

Focused Birding Expedition

for Namibian
Specials



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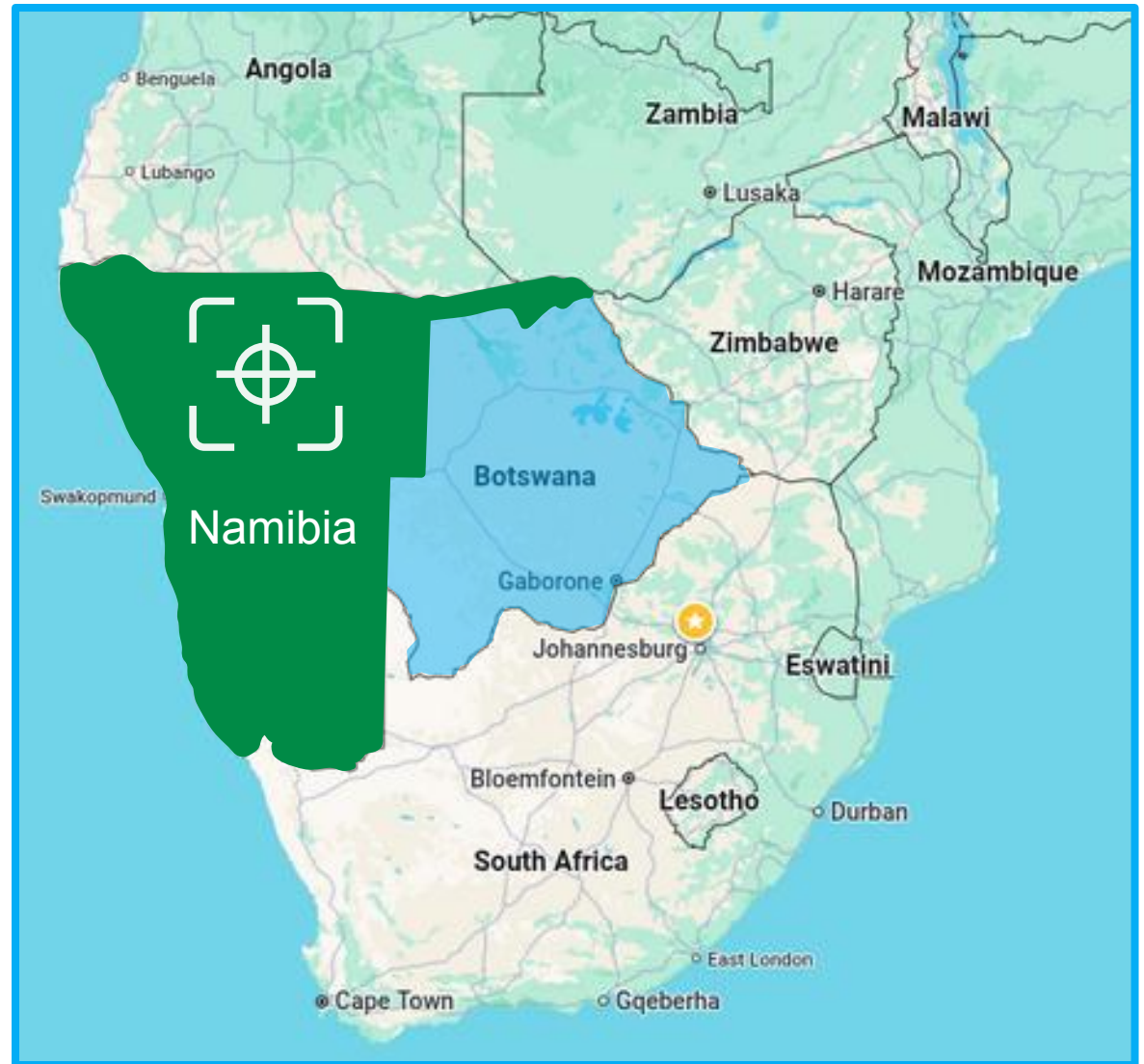
- ◎ Target list of birds
 - ✓ Total focus on the target
- ◎ Excellent guide
 - ✓ Deep knowledge of habitats
 - ✓ Route to optimise opportunities to locate targets
- ◎ Nothing but birds
 - ✓ Tenacity (stick to the plan)
 - ✓ Patience (don't be tempted)
 - ✓ Perseverance (repeat if necessary)



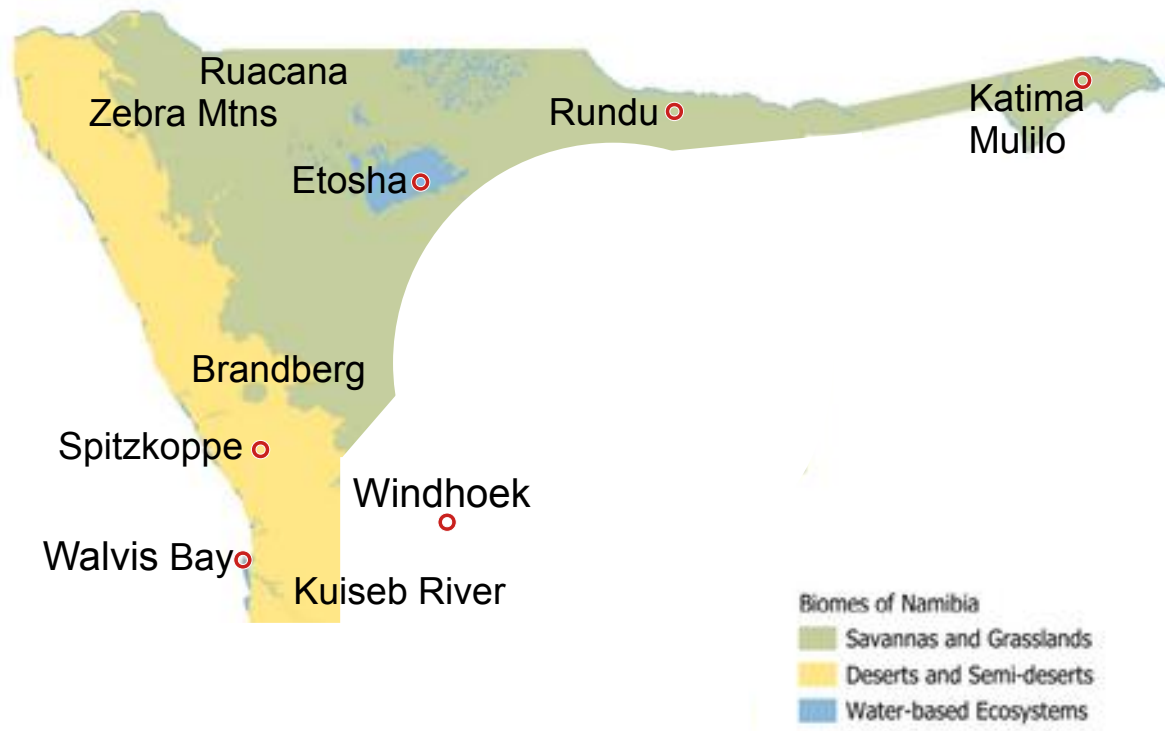
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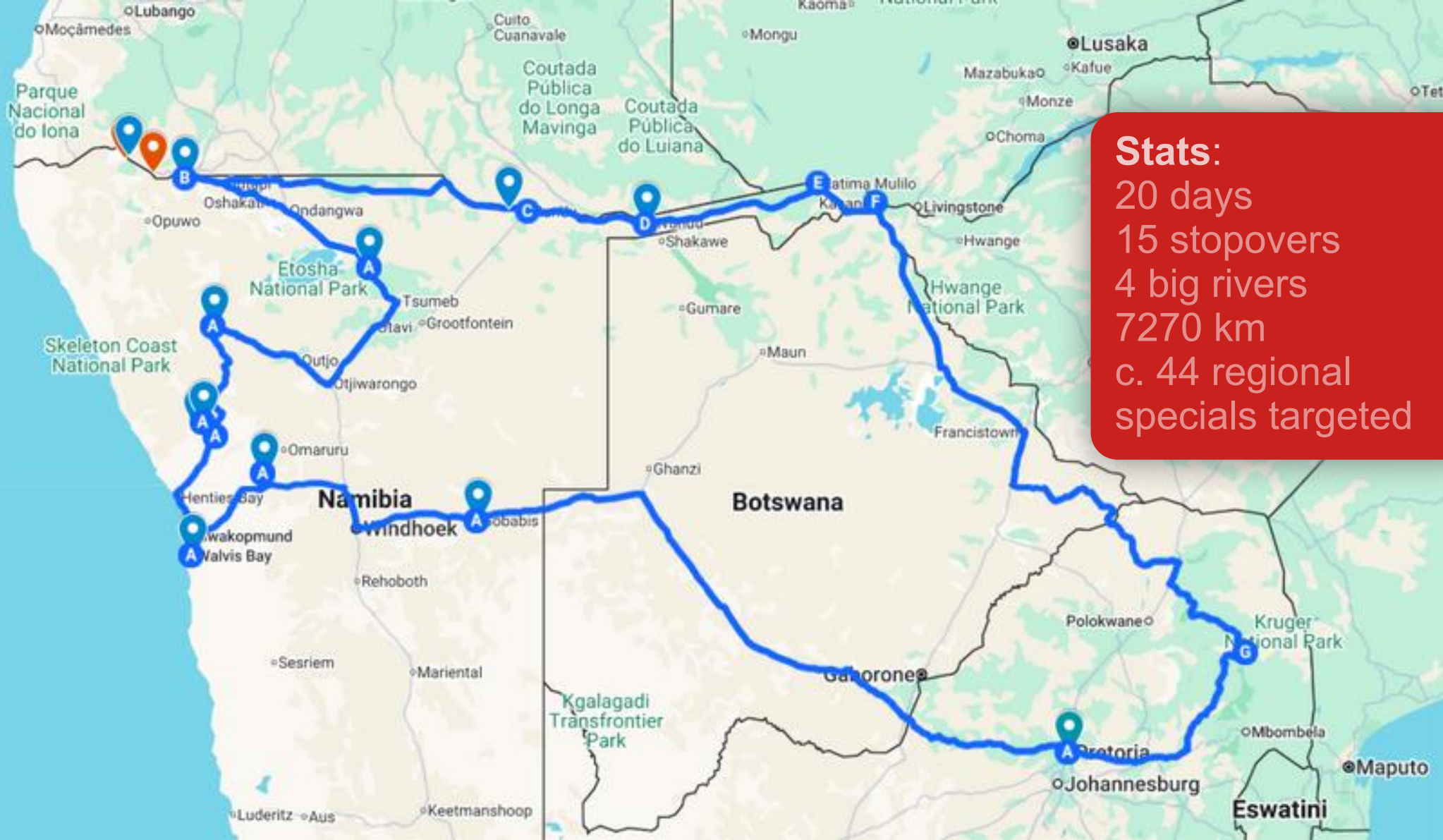


Map of Namibia









Stats:

20 days

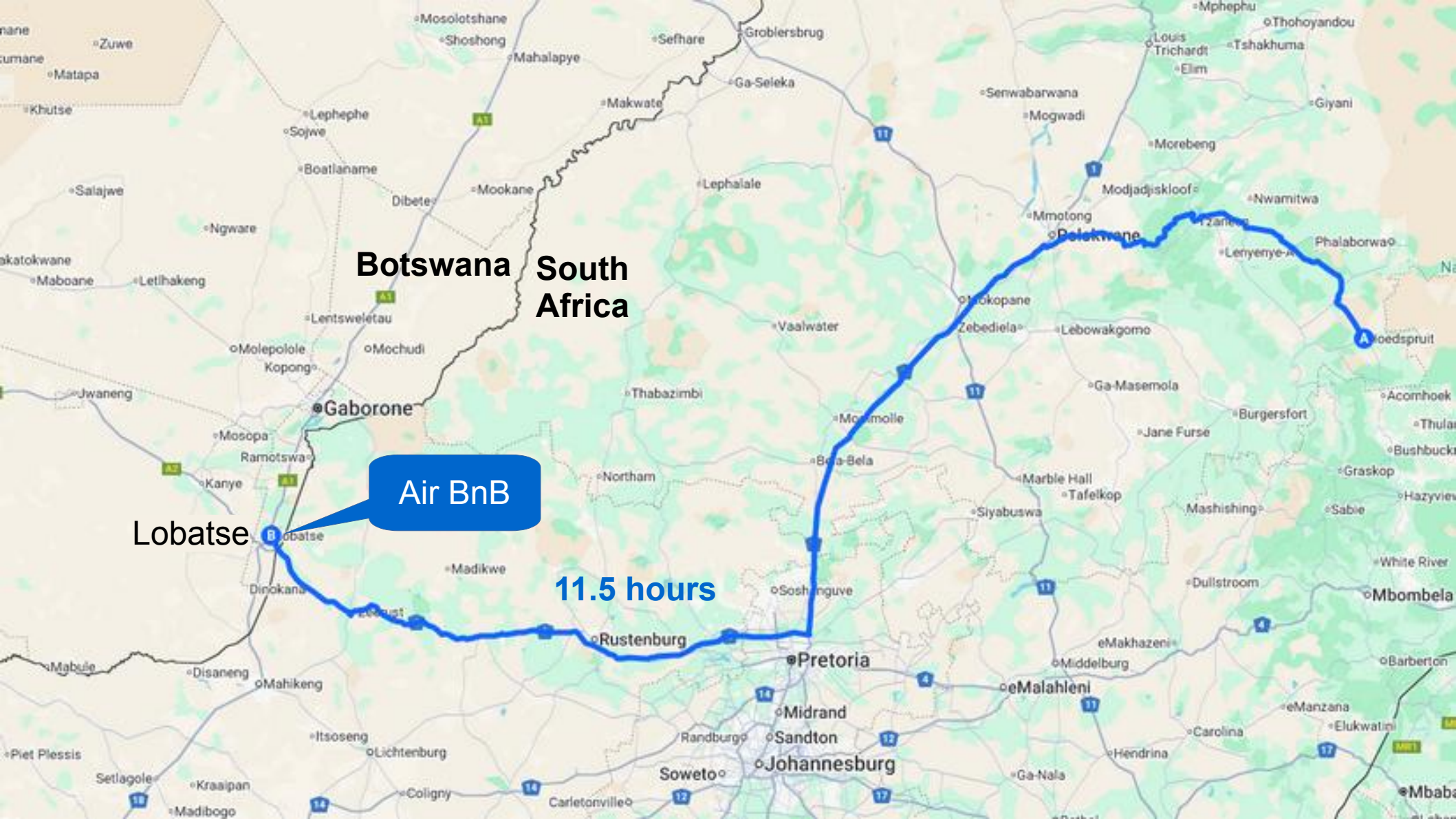
15 stopovers

4 big rivers

7270 km

c. 44 regional

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Botswana South
Africa

Air BnB

Lobatse

11.5 hours

Zelda Guest
Lodge

Trans Kalahari
Highway
9.5 hours

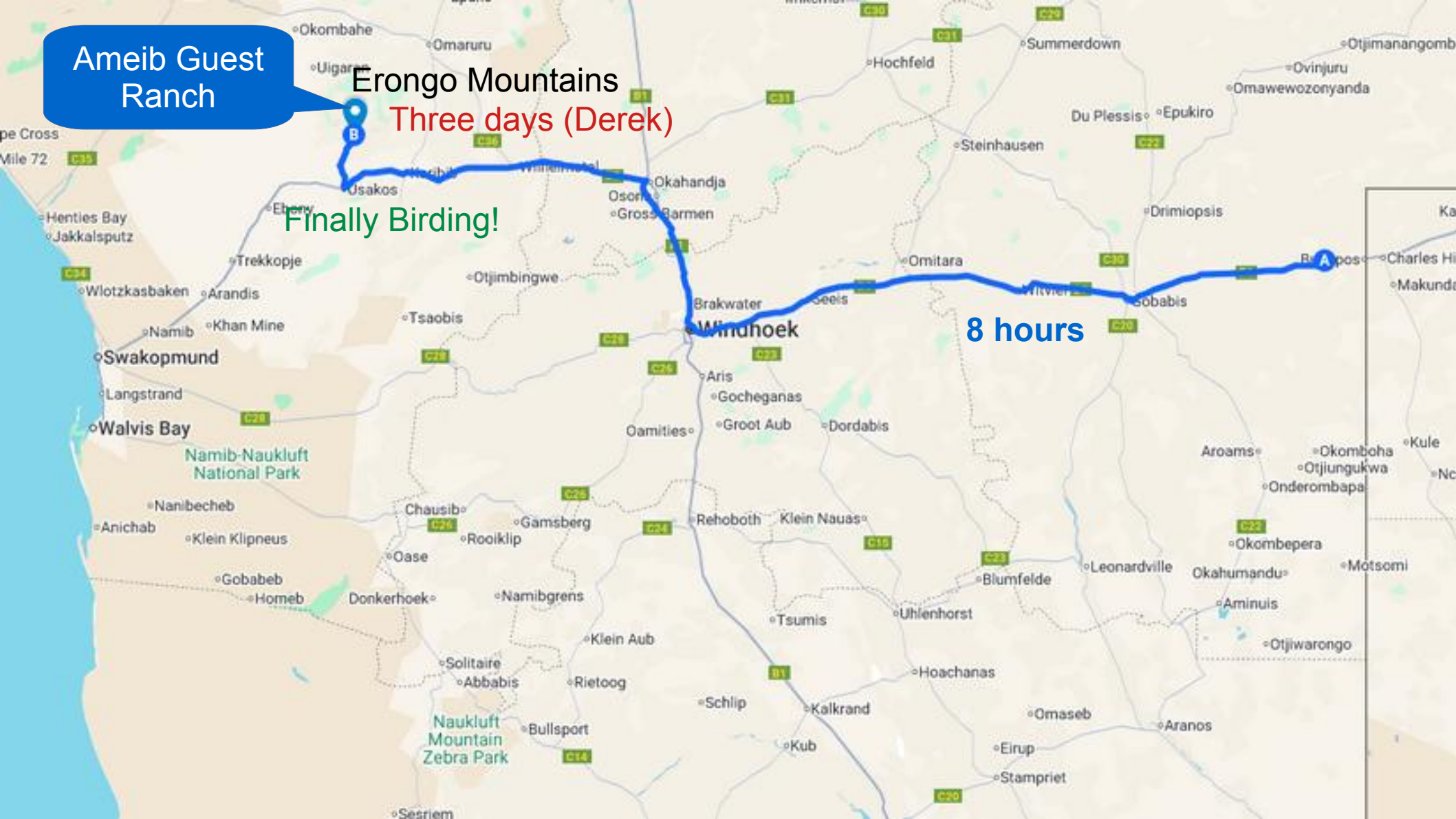


Ameib Guest
Ranch

Erongo Mountains
Three days (Derek)

Finally Birding!

8 hours





Erongo Mountains



Amieb Campsite



Rosy-faced lovebird, *Agapornis roseicollis*





White-tailed shrike, *Lanioturdus torquatus*



Augur buzzard, *Buteo augur*



Common buttonquail, *Turnix sylvaticus*

Lifers

Seen: 6

Photographed: 3

Great birding
along this
section



Lagoon
Chalets

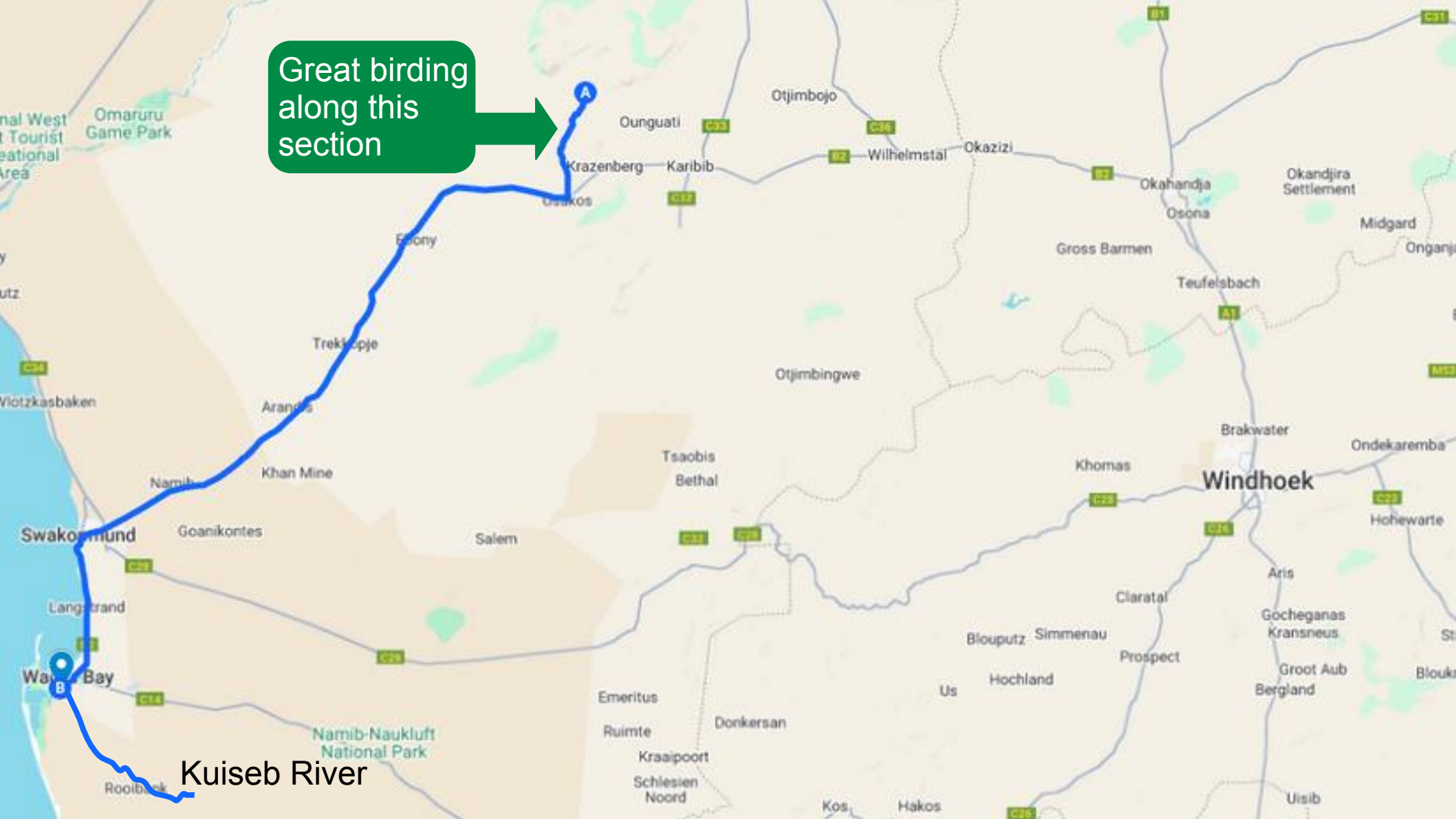


Walvis Bay
lagoon
birding

Kuiseb
River
dunes



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Kuseb River



Damara red-billed hornbill, *Tockus damarensis*



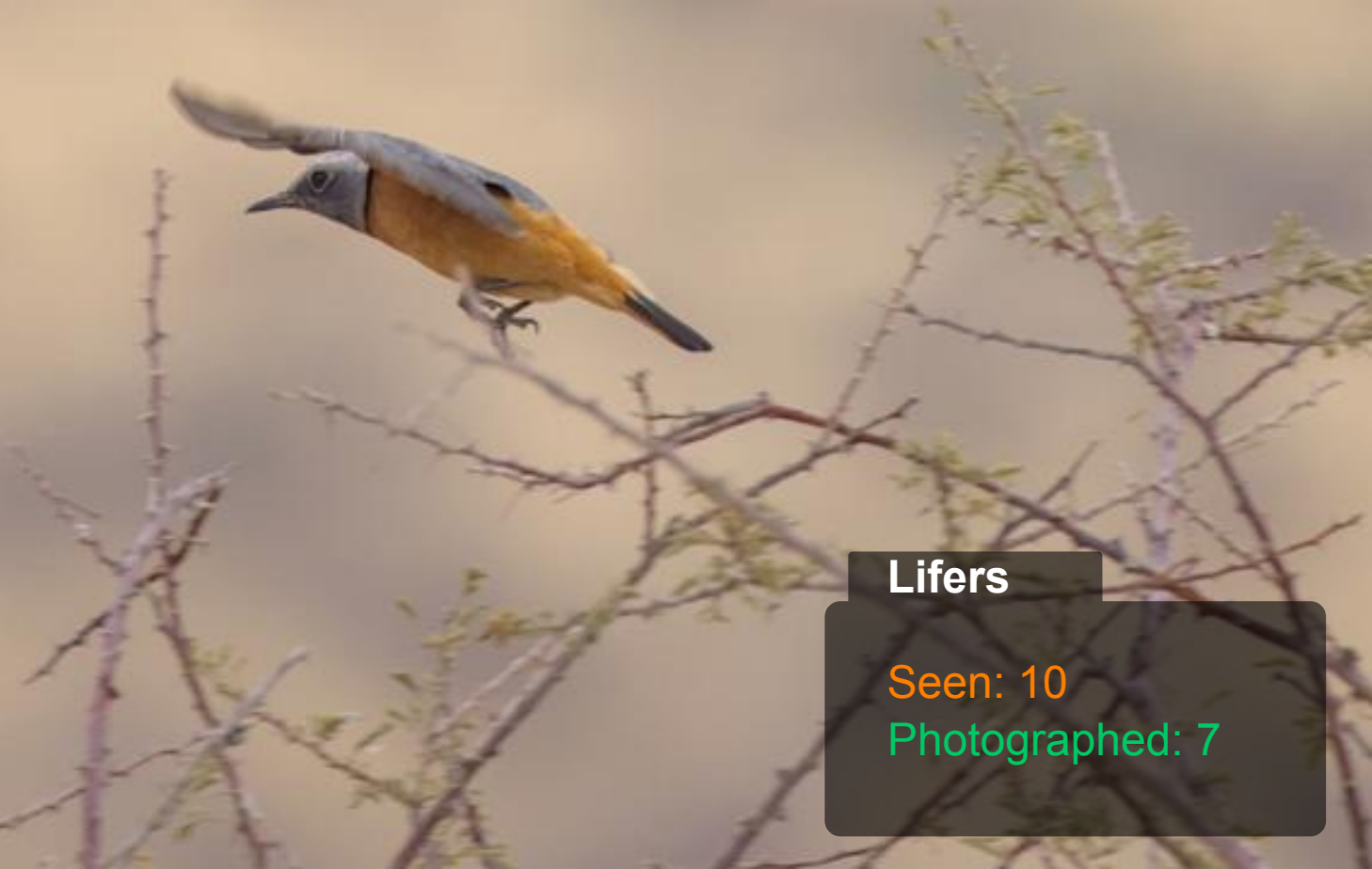
Chat flycatcher, *Agricola infuscatus*



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Short-toed rock thrush,
Monticola brevipes



Lifers

Seen: 10

Photographed: 7



Kuseb River

Ephemeral, flows through the Namib-Naukluft National Park and the Namib desert into Walvis Bay

Northern boundary of the sand dunes of the Namib Desert, known as the Namib Sand Sea

The dunes are unable to cross the Kuseb River

Dune lark, *Calendulauda erythrochlamys*

Kuseb River dunes

Kuseb River



Namib Sand Sea



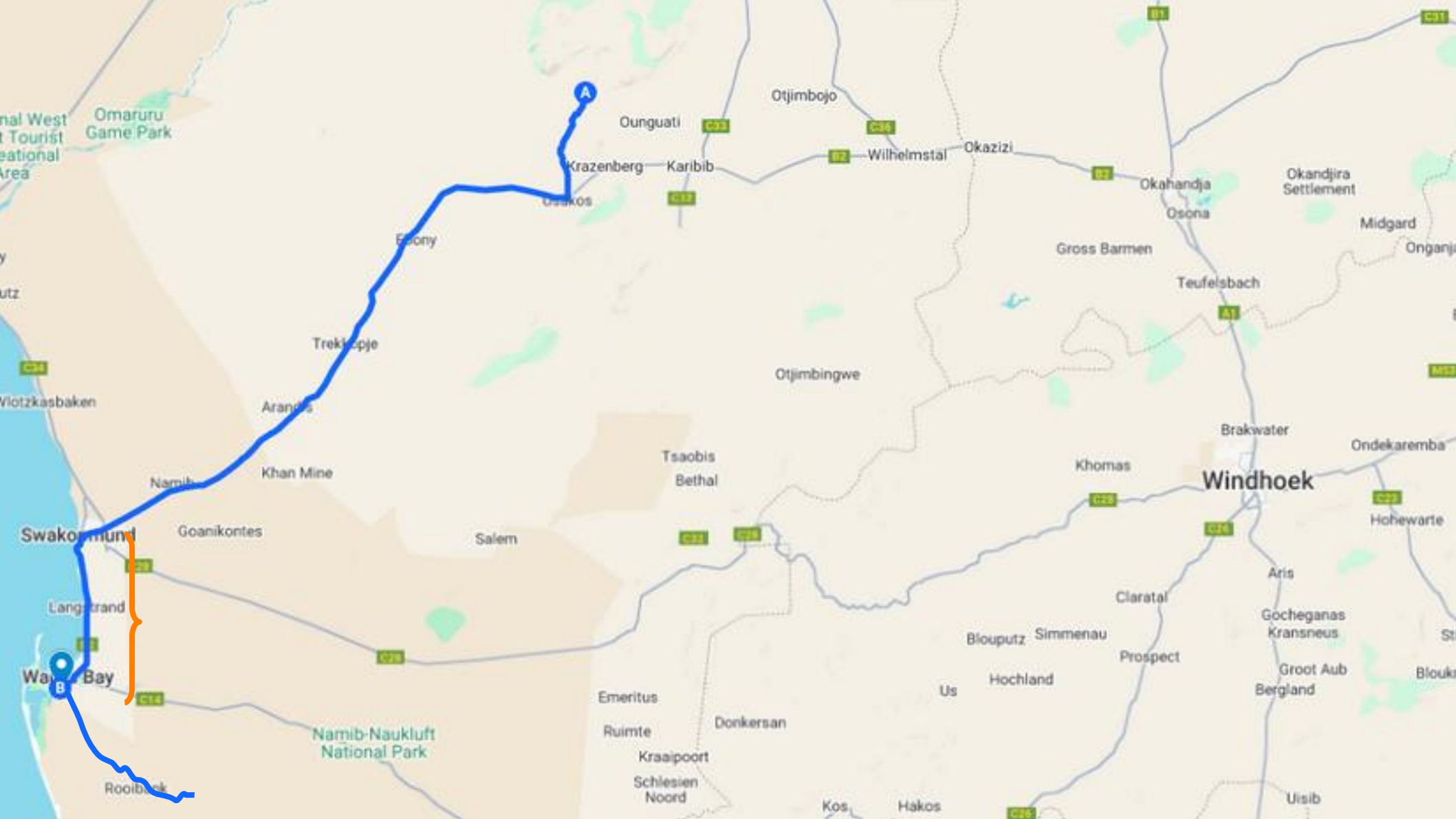




Lifers

Seen: 11

Photographed: 8





Chestnut-banded plover,
Anarhynchus pallidus



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Grey plover,
Pluvialis squatarola

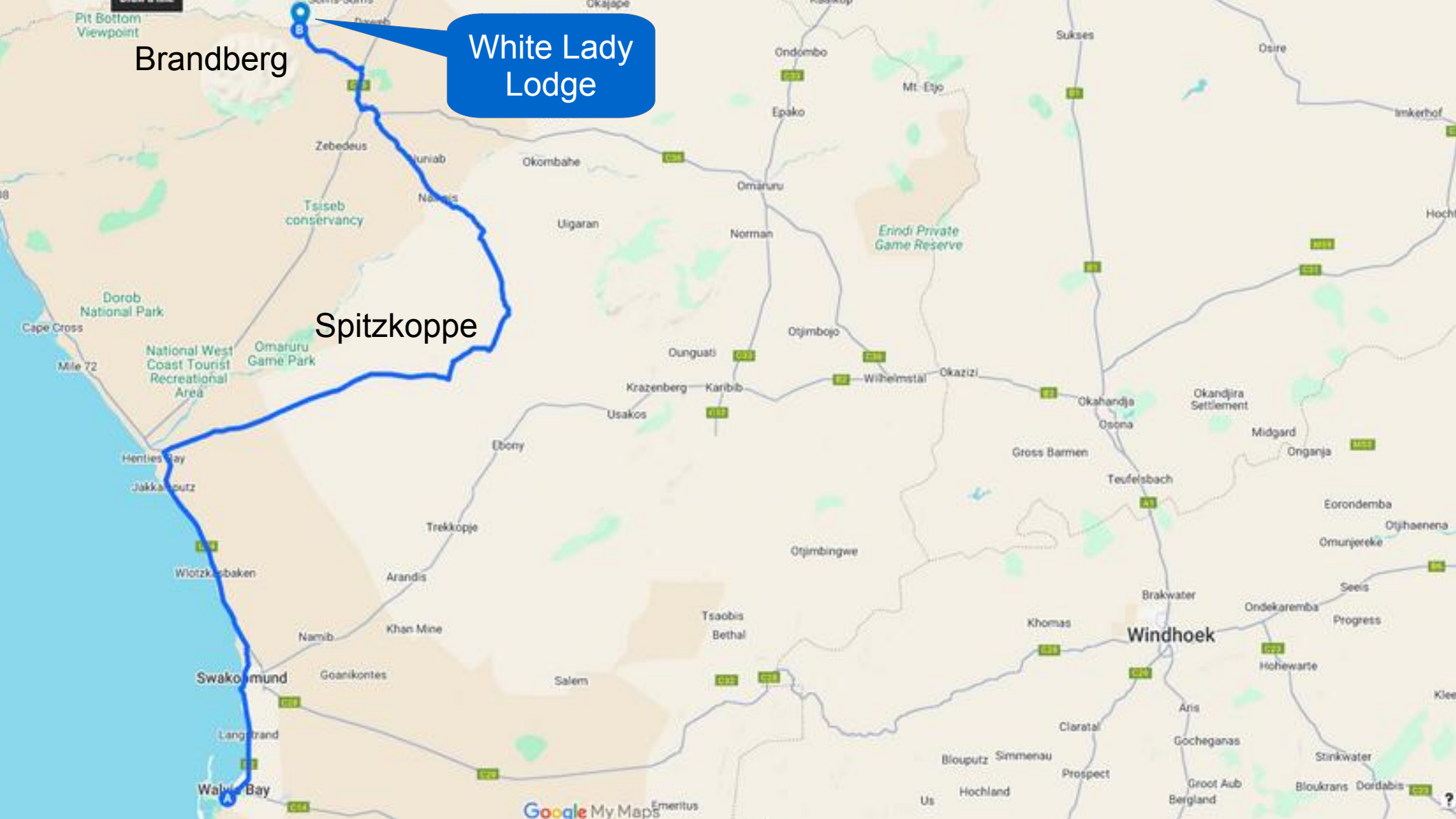


Damara tern,
Sternula balaenarum

Lifers

Seen: 14

Photographed: 11



Brandberg

White Lady
Lodge

Spitzkoppe

Windhoek



Gray's Lark, *Ammomanopsis grayi*

Tractrac chat,
Emarginata tractrac



Photo by Pieter Bester



Stark's lark, *Spizocorys starki*



Benguela long-billed lark,
Certhilauda benguelensis
Now *Certhilauda subcoronata*
ssp. *benguelensis*
(Karoo long-billed lark)



Herero Chat, *Namibornis herero*



Rueppel's Parrot, *Poicephalus rueppellii*



Pieter Bester



Carp's tit, *Melaniparus carpi*

Rüppell's korhaan, *Heterotetrax rueppelii*

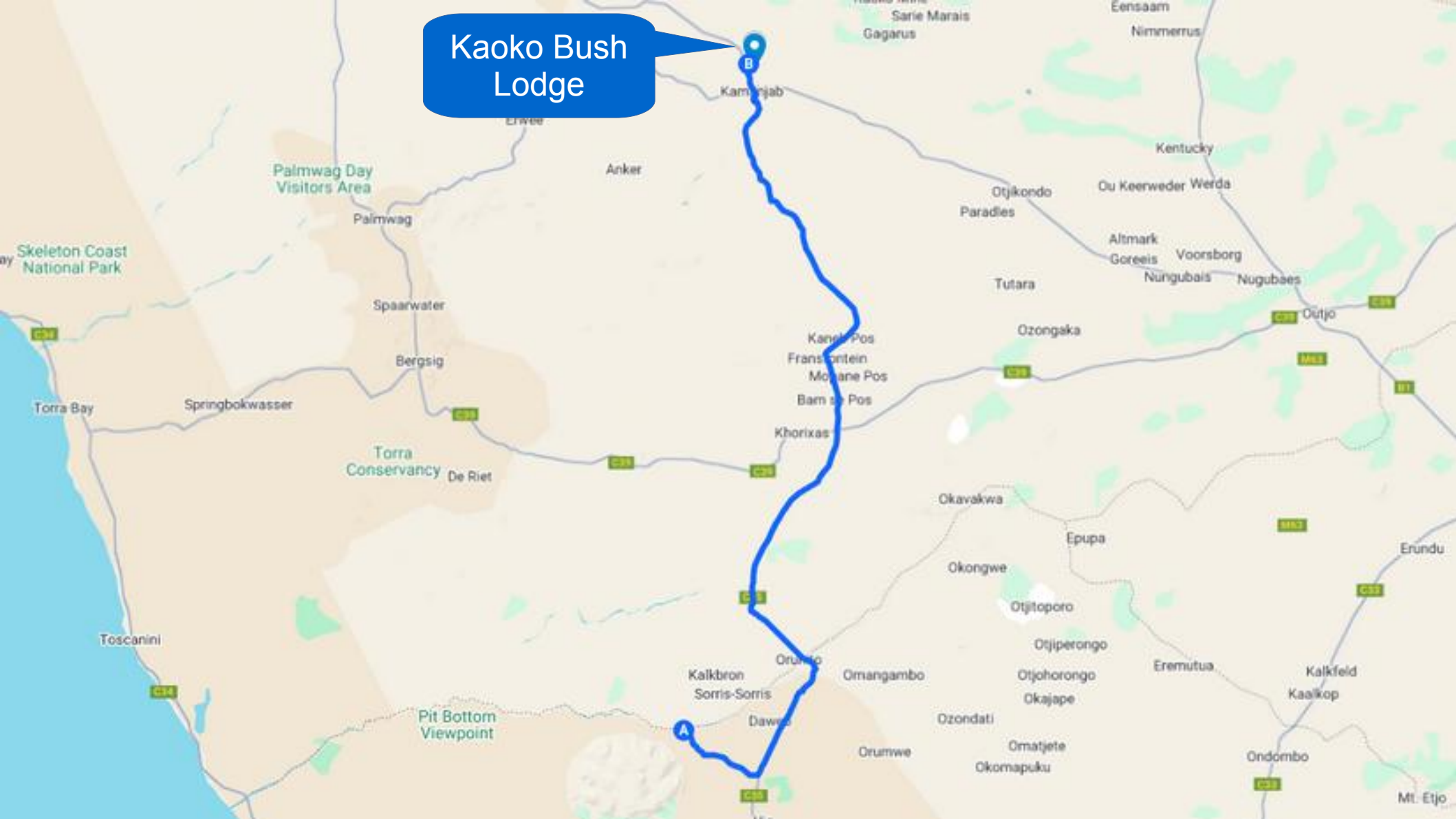


Lifers

Seen: 26

Photographed: 24

Kaoko Bush Lodge





Bradfield's swift, *Apus bradfieldi*



Rockrunner, *Achaetops pycnopygius*



Monteiro's hornbill, *Tockus monteiri*



Hartlaub's spurfowl, *Pternistis hartlaubi*



Bare-cheeked babbler, *Turdoides gymnogenys*

Lifers

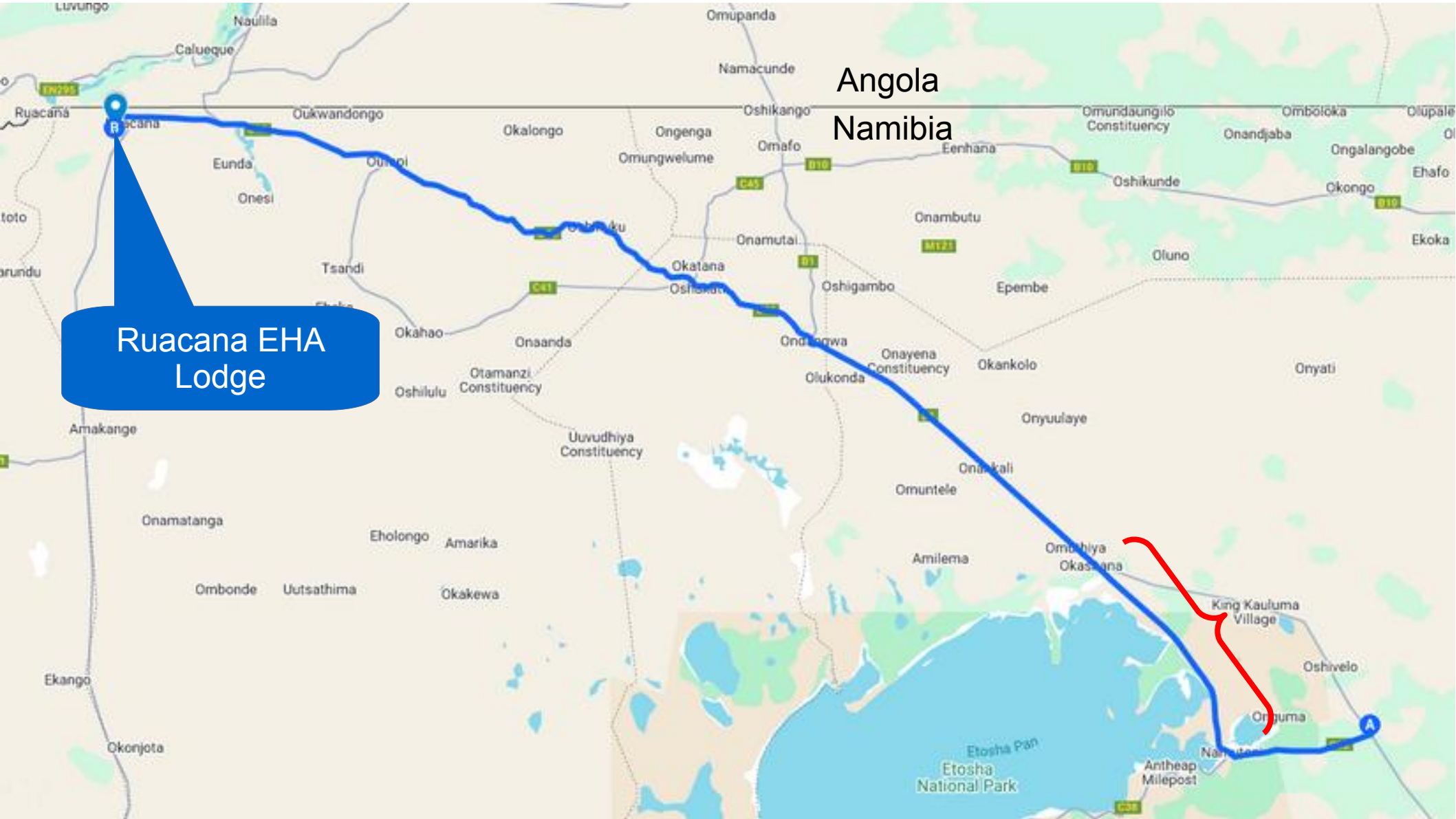
Seen: 33

Photographed: 31

Sachsenheim
Guest Farm

Namibia

Ruacana EHA Lodge





Blue crane,
Grus paradisea



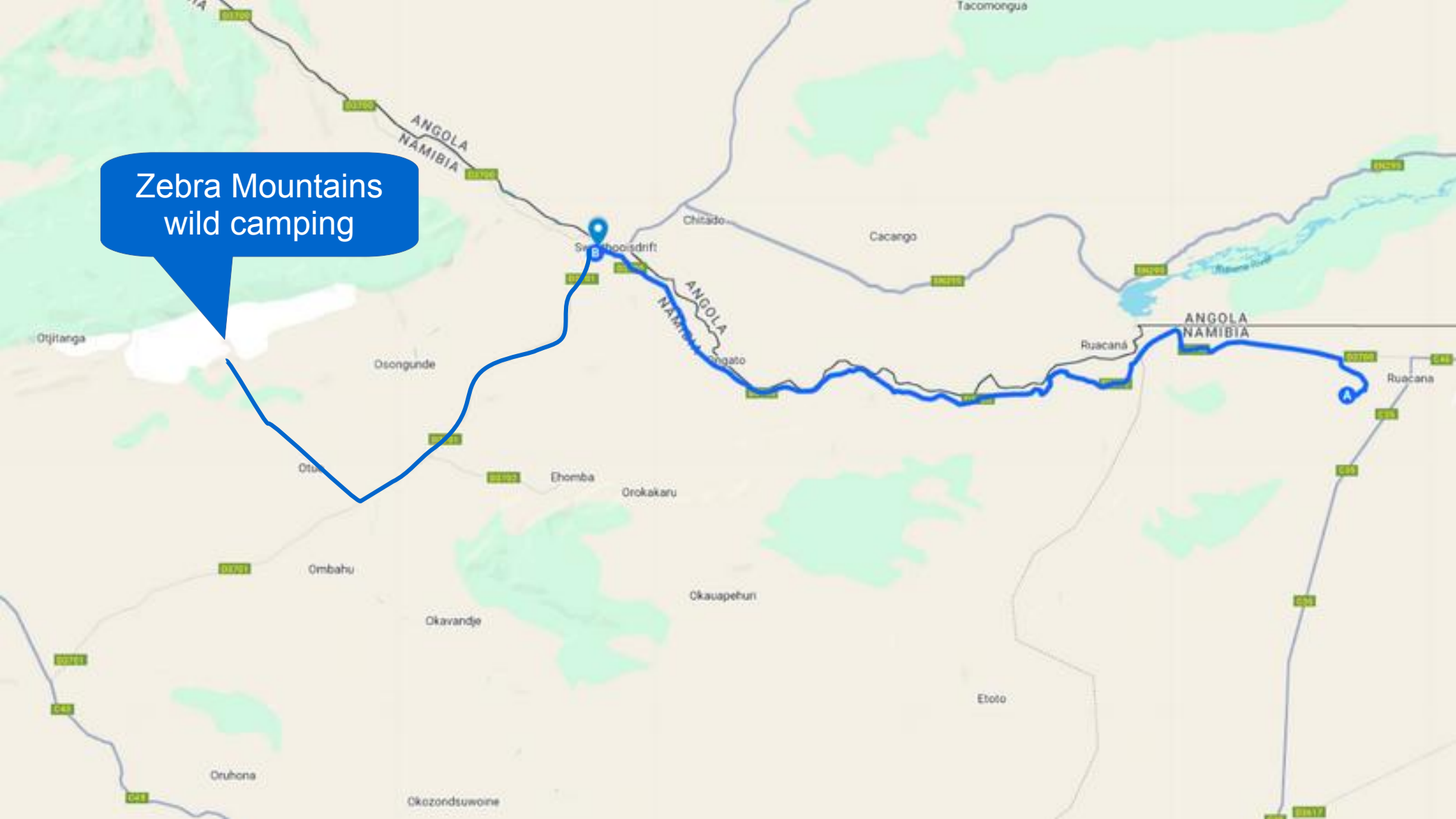
Pink-billed larks, *Spizocorys conirostris*

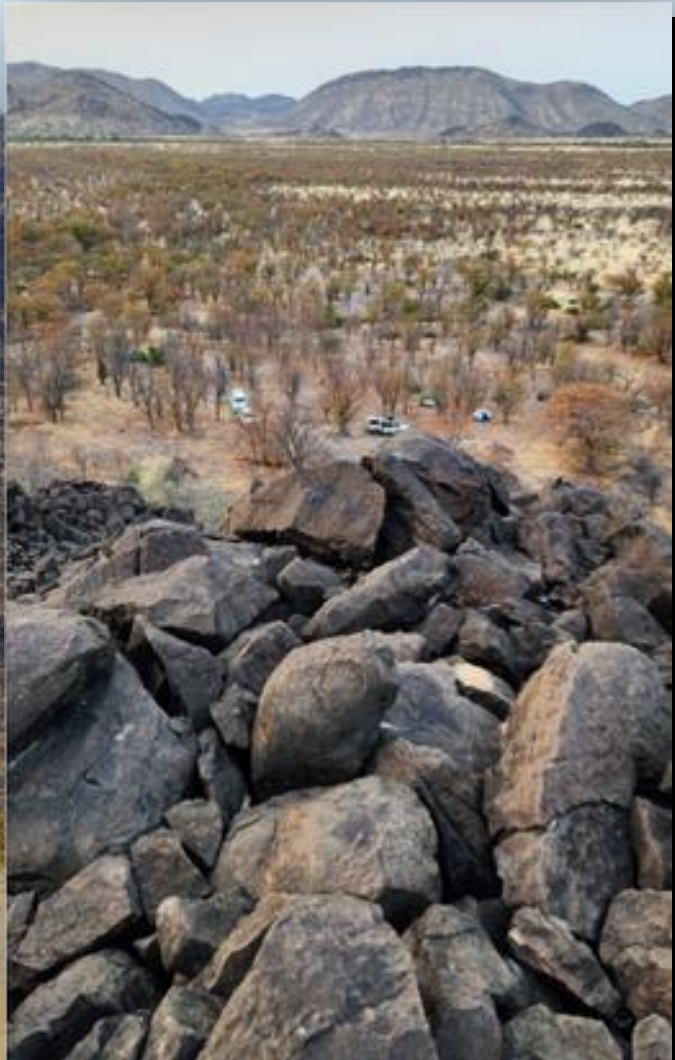
Lifers

Seen: 35

Photographed: 31

Zebra Mountains wild camping







Angola cave chat, *Xenocopsychus ansorgei*



Cinderella waxbill, *Glaucestrilda thomensis*

Photo by Pieter Bester



Lifers

Seen: 37

Photographed: 32





Kunene River

One of the four big
rivers of northern
Namibia

Kavango
Zambezi
Chobe



ANGOLA

NAMIBIA



White-tailed shrike, *Lanioturdus torquatus*



Swamp boubou, *Laniarius bicolor*



Rufous-tailed palm thrush, *Cichladusa ruficauda*



Black-faced babbler, *Turdoides melanops*



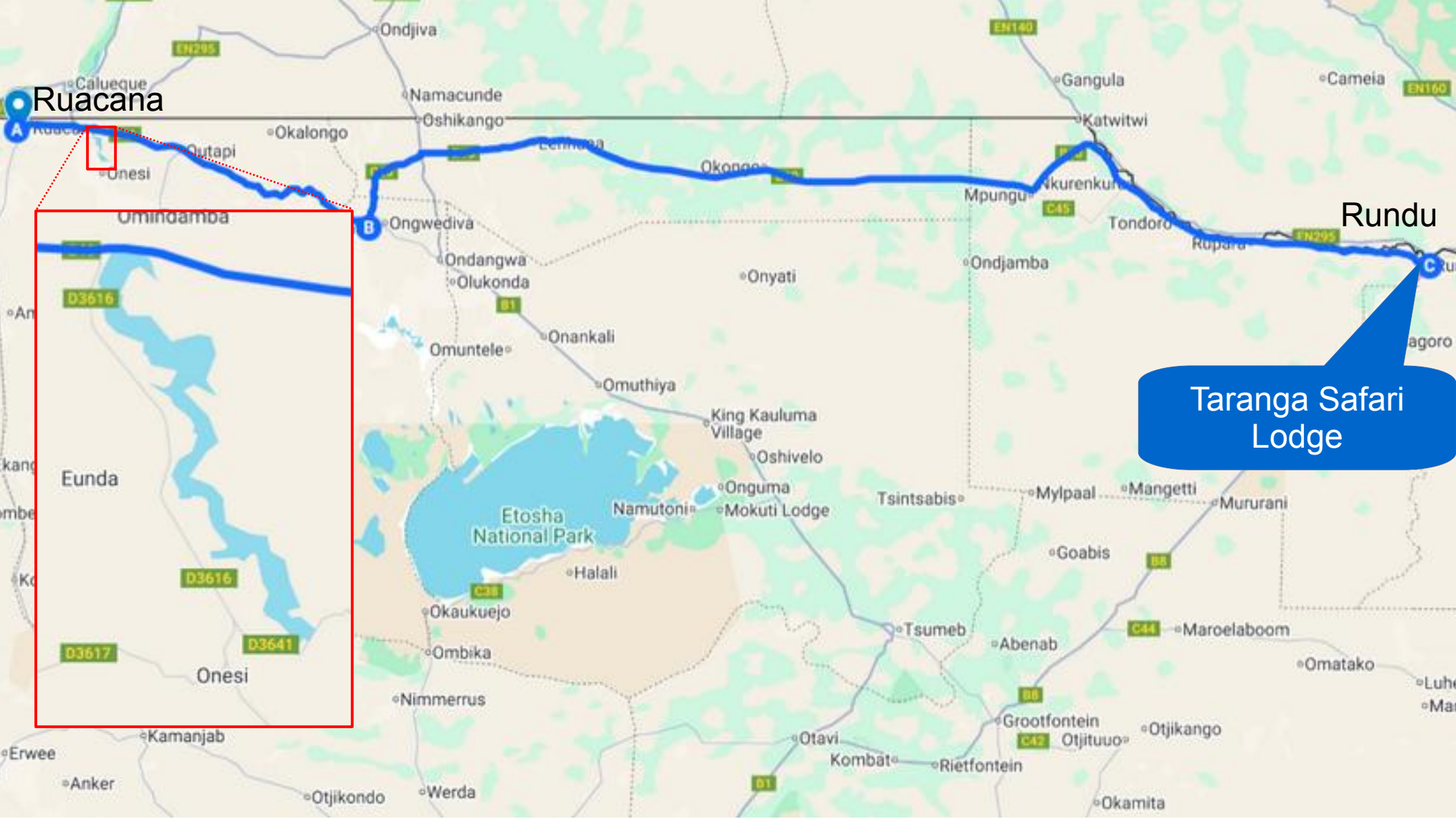
Green wood hoopoe
Phoeniculus purpureus?

Violet wood hoopoe, *Phoeniculus damarensis*

Lifers

Seen: 41

Photographed: 37



Ruacana

Rundu

Taranga Safari
Lodge



Caspian plover, *Anarhynchus asiaticus*



Baillon's crane, *Zapornia pusilla*



Grey kestrel,
Falco ardosiaceus



Lifers

Seen: 40

Photographed: 39



Nunda Safari
Lodge

Angola

Namibia

Divindu

Botswana



Ross's Turaco, *Tauraco rossae*



Hartlaub's babbler, *Turdoides hartlaubii*



Souza's Shrike, *Lanius souzae*



Rufus-bellied tit, *Melaniparus rufiventris*

Photo by
Pieter Bester



Sharp-tailed Starling,
Lamprotornis acuticaudus



Luapula cisticola, *Cisticola luapula*



Chirping cisticola, *Cisticola pipiens*



Rock pratincole, *Glareola nuchalis*

White-browed coucal, *Centropus superciliosus*





Coppery-tailed coucal, *Centropus cupreicaudus*

Senegal coucal,
Centropus senegalensis



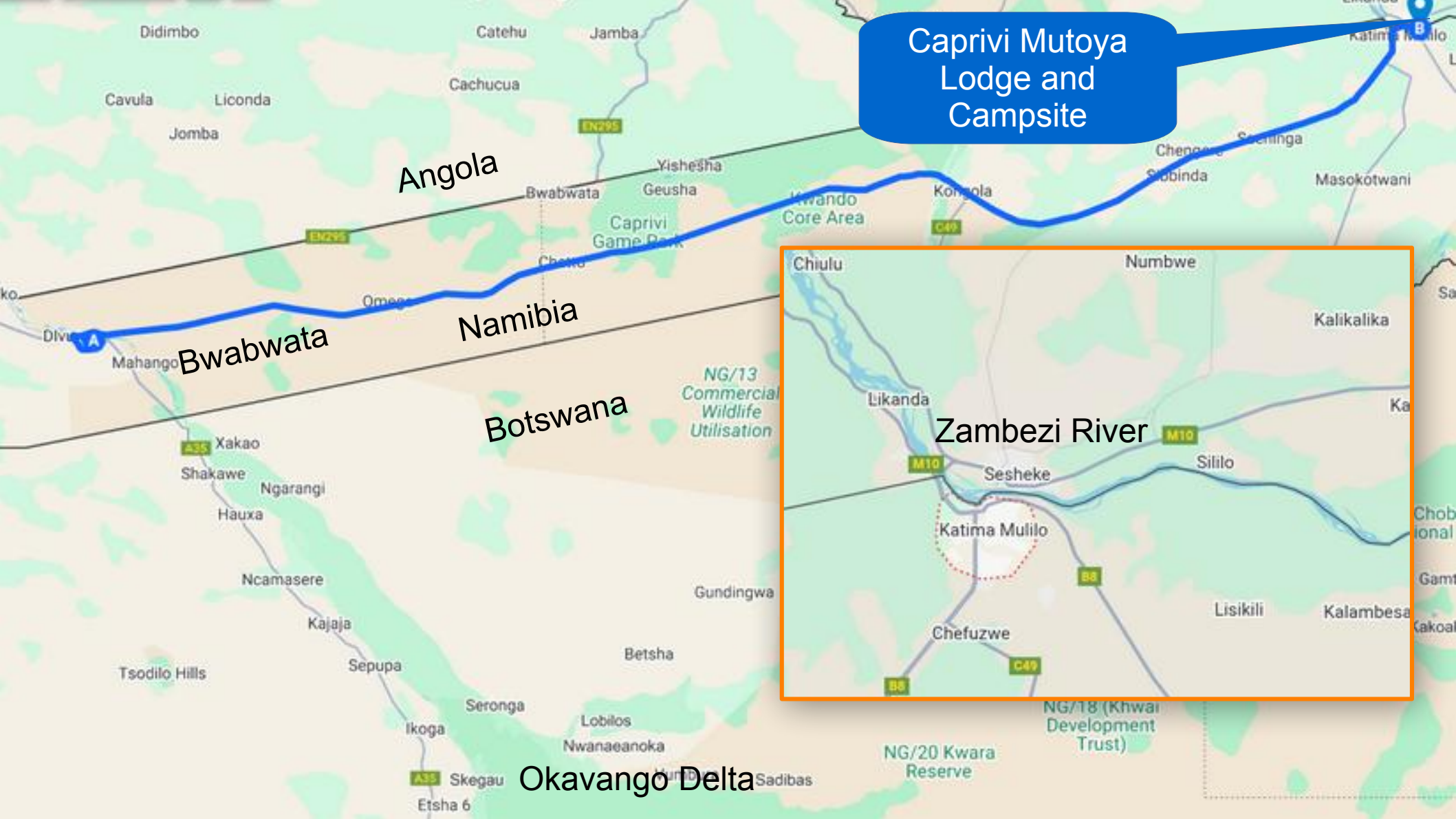


Lifers

Seen: 51

Photographed: 48

White-backed night herons, *Calherodius leuconotus*



Caprivi Mutoya
Lodge and
Campsite

Angola

Namibia

Botswana

Bwabwata

Caprivi
Game Park

NG/13
Commercial
Wildlife
Utilisation

Zambezi River

Okavango Delta



Wattled crane, *Grus carunculata*



Schalow's turaco, *Tauraco schalowi*



African skimmer, *Rynchops flavirostris*





Greater swamp warbler, *Acrocephalus rufescens*



Western banded snake eagle, *Circaetus cinerascens*

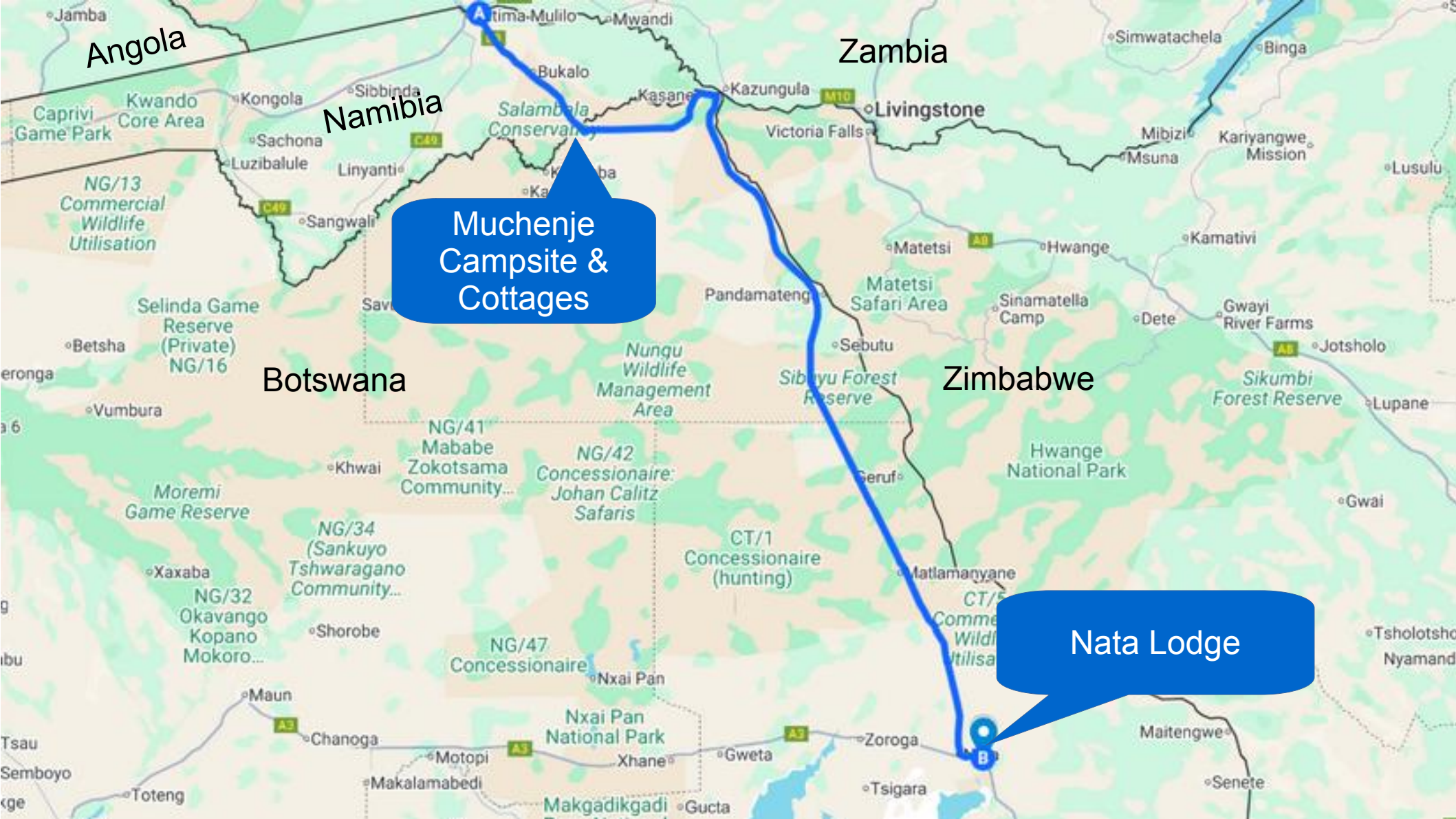


Pale-throated greenbul,
Atimastillas flavicollis
(yellow-throated leaflove)

Lifers

Seen: 57

Photographed: 54



Angola

Zambia

Namibia

Muchenje
Campsite &
Cottages

Botswana

Zimbabwe

Nata Lodge



Three-banded courser, *Rhinoptilus cinctus*



Long-toed lapwing, *Vanellus crassirostris*

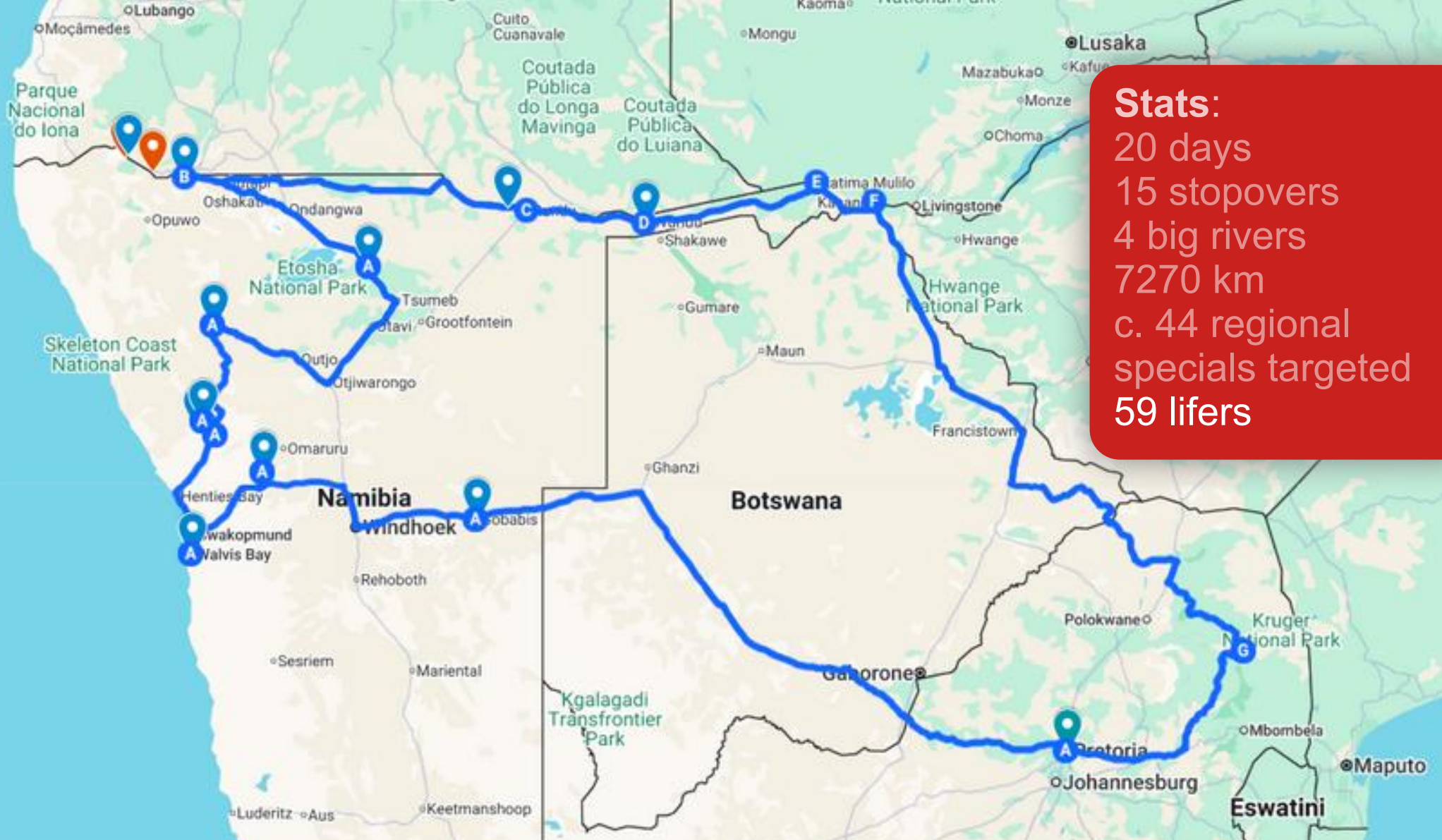


White-crowned lapwing, *Vanellus albiceps*

Lifers

Seen: 59

Photographed: 56



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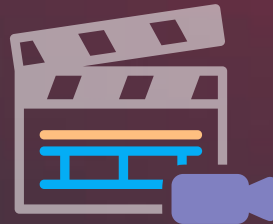
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assertion, action over talk.*



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