

**Birds seen at Düsternbrook 5th to 10th July 2015**

**Helmeted Guineafowl** *Numida meleagris* Common resident.

**Red-billed Spurfowl** *Pternistis adspersus* Common resident.

**Egyptian Goose** *Alopochen aegyptiaca* Common resident.

**South African Shelduck** *Tadorna cana* Pair on river and flew South over house.

**Cape Teal** *Anas capensis* Common resident on dam.

**Yellow-billed Duck** *Anas undulata* Common resident on dam.

**Red-billed Teal** *Anas erythrorhyncha* Common resident on dam.

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* Common resident on dam.

**Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra* Two singles and a (same?) pair seen frequenting the river on the dirt road to the farm.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* Single bird frequenting the river below the main house on most days.

**Hamerkop** *Scopus umbretta* Single bird in river upstream from campsite.

**Great White Pelican** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* 10 birds at the dam on the 6th plus a single soaring over the riverbed on the 8th.

**Reed Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax africanus* A single soaring over the riverbed on the 8th.

**Black-shouldered Kite** *Elanus caeruleus* Seen singly most days at various locations.

**African Harrier-Hawk** *Polyboroides typus* A juvenile bird frequenting the river valley most days.

**White-backed Vulture** *Gyps africanus* Ever present soaring above the farm or roosting in trees. A "kettle" of min. 75 birds rising on a thermal from the river valley on the 8th was a spectacular sight.

**Lappet-faced Vulture** *Torgos tracheliotos* A minimum of four birds present in the river valley on the 8th. Singles seen most days.

**Black-chested Snake Eagle** *Circaetus pectoralis* Two seen talon grappling & cartwheeling from the dirt road between the farm & the main road on the 10th.

**Verreaux's Eagle** *Aquila verreauxii* Pair with juvenile soaring over the hillside opposite main house on the 9th

**Martial Eagle** *Polemaetus bellicosus* A juvenile bird sitting in the trees on the hill opposite the campsite on the 9th being mobbed by a pair of African Hawk-eagles.

**African Hawk-Eagle** *Aquila fasciatus* A single in the river valley on the 7th plus the pair noted above.

**Gabar Goshawk** *Micronisus gabar* Single birds seen in the river valley on separate days.

**Shikra** *Accipiter badius* One sighting in the river valley of a single bird.

**African Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus vocifer* Regular flying along the river valley. Seen most days.

**Augur Buzzard** *Buteo augur* Single bird seen on two days in the vicinity of the farm up the valley.

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* Regular along the dirt road to the main tar road and also birds hovering above the hillsides above the valley.

**Greater Kestrel** *Falco rupicoloides* One noted along the dirt road close the main tar road.

**Red-crested Korhaan** *Lophotis ruficrista* Several noted along the dirt road to the main tar road.

**Northern Black Korhaan** *Afrotis afraoides* Seen twice along the dirt road to the main tar road.

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* Common resident along the river valley.

**Blacksmith Lapwing** *Vanellus armatus* Common resident along the river valley.

**Crowned Lapwing** *Vanellus coronatus* Regular along the dirt road to the main tar road.

**Three-banded Plover** *Charadrius tricollaris* Common resident along the river valley.

**Double-banded Sandgrouse** *Pterocles bicinctus* Pair flew South past the main house on one evening.

**Speckled Pigeon** *Columba guinea* Common resident.

**Cape Turtle-Dove** *Streptopelia capicola* Common resident.

**Laughing Dove** *Spilopelia senegalensis* Common resident.

**Namaqua Dove** *Oena capensis* Common resident, especially in the river valley.

**Rosy-faced Lovebird** *Agapornis roseicollis* Single bird seen in the river valley on the 9th.

**Rüppell's Parrot** *Poicephalus rueppellii* At least 4 birds roost in the trees below the main house every night.

**Grey Go-away-bird** *Corythaixoides concolor* Common resident.

**Western Barn Owl** *Tyto alba* Single bird heard calling around the house on the 5th.

**Pearl-spotted Owlet** *Glaucidium perlatum* Heard calling every night. Single bird in bush close to campsite on the 8th.

**African Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus parvus* Common resident.

**Bradfield's Swift** *Apus bradfieldi* Seen flying over the dirt road coming from the main road.

**White-backed Mousebird** *Colius colius* Common resident.

**Purple Roller** *Coracias naevius* Fairly common resident with singles seen every day.

**Lilac-breasted Roller** *Coracias caudatus* Common resident.

**Swallow-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops hirundineus* Single bird seen close to the horse paddock.

**Little Bee-eater** *Merops pusillus* Single bird seen on the dirt road from the dam road to the river.

**African Hoopoe** *Upupa africana* Common resident.

**Green Wood Hoopoe** *Phoeniculus purpureus* Common resident.

**Common Scimitarbill** *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas* Single bird seen in the river valley beyond the farm.

**African Grey Hornbill** *Tockus nasutus* Common resident.

**Monteiro's Hornbill** *Tockus monteiri* Singles seen along the main dirt approach road.

**Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill** *Tockus leucomelas* Common resident.

**Damara Hornbill** *Tockus damarensis* Common resident.

**Acacia Pied Barbet** *Tricholaema leucomelas* Common resident.

**Bearded Woodpecker** *Dendropicos namaquus* Single bird frequenting the palm tree near the car park most days.

**Pirit Batis** *Batis pririt* Common resident.

**White-tailed Shrike** *Lanioturdus torquatus* Birds seen most days in the open area just before the farm up the river valley.

**Brown-crowned Tchagra** *Tchagra australis* Common resident.

**Crimson-breasted Shrike** *Laniarius atrococcineus* Common resident.

**Southern White-crowned Shrike** *Eurocephalus anguitimens* Common resident.

**Southern Fiscal** *Lanius collaris* Common resident.

**Fork-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus adsimilis* Common resident.

**Pied Crow** *Corvus albus* Common resident.

**Southern Black Tit** *Parus niger* Common resident.

**Ashy Tit** *Parus cinerascens* Common resident.

**Sabota Lark** *Calendulauda sabota* Common resident.

**African Red-eyed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus nigricans* Common resident.

**Rock Martin** *Ptyonoprogne fuligula* Common resident.

**Rockrunner** *Achaetops pycnopygius* Heard only - calling from the steep sided valleys between the hills.

**Long-billed Crombec** *Sylvietta rufescens* Common resident.

**Rattling Cisticola** *Cisticola chiniana* Common resident.

**Desert Cisticola** *Cisticola aridulus* Common resident.

**Black-chested Prinia** *Prinia flavicans* Common resident.

**Green-backed Camaroptera** *Camaroptera brachyura* Common resident.

**Yellow-bellied Eremomela** *Eremomela icteropygialis* Common resident.

**Southern Pied Babbler** *Turdoides bicolor* Common resident.

**Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler** *Parisoma subcaeruleum* Common resident.

**Wattled Starling** *Creatophora cinerea* Small flock in river valley below main house on two days.

**Cape Starling** *Lamprotornis nitens* Common resident.

**Burchell's Starling** *Lamprotornis australis* Common resident.

**Pale-winged Starling** *Onychognathus nabouroup* Two birds flew up the valley below the main house on the 6th.

**Groundscraper Thrush** *Psophocichla litsitsirupa* Common resident.

**White-browed Scrub Robin** *Erythropgia leucophrys* Seen twice in the river valley and along the dirt road to the enclosures.

**Kalahari Scrub Robin** *Erythropgia paena* Common resident.

**Capped Wheatear** *Oenanthe pileata* Seen twice along the main dirt approach road.

**Mountain Wheatear** *Oenanthe monticola* Common resident in the river valley.

**Familiar Chat** *Oenanthe familiaris* Common resident.

**Ant-eating Chat** *Myrmecocichla formicivora* Seen along the main dirt approach road.

**Short-toed Rock Thrush** *Monticola brevipes* Common resident.

**Marico Flycatcher** *Bradornis mariquensis* Common resident.

**Dusky Sunbird** *Cinnyris fuscus* Common resident.

**White-browed Sparrow-Weaver** *Plocepasser mahali* Common resident.

**Great Sparrow** *Passer motitensis* Common resident.

**Cape Sparrow** *Passer melanurus* Common resident.

**Southern Grey-headed Sparrow** *Passer diffusus* Common resident.

**Red-billed Buffalo Weaver** *Bubalornis niger* Common resident.

**Scaly-feathered Finch** *Sporopipes squamifrons* Common resident.

**Cape Weaver** *Ploceus capensis* Common resident.

**Southern Masked Weaver** *Ploceus velatus* Common resident.

**Red-billed Quelea** *Quelea quelea* Common resident.

**Green-winged Pytilia** *Pytilia melba* Common resident.

**Red-headed Finch** *Amadina erythrocephala* Common resident.

**Red-billed Firefinch** *Lagonosticta senegala* Small flock close to the campsite on one day.

**Blue Waxbill** *Uraeginthus angolensis* Common resident.

**Violet-eared Waxbill** *Uraeginthus granatinus* Common resident.

**Common Waxbill** *Estrilda astrild* Common resident.

**Black-cheeked Waxbill** *Estrilda chamosyna* Common resident.

**Cape Wagtail** *Motacilla capensis* Common resident.

**African Pipit** *Anthus cinnamomeus* Common resident.

**Long-billed Pipit** *Anthus similis* Common resident.

**Cinnamon-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza tahapisi* Common resident.

**Cape Bunting** *Emberiza capensis* Common resident.

**Golden-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza flaviventris* Common resident.