

An Annotated Check List of the Birds of the Golden Gate Highlands National Park

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This paper presents a check list of 159 bird species occurring in the Golden Gate Highlands National Park and lists another 14 species needing confirmation. Temporal distribution of the species on a monthly basis was obtained during one year, between April 1983 and March 1984. Brief discussion on present status and breeding is given where possible.

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Introduction

Although aspects of the history (Van Rensburg 1968), geology (Le Roux 1978; Spies 1969; Groenewald 1986), vegetation (Roberts 1969; Potgieter 1982) and mammals (Liebenberg 1964; Penzhorn 1971; Rautenbach 1976) of the Golden Gate Highlands National Park (GGHNP) have been documented, no published information is available pertaining to the avifauna of this park. The present paper provides notes on the 159 accepted bird species recorded in the park and list another 14 which need confirmation. Temporal distribution of those species recorded during the four years of contribution to the Orange Free State Bird Atlas Project (Earlé & Grobler 1987) and where possible, spatial distribution is also noted.

Study area

The GGHNP is situated in the north-eastern Orange Free State, in the Rooiberg mountain range at 28°31'S and 28°37'E. Acocks (1975) classified this mountainous area as Highland Sourveld with *Themeda-Festuca* Alpine Veld in the higher reaches. Virtually the entire park carries a grassland vegetation, with the exception of certain deep valleys, protected gorges and crevices in the Cave Sandstone, where *Leucosidea* forest or mixed *Leucosidea-Kiggelaria-Buddleja* forest dominates (Roberts 1969). The ravine forests in the deeply incised valleys were well described by Van Zinderen-Bakker (1973). Some of the more obvious bird habitats in the park were: 1. Gardens (around staff houses and rest camps). 2. Cultivated fields (mostly old overgrown, disturbed areas). 3. Dams (Golden Gate and Langtoon) and surrounding reedbeds. 4. Mixed shrub-grassland areas (often among boulder fields). 5. Rivers with their associated woody vegetation (both *Leucosidea* and exotics

Resident (recorded during all months of the year except December).
Common in open grassland and on dams and rivers.

65 *Ardea purpurea* Purple Heron
Rooireier

Vagrant. Rare. Undated old records in field notes.

67 *Egretta garzetta* Little Egret
Kleinwitreier

Probably a vagrant (recorded April). Rare.

71 *Bubulcus ibis* Cattle Egret
Bosluisvoël

Resident (recorded January–May, July and September–December).
Common, many birds roosted in a large tree on the eastern shore of the Golden Gate Dam.

81 *Scopus umbretta* Hamerkop
Hamerkop

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Fairly common. Mainly on the rivers. Breeding.

83 *Ciconia ciconia* White Stork
Witooievaar

Summer visitor (January–March and September). Common in cultivated fields in the western part of the park.

84 *Ciconia nigra* Black Stork
Grootswartooievaar

Visitor (recorded February and March). Scarce.

85 *Ciconia abdimii* Abdim's Stork
Kleinswartooievaar

Vagrant. Rare, only one record of a single bird injured in a thunderstorm in January.

88 *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* Saddlebilled Stork
Saalbekooievaar

*Vagrant. One record for December. Rare.

91 *Threskiornis aethiopicus* Sacred Ibis
Skoorsteenveër

Visitor (recorded March–April, September and November–December). Uncommon on the dams.

92 *Geronticus calvus* Bald Ibis
Kalkoenibis

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common around breeding site in the Cathedral Cave. Seems to forage mainly outside the park.

94 *Bostrychia hagedash* Hadedda Ibis
Hadedda

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common in the less mountainous parts of the park along rivers, on lawns and around dams. Several roost sites in large trees.

- 101 *Thalassornis leuconotus* Whitebacked Duck
Witrugeend
Vagrant (only recorded in June). Rare, observed on the Langtoon Dam.
- 102 *Alopochen aegyptiacus* Egyptian Goose
Kolgans
Resident (recorded January–November). Common around dams and on cultivated fields in the west of the park.
- 103 *Tadorna cana* South African Shelduck
Kopereend
Vagrant (recorded January). Rare. Seen on Langtoon Dam.
- 104 *Anas undulata* Yellowbilled Duck
Geelbekeend
Resident. (recorded in all months of the year). Common on the dams. Breeding.
- 105 *Anas sparsa* African Black Duck
Swarteend
Probably resident (recorded January, July–September and December). Fairly common on rivers and streams.
- 108 *Anas erythrorhynchos* Redbilled Teal
Rooibekeend
Visitor (recorded November). Scarce. Seen on Langtoon Dam.
- 112 *Anas smithii* Cape Shoveller
Kaapse Slopeend
Visitor (recorded March and November). Uncommon. Seen both on Langtoon and Golden Gate dams.
- 113 *Netta erythrophthalma* Southern Pochard
Bruineend
Visitor (recorded January, April and November–December). Uncommon. Only seen on the Golden Gate Dam.
- 116 *Plectropterus gambensis* Spurwinged Goose
Wildemakou
Visitor (recorded April and August–November). Uncommon in cultivated fields.
- 118 *Sagittarius serpentarius* Secretarybird
Sekretarisvoël
Probably resident (recorded in all months of the year except November). Fairly common in the flat grassland areas of the park.
- 119 *Gypaetus barbatus* Bearded Vulture
Baardaasvoël
Resident (recorded January, March–September, November–December). Uncommon, usually seen flying. No known nest in the park as the nest at Mushroom Rocks is not used any more. A roosting (nesting?) site occurs on the farm Altcar just east of the park.
- 122 *Gyps coprotheres* Cape Vulture
Kransaasvoël

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Fairly common in the higher reaches of the park. This vulture was also seen to frequent the nesting ledges at the Altcar site.

126 *Milvus migrans* Yellowbilled
Geelbek

Visitor (recorded March and November). Scarce, frequenting the area around the tarred road through the park.

127 *Elanus caeruleus* Blackshouldered Kite
Blouvalk

Probably resident (or frequent visitor?) (recorded in all months of the year except October). Common on telegraph poles along the main road through the park.

131 *Aquila verreauxii* Black Eagle
Witkruisarend

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Fairly common, usually seen soaring along the sandstone cliffs. At least two breeding pairs with active nests in the park.

148 *Haliaeetus vocifer* African Fish Eagle
Visarend

Visitor (recorded November–December). Rare. Only subadult birds seen at Golden Gate Dam.

149 *Buteo buteo* Steppe Buzzard
Bruinjakkalsvoël

Summer visitor (recorded January–April and November–December). Scarce. Usually seen perched on vantage points next to main road.

152 *Buteo rufofuscus* Jackal Buzzard
Rooiborsjakkalsvoël

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Fairly common, especially in the main valley in the park. Probably breeding.

167 *Circus macrourus* Pallid Harrier
Witborspaddavreter

*Probably a vagrant (recorded August). Rare.

168 *Circus maurus* Black Harrier
Witkruispaddavreter

Irregular winter(?) visitor (recorded March–May and July). Uncommon. Usually seen in the Saaiplaat area.

169 *Polyboroides typus* Gymnogone
Kaalwangvalk

Probably resident (recorded January, March, August, September and November). Uncommon. Usually seen in the valley below Cathedral Cave. Probably a resident.

172 *Falco biarmicus* Lanner Falcon
Edelvalk

Vagrant (recorded March–April and August). Rare. Seen on sandstone kranses.

- 179 *Falco vespertinus* Western Redfooted Kestrel
Westelike Rooipootvalk
Visitor (recorded October–December). Rare.
- 181 *Falco tinnunculus* Rock Kestrel
Rooivalk
Probably a summer visitor (recorded all months of the year except October). Fairly common. Roosts in kranses but forages on open grassland areas.
- 183 *Falco naumanni* Lesser Kestrel
Kleinrooivalk
Autumn visitor (recorded March and April). Usually seen in small numbers perched on telegraph poles or moving through the area. Fairly common in some years.
- 190 *Francolinus africanus* Greywing Francolin
Bergpatrys
Probably resident (recorded January, March–June, August–December). Common in all grassland areas. Breeding.
- 199 *Francolinus swainsonii* Swainsons' Francolin
Bosveldfisant
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common in lower grassland areas. Breeding.
- 200 *Coturnix coturnix* Common Quail
Afrikaanse Kwartel
Probably resident (recorded January and March). Uncommon (probably overlooked?) in grassland. Breeding.
- 203 *Numida meleagris* Helmeted Guineafowl
Gewone Tarentaal
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common, especially in cultivated fields in the western part of the park. Several roosts in willow trees along the rivers.
- 208 *Anthropoides paradiseus* Blue Crane
Bloukraanvoël
Visitor (recorded January, and October–December). Fairly common in grassveld and cultivated fields. Breeding.
- 209 *Balearica regulorum* Crowned Crane
Mahem
Visitor (recorded January–February). Rare.
- 210 *Rallus caerulescens* African Rail
Grootriethaan
Probably a vagrant (recorded March). Rare. Seen around Langtoon dam.
- 226 *Gallinula chloropus* Moorhen
Waterhoender
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common on the Golden Gate and Langtoon dams. Breeding.
- 228 *Fulica cristata* Redknobbed Coot
Bleshoender

Resident. (recorded in all months of the year). Common on the Golden Gate and Langtoon dams. Breeding.

234 *Eupodotis caeruleascens* Blue Korhaan
Bloukorhaan

Visitor (recorded March–April, June and November). Scarce in short grassveld.

240 *Actophilornis africanus* African Jacana
Grootlangtoon

Visitor (recorded June–July). Rare. All sightings were on the Langtoon Dam.

249 *Charadrius tricollaris* Threebanded Plover
Driebandstrandkiewiet

Vagrant (recorded July and December). Rare along the rivers.

255 *Vanellus coronatus* Crowned Plover
Kroonkiewiet

Visitor (recorded April–June, November–December). Scarce. Mostly frequent the cultivated fields and disturbed areas.

258 *Vanellus armatus* Blacksmith Plover
Bontkiewiet

Visitor (recorded February, April–June and December). Uncommon in cultivated fields and around the dams.

294 *Recurvirostra avosetta* Avocet
Bontelsie

Vagrant. There are some old, undated records in the fieldnotes.

348 *Columba livia* Feral Pigeon
Tuinduif

Probably a visitor (recorded January–May and August). Uncommon around the human habitation at Gladstone.

349 *Columba guinea* Rock Pigeon
Kransduif

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common in the kranses. Breeding.

350 *Columba arquatrix* Rameron Pigeon
Geelbekbosduif

Visitor (recorded February–May, September and December). Uncommon, always in small numbers in wooded kloofs.

352 *Streptopelia semitorquata* Redeyed Dove
Grootringduif

Probably resident (recorded in all months of the year). Fairly common in the lower wooded parts such as along the rivers.

354 *Streptopelia capicola* Cape Turtle Dove
Gewone Tortelduif

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common. Breeding.

355 *Streptopelia senegalensis* Laughing Dove
Rooiborsduif

Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common. Breeding.

- 356 *Oena capensis* Namaqua Dove
Namakwadiif
Vagrant. Several old records for the park exist.
- 377 *Cuculus solitarius* Redchested Cuckoo
Piet-my-vrou
Summer visitor (recorded January–March, September–December). Fairly common in the wooded areas especially along the rivers.
- 386 *Chrysococcyx caprius* Diederik Cuckoo
Diederikkie
Irregular summer visitor (recorded November–December). Scarce, absent in some years. Frequents areas around reedbeds.
- 400 *Bubo capensis* Cape Eagle Owl
Kaapse Ooruil
Resident (recorded February–October). Fairly common. Usually heard at night in the Gladstone and Holkrans areas. Probably breeding.
- 411 *Apus apus* European Swift
Europese Windswael
Summer visitor (recorded December). Uncommon.
- 412 *Apus barbatus* Black Swift
Swartwindswael
Summer visitor (recorded March–May and October–December). Common. Several roosting/nesting sites are known in the sandstone kranses. Probably breeding.
- 415 *Apus caffer* Whiterumped Swift
Witkruiswindswael
Visitor (recorded February–March and September–December). Uncommon, usually seen around Brandwag where they breed in the nests of the Greater Striped Swallow.
- 416 *Apus horus* Horus Swift
Horuswindswael
Visitor (recorded March and November). Rare. Seen in the Langtoon dam area.
- 417 *Apus affinis* Little Swift
Kleinwindswael
Visitor (recorded February–May and December). Uncommon.
- 418 *Apus melba* Alpine Swift
Witpenswindswael
Probably resident (recorded January, March–May, August, October and December). Uncommon.
- 424 *Colius striatus* Speckled Mousebird
Gevlekte Muisvoël
Resident (recorded January–June, August–September and November–December). Fairly common around Brandwag and in wooded vegetation along rivers.

- 426 *Colius indicus* Redfaced Mousebird
Rooiwangmuisvoël
Vagrant (recorded April). Uncommon. Seen in wooded vegetation in kloofs
and at Brandwag.
- 429 *Ceryle maxima* Giant Kingfisher
Reuse Visvanger
Irregular visitor (recorded March–June and November). Uncommon. Mostly
seen at the Golden Gate Dam.
- 430 *Alcedo semitorquata* Halfcollared Kingfisher
Blouvisvanger
Probably summer visitor (January, March, September–October and De-
cember). Fairly common. Seen on both the rivers and the dams.
- 431 *Alcedo cristata* Malachite Kingfisher
Kuifkopvisvanger
Visitor (recorded January–April and October). Uncommon. Seen on both
the rivers and the dams.
- 446 *Coracias garrulus* European Roller
Europese Troupant
Vagrant. A single, undated summer record from old field notes.
- 451 *Upupa epops* Hoopoe
Hoephoep
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common, especially on lawns
at Brandwag. Breeding.
- 465 *Lybius leucomelas* Pied Barbet
Bonthoutkapper
Vagrant (recorded April–May). Rare. Frequent the woody vegetation along
the rivers but also the gardens.
- 474 *Indicator indicator* Greater Honeyguide
Grootheuningwyser
• Summer visitor (recorded September–December). Scarce. Usually along
rivers but has also been observed in wooded kloofs.
- 480 *Geocolaptes olivaceus* Ground Woodpecker
Grondspieg
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common, especially on the
drier slopes of the drainage lines in the park but also on the lawns around
Brandwag.
- 489 *Jynx ruficollis* Redthroated Wryneck
Draaihals
Resident (recorded March–April, July and September–October). Un-
common. Usually seen on the lawns in the Brandwag area where a pair was
breeding in a hole in an old willow tree.
- 495 *Mirafra apiata* Clapper Lark
Hoëveldklappertjie
Vagrant, one old, undated record from the field notes. Rare.

- 500 *Mirafra curvirostris* Longbilled Lark
Langbeklewerik
Probably an overlooked resident (recorded May). Scarce in short and disturbed grassveld. Locally common in areas adjacent to the park.
- 506 *Chersomanes albofasciata* Spikeheeled Lark
Vlaktelewerik
Irregular visitor (April, June–August and November). Scarce in short and disturbed grassland.
- 507 *Calandrella cinerea* Redcapped Lark
Rooikoplewerik
Visitor (recorded March–April and June). Uncommon in cultivated fields and other disturbed areas.
- 518 *Hirundo rustica* European Swallow
Europese Swael
Summer visitor (recorded January–March and November–December). Fairly common but never in large numbers. Frequent all grassland areas.
- 520 *Hirundo albigularis* Whitethroated Swallow
Witkeelswael
Summer visitor (recorded January–April and August–December). Uncommon and localized around breeding culverts in lower reaches of the park.
- 526 *Hirundo cucullata* Greater Striped Swallow
Grootstreepswael
Summer visitor (recorded January–May and September–December). Common usually around nests. Several nests on buildings in the park.
- 529 *Hirundo fuligula* Rock Martin
Kransswael
Probably a summer visitor (recorded January–March, September–December). Common along the kranses. Breeding.
- 530 *Delichon urbica* House Martin
Huiswael
Visitor (recorded March–April). Rare usually moving through the park in small numbers.
- 534 *Riparia cincta* Banded Martin
Gebande Oewerswael
Visitor (recorded December). Scarce in the park but breeding sites are known in surrounding areas.
- 547 *Corvus capensis* Black Crow
Swartkraai
Resident (recorded all months of the year). Fairly common mostly in higher lying grassland but also in cultivated fields in the western part of the park.
- 550 *Corvus albicollis* Whitenecked Raven
Withalskraai
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Fairly common in all open grassveld.

- 567 *Pycnonotus nigricans* Redeyed Bulbul
Rooioogtiptol
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common in the more wooded parts of the park such as along the rivers and around Brandwag. Breeding.
- 568 *Pycnonotus barbatus* Blackeyed Bulbul
Swartoogtiptol
Visitor (recorded March–April and June). Scarce. Usually seen in gardens. Often subadult birds.
- 577 *Turdus olivaceus* Olive Thrush
Olyflyster
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common especially along the rivers and in the wooded kloofs. Breeding.
- 581 *Monticola rupestris* Cape Rock Thrush
Kaapse Kliplyster
Resident (recorded in all months except February). Fairly common throughout the park but seems to keep more to the lower parts. Breeding.
- 582 *Monticola explorator* Sentinel Rock Thrush
Langtoonkliplyster
Probably visitor (recorded April, May and July). Uncommon, frequenting rocks on the drier slopes.
- 586 *Oenanthe monticola* Mountain Chat
Bergwagter
Probably resident (recorded March, May, August and December). Uncommon in boulder strewn slopes.
- 588 *Oenanthe bifasciata* Buffstreaked Chat
Bergklipwagter
Probably resident (recorded May–June and September, December). Uncommon and localized. Usually seen in boulder strewn slopes.
- 589 *Cercomela familiaris* Familiar Chat
Gewone Spekvreter
Probably a resident (recorded March–April, September and December). Uncommon, usually around Brandwag but also in open grassveld with boulders.
- 593 *Thamnolaea cinnamomeiventris* Mocking Chat
Dassievoël
Visitor (recorded in January and December). Rare. Frequents the kranses in higher lying areas.
- 595 *Myrmecocichla formicivora* Anteating Chat
Swartpiek
Resident (recorded January–April, June and November–December). Localized and uncommon in the short and disturbed grassland areas. More common in areas just outside the park. Breeding.
- 596 *Saxicola torquata* Stonechat
Gewone Bontrokkie
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common in flat grassland areas throughout the park. Breeding.

- 601 *Cossypha caffra* Cape Robin
Janfrederik
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Fairly common in wooded kloofs and along the rivers. Breeding.
- 612 *Chaetops aurantius* Orangebreasted Rockjumper
Oranjeborsberglyster
Visitor (recorded May). Rare, only found in the higher lying areas of the park.
- 635 *Acrocephalus gracilirostris* Cape Reed Warbler
Kaapse Rietsanger
Visitor (?). Probably rare, some old, undated records exist in field notes.
- 661 *Sphenoeacus afer* Grassbird
Grasvoël
Probably resident (recorded March and July–October). Fairly common but often overlooked if the distinctive call is not known. Frequents taller grassveld especially on slopes.
- 664 *Cisticola juncidis* Fantailed Cisticola
Landerykloppie
Probably a visitor (recorded April). Scarce, usually seen in cultivated fields in the western part of the park.
- 665 *Cisticola aridula* Desert Cisticola
Woestynkloppie
Probably a visitor (recorded March–April). Scarce in short and disturbed grassland areas in the west of the park.
- 670 *Cisticola lais* Wailing Cisticola
Huiltinktinkie
Resident (recorded March, July–August and October). Uncommon. Occurs in the grassland on the slopes especially in drainage lines where woody plants break the grassland.
- 677 *Cisticola tinniens* Levillant's Cisticola
Vleitinktinkie
Resident (recorded March–May, August and October–December). Uncommon. Usually seen on the Langtoon and Golden Gate dams.
- 681 *Cisticola fulvicapilla* Neddicky
Neddikkie
Resident (recorded January, March, May, July–August and December). Fairly common in broken grassveld/scrub and along cultivated fields. Breeding.
- 686 *Prinia maculosa* Spotted Prinia
KarooLangstertjie
Resident (recorded all months of the year except February). Fairly common in areas with *Leucosidea* scrub. Breeding.
- 690 *Muscicapa adusta* Dusky Flycatcher
Donkervlieëvanger
Visitor (recorded December). Scarce in wooded kloofs.

- 698 *Sigelus silens* Fiscal Flycatcher
Fiskaalvlieëvanger
Vagrant (recorded March). Rare in broken grassveld/shrub.
- 700 *Batis capensis* Cape Batis
Kaapse Bosbontrokkie
Probably resident (recorded January, April, June–July and September). Uncommon. Always seen in tall *Leucosidea* stands along drainage lines.
- 710 *Terpsiphone viridis* Paradise Flycatcher
Paradysvlieëvanger
Summer visitor (recorded March and November–December). Rare. Seen in trees along the rivers.
- 713 *Motacilla capensis* Cape Wagtail
Gewone Kwikkie
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common in rest camps, along the rivers and around the dams.
- 716 *Anthus novaeseelandiae* Richard's Pipit
Gewone Koester
Resident (recorded January–April, May–June, August–September and November). Fairly common in low grassland areas.
- 719 *Anthus vaalensis* Buffy Pipit
Vaalkoester
Probably a resident (recorded February, June and October). Uncommon (overlooked?), in higher grassland areas.
- 721 *Anthus crenatus* Rock Pipit
Klipkoester
Probably visitor (recorded August). Scarce on rocky areas on slopes.
- 727 *Macronyx capensis* Orangethroated Longclaw
Oranjekeelkalkoentjie
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common in all grassland but prefers marshy areas. Breeding.
- 732 *Lanius collaris* Fiscal Shrike
Fiskaallaksman
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common in all habitats. Breeding.
- 736 *Laniarius ferrugineus* Southern Boubou
Suidelike Waterfiskaal
Probably resident (recorded July–August and October). Uncommon in all the drainage lines and wooded kloofs.
- 743 *Tchagra australis* Threestreaked Tchagra
Rookvlerktjagra
Vagrant (recorded February and April). Rare. Seen in gardens in the park.
- 746 *Telophorus zeylonus* Bokmakierie
Bokmakierie
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common around Brandwag in the gardens and also in broken grassveld/scrub areas. Breeding.

- 759 *Spreo bicolor* Pied Starling
Witgatspreeu
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common. Occurs in all habitats. Breeding in many dongas and in the banks of rivers.
- 760 *Creatophora cinerea* Wattled Starling
Lelspreeu
Visitor (recorded May). Scarce. Seen on lawns in gardens.
- 764 *Lamprotornis nitens* Glossy Starling
Kleinglansspreeu
Summer visitor (recorded January–February and September–October). Scarce in gardens and in broken veld in the lower lying areas.
- 769 *Onychognathus morio* Redwinged Starling
Roovlerkspreeu
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Common. Mostly around the rest camps but also on kranses. Roosts in kranses and many nests on buildings.
- 775 *Nectarinia famosa* Malachite Sunbird
Jangroentjie
Summer visitor (recorded February–March and September–December). Fairly common in broken grassveld and in gardens where flowering plants occur, also on the edges of wooded kloofs. Breeding.
- 792 *Nectarinia amethystina* Black Sunbird
Swartsuikerbekkie
Visitor (recorded October). Scarce. Seen only in gardens.
- 796 *Zosterops pallidus* Cape White-eye
Kaapse Glasogie
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Fairly common. Frequents all wooded habitats. Breeding.
- 801 *Passer domesticus* House Sparrow
Huisbossie
Probably a visitor (recorded March–October and December). Scarce around rest camps.
- 803 *Passer melanurus* Cape Sparrow
Gewone Mossie
Visitor (recorded March–April and September–October). Scarce around rest camps.
- 804 *Passer griseus* Greyheaded Sparrow
Gryskopmossie
Resident (recorded in all months of the year). Uncommon and localized. Usually around buildings. Breeding.
- 813 *Ploceus capensis* Cape Weaver
Kaapse Wewer
Resident (recorded in all months of the year except September). Common but localized in the vicinity of reedbeds where they breed.
- 814 *Ploceus velatus* Masked Weaver
Swartkeelgeelvink

- Resident (recorded January, March–June, August and October–December). Uncommon but localized around reedbeds where they breed.
- 824 *Euplectes orix* Red Bishop
Rooivink
Resident (recorded in all months of the year except June). Fairly common. Usually seen in reedbeds where they breed but also feeding in open grassland.
- 826 *Euplectes afer* Golden Bishop
Goudgeelvink
Irregular visitor (recorded March, June–July and December). Scarce. Frequenting marshy grassland.
- 827 *Euplectes capensis* Yellowrumped Widow
Kaapse Flap
Probably resident (recorded January–March, July–August and November–December). Fairly common in the longer grassveld areas. Breeding.
- 828 *Euplectes axillaris* Redshouldered Widow
Kortstertflap
Visitor (recorded March). Rare in taller grassland areas.
- 831 *Euplectes ardens* Redcollared Widow
Rooikeelflap
Resident (recorded January–April, July and November–December). Uncommon. Frequents longer grassland areas especially in broken grassland/scrub. Breeding.
- 832 *Euplectes progne* Longtailed Widow
Langstertflap
Resident (recorded January, March–April, June–December). Fairly common in taller grassveld. Breeding.
- 846 *Estrilda astrild* Common Waxbill
Rooibeksysie
Resident (recorded February–May, August–October and December). Fairly common. Mostly in marshy grassland or in reeds around the dams. Breeding.
- 850 *Estrilda melanotis* Sweet Waxbill
Suidelike Swie
Vagrant. A single old, undated record exists.
- 856 *Amadina erythrocephala* Redheaded Finch
Rooikopvink
Probably a vagrant (recorded January and June). Rare. Seen in gardens.
- 860 *Vidua macroura* Pintailed Whydah
Koningrooibekkie
Resident (recorded January–April, September and November–December). Uncommon (probably overlooked in eclipse plumage). In grassveld.
- 872 *Serinus canicollis* Cape Canary
Kaapse Kanarie
Probably a summer visitor (recorded January, and October–December). Fairly common in all habitats with some woody vegetation. Breeding.

- 875 *Serinus symonsi* Drakensberg Siskin
Bergpietjiekaniarie
Visitor (recorded March–May). Rare. Usually seen in broken grassveld/
scrub.
- 877 *Serinus sulphuratus* Bully Canary
Dikbekkaniarie
Vagrant (recorded May). Rare in broken grassveld/scrub.
- 881 *Serinus gularis* Streakyheaded Canary
Streepkopkaniarie
Probably a visitor (recorded March, May, August and December). Scarce.
Usually in cultivated fields and other disturbed areas.
- 884 *Emberiza flaviventris* Goldenbreasted Bunting
Rooirugstreepkoppie
Visitor (recorded September and December). Scarce. Frequents disturbed
areas as well as gardens.
- 885 *Emberiza capensis* Cape Bunting
Rooivlerkstreepkoppie
Resident (recorded February–March and May–November). Fairly common.
Occurs on drier slopes especially where there are some boulders. Breeding.
- 886 *Emberiza tahapisi* Rock Bunting
Klipstreepkoppie
Visitor (recorded January–April, September and November–December).
Uncommon on grass covered slopes where rocks and boulders provide per-
ches.

Species needing confirmation before inclusion

- 68 *Egretta intermedia* Yellowbilled Egret
Geelbekwitreier
- 123 *Gyps africanus* Whitebacked Vulture
Witruugaasvoël
- 159 *Accipiter badius* Little Banded Goshawk
Gebande Sperwer
- 196 *Francolinus natalensis* Natal Francolin
Natale Fisant
- 227 *Gallinula angulata* Lesser Moorhen
Kleinwaterhoender
- 385 *Chrysococcyx klaas* Klaas's Cuckoo
Meitjie
- 394 *Strix woodfordii* Wood Owl
Bosuil
- 401 *Bubo africanus* Spotted Eagle Owl
Gevlekte Ooruil
- 473 *Trachyphonus vaillantii* Crested Barbet
Kuifkophoutkapper
- 487 *Thripias namaquus* Bearded Woodpecker
Baardspeg

527 <i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>	Lesser Striped Swallow Kleinstreepswael
685 <i>Prinia flavicans</i>	Blackchested Prinia Swartbandlangstertjie
870 <i>Serinus atrogularis</i>	Blackthroated Canary Bergkanarie
876 <i>Serinus alario</i>	Blackheaded Canary Swartkopkanarie

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