

# Ophathe Game Reserve

## CHECKLIST *of* BIRDS



<https://gobirding.birdlife.org.za/north-west-zululand-ulundi-opathe-game-reserve/>

### 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>Apalis, Bar-throated</b> <i>Apalis thoracica</i>
2	<b>Apalis, Yellow-breasted</b> <i>Apalis flavida</i>
3	<b>Barbet, Acacia Pied</b> <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</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>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
9	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
10	<b>Brubru, Brubru</b> <i>Nilaus afer</i>
11	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
12	<b>Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
13	<b>Bunting, Golden-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
14	<b>Bushshrike, Gorgeous</b> <i>Telophorus viridis</i>
15	<b>Bushshrike, Grey-headed</b> <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
16	<b>Bushshrike, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
17	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
18	<b>Buzzard, Jackal</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> (NE)
19	<b>Camaroptera, Green-backed</b> <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
20	<b>Canary, Brimstone</b> <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
21	<b>Canary, Cape</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>
22	<b>Canary, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
23	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
24	<b>Chat, Mocking Cliff</b> <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
25	<b>Cisticola, Croaking</b> <i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
26	<b>Cisticola, Lazy</b> <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
27	<b>Cisticola, Rattling</b> <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
28	<b>Cisticola, Wailing</b> <i>Cisticola lais</i>
29	<b>Cisticola, Wing-snapping</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
30	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
31	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
32	<b>Coucal, Burchell's</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
33	<b>Crombec, Long-billed</b> <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>

SPECIES	
34	<b>Crow, Cape</b> <i>Corvus capensis</i>
35	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
36	<b>Cuckoo, Black</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</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>Cuckooshrike, Black</b> <i>Campephaga flava</i>
41	<b>Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood</b> <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
42	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
43	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
44	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
45	<b>Dove, Rock</b> <i>Columba livia</i>
46	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
47	<b>Duck, African Black</b> <i>Anas sparsa</i>
48	<b>Duck, White-faced Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
49	<b>Duck, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>
50	<b>Eagle, African Fish</b> <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
51	<b>Eagle, Brown Snake</b> <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
52	<b>Eagle, Long-crested</b> <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
53	<b>Eagle, Wahlberg's</b> <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
54	<b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
55	<b>Falcon, Lanner</b> <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
56	<b>Firefinch, African</b> <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
57	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>
58	<b>Flycatcher, African Dusky</b> <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
59	<b>Flycatcher, African Paradise</b> <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
60	<b>Flycatcher, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
61	<b>Flycatcher, Spotted</b> <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
62	<b>Francolin, Shelley's</b> <i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>
63	<b>Goose, Spur-winged</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
64	<b>Goshawk, African</b> <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
65	<b>Grassbird, Cape</b> <i>Sphenoaeacus afer</i> (NE)
66	<b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>

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67	<b>Greenbul, Sombre</b> <i>Andropadus importunus</i>
68	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>
69	<b>Hamerkop, Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
70	<b>Harrier-Hawk, African</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
71	<b>Helmetshrike, White-crested</b> <i>Prionops plumatus</i>
72	<b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
73	<b>Honeyguide, Greater</b> <i>Indicator indicator</i>
74	<b>Honeyguide, Lesser</b> <i>Indicator minor</i>
75	<b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>
76	<b>Hornbill, Crowned</b> <i>Lophoceros alboterminatus</i>
77	<b>Hornbill, Trumpeter</b> <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
78	<b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
79	<b>Indigobird, Dusky</b> <i>Vidua funerea</i>
80	<b>Kingfisher, Brown-hooded</b> <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
81	<b>Kingfisher, Giant</b> <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
82	<b>Kingfisher, Half-collared</b> <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i> (NT, LC)
83	<b>Kingfisher, Malachite</b> <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
84	<b>Kite, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
85	<b>Lapwing, Crowned</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
86	<b>Lark, Rufous-naped</b> <i>Mirafra africana</i>
87	<b>Lark, Sabota</b> <i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
88	<b>Longclaw, Cape</b> <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
89	<b>Longclaw, Yellow-throated</b> <i>Macronyx croceus</i>
90	<b>Mannikin, Bronze</b> <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
91	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
92	<b>Moorhen, Common</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
93	<b>Moorhen, Lesser</b> <i>Paragallinula angulata</i>
94	<b>Mousebird, Red-faced</b> <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
95	<b>Mousebird, Speckled</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>
96	<b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)
97	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
98	<b>Nightjar, Fiery-necked</b> <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
99	<b>Oriole, Black-headed</b> <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>

SPECIES	
100	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
101	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
102	<b>Pipit, Plain-backed</b> <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
103	<b>Plover, Three-banded</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
104	<b>Prinia, Tawny-flanked</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>
105	<b>Puffback, Black-backed</b> <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
106	<b>Quail, Common</b> <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
107	<b>Raven, White-necked</b> <i>Corvus albicollis</i>
108	<b>Robin-Chat, Cape</b> <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
109	<b>Robin-Chat, Red-capped</b> <i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
110	<b>Robin, White-browed Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
111	<b>Roller, European</b> <i>Coracias garrulus</i> (NT, LC)
112	<b>Saw-wing, Black</b> <i>Psaldoprocne pristopectera</i>
113	<b>Scimitarbill, Common</b> <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
114	<b>Secretarybird, Secretarybird</b> <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> (EN, VU)
115	<b>Shrike, Red-backed</b> <i>Lanius collurio</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>Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush</b> <i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
120	<b>Sparrowhawk, Black</b> <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
121	<b>Spurfowl, Natal</b> <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
122	<b>Starling, Black-bellied</b> <i>Notopholia corusca</i>
123	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
124	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
125	<b>Starling, Violet-backed</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
126	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
127	<b>Stork, Woolly-necked</b> <i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
128	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
129	<b>Sunbird, Greater Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris afer</i> (SLS)
130	<b>Sunbird, Olive</b> <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
131	<b>Sunbird, Scarlet-chested</b> <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
132	<b>Sunbird, White-bellied</b> <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>

SPECIES	
133	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
134	<b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
135	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
136	<b>Swallow, Red-breasted</b> <i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
137	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
138	<b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
139	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
140	<b>Tchagra, Black-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
141	<b>Tchagra, Brown-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra australis</i>
142	<b>Thrush, Cape Rock</b> <i>Monticola rupestris</i> (SLS)
143	<b>Thrush, Groundscraper</b> <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
144	<b>Thrush, Kurrichane</b> <i>Turdus libonyana</i>
145	<b>Tit, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>
146	<b>Turaco, Purple-crested</b> <i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
147	<b>Vulture, Cape</b> <i>Gyps coprotheres</i> (EN, VU)
148	<b>Vulture, White-backed</b> <i>Gyps africanus</i> (CR)
149	<b>Wagtail, African Pied</b> <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
150	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
151	<b>Wagtail, Mountain</b> <i>Motacilla clara</i>
152	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
153	<b>Waxbill, Blue</b> <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
154	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
155	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
156	<b>Weaver, Spectacled</b> <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
157	<b>Weaver, Thick-billed</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
158	<b>Weaver, Village</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
159	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
160	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
161	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
162	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>
163	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
164	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>
165	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>

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