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5 th	Arrive Johannesburg, drive to Phalaborwa via Pietersburg. Later afternoon & night drive Croc Ranch
6 th	Early morning game drive Croc Ranch, drive to Kruger mid-morning, afternoon Phalaborwa Gate to Olifants. Afternoon game drive SW of Olifants.
7 th	Dawn game drive S to Gudzani, returned to Olifants & then N to Shingwedzi via Letaba, late afternoon SE of Shingwedzi.
8 th	Am. Shingwedzi – Punda Maria via Mphongolo Loop. Afternoon Mahonie Loop followed by night drive.
9 th	Am. Pafuri area, pm Mahonie Loop.
10 th	Am. Pafuri area followed by drive to Shingwedzi. Pm. Drive to Letaba, late afternoon drive W of Letaba
11 th	Am. Letaba to Satara via Gudzani, Timbavati, Girivana, Rockvale & Nsemani. Pm. Girivana & Nsemani followed by Satara night drive.
12 th	Am. Girivana, Nsemani & Gudzani loop. Pm. Satara to Gudzani east.
13 th	Am. Satara to Skukuza to Lower Sable (via Renosterkoppies) to Skukuza. Pm. Areas S of Skukuza including Vervoer and Renosterkoppies.
14 th	Am. Skukuza – Pretoriuskop (via Renosterkoppies) – Skukuza. Pm. Areas S of Skukuza
15 th	Am. Skukuza to Numbi Gate via Renosterkoppies and Pretoriuskop. Pm. Return to Johannesburg for afternoon flight to Windhoek, night near Windhoek.
16 th	Am. Daan Viljeon followed by drive to Swakopmund. Pm. Trekoppies. Night Swakopmund.
17 th	Am. Walvis Bay & Rooiport. Pm. Cape Cross including night drive. Night Henties Bay.
18 th	Am. Cape Cross & Spitzkope. Pm. Cape Cross night drive, night Henties Bay.
19 th	Am. Long drive to Etosha via Uis, Omaruru & Outjo arriving mid-afternoon. Pm. Game drive near Okaukuejo. Night Okaukuejo.
20 th	Am. Okaukuejo area followed by drive to Halali. Pm. Rhino Drive near Halali, night Halali.
21 st	Am. Halali area, drive to Namutoni. Pm. Andoni Plain, night Namutoni.
22 nd	Am. Fischer's Pan & Namutoni area. Pm. Andoni Plain, night Namutoni.
23 rd	Am. Bloubokdraai & Klein Namutoni followed by drive to Halali via Eland Drive. Pm. Goas waterhole & Eland Drive, night Halali.
24 th	Am. Halali to Okaukuejo via Goas & Nuamses. Pm. Olifantsbad & Aus. Night Okaukuejo.
25 th	Am. Gemsbokvlakte. Pm. Long drive to Hobatere followed by night drive. Night Hobatere.
26 th	All day Hobatere including night drive producing Aardvark.
27 th	Long drive Hobatere to Windhoek for afternoon flight to London.

SPECIES	SOUTH AFRICA	NAMIBIA
Bat sp		Singles Halali, Okaukuejo & Hobatere
Chacma Baboon	Two Johannesburg – Pietersburg Six Croc Ranch Common Kruger	Small numbers Daan Viljeon Four Outjo – Kamanjab Small numbers Otjiwarongo – Okahandija

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Vervet Monkey	One Pietersburg – Phalaborwa Small numbers Croc Ranch Common Kruger	
Lesser Galago	One Croc Ranch	
Cape Hare		Two N of Henties Bay
Scrub Hare	Five Punda Maria (night drive) Three Satara (night drive)	Two Airport Lodge near Windhoek 2-3 Hobatere
Ground Squirrel	-	One Namib-Naukluft Common Etosha Two Otjiwarongo – Okadandija
Mountain Ground Squirrel	-	Two Daan Viljeon
Tree Squirrel	Common Kruger	One Etosha (Bloubokdraai)
Springhare	One Punda Maria (night drive)	Four Hobatere
Striped Mouse	-	One Etosha (Fischer's Pan)
Cape Fox	-	Three Etosha (Nuamses) see Honey Badger
Bat-eared Fox	-	Etosha, two pairs with 3 & 2 young near Gamsbokvlakte, pair with three young near Halali, and three near Ondonjab. Two Hobatere watched feeding at night by placing ears to the ground to listen for insects.
Black-backed Jackal	Four Croc Ranch Kruger, a total of 10 seen on 6 days	6+ Cape Cross Two Henties Bay Etosha, seen on 6 out of 7 days, a total of 24 including one small pup and a family group of five 12+ Hobatere
Honey Badger	-	One Etosha (Nuamses) attempted to dig at Cape Fox den and chased off by the foxes
Banded Mongoose	c.10 Mphongolo Trail, Kruger	-
Slender Mongoose	Singles Mphongolo Trail & near Pafuri, Kruger	One Etosha, near Namutoni, successfully raided the nest of Kalahari Robins despite being mobbed by the adult robins and a Crimson-breasted Boubou
Dwarf Mongoose	All Kruger c.15 Mphongolo Trail Two Mahonie Loop. Punda Maria One N'watimhiri Road, Skukuza	-

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Yellow Mongoose	-	Four singles Etosha all in Halali area One between Etosha & Outjo
Mongoose sp	Four Croc Ranch (probably Dwarf) Three Shingwedzi, Kruger (probably Dwarf) Three singles Mphongolo Trail and Pafuri areas,(two probable Slender and one probable Large Grey)	-
Small-spotted Genet	-	3-4 Hobatere
Spotted Hyaena	All Kruger Seven west of Balule at den in culvert under road Three south of Shingwedzi Two near Punda Maria gate (night drive) Two south of Letaba A total of 11 in the Satara area over 2 days	-
Aardwolf	-	One Hobatere
African Wildcat	One Satara night drive, Kruger	One excellent mid-afternoon views of one along Eland Drive near Halali, Etosha
Cheetah	Two N'wanetsi east of Satara, Kruger One near Napi Hills west of Skukuza, Kruger Both superb close range views	Two near Halali, Etosha stalking Springbok unsuccessfully. One wearing radio collar
Lion	All Kruger Two males south of Balule Male plus three females near Shisangani (Satara night drive) Male plus three females near Nsemani north of Satara Female near Gudzani near Satara Pair near Gudzani East near Satara Male plus two females near Shibotwana east of Satara One NE of Skukuza Three east of Skukuza Two near Siyalu, south of Skukuza One Mathekenyane, SW of Skukuza	Etosha Two Okaukuejo waterhole mating between 2230 & 2330 at least Two males plus one female Goas waterhole near Halali, present most of the day, the pair regularly mating
Leopard	All Kruger One west of Balule, excellent close range views in bright	One near Halali in good light being mobbed by two Black-backed Jackals as it attempted

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	sunshine on my first evening in the park One Punda Maria night drive One near Sonop, Satara night drive	to return to an old kill, excellent views
Aardvark	-	One Hobatere, an excellent finale on the final night of the trip
Elephant	Seen daily in Kruger, a total of 160+ largely in ones & twos although groups of 23 & c.20 near Skukuza and a superb herd of 62 including the full range from tiny young to massive bulls near Shingwedzi	One bull near Namutoni, Etosha Nine Hobatere
Rock Dassie	-	c.10 Daan Viljeon
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	-	Eight Daan Viljeon Four Namib-Naukluft Very common Hobatere
Burchell's Zebra	Eight Croc Ranch Common Kruger	Abundant Etosha
White Rhinoceros	One N'watimhiri near Skukuza, Kruger, at 20 yards range while I was out of the car at a comfort stop Seven together at a wallow south of Skukuza	-
Warthog	Two Croc Ranch Kruger, seen on 8 days, a total of 21	Four Kirkveld – Otjiwarongo A surprisingly low total of four in Etosha Two Hobatere One south of Otjiwarongo
Hippopotamus	Seen on four dates in Kruger, a total of 28	-
Giraffe	16 Croc Ranch Seen on 8 out of 9 days in Kruger, max 20+ per day	Common Etosha Three Hobatere
Cape Buffalo	Kruger: singles SE of Shingwedzi and E of Satara	-
Eland	One Croc Ranch One Kruger (Timbavati)	-
Kudu	10 Croc Ranch Kruger, a total of 43 spread over 6 days	Etosha: 10 near Kaulheuwel Eight Hobatere
Nyala	c.10 Nyala Drive and Pafuri, Kruger	-
Bushbuck	Three Letaba, Kruger One Timbavati, Kruger	-

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Sable	One Croc Ranch One Pretoriuskup, Kruger	-
Gemsbok	-	Common Daan Viljeon, Namib-Naukluft, Etosha & Hobatere, surprisingly unapproachable
Waterbuck	Six Croc Ranch Small numbers, up to 20, on 7 days in Kruger	-
Blue Wildebeest	One Croc Ranch Kruger, up to c.25 on 7 days	Small numbers Daan Viljeon Common Etosha
Red Hartebeest	-	Etosha, a total of 21 including one group of 15 including calves, on 4 days, all near Halali
Impala	Common Croc Ranch & throughout Kruger	-
'Black-faced' Impala	-	Common in Etosha from Halali eastwards although small numbers further west near Olifantsbad
Springbok	-	Common Daan Viljeon, Namib-Naukluft, Etosha & Hobatere Four Uis – Omaruru
Damara Dik-dik	-	8+ Bloubokdraai, Etosha
Klipspringer	Two SW of Skukuza, Kruger	-
Steenbok	Three Croc Ranch Up to 5 daily in Kruger	Up to eight daily in Etosha Small numbers Hobatere
Common Duiker	-	One between Kamanjab and Outjo
Cape Fur Seal	-	Two Walvis Bay 100s Cape Cross