

Bird Checklist

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325 Species



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- 497 Albatross, Indian Yellow-nosed
- 699 Apalis, Bar-throated
- 700 Apalis, Yellow-breasted
- 67 Barbet, Acacia Pied
- 68 Barbet, Black-collared
- 563 Batis, Cape
- 565 Batis, Chinspot
- 105 Bee-eater, Blue-cheeked
- 107 Bee-eater, European
- 101 Bee-eater, Little
- 856 Bishop, Southern Red
- 450 Bittern, Dwarf
- 449 Bittern, Little
- 552 Bokmakierie
- 550 Boubou, Southern
- 620 Brownbul, Terrestrial
- 614 Bulbul, Dark-capped
- 948 Bunting, Cape
- 947 Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted
- 949 Bunting, Golden-breasted
- 557 Bush-shrike, Grey-headed
- 554 Bush-shrike, Olive
- 553 Bush-shrike, Orange-breasted
- 42 Buttonquail, Black-rumped
- 194 Bustard, Denham's
- 381 Buzzard, Common (Steppe)
- 346 Buzzard, European Honey
- 382 Buzzard, Forest
- 385 Buzzard, Jackal
- 704 Camaroptera, Green-backed
- 939 Canary, Brimstone
- 932 Canary, Cape
- 937 Canary, Forest
- 934 Canary, Yellow-fronted
- 792 Chat, Ant-eating
- 791 Chat, Familiar
- 794 Chat, Mocking Cliff
- 683 Cisticola, Croaking
- 674 Cisticola, Lazy
- 682 Cisticola, Levaillant's
- 678 Cisticola, Wailing
- 690 Cisticola, Wing-snapping
- 686 Cisticola, Zitting
- 226 Coot, Red-knobbed
- 429 Cormorant, Cape
- 425 Cormorant, Reed
- 427 Cormorant, White-breasted
- 131 Coucal, Burchell's
- 219 Crane, Spotted
- 205 Crane, Grey Crowned
- 570 Crow, Cape

- 571 Crow, Pied
- 124 Cuckoo, African Emerald
- 117 Cuckoo, Black
- 118 Cuckoo, Common
- 125 Cuckoo, Diederik
- 112 Cuckoo, Jacobin
- 123 Cuckoo, Klaas's
- 116 Cuckoo, Red-chested
- 581 Cuckooshrike, Black
- 580 Cuckooshrike, Grey
- 424 Darter, African
- 187 Dove, Cape Turtle
- 189 Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood
- 185 Dove, Laughing
- 183 Dove, Lemon
- 192 Dove, Namaqua
- 188 Dove, Red-eyed
- 179 Dove, Rock
- 191 Dove, Tambourine
- 539 Drongo, Fork-tailed
- 538 Drongo, Square-tailed
- 31 Duck, African Black
- 28 Duck, Knob-billed
- 22 Duck, White-faced Whistling
- 33 Duck, Yellow-billed
- 350 Eagle, African Fish
- 361 Eagle, Brown Snake
- 396 Eagle, Crowned
- 395 Eagle, Long-crested
- 394 Eagle, Martial
- 389 Eagle, Verreaux's
- 393 Egret, Great
- 432 Egret, Little
- 442 Egret, Western Cattle
- 434 Egret, Yellow-billed
- 406 Falcon, Amur
- 411 Falcon, Lanner
- 412 Falcon, Peregrine
- 208 Finfoot, African
- 886 Firefinch, African (Blue-billed)
- 576 Fiscal, Southern (Common)
- 453 Flamingo, Greater
- 209 Flufftail, Buff-spotted
- 212 Flufftail, Striped
- 758 Flycatcher, African Dusky
- 541 Flycatcher, African Paradise
- 759 Flycatcher, Ashy
- 540 Flycatcher, Blue-mantled Crested
- 756 Flycatcher, Fiscal
- 755 Flycatcher, Southern Black
- 757 Flycatcher, Spotted

- 6 Francolin, Red-winged
- 223 Gallinule, American (Purple)
- 420 Gannet, Cape
- 235 Godwit, Bar-tailed
- 25 Goose, Egyptian
- 27 Goose, Spur-winged
- 375 Goshawk, African
- 628 Grassbird, Cape
- 414 Grebe, Little
- 617 Greenbul, Sombre
- 241 Greenshank, Common
- 20 Guineafowl, Helmeted
- 316 Gull, Grey-headed
- 313 Gull, Kelp
- 452 Hamerkop
- 345 Hawk, African Cuckoo
- 370 Hawk, African Harrier-
- 431 Heron, Black
- 447 Heron, Black-crowned Night
- 439 Heron, Black-headed
- 440 Heron, Goliath
- 446 Heron, Green-backed
- 438 Heron, Grey
- 441 Heron, Purple
- 443 Heron, Squacco
- 448 Heron, White-backed Night
- 409 Hobby, Eurasian
- 45 Honeyguide, Greater
- 46 Honeyguide, Lesser
- 44 Honeyguide, Scaly-throated
- 80 Hoopoe, African
- 74 Hornbill, Crowned
- 79 Hornbill, Southern Ground-
- 77 Hornbill, Trumpeter
- 458 Ibis, African Sacred
- 456 Ibis, Hadedra
- 896 Indigobird, Dusky
- 268 Jacana, African
- 399 Kestrel, Lesser
- 400 Kestrel, Rock
- 92 Kingfisher, African Pygmy
- 96 Kingfisher, Brown-hooded
- 98 Kingfisher, Giant
- 90 Kingfisher, Half-collared
- 91 Kingfisher, Malachite
- 95 Kingfisher, Mangrove
- 99 Kingfisher, Pied
- 348 Kite, Black-shouldered
- (-) Kite, Yellow-billed
- 291 Lapwing, Blacksmith
- 296 Lapwing, Black-winged

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| 297 | Lapwing, Crowned | |
| 734 | Lark, Red-capped | |
| 711 | Lark, Rufous-naped | |
| 914 | Longclaw, Cape | |
| 913 | Longclaw, Yellow-throated | |
| 888 | Mannikin, Bronze | |
| 890 | Mannikin, Red-backed | |
| 594 | Martin, Banded | |
| 593 | Martin, Brown-throated | |
| 609 | Martin, Rock | |
| 224 | Moorhen, Common | |
| 225 | Moorhen, Lesser | |
| 111 | Mousebird, Red-faced | |
| 110 | Mousebird, Speckled | |
| 684 | Neddicky | |
| 177 | Nightjar, European | |
| 172 | Nightjar, Fiery-necked | |
| 537 | Oriole, Black-headed | |
| 534 | Oriole, Eurasian Golden | |
| 344 | Osprey, Western | |
| 161 | Owl, African Grass | |
| 168 | Owl, African Wood | |
| 165 | Owl, Spotted Eagle- | |
| 166 | Owl, Verreaux's Eagle- | |
| 160 | Owl, Western Barn | |
| 274 | Oystercatcher, African Black | |
| 132 | Parrot, Cape | |
| 476 | Penguin, African | |
| 504 | Petrel, Pintado | |
| 519 | Petrel, White-chinned | |
| 905 | Petronia, Yellow-throated | |
| 193 | Pigeon, African Green | |
| 181 | Pigeon, African Olive | |
| 180 | Pigeon, Speckled | |
| 919 | Pipit, African | |
| 922 | Pipit, Buffy | |
| 924 | Pipit, Long-billed | |
| 921 | Pipit, Plain-backed | |
| 917 | Pipit, Striped | |
| 284 | Plover, Chestnut-banded | |
| 280 | Plover, Common Ringed | |
| 279 | Plover, Grey | |
| 282 | Plover, Kittlitz's | |
| 283 | Plover, Three-banded | |
| 286 | Plover, White-fronted | |
| 694 | Prinia, Drakensberg | |
| 693 | Prinia, Karoo | |
| 691 | Prinia, Tawny-flanked | |
| 543 | Puffback, Black-backed | |
| 15 | Quail, Common | |
| 866 | Quail-finch, African | |

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| 853 | Quelea, Red-billed | |
| 572 | Raven, White-necked | |
| 774 | Robin, Brown Scrub | |
| 775 | Robin, White-browed Scrub | |
| 762 | Robin, White-starred | |
| 766 | Robin-chat, Cape | |
| 770 | Robin-chat, Chorister | |
| 769 | Robin-chat, Red-capped | |
| 89 | Roller, Broad-billed | |
| 85 | Roller, European | |
| 86 | Roller, Lilac-breasted | |
| 263 | Ruff | |
| 251 | Sanderling | |
| 262 | Sandpiper, Broad-billed | |
| 247 | Sandpiper, Common | |
| 260 | Sandpiper, Curlew | |
| 240 | Sandpiper, Marsh | |
| 258 | Sandpiper, Pectoral | |
| 246 | Sandpiper, Terek | |
| 245 | Sandpiper, Wood | |
| 612 | Saw-wing, Black | |
| 397 | Secretarybird | |
| 942 | Seedeater, Streaky-headed | |
| 26 | Shelduck, South African | |
| 34 | Shoveler, Cape | |
| 573 | Shrike, Red-backed | |
| 307 | Skua, Subantarctic | |
| 232 | Snipe, African | |
| 902 | Sparrow, Cape | |
| 900 | Sparrow, House | |
| 903 | Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed | |
| 380 | Sparrowhawk, Black | |
| 377 | Sparrowhawk, Little | |
| 379 | Sparrowhawk, Rufous-breasted | |
| 459 | Spoonbill, African | |
| 13 | Spurfowl, Red-necked | |
| 798 | Starling, Black-bellied | |
| 799 | Starling, Cape Glossy | |
| 808 | Starling, Common | |
| 806 | Starling, Pied | |
| 797 | Starling, Red-winged | |
| 807 | Starling, Wattled | |
| 275 | Stilt, Black-winged | |
| 252 | Stint, Little | |
| 781 | Stonechat, African | |
| 464 | Stork, Black | |
| 467 | Stork, White | |
| 462 | Stork, Yellow-billed | |
| 817 | Sunbird, Amethyst | |
| 821 | Sunbird, Collared | |
| 824 | Sunbird, Greater Double-collared | |

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| 816 | Sunbird, Grey | |
| 815 | Sunbird, Olive | |
| 823 | Sunbird, Southern Double-collared | |
| 597 | Swallow, Barn | |
| 603 | Swallow, Greater Striped | |
| 604 | Swallow, Lesser Striped | |
| 608 | Swallow, South African Cliff | |
| 599 | Swallow, White-throated | |
| 221 | Swampfen, African (Purple) | |
| 149 | Swift, African Black | |
| 144 | Swift, African Palm | |
| 145 | Swift, Alpine | |
| 152 | Swift, Horus | |
| 151 | Swift, Little | |
| 153 | Swift, White-rumped | |
| 545 | Tchagra, Black-crowned | |
| 547 | Tchagra, Southern | |
| 30 | Teal, Cape | |
| 36 | Teal, Red-billed | |
| 332 | Tern, Arctic | |
| 324 | Tern, Caspian | |
| 331 | Tern, Common | |
| 335 | Tern, Damara | |
| 334 | Tern, Little | |
| 328 | Tern, Sandwich | |
| 327 | Tern, Swift | |
| 340 | Tern, White-winged | |
| 272 | Thick-knee, Spotted | |
| 271 | Thick-knee, Water | |
| 741 | Thrush, Cape Rock | |
| 749 | Thrush, Olive | |
| 746 | Thrush, Spotted Ground | |
| 66 | Tinkerbird, Red-fronted | |
| 586 | Tit, Southern Black | |
| 84 | Trogon, Narina | |
| 156 | Turaco, Knysna | |
| 248 | Turnstone, Ruddy | |
| 871 | Twinspot, Green | |
| 357 | Vulture, Cape | |
| 906 | Wagtail, African Pied | |
| 907 | Wagtail, Cape | |
| 911 | Wagtail, Mountain | |
| 642 | Warbler, Barratt's | |
| 638 | Warbler, Broad-tailed | |
| 653 | Warbler, Dark-capped Yellow | |
| 641 | Warbler, Knysna | |
| 650 | Warbler, Lesser Swamp | |
| 640 | Warbler, Little Rush | |
| 643 | Warbler, Sedge | |
| 655 | Warbler, Willow | |
| 654 | Warbler, Yellow-throated Woodland | |

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| 876 | Waxbill, Common | |
| 870 | Waxbill, Sweet | |
| 841 | Weaver, Cape | |
| 848 | Weaver, Dark-backed | |
| 840 | Weaver, Spectacled | |
| 863 | Weaver, Thick-billed | |
| 846 | Weaver, Village | |
| 842 | Weaver, Yellow | |
| 236 | Whimbrel, Common | |
| 670 | White-eye, Cape | |
| 891 | Whydah, Pin-tailed | |
| 858 | Widowbird, Fan-tailed | |
| 862 | Widowbird, Long-tailed | |
| 861 | Widowbird, Red-collared | |
| 81 | Wood-hoopoe, Green | |
| 57 | Woodpecker, Cardinal | |
| 54 | Woodpecker, Knysna | |
| 59 | Woodpecker, Olive | |
| 50 | Wryneck, Red-throated | |

Sources include, but are not limited to confirmed photographic submissions to inaturalist.org, the Virtual Museum, the SA Rare Bird News Report, photographic submissions by local and visiting birders, as well as a vast number of sightings by Prof Morné du Plessis during his visits to the area between 1986 and 1998.

Confirmed photographic sightings of vagrant birds, which are not known to occur in Southern Africa, have been omitted from the list. These were a Buff-breasted Sandpiper (11/04/2011 - Etienne Marais), a White Tern (26/12/2018 - Etienne Marais) a Pacific Golden Plover (15/02/2020 - Foden Saunders) and of course, the Sooty Gull which took up residence here from 01/01/2021 - 09/02/2021 (first seen by Michael Wood). All four were seen on the eastern bank of the Great Kei River.

Other sightings: _____ Date: _____

List last updated 21 July 2023. Please email photographic evidence of new sightings to tourism@keimouth.co.za