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Ayres's Hawk-Eagle

"Praise the Lord.

**How good it is to sing
praises to our God,
how pleasant and
fitting to praise Him!"**

Ps 147:1



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Birds of a "Four Flies Feather".

Burning fire breaks in winter is a daunting task that gives rise to much anxiety to this farmer. However, I was rewarded the other night by the sight of a beautiful Spotted Eagle Owl, looking for easy prey in the short burned grass. It also gives the Fork-tailed Drong a lot of joy to dance in the smoky air, feasting on small insects as they flee from the flames. One of the most beautiful sights, however, is a Secretary bird, pompously strolling on the black sward, looking for a tasty snake, lizard or a scorpion.

Water, the antidote for fire, also proves to be a gift to the feathered species. Every morning and every evening two pairs of Egyptian Geese have a rowdy fight over the ownership of a dam wall. The Grey and Black-headed Heron, White Stork, Hamerkop, common Hadeda, Giant and Malachite Kingfisher, several ducks and cormorants are frequent visitors to our dams. Spur-winged Geese also make their raucous appearance and we even see the occasional African Spoonbill. But, the mellow call of the African Fish Eagle never fails to urge me to run outside to see the majestic bird in flight.

So much delight, and yet I have failed to mention the thirty plus Guinea fowl, the Red-winged Francolin and the Common Quail who prefer the safety of their feet on the ground under the protection of the grass. I did not talk about the unexpected surprise of a Brown-hooded Kingfisher curiously watching my fiddling with the camera, or the beautiful colours of the Bokmakierie who got lost in my living room. Neither did I refer to the Ayres's Hawk-Eagle who made lunch of one of my chicken, the Amethyst Sunbird's ability to hover over the sweetest of flowers or the announcement of spring by the voluble chant of the Red-chested Cuckoo.

But, when I wake up with the clear easy call of a Black-headed Oriole in the early morning, it sometimes feels like heaven, and I can only marvel at the awe-inspiring artwork of our Creator.

Editorial

Feel it – it is here! I must admit that I was a bit apprehensive before the World cup. Not only did I not understand the game, but I was also not sure what to expect from thousands of visitors to our country, known for high crime and bad service. But, when I saw the beautifully finished stadiums and heard of the success of the Gautrain, things changed. What a wonderful experience it proved to be. The vibe of the event was felt even in Carolina, and on the opening day I was teary with pride, and cheering as loud and hard as any life-long Bafana fan. The most amazing thing, however, was the feeling of unity between South Africans. We were one rainbow nation, blowing vuvuzelas, showing off our beautiful flag and sharing the joy of an incredible occasion.

Today, after a wonderfully exiting month, I stand tall and proud as a South African. May we have many more events that connect us as a people. May we

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share similar warm, vibrant memories of times experienced together. May we create an extraordinary new history for our children.

Viva South Africa!

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