



PRIVATE BIRDING SAFARIS

with **Mark McCormick**

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, Mark McCormick developed a deep love for the African bush from an early age. He spent his younger years on the Lower Zambezi, where his father ran safari camps, immersing him in the wilderness and sparking a lifelong passion for wildlife. Now, with over 5 years of experience in birding and wildlife guiding, Mark is the heart and soul of **Ultra's Private Birding Safari's**. He began his career with **&Beyond**, where he trained, qualified, and guided for a number of years before moving to Zambia in 2022

His deep knowledge of Livingstone's avian wonders, keen eye for rare species, and unwavering passion for conservation make him the perfect guide for both seasoned birders and curious newcomers visiting **Livingstone** and **the Victoria Falls region**.

'Where Adventure Meets Purpose'

WHY MARK?



- ★ **Personalized Approach** – Whether you're chasing lifers or simply enjoying a relaxed day of birdwatching, Mark adapts every tour to your interests and pace.
- ★ **Beyond the Birds** – With a background in conservation and guiding, he offers a rich perspective on Zambia's wildlife, landscapes, and ecosystems.
- ★ **Sharp Eyes, Sharp Ears** – A master of bird calls and expert at spotting elusive species, ensuring every tour is productive and rewarding.

Q What are some of your strengths as a guide?

- ✓ Patience & assisting guests with the identification process. Acute eyesight and hearing also allow me to pick up the smallest of things (shapes, sounds or movement).

Q What are your hobbies outside of birding?

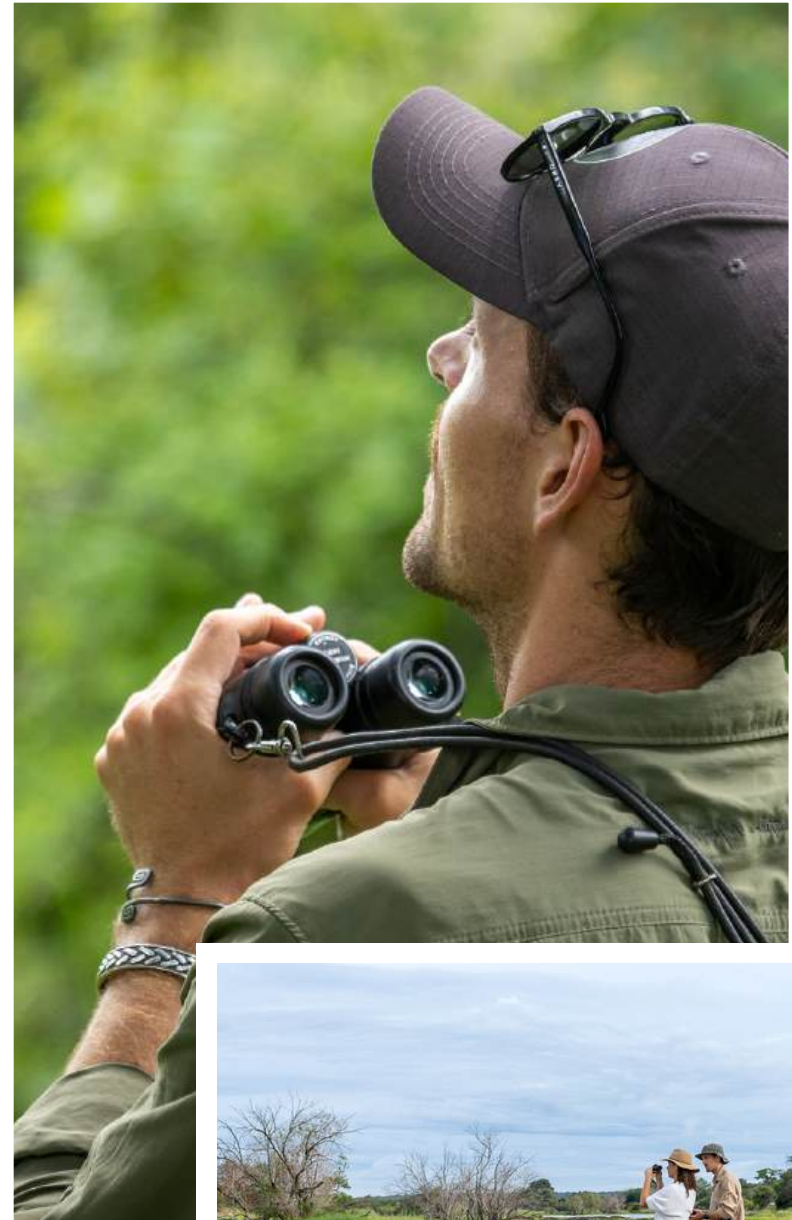
- ✓ I love art whether digital or drawing as well as photography. I also love keeping fit, the outdoors and sports like rugby & cricket.

Q What do you focus on when guiding guests?

- ✓ I like to focus on the personal connection with guests as well as the specific reasons they have come birding - lifers, photography...

Q Why did you choose tourism?

- ✓ Sharing knowledge and helping guests discover and understand the natural world fosters a deeper appreciation and inspires conservation. Every tour is an opportunity to connect people with nature, create unforgettable experiences, and contribute to the protection of the incredible ecosystems we call home.



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MOSI OA TUNYA NATIONAL PARK

23.4 km²

✈ HARRY MWANGA NKUMBULA
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

● LIVINGSTONE

ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

The Victoria Falls

VICTORIA FALLS ●

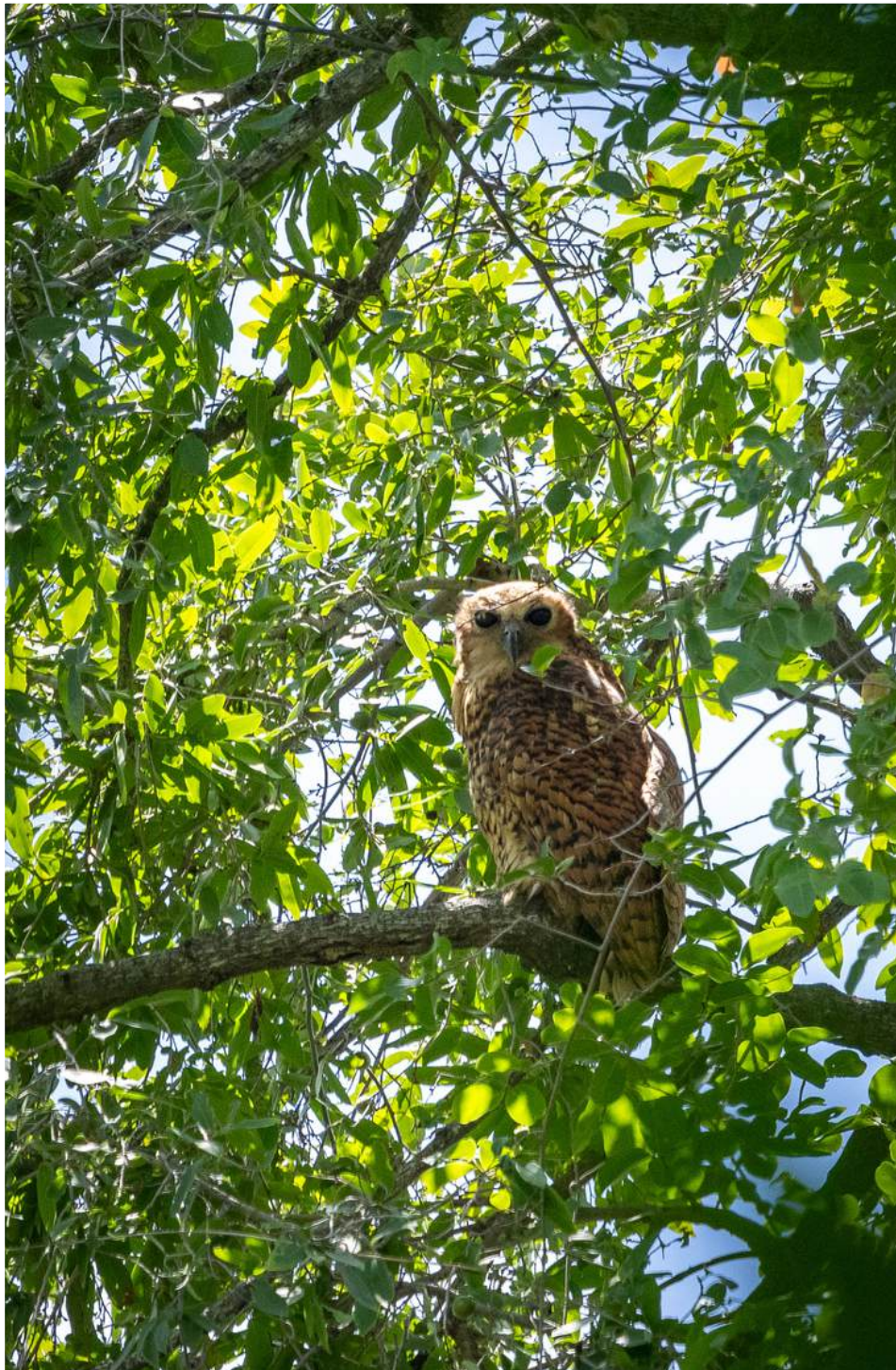
Batoka Gorge



VICTORIA FALLS, LIVINGSTONE

Birding Hotspots





HOTSPOTS EXPLAINED



Simonga Forest - A lush miombo woodland offering excellent sightings of regional specials like the Miombo Rock-Thrush, Racket-tailed Roller, and various woodpeckers.



Zambezi River Islands - A prime spot for water-associated and riparian forest species, including Pel's Fishing Owl, White-backed Night Heron, African Skimmer and Half-collared Kingfisher



Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park - A mix of riverine forest, grasslands, and mopane woodland, home to Schalow's Turaco, African Finfoot, and a variety of raptors.



Livingstone Sewer Ponds / Maramba River - A magnet for waterbirds and waders, attracting species like Black Crake, Lesser Moorhen, & migrant shorebirds. Maramba River recently home to the rare & elusive Ross's Turaco,



Batoka Gorge (Vic Falls) - A dramatic landscape where cliff-dwelling species thrive, including Rock Pratincole, Verreaux's Eagle & Taita Falcon (*status unknown*),

NOTABLE BIRDS IN THE AREA

Pels Fishing Owl
 Rock Pratincole
 African Pitta
 Western Banded Snake Eagle
 Red-throated Twinspot
 African Finfoot
 Slaty Egret
 White-backed Night Heron
 Half-collared Kingfisher
 Ross's Turaco
 African Skimmer

KEY: Resident
 Breeding Migrant
 Non-breeding Migrant
 Rare / Vagrant



For birders (from beginners to experts) looking to explore Livingstone and the surrounding Victoria Falls area with a passionate, detail-oriented guide

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