

# Vryheid Hill Nature Reserve

## CHECKLIST *of* BIRDS



<https://gobirding.birdlife.org.za/north-west-zululand-vryheid-hill-nature-reserve/>

### 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>Apalis, Yellow-breasted</b> <i>Apalis flavida</i>
3	<b>Avocet, Pied</b> <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
4	<b>Barbet, Acacia Pied</b> <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
5	<b>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
6	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
7	<b>Batis, Cape</b> <i>Batis capensis</i>
8	<b>Batis, Chinspot</b> <i>Batis molitor</i>
9	<b>Bee-eater, Little</b> <i>Merops pusillus</i>
10	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>
11	<b>Bishop, Yellow-crowned</b> <i>Euplectes afer</i>
12	<b>Blackcap, Bush</b> <i>Sylvia nigricapillus</i> (VU, SLS)
13	<b>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
14	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
15	<b>Brubru, Brubru</b> <i>Nilaus afer</i>
16	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
17	<b>Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
18	<b>Bunting, Golden-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
19	<b>Bushshrike, Olive</b> <i>Chlorophoneus olivaceus</i>
20	<b>Bushshrike, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
21	<b>Bustard, Black-bellied</b> <i>Lissotis melanogaster</i>
22	<b>Bustard, Denham's</b> <i>Neotis denhami</i> (VU, NT)
23	<b>Buttonquail, Common</b> <i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>
24	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
25	<b>Buzzard, Jackal</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> (NE)
26	<b>Camaropectera, Green-backed</b> <i>Camaropectera brachyura</i>
27	<b>Canary, Black-throated</b> <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
28	<b>Canary, Brimstone</b> <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>
29	<b>Canary, Cape</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>
30	<b>Canary, Forest</b> <i>Crithagra scotops</i> (SLS)
31	<b>Canary, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
32	<b>Chat, Buff-streaked</b> <i>Campicoloides bifasciatus</i> (SLS)
33	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>

SPECIES	
34	<b>Chat, Mocking Cliff</b> <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
35	<b>Cisticola, Croaking</b> <i>Cisticola natalensis</i>
36	<b>Cisticola, Lazy</b> <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
37	<b>Cisticola, Levallant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
38	<b>Cisticola, Pale-crowned</b> <i>Cisticola cinnamomeus</i>
39	<b>Cisticola, Rattling</b> <i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
40	<b>Cisticola, Wailing</b> <i>Cisticola lais</i>
41	<b>Cisticola, Wing-snapping</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
42	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
43	<b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>
44	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
45	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
46	<b>Coucal, Burchell's</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
47	<b>Crake, Baillon's</b> <i>Zapornia pusilla</i>
48	<b>Crake, Black</b> <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
49	<b>Crane, Grey Crowned</b> <i>Balearica regulorum</i> (EN)
50	<b>Crombec, Long-billed</b> <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
51	<b>Crow, Cape</b> <i>Corvus capensis</i>
52	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
53	<b>Cuckoo, African</b> <i>Cuculus gularis</i>
54	<b>Cuckoo, African Emerald</b> <i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i>
55	<b>Cuckoo, Black</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
56	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
57	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
58	<b>Cuckoo, Red-chested</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
59	<b>Cuckooshrike, Black</b> <i>Campephaga flava</i>
60	<b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
61	<b>Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood</b> <i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
62	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
63	<b>Dove, Lemon</b> <i>Columba larvata</i>
64	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
65	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
66	<b>Dove, Rock</b> <i>Columba livia</i>

SPECIES	
67	Dove, Tambourine <i>Turtur tympanistria</i>
68	Drongo, Fork-tailed <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
69	Duck, African Black <i>Anas sparsa</i>
70	Duck, White-backed <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>
71	Duck, White-faced Whistling <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
72	Duck, Yellow-billed <i>Anas undulata</i>
73	Eagle-Owl, Spotted <i>Bubo africanus</i>
74	Eagle, African Fish <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
75	Eagle, Black-chested Snake <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
76	Eagle, Brown Snake <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
77	Eagle, Long-crested <i>Lophaetus occipitalis</i>
78	Eagle, Verreaux's <i>Aquila verreauxii</i> (VU, LC)
79	Eagle, Wahlberg's <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
80	Egret, Great <i>Ardea alba</i>
81	Egret, Intermediate <i>Ardea intermedia</i>
82	Egret, Little <i>Egretta garzetta</i>
83	Egret, Western Cattle <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
84	Falcon, Amur <i>Falco amurensis</i>
85	Falcon, Lanner <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
86	Firefinch, African <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
87	Fiscal, Southern <i>Lanius collaris</i>
88	Flufftail, Buff-spotted <i>Sarothrura elegans</i>
89	Flufftail, Red-chested <i>Sarothrura rufa</i>
90	Flycatcher, African Dusky <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>
91	Flycatcher, African Paradise <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
92	Flycatcher, Fiscal <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)
93	Flycatcher, Southern Black <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
94	Flycatcher, Spotted <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
95	Francolin, Coqui <i>Peliperdix coqui</i>
96	Francolin, Red-winged <i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
97	Francolin, Shelley's <i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>
98	Goose, Egyptian <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
99	Goose, Spur-winged <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>

SPECIES	
100	Goshawk, African <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
101	Grassbird, Cape <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i> (NE)
102	Grassbird, Fan-tailed <i>Catriscus brevirostris</i>
103	Grebe, Great Crested <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
104	Grebe, Little <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
105	Greenbul, Sombre <i>Andropadus importunus</i>
106	Greenshank, Common <i>Tringa nebularia</i>
107	Guineafowl, Helmeted <i>Numida meleagris</i>
108	Hamerkop, Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
109	Harrier-Hawk, African <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
110	Harrier, African Marsh <i>Circus ranivorus</i> (EN, LC)
111	Helmetshrike, White-crested <i>Prionops plumatus</i>
112	Heron, Black-crowned Night <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
113	Heron, Black-headed <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
114	Heron, Goliath <i>Ardea goliath</i>
115	Heron, Grey <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
116	Heron, Purple <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
117	Heron, Striated <i>Butorides striata</i>
118	Honeybird, Brown-backed <i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>
119	Honeyguide, Lesser <i>Indicator minor</i>
120	Hoopoe, African <i>Upupa africana</i>
121	Hoopoe, Green Wood <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
122	Ibis, African Sacred <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
123	Ibis, Glossy <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
124	Ibis, Hadada <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
125	Ibis, Southern Bald <i>Geronticus calvus</i> (VU, SLS)
126	Indigobird, Dusky <i>Vidua funerea</i>
127	Jacana, African <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
128	Kestrel, Rock <i>Falco rupicolus</i>
129	Kingfisher, Brown-hooded <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
130	Kingfisher, Giant <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
131	Kingfisher, Half-collared <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i> (NT, LC)
132	Kingfisher, Malachite <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>

SPECIES	
133	<b>Kingfisher, Pied</b> <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
134	<b>Kite, Black-winged</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
135	<b>Kite, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Milvus aegyptius</i>
136	<b>Lapwing, African Wattled</b> <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
137	<b>Lapwing, Black-winged</b> <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>
138	<b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
139	<b>Lapwing, Crowned</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
140	<b>Lark, Red-capped</b> <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
141	<b>Lark, Rufous-naped</b> <i>Mirafra africana</i>
142	<b>Lark, Spike-heeled</b> <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
143	<b>Longclaw, Cape</b> <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
144	<b>Mannikin, Bronze</b> <i>Spermestes cucullata</i>
145	<b>Martin, Banded</b> <i>Riparia cincta</i>
146	<b>Martin, Brown-throated</b> <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
147	<b>Martin, Common House</b> <i>Delichon urbicum</i>
148	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
149	<b>Moorhen, Common</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
150	<b>Mousebird, Red-faced</b> <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
151	<b>Mousebird, Speckled</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>
152	<b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)
153	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
154	<b>Nightjar, Fiery-necked</b> <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
155	<b>Openbill, African</b> <i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>
156	<b>Oriole, Black-headed</b> <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
157	<b>Ostrich, Common</b> <i>Struthio camelus</i>
158	<b>Owl, Western Barn</b> <i>Tyto alba</i>
159	<b>Pigeon, African Olive</b> <i>Columba arquatrix</i>
160	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
161	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
162	<b>Pipit, Buffy</b> <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>
163	<b>Pipit, Nicholson's</b> <i>Anthus nicholsoni</i>
164	<b>Pipit, Plain-backed</b> <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
165	<b>Pipit, Striped</b> <i>Anthus lineiventris</i>

SPECIES	
166	<b>Plover, Kittlitz's</b> <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>
167	<b>Plover, Three-banded</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
168	<b>Pochard, Southern</b> <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>
169	<b>Prinia, Drakensberg</b> <i>Prinia hypoxantha</i> (SLS)
170	<b>Prinia, Tawny-flanked</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>
171	<b>Puffback, Black-backed</b> <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
172	<b>Quail, Common</b> <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
173	<b>Quailfinch, Quailfinch</b> <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
174	<b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>
175	<b>Rail, African</b> <i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
176	<b>Raven, White-necked</b> <i>Corvus albicollis</i>
177	<b>Robin-Chat, Cape</b> <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
178	<b>Robin-Chat, Chorister</b> <i>Cossypha dichroa</i> (SLS)
179	<b>Robin-Chat, Red-capped</b> <i>Cossypha natalensis</i>
180	<b>Robin, White-browed Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
181	<b>Ruff, Ruff</b> <i>Calidris pugnax</i>
182	<b>Sandpiper, Common</b> <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
183	<b>Sandpiper, Wood</b> <i>Tringa glareola</i>
184	<b>Saw-wing, Black</b> <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>
185	<b>Scimitarbill, Common</b> <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
186	<b>Secretarybird, Secretarybird</b> <i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i> (EN, VU)
187	<b>Seedeater, Streaky-headed</b> <i>Crithagra gularis</i>
188	<b>Shelduck, South African</b> <i>Tadorna cana</i>
189	<b>Shoveler, Cape</b> <i>Spatula smithii</i>
190	<b>Shrike, Red-backed</b> <i>Lanius collurio</i>
191	<b>Snipe, African</b> <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
192	<b>Sparrow, Cape</b> <i>Passer melanurus</i>
193	<b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
194	<b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>
195	<b>Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush</b> <i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
196	<b>Sparrowhawk, Black</b> <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>
197	<b>Spoonbill, African</b> <i>Platalea alba</i>
198	<b>Spurfowl, Swainson's</b> <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>

SPECIES	
199	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
200	<b>Starling, Pied</b> <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i> (SLS)
201	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
202	<b>Starling, Violet-backed</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
203	<b>Stilt, Black-winged</b> <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
204	<b>Stint, Little</b> <i>Calidris minuta</i>
205	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
206	<b>Stork, White</b> <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>
207	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
208	<b>Sunbird, Greater Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris afer</i> (SLS)
209	<b>Sunbird, Malachite</b> <i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
210	<b>Sunbird, Scarlet-chested</b> <i>Chalcomitra senegalensis</i>
211	<b>Sunbird, Southern Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i> (NE)
212	<b>Sunbird, White-bellied</b> <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
213	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
214	<b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
215	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
216	<b>Swallow, Red-breasted</b> <i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
217	<b>Swallow, South African Cliff</b> <i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i> (BNE)
218	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
219	<b>Swamphen, African</b> <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i>
220	<b>Swift, African Black</b> <i>Apus barbatus</i>
221	<b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
222	<b>Swift, Alpine</b> <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
223	<b>Swift, Common</b> <i>Apus apus</i>
224	<b>Swift, Horus</b> <i>Apus horus</i>
225	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
226	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
227	<b>Tchagra, Black-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
228	<b>Teal, Blue-billed</b> <i>Spatula hottentota</i>
229	<b>Teal, Cape</b> <i>Anas capensis</i>
230	<b>Teal, Red-billed</b> <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>
231	<b>Tern, Whiskered</b> <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>

SPECIES	
232	<b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
233	<b>Thick-knee, Water</b> <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
234	<b>Thrush, Cape Rock</b> <i>Monticola rupestris</i> (SLS)
235	<b>Thrush, Groundscraper</b> <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
236	<b>Thrush, Karoo</b> <i>Turdus smithi</i> (NE)
237	<b>Thrush, Kurrichane</b> <i>Turdus libonyana</i>
238	<b>Thrush, Olive</b> <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
239	<b>Tinkerbird, Red-fronted</b> <i>Pogoniulus pusillus</i>
240	<b>Tit, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>
241	<b>Turaco, Purple-crested</b> <i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
242	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
243	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
244	<b>Warbler, African Yellow</b> <i>Iduna natalensis</i>
245	<b>Warbler, Barratt's</b> <i>Bradypterus barratti</i> (NE)
246	<b>Warbler, Chestnut-vented</b> <i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>
247	<b>Warbler, Garden</b> <i>Sylvia borin</i>
248	<b>Warbler, Great Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>
249	<b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i>
250	<b>Warbler, Little Rush</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
251	<b>Warbler, Marsh</b> <i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
252	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
253	<b>Waxbill, Blue</b> <i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
254	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
255	<b>Waxbill, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Amandava subflava</i>
256	<b>Waxbill, Swee</b> <i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i> (NE)
257	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
258	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
259	<b>Weaver, Spectacled</b> <i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
260	<b>Weaver, Thick-billed</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
261	<b>Weaver, Village</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
262	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
263	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
264	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>

SPECIES		
265	<b>Widowbird, Long-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes progne</i>	
266	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>	
267	<b>Widowbird, White-winged</b> <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>	
268	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	
269	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>	
270	<b>Woodpecker, Olive</b> <i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i>	
271	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>	

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