

# A CHECK-LIST OF THE BIRDS OF THE KALAHARI GEMSBOK PARK.

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The Authors, having undertaken ten Survey Trips during the past three years, three of these through the dune-area of the Park and the remainder along the Auob and Nossob Rivers, covering the different seasons and under different climatic conditions, have decided to group the Birds under two headings.

(A) The Resident and the Temporary Resident Species which include the Migrants, and

(B) The Occasional Visitors, which can occur in the Park under favourable climatic conditions.

Many species under (B), have been recorded by the following observers : Drs. Rudebeck and Swanberg, Messrs. Barnard, de Villiers, Le Riche and Bartie. Those marked with an asterisk have as yet not been confirmed by the authors and those marked with a double asterisk denote new distribution records. A total of 166 species is recorded in this check-list.

CLASS : AVES.

(A).

SUB-CLASS : ORNITHURAE (*NEORNITHES*)

ORDER : STRUTHIONES

FAM. : STRUTHIONIDAE

1. *Struthio camelus australis* (Gurney)

Ostrich — Volstruis

(1)

ORDER : PODICIPEDES

FAM. : PODICIPIDAE

1. *Podiceps ruficollis capensis* (Salvadori)

Cape Dabchick — Kaapse Duikertjie

(6)

ORDER : GRESSORES

FAM. : ARDEIDAE

1. *Ardea melanocephala* (Vigors & Children)  
Black-Headed Heron — Swartkopreier (55)

FAM. : SCOPIIDAE

1. *Scopus umbretta* (Gmelin)  
Hamerkop — Hamerkop (72)

FAM. : CICONIA

1. *Sphenorhynchus abdimii* (Lichtenstein)  
White-Bellied Stork — Klein Swart Sprinkaanvoël (78)
2. *Ciconia nigra* (Linnaeus)  
Black Stork — Groot Swart Sprinkaanvoël (79)
3. *Ciconia ciconia ciconia* (Linnaeus)  
White Stork — Groot Wit Sprinkaanvoël (80)

ORDER : FALCONES

FAM. : SAGITTARIIDAE

1. *Sagittarius serpentarius* (Miller)  
Secretary Bird — Sekretarisvoël (105)

FAM. : AEGYPTIIDAE

1. *Gyps africanus* (Salvadori)  
White-backed Vulture — Witrug-aasvoël (107)
2. *Torgos tracheliotus* (Forster)  
Black Vulture — Swart Aasvoël (108)
- \*3. *Necrosyrtes monachus* (Temminck)  
Hooded Vulture — Monnik-aasvoël (110)

FAM. : FALCONIDAE

1. *Falco biarmicus biarmicus* (Temminck)  
Lanner Falcon — Edelvalk (114)
2. *Falco rupicoloides rupicoloides* (A. Smith)  
Greater Kestrel — Groot Rooivalk (122)
3. *Falco tinnunculus rupicola* (Daudin)  
Rock Kestrel — Rooivalkie (123)
4. *Poliohierax semitorquatus semitorquatus* (A. Smith)  
Pigmy Falcon — Dwergvalkie (126)

FAM. : AQUILIDAE

- \*1. *Milvus aegyptius parasitus* (Daudin)  
Yellow-Billed Kite — Geelbekwou (129)
2. *Elanus caeruleus caeruleus* (Desfontaines)  
Black-Shouldered Kite — Blouvalkie (130)
3. *Aquila rapax rapax* (Temminck)  
Tawny Eagle — Kouvoël (134)

4. *Aquila wahlbergi* (Sundevall)  
Wahlberg's Eagle — Bruinarend (137)
5. *Hieraaëtus pennatus* (Gmelin)  
Booted-eagle (Light phase) — Dwergarend (Ligte fase) (139)
6. *Polemaëtus bellicosus* (Daudin)  
Martial Eagle — Breëkoparend (142)
- \*\*7. *Circaëtus cinereus* (Vieillot)  
Brown Snake-Eagle — Bruin Slangarend (145)
8. *Circaëtus pectoralis* (A. Smith)  
Black-Breasted Snake-Eagle — Swartbors Slangarend (146)
9. *Terathopius ecaudatus* (Daudin)  
Bataleur — Berghaan (151)
10. *Buteo rufofuscus rufofuscus* (Forster)  
Jackal Buzzard — Jakkalsvoël (152)
11. *Micronisus gabar* (Daudin)  
Gabar Goshawk — Klein Witvalkie (162)
12. *Meliërax musicus* (Daudin)  
Chanting Goshawk — Groot Witvalk (165)
- \*\*13. *Circus pygargus* (Linnaeus)  
Montagu's Harrier — Blou Paddavreter (170)
- ORDER : GALLI  
FAM. : PHASIANIDAE
- \*\*1. *Coturnix delegorguei delegorguei* (Delegorgue)  
Harlequin Quail — Bont Kwartel (190)
- FAM. : TURNICIDAE
1. *Turnix sylvatica lepurana* (A. Smith)  
Kurrichane Button-Quail — Bosveld-kwarteltjie (196)
- ORDER : GRUES  
FAM. : OTIDAE
1. *Ardeotis kori kori* (Burchell)  
Kori Bustard — Gompou (217)
2. *Neotis ludwigii* (Rüppell)  
Ludwig's Bustard — Ludwigse Pou (218)
3. *Lophotis ruficrista ruficrista* (A. Smith)  
Red-Crested Korhaan — Boskorhaan (224)
4. *Afrotis afra kalaharica* (Roberts)  
Black Korhaan — Swart Korhaan (225)
- ORDER : LARO-LIMICOLAE  
FAM. : CHARADRIIDAE
1. *Charadrius asiaticus* (Pallas)  
Caspian Plover — Asiatiese Strandloper (240)

2. *Stephanibyx coronatus coronatus* (Boddaert)  
Crowned Plover — Kiewietjie (242)
- FAM. : BURHINIDAE
1. *Burhinus capensis* (Lichtenstein)  
Cape Dikkop — Dikkop (275)
- FAM. : GLAREOLIDAE
1. *Cursorius rufus* (Gould)  
Burchell's Courser — Bloukop-drawwertjie (276)
2. *Rhinoptilus africanus africanus* (Temminck)  
Double-Banded Courser — Dubbelband-drawwertjie (278)
- ORDER : COLUMBAE
- FAM. : PTEROCLIDAE
1. *Pterocles namaqua* (Gmelin)  
Namaqua Sandgrouse — Kelkiewyn (307)
2. *Pterocles burchelli burchelli* (W. Sclater)  
Spotted Sandgrouse — Sandpatrys (308)
- FAM. : COLUMBIDAE
1. *Columba guinea* (Linnaeus)  
Rock Pigeon — Bosduif (311)
2. *Streptopelia capicola tropica* (Reichenow)  
Cape Turtle Dove — Tortelduif (316)
3. *Stigmatopelia senegalensis senegalensis* (Linnaeus)  
Laughing Dove — Rooiborsduifie (317)
4. *Oena capensis capensis* (Linnaeus)  
Namaqua Dove — Namakwaduifie (318)
- ORDER : CUCULI
- FAM. : CUCULIDAE
1. *Chrysococcyx caprius* (Boddaert)  
Diederik Cuckoo — Diedrikkie (352)
- ORDER : STRIGES
- FAM. : TYTONIDAE
1. *Tyto alba affinis* (Blyth)  
Barn Owl — Nonnetjie-uil (359)
- \*\*2. *Tyto capensis* (A. Smith)  
Grass Owl — Grasuil (360)
- FAM. : BUBONIDAE
1. *Otus leucotis granti* (Kollibay)  
White-Faced Owlet — Witwang-ooruiltjie (364)
2. *Glaucidium perlatum licua* (Lichtenstein)  
Pearl-Spotted Owlet — Dwerguiltjie (365)

3. *Bubo africanus africanus* (Temminck)  
Spotted Eagle Owl — Gevlekte-ooruil (368)
4. *Bubo lacteus* (Temminck)  
Giant Eagle Owl — Reuse-ooruil (369)
- ORDER : CAPRIMULGI  
FAM. : CAPRIMULGIDAE
1. *Caprimulgus europaeus europaeus* (Linnaeus)  
European Nightjar — Europese Naguil (371)
2. *Caprimulgus rufigena* (A. Smith)  
Rufous-Cheeked Nightjar — Rooiwang-naguil (372)
3. *Caprimulgus pectoralis fervidus* (Sharpe)  
South African Nightjar — Suid-Afrikaanse naguil (373)
- ORDER : MACROCHIRES  
FAM. : MICROPODIDAE
1. *Apus barbatus barbatus* (P. Sclater)  
Black Swift — Swart-windswawel (380)
2. *Apus caffer caffer* (Lichtenstein)  
White-Rumped Swift — Witkruis-windswawel (383)
- ORDER : CORACIAE  
FAM. : ALCEDINIDAE
1. *Halcyon chelicuti chelicuti* (Stanley)  
Striped Kingfisher — Gestreepte-visvanger (403)
- FAM. : MEROPIDAE
1. *Dicrocercus hirundineus hirundineus* (Lichtenstein)  
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater — Mikstertbyvreter (411)
- FAM. : CORACIIDAE
1. *Coracias caudata caudata* (Linnaeus)  
Lilac-Breasted Roller — Gewone-troupand (413)
2. *Coracias naevia mosambica* (Dresser)  
Mozambique Roller — Groot-troupand (415)
- FAM. : UPUPIDAE
1. *Upupa africana* (Bechstein)  
African Hoopoe — Hoepoep (418)
2. *Rhinopomastus cyanomelas cyanomelas* (Vieillot)  
Scimitar-Bill Hoopoe — Swartbek-kakelaar (421)
- FAM. : BUCEROTIDAE
1. *Lophoceros nasutus epirhinus* (Sundevall)  
Grey Hornbill — Gry-neushoringvoël (424)
2. *Lophoceros flavirostris leucomelas* (Lichtenstein)  
Yellow-Billed Hornbill — Geelbek-neushoringvoël (426)

ORDER : PICI

FAM. : CAPITONIDAE

1. *Tricholaema leucomelas centrale* (Roberts)  
Pied Barbet — Bont Houtkapper (432)

FAM. : PICIDAE

1. *Campethera abingoni smithii* (Malherbe)  
Golden-Tailed Woodpecker — Goudstertspeg (447)
2. *Dendropicos fuscescens stresemanni* (Grote)  
Cardinal Woodpecker — Kardinaalspeg (450)
3. *Thripias namaquus namaquus* (Lichtenstein)  
Beared Woodpecker — Namakwaspeg (451)

ORDER : PASSERES

SUB-ORDER : OSCINES

FAM. : ALAUDIDAE

1. *Mirafra africana* (A. Smith)  
Rufous-Naped Lark — Rooinek-lewerkie (458)
2. *Mirafra africanoides africanoides* (A. Smith)  
Fawn-Coloured Lark — Vaalbruin-lewerkie (459)
3. *Mirafra sabota sabotoides* (Roberts)  
Sabota Lark — Sabota-lewerkie (460)
4. *Mirafra apiata* (Vieillot)  
Clapper Lark — Klappertjie (466)
5. *Certhilauda albofasciata* (Lafresnaye)  
Spike-Heeled Lark — Vlakvoëltjie (474)
6. *Eremopterix verticalis verticalis* (A. Smith)  
Grey-Backed Finch-Lark — Gryskaffertjie (485)
7. *Eremopterix australis* (A. Smith)  
Black-Eared Finch-Lark — Egte Kaffertjie (486)
8. *Tephrocorys cinerea witputzi* (Macdonald)  
Red-Capped Lark — Rooikop Lewerkie (488)
9. *Spizocorys conirostris barlowi* (Roberts)  
Pink-Billed Lark — Rooibek Lewerkie (490)
- \*\*10. *Mirafra passerina* (Gyldenstolpe)  
Monotonous Lark — Bosveld Lewerkie (457)

FAM. : HIRUNDINIDAE

1. *Hirundo rustica rustica* (Linnaeus)  
European Swallow — Europese Swawel (493)
2. *Cecropis cucullata* (Boddaert)  
Larger Striped Swallow — Groot Streepswawel (502)

3. *Petrochelidon spilodera* (Sundevall)  
Cliff swallow — Familieswawel (504)
4. *Ptynoprogne fuligula anderssoni* (Sharpe & Wyatt)  
Rock Martin — Kransswawel (506)
5. *Riparia paludicola paludicola* (Vieillot)  
African Sand Martin — Afrikaanse Oewerswawel (509)
- FAM. : CAMPEPHAGIDAE
- \*\*1. *Campephaga phoenicia sulphurata* (Lichtenstein)  
Black Cuckoo-Shrike — Swart Katakoeroe (513)
- FAM. : DICRURIDAE
1. *Dicrurus adsimilis adsimilis* (Bechstein)  
Fork-Tailed Drongo — Mikstert-byvanger (517)
- FAM. : CORVIDAE
1. *Corvus capensis* (Lichtenstein)  
Black Crow — Swartkraai (523)
- FAM. : PARIDAE
1. *Parus afer afer* (Gmelin)  
Grey Tit — Pietjtjoutjou (525)
- FAM. : REMIZIDAE
1. *Anthoscopus minutus* (Shaw & Nodder)  
Penduline Tit — Kapokvoël (531)
- FAM. : TIMALIIDAE
1. *Turdoides bicolor* (Jardine)  
Pied Babbler — Wit-katlagter (536)
- FAM. : PYCNONOTIDAE
1. *Pycnonotus nigricans* (Vieillot)  
Red-Eyed Bulbul — Rooioog-tiptol (544)
- FAM. : TURDIDAE
- \*\*1. *Turdus litsitsirupa* (A. Smith)  
Groundscraper Thrush — Gevlekte-lyster (557)
2. *Monticola brevipes* (Waterhouse)  
Short-Toed Rock Thrush — Korttoon-klipwagter (561)
3. *Oenanthe pileata pileata* (Gmelin)  
Capped Wheatear — Skaapwagter (568)
4. *Cercomela familiaris galtoni* (Strickland)  
Familiar Chat — Spekvreter (570)
5. *Myrmecocichla formicivora* (Vieillot)  
Ant-Eating Chat — Swartpiek (575)
6. *Erythropygia paena paena* (A. Smith)  
Kalahari Scrub Robin — Wipstert (586)

FAM. : SYLVIIDAE

1. *Phylloscopus trochilus trochilus* (Linnaeus)  
Willow Warbler — Hofsanger (599)
2. *Eremomela icteropygialis* (Lafresnaye)  
Yellow-Bellied Bush Warbler — Geelbuik-bossanger (600)
3. *Malcorus pectoralis malopensis* (Sharpe)  
Rufous-Eared Warbler — Rooioor-kleinjantjie (619)
4. *Cisticola aridula kalahari* (O. Grant)  
Desert Cisticola — Bleekveld-tingtinkie (630)

FAM. : PRINIIDAE

1. *Prinia flavicans* (Vieillot)  
Black-Chested Prinia — Swartbors-langstert-tingtinkie (650)

FAM. : MUSCICAPIDAE

1. *Muscicapa striata striata* (Pallas)  
Spotted Flycatcher — Europese Vlieëvanger (654)
2. *Parisoma subcaeruleum subcaeruleum* (Vieillot)  
Tit-Babbler — Tjeriktik (658)
3. *Bradornis mariquensis* (A. Smith)  
Marico Flycatcher — Marico-vlieëvanger (661)
4. *Bradornis infuscatus benguellensis* (Sousa)  
Chat Flycatcher — Groot-vlieëvanger (663)
5. *Batis pririt* (Vieillot)  
Pirit Flycatcher — Pirit-bosbontrokkie (674)
6. *Stenostira scita* (Vieillot)  
Fairy Flycatcher — Feë-vlieëvanger (678)

FAM. : MOTACILLIDAE

1. *Motacilla capensis* (Linnaeus)  
Cape Wagtail — Kwikkie (686)
2. *Anthus richardi rufuloides* (Roberts)  
Richard's Pipit — Gewone Koester. (692)
3. *Anthus vaalensis vaalensis* (Shelley)  
Buffy Pipit — Vaal-koester (695)

FAM. : LANIIDAE

1. *Lanius minor* (Gmelin)  
Lesser grey Shrike — Europese Gryslaksman (706)
2. *Lanius collaris subcoronatus* (A. Smith)  
Fiscal Shrike — Laksman (707)
3. *Lanius collurio collurio* (Linnaeus)  
Red-Backed Shrike — Rooirug-laksman (708)
4. *Laniarius atro-coccineus* (Burchell)  
Crimson-Breasted Shrike — Rooibors-fiskaal (711)



5. *Tchagra australis australis* (A. Smith)  
Three-Streaked Tchagra — Klein Rooivlerk-laksman (714)
6. *Telophorus zeylonus phanus* (Hartert)  
Bokmakierie — Bokmakierie (722)
7. *Eurocephalus anguitimens* (A. Smith)  
White-Crowned Shrike — Kremetart-laksman (730)
8. *Nilaus afer brubru* (Latham)  
Brubru Shrike — Bontrok-laksman (731)
- FAM. : STURNIDAE
1. *Creatophora cinerea* (Menschen)  
Wattled Starling — Vaalspreeu (735)
2. *Lamprocolius nitens phoenicopterus* (Swainson)  
Cape Glossy Starling — Klein-glansspreeu (737)
3. *Lamprotornis australis* (A. Smith)  
Burchell's Glossy Starling — Groot-glansspreeu (743)
- FAM. : PLOCEIDAE
- SUB-FAM. : PLOCEPASSERINAE
1. *Plocepasser mahali mahali* (A. Smith)  
White-Browed Sparrow-Weaver — Koringvoël (780)
2. *Philetairus socius* (Latham)  
Sociable Weaver — Familievoël (783)
- SUB-FAM. : PASSERINAE
- \*\*1. *Passer domesticus indicus* (Jardine & Selby)  
House Sparrow — Engelse Mossie (784)
2. *Passer melanurus melanurus* (Müller)  
Cape Sparrow — Mossie (786)
3. *Passer diffusus diffusus* (A. Smith)  
Grey-Headed Sparrow — Gryskop-mossie (787)
- SUB-FAM. : SPOROPIPINAE
1. *Sporopipes squamifrons* (A. Smith)  
Scaly-Feathered Finch — Baardmanneljie (789)
- SUB-FAM. : PLOCEINAE
1. *Ploceus velatus tahatali* (A. Smith)  
Masked Weaver — Swartkeel-geelvink (803)
2. *Quelea quelea lathamii* (A. Smith)  
Red-Billed Quelea — Rooibekvink (805)
- SUB-FAM. : ESTRILDINAE
1. *Amadina erythrocephala* (Linnaeus)  
Red-Headed Finch — Rooikop-mossie (820)
- \*\*2. *Pytelia melba melba* (Linnaeus)  
Melba Finch — Melba-vink (830)

3. *Granatina granatina* (Linnaeus)  
Violet-Eared Waxbill — Koningblousysie (840)
- SUB-FAM. : VIDUINAE
1. *Vidua regia* (Linnaeus)  
Shaft-Tailed Whydah — Pylstert (847)
- FAM. : FRINGILLIDAE
1. *Crithagra flaviventris marshalli* (Shelley)  
Yellow Canary — Geelsysie (866)
2. *Fringillaria impetuani* (A. Smith)  
Lark-Like Bunting — Vaal-streepkoppie (871)
- (B)
- ORDER : ANSERES
- FAM. : ANATIDAE
- \*1. *Anas undulata undulata* Dubois  
Yellowbill — Geelbekeend (96)
2. *Anas erythrorhyncha* (Gmelin)  
Red-Bill Teal — Rooibek-eendjie (97)
- \*3. *Netta erythrophthalma* (Wied)  
South African Pochard — Bruineend (102)
- ORDER : FALCONES
- FAM. : AEGYPIIDAE
- \*1. *Gypohierax angolensis* (Gmelin)  
Palm-Nut Vulture — Witaasvoël (112)
- FAM. : FALCONIDAE
- \*1. *Falco peregrinus* (Tunstall)  
Peregrine Falcon — Slegvalk (113)
- \*2. *Falco subbuteo subbuteo* (Linnaeus)  
Hobby — Europese Boomvalk (115)
- \*\*3. *Falco chiquera horsbrughii* (Gunning & Roberts)  
Red-Necked Falcon — Rooinek-valkie (117)
- FAM. : AQUILIDAE
1. *Milvus migrans migrans* (Boddaert)  
Black Kite — Swart-wou (128)
- \*2. *Hieraaëtus spilogaster* (Bonaparte)  
African Hawk Eagle — Afrikaanse Jagarend (141)
- \*3. *Accipiter ovampensis* (Gurney)  
Ovambo Sparrowhawk — Ovambosperwer (157)
- \*4. *Accipiter minullus* (Daudin)  
Little Sparrowhawk — Klein Sperwer (158)
- \*5. *Circus maurus* (Temminck)  
Black Harrier — Witkruisvalk (169)

ORDER : GALLI

FAM. : PHASIANIDAE

- \*1. *Coturnix coturnix africana* (Temminck)  
African Quail — Afrikaanse Kwartel (189)

FAM. : NUMIDIDAE

- \*1. *Numida meleagris* (Linnaeus)  
Crowned Guinea-Fowl — Tarentaal (192)

ORDER : GRUES

FAM. : RALLIDAE

- \*1. *Fulica cristata* (Gmelin)  
Red-Knobbed Coot — Bleshoender (212)

FAM. : OTIDAE

- \*1. *Eupodotis vigorsii* (A. Smith)  
Karoo Korhaan — Vaalkorhaan (220)

ORDER : LARO-LIMICOLAE

FAM. : CHARADRIIDAE

1. *Charadrius tricollaris tricollaris* (Vieillot)  
Three-Banded Sandplover — Drieband-strandlopertjie (238)
- \*2. *Hoplopterus armatus* (Burchell)  
Blacksmith Plover — Bontkiewietjie (245)

FAM. : SCOLOPACIDAE

1. *Calidris minuta* (Leisler)  
Little Stint — Kleinstrandloper (253)
2. *Tringa glareola* (Linnaeus)  
Wood Sandpiper — Bosruiter (264)

ORDER : CUCULI

FAM. : CUCULIDAE

1. *Cuculus canorus gularis* (Stephens)  
African Cuckoo — Afrikaanse Koekoek (340b)
- \*2. *Cuculus solitarius* (Stephens)  
Red-Chested Cuckoo — Piet-my-vrou (343)
- \*3. *Clamator jacobinus serratus* (Sparman)  
Jacobin Cuckoo — Nuwejaarsvoël (348)

ORDER : STRIGES

FAM. : BUBONIDAE

- \*1. *Otus scops senegalensis* (Swainson)  
Scops Owlet — Klein-ooruiltjie (363)

ORDER : COLLI

FAM. : COLLIDAE

- \*1. *Colius colius* (Linnaeus)  
White-Backed Mousebird — Witkruis-muisvoël (391)

ORDER : CORACIAE

FAM. : MEROPIDAE

1. *Merops apiaster* (Linnaeus)  
European Bee-eater — Europese Byvreter (404)

FAM. : CORACIIDAE

1. *Coracias garullus garullus* Linnaeus  
European Roller — Europese Troupand (412)

FAM. : UPUPIDAE

- \*1. *Phoeniculus purpureus* (Miller)  
Red-Billed Hoopoe — Kakelaar (419)

ORDER : PASSERES

SUB-ORDER : OSCINES

FAM. : SYLVIIDAE

- \*1. *Camoptera fasciolata fasciolata* (A. Smith)  
Barred Warbler — Gebande-sanger (614)

FAM. : NECTARINIDAE

- \*1. *Cinnyris fuscus* (Vieillot)  
Dusky Sunbird — Namakwa-suikerbekkie (764)

FAM. : PLOCEIDAE

SUB-FAM. : BUBALORNITHINAE

- \*1. *Bubalornis albirostris niger* (A. Smith)  
Buffalo Weaver — Buffelwewer (779)