

# uMhlanga Lagoon 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>Apalis, Yellow-breasted</b> <i>Apalis flavida</i>
3	<b>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
4	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
5	<b>Barbet, White-eared</b> <i>Stactolaema leucotis</i>
6	<b>Batis, Cape</b> <i>Batis capensis</i>
7	<b>Batis, Chinspot</b> <i>Batis molitor</i>
8	<b>Bee-eater, Little</b> <i>Merops pusillus</i>
9	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>
10	<b>Bittern, Little</b> <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
11	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
12	<b>Brownbul, Terrestrial</b> <i>Phyllastrephus terrestris</i>
13	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
14	<b>Bushshrike, Grey-headed</b> <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
15	<b>Bushshrike, Olive</b> <i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
16	<b>Bushshrike, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
17	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
18	<b>Buzzard, European Honey</b> <i>Pernis apivorus</i>
19	<b>Camaroptera, Green-backed</b> <i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
20	<b>Canary, Brimstone</b> <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
21	<b>Canary, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
22	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
23	<b>Cisticola, Rattling</b> <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
24	<b>Cisticola, Red-faced</b> <i>Cisticola erythrops</i>
25	<b>Cisticola, Rufous-winged</b> <i>Cisticola galactotes</i>
26	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
27	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
28	<b>Coucal, Burchell's</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
29	<b>Crake, Black</b> <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
30	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
31	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
32	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
33	<b>Cuckoo, Red-chested</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>

SPECIES	
34	<b>Cuckooshrike, Black</b> <i>Campephaga flava</i>
35	<b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
36	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
37	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
38	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
39	<b>Dove, Rock</b> <i>Columba livia</i>
40	<b>Dove, Tambourine</b> <i>Turtur tympanistris</i>
41	<b>Drongo, Common Square-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus ludwigii</i>
42	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
43	<b>Duck, White-faced Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
44	<b>Duck, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>
45	<b>Eagle, African Fish</b> <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
46	<b>Eagle, Crowned</b> <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i> (VU, NT)
47	<b>Eagle, Long-crested</b> <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
48	<b>Egret, Little</b> <i>Egretta garzetta</i>
49	<b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
50	<b>Falcon, Peregrine</b> <i>Falco peregrinus</i>
51	<b>Finch, Red-headed</b> <i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>
52	<b>Firefinch, African</b> <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
53	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>
54	<b>Flufftail, Red-chested</b> <i>Sarothrura rufa</i>
55	<b>Flycatcher, African Dusky</b> <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
56	<b>Flycatcher, African Paradise</b> <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
57	<b>Flycatcher, Ashy</b> <i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
58	<b>Flycatcher, Blue-mantled Crested</b> <i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>
59	<b>Flycatcher, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
60	<b>Flycatcher, Spotted</b> <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
61	<b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
62	<b>Goose, Spur-winged</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
63	<b>Goshawk, African</b> <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
64	<b>Grassbird, Cape</b> <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i> (NE)
65	<b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
66	<b>Greenbul, Sombre</b> <i>Andropadus importunus</i>

SPECIES	
67	<b>Greenbul, Yellow-bellied</b> <i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
68	<b>Greenshank, Common</b> <i>Tringa nebularia</i>
69	<b>Guineafowl, Crested</b> <i>Guttera pucherani</i>
70	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>
71	<b>Gull, Grey-headed</b> <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
72	<b>Hamerkop, Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
73	<b>Heron, Black-crowned Night</b> <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
74	<b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
75	<b>Heron, Goliath</b> <i>Ardea goliath</i>
76	<b>Heron, Grey</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
77	<b>Heron, Purple</b> <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
78	<b>Heron, Striated</b> <i>Butorides striata</i>
79	<b>Honeyguide, Lesser</b> <i>Indicator minor</i>
80	<b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>
81	<b>Hoopoe, Green Wood</b> <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
82	<b>Hornbill, Trumpeter</b> <i>Bycanistes bucinator</i>
83	<b>Ibis, African Sacred</b> <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
84	<b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
85	<b>Ibis, Southern Bald</b> <i>Geronticus calvus</i> (VU, SLS)
86	<b>Indigobird, Dusky</b> <i>Vidua funerea</i>
87	<b>Jacana, African</b> <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
88	<b>Kingfisher, Brown-hooded</b> <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
89	<b>Kingfisher, Giant</b> <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
90	<b>Kingfisher, Malachite</b> <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
91	<b>Kingfisher, Pied</b> <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
92	<b>Kite, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
93	<b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
94	<b>Lark, Rufous-naped</b> <i>Mirafra africana</i>
95	<b>Mannikin, Bronze</b> <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
96	<b>Mannikin, Red-backed</b> <i>Spermestes nigriceps</i>
97	<b>Martin, Brown-throated</b> <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
98	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
99	<b>Martin, Sand</b> <i>Riparia riparia</i>

SPECIES	
100	<b>Moorhen, Common</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
101	<b>Mousebird, Red-faced</b> <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
102	<b>Mousebird, Speckled</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>
103	<b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)
104	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
105	<b>Openbill, African</b> <i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
106	<b>Oriole, Black-headed</b> <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
107	<b>Osprey, Western</b> <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
108	<b>Parakeet, Rose-ringed</b> <i>Psittacula krameri</i> (I)
109	<b>Pelican, Great White</b> <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> (VU, LC)
110	<b>Pelican, Pink-backed</b> <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i> (VU, LC)
111	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
112	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
113	<b>Plover, Common Ringed</b> <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
114	<b>Plover, Kittlitz's</b> <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
115	<b>Plover, Three-banded</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
116	<b>Prinia, Tawny-flanked</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>
117	<b>Puffback, Black-backed</b> <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
118	<b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>
119	<b>Quelea, Red-headed</b> <i>Quelea erythroptus</i>
120	<b>Robin-Chat, Cape</b> <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
121	<b>Robin-Chat, Chorister</b> <i>Cossypha dichroa</i> (SLS)
122	<b>Robin-Chat, Red-capped</b> <i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
123	<b>Robin, White-browed Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
124	<b>Sandpiper, Common</b> <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
125	<b>Sandpiper, Wood</b> <i>Tringa glareola</i>
126	<b>Saw-wing, Black</b> <i>Psaldoprocne pristoptera</i>
127	<b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
128	<b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>
129	<b>Sparrowhawk, Black</b> <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
130	<b>Spoonbill, African</b> <i>Platalea alba</i>
131	<b>Spurfowl, Natal</b> <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
132	<b>Starling, Black-bellied</b> <i>Notopholia corusca</i>

SPECIES	
133	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprolornis nitens</i>
134	<b>Starling, Common</b> <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> (I)
135	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
136	<b>Starling, Violet-backed</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
137	<b>Stint, Little</b> <i>Calidris minuta</i>
138	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
139	<b>Stork, Woolly-necked</b> <i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
140	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
141	<b>Sunbird, Collared</b> <i>Hedydipna collaris</i>
142	<b>Sunbird, Grey</b> <i>Cyanomitra veroxii</i>
143	<b>Sunbird, Olive</b> <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i>
144	<b>Sunbird, Purple-banded</b> <i>Cinnyris bifasciatus</i>
145	<b>Sunbird, White-bellied</b> <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
146	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
147	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
148	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
149	<b>Swallow, Wire-tailed</b> <i>Hirundo smithii</i>
150	<b>Swamphen, African</b> <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
151	<b>Swift, African Black</b> <i>Apus barbatus</i>
152	<b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
153	<b>Swift, Horus</b> <i>Apus horus</i>
154	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
155	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
156	<b>Tchagra, Black-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
157	<b>Tchagra, Southern</b> <i>Tchagra tchagra</i> (NE)
158	<b>Teal, Red-billed</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
159	<b>Tern, Caspian</b> <i>Hydropogne caspia</i> (VU, LC)
160	<b>Thick-knee, Water</b> <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
161	<b>Thrush, Kurrichane</b> <i>Turdus libonyana</i>
162	<b>Thrush, Olive</b> <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
163	<b>Tinkerbird, Red-fronted</b> <i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>
164	<b>Tinkerbird, Yellow-rumped</b> <i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i>
165	<b>Tit, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>

SPECIES	
166	<b>Turaco, Purple-crested</b> <i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
167	<b>Twinspot, Green</b> <i>Mandingoa nitidula</i>
168	<b>Wagtail, African Pied</b> <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
169	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
170	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
171	<b>Warbler, African Yellow</b> <i>Iduna natalensis</i>
172	<b>Warbler, Great Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
173	<b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
174	<b>Warbler, Little Rush</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
175	<b>Warbler, Marsh</b> <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
176	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
177	<b>Wattle-eye, Black-throated</b> <i>Platysteira peltata</i>
178	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
179	<b>Waxbill, Grey</b> <i>Estrilda perreini</i>
180	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
181	<b>Weaver, Dark-backed</b> <i>Ploceus bicolor</i>
182	<b>Weaver, Eastern Golden</b> <i>Ploceus subaureus</i>
183	<b>Weaver, Holub's Golden</b> <i>Ploceus xanthops</i>
184	<b>Weaver, Lesser Masked</b> <i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
185	<b>Weaver, Southern Brown-throated</b> <i>Ploceus xanthopterus</i>
186	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
187	<b>Weaver, Spectacled</b> <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
188	<b>Weaver, Thick-billed</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
189	<b>Weaver, Village</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
190	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
191	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
192	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
193	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>
194	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>
195	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>
196	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>

