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SOME WETLAND COUNTS 1996

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On 21 January 1996, 4 members of the NBC travelled to Omatako Dam to do the annual count there. A few days prior the dam had fresh inflow of water and we realised that the numbers of birds which would be seen would be very low. The count on the 21 April 1996 was done by three members in a very dry countryside but the count was much more successful.

Two members travelled to the Windhoek Sewerage Works on the same dates.

| Species | Omatako Dam | | WHK Sewerage Works | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| | January | April | January | April |
| Little Grebe | 8 | 6 | 21 | 7 |
| Grt White Pelican | 18 | 155 | | 1 |
| Whitebrst Cormorant | | 156 | 6 | |
| Reed Cormorant | 1 | 4 | 23 | 78 |
| African Darter | | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| Grey Heron | | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Little Egret | 22 | | | |
| Cattle Egret | | 115 | 51 | 13 |
| Squacco Heron | | | 1 | 1 |
| Yellowbilled Stork | 1 | | | |
| Abdim's Stork | 250 | 2 | | |
| Sacred Ibis | 1 | 1 | | |
| African Spoonbill | 14 | 2 | | |

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|-----------------------|----|------|----|-----|
| Hamerkop | | | | 1 |
| Grtr Flamingo | | 2 | | |
| Sth African Shelduck | 2 | | 2 | |
| Egyptian Goose | 37 | 1239 | 18 | 10 |
| Cape Teal | | 24 | | |
| Redbilled Teal | 44 | 751 | 14 | 6 |
| Maccoa Duck | | 8 | | |
| Redknobbed Coot | 5 | 16 | 24 | 38 |
| Moorhen | | | 16 | 10 |
| African Jacana | | | 7 | 3 |
| Blkwing Stilt | 2 | 3 | | 1 |
| Blacksmith Plover | 2 | 93 | 6 | 4 |
| Kittlitz's Sandplover | | | 2 | |
| Threebnded Plover | | | | 1 |
| Greenshank | | | | 1 |
| Wood Sandpiper | | | | 2 |
| Little Stint | | | | 13 |
| Sanderling | | 1 | | |
| Ruff | | | | 150 |
| Kelp Gull | | 4 | | |

Dieter has some interesting numbers in these counts - I wonder about the count of 4 Kelp Gulls, however - I think the group missed a rarity here - Lesser Blackbacked Gulls are far more likely to occur on inland waters and have been recorded in Namibia before. They have been increasing their range in Africa in the past decade and should be looked for on any dams or inland waters during our summer months - Editor.