

# Witsand 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)*

### ENDEMICISM 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>Barbet, Acacia Pied</b> <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	
2	<b>Barbet, Crested</b> <i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>	
3	<b>Batis, Pirit</b> <i>Batis pirit</i>	
4	<b>Bee-eater, European</b> <i>Merops apiaster</i>	
5	<b>Bee-eater, Swallow-tailed</b> <i>Merops hirundineus</i>	
6	<b>Bishop, Southern Red</b> <i>Euplectes orix</i>	
7	<b>Bokmakierie, Bokmakierie</b> <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>	
8	<b>Brubru, Brubru</b> <i>Nilaus afer</i>	
9	<b>Bulbul, African Red-eyed</b> <i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	
10	<b>Bunting, Cape</b> <i>Emberiza capensis</i>	
11	<b>Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza tahapisi</i>	
12	<b>Bunting, Golden-breasted</b> <i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>	
13	<b>Bunting, Lark-like</b> <i>Emberiza impetuani</i>	
14	<b>Bustard, Kori</b> <i>Ardeotis kori</i> (NT)	
15	<b>Buttonquail, Common</b> <i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>	
16	<b>Canary, Black-throated</b> <i>Crithagra atrogularis</i>	
17	<b>Canary, White-throated</b> <i>Crithagra albogularis</i>	
18	<b>Canary, Yellow</b> <i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>	
19	<b>Chat, Ant-eating</b> <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>	
20	<b>Chat, Familiar</b> <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>	
21	<b>Cisticola, Grey-backed</b> <i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>	
22	<b>Cisticola, Levallant's</b> <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>	
23	<b>Crombec, Long-billed</b> <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	
24	<b>Crow, Pied</b> <i>Corvus albus</i>	
25	<b>Cuckoo, Black</b> <i>Cuculus clamosus</i>	
26	<b>Cuckoo, Diederik</b> <i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	
27	<b>Cuckoo, Jacobin</b> <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	
28	<b>Dove, Laughing</b> <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	
29	<b>Dove, Namaqua</b> <i>Oena capensis</i>	
30	<b>Dove, Red-eyed</b> <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	
31	<b>Dove, Ring-necked</b> <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	
32	<b>Drongo, Fork-tailed</b> <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	
33	<b>Eagle-Owl, Spotted</b> <i>Bubo africanus</i>	

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34	<b>Eagle, Verreaux's</b> <i>Aquila verreauxii</i> (VU, LC)	
35	<b>Eremomela, Yellow-bellied</b> <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	
36	<b>Falcon, Pygmy</b> <i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>	
37	<b>Finch, Red-headed</b> <i>Amadina erythrocephala</i>	
38	<b>Firefinch, Red-billed</b> <i>Lagonosticta senegala</i>	
39	<b>Fiscal, Southern</b> <i>Lanius collaris</i>	
40	<b>Flycatcher, Chat</b> <i>Melaenornis infuscatus</i>	
41	<b>Flycatcher, Fairy</b> <i>Stenostira scita</i> (NE)	
42	<b>Flycatcher, Fiscal</b> <i>Melaenornis silens</i> (NE)	
43	<b>Flycatcher, Marico</b> <i>Melaenornis mariquensis</i>	
44	<b>Flycatcher, Spotted</b> <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	
45	<b>Goose, Egyptian</b> <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	
46	<b>Goshawk, Gabar</b> <i>Micronisus gabar</i>	
47	<b>Goshawk, Pale Chanting</b> <i>Melierax canorus</i>	
48	<b>Guineafowl, Helmeted</b> <i>Numida meleagris</i>	
49	<b>Honeyguide, Greater</b> <i>Indicator indicator</i>	
50	<b>Honeyguide, Lesser</b> <i>Indicator minor</i>	
51	<b>Hoopoe, African</b> <i>Upupa africana</i>	
52	<b>Hornbill, African Grey</b> <i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>	
53	<b>Hornbill, Southern Yellow-billed</b> <i>Tockus leucomelas</i>	
54	<b>Ibis, Hadada</b> <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	
55	<b>Kestrel, Rock</b> <i>Falco rupicolus</i>	
56	<b>Kingfisher, Brown-hooded</b> <i>Halcyon albiventris</i>	
57	<b>Kite, Black-winged</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	
58	<b>Korhaan, Northern Black</b> <i>Afrotis afraoides</i>	
59	<b>Korhaan, Red-crested</b> <i>Lophotis ruficrista</i>	
60	<b>Lapwing, Blacksmith</b> <i>Vanellus armatus</i>	
61	<b>Lapwing, Crowned</b> <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	
62	<b>Lark, Eastern Clapper</b> <i>Mirafra fasciolata</i>	
63	<b>Lark, Fawn-colored</b> <i>Calendulauda africanoides</i>	
64	<b>Lark, Pink-billed</b> <i>Spizocorys conirostris</i>	
65	<b>Lark, Sabota</b> <i>Calendulauda sabota</i>	
66	<b>Lark, Spike-heeled</b> <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>	

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67	<b>Martin, Rock</b> <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>
68	<b>Mousebird, Red-faced</b> <i>Urocolius indicus</i>
69	<b>Mousebird, White-backed</b> <i>Colius colius</i>
70	<b>Neddicky, Neddicky</b> <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>
71	<b>Nightjar, Rufous-cheeked</b> <i>Caprimulgus rufigena</i>
72	<b>Owl, Southern White-faced</b> <i>Ptilopsis granti</i>
73	<b>Owl, Western Barn</b> <i>Tyto alba</i>
74	<b>Owlet, Pearl-spotted</b> <i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
75	<b>Pigeon, Speckled</b> <i>Columba guinea</i>
76	<b>Pipit, African</b> <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
77	<b>Prinia, Black-chested</b> <i>Prinia flavicans</i>
78	<b>Pytilia, Green-winged</b> <i>Pytilia melba</i>
79	<b>Quail, Common</b> <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>
80	<b>Quelea, Red-billed</b> <i>Quelea quelea</i>
81	<b>Robin, Kalahari Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas paena</i>
82	<b>Robin, Karoo Scrub</b> <i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>
83	<b>Roller, Lilac-breasted</b> <i>Coracias caudatus</i>
84	<b>Sandgrouse, Burchell's</b> <i>Pterocles burchelli</i>
85	<b>Sandgrouse, Double-banded</b> <i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
86	<b>Sandgrouse, Namaqua</b> <i>Pterocles namaqua</i>
87	<b>Scimitarbill, Common</b> <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
88	<b>Shelduck, South African</b> <i>Tadorna cana</i>
89	<b>Shrike, Crimson-breasted</b> <i>Laniarius atrococcineus</i>
90	<b>Shrike, Lesser Grey</b> <i>Lanius minor</i>
91	<b>Shrike, Red-backed</b> <i>Lanius collurio</i>
92	<b>Sparrow-Lark, Grey-backed</b> <i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>
93	<b>Sparrow-Weaver, White-browed</b> <i>Plocepasser mahali</i>
94	<b>Sparrow, Cape</b> <i>Passer melanurus</i>
95	<b>Sparrow, House</b> <i>Passer domesticus</i> (I)
96	<b>Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed</b> <i>Passer diffusus</i>
97	<b>Starling, Cape</b> <i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
98	<b>Starling, Pale-winged</b> <i>Onychognathus naboroupp</i>
99	<b>Starling, Wattled</b> <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>

SPECIES	
100	<b>Sunbird, Dusky</b> <i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>
101	<b>Sunbird, Marico</b> <i>Cinnyris mariquensis</i>
102	<b>Swallow, Barn</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>
103	<b>Swallow, Greater Striped</b> <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>
104	<b>Swallow, White-throated</b> <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>
105	<b>Swift, Alpine</b> <i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
106	<b>Swift, Bradfield's</b> <i>Apus bradfieldi</i>
107	<b>Swift, Little</b> <i>Apus affinis</i>
108	<b>Swift, White-rumped</b> <i>Apus caffer</i>
109	<b>Tchagra, Brown-crowned</b> <i>Tchagra australis</i>
110	<b>Thick-knee, Spotted</b> <i>Burhinus capensis</i>
111	<b>Thrush, Groundscraper</b> <i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
112	<b>Thrush, Karoo</b> <i>Turdus smithi</i> (NE)
113	<b>Thrush, Short-toed Rock</b> <i>Monticola brevipes</i>
114	<b>Tit, Ashy</b> <i>Melaniparus cinerascens</i>
115	<b>Tit, Cape Penduline</b> <i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>
116	<b>Vulture, Cape</b> <i>Gyps coprotheres</i> (EN, VU)
117	<b>Vulture, Lappet-faced</b> <i>Torgos tracheliotos</i> (EN)
118	<b>Vulture, White-backed</b> <i>Gyps africanus</i> (CR)
119	<b>Wagtail, Cape</b> <i>Motacilla capensis</i>
120	<b>Warbler, Chestnut-vented</b> <i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>
121	<b>Warbler, Layard's</b> <i>Curruca layardi</i> (NE)
122	<b>Warbler, Rufous-eared</b> <i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>
123	<b>Waxbill, Black-faced</b> <i>Brunhilda erythronotos</i>
124	<b>Waxbill, Common</b> <i>Estrilda astrild</i>
125	<b>Waxbill, Violet-eared</b> <i>Granatina granatina</i>
126	<b>Weaver, Scaly-feathered</b> <i>Sporopipes squamifrons</i>
127	<b>Weaver, Sociable</b> <i>Philetairus socius</i>
128	<b>Weaver, Southern Masked</b> <i>Ploceus velatus</i>
129	<b>Wheatear, Mountain</b> <i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>
130	<b>White-eye, Orange River</b> <i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
131	<b>Whydah, Long-tailed Paradise</b> <i>Vidua paradisaea</i>
132	<b>Whydah, Pin-tailed</b> <i>Vidua macroura</i>

SPECIES		
133	<b>Whydah, Shaft-tailed</b> <i>Vidua regia</i>	
134	<b>Woodpecker, Bennett's</b> <i>Campethera bennettii</i>	
135	<b>Woodpecker, Cardinal</b> <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	
136	<b>Woodpecker, Golden-tailed</b> <i>Campethera abingoni</i>	

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