

# Mbombela Nature Reserve

## 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)*

### ENDEMICISM 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>Apalis, Bar-throated</b> <i>Apalis thoracica</i>
2	<b>Apalis, Yellow-breasted</b> <i>Apalis flavida</i>
3	<b>Babbler, Arrow-marked</b> <i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
4	<b>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
5	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
6	<b>Batis, Cape</b> <i>Batis capensis</i>
7	<b>Batis, Chinspot</b> <i>Batis molitor</i>
8	<b>Bee-eater, European</b> <i>Merops apiaster</i>
9	<b>Bee-eater, Little</b> <i>Merops pusillus</i>
10	<b>Bee-eater, White-fronted</b> <i>Merops bullockoides</i>
11	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>
12	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
13	<b>Brownbul, Terrestrial</b> <i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
14	<b>Brubru, Brubru</b> <i>Nilaus afer</i>
15	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
16	<b>Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
17	<b>Bunting, Golden-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
18	<b>Bushshrike, Gorgeous</b> <i>Telophorus viridis</i>
19	<b>Bushshrike, Grey-headed</b> <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
20	<b>Bushshrike, Olive</b> <i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
21	<b>Bushshrike, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
22	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
23	<b>Buzzard, Lizard</b> <i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
24	<b>Camaroptera, Green-backed</b> <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
25	<b>Canary, Brimstone</b> <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
26	<b>Canary, Cape</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>
27	<b>Canary, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
28	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
29	<b>Chat, Mocking Cliff</b> <i>Thamnodaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
30	<b>Cisticola, Croaking</b> <i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
31	<b>Cisticola, Lazy</b> <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
32	<b>Cisticola, Levallant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
33	<b>Cisticola, Rattling</b> <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>

SPECIES	
34	<b>Cisticola, Red-faced</b> <i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
35	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
36	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
37	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
38	<b>Coucal, Burchell's</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
39	<b>Crake, Black</b> <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
40	<b>Crombec, Long-billed</b> <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
41	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
42	<b>Cuckoo, Black</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
43	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
44	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
45	<b>Cuckoo, Levallant's</b> <i>Clamator levallantii</i>
46	<b>Cuckoo, Red-chested</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
47	<b>Cuckooshrike, Black</b> <i>Campephaga flava</i>
48	<b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
49	<b>Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood</b> <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
50	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
51	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
52	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
53	<b>Dove, Rock</b> <i>Columba livia</i>
54	<b>Dove, Tambourine</b> <i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
55	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
56	<b>Duck, African Black</b> <i>Anas sparsa</i>
57	<b>Duck, White-faced Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
58	<b>Eagle-Owl, Spotted</b> <i>Bubo africanus</i>
59	<b>Eagle, African Fish</b> <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
60	<b>Eagle, Brown Snake</b> <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
61	<b>Eagle, Crowned</b> <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i> (VU, NT)
62	<b>Eagle, Long-crested</b> <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
63	<b>Eagle, Wahlberg's</b> <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
64	<b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
65	<b>Falcon, Peregrine</b> <i>Falco peregrinus</i>
66	<b>Finch, Cut-throat</b> <i>Amadina fasciata</i>

SPECIES	
67	<b>Firefinch, African</b> <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
68	<b>Firefinch, Red-billed</b> <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
69	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>
70	<b>Flufftail, Red-chested</b> <i>Sarothrura rufa</i>
71	<b>Flycatcher, African Dusky</b> <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
72	<b>Flycatcher, African Paradise</b> <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
73	<b>Flycatcher, Ashy</b> <i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
74	<b>Flycatcher, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
75	<b>Flycatcher, Spotted</b> <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
76	<b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
77	<b>Goshawk, African</b> <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
78	<b>Grassbird, Cape</b> <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i> (NE)
79	<b>Grassbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Catircus brevirostris</i>
80	<b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
81	<b>Greenbul, Sombre</b> <i>Andropadus importunus</i>
82	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>
83	<b>Hamerkop, Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
84	<b>Harrier-Hawk, African</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
85	<b>Hawk, Bat</b> <i>Macheiramphus alcinus</i> (EN, LC)
86	<b>Helmetshrike, Retz's</b> <i>Prionops retzii</i>
87	<b>Helmetshrike, White-crested</b> <i>Prionops plumatus</i>
88	<b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
89	<b>Heron, Grey</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
90	<b>Heron, Purple</b> <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
91	<b>Heron, Striated</b> <i>Butorides striata</i>
92	<b>Honeybird, Brown-backed</b> <i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>
93	<b>Honeyguide, Greater</b> <i>Indicator indicator</i>
94	<b>Honeyguide, Lesser</b> <i>Indicator minor</i>
95	<b>Honeyguide, Scaly-throated</b> <i>Indicator variegatus</i>
96	<b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>
97	<b>Hoopoe, Green Wood</b> <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
98	<b>Hornbill, Crowned</b> <i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>
99	<b>Hornbill, Trumpeter</b> <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>

SPECIES	
100	<b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
101	<b>Indigobird, Dusky</b> <i>Vidua funerea</i>
102	<b>Jacana, African</b> <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
103	<b>Kingfisher, African Pygmy</b> <i>Ispidina picta</i>
104	<b>Kingfisher, Brown-hooded</b> <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
105	<b>Kingfisher, Giant</b> <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
106	<b>Kingfisher, Malachite</b> <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
107	<b>Kingfisher, Pied</b> <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
108	<b>Kingfisher, Woodland</b> <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
109	<b>Kite, Black-winged</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
110	<b>Kite, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
111	<b>Lapwing, African Wattled</b> <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
112	<b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
113	<b>Lapwing, Crowned</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
114	<b>Lark, Rufous-naped</b> <i>Mirafra africana</i>
115	<b>Longclaw, Yellow-throated</b> <i>Macronyx croceus</i>
116	<b>Mannikin, Bronze</b> <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
117	<b>Mannikin, Red-backed</b> <i>Spermestes nigriceps</i>
118	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fulgula</i>
119	<b>Moorhen, Common</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
120	<b>Mousebird, Red-faced</b> <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
121	<b>Mousebird, Speckled</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>
122	<b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)
123	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
124	<b>Nicator, Eastern</b> <i>Nicator gularis</i>
125	<b>Nightjar, Fiery-necked</b> <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
126	<b>Nightjar, Freckled</b> <i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
127	<b>Oriole, Black-headed</b> <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
128	<b>Owl, African Wood</b> <i>Strix woodfordii</i>
129	<b>Owl, Western Barn</b> <i>Tyto alba</i>
130	<b>Pigeon, African Green</b> <i>Treron calvus</i>
131	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
132	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>

SPECIES	
133	<b>Pipit, Striped</b> <i>Anthus lineiventris</i>
134	<b>Plover, Three-banded</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
135	<b>Prinia, Tawny-flanked</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>
136	<b>Puffback, Black-backed</b> <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
137	<b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>
138	<b>Robin-Chat, Cape</b> <i>Cossypha cafra</i>
139	<b>Robin-Chat, Red-capped</b> <i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
140	<b>Robin-Chat, White-browed</b> <i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
141	<b>Robin-Chat, White-throated</b> <i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
142	<b>Robin, White-browed Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
143	<b>Saw-wing, Black</b> <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
144	<b>Scimitarbill, Common</b> <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
145	<b>Seedeater, Streaky-headed</b> <i>Crithagra gularis</i>
146	<b>Shrike, Red-backed</b> <i>Lanius collurio</i>
147	<b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
148	<b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>
149	<b>Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush</b> <i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
150	<b>Sparrowhawk, Black</b> <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
151	<b>Sparrowhawk, Little</b> <i>Accipiter minullus</i>
152	<b>Spurfowl, Natal</b> <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
153	<b>Starling, Black-bellied</b> <i>Notopholia corusca</i>
154	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
155	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
156	<b>Starling, Violet-backed</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
157	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
158	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
159	<b>Sunbird, Collared</b> <i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
160	<b>Sunbird, Greater Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris afer</i> (SLS)
161	<b>Sunbird, Olive</b> <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
162	<b>Sunbird, Purple-banded</b> <i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
163	<b>Sunbird, Scarlet-chested</b> <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
164	<b>Sunbird, Southern Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i> (NE)
165	<b>Sunbird, White-bellied</b> <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>

SPECIES	
166	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
167	<b>Swallow, Grey-rumped</b> <i>Pseudhirundo griseopyga</i>
168	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
169	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albicularis</i>
170	<b>Swallow, Wire-tailed</b> <i>Hirundo smithii</i>
171	<b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
172	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
173	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
174	<b>Tchagra, Black-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
175	<b>Tchagra, Brown-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra australis</i>
176	<b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
177	<b>Thrush, Groundscraper</b> <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
178	<b>Thrush, Kurrichane</b> <i>Turdus libonyana</i>
179	<b>Tinkerbird, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
180	<b>Tinkerbird, Yellow-rumped</b> <i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
181	<b>Tit-Flycatcher, Grey</b> <i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
182	<b>Tit, Grey Penduline</b> <i>Anthoscopus caroli</i>
183	<b>Tit, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>
184	<b>Trogon, Narina</b> <i>Apaloderma narina</i>
185	<b>Turaco, Purple-crested</b> <i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
186	<b>Twinspot, Green</b> <i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>
187	<b>Wagtail, African Pied</b> <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
188	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
189	<b>Wagtail, Mountain</b> <i>Motacilla clara</i>
190	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
191	<b>Warbler, African Yellow</b> <i>Iduna natalensis</i>
192	<b>Warbler, Great Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
193	<b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracillirostris</i>
194	<b>Warbler, Little Rush</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
195	<b>Warbler, Marsh</b> <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
196	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
197	<b>Waxbill, Blue</b> <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
198	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>

SPECIES	
199	<b>Waxbill, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Amandava subflava</i>
200	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
201	<b>Weaver, Holub's Golden</b> <i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
202	<b>Weaver, Lesser Masked</b> <i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
203	<b>Weaver, Red-headed</b> <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
204	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
205	<b>Weaver, Spectacled</b> <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
206	<b>Weaver, Thick-billed</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
207	<b>Weaver, Village</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
208	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
209	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
210	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
211	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>
212	<b>Widowbird, White-winged</b> <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
213	<b>Woodpecker, Bearded</b> <i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>
214	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>
215	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>
216	<b>Woodpecker, Olive</b> <i>Dendropicus griseocephalus</i>
217	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>

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