

e-Bird list 2022



Blue Crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*) our National bird. We are fortunate to have a breeding pair that successfully raises two chicks most years in the Bitou wetland, providing local birders great sightings during the breeding season.

Birds of Plettenberg Bay and Surrounds - April 2022

27 South African Endemics in the heart of the Garden Route

Plettenberg Bay and its surrounds include Nature's Valley, the Craggs, the Keurbooms river and Estuary, the Bitou river wetlands, Uplands, Plett town, Piesang Valley & Estuary, Robberg Vlei and Nature Reserve, Cairnbrogie to Harkerville and the Indian Ocean off Plett offering a unique diversity of habitats supporting a wealth of bird life.

With a species count of about 273 birds, including 27 true or near Endemics, amateur and experienced birders alike will find the various habitats most rewarding.

- A = Abundant**
- C = Common**
- U = Uncommon**
- R = Rare**
- V = Vagrant**
- S = Summer visitor**



- 1 = Fynbos/Montane**
- 2 = Forest/Thicket**
- 3 = Urban/Wooded**
- 4 = Wetland/Rivers/Estuaries**
- 5 = Grassland/Agricultural**
- 6 = Coastal/Marine**

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
1	Albatross	Indian Yellow-nosed	U	6	
2		Shy	C	6	
3	Apalis	Bar-throated	C	2,3	
4	Avocet	Pied	C	4	
5	Batis	Cape	C	2,3	
6	Bee-eater	Blue-cheeked	VS	3,4	
7	Bishop	Southern Red	U	4	
8		Yellow	C	3,4	
9	Bittern	Little	U	4	
10	Brownbul	Terrestrial	C	2	
11	Bokmakierie		U	5	
12	Boubou	Southern	C	2,3	
13	Bulbul	Cape [E]	C	2,3	
14	Bunting	Cape	R	1	
15		Golden-breasted	R	3	
16	Bush-shrike	Olive	C	2,3	



Pied Avocet



Cape Bulbul

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
17	Bustard	Denham's	U	5	
18	Buzzard	Forest [NE]	C	2,3	
19		Jackal [NE]	C	2,3,5	
20		Common (Steppe)	CS	2,3,5	
21	Cameroptera	Green-backed	C	2	
22	Canary	Brimstone	C	1,3	
23		Cape	C	2,3,5	
24		Forest [NE]	C	2,3	
25	Cisticola	Cloud	U	5	
26		Grey-backed	U	1,5	
27		Lazy	U	1,2	
28		Levaillant's	A	4	
29		Wailing	U	2,5	
30		Wing-snapping	V	5	
31		Zitting	U	5	
32	Coot	Red-knobbed	C	4	
33	Cormorant	Cape	C	4,6	
34		Reed	A	4	
35		White-breasted	C	5,6	
36	Coucal	Burchell's	U	2,3,4	
37	Crake	Black	C	4	
38	Crane	Blue	C	4,5	
39	Crow	Cape	A	5	
40		Pied	C	3,5	
41	Cuckoo	African Emerald	CS	2	
42		Black	US	2	
43		Diederik	CS	3,5	
44		Klaas's	C	2,3,4	
45		Red-chested	CS	2,3	
46	Cuckooshrike	Black	U	2,3	
47		Grey	U	2	
48	Curlew	Eurasian	RS	4	
49	Darter	African	C	4	
50	Dove	Cape Turtle (Ring-necked)	A	3,5	



Forest Buzzard



Forest Canary



African Emerald Cuckoo

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
51	Dove	Laughing	A	3, 5	
52		Lemon	U	2	
53		Namaqua	R	2, 3, 5	
54		Red-eyed	A	2, 3, 5	
55		Rock	U	3, 5, 6	
56		Tambourine	U	2	
57	Drongo	Fork-tailed	A	2, 3, 5	
58	Duck	African Black	R	4	
59		Maccoa	R	4	
60		White-backed	U	4	
61		White-faced Whistling	U	4	
62		Yellow-billed	A	4	
63	Eagle	African Crowned	R	2	
64		African Fish-	C	4	
65		Booted	R	3, 5	
66		Long-crested	U	1, 2, 5	
67		Martial	R	5	
68	Egret	Western Cattle	A	4, 5	
69		Great	R	4	
70		Little	A	4, 6	
71		Yellow-billed	R	4	
72	Falcon	Amur	CS	5	
73		Lanner	R	3,5	
74		Peregrine	U	2, 3,5	
75	Fiscal	Southern (Common)	A	3,4,5	
76	Finfoot	African	R	4	
77	Flamingo	Greater	U	4	
78		Lesser	R	4	
79	Flufftail	Buff-spotted	U	2, 3	
80		Red-chested	U	4	
81		Striped	U	1,5	
82	Flycatcher	African Dusky	C	2, 3	
83		African Paradise	CS	2, 3	
84		Blue-mantled Crested	C	2	



Lemon Dove



White-backed Duck



Peregrine Falcon



Crested Blue-mantled Flycatcher

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
85	Flycatcher	Fiscal [NE]	A	3	
86		Spotted	US	2,3	
87	Gannet	Cape	C	6	
88	Godwit	Bar-tailed	CS	4	
89	Goose	Egyptian	A	4	
90		Spur-winged	C	4	
91	Goshawk	African	U	2,3	
92	Grassbird	Cape [NE]	C	1,5	
93	Grebe	Great Crested	R	4	
94		Little	A	4	
95	Greenbul	Sombre	A	2	
96	Greenshank	Common	C	4	
97	Guineafowl	Helmeted	C	3, 5	
98	Gull	Grey-headed	U	4, 6	
99		Kelp	A	3,4,6	
100		Sabine	C	6	
101	Hamerkop		R	4	
102	Harrier	African Marsh	U	4	
103		Black [NE]	R	1, 5	
104	Hawk	African Cuckoo	R	1, 2	
105		African Harrier-	U	2, 3	
106	Heron	Black-crowned Night	C	4	
107		Black-headed	C	3,5	
108		Goliath	U	4	
109		Grey	C	4	
110		Purple	C	4	
111		White-backed Night	U	4	
112	Hobby	Eurasian	RS	2, 5	
113	Honeybird	Brown-backed	U	2,3	
114	Honeyguide	Greater	U	2,3	
115		Lesser	U	2,3	
116		Scaly-throated	C	2	
117	Hoopoe	African	U	3, 5	
118	Ibis	African Sacred	A	3,4	



Cape Grassbird



Black Harrier



White-backed Night Heron

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
119	Ibis	Glossy	U	4	
120		Hadeda	A	2, 3, 5	
121	Jacana	African	C	4	
122	Jaeger	Parasitic	C	6	
123	Kestral	Rock	C	1, 5	
124	Kingfisher	Brown-hooded	C	3, 5	
125		Giant	C	4	
126		Half-collared	C	4	
127		Malachite	C	4	
128		Pied	C	4	
129	Kite	Black-winged	C	5	
130		Yellow-billed	US	3,5	
131	Lapwing	Blacksmith	A	3,4	
132		Black-winged	U	5	
133		Crowned	U	3,5	
134	Lark	Red-capped	R	5	
135	Longclaw	Cape	U	5	
136	Mallard		U	4	
137	Martin	Banded	RS	4,5	
138		Brown-throated	C	3,4	
139		Common House	RS	3,4	
140		Rock	C	3,4	
141	Moorhen	Common	A	4	
142	Mousebird	Red-faced	U	2,3	
143		Speckled	C	2, 3	
144		White-backed	V	3,5	
145	Neddicky		C	1,3,5	
146	Nightjar	Fiery-necked	US	1, 2, 3, 5	
147	Oriole	Black-headed	C	2, 3, 5	
148	Osprey	Western	US	4, 6	
149	Owl	African Wood	U	2,3	
150		Western Barn	U	2,3,5	
151		Cape eagle-	R	1,2	
152		Spotted Eagle-	U	3, 5	



Half-collared Kingfisher



Black-winged Lapwing



African Wood Owl

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
153	Oystercatcher	African (Black)	C	4, 6	
154		Eurasian	V	4, 6	
155	Penguin	African	U	6	
156	Petrel	Southern Giant	V	6	
157		White-chinned	C	6	
158	Pigeon	African Olive	U	2,3	
159		Speckled	A	2,3,5	
160	Pipit	African	U	1, 5	
161		Nicholson's	U	1,5	
162		Plain-backed	C	3,5	
163	Plover	Common Ringed	CS	4	
164		Greater Sand	RS	4	
165		Grey	A	4	
166		Kittlitz's	C	4	
167		Three-banded	C	4	
168		White-fronted	C	4, 6	
169	Pochard	Southern	U	4	
170	Prinia	Karoo [NE]	C	1,3	
171	Puffback	Black-backed	C	2	
172	Quail	Common	U	1, 7	
173	Quailfinch	African	R	1,5	
174	Rail	African	C	4	
175	Raven	White-necked	C	1,2, 3, 5	
176	Robin	White-browed Scrub-	R	2	
177		White-starred	U	2	
178	Robin-Chat	Cape	A	1, 2, 3	
179		Chorister [NE]	C	2, 3	
180	Roller	European	R	5	
181	Ruff		CS	4	
182	Sanderling		US	4, 6	
183	Sandpiper	Common	US	4	
184		Curlew	CS	4	
185		Marsh	US	4	
186		Terek	RS	4	



African Penguin



Karoo Prinia



Chorister Robin-Chat

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
187	Sandpiper	Wood	CS	4	
188	Saw-wing	Black	CS	2, 3, 5	
189	Secretarybird		R	5	
190	Seedeater	Streaky-headed	A	3, 5	
191	Shearwater	Cory's	C	6	
192		Manx	C	6	
193		Sooty	C	6	
194	Shelduck	South African	U	4	
195	Shoveler	Cape	C	4	
196	Siskin	Cape [E]	U	1	
197	Skua	Brown	C	6	
198	Snipe	African	U	4	
199	Sparrow	House	C	3, 5	
200		Southern Grey-headed	A	3, 5	
201	Sparrowhawk	Black	U	2,3,4	
202		Little	R	2,3	
203		Rufous-chested	R	1,2,3	
204	Spoonbill	African	C	4	
205	Spurfowl	Cape [NE]	U	1	
206		Red-necked	C	1, 2, 3	
207	Starling	Black-bellied	C	2,3	
208		Common	A	2,3,5	
209		Red-winged	A	2,3,5	
210		Wattled	R	3,5	
211	Stilt	Black-winged	A	4	
212	Stint	Little	CS	4	
213	Stonechat	African	C	1,4,5	
214	Stork	White	US	5	
215	Storm-petrel	European	U	6	
216		Wilson's	U	6	
217	Sugarbird	Cape [NE]	C	1,3	
218	Sunbird	Amethyst	A	1, 2, 3, 5	
219		Collared	U	2	
220		Greater Double-collared	A	1, 2, 3, 5	



Cory's Shearwater



Cape Siskin



Cape Sugarbird

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
221	Sunbird	Grey	C	2,3	
222		Malachite	C	1	
223		Orange-breasted [E]	C	1	
224		[NE] Southern Double-collared	C	1,2,3,5	
225	Swallow	Barn	AS	1,3,4,5	
226		Greater Striped	AS	3,4,5	
227		Lesser Striped	RS	1,3,4	
228		Pearl-breasted	R	3,5	
229		White-throated	CS	3,4,5	
230	Swamphen	African Purple	R	4	
231	Swift	African Black	CS	2,3,6	
232		African Palm-	R	3	
233		Alpine	C	3,6	
234		Horus	R	4	
235		Little	U	3,5	
236		White-rumped	AS	1,2,3,5	
237	Tchagra	Southern [NE]	C	1,2,3	
238	Teal	Cape	A	4	
239		Blue-billed	U	4	
240		Red-billed	A	4	
241	Tern	Caspian	U	4, 6	
242		Common	RS	4, 6	
243		Sandwich	C	4, 6	
244		Greater Crested	C	4, 6	
245		Whiskered	U	4	
246		White-winged	U	4	
247	Thick-knee	Spotted	C	3, 5	
248		Water	C	3, 4	
249	Thrush	Cape Rock	0	0	
250	Thrush	Olive	C	2,3	
251	Trogon	Narina	C	2	
252	Turaco	Knysna [NE]	A	2, 3	
253	Turnstone	Ruddy	R	4,6	
254	Wagtail	Cape	A	3,4,5	



Orange-breasted Sunbird



Southern Tchagra



Narina Trogon

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
255	Wagtail	Pied	C	3,4	
256	Warbler	Great Reed-	RS	4	
257		Knysna [E]	U	2,3	
258		Lesser Swamp	C	4	
259		Little Rush	C	4	
260		Victorin's [E]	C	1	
261		Willow	RS	3,4,5	
262		Yellow-throated Woodland-	C	2	
263	Waxbill	Common	C	3,4,5	
264		Swee [NE]	C	2,3,5	
265	Weaver	Cape [NE]	A	3,5	
266	Whimbrel	Common	C	4	
267	White-eye	Cape [NE]	A	2, 3, 5	
268	Whydah	Pin-tailed	A	3, 5	
269	Wood-Hoopoe	Green	C	2, 3	
270	Woodpecker	Cardinal	R	2, 3	
271		Ground [NE]	R	1	
272		Knysna [E]	C	2, 3	
273		Olive	C	2, 3	



Victorin's Warbler



Knysna Woodpecker

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
By boat on the Keurboom's Estuary					
1	Cormorant	Cape	C	4, 6	
2		Reed	A	4	
3		White-breasted	C	5, 6	
4	Darter	African	C	4	
5	Gull	Kelp	C	4	
6		Grey-headed	U	4, 6	
7	Flamingo	Greater	U	4	
8		Lesser	R	4	
9	Godwit	Bar-tailed	CS	4	
10	Greenshank	Common	C	4	
11	Osprey	Western	U	4, 6	
12	Oystercatcher	African (Black)	C	4, 6	
13		Eurasian	V	4, 6	
14	Plover	Common Ringed	CS	4	
15		Greater Sand	RS	4	
16		Grey	A	4	
17		White-fronted	C	4	
18	Tern	Caspian	C	4	
19		Common	U	4	
20		Elegant	R	4	
21		Greater Crested	C	4	
22		Sandwich	C	4	
23	Whimbrel	Common	C	4	



Bar-tailed Godwit



Eurasian Oystercatcher



White-fronted Plover

Pelagic trips out of Plett or Knysna

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	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
1	Albatross	Indian Yellow-nosed	R	6	
2		Shy	C	6	
3	Cormorant	Cape	C	6	
4	Gannet	Cape	C	6	
5	Gull	Sabines	C	6	
6	Jaeger	Parasitic	C	6	
7	Petrel	Southern Giant	R	6	
8		White-chinned	C	6	
9	Shearwater	Cory's	R	6	
10		Manx	R	6	
11		Sooty	R	6	
12	Skua	Brown	C	6	
13	Storm-petrel	European	U	6	
14		Wilson's	U	6	



Shy Albaross



Sabines Gull



Manx Shearwater

Birds of Plettenberg Bay and its surrounds map created by Chrissie Cloete



Rarities seen over the years

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
1	Bee-eater	European	V	3	
2		Southern Carmine	V	3	
3		White-fronted	V	2	
4	Bush-shrike	Grey-headed	V	2	
5	Buzzard	European Honey	R		
6	Chat	Familiar	R	1, 5	
7	Crake	African	V	4	
8	Duck	Knob-billed	V	4	
9	Eagle	Brown Snake	V		
10		Verreaux's	R	1	
11	Falcon	Red-footed	V	5	
12		Sooty (Feb to April)	VS	3,4	
13	Firefinch	African	V	2, 3	
14	Goshawk	Pale Chanting	R	3,5	
15	Grebe	Black-necked	R	4	
16	Harrier	Montagus	V	5	
17	Heron	Squacco	R	4	
18		Striated	V	4	
19	Hornbill	Crowned	V	3	
20	Martin	Sand	R	4	
21	Nightjar	European	R	1, 3	
22	Openbill	African	V	4	
23	Oxpecker	Red-billed	V		
24	Petrel	Blue	R	6	



African Crake



Knob-billed Duck



Sooty Falcon



Crowned Hornbill



Pale Chanting Goshawk

	Family	Species	Status	Habitat	✓
25	Pigeon	Green	V	2	
26	Plover	Lesser Sand	R	4	
27	Quelea	Red-billed	V	4	
28	Redshank	Common	R	4	
29	Sandpiper	Pectoral	R	4	
30	Sparrowlark	Black-eared	V	5	
31	Stork	Abdim's	V		
32	Sunbird	Dusky	V		
33	Tern	Elegant	R		
34		Roseate	R	6	
35	Vulture	Palm-nut	R	5	
36		White-backed	V		
37	Wagtail	Yellow	R	4,5	
38	Warbler	Great Reed	R	4	
39		Marsh	R	2,4	
40	Weaver	Southern Masked	R	3, 5	
41	Wheatear	Capped	R	5	



Pectoral Sandpiper



Yellow Wagtail

This bird list has been compiled by Birdlife Plettenberg Bay for use by our members and any visiting birder to Plett and surrounds.

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