



Birding on a Budget

MOZAMBIQUE

Northern Kruger

November 24 - November 28

Eswatini (Swaziland)

November 28 - December 2

Mozambique

December 2 - December 16

Checklist for Richard & Joan Becker
and Jeanne Pollock

11/24	Drive from Johannesburg to Kruger (Letaba Camp . Mostly a traveling day until we got past the Kruger gate.
11/25	AM birding on foot around Letaba Camp; game drive between Letaba and Punda Maria Camps with stop at Mopane for lunch
11/26	AM birding around Punda Maria camp, including bird blind; wildlife drive rest of day after midday rest.
11/27	5:30 AM departure to get Covid tests in Phalaborwa; breakfast at lodge just outside the gate (Bushveld Lapa Lodge); Game drive between the gate and Mopane with stop at Sable Hide and lunch at Letaba Camp; overnight Mopane
11/28	Departed Mopane Camp 6:00 AM; drove through Kruger to Swaziland border, entered Swaziland and drove to Phophonyane Falls Lodge (Changed from Hwane because John Davis told Errol it has deteriorated)
11/29	Early walk (6:00) around lodge, breakfast at 7:00; Group decided to have leisurely day birding around lodge, lunch at Pigg's Peak Casino near lodge; afternoon deck birding with some rain, hail storm during dinner, power out all night.
11/30	Departed Phophonyane 6:00; drove to Malolotja National Park, breakfast there, birding until around 1:00, then drove to Mbabane for lunch (Mountain Inn) and covid tests (Lancet); Finally Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, arrived at Riley's Rock Hill Lodge around 6:30
12/1	Birding at feeders and on property at Riley's Rock Lodge AM, drive in Mlilwane Nature Sanctuary for birding, lunch at Camp Ground there. Waited at Spur in Mbabane (desserts) while Errol went back to Lancet to get Covid tests results; drove to Simunye Country Club Lodge, arrival at 6:00 ish (drove fast through Hlane NP)
12/2	Birded Hlane Royal NP AM, Breakfast at country club, drove to border. Needed an additional document for vehicles so had to turn back after about 3 hours of waiting for an email from bank. No room at the country club, so went to Mbuluzi Nature Reserve, nice cabins near river.
12/3	Travel day. Small amount of birding at Mbuluzi before leaving. All day drive to Inharrime (Jolly Roger Hotel)
12/4	Chacane Wetlands, Panda Woodlands R483 with packed breakfast and lunch
12/5	Beckers, Schube, Gary and Errol returned to Chacane Wetlands 5:30 - 8:00 AM; Departed after breakfast to drive to Tofo, birded at shore upon arrival, then lunch at Green Turtle (great food but high prices) Checked in at Hotel del Mar, went back to shore at 3:15; tide already in and had to take alternate route, including driving through water.
12/6	9:00 AM Whale shark outing - no whale sharks, a few dolphins, sea sick; group went to local wetland after lunch
12/7	Left Tofo after breakfast, stopped at Police station to try to get a letter to explain Gary's missing license plate (no luck); LOOOOONG drive to the Sanctuary, with 4+ hours on sand roads, ridiculously rough and uncomfortable, arrived Jacana Camp around 3:45, short bird walk 5:30. No lunch, toasties when we arrived
12/8	The Sanctuary, Jacana Camp; boat trip 6:00 - 9:30 AM San Sebastian peninsula; out in vehicles 10:30 - 12:20, back out in cars 4:00 - 6:00 PM.
12/9	Boat from the Sanctuary to Vilanculos Beach Lodge, departing at 8:00, arriving 8:45- ish; leisure time until Errol and Gary arrived (they drove the cars back through the sand road). Out to bird at 4:00 (sand road to Lake Ualane), dinner at the hotel
12/10	Travel day; Vilanculos to Gorongosa NP, Chitenga Camp. Took all day on terrible roads, arrived 15 minutes after gate closed, but someone allowed for our late arrival. Bral of pork and salad
12/11	AM game drive at Gorongosa, breakfast of sausage and eggs cooked by Errol; drove to Mphingwe Lodge, again all day on terrible roads, sandwiches for lunch on the way, arrived shortly after 6:00 PM. No water
12/12	Coutada 12 (our car got separated from Errol's), Mpingwe Lodge grounds
12/13	Return to Coutada 12, drove past first spot to try a different spot that was supposed to have Alethe, turned back after an hour, most of the morning wasted; 4:00 PM out to bird area near lodge, then river (bridge), then crossed the Zambeze River after hassle with Immigration police (only half of us had passports with us).
12/14	Travel day, Mphingwe to Belra, approximately 10 hours, most of it on terrible rutted dirt road (Dondo Road) . A couple of short stops for birding
12/15	Belra birding - 7:00 AM Covid tests, then breakfast (took forever), birding at Rio Savanne

	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM
1 OSTRICHES - Struthionidae																													
2 Common Ostrich - Struthio camelus					S	S			S				S																S
3 WATERFOWL - Anatidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM
4 White-faced Whistling Duck - Dendrocygna viduata		S	S	S	S	S							S		S	S	S	S		S								S	S
5 Fulvous Whistling Duck - Dendrocygna bicolor																				S								S	S
6 White-backed Duck - Thalassornis leuconotus															S	S				S								S	S
7 Knob-billed Duck - Sarkidiornis melanotos		S	S	S	S	S																S						S	S

490	TROGONS & QUETZELS - Trogonidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
491	Narina Trogon - <i>Apaloderma narina</i>								S					S										S	S	G			S	S		
492	HOOPOES - Upupidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
493	EURASIAN (African) Hoopoe - <i>Upupa africana</i>		S	S	S	S	S			S	S	S		S		G	S	G				G							S	S		
494	WOODHOOPES & SCIMITARBILLS - Phoeniculidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
495	Green Woodhoopoe - <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>		S	S	S		S				G	S	S	S			S	S	S			G							S	S		
496	Common Scimitarbill - <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	G					G					S	S	S		S							S		S	S			S	S		
497	HORNBILL & GROUND-HORNBILL - Bucerotidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
498	Southern Ground-Hornbill - <i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>		S		S	S	S				S			S									S						S	S		
499	Crowned Hornbill - <i>Tockus alboterminatus</i>															S	S	S	G				S	S	S	S			S	S		
500	African Grey Hornbill - <i>Tockus nasutus</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S																S						S	S		
502	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill - <i>Tockus leucomelas</i>		S	S	S	S	S																								S	
503	Southern Red-billed Hornbill - <i>Tockus rufirostris</i>	S	S	S	S		S																								S	
505	Trumpeter Hornbill - <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>																					S	H	S	S				S	S		
506	KINGFISHERS - Alcedinidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
507	Half-collared Kingfisher - <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i>										S			S																	S	
508	Malachite Kingfisher - <i>Alcedo cristata</i>		S				S														S				G			S	S	S		
509	African Pygmy Kingfisher - <i>Ispidina picta</i>																						S							S	S	
511	Woodland Kingfisher - <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>	H	S	S	S	S	S				S	S	S	S				S					S						S	S		
512	Mangrove Kingfisher - <i>Halcyon senegaloides</i>																						G	S					S	S		
513	Brown-hooded Kingfisher - <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>		S	S	S	S	S		S			S	S	S		S	S		S		S	S				H			S	S		
514	Striped Kingfisher - <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>			S			S									S		S								S				S	S	
515	Giant Kingfisher - <i>Megaceryle maximus</i>		S				S				H	S		S																	S	
516	Pied Kingfisher - <i>Ceryle rudis</i>		S		S	S	S					S	S	S							S		S					S	S	S		
517	BEE-EATERS, ROLLERS & ALLIES - Meropidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
518	White-fronted Bee-eater - <i>Merops bullockoides</i>		S	S	S	S	S				S			S																	S	
519	Little Bee-eater - <i>Merops pusillus</i>			S	S		S			S		S		S		S	S		G	S	S		S		S				S	S		
520	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater - <i>Merops hirundineus</i>															S		G												S	S	
523	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater - <i>Merops persicus</i>														S	S	S	S	S								S	S		S	S	
524	MADAGASCAR (Olive) Bee-eater - <i>Merops superciliosus</i>																			S	S										S	S
525	European Bee-eater - <i>Merops apiaster</i>	F	S	S		S	S		S	S				S		S	S	S			G		S		S	S			S	S		
527	Southern Carmine Bee-eater - <i>Merops nubicoides</i>																						S							S	S	
529	European Roller - <i>Coracias garrulus</i>					S	S																S			S		S	S	S	S	
530	Lilac-breasted Roller - <i>Coracias caudatus</i>	S	S	S	S	S	S				S			S	S	S	S	S	S				S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
531	Racket-tailed Roller - <i>Coracias spatulatus</i>															S														S	S	
533	Broad-billed Roller - <i>Eurystomus glaucurus</i>																		S		G		S	H	S	S			S	S		
534	BARBETS & TOUCANS - Lybidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
535	Crested Barbet - <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>		S	S	S	S	S																								S	
539	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird - <i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>																			S	S	H								S	S	
543	Black-collared Barbet - <i>Lybius torquatus</i>			S			S				S	H	S	S		S	S	H		S	H								S	S		
545	HONEYGUIDES - Indicatoridae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
549	Lesser Honeyguide - <i>Indicator minor</i>		S				S		S					S																	S	
550	Scaly-throated Honeyguide - <i>Indicator variegatus</i>										S			S																	S	
551	Greater Honeyguide - <i>Indicator indicator</i>		H				H																S						S	S		
552	WOODPECKERS - Picidae	24	25	26	27	28	SA-K	28	29	30	1	2	3	eSw	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Moz	KeM		
553	RUFIOUS-NECKED (Red-throated) Wryneck - <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>									S	H			S																	S	
554	Cardinal Woodpecker - <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>		S				S				S			S		S										S			S	S		

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DAILY TOTALS	59	124	105	97	95	202	8	28	67	83	88	49	172	19	92	72	52	30	56	59	17	69	51	69	52	28	36	251	379		
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	67	128	108	98	99	212	8	38	77	92	100	53	184	19	102	75	61	43	64	74	21	81	60	80	58	31	37	272	400		
ACCUMULATED TOTALS	59	149	181	189	202	202	205	218	248	258	267	267	267	275	294	307	309	313	328	332	335	343	363	369	372	379					
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	67	159	190	199	212	212	215	231	265	272	279	279	279	279	286	310	323	328	331	347	352	354	365	383	390	394	400				