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NDUMU/ TEMBE/ TARTARUGA

10 DAY TRIP

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This trip promises to be an absolute winner! The sheer quality and quantity of “specials” to be found will more than adequately make up for the lack of SA Endemics in the KZN area.

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DESTINATIONS

The **Wakkerstroom** area is one of the best locations in southern Africa to find the rarer highveld species, and the abundance of vleis in the area offers ideal wetland birding. Hills, valleys, ravines, patches of indigenous forest, montane grassland and rocky outcrops surround the town.

This is the best place to find three endemic species restricted to South Africa's high altitude grasslands namely Rudd's and Botha's Lark and Yellow-breasted Pipit.

Top birds: Rudd's Lark, Botha's Lark, Yellow-breasted Pipit, African Rock Pipit, Ground Woodpecker, Buff-streaked Chat, Blue Korhaan, Barrow's Korhaan, Bald Ibis, Denham's Bustard, Blue Crane, Grey Crowned Crane.

Ndumu Game Reserve is a paradise for game and bird lovers. Pans, floodplains, fig forests, woodland and grasslands merge in **Ndumu** to create one of South Africa's unique habitats.. With a bird list of around 430 species, Ndumu is regarded as one of the very best birding spots in our country



Top birds: Pel's Fishing-Owl, Southern Banded Snake-Eagle, Sooty Falcon, African Broadbill, Rudd's Apalis, Neergard's Sunbird, Pink-throated Twinspot, Eastern Nicator, Grey Waxbill, Broad-billed Roller.

Tembe Elephant Park, situated only a few kilometres east of Ndumu, is the home of the largest elephants in Africa. **Tembe** hosts a number of sand forest species with a restricted distribution and is the only place in South Africa which offers the birder a reasonable chance of finding Plain-backed Sunbird.

Top birds: Woodward's Batis, Plain-backed Sunbird, Neergard's Sunbird, Pink-throated Twinspot, Rosy-throated Longclaw, Swamp Nightjar, Square-tailed Nightjar, Shelley's Francolin, African Pygmy-Goose, Lesser Jacana.

Tartaruga Maritima is situated in the extreme south of the pristine Mozambique coastline, alongside Ponta Malongane (16km from the South African border). This exclusive luxury tented camp offers comfort, privacy, tranquillity and excellent birding. The terrain consists of long and uninterrupted stretches of white sandy beaches, high primary sand dunes, coastal forests, inland flood plains and numerous lakes and accompanying marshlands. Tartaruga Maratima falls within the famous Maputaland coastline which is the nesting ground of Leatherback and Loggerhead turtles. These wonderful creatures nest along the beach every summer from October to December. **Top birds:** Rudd's Apalis, Neergard's Sunbird, Woodward's Batis, Pink-throated Twinspot, Red-chested Flufftail and Lemon-breasted Canary.

