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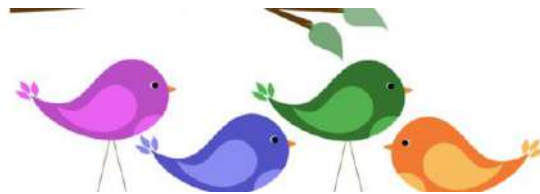
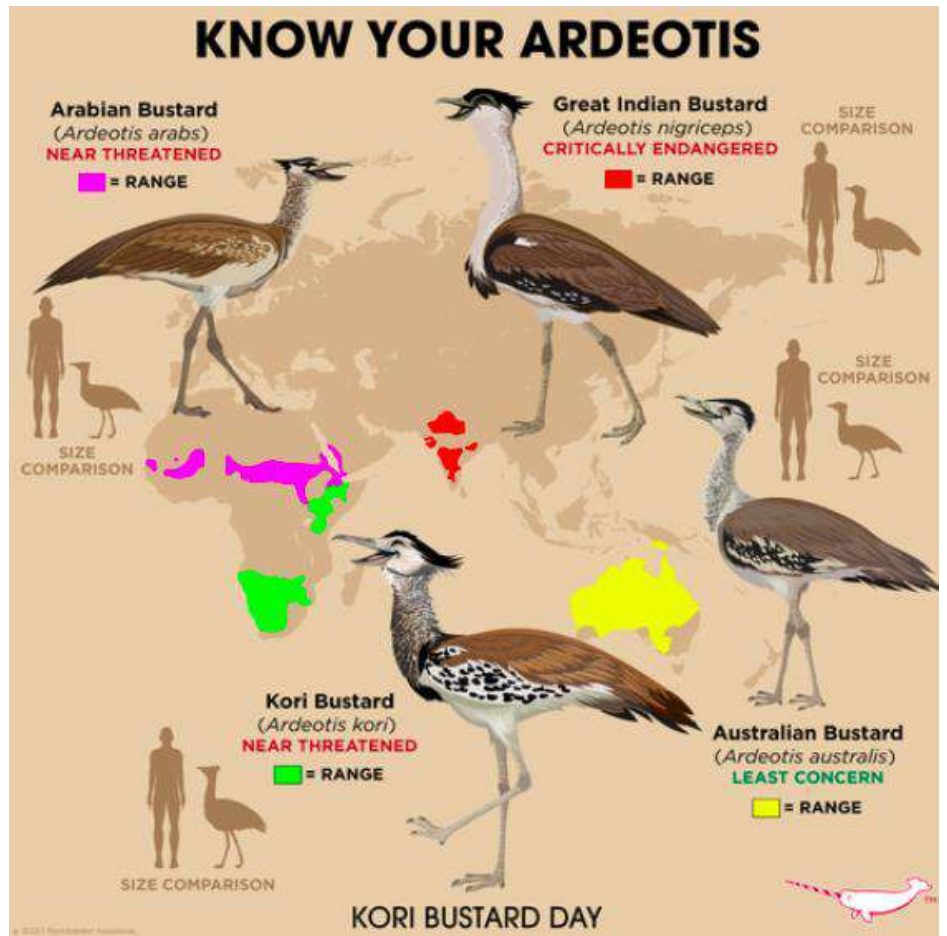
Familiar Chat



"The very First Cordless Drill"

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Dear BirdLife members, herewith your FC. Much thanks to all those who have contributed. A lot of you have made a great contribution to our organisation, not least those of you who continue to join us on our 'rain or shine' walks each first Sunday of the month. This is our social newsletter and we share here our walks, camps, the odd bird list, a lot of fine photos (courtesy our chairperson Ian White whose addiction to bird photography is no doubt putting BLB on the international map with so many extra-ordinary images). Thanks to Harold, or 'lead' on the social side, ever welcoming and warm-hearted to old and new alike. Next addition we expect Puso, our new BLB Education Officer will have some articles to add to our magazine...

Yet another most enjoyable BLB camp at **Letlhakeng Bird Sanctuary** March'22

For members who have never attended a BLB camp, it must be boring to read how enjoyable they were. But you have to be there. They are truly something special to experience. As Craig mentioned, "The dynamic of every camp changes depending on who is there." He is so correct.



The bird sanctuary we visited has been developed by the Department of Environmental Affairs on behalf of the local community of Letlhakeng. This community live about 120 kms from Gaborone as the crow flies and have helped in establishing a delightful reserve. There are two camps, each at opposite ends of the reserve, equipped with showers and flush toilets. Unfortunately, neither the shower nor toilet at our camp was working; perhaps our visit was too soon for them. We were their first guests and we found a beautiful campsite nestled under Shepherd



soon for them. We were their first guests and we found a beautiful campsite nestled under

Shepherd bushes and acacias. There was enough space to give us plenty of breathing room.



As we drove through heavy traffic in Molepolole, each one of us must have thanked his or her lucky stars that they didn't live in that particular town. The make-up of our party was catholic as we had young and old, beginner and expert. Puso and Stone



were crucial attendees as they brought down the average age and had the sharpest eyes and keenest hearing. In most instances they identified species long before the rest of us had seen or heard them. There was an exception to this, when two codgers simultaneously heard Egyptian Geese in the distance. After an awkward silence, the experienced guides pointed out that donkeys had a similar call to those geese. Two embarrassed red faces. India and Declan were two young birders-in-training, who were quite at home among the many parents and grandparents there. Chris Brewster joined us late on Friday night

and left on Saturday afternoon after ensuring we did some hard-core birding while he was here. Craig and Janet, Virginia, Peter Eaton, Kabo, Jack Sands, Harold and Geraldine provided the background camping experience for newcomers. Not sure whether Dean has been before. Several newbies were welcomed, namely Lori, Joanna, Tiana, Jennifer Brewster, Paul and Lee-Ann. (Jennifer brought a touch of youthful glamour to the camp.) All traditions were observed during the weekend, ... (cont. on p4)



LIST OF BIRD SPECIES RECORDED IN PENTADS 2405 2455 & 2500 ON 25TH / 26TH MARCH 2022

78	Stork	Abdim's	507	Martin	Common House
84	Ibis	Hadada	514	Tit	Ashy
141	Hawk-eagle	African	517	Drongo	Fork-tailed
154	Buzzard	Common	522	Crow	Pied
174	Francolin	Crested	544	Bulbul	African Red-eyed
182	Spurfowl	Red-billed	557	Thrush	Groundscraper
185	Spurfowl	Swainson's	575	Chat	Ant-eating
192	Guineafowl	Helmeted	586	Scrub Robin	Kalahari
196	Buttonquail	Common	588	Scrub Robin	White-browed
224	Korhaan	Red-crested	594	Whitethroat	Common
242	Lapwing	Crowned	599	Warbler	Willow
275	Thick-knee	Spotted	601	Eremomela	Burnt-necked
310	Sandgrouse	Double-banded	607	Warbler	Marsh
311	Pigeon	Speckled	614	Wren-Warbler	Barred
316	Dove	Cape Turtle	621	Crombec	Long-billed
317	Dove	Laughing	629	Cisticola	Zitting
318	Dove	Namaqua	630	Cisticola	Desert
321	Dove	Emerald-spotted Wood	642	Cisticola	Rattling
339	Go-away-bird	Grey	650	Prinia	Black-chested
344	Cuckoo	Black	654	Flycatcher	Spotted
348	Cuckoo	Jacobin	658	Warbler	Chestnut-vented
352	Cuckoo	Diederik	661	Flycatcher	Marico
359	Owl	Western Barn	663	Flycatcher	Chat
363	Owl	African Scops	674	Batis	Priort
365	Owlet	Pearl-spotted	695	Pipit	Buffy
373	Nightjar	Fiery-necked	706	Shrike	Lesser Grey
378	Swift	Common	708	Shrike	Red-backed
392	Mousebird	Red-faced	711	Shrike	Crimson-breasted
399	Kingfisher	Woodland	712	Puffback	Black-backed
402	Kingfisher	Brown-hooded	714	Tchagra	Brown-crowned
404	Bee-eater	European	734	Myna	Common
411	Bee-eater	Swallow-tailed	737	Starling	Cape
413	Roller	Lilac-breasted	743	Starling	Burchell's
421	Scimitarbill	Common	748	Oxpecker	Red-billed
424	Hornbill	African Grey	755	Sunbird	Marico
426	Hornbill	Southern Yellow-billed	763	Sunbird	White-bellied
432	Barbet	Acacia Pied	779	Weaver Sparrow-	Red-billed Buffalo
439	Barbet	Crested	780	Weaver	White-browed
440	Honeyguide	Greater	786	Sparrow	Cape
446	Woodpecker	Bennett's	789	Weaver	Scaly-feathered
447	Woodpecker	Golden-tailed	803	Weaver	Southern Masked
450	Woodpecker	Cardinal	805	Quelea	Red-billed
451	Woodpecker	Bearded	830	Pytilia	Green-winged
457	Lark	Monotonous	840	Waxbill	Violet-eared
459	Lark	Fawn-colored	841	Waxbill	Black-faced
460	Lark	Sabota	847	Whydah	Shaft-tailed
485	Sparrow-Lark	Grey-backed	866	Canary	Yellow
493	Swallow	Barn	1035	Korhaan	Northern Black
501	Swallow	Red-breasted	4129	Hornbill	Southern Red-billed
			4142	Sparrow	Southern Grey-headed



(From Chris Brewster's entries on SABAP 2)



... where we gathered round the generous central fireplace with an even more generous wood pile, during birding off-periods and solved the world’s problems. There was much hilarity with rapid-fire banter, as stories old and new were exchanged.



Birding was intense and competitive. (One wonders why?). New species were quickly ticked and we had good, clear calls from Scops Owl, Pearl-spotted Owlet and Fiery-necked Nightjar during our first evening.

Obvious highlights of Saturday morning were call-identification of a Marsh Warbler, (and sighting by two

with sharp eyes), several White-backed Vultures, a splendid Martial Eagle soaring overhead and a flock of about 150 Abdims’ Storks which obviously had started their migration and were flying purposefully in a northerly direction; none had had a booster not even a PCR test. Several migrants, such as European Roller, Red-breasted Swallow, Willow Warbler and Jacobin Cuckoo were making the most of what has been a wonderful Botswana summer.

We had an excellent start on Sunday morning when Stone pointed out a Double-banded Courser trying to gain our attention. Our walk produced a Pririt Batis, an Olive-tree Warbler calling from thick bush and then a generous Greater Honeyguide sunning himself contentedly, trying to remember his call, “Victor, victor”. By the end of the walk some had identified all four local woodpeckers, a Barred Wren-warbler, all three Hornbills, a White-bellied Sunbird and most of the more common local species.



Social impressions we gained during the weekend were that Lori is a very successful writer, Tiana is an environmental teacher on a mission to reduce plastic waste, Peter is a chef with considerable talent, especially in cooking shoulder of lamb in a home-made underground oven, Jack knows how to win the hearts and minds with a glass of Port, Paul found a way for us to reach the rim of the gorge, and Craig brings a liveliness to proceedings with his extrovert personality. Virginia was always ready with a hearty laugh or chuckle and we hope that Joanna has been convinced that camping is a pleasurable pastime. It is always rewarding when we say our goodbyes and one of the new campers says, “When is our next camp?” It makes it all worthwhile.

Harold Hester

This year South Africa are hosting the International Ornithological Congress.

The International Ornithologists’ Union (IOU) supports, promotes, and advances ornithology as a global discipline addressing all levels of avian biology, from ecosystems to molecules, linking basic and applied research, and nurturing education and outreach. Since 1884, the IOU has organised the International Ornithological Congress® (IOCongress®) every four years, except during the World Wars, as the oldest and largest international convening of ornithologists and others who support and advance research and scholarship in avian biology. <http://www.internationalornithology.org/>

Past International Ornithological Congresses

Since its inception in the late 19th century, the Union, and its parent organization, the International Ornithological Committee, has held 26 International Ornithological Congresses in 19 countries on all livable continents, from the very first congress which was held in Vienna Austria in 1884 to the 27th Congress which took place in Vancouver Canada in 2018.

The Congress was last held in South Africa was in 1998 in Durban, which was the 22nd IOCongress. With Prof. Dr. Peter Berthold as Presidents and Dr. Aldo Berruti as Secretaries-General/Congress Conveners



HOW TO MAKE MIGRATION SAFER FOR BIRDS

[Here are seven home activities to give back during the COVID-19 outbreak.](#)

Instead of pursuing birds during Covid-19, many of us have settled in, watching from windows and yards. While the setting may be ordinary, the impact has been extraordinary. Birds that we've seen hundreds, or thousands, of times before have taken on new significance. They have brightened our days, providing moments of normalcy, hope, and joy.

Birds, however, face their own troubles. Millions embark on perhaps the greatest challenge of their lives: migration. Always risky, this journey has become increasingly perilous in recent decades as a continent-wide gauntlet of human dangers — from [communication towers](#) to [pesticides](#) — has proliferated. Needless to say, birds can use all the help they can get — and that's where we come in. During spring and autumn, our properties become transitory habitat for migratory birds. And the decisions we make around the home can determine whether our living area becomes a deadly obstacle or much-needed sanctuary.

Making the right choices and transforming your home into a bird-friendly refuge, is easier than you might think. It's also a great way to stay busy, relieve stress, and, most importantly, doesn't require leaving home.

1) MAKE WINDOWS SAFE



Hundreds of millions of birds in the U.S. die from hitting glass every year — almost half of those on home windows. Luckily, there are many ways to make your windows safe for birds. An easy

method is to apply tempera paint to the outside surface of glass. Tempera is nontoxic, cheap, easy to use (and remove), and amazingly long lasting — even withstanding rain. Using a sponge is a good way to make a quick pattern. With a little more effort, you can create spring-themed designs or even small works of art depicting your favorite birds; either will help prevent collisions. Whichever kind of design you use, make sure your lines are no more than two inches apart, to help smaller birds avoid collisions.

2) AVOID “NEONIC” PESTICIDES

Ask yourself if you can do without lawn and garden pesticides. The most widely used insecticides in many countries are neonicotinoids, or “neonics”. They are lethal to birds and to the insects that birds consume. (A single neonic-treated seed can kill a songbird.) But it's not just wildlife at risk: Chronic exposure in children may be linked to autism spectrum disorder and other adverse neurological outcomes.

If you need to protect plants at home, avoid using [pesticides containing neonics](#). Instead, consider using organic products that are effective without harming birds and other wildlife.

3) KEEP TRACK OF WHAT YOU SEE

If you could help birds by sharing your observations, would you do it? If so, you're not alone. eBird, the world's largest biodiversity-related citizen science project, receives more than 100 million bird sightings a year. This information helps researchers understand the global movements and

needs of birds, which, in turn, improves conservation efforts. That's not all: eBird can be particularly useful to birders during migration, helping to gauge arrival dates for specific species. To get started, [visit eBird](#).

4) SUPPORT BIRD PROTECTION LAWS

The **Migratory Bird Treaty Act** (MBTA) is one

of the most important pieces of legislation affecting birds in the U.S. But a new government legal position and proposed

regulation assert that the MBTA does not address unintentional harm that industrial activities cause to birds, effectively letting businesses off the hook. This move is already negatively impacting bird populations, making it harder to reduce preventable bird mortality. It also puts at risk our public heritage as the stewards of our nation's birds.

5) KEEP YOUR WOODS WILD

If you have a wooded backyard, keep it as natural as possible. You can leave logs and fallen branches in place to shelter insects and other small critters that birds feed on. If invasive plant species are moving in, pull them out.

When larger trees break or fall, consider letting them stay in place — as long as they're not hanging over the roof or otherwise endangering your home. This gives nesting migrants places to nest. Snags can also provide homes to year-round residents like owls Woodpeckers and many other birds, as well as squirrels and other wildlife.

6) KEEP CATS INDOORS

Cats are lovable pets, but they're also instinctive predators. One cat alone may kill up to 55 birds each year, and, collectively, they kill approximately 2.4 billion birds



annually in

the United States. The numbers are daunting, but the solution for cat-owners is simple: If you plan on taking your cat outdoors, keep it on a leash or in an enclosure. This keeps cats safer, too. Don't have a cat? You can still support bird-friendly practices in your community by encouraging the **passage of local ordinances mandating responsible pet ownership**. Learn more about other simple actions you can take to protect birds on our **Solutions for Pet Cats page**.

7) INVEST IN NATIVE PLANTS

No red-carpet roll-out for migratory birds would be complete without native plants. Not only do natives excel when grown in the right places — they provide essential food and habitat for birds and the insects they feed on.

Native wild trees alone feed hundreds of species of moths and butterflies.

Many birds can be attracted to your garden — without feeders.

[Article adapted from

<https://abcbirds.org/blog20/make-migration-safer/>
American Bird Conservancy]



Letsibogo dam panorama.

APRIL WALK *_And final farewell to Daphne and Mike Goldsworthy.*

These are some snaps taken by Sarah Ward during and after our BLB walk in the rain on April 3. Here are hard core birders of BLB, prepared to go out in the rain and look for birds. There weren't too many species around, but a good time was had by all. This all took place on the flood plains of the Metsemothlabe River, which flows into Bokaa Dam.



We said farewell to Mike and Daphne Goldsworthy, who are leaving us after more than twenty years' service to BLB. They will be sorely missed, especially on camps.

Kind regards

Harold



Oh, and by the way if you wanted a list of birds from this site (Metsemotlhabe River)


- Crested Francolin 1
- Natal Spurfowl 1
- Hamerkop 1
- African Darter 1
- Red-eyed Dove 1
- Emerald-spotted Wood Dove 1
- Crested Barbet 1
- Orange-breasted Bushshrike 1
- Southern Boubou 1
- Fork-tailed Drongo 1
- Long-billed Crombec 1
- Grey-backed Camaroptera 1
- Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler 1
- Cape Glossy Starling 1
- White-winged Widowbird 1
- Red-billed Firefinch 1
- Village Indigobird 1
- Red-billed Teal 2
- Western Cattle Egret 2
- Grey Go-away-bird 2
- Brown-hooded Kingfisher 2
- Southern Red-billed Hornbill 2
- Chin-spot Batis 2
- Grey-headed Bushshrike 2
- White-browed Scrub Robin 2
- Red-backed Shrike 4
- Rattling Cisticola 4
- Zitting Cisticola 4
- Tawny-flanked Prinia 4
- Southern Masked Weaver 4
- Yellow-billed Stork 5
- Cape Turtle Dove 5
- Arrow-marked Babbler 5
- Blue Waxbill 5
- Crowned Lapwing 6
- Blacksmith Lapwing 8
- Egyptian Goose 10
- Barn Swallow 10

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FACTS FAST

1

It is one of the heaviest flying birds and the largest flying bird native to Africa. Though it can fly, it spends much of its time on the ground and only uses flight to elude danger.



Kori Bustard
(Ardeotis kori)
NEAR THREATENED

3

Unlike other birds, it lacks a preening gland. So to maintain healthy feathers, it partakes in regular dust baths.

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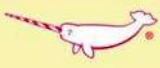
Males are much larger than females and can reach a height of 3 feet (91.4 cm) and weight of 15-40 pounds (7-18 kg).

4

It is an opportunistic omnivore and will eat nearly anything edible.

5

Unlike most birds that scoop water with their bills, it drinks water using a sucking motion.



KORI BUSTARD DAY

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Sketch by Sashi Wijesena



INTERESTING PHOTOS SUBMITTED TO BLB WHATSAPP GROUP SINCE THE LAST EDITION OF FC



(Looks like my two dogs (Ed.)... The one ensuring his continued dominance in the 'pack')

CAPE CROWS



An interesting sequence of photos of a Cape Penduline Tit at its nest – (Ian White)

Arriving with food for chicks

Opening true nest hole



Entering the nest hole



.....Leaving nest



Closing hatch



Maintaining the false nest hole



Pale Chanting Goshawk with Puff Adder (Courtesy of Ian White, as are all the other bird photos in this newsletter...)



Yellow Canary,

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

Lesser Honeyguide



NORTHSIDE ENVIRONMENTALISTS . UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF JOANNA POWESKA

Birds

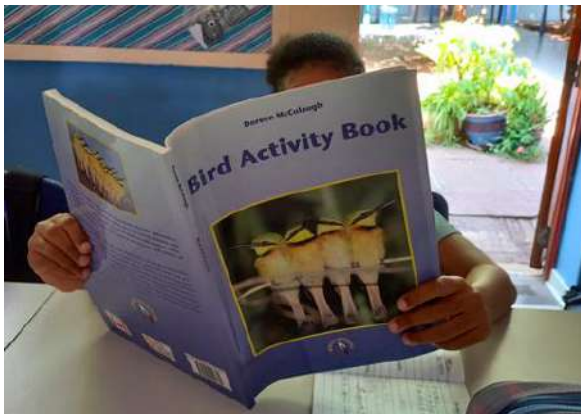
The wonderful tweet
 Is the most beautiful sound
 The rhythm is great
 It is a very fat bird
 And how loud is can sing now.



Bird Activity Book: An Environmental Education (EE) Resource for Teachers and Other EE Practitioners, written by Doreen McColaugh

**Each generation will reap what the former generation has sown. -
 (.....So states a very wise and ancient Chinese proverb.)**

By Shathani Nganumu



Birds take flight
 Up high in the sky
 They like to flight
 And take up some time

Some are cute
 And some stay mute
 They like to play
 But go away in May
 by Resego Hirschfeld

ECO SCHOOL-

As of 2022, Northside Primary School is a registered Eco School* through the Foundation for Environmental Education. We are on a journey to make our school more environmentally friendly while educating the entire school community about environmental issues and ways to take action to reduce our collective impact on the environment.

Student Action

Many students at Northside are passionate about caring for the environment and that is especially true of our Environmental Club members. Some of the ways they take action at home and at school include but are not limited to: composing, creating living spaces for animals, upcycling and reusing materials, turning off lights and appliances, being conscious of water usage, gardening, avoiding food waste, and not littering.

by Tiana Bogaert

If you would like to read more about Eco Schools, click on the link . <https://www.ecoschools.global/>

Standard 6 students from Northside Primary School explored the Bird Activity Book written by Doreen McColaugh. It was wonderful for the teacher to see how the students absorbed each page from the book. They were fascinated by the facts and pictures in the book.

Students review the book and say why you will enjoy reading it:

- The book is extremely informative.
- It gives Setswana and well as English words for birds.
- It shows habitats and different species of the birds.
- It shows detailed pictures of the birds.
- It has a really fun board game inside. By Zac Paterson,

“It is a very helpful book with a lot of information. It has a lot of detailed pictures. I learned that birds come from dinosaurs.” By Aasa Lemo

The goal of life is to make
 your heartbeat match the beat
 of the universe,
 to match your nature
 with Nature

Joseph Campbell

< A fitting tribute to our dear friend and passionate member of our BirdLife, Botswana, Doreen McColaugh. RIP 2022. We love you!>

(Expect a full tribute to Doreen McColaugh in the next publishing of BLB’s Scientific Journal “Babbler”)

MANYELANONG PAN (S25.07487° E25.76666°) – On the 9th January, some of the BLB members went to the hill behind Oodi, passed straight by it (!) and walked around a tiny pan just to the South. This is the list of 88 birds they came up with. (Note W denotes, water bird, and B indicates a 'B' rarity, for Botswana).

Apalis	1	Bar-throated Apalis		Lapwing	2	Blacksmith Lapwing	W
Babbler	7	Arrow-marked Babbler		Lapwing	4	Crowned Lapwing	
Barbet	1	Acacia Pied Barbet		Martin	10	Rock Martin	
Batis	1	Chinspot Batis		Moorhen	1	Lesser Moorhen	W
Bee-eater	5	European Bee-eater		Mousebird	5	Red-faced Mousebird	
BruBru	1	Brubru		Myna	10	Common Myna	
Bulbul	3	African Red-eyed Bulbul		Oxpecker	11	Red-billed Oxpecker	
Bunting	2	Golden-breasted Bunting		Petronia	2	Yellow-throated Petronia	
Bushshrike	1	Orange-breasted Bushshrike		Pigeon	5	Speckled Pigeon	
Buzzard	1	Common Buzzard		Plover	2	Three-banded Plover	W
Buzzard	1	European Honey Buzzard	B	Pochard	1	Southern Pochard	W
Camaroptera	1	Grey-backed Camaroptera		Prinia	1	Black-chested Prinia	
Cisticola	1	Rattling Cisticola		Puffback	1	Black-backed Puffback	
Coot	1	Red-knobbed Coot	W	Quelea	50	Red-billed Quelea	
Cormorant	1	Reed Cormorant	W	Robin	1	White-browed Scrub Robin	
Crombec	1	Long-billed Crombec		Robin	1	White-throated Robin-Chat	
Crow	4	Pied Crow		Roller	1	Lilac-breasted Roller	
Cuckoo	1	Red-chested Cuckoo		Ruff	4	Ruff	W
		Emerald-spotted Wood Dove					
Dove	1	Dove		Sandpiper	1	Wood Sandpiper	W
Dove	1	Red-eyed Dove		Scimitarbill	2	Common Scimitarbill	
Dove	2	Laughing Dove		Shrike	2	Magpie Shrike	
Dove	5	Cape Turtle-Dove		Sparrow	2	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	
Drongo	1	Fork-tailed Drongo		Spoonbill	1	African Spoonbill	W
Duck	2	White-faced Duck	W	Starling	1	Violet-backed Starling	
Duck	2	Yellow-billed Duck	W	Starling	3	Cape Glossy Starling	
Egret	1	Great Egret	W	Starling	4	Red-winged Starling	
Egret	1	Little Egret	W	Sunbird	1	White-bellied Sunbird	
Flycatcher	1	African Paradise-Flycatcher		Swallow	1	Red-breasted Swallow	
Flycatcher	1	Spotted Flycatcher		Swallow	6	Barn Swallow	
Flycatcher	3	Southern Black Flycatcher		Teal	5	Red-billed Teal	W
Francolin	3	Crested Francolin		Thrush	1	Groundscraper Thrush	
Go-away-bird							
Grey	2	Go-away-bird Grey		Tinkerbird	1	Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	
Goose	1	Spur-winged Goose	W	Tit-Babbler	1	Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler	
Goose	2	Egyptian Goose	W	Vulture	30	Cape Vulture	B
Grebe	7	Little Grebe	W	Warbler	2	Willow Warbler	
Hamerkop	1	Hamerkop	W	Waxbill	2	Blue Waxbill	
Heron	1	Grey Heron	W	Weaver	1	Lesser Masked Weaver	
Hornbill	1	Southern Red-billed Hornbill		Weaver	2	Red-headed Weaver	
		Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill					
Hornbill	1	Hornbill		Weaver	4	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	
Ibis	1	Hadeda Ibis	W	Weaver	10	Southern Masked Weaver	
Jacana	1	African Jacana	W	Whydah	1	Shaft-tailed Whydah	
						Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah	
Kingfisher	1	Woodland Kingfisher		Whydah	8	Whydah	
Kite	1	Yellow-billed Kite		Woodpecker	1	Cardinal Woodpecker	



KGOPE HILL WALK

... 'This Sunday we are going to Kgope Hill, west of Rasesa. We visited this site



Harrier Hawk, Bar-
Apalis, Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, Desert Cisticola and Mocking

three
years ago
and ticked
a variety
of species,
such as
Verreaux's
Eagle,
Lanner
Falcon,
throated



Cliff-Chat. Let's see if we
find those and
others again.
As usual we
meet at Molapo
Crossing for
departure at 06:30
sharp. Beginners and
visitors are welcome.
Remember to bring
refreshments and a
solve the world's
problems after our
walk.



telephone lines preparing to
migrate. These species are difficult to identify when flying, so now
the novice has an excellent opportunity to study



folding chair as we



...THE AMAZING THING ABOUT OUR BIRD WALKS IS THAT WE DON'T GIVE A D*^N ABOUT ANYTHING BUT GETTING TOGETHER, RELAXING, WANDERING IN THE BUSH, HAVING A GOOD NATTER WITH FRIENDS AND STRANGERS ALIKE, A CUP OF TEA, FLASK OF COFFEE, SHARING A CAKE, A FEW BISCUITS, A BIT OF OROS, OH YES, AND THEN THERE'S THE BIRDS. BY THE WAY NO-ONE MENTIONED THE BIRDS IN THIS WALK!!... JUST SHARED A FEW PHOTOS OF THE POST WALK 'PICNIC' AND ALL SAID IT WAS A GREAT MORNING!!!



these
species, as for once, they sit still and you can see their
characteristics. You will be able to notice at close
quarters the differences between Lesser-striped and
and Barn Swallows and others. When you have
mastered those, you can tackle swifts and martins. Some migrants have already left, without saying goodbye.

Greater-striped Swallows, Red-breasted
mastered those, you can tackle swifts and martins. Some migrants have already left, without saying goodbye.

In case you wanted to know what sort of birds there were..KGOPE HILL BIRDLIST FEBRUARY 2022

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Apalis	1	Bar-throated Apalis
Barbet	1	Crested Barbet
Barbet	2	Acacia Pied Barbet
Barbet	2	Black-collared Barbet
Batis	2	Chinspot Batis
Bee-eater	4	European Bee-eater
Bulbul	2	African Red-eyed Bulbul
Bunting	1	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting
Camaroptera	1	Grey-backed Camaroptera
Chat	1	Anteating Chat
Chat	1	Familiar Chat
Chat	1	Mocking Cliff Chat
Cisticola	1	Rattling Cisticola
Crombec	1	Long-billed Crombec
Cuckoo	1	Diderick Cuckoo
Dove	1	Cape Turtle-Dove
Dove	1	Namaqua Dove
Dove	2	Laughing Dove
Dove	2	Red-eyed Dove
Drongo	1	Fork-tailed Drongo
Eagle	3	African Hawk Eagle
Falcon	1	Lanner Falcon
Finch	3	Scaly-feathered Finch
Flycatcher	1	Marico Flycatcher
Flycatcher	1	Spotted Flycatcher
Francolin	2	Crested Francolin
Go-away-bird Grey	2	Go-away-bird Grey
Hornbill	1	African Grey Hornbill
Hornbill	1	Southern Red-billed Hornbill
Hornbill	1	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill
Kite	1	Yellow-billed Kite
Lark	2	Rufous-naped Lark
Martin	10	Common House Martin
Mousebird	5	Red-faced Mousebird
Owl	1	Spotted Eagle-Owl
Pigeon	1	Speckled Pigeon
Prinia	1	Black-chested Prinia
Puffback	1	Black-backed Puffback
Pytilia	1	Green-winged Pytilia
Robin	1	White-throated Robin-Chat
Robin	2	White-browed Scrub Robin
Shrike	1	Crimson-breasted Shrike
Shrike	1	Southern White-crowned Shrike
Shrike	2	Red-backed Shrike
Sparrow	1	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow
Spurfowl	1	Natal Spurfowl
Starling	2	Cape Glossy Starling
Sunbird	1	Marico Sunbird
Tchagra	1	Brown-crowned Tchagra
Tit-Babbler	2	Chestnut-vented Tit-babbler
Warbler	1	Willow Warbler
Waxbill	2	Blue Waxbill
Waxbill	5	Black-faced Waxbill
Weaver	2	Red-billed Buffalo Weaver
Weaver	3	Southern Masked Weaver
Weaver	3	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver
Whydah	1	Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah

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