



Trip Report - Cape Town Pelagics - Sunday, 5 February 2022

Trip Highlights: Three albatross species, Manx Shearwater, Parasitic Jaeger, Common and Dusky Dolphins

Pelagic species seen and approximate numbers:

Shy Albatross – c. 20
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross – 1
Northern Giant Petrel – 3
Southern Giant Petrel – 1
Sooty Shearwater – c. 20
Great Shearwater – 1
Manx Shearwater – 2
White-chinned Petrel – c. 100-150
Wilson's Storm Petrel – c. 20
European Storm Petrel – c. 50
Brown (Sub-Antarctic) Skua – 2
Parasitic Jaeger – 1
Kelp Gull – c. 300
Sabine's Gull – c. 30

Coastal species:

African Penguin – c. 200
Cape Gannet – c. 100
White-breasted Cormorant – c. 50
Cape Cormorant – c. 200-400
Bank Cormorant – c. 20
Kelp Gull – c. 300
Great Crested Tern – 5
Common Tern – c. 50 - 80
Sandwich Tern – 5

Marine mammals:

Cape Fur Seal – 150
Humpback Whale – 1
Common Dolphin – 30
Dusky Dolphin – 10

A message from Cape Town Pelagics: A huge thank you to our experienced skippers who are able to safely lead us to the best birding areas and skillfully manoeuvre the boat into just the best position while all on board are busy concentrating on the birds! Coordinating a pelagic trip over a year in advance with guests from all across South Africa and different countries around the world requires an organised office team. We thank them for their special eye for detail - and for the sometimes last-minute rearrangements and frustration if the weather delays the trip to another day! Our biggest thank-you is to our Cape Town Pelagics guides who take time out of their work, often involving seabirds and conservation, and time away from their families, to provide our guests with a world-class birding experience. Cape Town Pelagics donates all its profits to seabirds, and so all the participants who join the trip make a contribution towards bird research and conservation - a big thank you from all of us