Bird Species

The following list documents bird species expected to be found on the reserve and indicates which have definitively been confirmed by direct observation or identified calls, or are expected based on normal distribution and habitat type (*). The total list currently comprises 398 species.

Apalises

Yellow-breasted apalis*
Bar-throated apalis

Avocets

Pied avocet*

Babblers

Arrow-marked babbler
Southern pied babbler

Barbets

Black-collared barbet*
Crested barbet
Acacia pied barbet

Bat Hawks

Bat hawk

Batises

Chinspot batis

Bee-eaters

European bee-eater
Blue-cheeked bee-eater*
White-fronted bee-eater
Southern carmine bee-eater
Swallow-tailed bee-eater
Little bee-eater

Bishops

Southern red bishop*
Yellow-crowned (golden) bishop*

Bitterns

Dwarf bittern*
Little bittern*

Boubous

Southern boubou
Tropical boubou

Bulbuls

African red-eyed bulbul*
Dark-capped (blackeyed) bulbul
Terrestrial brownbul (bulbul)*

Buntings

Cinnamon-breasted (rock) bunting
Golden-breasted bunting
Lark-like bunting*

Bush-shrikes

Grey-headed bush-shrike
Orange-breasted bush-shrike

Bustards

Kori bustard

Buttonquails

Small (kurrichane) buttonquail*

Buzzards

European honey-buzzard*
Steppe buzzard

Canaries

Yellow canary*
Yellow-fronted (yelloweyed) canary
Black-throated canary*

Chanting goshawks

Southern pale chanting goshawk
Dark chanting goshawk

Chats

Boulder chat
Familiar chat*
(Southern) Anteating chat*

Cisticolas

Zitting (fantailed) cisticola*
Desert cisticola*
Neddicky
Rattling cisticola
Lazy cisticola*
Red-faced cisticola*

Cliff-chats

Mocking cliff-chat*

Coots

Red-knobbed coot*

Cormorants

White-breasted cormorant
Reed cormorant

Coucals

Burchell's coucal*

Coursers

Temminck's courser*
Three-banded courser*
Bronze-winged courser

Crakes

Black crake
Corn crake*
African crake*

Crombecs

Long-billed crombec

Crows

Pied crow

Cuckoo hawks

African cuckoo hawk

Cuckoos

Common (European) cuckoo*
African cuckoo
Red-chested cuckoo*
Black cuckoo
Levaillant's (striped) cuckoo
Jacobin cuckoo
Great spotted cuckoo
Diderick (diederik) cuckoo
Klass's cuckoo

Cuckooshrikes

Black cuckooshrike
White-breasted cuckooshrike*

Darters

African darter

Doves

African mourning dove
Red-eyed dove
Cape turtle-dove
Laughing dove
Emerald-spotted (greenspotted) wood-dove
Namaqua dove

Drongoes

Fork-tailed drongo

Ducks

Comb (knob-billed) duck
White-faced duck
Fulvous duck*
White-backed duck*
Southern pochard
Maccoa duck*
Yellow-billed duck*
African black duck
Red-billed teal*
Hottentot teal*

Eagles

Verreauxs' eagle
Martial eagle
African hawk-eagle
Ayres's hawk-eagle*
Booted eagle
Wahlberg's eagle
African fish eagle
Bateleur
Steppe eagle*
Lesser spotted eagle*
Tawny eagle

Egrets

Yellow-billed egret*
Great (white egret)
Little egret
Cattle egret

Eremomelas

Burnt-necked eremomela*
Green-capped eremomela*
Yellow-bellied eremomela*

Falcons

Lanner falcon*
Peregrine falcon
Eurasian hobby*
Amur (Eastern red-footed) falcon
(Western) Red-footed falcon*

Finches

Cut-throat finch
Red-headed finch
Scaly-feathered finch
African quailfinch*

Finfoots

African finfoot*

Firefinches

Jameson's firefinch
Red-billed firefinch

Flamingos

Greater flamingo*
Lesser flamingo*

Flycatchers

Fairy flycatcher*
Spotted flycatcher
Ashy (bluegrey) flycatcher
Southern black flycatcher*
Fiscal flycatcher
Marico flycatcher
Pale (mousecoloured) flycatcher

Francolins

Coqui francolin*
Crested francolin

Geese

Spur-winged goose*
Egyptian goose

Goshawks

Gabar goshawk
Shikra (little banded goshawk)
African goshawk*

Grebes

Little grebe

Greenbuls

(African) Yellow-bellied greenbul (bulbul)*

Guineafowl

Helmeted guineafowl

Gulls

Grey-headed gull*

Hamerkop

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Harrier-hawks

African harrier-hawk (gymnogene)

Harriers

Pallid harrier*
Montagu's harrier*

Helmet-shrikes

Retz's (redbilled) helmet-shrike*
White-crested (white) helmet-shrike

Herons

Goliath heron
Purple heron*
Grey heron
Black-headed heron
(Common) Squacco heron
Black heron (egret)
White-backed night-heron*
Black-Crowned night-heron
Green-backed heron

Honeybirds

Brown-backed honeybird (honeyguide)*

Honeyguides

Greater honeyguide*
Lesser honeyguide*

Hoopoes

African hoopoe

Hornbills

Southern ground-hornbill
African grey hornbill
Southern yellow-billed hornbill
Red-billed hornbill

House-martins

Common house-martin*

Ibises

Hadeda ibis
Glossy ibis*
African sacred ibis

Indigobirds

Purple indigobird (widowfinch)*
Village indigobird (steelblue widowfinch)*

Jacanas

African jacana

Kestrels

Dickinson's kestrel*
Lesser kestrel*
Rock kestrel
Greater kestrel*

Kingfishers

Giant kingfisher
Pied kingfisher
Malachite kingfisher
African pygmy-kingfisher*
Woodland kingfisher
Brown-hooded kingfisher
Grey-headed (greyhooded) kingfisher
Striped kingfisher

Kites

Black kite
Yellow-billed kite
Black-shouldered kite*

Korhaans

Red-crested korhaan

Lapwings

Crowned lapwing (plover)
White-crowned lapwing (plover)
African wattled lapwing (plover)*
Blacksmith lapwing (plover)

Large Sandpipers

Common greenshank
Marsh sandpiper*

Larks

Dusky lark*
Flappet lark*
Monotonous lark
Sabota lark
Fawn-coloured lark*
Rufous-naped lark
Red-capped lark*

Lizard buzzard

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Mannikins

Bronze mannikin*

Marsh-harriers

African marsh harrier
Western marsh-harrier

Martins

Banded martin*
Sand martin*
Brown-throated martin*
Rock martin*

Moorhens

Common moorhen*
Lesser moorhen*

Mousebirds

Red-faced mousebird
Speckled mousebird

Mynas

Common (Indian) myna

Nightjars

European nightjar*
Freckled nightjar*
Fiery-necked nightjar
Rufous-cheeked nightjar
Square-tailed (Mozambique) nightjar*

Orioles

African golden oriole*
Eurasian (European) golden oriole*
Eastern black-headed oriole

Osprey

Osprey*

Ostriches

Common ostrich

Owls

Verraeux's (giant) eagle-owl
Pel's fishing owl*
Cape eagle-owl*
Spotted eagle-owl
Barn owl
African wood owl
Southern white-faced scops-owl
Pearl-spotted owlet
African scops-owl*

Oxpeckers

Red-billed oxpecker

Painted-snipes

Greater painted-snipe*

Paradise-flycatchers

African paradise-flycatcher

Parrots

Meyer's parrot*

Penduline-tits

Grey penduline-tit*

Pigeons

Speckled (rock) pigeon*
Rock dove (feral pigeon)*
African green pigeon

Pipits

African (grassveld) pipit*
Plain-backed pipit*
Buffy pipit*
Bushveld pipit
Striped pipit*

Plovers

Common ringed plover*
Three-banded plover
Kittlit's plover*
Caspian plover*
Grey plover*

Prinias

Tawny-flanked prinia
Black-chested prinia

Pygmy Geese

African pygmy-goose*

Pytilias

Green-winged pytilia (melba finch)
Orange-winged (goldenbacked) pytilia*

Quails

Harlequin quail*
Common quail*

Queleas

Red-billed quelea

Robin-chats

White-browed robin-chat (Heuglin's robin)*
(African) White-throated robin-chat (robin)

Rock-thrushes

Short-toed rock-thrush*

Rollers

Lilac-breasted roller
European roller
Purple roller
Broad-billed roller*

Ruffs

Ruff*

Sandgrouse

Double-banded sandgrouse
Namaqua sandgrouse*
Burchell's sandgrouse

Sandpipers

Curlew sandpiper*
Common sandpiper
Green sandpiper*
Wood sandpiper

Scimitarbills

Common (greater) scimitarbill

Scrub-robins

White-browed scrub-robin (robin)
Kalahari scrub-robin (robin)*

Secretarybird

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Seed-eaters

Streaky-headed seed-eater (canary)*

Shrikes

Crimson-breasted shrike
Magpie (African longtailed) shrike
Red-backed shrike
Lesser grey shrike
Common fiscal (fiscal shrike)
Southern white-crowned shrike
Brubru*
Black-backed puffback

Snake-eagles

Brown snake-eagle
Black-chested (black-breasted) snake-eagle

Snipes

African (Ethiopian) snipe*

Sparrowhawks

Ovambo sparrowhawk*
Little sparrowhawk
Black sparrowhawk*

Sparrowlarks

Chesnut-backed sparrowlark (finchlark)*
Grey-backed sparrowlark (finchlark)*

Sparrows

Great sparrow
House sparrow*
Cape sparrow*
(African) Yellow-throated petronia (sparrow)*
Southern grey-headed sparrow

Spoonbills

African spoonbill*

Spurfowl

Swainson's spurfowl (francolin)
Natal spurfowl (francolin)

Starlings

Greater blue-eared starling
Cape glossy starling
Violet-backed (plumcoloured) starling
Burchell's starling*
Meves's (longtailed) starling
Red-winged starling*
Wattled starling

Stilts

Black-winged stilt

Stints

Little stint*

Storks

Black stork*
Abdim's stork*
White stork
Yellow-billed stork
Marabou stork
Saddle-billed stork

Sunbirds

Scarlet-chested sunbird*
Amethyst (African black) sunbird
Collared sunbird*
White-bellied sunbird
Marico sunbird

Swallows

Red-breasted swallow
Greater striped swallow*
Lesser striped swallow*
Barn (European) swallow
Wire-tailed swallow
White-throated swallow*
Pearl-breasted swallow*
Grey-rumped swallow*

Swamphens

African purple swamphen (purple gallinule)*
Allen's (lesser) gallinule*

Swifts

Alpine swift*
Common (European) swift
African black swift*
Little swift*
Horus swift*
White-rumped swift*
African palm-swift

Tchagras

Black-crowned tchagra*
Brown-crowned (three-streaked) tchagra

Terns

White-winged tern*
Whiskered tern*

Thick-knees

Spotted thick-knee (dikkop)
Water thick-knee (dikkop)*

Thrushes

Kurrichane thrush
Groundscraper thrush

Tinkerbirds

Yellow-fronted tinkerbird (tinker barbet)*

Tit-babblers

Chestnut-vented tit-babbler*

Tit-flycatchers

Grey tit-flycatcher (fantailed-flycatcher)

Tits

Ashy tit*
Southern black tit*

Turacos

Grey go-away bird (lourie)

Vultures

Lappet-faced vulture
White-headed vulture*
Cape vulture
(African) White-backed vulture

Wagtails

Cape wagtail*
African pied wagtail
Yellow wagtail*

Warblers

Willow warbler*
Icterine warbler*
Olive-tree warbler*
Garden warbler*
Common whitethroat*
(African sedge) Little rush-warbler*
(Cape reed) Lesser swamp-warbler*
River warbler*
African (marsh) reed-warbler*
(European) Marsh-warbler*
Great reed-warbler*
(European) Sedge warbler*
Stierling's (barred) wren-warbler*
(African) Barred wren-warbler*
Grey-backed camaroptera (bleating warbler)

Waxbills

Violet-eared waxbill
Black-faced (blackcheeked) waxbill
Common waxbill
Blue waxbill

Weavers

Red-billed buffalo-weaver
White-browed sparrow-weaver
Village (spottedbacked) weaver*
Southern masked-weaver
Lesser masked weaver*
Spectacled weaver
Red-headed weaver

Wheatears

Capped wheatear*

White-eyes

African yellow white-eye*
Cape white-eye*

Whydahs

Pin-tailed whydah*
Shaft-tailed whydah
Long-tailed (Eastern) paradise-whydah

Widowbirds

White-winged widowbird (widow)*

Wood-hoopoes

Green (redbilled) wood-hoopoe

Woodpeckers

Cardinal woodpecker
Golden-tailed woodpecker*
Bennett's woodpecker*
Bearded woodpecker