



ARDB update: September 2014

- Database grows by 1,536 to 95,554 records with 772 received via Android app
- 2,922 kilometres travelled over 77 hours in the app's survey mode
- Huge boost in uptake of the app following BirdLife SA magazine article
- Rick Watson's Bateleur data for Kruger NP added to the ARDB
- A great response to Darcy Ogada's call for help with Cassin's Hawk Eagle records

This month has seen the number of records received by the app overtake the number received by spread sheet for the first time! We've also had a great response to Darcy Ogada's call for help with Cassin's Hawk Eagle records.

Mobile app records

Name	Number
Mark Dixon	189
Darcy Ogada	148
Shannon Hoffman	117
Bernard Madden	101
Mark Brown	46
Lilyarison RenedeRoland	42
Ben Hoffman	30
Andy Branfield	22
Walter Jubber	20
Steven Evans	15
Pierre duToit	11
Rob Thomson	7
Brian Waswala	4
Ig Viljoen	4
Anthony Archer	4
Gisela Madden	3
Joy Clack	2
Shayne Dalton	2
Robert Smith	2
Paul Eslick	2
Marc Molle	1

New spread sheet data received during September 2014 has kindly been submitted by Andre Botha (533; South Africa), Clive Barlow (96; The Gambia) and Robbie Whytock (41; Cameroon) – thanks very much for this!

We've also processed the Bateleur data we received from Rick Watson last month which he collected during his PhD. This is the first Bateleur-specific data we've received so is great – thanks Rick!

The Android app continues to grow from strength to strength. This month has seen another increase in records received via the app to 772 (over double August's total!) – individual users and their record counts are in the table to the left – a special thanks to Mark Dixon who has surveyed the Garden Route and submitted 18 records of Forest Buzzard! We've also seen a rise in the use of survey mode with 50 % of all records created using it. Please see the attached map which shows the density of surveys – a total of 2,922 km have been travelled over 77 hours! It's great to see repeat surveys being carried out (red indicates more surveys at a particular location) and further data from Madagascar – thanks Lily!

Since Darcy's call for help with Cassin's Hawk Eagle data last month we have received 100 more records of this elusive forest eagle bringing the ARDB's total to 160 (125 recent records and 35 from the Snow Atlas). Special thanks to Marc Languy who contributed 52 records from Cameroon (pending verification) but thanks also to those who e-mailed us with sightings and literature data (a further 27 records). Please continue to send us any additional records!

There has been a lot of discussion on the African Raptors list server recently about Yellow-billed and Black Kites! – We've attached a map showing the records of these species in the ARDB and are hoping it will prompt you to

consider whether we have your records classified correctly. Please get in touch if you think there may be any misclassifications of your data.

The growth over the past few months has been brilliant and we're seeing strong signs of month-on-month growth with user registrations (54 during September up from 30 during August), app downloads and record submission. We're really grateful for the coverage the ARDB received in the latest edition of BirdLife SA's *African Birdlife* magazine (September/October 2014, page 12) which prompted a surge in user registrations and app downloads! We're really keen to see this continue and therefore, please share this report with any colleagues or like-minded friends! You can download the app from <http://goo.gl/ne7NKC> (where registration is also possible) or, alternatively register at <http://www.habitatinfo.com/ardb>

Best wishes,

Tim, Rob
& the ARDB team



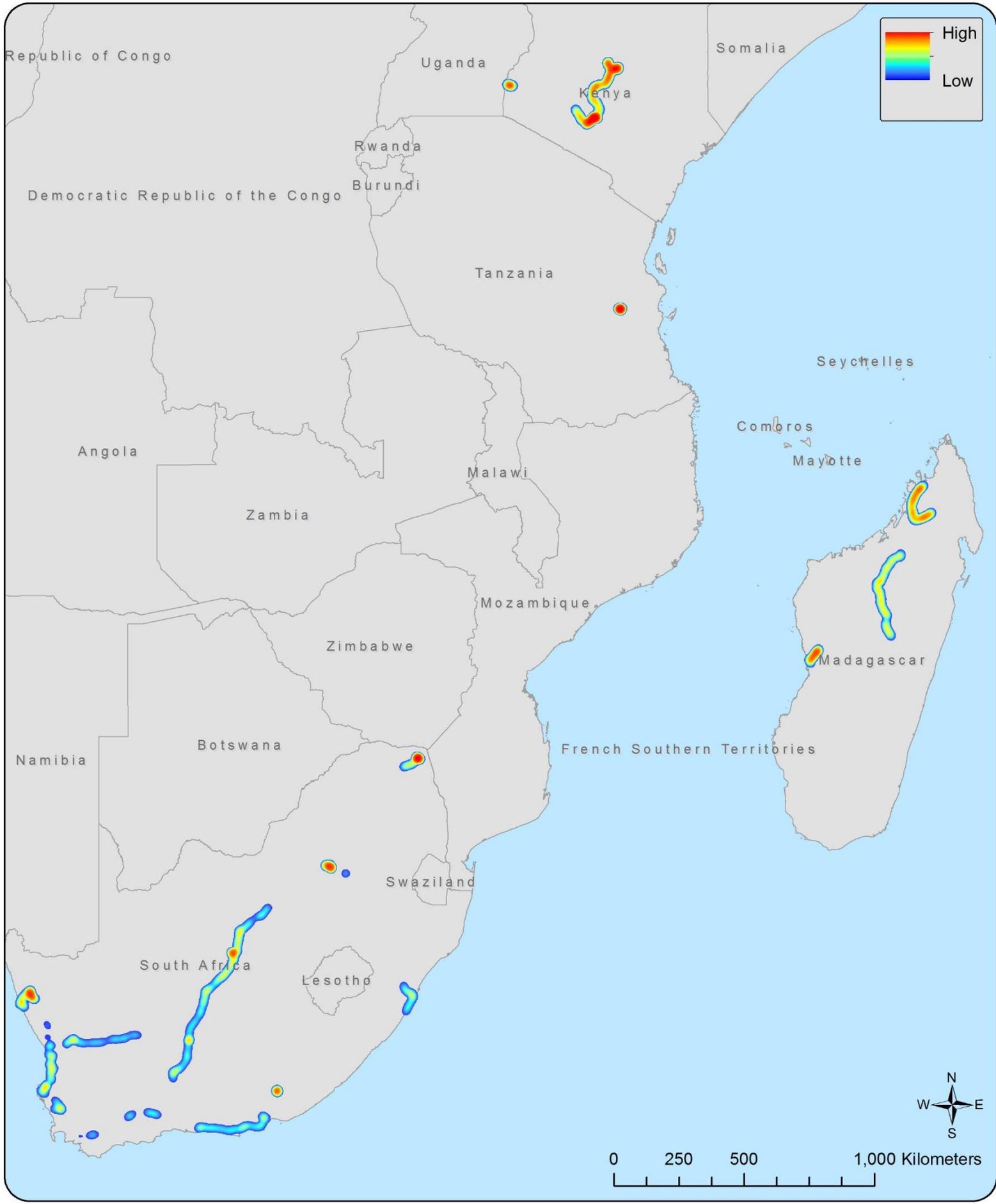


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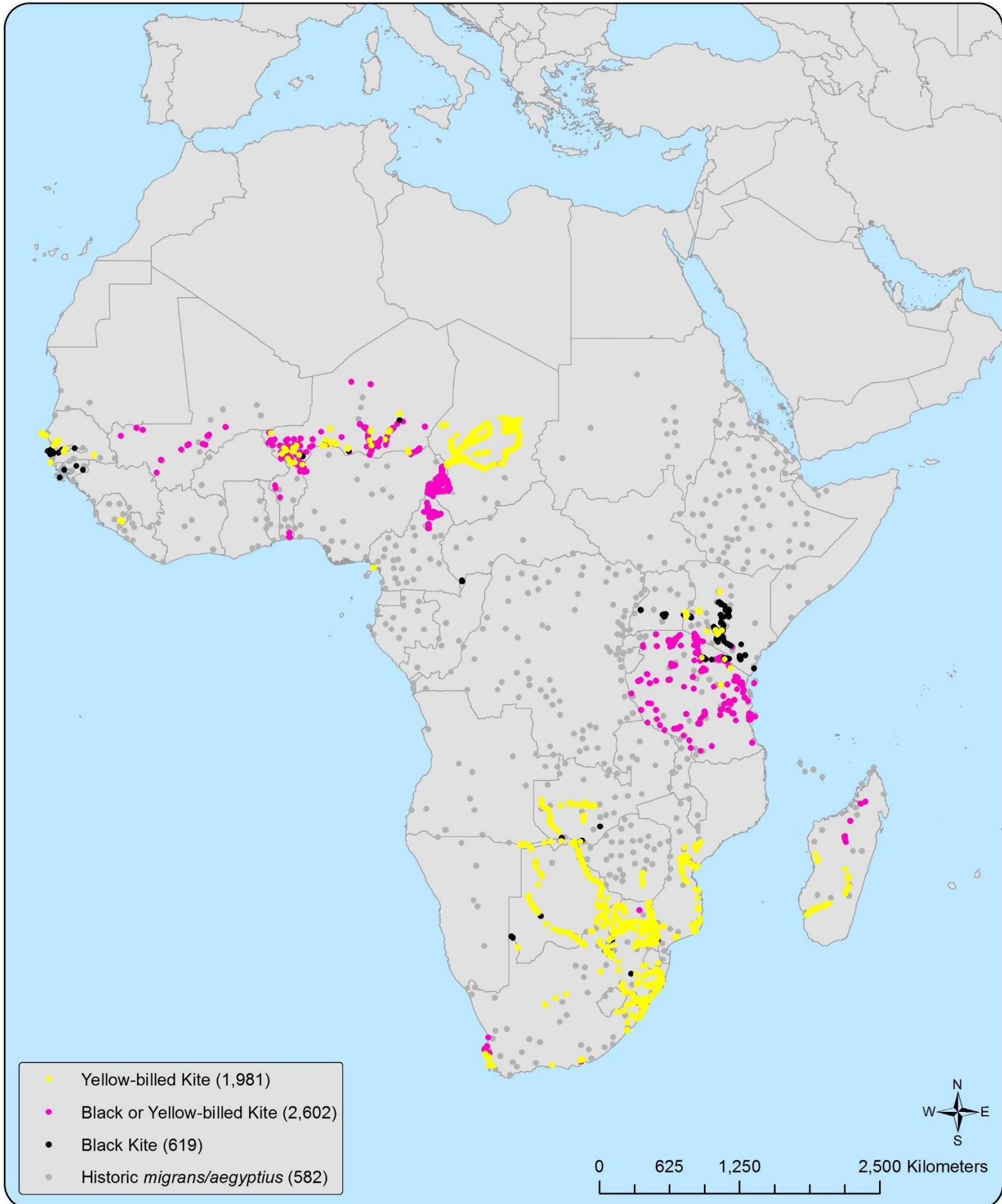


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