

# Mpofini Game Lodge

## CHECKLIST *of* BIRDS



<https://gobirding.birdlife.org.za/north-west-zululand-vryheid-esikhuma-mpofini-game-lodge/>

### 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*

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### 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>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, Acacia Pied</b> <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
5	<b>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
6	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
7	<b>Batis, Cape</b> <i>Batis capensis</i>
8	<b>Batis, Chinspot</b> <i>Batis molitor</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>Blackcap, Bush</b> <i>Sylvia nigricapillus</i> (VU, SLS)
13	<b>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
14	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
15	<b>Brownbul, Terrestrial</b> <i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
16	<b>Brubru, Brubru</b> <i>Nilaus afer</i>
17	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
18	<b>Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
19	<b>Bunting, Golden-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
20	<b>Bushshrike, Gorgeous</b> <i>Telophorus viridis</i>
21	<b>Bushshrike, Olive</b> <i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
22	<b>Bushshrike, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
23	<b>Bustard, Black-bellied</b> <i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
24	<b>Buttonquail, Black-rumped</b> <i>Turnix nanus</i> (EN, LC)
25	<b>Buttonquail, Common</b> <i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>
26	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
27	<b>Buzzard, Jackal</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> (NE)
28	<b>Camaroptera, Green-backed</b> <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
29	<b>Canary, Black-throated</b> <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
30	<b>Canary, Brimstone</b> <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
31	<b>Canary, Cape</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>
32	<b>Canary, Forest</b> <i>Crithagra scotops</i> (SLS)
33	<b>Canary, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>

SPECIES	
34	<b>Chat, Ant-eating</b> <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
35	<b>Chat, Buff-streaked</b> <i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i> (SLS)
36	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
37	<b>Chat, Mocking Cliff</b> <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
38	<b>Cisticola, Croaking</b> <i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
39	<b>Cisticola, Lazy</b> <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
40	<b>Cisticola, Levallant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
41	<b>Cisticola, Pale-crowned</b> <i>Cisticola cinnamomeus</i>
42	<b>Cisticola, Rattling</b> <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
43	<b>Cisticola, Wailing</b> <i>Cisticola lais</i>
44	<b>Cisticola, Wing-snapping</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
45	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
46	<b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>
47	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
48	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
49	<b>Coucal, Burchell's</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
50	<b>Crake, Black</b> <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
51	<b>Crake, Corn</b> <i>Crex crex</i>
52	<b>Crane, Blue</b> <i>Grus paradisea</i> (VU, NT)
53	<b>Crombec, Long-billed</b> <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
54	<b>Crow, Cape</b> <i>Corvus capensis</i>
55	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
56	<b>Cuckoo, African</b> <i>Cuculus gularis</i>
57	<b>Cuckoo, Black</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
58	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
59	<b>Cuckoo, Jacobin</b> <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
60	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
61	<b>Cuckoo, Red-chested</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
62	<b>Cuckooshrike, Black</b> <i>Campephaga flava</i>
63	<b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
64	<b>Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood</b> <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
65	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
66	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>

SPECIES	
67	Dove, Ring-necked <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
68	Dove, Rock <i>Columba livia</i>
69	Dove, Tambourine <i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
70	Drongo, Fork-tailed <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
71	Duck, African Black <i>Anas sparsa</i>
72	Duck, White-faced Whistling <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
73	Duck, Yellow-billed <i>Anas undulata</i>
74	Eagle-Owl, Spotted <i>Bubo africanus</i>
75	Eagle, African Fish <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
76	Eagle, Black-chested Snake <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
77	Eagle, Long-crested <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
78	Eagle, Verreaux's <i>Aquila verreauxii</i> (VU, LC)
79	Eagle, Wahlberg's <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
80	Egret, Great <i>Ardea alba</i>
81	Egret, Little <i>Egretta garzetta</i>
82	Egret, Western Cattle <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
83	Falcon, Amur <i>Falco amurensis</i>
84	Falcon, Lanner <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
85	Firefinch, African <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
86	Fiscal, Southern <i>Lanius collaris</i>
87	Flufftail, Red-chested <i>Sarothrura rufa</i>
88	Flycatcher, African Dusky <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
89	Flycatcher, African Paradise <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
90	Flycatcher, Fiscal <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)
91	Flycatcher, Southern Black <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
92	Flycatcher, Spotted <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
93	Francolin, Coqui <i>Peliperdix coqui</i>
94	Francolin, Red-winged <i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
95	Francolin, Shelley's <i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>
96	Goose, Egyptian <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
97	Goose, Spur-winged <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
98	Goshawk, African <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
99	Goshawk, Gabar <i>Micronisus gabar</i>

SPECIES	
100	Grassbird, Cape <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i> (NE)
101	Grassbird, Fan-tailed <i>Catriscus brevirostris</i>
102	Grebe, Great Crested <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
103	Grebe, Little <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
104	Greenbul, Sombre <i>Andropadus importunus</i>
105	Greenshank, Common <i>Tringa nebularia</i>
106	Guineafowl, Helmeted <i>Numida meleagris</i>
107	Hamerkop, Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
108	Harrier-Hawk, African <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
109	Harrier, African Marsh <i>Circus ranivorus</i> (EN, LC)
110	Helmetshrike, White-crested <i>Prionops plumatus</i>
111	Heron, Black-headed <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
112	Heron, Goliath <i>Ardea goliath</i>
113	Heron, Grey <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
114	Heron, Purple <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
115	Heron, Striated <i>Butorides striata</i>
116	Honeybird, Brown-backed <i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>
117	Honeyguide, Lesser <i>Indicator minor</i>
118	Hoopoe, African <i>Upupa africana</i>
119	Hoopoe, Green Wood <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
120	Ibis, African Sacred <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
121	Ibis, Hadada <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
122	Ibis, Southern Bald <i>Geronticus calvus</i> (VU, SLS)
123	Indigobird, Dusky <i>Vidua funerea</i>
124	Jacana, African <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
125	Kestrel, Rock <i>Falco rupicolus</i>
126	Kingfisher, Brown-hooded <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
127	Kingfisher, Giant <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
128	Kingfisher, Malachite <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
129	Kingfisher, Pied <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
130	Kite, Black-winged <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
131	Kite, Yellow-billed <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
132	Lapwing, African Wattled <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>

SPECIES	
133	Lapwing, Black-winged <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>
134	Lapwing, Blacksmith <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
135	Lapwing, Crowned <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
136	Lark, Red-capped <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
137	Lark, Rufous-naped <i>Mirafra africana</i>
138	Lark, Spike-heeled <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
139	Longclaw, Cape <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
140	Longclaw, Yellow-throated <i>Macronyx croceus</i>
141	Mannikin, Bronze <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
142	Martin, Banded <i>Riparia cincta</i>
143	Martin, Brown-throated <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
144	Martin, Common House <i>Delichon urbicum</i>
145	Martin, Rock <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
146	Moorhen, Common <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
147	Mousebird, Red-faced <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
148	Mousebird, Speckled <i>Colius striatus</i>
149	Myna, Common <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)
150	Neddicky, Neddicky <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
151	Nightjar, Fiery-necked <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
152	Nightjar, Freckled <i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
153	Openbill, African <i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
154	Oriole, Black-headed <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
155	Ostrich, Common <i>Struthio camelus</i>
156	Owl, Western Barn <i>Tyto alba</i>
157	Pigeon, African Green <i>Treron calvus</i>
158	Pigeon, African Olive <i>Columba arquatrix</i>
159	Pigeon, Speckled <i>Columba guinea</i>
160	Pipit, African <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
161	Pipit, Buffy <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>
162	Pipit, Nicholson's <i>Anthus nicholsoni</i>
163	Pipit, Plain-backed <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
164	Pipit, Striped <i>Anthus lineiventris</i>
165	Plover, Kittlitz's <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>

SPECIES	
166	Plover, Three-banded <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
167	Pochard, Southern <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
168	Prinia, Drakensberg <i>Prinia hypoxantha</i> (SLS)
169	Prinia, Tawny-flanked <i>Prinia subflava</i>
170	Puffback, Black-backed <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
171	Quail, Common <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
172	Quail, Harlequin <i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>
173	Quailfinch, Quailfinch <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
174	Quelea, Red-billed <i>Quelea quelea</i>
175	Rail, African <i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
176	Raven, White-necked <i>Corvus albicollis</i>
177	Robin-Chat, Cape <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
178	Robin-Chat, Chorister <i>Cossypha dichroa</i> (SLS)
179	Robin-Chat, Red-capped <i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
180	Robin, White-browed Scrub <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
181	Ruff, Ruff <i>Calidris pugnax</i>
182	Sandpiper, Common <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
183	Sandpiper, Wood <i>Tringa glareola</i>
184	Saw-wing, Black <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
185	Scimitarbill, Common <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
186	Secretarybird, Secretarybird <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> (EN, VU)
187	Seedeater, Streaky-headed <i>Crithagra gularis</i>
188	Shelduck, South African <i>Tadorna cana</i>
189	Shoveler, Cape <i>Spatula smithii</i>
190	Shrike, Red-backed <i>Lanius collurio</i>
191	Snipe, African <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
192	Sparrow, Cape <i>Passer melanurus</i>
193	Sparrow, House <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
194	Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed <i>Passer diffusus</i>
195	Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush <i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
196	Sparrowhawk, Black <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
197	Spoonbill, African <i>Platalea alba</i>
198	Spurfowl, Natal <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>

SPECIES	
199	<b>Spurfowl, Swainson's</b> <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
200	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
201	<b>Starling, Pied</b> <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i> (SLS)
202	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
203	<b>Starling, Violet-backed</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
204	<b>Stilt, Black-winged</b> <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
205	<b>Stint, Little</b> <i>Calidris minuta</i>
206	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
207	<b>Stork, White</b> <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
208	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
209	<b>Sunbird, Greater Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris afer</i> (SLS)
210	<b>Sunbird, Malachite</b> <i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
211	<b>Sunbird, Southern Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i> (NE)
212	<b>Sunbird, White-bellied</b> <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
213	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
214	<b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
215	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
216	<b>Swallow, Red-breasted</b> <i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
217	<b>Swallow, South African Cliff</b> <i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i> (BNE)
218	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
219	<b>Swamphen, African</b> <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
220	<b>Swift, African Black</b> <i>Apus barbatus</i>
221	<b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
222	<b>Swift, Alpine</b> <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
223	<b>Swift, Common</b> <i>Apus apus</i>
224	<b>Swift, Horus</b> <i>Apus horus</i>
225	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
226	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
227	<b>Tchagra, Black-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
228	<b>Teal, Blue-billed</b> <i>Spatula hottentota</i>
229	<b>Teal, Cape</b> <i>Anas capensis</i>
230	<b>Teal, Red-billed</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
231	<b>Tern, Whiskered</b> <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>

SPECIES	
232	<b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
233	<b>Thick-knee, Water</b> <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
234	<b>Thrush, Cape Rock</b> <i>Monticola rupestris</i> (SLS)
235	<b>Thrush, Groundscraper</b> <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
236	<b>Thrush, Karoo</b> <i>Turdus smithi</i> (NE)
237	<b>Thrush, Kurrichane</b> <i>Turdus libonyana</i>
238	<b>Thrush, Olive</b> <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
239	<b>Tinkerbird, Red-fronted</b> <i>Pogonius pusillus</i>
240	<b>Tit, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>
241	<b>Turaco, Purple-crested</b> <i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
242	<b>Vulture, White-backed</b> <i>Gyps africanus</i> (CR)
243	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
244	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
245	<b>Warbler, African Yellow</b> <i>Iduna natalensis</i>
246	<b>Warbler, Chestnut-vented</b> <i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>
247	<b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
248	<b>Warbler, Little Rush</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
249	<b>Warbler, Marsh</b> <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
250	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
251	<b>Waxbill, Blue</b> <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
252	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
253	<b>Waxbill, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Amandava subflava</i>
254	<b>Waxbill, Swee</b> <i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i> (NE)
255	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
256	<b>Weaver, Lesser Masked</b> <i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
257	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
258	<b>Weaver, Spectacled</b> <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
259	<b>Weaver, Thick-billed</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
260	<b>Weaver, Village</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
261	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
262	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
263	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
264	<b>Widowbird, Long-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes progne</i>

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265	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>	
266	<b>Widowbird, White-winged</b> <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	
267	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	
268	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>	
269	<b>Woodpecker, Ground</b> <i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i> (NT, LC, SLS)	
270	<b>Woodpecker, Olive</b> <i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>	
271	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>	

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