

Hi All

Things have been quietly ticking away with the ARDB database growing...

This is a brief summary for the month of March and there will be a more detailed report on recent activity in a couple of weeks' time.

At 31 March 2015 the total for processed records in the databank was 104,498. This included 1468 new observations received during March (most via the Android App). Thanks so much to those of you who contributed last month (records created in the database) as outlined in the table below:

Observers	Observations uploaded in March
Yilma D Abebe	328
Andre Botha	314
Simon Thomsett	108
Stefan van Stuyvenberg	108
Darcy Ogada	82
Clive Barlow	68
Mark Brown	67
Dirk van Stuyvenberg	62
Holger Kolberg	61
Joseph Heymans	44
Brian Waswala	42
Jaco Smith	41
Steven Evans	41
Holger Kolberg, Claire Kolberg	39
Stratton Hatfield	30
Walter Jubber	21
Andy Branfield	6
Claire Kolberg, Holger Kolberg	3
Bruce Wardsmith	2
Rob Davies	1

The distribution of this activity is shown in the attached graphic.

In addition to these processed records and the total shown above, we were also lucky to receive the following new spreadsheet datasets during March:

1. 232 raptor obs made by Oliver Fox in northern Senegal during 2014
2. 8227 raptor obs made by Derek Pomeroy *et al* on extensive raptor road counts covering Uganda 2008 – 2015.
3. 121 additional new incidental obs. of raptors for Ethiopia from Evan Buechley for 2013 – 2014
4. 28 species recorded by Stephanie Dolrenry at the Lion Guardians Nairrabala training centre in Kenya 2013-2015.

Thank you so much for sending these data which will be reflected in the total processed records in the next report (unfortunately with the exception of the Ugandan dataset because these are not

georeferenced so cannot be imported until we plot the transect routes on the GIS when maps become available). Special thanks to Darcy for helping to coordinate these new datasets for Ethiopia and Uganda.

We keep summary metadata for all datasets received this way and this will be searchable in the future. For the record there are 126 datasets now lodged with the ARDB. Not all can immediately be entered to the spatial database if they are not geo-referenced and also if the format is paper-copy or PDF. The total number of processed records in the databank is the best way to measure growth but it is an underestimate of total data holdings.

More coming in the April update in a couple of weeks..
Please keep making the observations and helping us build this knowledge base

Best wishes

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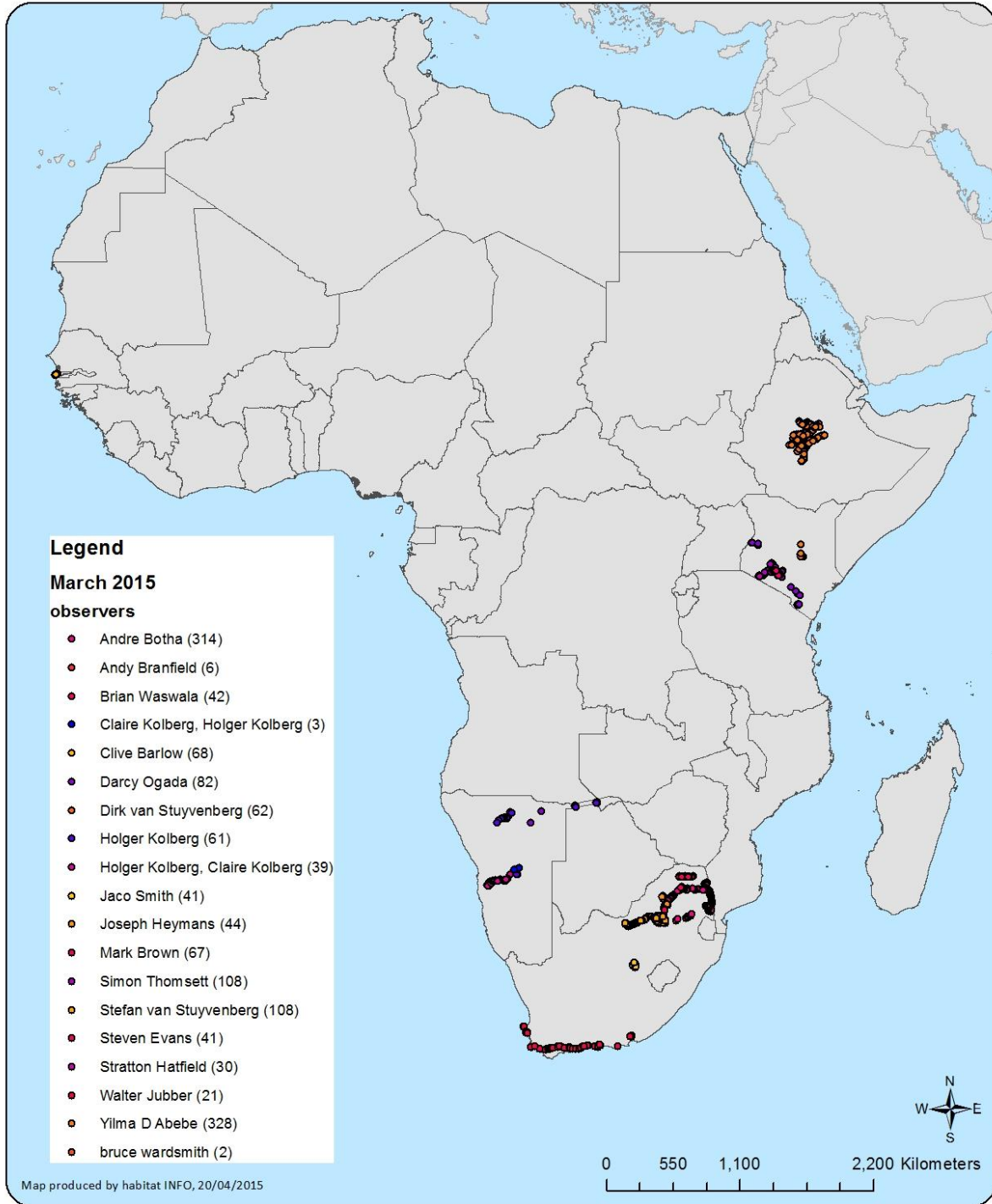


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