



Birding with RiverBend Lodge (*bird species checklist*)

The checklist is designed for the guests staying at RiverBend Lodge. It is a list of the bird species that occur in the Nyathi and Main Camp Sections of the Addo Elephant National Park, and it serves as a representation of the bird species that live in this area, as well as those that are regular visitors, and a couple vagrant species that tend to re-appear year after year; but please note that it is *not* a comprehensive checklist of all the birds that have ever been recorded in the area, as many of the vagrant records (*that are unlikely to re-occur*) have been omitted from the list.

The checklist accounts for an astounding **260 bird species!** This incredible species richness is a result of the wide range of habitats to be found in the area surrounding RiverBend Lodge; habitats such as woodland, forest, thicket, fynbos and grassland. This includes **31 species** that are endemic to Southern Africa, and another **18 species** that are near endemic. The list also includes **10 species** that are listed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and the Addo Elephant National Park plays an important role in the conservation of these endangered bird species.

Explaining Abbreviations:

Endemism and Conservation Status: the conservation status is specifically added for species that are threatened with extinction, and was determined according to the International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN)'s Red list of Endangered Species. Endemism refers specifically to bird species that are endemic or near endemic to Southern Africa. An endemic species occurs nowhere else in the world, except for the specified region. These statuses are added as abbreviations after the bird names (where they are relevant). See these abbreviations explained below:

Conservation Status:

- **NT** - Near Threatened to go extinct
- **VU** - Vulnerable to go extinct
- **EN** - Endangered to go extinct
- **CR** - Critically Endangered to go extinct

Endemism Status:

- **ED** - Endemic to Southern Africa
- **NE** - Near Endemic to Southern Africa

Abundance Status (see column: A):

Please take note that common species have been printed in bold

- **AB** - **Abundant:** a bird species with a high population density, often very conspicuous, and sometimes encountered in large flocks. These birds account for most of the sightings on a birding drive.
- **VC** - **Very Common:** a bird species that is easily found and it should be readily encountered throughout its natural habitat(s), sometimes also encountered in lodge flocks.
- **FC** - **Fairly Common:** a bird species that is fairly easy to find if you explore its habitat thoroughly, however, some of these bird species are only common at a very specific locality within the area.
- **UC** - **Uncommon:** a bird species that is not often encountered, possibly due to a lower population density, or due to the fact that it is simply very hard to find because of its elusive behaviour.
- **RR** - **Rare:** birds for which there are only a few records for the area, or birds that have an extremely localised population and are elusive in their behaviour, making them very hard to find.

Residency Status (see column: B):

- **BR** - **Breeding Resident:** a bird that lives and breeds in the area, and is resident during all seasons, however, it may leave the area during periods of prolonged drought.
- **BM** - **Breeding Migrant:** a bird that breeds in the area, but then leaves the area in Winter, only to return again in Spring.
- **NBM** - **Non-breeding Migrant:** a bird that leaves the area in Autumn to go and breed in the Northern Hemisphere, only to return again in Summer.
- **NV** - **Nomadic Visitor:** a bird that moves in and out of the area in response to food abundance; or visiting the area in response to a severe drought elsewhere; or passing through the area.
- **VV** - **Vagrant Visitor:** a bird that is a very rare visitor, and does not usually occur in the area.

x	English Name:	A	B
	Apalis, Bar-throated	AB	BR
	Apalis, Yellow-breasted	FC	BR
	Avocet, Pied	RR	NV
	Barbet, Acacia Pied NE	FC	BR
	Barbet, Black-collared	UC	BR
	Batis, Cape NE	FC	BR
	Batis, Chinspot	FC	BR
	Bee-eater, White-fronted	RR	BR
	Bishop, Southern Red	VC	BR
	Bishop, Yellow	RR	BR
	Bittern, Little	RR	BR
	Bokmakierie ED	AB	BR
	Boubou, Southern ED	AB	BR
	Brownbul, Terrestrial	FC	BR
	Bulbul, Cape ED	FC	BR
	Bulbul, Dark-capped	VC	BR
	Bunting, Cape NE	RR	NV
	Bunting, Cinnamon-breasted	RR	NV
	Bunting, Golden-breasted	FC	BR
	Bushshrike, Grey-headed	UC	BR
	Bushshrike, Olive NE	FC	BR
	Bushshrike, Orange-breasted	UC	BR
	Bustard, Denham's NT	FC	BR
	Bustard, Ludwig's EN, NE	RR	NV
	Buzzard, Common	FC	NBM
	Buzzard, European Honey	RR	NBM
	Buzzard, Forest ED	UC	NV
	Buzzard, Jackal ED	FC	BR
	Camaroptera, Green-backed	FC	BR
	Canary, Brimstone	VC	BR
	Canary, Cape ED	RR	NV
	Canary, Forest ED	FC	BR
	Canary, White-throated NE	UC	BR
	Canary, Yellow NE	RR	VV
	Canary, Yellow-fronted	FC	BR
	Chat, Ant-eating ED	FC	BR
	Chat, Familiar	FC	BR
	Chat, Mocking Cliff	FC	BR
	Cisticola, Cloud NE	RR	BR
	Cisticola, Grey-backed NE	FC	BR
	Cisticola, Lazy	FC	BR
	Cisticola, Levaillant's	RR	BR
	Cisticola, Wailing	FC	BR
	Cisticola, Wing-snapping	RR	BR
	Cisticola, Zitting	UC	BR
	Coot, Red-knobbed	VC	BR
	Cormorant, Reed	FC	NV
	Cormorant, White-breasted	UC	NV
	Coucal, Burchell's NE	UC	BR
	Crake, Black	UC	BR
	Crane, Blue VU, ED	FC	NV
	Crombec, Long-billed	FC	BR
	Crow, Cape	AB	BR
	Crow, Pied	AB	BR

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	Cuckoo, Black	FC	BM
	Cuckoo, Diederik	FC	BM
	Cuckoo, Great Spotted	RR	BM
	Cuckoo, Jacobin	UC	BM
	Cuckoo, Klaas's	UC	BM
	Cuckoo, Red-chested	RR	BM
	Cuckooshrike, Black	FC	BR
	Cuckooshrike, Grey	RR	BR
	Darter, African	UC	NV
	Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood	FC	BR
	Dove, Laughing	VC	BR
	Dove, Namaqua	RR	NV
	Dove, Red-eyed	VC	BR
	Dove, Ring-necked	AB	BR
	Dove, Tambourine	UC	BR
	Drongo, Fork-tailed	VC	BR
	Duck, African Black	UC	BR
	Duck, White-faced Whistling	RR	NV
	Duck, Yellow-billed	VC	BR
	Eagle, African Fish	UC	BR
	Eagle, Booted	FC	BR
	Eagle, Brown Snake	RR	VV
	Eagle, Crowned NT	RR	BR
	Eagle, Martial EN	UC	BR
	Eagle, Verreaux's	RR	VV
	Egret, Little	UC	NV
	Egret, Western Cattle	FC	NV
	Falcon, Amur	UC	NBM
	Falcon, Lanner	UC	BR
	Falcon, Peregrine	UC	BR
	Firefinch, African	UC	BR
	Firefinch, Red-billed	RR	NV
	Fiscal, Southern	AB	BR
	Flycatcher, African Dusky	UC	BR
	Flycatcher, African Paradise	FC	BM
	Flycatcher, Blue-mantled Crested	FC	BR
	Flycatcher, Fiscal ED	AB	BR
	Flycatcher, Southern Black	UC	BR
	Flycatcher, Spotted	FC	NBM
	Francolin, Red-winged ED	RR	BR
	Goose, Egyptian	AB	BR
	Goose, Spur-winged	FC	NV
	Goshawk, African	UC	BR
	Goshawk, Pale Chanting NE	VC	BR
	Grassbird, Cape ED	UC	BR
	Grebe, Little	VC	BR
	Greenbul, Sombre	AB	BR
	Greenshank, Common	RR	NBM
	Guineafowl, Helmeted	FC	BR
	Hamerkop	UC	BR
	Harrier, Black EN, ED	RR	NV
	Hawk, African Cuckoo	RR	BR
	Hawk, African Harrier	UC	BR
	Heron, Black-crowned Night	UC	BR

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	Heron, Black-headed	VC	BR
	Heron, Grey	FC	BR
	Heron, Purple	RR	NV
	Honeybird, Brown-backed	RR	BR
	Honeyguide, Greater	FC	BR
	Honeyguide, Lesser	FC	BR
	Honeyguide, Scaly-throated	UC	BR
	Hoopoe, African	VC	BR
	Hoopoe, Green Wood	FC	BR
	Hornbill, Crowned	FC	BR
	Hornbill, Trumpeter	RR	BR
	Ibis, African Sacred	UC	NV
	Ibis, Hadada	AB	BR
	Indigobird, Dusky	RR	NV
	Kestrel, Rock	FC	BR
	Kingfisher, African Pygmy	RR	BM
	Kingfisher, Brown-hooded	FC	BR
	Kingfisher, Giant	RR	NV
	Kingfisher, Malachite	UC	BR
	Kingfisher, Pied	RR	NV
	Kite, Black-winged	FC	BR
	Kite, Yellow-billed	FC	BM
	Korhaan, Southern Black VU, ED	UC	BR
	Lapwing, Blacksmith	AB	BR
	Lapwing, Crowned	VC	BR
	Lark, Cape Clapper ED	RR	NV
	Lark, Eastern Clapper NE	RR	NV
	Lark, Red-capped	FC	NV
	Lark, Rufous-naped	FC	BR
	Longclaw, Cape ED	FC	BR
	Martin, Banded	RR	BM
	Martin, Brown-throated	UC	BR
	Martin, Common House	RR	NBM
	Martin, Rock	FC	BR
	Moorhen, Common	VC	BR
	Mousebird, Red-faced	FC	NV
	Mousebird, Speckled	AB	BR
	Neddicky	VC	BR
	Nightjar, Fiery-necked	FC	BR
	Oriole, Black-headed	FC	BR
	Ostrich, Common	VC	BR
	Owl, African Scops	UC	BR
	Owl, African Wood	UC	BR
	Owl, Cape Eagle	RR	BR
	Owl, Spotted Eagle	FC	BR
	Owl, Western Barn	UC	BR
	Oxpecker, Red-billed	UC	BR
	Pigeon, African Green	RR	NV
	Pigeon, African Olive	UC	NV
	Pigeon, Speckled	FC	BR
	Pipit, African	VC	BR
	Pipit, Nicholson's NE	FC	BR
	Pipit, Plain-backed	UC	NV
	Plover, Kittlitz's	RR	NV

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	Plover, Three-banded	FC	BR
	Prinia, Karoo ED	VC	BR
	Puffback, Black-backed	FC	BR
	Quail, Common	FC	BM
	Quailfinch	UC	NV
	Quelea, Red-billed	UC	NV
	Raven, White-necked	FC	BR
	Robin, Brown Scrub ED	FC	BR
	Robin, Karoo Scrub ED	VC	BR
	Robin, White-browed Scrub	FC	BR
	Robin, White-starred	RR	BR
	Robin-Chat, Cape	VC	BR
	Robin-Chat, Chorister ED	UC	BR
	Roller, European	UC	NBM
	Sandgrouse, Namaqua NE	RR	NV
	Sandpiper, Common	UC	NBM
	Sandpiper, Wood	RR	NBM
	Saw-wing, Black	FC	BM
	Secretarybird EN	UC	BR
	Seedeater, Streaky-headed	VC	BR
	Shelduck, South African ED	VC	BR
	Shoveler, Cape NE	RR	NV
	Shrike, Lesser Grey	RR	NBM
	Shrike, Red-backed	UC	NBM
	Sparrow, Cape NE	VC	BR
	Sparrow, House	FC	BR
	Sparrow, Southern Grey-headed	FC	BR
	Sparrow, Yellow-throated Bush	FC	BR
	Sparrowhawk, Black	RR	BR
	Sparrowhawk, Little	UC	BR
	Spoonbill, African	FC	NV
	Spurfowl, Red-necked	FC	BR
	Starling, Black-bellied	UC	BR
	Starling, Cape	VC	BR
	Starling, Common	FC	BR
	Starling, Pied ED	AB	BR
	Starling, Red-winged	VC	BR
	Starling, Wattled	FC	NV
	Stilt, Black-winged	UC	BR
	Stint, Little	RR	NBM
	Stonechat, African	FC	BR
	Stork, Black	RR	BR
	Stork, White	RR	NBM
	Sunbird, Amethyst	FC	BR
	Sunbird, Collared	FC	BR
	Sunbird, Greater Double-collared ED	VC	BR
	Sunbird, Grey	FC	BR
	Sunbird, Malachite	VC	BR
	Sunbird, Southern Double-collared ED	UC	BR
	Swallow, Barn	FC	NBM
	Swallow, Greater Striped	FC	BM
	Swallow, Lesser Striped	VC	BM
	Swallow, Pearl-breasted	FC	BM
	Swallow, White-throated	UC	BM

