

## **BIRDING TRIPS**

What makes Marepe Country Lodge Hoedspruit ideal for birders as an accommodation provider in Hoedspruit Limpopo is that so many birds can be seen in our garden but also, like the African Fish Eagle, heard as we are situated in such a perfect spot for birding near the Blyde River Canyon and also in the Kruger to Canyon Biosphere.

Below are photos of birds that have either been spotted or heard in our garden, some of the photos are not of the best quality but all are seen regularly including the African Goshawk, Fish Eagles, Trumpeter Hornbills, Black Headed Oriole. We now offer special Birding Accommodation packages to travellers to enjoy the diversity of the area including various habitats, species etc see below for more details.



### **Kruger National Park (1 Day excursion)**

Our close proximity to the Kruger National Park makes this one-day trip to the Kruger, which will showcase what this world class destination can offer to birders from all over the world, a must. October to March will be the best time for birding in the Kruger National Park as over 200 migrant birds will be visiting during this period and with over 550 species that can be viewed it is always a very awarding birding trip. Your trained guide will assist with questions you might have, all this while you view birds and animals from your specially designed Game Viewer Vehicle. Contact us for more information, pricing or our electronic brochure on birding in the Kruger.

### **Mariepskop (½ Day excursion)**

Mariepskop near Hoedspruit, Limpopo South Africa is a hidden gem for birders because it is largely dominated by Afro-montane Forest and it also includes a piece of Northern Escarpment Afromontane Fynbos habitat near the top of Mariepskop. The habitats mentioned at Mariepskop might allow the explorer to find such species as Orange Ground Thrush, Black-fronted Bush-shrike, Red-necked Spurfowl and Gurney's Sugarbird in a days birding. The trip to Mariepskop is a mere 25 km from Marepe Country Lodge and your guide will show off all that Mariepskop can offer in terms of beauty, views and as many birds as possible. A day trip to Mariespkop can include a stop at Moholoholo Rehab Centre or HECS Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre.

### **Panorama Route (1 Day excursion)**

This birding trip of the Blyde Canyon, Blyde River, Graskop, Sabie and surrounding areas. Specials that can be viewed may include Blue Swallows, Bush Blackcap, Wing Snapping Cisticola, Cape Long Claw, African Stone Chat, Black Winged Lapwing. Adding either the Long Tom Pass or Nelspruit (Kaapsehoop) might include Striped Flufftail, Buff Streaked Chat, Black-Rumped Buttonquail although rare.

### **Marepe Country Lodge (1/2 Day excursion)**

Birding at Marepe Country Lodge is recorded on our private bird list and you will be requested to add all species found. We also welcome photos from the garden at the lodge and the direct surrounding areas. You can view our current bird list by clicking [here](#). Our aim is to be the top Birding Accommodation Provider near Hoedspruit, Limpopo South Africa.

### **Magoebaskloof & Tzaneen (1 Day excursion)**

A mere 1 hour away from Marepe Country Lodge you will arrive in Tzaneen, Limpopo from where we will guide you through various habitats that this stunning area offers. The trip will include a stop-over at Yum Yum Restaurant in Tzaneen for lunch. Magoebaskloof offers various specials including Black Fronted Bushshrike, Narina Trogon, Oliva Woodpecker, Green Twinspot, Red Backed Mannikin, Bat Hawk, Red Faced Cisticola. Various forest drives will be followed on this day excursion and on one you might spot Buffy Pipit and much much more.