

Vaalkop Dam 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*

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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) captured by citizen scientists in the surrounding area (approximately 60km²). 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	Apalis, Bar-throated <i>Apalis thoracica</i>
2	Avocet, Pied <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
3	Babbler, Arrow-marked <i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
4	Babbler, Southern Pied <i>Turdoides bicolor</i>
5	Barbet, Acacia Pied <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
6	Barbet, Black-collared <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
7	Barbet, Crested <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
8	Batis, Chinspot <i>Batis molitor</i>
9	Bee-eater, Blue-cheeked <i>Merops persicus</i>
10	Bee-eater, European <i>Merops apiaster</i>
11	Bee-eater, Little <i>Merops pusillus</i>
12	Bee-eater, White-fronted <i>Merops bullockoides</i>
13	Bishop, Southern Red <i>Euplectes orix</i>
14	Bishop, Yellow-crowned <i>Euplectes afer</i>
15	Bittern, Little <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
16	Boubou, Southern <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
17	Brubru, Brubru <i>Nilaus afer</i>
18	Bulbul, Dark-capped <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
19	Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
20	Bunting, Golden-breasted <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
21	Bushshrike, Grey-headed <i>Malaconotus blanchoti</i>
22	Bushshrike, Orange-breasted <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
23	Buzzard, Common <i>Buteo buteo</i>
24	Camaroptera, Grey-backed <i>Camaroptera brevicaudata</i>
25	Canary, Black-throated <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
26	Canary, Yellow-fronted <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
27	Cisticola, Desert <i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
28	Cisticola, Lazy <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
29	Cisticola, Levaillant's <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
30	Cisticola, Rattling <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
31	Cisticola, Zitting <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
32	Coot, Red-knobbed <i>Fulica cristata</i>
33	Cormorant, Reed <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>

SPECIES	
34	Cormorant, White-breasted <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
35	Coucal, Burchell's <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
36	Crake, Black <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
37	Crombec, Long-billed <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
38	Crow, Pied <i>Corvus albus</i>
39	Cuckoo, Black <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
40	Cuckoo, Diederik <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
41	Cuckoo, Great Spotted <i>Clamator glandarius</i>
42	Cuckoo, Jacobin <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
43	Cuckoo, Klaas's <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
44	Cuckoo, Levaillant's <i>Clamator levaillantii</i>
45	Cuckoo, Red-chested <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
46	Cuckooshrike, Black <i>Campephaga flava</i>
47	Darter, African <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
48	Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
49	Dove, Laughing <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
50	Dove, Namaqua <i>Oena capensis</i>
51	Dove, Red-eyed <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
52	Dove, Ring-necked <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
53	Drongo, Fork-tailed <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
54	Duck, African Black <i>Anas sparsa</i>
55	Duck, Fulvous Whistling <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
56	Duck, Knob-billed <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
57	Duck, White-faced Whistling <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
58	Duck, Yellow-billed <i>Anas undulata</i>
59	Eagle-Owl, Spotted <i>Bubo africanus</i>
60	Eagle, African Fish <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
61	Eagle, Black-chested Snake <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
62	Eagle, Brown Snake <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
63	Eagle, Wahlberg's <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
64	Egret, Great <i>Ardea alba</i>
65	Egret, Intermediate <i>Ardea intermedia</i>
66	Egret, Little <i>Egretta garzetta</i>

SPECIES	
67	Egret, Western Cattle <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
68	Eremomela, Burnt-necked <i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
69	Falcon, Amur <i>Falco amurensis</i>
70	Falcon, Lanner <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
71	Firefinch, African <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
72	Firefinch, Jameson's <i>Lagonosticta rhodopareia</i>
73	Firefinch, Red-billed <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>
74	Fiscal, Southern <i>Lanius collaris</i>
75	Flamingo, Greater <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> (NT, LC)
76	Flamingo, Lesser <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i> (NT)
77	Flycatcher, African Paradise <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
78	Flycatcher, Fiscal <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)
79	Flycatcher, Marico <i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>
80	Flycatcher, Southern Black <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
81	Flycatcher, Spotted <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
82	Francolin, Coqui <i>Peliperdix coqui</i>
83	Francolin, Crested <i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>
84	Go-away-bird, Grey <i>Corythaixoides concolor</i>
85	Goose, Egyptian <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
86	Goose, Spur-winged <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
87	Goshawk, Gabar <i>Micronisus gabar</i>
88	Goshawk, Pale Chanting <i>Melierax canorus</i>
89	Grebe, Great Crested <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
90	Grebe, Little <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
91	Greenbul, Yellow-bellied <i>Chlorocichla flaviventris</i>
92	Greenshank, Common <i>Tringa nebularia</i>
93	Guineafowl, Helmeted <i>Numida meleagris</i>
94	Gull, Grey-headed <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
95	Hamerkop, Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
96	Hawk-Eagle, African <i>Aquila spilogaster</i>
97	Heron, Black <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>
98	Heron, Black-crowned Night <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
99	Heron, Black-headed <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>

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100	Heron, Goliath <i>Ardea goliath</i>
101	Heron, Grey <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
102	Heron, Purple <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
103	Heron, Squacco <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>
104	Heron, Striated <i>Butorides striata</i>
105	Honeyguide, Greater <i>Indicator indicator</i>
106	Honeyguide, Lesser <i>Indicator minor</i>
107	Hoopoe, African <i>Upupa africana</i>
108	Hoopoe, Green Wood <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
109	Hornbill, African Grey <i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>
110	Hornbill, Southern Red-billed <i>Tockus rufirostris</i>
111	Hornbill, Southern Yellow-billed <i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
112	Ibis, African Sacred <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
113	Ibis, Glossy <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
114	Ibis, Hadada <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
115	Indigobird, Purple <i>Vidua purpurascens</i>
116	Indigobird, Village <i>Vidua chalybeata</i>
117	Jacana, African <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
118	Kestrel, Lesser <i>Falco naumanni</i>
119	Kingfisher, Brown-hooded <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
120	Kingfisher, Giant <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
121	Kingfisher, Half-collared <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i> (NT, LC)
122	Kingfisher, Malachite <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
123	Kingfisher, Pied <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
124	Kingfisher, Striped <i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
125	Kingfisher, Woodland <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
126	Kite, Black <i>Milvus migrans</i>
127	Kite, Black-winged <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
128	Kite, Yellow-billed <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
129	Korhaan, Northern Black <i>Afrotis afraoides</i>
130	Korhaan, Red-crested <i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>
131	Lapwing, African Wattled <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
132	Lapwing, Blacksmith <i>Vanellus armatus</i>

SPECIES	
133	Lapwing, Crowned <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
134	Lark, Flappet <i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>
135	Lark, Monotonous <i>Mirafra passerina</i>
136	Lark, Rufous-naped <i>Mirafra africana</i>
137	Lark, Sabota <i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
138	Mannikin, Bronze <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
139	Martin, Brown-throated <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
140	Martin, Common House <i>Delichon urbicum</i>
141	Martin, Rock <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
142	Moorhen, Common <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
143	Mousebird, Red-faced <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
144	Mousebird, Speckled <i>Colius striatus</i>
145	Myna, Common <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (l)
146	Neddicky, Neddicky <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
147	Nightjar, Fiery-necked <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
148	Nightjar, Rufous-cheeked <i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>
149	Oriole, Black-headed <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
150	Osprey, Western <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
151	Ostrich, Common <i>Struthio camelus</i>
152	Owl, Western Barn <i>Tyto alba</i>
153	Owlet, Pearl-spotted <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
154	Oxpecker, Red-billed <i>Buphagus erythrorynchus</i>
155	Pigeon, Speckled <i>Columba guinea</i>
156	Pipit, African <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
157	Pipit, Buffy <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>
158	Pipit, Bushveld <i>Anthus caffer</i>
159	Pipit, Plain-backed <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
160	Plover, Common Ringed <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
161	Plover, Kittlitz's <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
162	Plover, Three-banded <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
163	Pochard, Southern <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
164	Prinia, Black-chested <i>Prinia flavicans</i>
165	Prinia, Tawny-flanked <i>Prinia subflava</i>

SPECIES	
166	Puffback, Black-backed <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
167	Pytilia, Green-winged <i>Pytilia melba</i>
168	Quailfinch, Quailfinch <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
169	Quelea, Red-billed <i>Quelea quelea</i>
170	Robin-Chat, Cape <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
171	Robin-Chat, White-throated <i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
172	Robin, Kalahari Scrub <i>Cercotrichas paena</i>
173	Robin, White-browed Scrub <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
174	Roller, European <i>Coracias garrulus</i> (NT, LC)
175	Roller, Lilac-breasted <i>Coracias caudatus</i>
176	Roller, Purple <i>Coracias naevius</i>
177	Ruff, Ruff <i>Calidris pugnax</i>
178	Sandgrouse, Double-banded <i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
179	Sandpiper, Common <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
180	Sandpiper, Curlew <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> (NT, LC)
181	Sandpiper, Marsh <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
182	Sandpiper, Wood <i>Tringa glareola</i>
183	Scimitarbill, Common <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
184	Shoveler, Cape <i>Spatula smithii</i>
185	Shrike, Crimson-breasted <i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
186	Shrike, Lesser Grey <i>Lanius minor</i>
187	Shrike, Magpie <i>Urolestes melanoleucus</i>
188	Shrike, Red-backed <i>Lanius collurio</i>
189	Snipe, African <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
190	Sparrow-Weaver, White-browed <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
191	Sparrow, Cape <i>Passer melanurus</i>
192	Sparrow, Great <i>Passer motitensis</i>
193	Sparrow, House <i>Passer domesticus</i> (l)
194	Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed <i>Passer diffusus</i>
195	Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush <i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
196	Sparrowhawk, Little <i>Accipiter minullus</i>
197	Spoonbill, African <i>Platalea alba</i>
198	Spurfowl, Natal <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>

SPECIES	
199	Spurfowl, Swainson's <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
200	Starling, Burchell's <i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
201	Starling, Cape <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
202	Starling, Red-winged <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
203	Starling, Violet-backed <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
204	Starling, Wattled <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>
205	Stilt, Black-winged <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
206	Stint, Little <i>Calidris minuta</i>
207	Stonechat, African <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
208	Stork, Abdim's <i>Ciconia abdimii</i> (NT, LC)
209	Stork, Marabou <i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i> (NT, LC)
210	Stork, Yellow-billed <i>Mycteria ibis</i> (EN, LC)
211	Sunbird, Amethyst <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
212	Sunbird, Marico <i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
213	Sunbird, White-bellied <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
214	Swallow, Barn <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
215	Swallow, Greater Striped <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
216	Swallow, Lesser Striped <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
217	Swallow, Pearl-breasted <i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
218	Swallow, Red-breasted <i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
219	Swallow, White-throated <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
220	Swamphen, African <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
221	Swift, African Palm <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
222	Swift, Common <i>Apus apus</i>
223	Swift, Horus <i>Apus horus</i>
224	Swift, Little <i>Apus affinis</i>
225	Swift, White-rumped <i>Apus caffer</i>
226	Tchagra, Black-crowned <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
227	Tchagra, Brown-crowned <i>Tchagra australis</i>
228	Teal, Blue-billed <i>Spatula hottentota</i>
229	Teal, Cape <i>Anas capensis</i>
230	Teal, Red-billed <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
231	Tern, Caspian <i>Hydropogone caspia</i> (VU, LC)

SPECIES	
232	Tern, Whiskered <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
233	Tern, White-winged <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
234	Thick-knee, Spotted <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
235	Thick-knee, Water <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
236	Thrush, Groundscraper <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
237	Thrush, Karoo <i>Turdus smithi</i> (NE)
238	Thrush, Kurrichane <i>Turdus libonyana</i>
239	Tit-Flycatcher, Grey <i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
240	Tit, Ashy <i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>
241	Tit, Cape Penduline <i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
242	Tit, Southern Black <i>Melaniparus niger</i>
243	Wagtail, African Pied <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
244	Wagtail, Cape <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
245	Warbler, African Reed <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
246	Warbler, Chestnut-vented <i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>
247	Warbler, Great Reed <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
248	Warbler, Icterine <i>Hippolais icterina</i>
249	Warbler, Lesser Swamp <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
250	Warbler, Little Rush <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
251	Warbler, Olive-tree <i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>
252	Warbler, Willow <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
253	Waxbill, Black-faced <i>Brunhilda erythronotos</i>
254	Waxbill, Blue <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
255	Waxbill, Common <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
256	Waxbill, Orange-breasted <i>Amandava subflava</i>
257	Waxbill, Violet-eared <i>Granatina granatina</i>
258	Weaver, Lesser Masked <i>Ploceus intermedius</i>
259	Weaver, Red-billed Buffalo <i>Bubalornis niger</i>
260	Weaver, Red-headed <i>Anaplectes rubriceps</i>
261	Weaver, Scaly-feathered <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>
262	Weaver, Southern Masked <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
263	Weaver, Thick-billed <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
264	Weaver, Village <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>

SPECIES		
265	White-eye, Cape <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)	
266	Whydah, Long-tailed Paradise <i>Vidua paradisaea</i>	
267	Whydah, Pin-tailed <i>Vidua macroura</i>	
268	Whydah, Shaft-tailed <i>Vidua regia</i>	
269	Widowbird, Red-collared <i>Euplectes ardens</i>	
270	Widowbird, White-winged <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	
271	Woodpecker, Bearded <i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>	
272	Woodpecker, Cardinal <i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>	
273	Woodpecker, Golden-tailed <i>Campethera abingoni</i>	
274	Wren-Warbler, Barred <i>Calamonastes fasciolatus</i>	

NOTES
