

# Devon Grasslands

## CHECKLIST *of* BIRDS



<https://gobirding.birdlife.org.za/south-eastern-wetlands-and-grasslands-devon-grasslands/>

### RED DATA: Regional\*, Global

CR Critically Endangered  
EN Endangered  
VU Vulnerable  
NR Near Threatened  
LC Least Concern  
EX Extinct (regionally)  
DD Data Deficient  
NR Not Recognised by BirdLife International  
NA Not Assessed

### STATUS IN SOUTH AFRICA

V Vagrant  
I Introduced

*\*The 2015 Eskom Red Data Book of Birds of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland*

*\*\* Please report to BirdLife South Africa National Rarities Committee (rarities@birdlife.org.za)*

### ENDEMISM IN SOUTH AFRICA(not southern africa, as in field guides)

E Endemic  
SLS Endemic to South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland  
NE Near endemic (i.e. ~70% or more of population in RSA)  
BNE Breeding near endemic

This checklist was generated using data from the Southern African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP2; [sabap2.birdmap.africa](http://sabap2.birdmap.africa)) captured by citizen scientists in the surrounding area (approximately 60km<sup>2</sup>). As such, this checklist is descriptive of the general area and may include birds not normally found at this site. Rare birds with low occurrence or no reports in the atlas data may also be missing from this list.

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| SPECIES |   |
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| 1       | <b>Avocet, Pied</b> <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>             |
| 2       | <b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>         |
| 3       | <b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>             |
| 4       | <b>Bishop, Yellow</b> <i>Euplectes capensis</i>               |
| 5       | <b>Bishop, Yellow-crowned</b> <i>Euplectes afer</i>           |
| 6       | <b>Bittern, Little</b> <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>              |
| 7       | <b>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>    |
| 8       | <b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>         |
| 9       | <b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>                     |
| 10      | <b>Buzzard, Jackal</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> (NE)           |
| 11      | <b>Canary, Black-throated</b> <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>    |
| 12      | <b>Canary, Yellow</b> <i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>           |
| 13      | <b>Chat, Ant-eating</b> <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>      |
| 14      | <b>Cisticola, Cloud</b> <i>Cisticola textrix</i> (NE)         |
| 15      | <b>Cisticola, Desert</b> <i>Cisticola aridulus</i>            |
| 16      | <b>Cisticola, Levaillant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>      |
| 17      | <b>Cisticola, Wing-snapping</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>      |
| 18      | <b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>           |
| 19      | <b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>               |
| 20      | <b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>            |
| 21      | <b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i> |
| 22      | <b>Crake, Baillon's</b> <i>Zapornia pusilla</i>               |
| 23      | <b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>                         |
| 24      | <b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>           |
| 25      | <b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>                    |
| 26      | <b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>          |
| 27      | <b>Dove, Namaqua</b> <i>Oena capensis</i>                     |
| 28      | <b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>        |
| 29      | <b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>         |
| 30      | <b>Dove, Rock</b> <i>Columba livia</i>                        |
| 31      | <b>Duck, African Black</b> <i>Anas sparsa</i>                 |
| 32      | <b>Duck, Fulvous Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>     |
| 33      | <b>Duck, Knob-billed</b> <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>        |

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| 34      | <b>Duck, Maccoa</b> <i>Oxyura maccoa</i> (EN, NT)              |
| 35      | <b>Duck, White-backed</b> <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>       |
| 36      | <b>Duck, White-faced Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>  |
| 37      | <b>Duck, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>                |
| 38      | <b>Eagle, Black-chested Snake</b> <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>  |
| 39      | <b>Egret, Great</b> <i>Ardea alba</i>                          |
| 40      | <b>Egret, Intermediate</b> <i>Ardea intermedia</i>             |
| 41      | <b>Egret, Little</b> <i>Egretta garzetta</i>                   |
| 42      | <b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>              |
| 43      | <b>Falcon, Amur</b> <i>Falco amurensis</i>                     |
| 44      | <b>Finch, Red-headed</b> <i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>         |
| 45      | <b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>                 |
| 46      | <b>Flamingo, Greater</b> <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> (NT, LC) |
| 47      | <b>Flamingo, Lesser</b> <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> (NT)        |
| 48      | <b>Flycatcher, Fiscal</b> <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)       |
| 49      | <b>Francolin, Orange River</b> <i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>   |
| 50      | <b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>             |
| 51      | <b>Goose, Spur-winged</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>       |
| 52      | <b>Grebe, Black-necked</b> <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>         |
| 53      | <b>Grebe, Great Crested</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>          |
| 54      | <b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>             |
| 55      | <b>Greenshank, Common</b> <i>Tringa nebularia</i>              |
| 56      | <b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>            |
| 57      | <b>Hamerkop, Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>               |
| 58      | <b>Harrier-Hawk, African</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>         |
| 59      | <b>Harrier, African Marsh</b> <i>Circus ranivorus</i> (EN, LC) |
| 60      | <b>Harrier, Black</b> <i>Circus maurus</i> (EN, NE)            |
| 61      | <b>Harrier, Montagu's</b> <i>Circus pygargus</i>               |
| 62      | <b>Heron, Black-crowned Night</b> <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> |
| 63      | <b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>          |
| 64      | <b>Heron, Goliath</b> <i>Ardea goliath</i>                     |
| 65      | <b>Heron, Grey</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>                        |
| 66      | <b>Heron, Purple</b> <i>Ardea purpurea</i>                     |

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| 67      | <b>Heron, Squacco</b> <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>                   |
| 68      | <b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>                     |
| 69      | <b>Hoopoe, Green Wood</b> <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>           |
| 70      | <b>Ibis, African Sacred</b> <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>      |
| 71      | <b>Ibis, Glossy</b> <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>                  |
| 72      | <b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>                   |
| 73      | <b>Jacana, African</b> <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>            |
| 74      | <b>Kestrel, Greater</b> <i>Falco rupicoloides</i>                |
| 75      | <b>Kestrel, Rock</b> <i>Falco rupicolus</i>                      |
| 76      | <b>Kingfisher, Pied</b> <i>Ceryle rudis</i>                      |
| 77      | <b>Kite, Black-winged</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>                |
| 78      | <b>Korhaan, Blue</b> <i>Eupodotis caerulescens</i> (NT, LC, SLS) |
| 79      | <b>Lapwing, African Wattled</b> <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>       |
| 80      | <b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>               |
| 81      | <b>Lapwing, Crowned</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>                |
| 82      | <b>Lark, Pink-billed</b> <i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>           |
| 83      | <b>Lark, Red-capped</b> <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>               |
| 84      | <b>Lark, Spike-heeled</b> <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>        |
| 85      | <b>Longclaw, Cape</b> <i>Macronyx capensis</i>                   |
| 86      | <b>Mallard, Mallard</b> <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> (I)            |
| 87      | <b>Martin, Brown-throated</b> <i>Riparia paludicola</i>          |
| 88      | <b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>                 |
| 89      | <b>Moorhen, Common</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>                |
| 90      | <b>Mousebird, Red-faced</b> <i>Urocolius indicus</i>             |
| 91      | <b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)              |
| 92      | <b>Nightjar, Fiery-necked</b> <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>      |
| 93      | <b>Ostrich, Common</b> <i>Struthio camelus</i>                   |
| 94      | <b>Owl, Marsh</b> <i>Asio capensis</i>                           |
| 95      | <b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>                    |
| 96      | <b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>                  |
| 97      | <b>Plover, Kittlitz's</b> <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>            |
| 98      | <b>Plover, Three-banded</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>        |
| 99      | <b>Pochard, Southern</b> <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>            |

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| 100     | <b>Pratincole, Black-winged</b> <i>Glareola nordmanni</i> (NT)               |
| 101     | <b>Prinia, Black-chested</b> <i>Prinia flavicans</i>                         |
| 102     | <b>Prinia, Tawny-flanked</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>                          |
| 103     | <b>Quail, Common</b> <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>                                |
| 104     | <b>Quailfinch, Quailfinch</b> <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>                  |
| 105     | <b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>                               |
| 106     | <b>Ruff, Ruff</b> <i>Calidris pugnax</i>                                     |
| 107     | <b>Sandpiper, Common</b> <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>                           |
| 108     | <b>Sandpiper, Marsh</b> <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>                            |
| 109     | <b>Sandpiper, Wood</b> <i>Tringa glareola</i>                                |
| 110     | <b>Secretarybird, Secretarybird</b> <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> (EN, VU) |
| 111     | <b>Shelduck, South African</b> <i>Tadorna cana</i>                           |
| 112     | <b>Shoveler, Cape</b> <i>Spatula smithii</i>                                 |
| 113     | <b>Snipe, African</b> <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>                           |
| 114     | <b>Sparrow-Lark, Chestnut-backed</b> <i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>             |
| 115     | <b>Sparrow-Weaver, White-browed</b> <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>                |
| 116     | <b>Sparrow, Cape</b> <i>Passer melanurus</i>                                 |
| 117     | <b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)                           |
| 118     | <b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>                  |
| 119     | <b>Spoonbill, African</b> <i>Platalea alba</i>                               |
| 120     | <b>Spurfowl, Swainson's</b> <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>                     |
| 121     | <b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>                             |
| 122     | <b>Starling, Pied</b> <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i> (SLS)                      |
| 123     | <b>Starling, Wattled</b> <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>                          |
| 124     | <b>Stilt, Black-winged</b> <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>                      |
| 125     | <b>Stint, Little</b> <i>Calidris minuta</i>                                  |
| 126     | <b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>                          |
| 127     | <b>Stork, White</b> <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>                                   |
| 128     | <b>Stork, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Mycteria ibis</i> (EN, LC)                    |
| 129     | <b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>                                  |
| 130     | <b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>                    |
| 131     | <b>Swallow, Red-breasted</b> <i>Cecropis semirufa</i>                        |
| 132     | <b>Swallow, South African Cliff</b> <i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i> (BNE)     |

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| 133     | <b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>       |
| 134     | <b>Swamphen, African</b> <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>      |
| 135     | <b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>              |
| 136     | <b>Swift, Common</b> <i>Apus apus</i>                           |
| 137     | <b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>                        |
| 138     | <b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>                   |
| 139     | <b>Teal, Cape</b> <i>Anas capensis</i>                          |
| 140     | <b>Teal, Red-billed</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>              |
| 141     | <b>Tern, Whiskered</b> <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>                |
| 142     | <b>Tern, White-winged</b> <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>         |
| 143     | <b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>             |
| 144     | <b>Thrush, Cape Rock</b> <i>Monticola rupestris</i> (SLS)       |
| 145     | <b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>                  |
| 146     | <b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>     |
| 147     | <b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i> |
| 148     | <b>Warbler, Little Rush</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>        |
| 149     | <b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>                  |
| 150     | <b>Waxbill, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Amandava subflava</i>        |
| 151     | <b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>           |
| 152     | <b>Wheatear, Capped</b> <i>Oenanthe pileata</i>                 |
| 153     | <b>Wheatear, Mountain</b> <i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>        |
| 154     | <b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>                 |
| 155     | <b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>         |
| 156     | <b>Widowbird, Long-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes progne</i>           |
| 157     | <b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>          |
| 158     | <b>Widowbird, White-winged</b> <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>     |
| 159     | <b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>             |

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