

# Swartkops River Estuary

## 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>Avocet, Pied</b> <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
3	<b>Barbet, Acacia Pied</b> <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
4	<b>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
5	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>
6	<b>Bittern, Little</b> <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
7	<b>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
8	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
9	<b>Bulbul, Cape</b> <i>Pycnonotus capensis</i> (E)
10	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
11	<b>Buzzard, Jackal</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> (NE)
12	<b>Canary, Brimstone</b> <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
13	<b>Cisticola, Grey-backed</b> <i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>
14	<b>Cisticola, Levaillant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
15	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
16	<b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>
17	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
18	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
19	<b>Coucal, Burchell's</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
20	<b>Crake, Black</b> <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
21	<b>Crow, Cape</b> <i>Corvus capensis</i>
22	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
23	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
24	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
25	<b>Curllew, Eurasian</b> <i>Numenius arquata</i> (NT)
26	<b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
27	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
28	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
29	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
30	<b>Dove, Rock</b> <i>Columba livia</i>
31	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
32	<b>Duck, Fulvous Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
33	<b>Duck, Maccoa</b> <i>Oxyura maccoa</i> (EN, NT)

SPECIES	
34	<b>Duck, White-backed</b> <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>
35	<b>Duck, White-faced Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
36	<b>Duck, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>
37	<b>Eagle, African Fish</b> <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
38	<b>Egret, Great</b> <i>Ardea alba</i>
39	<b>Egret, Intermediate</b> <i>Ardea intermedia</i>
40	<b>Egret, Little</b> <i>Egretta garzetta</i>
41	<b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
42	<b>Falcon, Lanner</b> <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
43	<b>Falcon, Peregrine</b> <i>Falco peregrinus</i>
44	<b>Firefinch, African</b> <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
45	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>
46	<b>Flamingo, Greater</b> <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> (NT, LC)
47	<b>Flamingo, Lesser</b> <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> (NT)
48	<b>Flycatcher, Fiscal</b> <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)
49	<b>Francolin, Grey-winged</b> <i>Scleroptila afra</i> (SLS)
50	<b>Godwit, Bar-tailed</b> <i>Limosa lapponica</i> (NT, LC)
51	<b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
52	<b>Goose, Spur-winged</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
53	<b>Grebe, Black-necked</b> <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
54	<b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
55	<b>Greenbul, Sombre</b> <i>Andropadus importunus</i>
56	<b>Greenshank, Common</b> <i>Tringa nebularia</i>
57	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>
58	<b>Gull, Grey-headed</b> <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
59	<b>Harrier-Hawk, African</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
60	<b>Harrier, African Marsh</b> <i>Circus ranivorus</i> (EN, LC)
61	<b>Heron, Black-crowned Night</b> <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
62	<b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
63	<b>Heron, Goliath</b> <i>Ardea goliath</i>
64	<b>Heron, Grey</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
65	<b>Heron, Purple</b> <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
66	<b>Heron, Squacco</b> <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>

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67	Honeyguide, Lesser <i>Indicator minor</i>
68	Hoopoe, African <i>Upupa africana</i>
69	Ibis, African Sacred <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
70	Ibis, Glossy <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
71	Ibis, Hadada <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
72	Jacana, African <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
73	Kestrel, Rock <i>Falco rupicolus</i>
74	Kingfisher, Brown-hooded <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
75	Kingfisher, Giant <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
76	Kingfisher, Malachite <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
77	Kingfisher, Pied <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
78	Kite, Yellow-billed <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
79	Lapwing, Blacksmith <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
80	Lapwing, Crowned <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
81	Longclaw, Cape <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
82	Martin, Brown-throated <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
83	Martin, Rock <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
84	Moorhen, Common <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
85	Mousebird, Red-faced <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
86	Mousebird, Speckled <i>Colius striatus</i>
87	Neddicky, Neddicky <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
88	Osprey, Western <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
89	Pigeon, Speckled <i>Columba guinea</i>
90	Pipit, African <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
91	Plover, Chestnut-banded <i>Charadrius pallidus</i> (NT, LC)
92	Plover, Common Ringed <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
93	Plover, Kittlitz's <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
94	Plover, Three-banded <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
95	Pochard, Southern <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
96	Prinia, Karoo <i>Prinia maculosa</i> (NE)
97	Rail, African <i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
98	Raven, White-necked <i>Corvus albicollis</i>
99	Redshank, Common <i>Tringa totanus</i>

SPECIES	
100	Robin-Chat, Cape <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
101	Robin, Karoo Scrub <i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>
102	Ruff, Ruff <i>Calidris pugnax</i>
103	Sandpiper, Common <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
104	Sandpiper, Curlew <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> (NT, LC)
105	Sandpiper, Marsh <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
106	Sandpiper, Terek <i>Xenus cinereus</i>
107	Sandpiper, Wood <i>Tringa glareola</i>
108	Seedeater, Streaky-headed <i>Crithagra gularis</i>
109	Shelduck, South African <i>Tadorna cana</i>
110	Shoveler, Cape <i>Spatula smithii</i>
111	Sparrow, Cape <i>Passer melanurus</i>
112	Sparrow, House <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
113	Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed <i>Passer diffusus</i>
114	Sparrowhawk, Black <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
115	Spoonbill, African <i>Platalea alba</i>
116	Spurfowl, Red-necked <i>Pternistis afer</i>
117	Starling, Common <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> (I)
118	Starling, Pied <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i> (SLS)
119	Starling, Red-winged <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
120	Starling, Wattled <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
121	Stilt, Black-winged <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
122	Stint, Little <i>Calidris minuta</i>
123	Sunbird, Amethyst <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
124	Sunbird, Greater Double-collared <i>Cinnyris afer</i> (SLS)
125	Sunbird, Malachite <i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
126	Sunbird, Southern Double-collared <i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i> (NE)
127	Swallow, Barn <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
128	Swallow, Greater Striped <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
129	Swallow, Lesser Striped <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
130	Swallow, White-throated <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
131	Swamphen, African <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
132	Swift, African Palm <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>

SPECIES	
133	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
134	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
135	<b>Tchagra, Southern</b> <i>Tchagra tchagra</i> (NE)
136	<b>Teal, Blue-billed</b> <i>Spatula hottentota</i>
137	<b>Teal, Cape</b> <i>Anas capensis</i>
138	<b>Teal, Red-billed</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
139	<b>Tern, Caspian</b> <i>Hydropogone caspia</i> (VU, LC)
140	<b>Tern, Whiskered</b> <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
141	<b>Tern, White-winged</b> <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
142	<b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
143	<b>Thick-knee, Water</b> <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
144	<b>Thrush, Olive</b> <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
145	<b>Turnstone, Ruddy</b> <i>Arenaria interpres</i>
146	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
147	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
148	<b>Warbler, Chestnut-vented</b> <i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>
149	<b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracillirostris</i>
150	<b>Warbler, Little Rush</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
151	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
152	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
153	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
154	<b>Weaver, Spectacled</b> <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
155	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
156	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
157	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>

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