesser Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus intermedius</i>	Cabanisweber	Nka, Cho
x	Southern Masked Weaver	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>	Maskenweber	Oko, Ong, Zam
x	Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>	Dorfweber	Nka, Zam
x	Red-headed Weaver	<i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>	Scharlachweber	Cho
.	PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae			
x	Brown Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta nitidula</i>	Braunbürzelamarant	Nge
x	Red-billed Firefinch	<i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	Senegalamarant	Zam
x	Green-winged Pytilia	<i>Pytilia melba</i>	Buntastrild	Oko, Ong
x	Violet-eared Waxbill	<i>Granatina granatina</i>	Granatastrild	Ong
x	Blue Waxbill (Blue-breasted Cordon-bleu)	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>	Blauastrild	Ong, Cho
x	Black-faced Waxbill	<i>Estrilda erythronotos</i>	Elfenastrild	Ong
x	Red-headed Finch	<i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	Rotkopfamadine	Eto, Ong
.	PASSERIFORMES: Viduidae			
x	Shaft-tailed Whydah	<i>Vidua regia</i>	Königswitwe	Eri, Cho
.	PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae			
x	Cape Sparrow	<i>Passer melanurus</i>	Kapsperling	Eto
x	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	<i>Passer diffusus</i>	Damarasperling	Ong, Cho
.	PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae			
x	African Pipit	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>	Zimtspornpieper	
XX	African Pipit Etosha ssp.	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus groti</i>		Eto, Ong, Cho
x	African Wagtail	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>	Witwenstelze	Nge
.	PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae			
x	Black-throated Canary	<i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>	Angolagirlitz	Oko, Nge
x	Yellow Canary	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	Gelbbauchgirlitz	Eri, Oko
.	PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae			
x	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting	<i>Fringillaria tahapisi</i>	Bergammer	Eto, Ong
.	PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae			
x	Sabota Lark	<i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	Sabotalerche	Eri
xx	Sabota Lark Etosha ssp	<i>Calendulauda sabota waibeli</i>		Eto
x	Red-capped Lark	<i>Calandrella cinerea</i>	Rotkappenlerche	Eto, Nam
.	PASSERIFORMES: Macrosphenidae			
x	Long-billed Crombec (Cape)	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	Langschnabelsylvietta	Nka
.	PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae			
x	Burnt-necked Eremomela	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>	Rostbänderemomela	Eri
x	Grey-backed Camaroptera	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>	Grünmantel-Bogenflügel (Grünrücken-Camaroptera)	Nge
x	Rattling Cisticola	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>	Rotscheitel-Zistenänger	Nam
x	Chirping Cisticola	<i>Cisticola pipiens</i>	Sumpfizistensänger	Nka
x	Tawny-flanked Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava</i>	Rahmbrustprinie	Nam, Nka, Cho
x	Black-chested Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicans</i>	Brustbandprinie	Eri, Ong
.	PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae			
x	Lesser Swamp Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>	Kaprohrsänger	Nka
.	PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae			
x	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Rotkappenschwalbe	Zam
x	Banded Martin	<i>Neophedina cincta</i>	Weißbrauen-Uferschwalbe	Nam
.	PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae			
x	Yellow-bellied Greenbul	<i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>	Gelbbauchbühlbül	Nam
x	Terrestrial Brownbul	<i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>	Laubbühlbül	Nam, Cho
x	Dark-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>	Russkopf-bühlbül)	Hob, Ong, Cho
.	PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae			
x	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Fitis	Nam
.	PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae			
x	Chestnut-vented Warbler	<i>Sylvia subcoerulea</i> (Curruca)	Meisengrasmücke	Eri
.	PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae			
x	Hartlaub's Babbler	<i>Turdoides hartlaubii</i>	Hartlaubdrosselhäherling	Hak, Nam

(Hartlaubdrossling)			
x	Bare-cheeked Babbler	Turdoides gymnogyns	Nacktwangen-Drosselhäherling (Nacktwangendrossling) Hob
.	PASSERIFORMES: Buphagidae		
x	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	Buphagus africanus	Gelbschnabel-Madenhacker Nka, Nge
.	PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae		
x	Burchell's Starling	Lamprotornis australis	Riesenglanzstar Hob
x	Cape Starling	Lamprotornis nitens	Rotschulter-Glanzstar Eri
x	Greater Blue-eared Starling	Lamprotornis chalybaeus	Grünschwanz-Glanzstar Ong, Sei
x	Amethyst Starling (Violet-backed)	Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	Amethystglanzstar Cho
.	PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae		
x	Kalahari Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas paena	Kalahariheckensänger Eri
x	White-browed Scrub Robin	Cercotrichas leucophrys	Weißbrauen-Heckensänger Sei
x	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	Grauschnäpper Nam
x	Ashy Flycatcher	Muscicapa caerulescens	Hartlaubschnäpper Nam
x	Mariqua Flycatcher	Bradornis mariquensis	Maricoschnäpper Eri, Oko
x	White-browed Robin Chat	Cossypha heuglini	Weißbrauenrötel Nka, Cho, Zam
x	Short-toed Rock Thrush	Monticola brevipes	Kurzzehenrötel Hob
x	African Stonechat	Saxicola torquatus	Afrikaschwarzkehlchen (Afrikanisches) Nam
.	PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae		
x	Groundscraper Thrush	Psophocichla litsitsirupa	Akaziendrossel Oko, Hob

MAMMALS seen and photographed: times x seen, (individuals)

Order: Hyracoidea (hyraxes)

1x Cape hyrax, Procavia capensis

Order: Proboscidea (elephants)

17x African bush elephant, Loxodonta Africana

Order: Primates

1x Vervet monkey, Chlorocebus pygerythrus

3x Chacma baboon, Papio ursinus

Order: Rodentia (rodents)

2x Cape porcupine, Hystrix africaeaustralis

1x Dassie rat, Petromus typicus

2x South African springhare, Pedetes capensis

2x South African ground squirrel, Xerus inauri

1x Smith's bush squirrel, Paraxerus cepapi

1x Acacia rat, Thallomys paedulus

Order: Lagomorpha (lagomorphs)

1x Cape hare, Lepus capensis

1x Scrub hare, Lepus saxatilis

Order: Carnivora (carnivorans)

2x (4) Southeast African cheetah, A. j. jubatus

15x (46) Lion, Panthera leo

1x African leopard, P. p. pardus

3x Common genet, Genetta genetta

1x Cape genet (Genetta tigrina)

2x Common slender mongoose, Herpestes sanguineus

1x (6) Banded mongoose, Mungos mungo

1x (15) Meerkat, Suricata suricatta

2x Spotted hyena, Crocuta crocuta

1x (3) Brown hyena, P. brunnea

- 1x Cape fox, *Vulpes chama*
- 6x Black-backed jackal, *L. mesomelas*
- 1x Bat-eared fox, *Otocyon megalotis*
- 2x African wild dog, *Lycaon pictus*

Order: Perissodactyla (odd-toed ungulates)

- Plains zebra, *Equus quagga*
- 10x Burchell's zebra, *E. q. burchellii*
- 6x Chapman's zebra, *E. q. chapmani*
- Mountain zebra, *E. Zebra*
- 4x Hartmann's mountain zebra, *E. z. hartmannae*
- White rhinoceros, *Ceratotherium simum*
- 3x Southern white rhinoceros, *C. s. simum*
- 4x Black rhinoceros, *Diceros bicornis*

Order: Artiodactyla (even-toed ungulates)

- 6x Common warthog, *Phacochoerus africanus*
- 4x Hippopotamus, *Hippopotamus amphibius*
- 15x Giraffe, *Giraffa camelopardalis*
- 3x Hartebeest, *Alcelaphus buselaphus*
- 9x Blue wildebeest, *Connochaetes taurinus*
- 15x Springbok antelope, *Antidorcas marsupialis*
- Kirk's dik-dik, *Madoqua kirkii*
- 4x Damara Dik-Dik *M. k. Damarensis*
- 2x Steenbok, *Raphicerus campestris*
- 4x African buffalo, *Syncerus caffer*
- 1x Bushbuck, *Tragelaphus scriptus* = Cape B.
- 10x Greater kudu, *Tragelaphus strepsiceros*
- 1x Roan antelope, *Hippotragus equinus*
- 8x Gemsbok, *Oryx gazella*
- 23x Impala, *Aepyceros melampus*
- 3x Waterbuck, *Kobus ellipsiprymnus*
- 3x Lechwe, *Kobus leche*
- 1x Southern reedbuck, *Redunca arundinum*