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Experienced birders are more than happy to help beginners and novices on these outings. If you have a transport problem or would like to share transport please contact a committee member. Depending on the availability of speakers and suitable material we present occasional lecture or video evenings at the Namibia Scientific Society premises. Members receive the bird club's journal, *Lanioturdus* and outings and events are advertised on the club's website [www.namibiabirdclub.org](http://www.namibiabirdclub.org).

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## African Harrier-Hawk vs Smith's Bush Squirrel

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An African Harrier-Hawk finds cavities to investigate



Preparing to probe the lower cavity



Feeling about inside the cavity



Peering into the upper cavity



In goes that “double jointed” foot again



Got something.....



.....by the tail!



The skin strips off the tail



That's not really much of a meal.....



Only a fistful of debris this time





Gotcha!



The squirrel is securely clamped



Score: African Harrier-Hawk 1 - Smith's Bush Squirrel 0