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During July 2013 I contributed a description of the calling behaviour of a male Klaas's Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx klaas* at our home property in Bunker Road, Lakeside, Cape Town (Little 2013). On Saturday 7 December 2013 I was alerted to a fledgling birds' repeated, almost monotonous, begging call at the same property. Investigating the identity of the calling fledgling, I was a little surprised to see that it was a Klaas's Cuckoo. It was giving the husky *tseek* call described as the nestling begging call of Klaas's Cuckoo in *Roberts VII* (Dean, 2005). But, perhaps more surprising was that the fledgling Klaas's Cuckoo was being fed by a pair of Southern Double-collared Sunbirds *Cinnyris chalybeus*. Although 11 sunbird species are listed as known hosts for the Klaas's Cuckoo in *Roberts VII*, Southern Double-collared Sunbird was not yet listed and there are only a few records confirming this species as hosts since.

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Fig 2 – Female Klaas's Cuckoo © Trevor Hardaker