

# Golden Gate Highlands National Park

## CHECKLIST *of* BIRDS



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### 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	
1	<b>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
2	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
3	<b>Batis, Cape</b> <i>Batis capensis</i>
4	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>
5	<b>Bishop, Yellow</b> <i>Euplectes capensis</i>
6	<b>Bishop, Yellow-crowned</b> <i>Euplectes afer</i>
7	<b>Blackcap, Bush</b> <i>Sylvia nigricapillus</i> (VU, SLS)
8	<b>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
9	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
10	<b>Bulbul, African Red-eyed</b> <i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>
11	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
12	<b>Bunting, Cape</b> <i>Emberiza capensis</i>
13	<b>Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
14	<b>Bunting, Golden-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
15	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
16	<b>Buzzard, Jackal</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> (NE)
17	<b>Canary, Black-throated</b> <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
18	<b>Canary, Cape</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>
19	<b>Chat, Ant-eating</b> <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
20	<b>Chat, Buff-streaked</b> <i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i> (SLS)
21	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
22	<b>Cisticola, Cloud</b> <i>Cisticola textrix</i> (NE)
23	<b>Cisticola, Desert</b> <i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
24	<b>Cisticola, Lazy</b> <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
25	<b>Cisticola, Levaillant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
26	<b>Cisticola, Pale-crowned</b> <i>Cisticola cinnamomeus</i>
27	<b>Cisticola, Wailing</b> <i>Cisticola lais</i>
28	<b>Cisticola, Wing-snapping</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
29	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
30	<b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>
31	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
32	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
33	<b>Crane, Blue</b> <i>Grus paradisea</i> (VU, NT)

SPECIES	
34	<b>Crane, Grey Crowned</b> <i>Balearica regulorum</i> (EN)
35	<b>Crow, Cape</b> <i>Corvus capensis</i>
36	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
37	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
38	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
39	<b>Cuckoo, Red-chested</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
40	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
41	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
42	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
43	<b>Dove, Rock</b> <i>Columba livia</i>
44	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
45	<b>Duck, African Black</b> <i>Anas sparsa</i>
46	<b>Duck, White-backed</b> <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>
47	<b>Duck, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>
48	<b>Eagle-Owl, Cape</b> <i>Bubo capensis</i>
49	<b>Eagle-Owl, Spotted</b> <i>Bubo africanus</i>
50	<b>Eagle, Verreaux's</b> <i>Aquila verreauxii</i> (VU, LC)
51	<b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
52	<b>Falcon, Amur</b> <i>Falco amurensis</i>
53	<b>Falcon, Lanner</b> <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
54	<b>Falcon, Peregrine</b> <i>Falco peregrinus</i>
55	<b>Falcon, Red-footed</b> <i>Falco vespertinus</i> (VU, NT)
56	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>
57	<b>Flufftail, Striped</b> <i>Sarothrura affinis</i> (VU, LC)
58	<b>Flycatcher, African Paradise</b> <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
59	<b>Flycatcher, Fiscal</b> <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)
60	<b>Francolin, Grey-winged</b> <i>Scleroptila afra</i> (SLS)
61	<b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
62	<b>Goose, Spur-winged</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
63	<b>Grassbird, Cape</b> <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i> (NE)
64	<b>Grassbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Catriscus brevirostris</i>
65	<b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
66	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>

SPECIES	
67	<b>Hamerkop, Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
68	<b>Harrier-Hawk, African</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
69	<b>Harrier, Black</b> <i>Circus maurus</i> (EN, NE)
70	<b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
71	<b>Heron, Grey</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
72	<b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>
73	<b>Hoopoe, Green Wood</b> <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
74	<b>Ibis, African Sacred</b> <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
75	<b>Ibis, Glossy</b> <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
76	<b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
77	<b>Ibis, Southern Bald</b> <i>Geronticus calvus</i> (VU, SLS)
78	<b>Kestrel, Lesser</b> <i>Falco naumanni</i>
79	<b>Kestrel, Rock</b> <i>Falco rupicolus</i>
80	<b>Kingfisher, Giant</b> <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
81	<b>Kingfisher, Malachite</b> <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
82	<b>Kite, Black-winged</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
83	<b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
84	<b>Lark, Eastern Clapper</b> <i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>
85	<b>Lark, Eastern Long-billed</b> <i>Certhilauda semitorquata</i> (SLS)
86	<b>Lark, Red-capped</b> <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
87	<b>Longclaw, Cape</b> <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
88	<b>Martin, Banded</b> <i>Riparia cincta</i>
89	<b>Martin, Brown-throated</b> <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
90	<b>Martin, Common House</b> <i>Delichon urbicum</i>
91	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
92	<b>Moorhen, Common</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
93	<b>Mousebird, Speckled</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>
94	<b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)
95	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
96	<b>Owl, Western Barn</b> <i>Tyto alba</i>
97	<b>Pigeon, African Olive</b> <i>Columba arquatrix</i>
98	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
99	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>

SPECIES	
100	<b>Pipit, African Rock</b> <i>Anthus crenatus</i> (NT, LC, SLS)
101	<b>Pipit, Buffy</b> <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>
102	<b>Pipit, Mountain</b> <i>Anthus hoeschi</i> (NT, SLS)
103	<b>Pipit, Nicholson's</b> <i>Anthus nicholsoni</i>
104	<b>Pipit, Short-tailed</b> <i>Anthus brachyurus</i> (VU, LC)
105	<b>Pipit, Yellow-breasted</b> <i>Anthus chloris</i> (VU, E)
106	<b>Prinia, Black-chested</b> <i>Prinia flavicans</i>
107	<b>Prinia, Drakensberg</b> <i>Prinia hypoxantha</i> (SLS)
108	<b>Prinia, Karoo</b> <i>Prinia maculosa</i> (NE)
109	<b>Quail, Common</b> <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
110	<b>Quailfinch, Quailfinch</b> <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
111	<b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>
112	<b>Raven, White-necked</b> <i>Corvus albicollis</i>
113	<b>Robin-Chat, Cape</b> <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
114	<b>Secretarybird, Secretarybird</b> <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> (EN, VU)
115	<b>Seedeater, Streaky-headed</b> <i>Crithagra gularis</i>
116	<b>Shelduck, South African</b> <i>Tadorna cana</i>
117	<b>Shoveler, Cape</b> <i>Spatula smithii</i>
118	<b>Siskin, Drakensberg</b> <i>Crithagra symonsi</i> (SLS)
119	<b>Snipe, African</b> <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
120	<b>Sparrow, Cape</b> <i>Passer melanurus</i>
121	<b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
122	<b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>
123	<b>Sparrowhawk, Black</b> <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
124	<b>Spurfowl, Natal</b> <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
125	<b>Spurfowl, Swainson's</b> <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
126	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
127	<b>Starling, Pied</b> <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i> (SLS)
128	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
129	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
130	<b>Stork, White</b> <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
131	<b>Sugarbird, Gurney's</b> <i>Promerops gurneyi</i> (NT, LC, NE)
132	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>

SPECIES	
133	<b>Sunbird, Malachite</b> <i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
134	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
135	<b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
136	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
137	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albicularis</i>
138	<b>Swift, African Black</b> <i>Apus barbatus</i>
139	<b>Swift, Alpine</b> <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
140	<b>Swift, Common</b> <i>Apus apus</i>
141	<b>Swift, Horus</b> <i>Apus horus</i>
142	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
143	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
144	<b>Teal, Red-billed</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
145	<b>Thrush, Cape Rock</b> <i>Monticola rupestris</i> (SLS)
146	<b>Thrush, Karoo</b> <i>Turdus smithi</i> (NE)
147	<b>Thrush, Olive</b> <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
148	<b>Thrush, Sentinel Rock</b> <i>Monticola explorator</i> (NT, LC, SLS)
149	<b>Vulture, Bearded</b> <i>Gypaetus barbatus</i> (CR, NT)
150	<b>Vulture, Cape</b> <i>Gyps coprotheres</i> (EN, VU)
151	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
152	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
153	<b>Warbler, Barratt's</b> <i>Bradypterus barratti</i> (NE)
154	<b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
155	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
156	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
157	<b>Waxbill, Swee</b> <i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i> (NE)
158	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
159	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
160	<b>Wheatear, Mountain</b> <i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
161	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
162	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
163	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
164	<b>Widowbird, Long-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes progne</i>
165	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>

SPECIES	
166	<b>Woodpecker, Ground</b> <i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i> (NT, LC, SLS)
167	<b>Woodpecker, Olive</b> <i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>
168	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>

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