



ARDB update: October 2014

- Database grows by 2,314 to 97,945 records with 1,015 received via Android app
- 6,786 kilometres travelled over 162 hours in the app's survey mode
- First helicopter and focused nest survey data received

More data in via African Raptor Observations and our first helicopter survey data by spread sheet.

Mobile app records (by user)

Name	Number
Bernard Madden	261
Mark Dixon	158
Mark Brown	103
Steven Evans	98
Walter Jubber	90
Brian Waswala	72
Dirk van Stuyvenberg	61
Rob Thomson	49
Andy Branfield	23
Darcy Ogada	19
Washington Wachira	14
Shannon Hoffman	10
Shayne Dalton	10
Rob Simmons	9
Pierre duToit	8
Troye Weston	7
Kyle Mannheim	7
Stefan van Stuyvenberg	6
ashwell glasson	4
danny sapsford	2
Joy Clack	2
Ig Viljoen	1
Calvin Harris	1

New data has been received by spread sheet (see the table below and map on page 2) and added into the ARDB from Andre Botha (467, South Africa) and Joseph Heymans (43 driving survey records, South Africa and 789 helicopter survey records of White Backed Vulture nests along the Limpopo River). This is our first helicopter survey data and focused nest survey! – Great job Joseph! We have also received data from Bruno Bargain (1,361 from Senegal) which is pending submission into the ARDB whilst we validate the coordinates. Thanks very much for these data!

Spread sheet data (by submitter)

Activity	Number
Andre Botha	467
Joseph Heymans	832
Bruno Bargain (<i>pending</i>)	1,361

In addition to the data received via spread sheet we've also received 1,015 records via *African Raptor Observations*; the ARDB's Android mobile app. Importantly our user base is growing with 24 different users contributing data (see the table to the left and map on page 2). Data is mainly coming in from South Africa (607) and East Africa therefore, we're really keen to push the app's adoption further North and West. Remember that it's free to download and use! Feedback so far has been very positive with one user telling us that they're now far more aware of *all* raptors whilst out and about thanks to using the app! The app can be downloaded at <http://goo.gl/ne7NKC>.

We're able to really analyse the data that we're receiving via the app allowing us to pick out, amongst other stats the number of birds which were spotted perching, nesting or the country they were observed in. The table to the right shows the different activities noted.

Mobile app records (by activity)

Activity	Number
flying	467
perched	394
food / predation	53
undetermined	24
nest	38
heard calling	22
dead / mortality	13
flock (mixed)	3
communal roost site	1

The survey results are very promising too with a total of 6,782 km travelled over 162 hours! That's not far off travelling from the very North of Africa to the very South! The accompanying survey data means we can do so much more with the observation data.

We're nearly at 100,000 records which it would be brilliant to achieve by the end of 2014 so please get out and about recording raptors! Don't forget to register with the ARDB at <http://www.habitatinfo.com/ardb> and download *African Raptor Observations* to your Android smart phone from <http://goo.gl/ne7NKC>.

Best wishes,

Tim, Rob
& the ARDB team



New/updated records

- Android app (1,015)
- Other (1,299)
- Historic (0)

Running totals

- Recent (82,338)
- Historic (15,607)

