

update from the African Raptor Databank for March 2016:

During March a further 1836 records were added to our database bringing the total number of observations to 129937 at the end of March 2016. Records were kindly supplied by the following raptor observers:

observers	records
Andre Botha	367
Munir Virani, Hafiz, Shiv	247
Brian Waswala	246
Dirk Human	212
Rowen van Eeden	92
Joseph Heymans	83
Claire Kolberg, Holger Kolberg	72
S. Souane	69
Munir Virani, Hafiz, Shiv, Antony Tira	56
Munir Virani, Hafiz, Antony Tira	53
Jacqui Badenhorst	42
Munir Virani, Shiv, Hafiz	37
Andy Branfield	32
Ashwell Glasson	32
Crystelle Wilson	31
Karin Nelson	28
Dirk van Stuyvenberg	22
Dawie de Swardt	20
Stefan van Stuyvenberg	16
Bruce Wardsmith	11
Jaco Smith	11
Munir Virani	10
Pierre du Toit	10
S. Souane, M. S. Diop	10
Steven Evans	10
Washington Wachira	7
Hennie deBeer	4
Gisela Madden	2
Rob Simmons, Marlei Martins	2
Lou Luddington	1
Marlei Martins, Dr Rob Simmons	1

Most data (91%) came in via the App from southern and East Africa (see graphic). The new proforma spreadsheet has been trialled effectively by the GIENIOKOLO team (obs by S. Souane and co-workers) and Rowen van Eeden who kindly supplied raptor observations from his field studies in Kruger National Park. We have assisted Rowen with data on Martial Eagles for his PhD and Rowen has been the first to sign a formal data release agreement with the ARDB. The ARDB will endeavour to supply data for free to bona fide academic projects but may have to make charges when this takes more than a couple of hours. We have a new data charges policy to cover this which may be viewed on our project website www.habitatinfo.com/ardb . It was great to receive so many records

this month from Andre again and Dirk Human in South Africa and from Munir and colleagues and Brian Waswala from Kenya. All contributions very appreciated and we were excited to receive a record of a Common Buzzard from Madeira by Lou Luddington using the app!

Best wishes,

Rob and ARDB team

