

# Wilge River Valley

## CHECKLIST *of* BIRDS



<https://gobirding.birdlife.org.za/north-eastern-highveld-and-woodlands-wilge-river-valley/>

### 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>Babbler, Arrow-marked</b> <i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
3	<b>Barbet, Acacia Pied</b> <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
4	<b>Barbet, Black-collared</b> <i>Lybius torquatus</i>
5	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
6	<b>Batis, Chinspot</b> <i>Batis molitor</i>
7	<b>Bee-eater, European</b> <i>Merops apiaster</i>
8	<b>Bee-eater, Little</b> <i>Merops pusillus</i>
9	<b>Bee-eater, White-fronted</b> <i>Merops bullockoides</i>
10	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>
11	<b>Bishop, Yellow-crowned</b> <i>Euplectes afer</i>
12	<b>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
13	<b>Boubou, Southern</b> <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
14	<b>Brubru, Brubru</b> <i>Nilaus afer</i>
15	<b>Bulbul, Dark-capped</b> <i>Pycnonotus tricolor</i>
16	<b>Bunting, Cape</b> <i>Emberiza capensis</i>
17	<b>Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>
18	<b>Bushshrike, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Chlorophoneus sulfureopectus</i>
19	<b>Bustard, Denham's</b> <i>Neotis denhami</i> (VU, NT)
20	<b>Buttonquail, Common</b> <i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>
21	<b>Buzzard, Common</b> <i>Buteo buteo</i>
22	<b>Buzzard, Jackal</b> <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i> (NE)
23	<b>Canary, Black-throated</b> <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>
24	<b>Canary, Cape</b> <i>Serinus canicollis</i>
25	<b>Canary, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Crithagra mozambica</i>
26	<b>Chat, Ant-eating</b> <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>
27	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>
28	<b>Chat, Mocking Cliff</b> <i>Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris</i>
29	<b>Cisticola, Cloud</b> <i>Cisticola textrix</i> (NE)
30	<b>Cisticola, Desert</b> <i>Cisticola aridulus</i>
31	<b>Cisticola, Lazy</b> <i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
32	<b>Cisticola, Levallant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>
33	<b>Cisticola, Wailing</b> <i>Cisticola lais</i>

SPECIES	
34	<b>Cisticola, Wing-snapping</b> <i>Cisticola ayresii</i>
35	<b>Cisticola, Zitting</b> <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
36	<b>Coot, Red-knobbed</b> <i>Fulica cristata</i>
37	<b>Cormorant, Reed</b> <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>
38	<b>Cormorant, White-breasted</b> <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
39	<b>Coucal, Burchell's</b> <i>Centropus burchellii</i>
40	<b>Cursorer, Temminck's</b> <i>Cursorius temminckii</i>
41	<b>Crake, Black</b> <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>
42	<b>Crane, Blue</b> <i>Grus paradisea</i> (VU, NT)
43	<b>Crane, Grey Crowned</b> <i>Balearica regulorum</i> (EN)
44	<b>Crombec, Long-billed</b> <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
45	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>
46	<b>Cuckoo-Hawk, African</b> <i>Aviceda cuculoides</i>
47	<b>Cuckoo, Black</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>
48	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>
49	<b>Cuckoo, Jacobin</b> <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
50	<b>Cuckoo, Klaas's</b> <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>
51	<b>Cuckoo, Red-chested</b> <i>Cuculus solitarius</i>
52	<b>Cuckooshrike, Black</b> <i>Campephaga flava</i>
53	<b>Darter, African</b> <i>Anhinga rufa</i>
54	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
55	<b>Dove, Namaqua</b> <i>Oena capensis</i>
56	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
57	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
58	<b>Dove, Rock</b> <i>Columba livia</i>
59	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
60	<b>Duck, African Black</b> <i>Anas sparsa</i>
61	<b>Duck, White-faced Whistling</b> <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
62	<b>Duck, Yellow-billed</b> <i>Anas undulata</i>
63	<b>Eagle-Owl, Spotted</b> <i>Bubo africanus</i>
64	<b>Eagle, African Fish</b> <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
65	<b>Eagle, Black-chested Snake</b> <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>
66	<b>Eagle, Brown Snake</b> <i>Circaetus cinereus</i>

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67	<b>Eagle, Verreaux's</b> <i>Aquila verreauxii</i> (VU, LC)
68	<b>Eagle, Wahlberg's</b> <i>Hieraaetus wahlbergi</i>
69	<b>Egret, Western Cattle</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
70	<b>Falcon, Amur</b> <i>Falco amurensis</i>
71	<b>Falcon, Lanner</b> <i>Falco biarmicus</i> (VU, LC)
72	<b>Firefinch, African</b> <i>Lagonosticta rubricata</i>
73	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>
74	<b>Flufftail, Red-chested</b> <i>Sarothrura rufa</i>
75	<b>Flycatcher, African Paradise</b> <i>Terpsiphone viridis</i>
76	<b>Flycatcher, Fiscal</b> <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)
77	<b>Flycatcher, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
78	<b>Flycatcher, Spotted</b> <i>Muscicapa striata</i>
79	<b>Francolin, Coqui</b> <i>Peliperdix coqui</i>
80	<b>Francolin, Orange River</b> <i>Scleroptila gutturalis</i>
81	<b>Francolin, Red-winged</b> <i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>
82	<b>Francolin, Shelley's</b> <i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>
83	<b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>
84	<b>Goose, Spur-winged</b> <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
85	<b>Grassbird, Cape</b> <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i> (NE)
86	<b>Grebe, Little</b> <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
87	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>
88	<b>Hamerkop, Hamerkop</b> <i>Scopus umbretta</i>
89	<b>Harrier-Hawk, African</b> <i>Polyboroides typus</i>
90	<b>Heron, Black-headed</b> <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>
91	<b>Heron, Grey</b> <i>Ardea cinerea</i>
92	<b>Heron, Purple</b> <i>Ardea purpurea</i>
93	<b>Heron, Striated</b> <i>Butorides striata</i>
94	<b>Honeybird, Brown-backed</b> <i>Prodotiscus regulus</i>
95	<b>Honeyguide, Greater</b> <i>Indicator indicator</i>
96	<b>Honeyguide, Lesser</b> <i>Indicator minor</i>
97	<b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>
98	<b>Hoopoe, Green Wood</b> <i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
99	<b>Hornbill, African Grey</b> <i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>

SPECIES	
100	<b>Ibis, African Sacred</b> <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
101	<b>Ibis, Glossy</b> <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
102	<b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
103	<b>Ibis, Southern Bald</b> <i>Geronticus calvus</i> (VU, SLS)
104	<b>Kestrel, Greater</b> <i>Falco rupicoloides</i>
105	<b>Kestrel, Lesser</b> <i>Falco naumanni</i>
106	<b>Kestrel, Rock</b> <i>Falco rupicolus</i>
107	<b>Kingfisher, Brown-hooded</b> <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
108	<b>Kingfisher, Giant</b> <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>
109	<b>Kingfisher, Half-collared</b> <i>Alcedo semitorquata</i> (NT, LC)
110	<b>Kingfisher, Malachite</b> <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>
111	<b>Kingfisher, Pied</b> <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
112	<b>Kingfisher, Woodland</b> <i>Halcyon senegalensis</i>
113	<b>Kite, Black-winged</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
114	<b>Korhaan, Northern Black</b> <i>Afrotis afraoides</i>
115	<b>Lapwing, African Wattled</b> <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
116	<b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>
117	<b>Lapwing, Crowned</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
118	<b>Lark, Eastern Clapper</b> <i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>
119	<b>Lark, Flappet</b> <i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>
120	<b>Lark, Melodious</b> <i>Mirafra cheniana</i> (NE)
121	<b>Lark, Red-capped</b> <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>
122	<b>Lark, Rufous-naped</b> <i>Mirafra africana</i>
123	<b>Lark, Sabota</b> <i>Calendulauda sabota</i>
124	<b>Lark, Spike-heeled</b> <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>
125	<b>Longclaw, Cape</b> <i>Macronyx capensis</i>
126	<b>Martin, Banded</b> <i>Riparia cincta</i>
127	<b>Martin, Brown-throated</b> <i>Riparia paludicola</i>
128	<b>Martin, Common House</b> <i>Delichon urbicum</i>
129	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
130	<b>Moorhen, Common</b> <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
131	<b>Mousebird, Speckled</b> <i>Colius striatus</i>
132	<b>Myna, Common</b> <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (I)

SPECIES	
133	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
134	<b>Nightjar, European</b> <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>
135	<b>Nightjar, Fiery-necked</b> <i>Caprimulgus pectoralis</i>
136	<b>Nightjar, Freckled</b> <i>Caprimulgus tristigma</i>
137	<b>Nightjar, Rufous-cheeked</b> <i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>
138	<b>Oriole, Black-headed</b> <i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
139	<b>Ostrich, Common</b> <i>Struthio camelus</i>
140	<b>Owl, African Grass</b> <i>Tyto capensis</i> (VU, LC)
141	<b>Owl, Marsh</b> <i>Asio capensis</i>
142	<b>Owl, Western Barn</b> <i>Tyto alba</i>
143	<b>Oxpecker, Red-billed</b> <i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
144	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
145	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
146	<b>Pipit, Buffy</b> <i>Anthus vaalensis</i>
147	<b>Pipit, Nicholson's</b> <i>Anthus nicholsoni</i>
148	<b>Pipit, Plain-backed</b> <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>
149	<b>Pipit, Striped</b> <i>Anthus lineiventris</i>
150	<b>Plover, Three-banded</b> <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
151	<b>Prinia, Black-chested</b> <i>Prinia flavicans</i>
152	<b>Prinia, Tawny-flanked</b> <i>Prinia subflava</i>
153	<b>Puffback, Black-backed</b> <i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
154	<b>Quail, Common</b> <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
155	<b>Quail, Harlequin</b> <i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>
156	<b>Quailfinch, Quailfinch</b> <i>Ortygospiza atricollis</i>
157	<b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>
158	<b>Rail, African</b> <i>Rallus caerulescens</i>
159	<b>Robin-Chat, Cape</b> <i>Cossypha caffra</i>
160	<b>Robin-Chat, White-throated</b> <i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
161	<b>Robin, White-browed Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas leucophrys</i>
162	<b>Seedeater, Streaky-headed</b> <i>Crithagra gularis</i>
163	<b>Shrike, Crimson-breasted</b> <i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
164	<b>Shrike, Lesser Grey</b> <i>Lanius minor</i>
165	<b>Shrike, Red-backed</b> <i>Lanius collurio</i>

SPECIES	
166	<b>Snipe, African</b> <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>
167	<b>Sparrow-Weaver, White-browed</b> <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
168	<b>Sparrow, Cape</b> <i>Passer melanurus</i>
169	<b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
170	<b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>
171	<b>Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush</b> <i>Gymnoris superciliaris</i>
172	<b>Sparrowhawk, Ovambo</b> <i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>
173	<b>Spurfowl, Natal</b> <i>Pternistis natalensis</i>
174	<b>Spurfowl, Swainson's</b> <i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>
175	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
176	<b>Starling, Pied</b> <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i> (SLS)
177	<b>Starling, Red-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus morio</i>
178	<b>Starling, Violet-backed</b> <i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>
179	<b>Stonechat, African</b> <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>
180	<b>Sunbird, Amethyst</b> <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>
181	<b>Sunbird, Greater Double-collared</b> <i>Cinnyris afer</i> (SLS)
182	<b>Sunbird, White-bellied</b> <i>Cinnyris talatala</i>
183	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
184	<b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
185	<b>Swallow, Lesser Striped</b> <i>Cecropis abyssinica</i>
186	<b>Swallow, Pearl-breasted</b> <i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>
187	<b>Swallow, Red-breasted</b> <i>Cecropis semirufa</i>
188	<b>Swallow, South African Cliff</b> <i>Petrochelidon spilodera</i> (BNE)
189	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albicularis</i>
190	<b>Swift, African Black</b> <i>Apus barbatus</i>
191	<b>Swift, African Palm</b> <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
192	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
193	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
194	<b>Tchagra, Black-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra senegalus</i>
195	<b>Tern, Whiskered</b> <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
196	<b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
197	<b>Thrush, Groundscraper</b> <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
198	<b>Thrush, Kurrichane</b> <i>Turdus libonyana</i>

SPECIES	
199	<b>Tinkerbird, Yellow-fronted</b> <i>Pogoniulus chrysoconus</i>
200	<b>Tit, Southern Black</b> <i>Melaniparus niger</i>
201	<b>Wagtail, African Pied</b> <i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
202	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
203	<b>Warbler, African Reed</b> <i>Acrocephalus baeticatus</i>
204	<b>Warbler, African Yellow</b> <i>Iduna natalensis</i>
205	<b>Warbler, Lesser Swamp</b> <i>Acrocephalus gracillirostris</i>
206	<b>Warbler, Little Rush</b> <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>
207	<b>Warbler, Willow</b> <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
208	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
209	<b>Waxbill, Orange-breasted</b> <i>Amandava subflava</i>
210	<b>Weaver, Cape</b> <i>Ploceus capensis</i> (NE)
211	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
212	<b>Weaver, Thick-billed</b> <i>Amblyospiza albifrons</i>
213	<b>Weaver, Village</b> <i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
214	<b>Wheatear, Capped</b> <i>Oenanthe pileata</i>
215	<b>Wheatear, Mountain</b> <i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
216	<b>White-eye, Cape</b> <i>Zosterops virens</i> (NE)
217	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>
218	<b>Widowbird, Fan-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes axillaris</i>
219	<b>Widowbird, Long-tailed</b> <i>Euplectes progne</i>
220	<b>Widowbird, Red-collared</b> <i>Euplectes ardens</i>
221	<b>Widowbird, White-winged</b> <i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
222	<b>Woodpecker, Bearded</b> <i>Chloropicus namaquus</i>
223	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>
224	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>
225	<b>Wryneck, Red-throated</b> <i>Jynx ruficollis</i>

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