



# ROCKJUMPER

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Worldwide Birding Adventures

## South Africa

### KwaZulu-Natal day trip Dlinza Forest & Mtunzini

2022



*Palmnut Vulture by Hugh Chittenden*

Today we will depart early for Dlinza Forest near Eshowe. The beautiful forest reserve of Dlinza supports an avifauna combining both coastal and mistbelt bird species, and here we will search for African Goshawk, the rare Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Lemon Dove, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, Narina Trogon, Purple-crested Turaco, Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird, Crowned and noisy Trumpeter Hornbills, Square-tailed Drongo, Chorister Robin-Chat, Grey Cuckooshrike and the highly endangered Spotted Ground Thrush. We are likely to also be entertained by the diminutive and at times surprisingly confiding Blue Duiker, a tiny antelope species that feeds almost exclusively on fallen leaves. In addition, South Africa's only forest canopy walkway is situated here and we will spend most of our morning birding from this superb viewpoint.

We will then make the short journey to the coastal town of Mtunzini, which is famous for its breeding population of Palm-nut Vultures. They can usually be seen along the edges of town, where their primary food source – raphia palms – are found in high densities, and they even feature in the town's coat of arms! Located between the town and the ocean is Umlalazi Nature Reserve which encompasses coastal grassland and forest mosaic as well as a tidal estuary. Black-throated Wattle-eye, Black-collared, Crested and White-eared Barbets, Golden-tailed Woodpecker, Scarlet-chested Sunbird and Orange-breasted Bushshrike are just some of the colourful bush and forest species we will search for. Our main quarry along the river and estuary is the shy African Finfoot, but we are also likely to find Woolly-necked Stork, African Fish Eagle and a variety of overwintering shorebirds.

### **INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

#### **The tour price INCLUDES:**

- Lunch on the day;
- Ground transportation in a suitable vehicle, driven by a Rockjumper guide;
- All fuel as required by the itinerary & tolls;
- All entrance and conservation fees as required by the itinerary;
- Activities mentioned in the itinerary;
- Guiding services and costs of a Rockjumper leader throughout.

#### **The tour price above EXCLUDES:**

- Any bottled drinking water/ beverages/alcoholic drinks;
- Optional activities/excursions not mentioned in the itinerary outline;
- Special gratuities;
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, gift shop purchases, telephone calls, etc.
- Any item not specified above as included.

