



ARDB update: August 2014

- Database leaps by 24,702 to 90,999 records
- **331 records received via African Raptor Observations app**
- 2,682 kilometres travelled over 55 hours in the app's survey mode
- A call for help with Cassin's Hawk Eagle records

This month has seen the highest number of records submitted to the ARDB ever! A staggering 24,702 new records were added!

Mobile app records

Name	Number
Bernard Madden	65
Mark Dixon	64
Steven Evans	58
Shannon Hoffman	55
Mark Brown	38
Darcy Ogada	24
Etienne Marais	8
Brian Waswala	5
Ben Hoffman	4
Andre van Sittert	3
David Cater	3
Trelida Ostrosky	2
John Davies	1
Rob Simmons	1

Andre Botha has submitted Ronelle Visagie's data which totals 6,821 records for the Karoo and Northern Cape. Munir Virani has submitted Adam Eichenwald's (an intern working with The Peregrine Fund) 588 records for Kenya. We've also received data from Martin Odino (183, Kenya) and Ralp Buij (7 records of Cassin's Hawk Eagles from Gabon and a huge 9,228 from Cameroon).

The Tanzanian Bird Atlas have also submitted to the ARDB an additional 8,163 records which includes the first major delivery of owl data (on top of the 11,793 records which were already in the ARDB from them)!

We've still got some great data received during August to report on next month after receiving Bateleur records from Rick Watson which we are waiting to digitise the routes for.

This month has seen 331 records from the recently launched *African Raptor Observations* mobile app for Android. See the table to the left for a breakdown of those users and their records. In

survey mode observers travelled a total of 2,682 km over 55 hours! **The app is available for everyone to download to their Android devices at <http://goo.gl/BN8V1t>**

Darcy Ogada and the ARDB are trying to get all the existing Cassin's Hawk Eagle records into the ARDB for a small project we are working on. We'd appreciate your help in adding any additional records you may have or know of that are not already on the map – we've had a great response so far taking the number of records from 25 to 45; see the map below (the blue dots are from the Snow Atlas and red stars are other records).

We've recently tested *African Raptor Observations* on the Samsung Galaxy Camera (EK-GC100) and are pleased to report that it works very well. The camera runs Android 4.1.1 (Jelly Bean) and therefore, is supported by the app. It boasts a built-in GPS, microphone, touch screen, WiFi/3G and impressively a 21 x optical zoom camera (~483 mm). It therefore, goes some way to bridging the gap between a smartphone capable of recording raptors in the field and an SLR capable of getting the perfect photo! They can be picked up for under £200 on Amazon UK and eBay UK. More information available via Samsung at <http://goo.gl/LD3GSt>



Best wishes,

Tim, Rob
& the ARDB team





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Cassin's Hawk Eagle (to 4/9/2014)



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