

# Tala Game 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*

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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>Barbet, Acacia Pied</b> <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
3	<b>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
4	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
5	<b>Batis, Cape</b> <i>Batis capensis</i>
6	<b>Batis, Chinspot</b> <i>Batis molitor</i>
7	<b>Bee-eater, Little</b> <i>Merops pusillus</i>
8	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>
9	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
10	<b>Brownbul, Terrestrial</b> <i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
11	<b>Brubru, Brubru</b> <i>Nilaus afer</i>
12	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</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, Olive</b> <i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
17	<b>Bushshrike, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</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, Brimstone</b> <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
22	<b>Canary, Cape</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>
23	<b>Canary, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
24	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
25	<b>Chat, Mocking Cliff</b> <i>Thamnota cinnamomeiventris</i>
26	<b>Cisticola, Croaking</b> <i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
27	<b>Cisticola, Lazy</b> <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
28	<b>Cisticola, Levallant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
29	<b>Cisticola, Pale-crowned</b> <i>Cisticola cinnamomeus</i>
30	<b>Cisticola, Rattling</b> <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
31	<b>Cisticola, Red-faced</b> <i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
32	<b>Cisticola, Wing-snapping</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
33	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>

SPECIES	
34	<b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>
35	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
36	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
37	<b>Coucal, Burchell's</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
38	<b>Crake, Black</b> <i>Zapornia flavirostra</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>Crane, Wattled</b> <i>Grus carunculata</i> (CR, VU)
42	<b>Crombec, Long-billed</b> <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
43	<b>Crow, Cape</b> <i>Corvus capensis</i>
44	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
45	<b>Cuckoo, Black</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
46	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
47	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
48	<b>Cuckoo, Red-chested</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
49	<b>Cuckooshrike, Black</b> <i>Campephaga flava</i>
50	<b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
51	<b>Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood</b> <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
52	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
53	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
54	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
55	<b>Dove, Tambourine</b> <i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
56	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
57	<b>Duck, African Black</b> <i>Anas sparsa</i>
58	<b>Duck, White-backed</b> <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>
59	<b>Duck, White-faced Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
60	<b>Duck, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>
61	<b>Eagle-Owl, Spotted</b> <i>Bubo africanus</i>
62	<b>Eagle, African Fish</b> <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
63	<b>Eagle, Black-chested Snake</b> <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
64	<b>Eagle, Brown Snake</b> <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
65	<b>Eagle, Long-crested</b> <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
66	<b>Eagle, Martial</b> <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i> (EN)

SPECIES	
67	<b>Eagle, Wahlberg's</b> <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
68	<b>Egret, Great</b> <i>Ardea alba</i>
69	<b>Egret, Intermediate</b> <i>Ardea intermedia</i>
70	<b>Egret, Little</b> <i>Egretta garzetta</i>
71	<b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
72	<b>Falcon, Lanner</b> <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
73	<b>Firefinch, African</b> <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
74	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>
75	<b>Flycatcher, African Dusky</b> <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
76	<b>Flycatcher, African Paradise</b> <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
77	<b>Flycatcher, Fiscal</b> <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)
78	<b>Flycatcher, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
79	<b>Flycatcher, Spotted</b> <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
80	<b>Francolin, Shelley's</b> <i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>
81	<b>Goose, African Pygmy</b> <i>Nettapus auritus</i> (VU, LC)
82	<b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
83	<b>Goose, Spur-winged</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
84	<b>Grassbird, Cape</b> <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i> (NE)
85	<b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
86	<b>Greenbul, Sombre</b> <i>Andropadus importunus</i>
87	<b>Greenshank, Common</b> <i>Tringa nebularia</i>
88	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>
89	<b>Hamerkop, Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
90	<b>Harrier-Hawk, African</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
91	<b>Harrier, African Marsh</b> <i>Circus ranivorus</i> (EN, LC)
92	<b>Heron, Black-crowned Night</b> <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
93	<b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
94	<b>Heron, Grey</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
95	<b>Heron, Purple</b> <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
96	<b>Heron, Squacco</b> <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
97	<b>Honeybird, Brown-backed</b> <i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>
98	<b>Honeyguide, Greater</b> <i>Indicator indicator</i>
99	<b>Honeyguide, Lesser</b> <i>Indicator minor</i>

SPECIES	
100	<b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>
101	<b>Hoopoe, Green Wood</b> <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
102	<b>Ibis, African Sacred</b> <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
103	<b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
104	<b>Jacana, African</b> <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
105	<b>Kestrel, Rock</b> <i>Falco rupicolus</i>
106	<b>Kingfisher, Brown-hooded</b> <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
107	<b>Kingfisher, Giant</b> <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
108	<b>Kingfisher, Malachite</b> <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
109	<b>Kingfisher, Pied</b> <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
110	<b>Kite, Black-winged</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
111	<b>Kite, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
112	<b>Lapwing, Black-winged</b> <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>
113	<b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
114	<b>Lapwing, Crowned</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
115	<b>Lark, Red-capped</b> <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
116	<b>Lark, Rufous-naped</b> <i>Mirafra africana</i>
117	<b>Longclaw, Cape</b> <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
118	<b>Longclaw, Yellow-throated</b> <i>Macronyx croceus</i>
119	<b>Mannikin, Bronze</b> <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
120	<b>Martin, Banded</b> <i>Riparia cincta</i>
121	<b>Martin, Brown-throated</b> <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
122	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
123	<b>Moorhen, Common</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
124	<b>Mousebird, Red-faced</b> <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
125	<b>Mousebird, Speckled</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>
126	<b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)
127	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
128	<b>Oriole, Black-headed</b> <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
129	<b>Ostrich, Common</b> <i>Struthio camelus</i>
130	<b>Oxpecker, Red-billed</b> <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
131	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
132	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>

SPECIES	
133	<b>Plover, Common Ringed</b> <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
134	<b>Plover, Kittlitz's</b> <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
135	<b>Plover, Three-banded</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
136	<b>Pochard, Southern</b> <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
137	<b>Prinia, Drakensberg</b> <i>Prinia hypoxantha</i> (SLS)
138	<b>Prinia, Tawny-flanked</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>
139	<b>Puffback, Black-backed</b> <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
140	<b>Quail, Common</b> <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
141	<b>Quailfinch, Quailfinch</b> <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
142	<b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>
143	<b>Rail, African</b> <i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
144	<b>Raven, White-necked</b> <i>Corvus albicollis</i>
145	<b>Robin-Chat, Cape</b> <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
146	<b>Robin-Chat, Red-capped</b> <i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
147	<b>Robin, White-browed Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
148	<b>Roller, European</b> <i>Coracias garrulus</i> (NT, LC)
149	<b>Ruff, Ruff</b> <i>Calidris pugnax</i>
150	<b>Sandpiper, Common</b> <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
151	<b>Sandpiper, Wood</b> <i>Tringa glareola</i>
152	<b>Saw-wing, Black</b> <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
153	<b>Scimitarbill, Common</b> <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
154	<b>Seedeater, Streaky-headed</b> <i>Crithagra gularis</i>
155	<b>Shelduck, South African</b> <i>Tadorna cana</i>
156	<b>Shoveler, Cape</b> <i>Spatula smithii</i>
157	<b>Shrike, Red-backed</b> <i>Lanius collurio</i>
158	<b>Snipe, African</b> <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
159	<b>Sparrow, Cape</b> <i>Passer melanurus</i>
160	<b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
161	<b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>
162	<b>Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush</b> <i>Gymnoris supercilialis</i>
163	<b>Sparrowhawk, Black</b> <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
164	<b>Spoonbill, African</b> <i>Platalea alba</i>
165	<b>Spurfowl, Natal</b> <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>

SPECIES	
166	<b>Spurfowl, Red-necked</b> <i>Pternistis afer</i>
167	<b>Starling, Black-bellied</b> <i>Notopholia corusca</i>
168	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
169	<b>Starling, Common</b> <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> (I)
170	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
171	<b>Starling, Violet-backed</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
172	<b>Starling, Wattled</b> <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
173	<b>Stilt, Black-winged</b> <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
174	<b>Stint, Little</b> <i>Calidris minuta</i>
175	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
176	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
177	<b>Sunbird, Collared</b> <i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
178	<b>Sunbird, Greater Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris afer</i> (SLS)
179	<b>Sunbird, Grey</b> <i>Cyanomitra veroxii</i>
180	<b>Sunbird, Olive</b> <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
181	<b>Sunbird, White-bellied</b> <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
182	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
183	<b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
184	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
185	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albicularis</i>
186	<b>Swamphen, African</b> <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
187	<b>Swift, African Black</b> <i>Apus barbatus</i>
188	<b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
189	<b>Swift, Common</b> <i>Apus apus</i>
190	<b>Swift, Horus</b> <i>Apus horus</i>
191	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
192	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
193	<b>Tchagra, Black-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
194	<b>Tchagra, Southern</b> <i>Tchagra tchagra</i> (NE)
195	<b>Teal, Blue-billed</b> <i>Spatula hottentota</i>
196	<b>Teal, Red-billed</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
197	<b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
198	<b>Thrush, Cape Rock</b> <i>Monticola rupestris</i> (SLS)

SPECIES	
199	<b>Thrush, Groundscraper</b> <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
200	<b>Thrush, Kurrichane</b> <i>Turdus libonyana</i>
201	<b>Thrush, Olive</b> <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
202	<b>Tinkerbird, Red-fronted</b> <i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>
203	<b>Tit, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>
204	<b>Turaco, Purple-crested</b> <i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
205	<b>Wagtail, African Pied</b> <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
206	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
207	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
208	<b>Warbler, African Yellow</b> <i>Iduna natalensis</i>
209	<b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
210	<b>Warbler, Little Rush</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
211	<b>Warbler, Marsh</b> <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
212	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
213	<b>Waxbill, Blue</b> <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
214	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
215	<b>Waxbill, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Amandava subflava</i>
216	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
217	<b>Weaver, Eastern Golden</b> <i>Ploceus subaureus</i>
218	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
219	<b>Weaver, Spectacled</b> <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
220	<b>Weaver, Thick-billed</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
221	<b>Weaver, Village</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
222	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
223	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
224	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
225	<b>Widowbird, Long-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes progne</i>
226	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>
227	<b>Widowbird, White-winged</b> <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
228	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
229	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>
230	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>

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