

# Phongolo Bush 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)*

### 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>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
3	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
4	<b>Batis, Cape</b> <i>Batis capensis</i>
5	<b>Batis, Chinspot</b> <i>Batis molitor</i>
6	<b>Bee-eater, Little</b> <i>Merops pusillus</i>
7	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>
8	<b>Bishop, Yellow</b> <i>Euplectes capensis</i>
9	<b>Blackcap, Bush</b> <i>Sylvia nigricapillus</i> (VU, SLS)
10	<b>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
11	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
12	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
13	<b>Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
14	<b>Bunting, Golden-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
15	<b>Bushshrike, Olive</b> <i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
16	<b>Bustard, Denham's</b> <i>Neotis denhami</i> (VU, NT)
17	<b>Buttonquail, Common</b> <i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>
18	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
19	<b>Buzzard, Jackal</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> (NE)
20	<b>Camaroptera, Green-backed</b> <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
21	<b>Canary, Cape</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>
22	<b>Canary, Forest</b> <i>Crithagra scotops</i> (SLS)
23	<b>Canary, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
24	<b>Chat, Ant-eating</b> <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
25	<b>Chat, Buff-streaked</b> <i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i> (SLS)
26	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
27	<b>Chat, Mocking Cliff</b> <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
28	<b>Cisticola, Cloud</b> <i>Cisticola textrix</i> (NE)
29	<b>Cisticola, Croaking</b> <i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
30	<b>Cisticola, Lazy</b> <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
31	<b>Cisticola, Levaillant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
32	<b>Cisticola, Pale-crowned</b> <i>Cisticola cinnamomeus</i>
33	<b>Cisticola, Wailing</b> <i>Cisticola lais</i>

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34	<b>Cisticola, Wing-snapping</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
35	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
36	<b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>
37	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
38	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
39	<b>Crane, Blue</b> <i>Grus paradisea</i> (VU, NT)
40	<b>Crane, Grey Crowned</b> <i>Balearica regulorum</i> (EN)
41	<b>Crow, Cape</b> <i>Corvus capensis</i>
42	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
43	<b>Cuckoo, Black</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
44	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
45	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
46	<b>Cuckoo, Red-chested</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
47	<b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
48	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
49	<b>Dove, Lemon</b> <i>Columba larvata</i>
50	<b>Dove, Namaqua</b> <i>Oena capensis</i>
51	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
52	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
53	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
54	<b>Duck, African Black</b> <i>Anas sparsa</i>
55	<b>Duck, White-faced Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
56	<b>Duck, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>
57	<b>Eagle-Owl, Spotted</b> <i>Bubo africanus</i>
58	<b>Eagle, African Fish</b> <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
59	<b>Eagle, Long-crested</b> <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
60	<b>Eagle, Martial</b> <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i> (EN)
61	<b>Egret, Little</b> <i>Egretta garzetta</i>
62	<b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
63	<b>Falcon, Amur</b> <i>Falco amurensis</i>
64	<b>Falcon, Lanner</b> <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
65	<b>Firefinch, African</b> <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
66	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>

SPECIES	
67	<b>Flycatcher, African Dusky</b> <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
68	<b>Flycatcher, African Paradise</b> <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
69	<b>Flycatcher, Blue-mantled Crested</b> <i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
70	<b>Flycatcher, Fiscal</b> <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)
71	<b>Flycatcher, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
72	<b>Flycatcher, Spotted</b> <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
73	<b>Francolin, Coqui</b> <i>Peliperdix coqui</i>
74	<b>Francolin, Red-winged</b> <i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
75	<b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
76	<b>Goose, Spur-winged</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
77	<b>Goshawk, African</b> <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
78	<b>Grassbird, Cape</b> <i>Sphenoecus afer</i> (NE)
79	<b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
80	<b>Greenbul, Sombre</b> <i>Andropadus importunus</i>
81	<b>Greenshank, Common</b> <i>Tringa nebularia</i>
82	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>
83	<b>Gull, Grey-headed</b> <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
84	<b>Hamerkop, Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
85	<b>Harrier-Hawk, African</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
86	<b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
87	<b>Heron, Grey</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
88	<b>Heron, Purple</b> <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
89	<b>Honeyguide, Greater</b> <i>Indicator indicator</i>
90	<b>Honeyguide, Lesser</b> <i>Indicator minor</i>
91	<b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>
92	<b>Hornbill, Trumpeter</b> <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
93	<b>Ibis, African Sacred</b> <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
94	<b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
95	<b>Ibis, Southern Bald</b> <i>Geronticus calvus</i> (VU, SLS)
96	<b>Indigobird, Dusky</b> <i>Vidua funerea</i>
97	<b>Kestrel, Rock</b> <i>Falco rupicolus</i>
98	<b>Kingfisher, Brown-hooded</b> <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
99	<b>Kingfisher, Giant</b> <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>

SPECIES	
100	<b>Kingfisher, Malachite</b> <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
101	<b>Kingfisher, Pied</b> <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
102	<b>Kite, Black-winged</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
103	<b>Kite, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
104	<b>Lapwing, African Wattled</b> <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
105	<b>Lapwing, Black-winged</b> <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>
106	<b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
107	<b>Lapwing, Crowned</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
108	<b>Lark, Botha's</b> <i>Spizocorys fringillaris</i> (EN, E)
109	<b>Lark, Red-capped</b> <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
110	<b>Lark, Rufous-naped</b> <i>Mirafra africana</i>
111	<b>Lark, Spike-heeled</b> <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
112	<b>Longclaw, Cape</b> <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
113	<b>Mannikin, Bronze</b> <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
114	<b>Martin, Banded</b> <i>Riparia cincta</i>
115	<b>Martin, Brown-throated</b> <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
116	<b>Martin, Common House</b> <i>Delichon urbicum</i>
117	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
118	<b>Martin, Sand</b> <i>Riparia riparia</i>
119	<b>Mousebird, Speckled</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>
120	<b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridothères tristis</i> (I)
121	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
122	<b>Nightjar, Fiery-necked</b> <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
123	<b>Nightjar, Freckled</b> <i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
124	<b>Oriole, Black-headed</b> <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
125	<b>Owl, Western Barn</b> <i>Tyto alba</i>
126	<b>Pigeon, African Green</b> <i>Treron calvus</i>
127	<b>Pigeon, African Olive</b> <i>Columba arquatrix</i>
128	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
129	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
130	<b>Pipit, Nicholson's</b> <i>Anthus nicholsoni</i>
131	<b>Pipit, Plain-backed</b> <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
132	<b>Plover, Three-banded</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>

SPECIES	
133	<b>Prinia, Drakensberg</b> <i>Prinia hypoxantha</i> (SLS)
134	<b>Prinia, Tawny-flanked</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>
135	<b>Puffback, Black-backed</b> <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
136	<b>Quail, Common</b> <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
137	<b>Quailfinch, Quailfinch</b> <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
138	<b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>
139	<b>Raven, White-necked</b> <i>Corvus albicollis</i>
140	<b>Robin-Chat, Cape</b> <i>Cossypha cafra</i>
141	<b>Robin-Chat, Chorister</b> <i>Cossypha dichroa</i> (SLS)
142	<b>Robin, White-browed Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
143	<b>Robin, White-starred</b> <i>Pogonochila stellata</i>
144	<b>Sandpiper, Common</b> <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
145	<b>Saw-wing, Black</b> <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
146	<b>Secretarybird, Secretarybird</b> <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> (EN, VU)
147	<b>Seedeater, Streaky-headed</b> <i>Crithagra gularis</i>
148	<b>Shelduck, South African</b> <i>Tadorna cana</i>
149	<b>Shoveler, Cape</b> <i>Spatula smithii</i>
150	<b>Shrike, Red-backed</b> <i>Lanius collurio</i>
151	<b>Snipe, African</b> <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
152	<b>Sparrow, Cape</b> <i>Passer melanurus</i>
153	<b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
154	<b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>
155	<b>Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush</b> <i>Gymnoris supercilialis</i>
156	<b>Sparrowhawk, Black</b> <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
157	<b>Sparrowhawk, Rufous-breasted</b> <i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>
158	<b>Spoonbill, African</b> <i>Platalea alba</i>
159	<b>Spurfowl, Natal</b> <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
160	<b>Spurfowl, Swainson's</b> <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
161	<b>Starling, Pied</b> <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i> (SLS)
162	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
163	<b>Starling, Violet-backed</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
164	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
165	<b>Stork, Black</b> <i>Ciconia nigra</i> (VU, LC)

SPECIES	
166	<b>Stork, White</b> <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
167	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
168	<b>Sunbird, Greater Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris afer</i> (SLS)
169	<b>Sunbird, Malachite</b> <i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
170	<b>Sunbird, Southern Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i> (NE)
171	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
172	<b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
173	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
174	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albicularis</i>
175	<b>Swift, African Black</b> <i>Apus barbatus</i>
176	<b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
177	<b>Swift, Alpine</b> <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
178	<b>Swift, Horus</b> <i>Apus horus</i>
179	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
180	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
181	<b>Tchagra, Black-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
182	<b>Teal, Blue-billed</b> <i>Spatula hottentota</i>
183	<b>Teal, Red-billed</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
184	<b>Tern, Whiskered</b> <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
185	<b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
186	<b>Thrush, Cape Rock</b> <i>Monticola rupestris</i> (SLS)
187	<b>Thrush, Groundscraper</b> <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
188	<b>Thrush, Kurrichane</b> <i>Turdus libonyana</i>
189	<b>Thrush, Olive</b> <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
190	<b>Tit, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>
191	<b>Trogon, Narina</b> <i>Apaloderma narina</i>
192	<b>Wagtail, African Pied</b> <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
193	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
194	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
195	<b>Warbler, African Yellow</b> <i>Iduna natalensis</i>
196	<b>Warbler, Marsh</b> <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
197	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
198	<b>Warbler, Yellow-throated Woodland</b> <i>Phylloscopus ruficapilla</i>

SPECIES	
199	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
200	<b>Waxbill, Swee</b> <i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i> (NE)
201	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
202	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
203	<b>Weaver, Thick-billed</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
204	<b>Weaver, Village</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
205	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
206	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
207	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
208	<b>Widowbird, Long-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes progne</i>
209	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>
210	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
211	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>
212	<b>Woodpecker, Ground</b> <i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i> (NT, LC, SLS)
213	<b>Woodpecker, Olive</b> <i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>
214	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>

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