

South African red data book – Birds

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Abstract:

Red data sheets are provided for 102 species of birds that breed on the South African mainland and a further six species for the oceanic Prince Edward islands. Species are listed according to the established IUCN criteria of extinct, endangered, vulnerable, rare, out of danger or indeterminate. Each data sheet is accompanied by a list of published sources and most by a distribution map. Of the 108 species, two are judged to be locally extinct and five have been allocated to the endangered category, also on a local basis. Twenty one species are vulnerable, 44 species rare, one species out of danger and 35 species are as yet indeterminate. Indications of past research effort and of future needs in both research and conservation management are provided, together with a comprehensive rare species bibliography.

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Data sheets are provided on 101 South African bird species thought to be eligible for conservation attention. A list is also provided of 35 species which might qualify for inclusion in a revised South African Red Data Book. Discover the world's research. 17+ million members. Up to 250 bird species have been identified in the area, along with many other species of fauna and flora. Several birds listed in the South African Red Data Book of Birds, namely the Greater flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), the Goliath heron (*Ardea goliath*), and the Lesser flamingo (*Phoenicopterus minor*) are also found here (Siegfried et al, 1976; du Plessis et al, 2014). The site, therefore, has significant potential for avitourism (Biggs et al, 2011). South Africa is a large country, ranked 25th by size in the world, and is situated in the temperate latitudes and subtropics. Due to a range of climate types present, a patchwork of unique habitat types occur, which contribute to its biodiversity and level of endemism. This list incorporates the mainland and nearshore islands and waters only. The submerged though ecologically important Agulhas Bank is for most part inside its territorial waters. Offshore, South Africa's territory includes the Prince