



INYATI
Private Game Reserve

Welcome to Inyati Game Lodge

INYATI BIRDING CHECK-LIST



Flowing in front of Inyati Game Lodge, the Sand River is a haven for bird enthusiasts, offering the chance to spot the renowned “Big 5” of birding—Ground Hornbill, Martial Eagle, Saddle-billed Stork, Kori Bustard, and Lappet-faced Vulture. Additionally, you may encounter rarities such as the elusive African Finfoot, White-backed Night Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Purple Heron, African Black Duck, Half-collared and Malachite Kingfishers, and African Crake.

You’ll find mousebirds, turacos, woodhoopoes, sugarbirds, whydahs, guineafowl, Secretary Birds, and Hamerkop among the endemic families. Whether you’re a seasoned birder or a curious novice, the avian diversity here will captivate you.

Enjoy your safari!

BIRD LIST

This is a checklist of the various bird species which may be encountered in the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve. As such, it will provide the interested birdwatcher with an indication of the species to expect.

A

It is not a comprehensive list of the Southern Africa avifauna.

- Abdim's Stork
- Acacia Pied Barbet
- African Barred Owlet
- African Black Duck
- African Black Swift
- African Common Stonechat
- African Crake
- African Cuckoo
- African Cuckoo Hawk
- African Darter
- African Dusky Flycatcher
- African Finfoot
- African Firefinch
- African Fish Eagle
- African Golden Oriole
- African Goshawk
- African Grass-Owl
- African Green-Pigeon
- African Grey Hornbill
- African Harrier-Hawk
- African Hawk Eagle
- African Hobby
- African Hoopoe
- African Jacana
- African Mourning Dove
- African Olive Pigeon
- African Openbill
- African Palm Swift
- African Paradise Flycatcher
- African Pied Wagtail
- African Pipit
- African Purple Swamphen
- African Pygmy Kingfisher
- African Pygmy-Goose
- African Quail-finch
- African Reed-Warbler
- African Sacred Ibis
- African Scops-Owl
- African Snipe (*Ethiopian Snipe*)
- African Spoonbill
- African Wattled Lapwing
(*Wattled Plover*)
- African Wood-Owl
- African Yellow White-eye
- Allen's Gallinule
- Alpine Swift
- Amethyst Sunbird
- Amur Falcon
(*Eastern Red footed Kestrel*)
- Arnot's Chat
- Arrow-marked Babbler
- Ashy Flycatcher
- Ayres' Eagle



B

- Barn Swallow
- Bat Hawk
- Bateleur
- Bearded Scrub-Robin
- Bearded Woodpecker
- Bennett's Woodpecker
- Black Coucal
- Black Crake
- Black Cuckoo
- Black Cuckooshrike
- Black Heron (*Black Egret*)
- Black Kite
- Black Sparrowhawk
- Black Stork
- Black-backed Puffback
- Black-bellied Bustard
(*Black-bellied Korhaan*)
- Black-bellied Starling
- Black-chested Snake Eagle
- Black-collared Barbet
- Black-crowned Night Heron
- Black-crowned Tchagra
- Black-headed Heron
- Black-shouldered Kite
- Blacksmith Lapwing
(*Blacksmith Plover*)
- Black-throated Canary
- Black-throated Wattle-eye
(*Wattle-eyed Flycatcher*)
- Black-winged Stilt
- Blue Quail

B

- Blue Waxbill
- Blue-cheeked Bee-eater
- Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher
- Böhm's Spinetail
- Booted Eagle
- Brimstone Canary
- Broad-billed Roller
- Broad-tailed Warbler
- Bronze Mannikin
- Bronze-winged Courser
- Brown Snake Eagle
- Brown-backed Honeybird
- Brown-crowned Tchagra
- Brown-headed Parrot
- Brown-hooded Kingfisher
- Brown-throated Martin
- Brubru
- Buff-spotted Flufftail
- Buffy Pipit
- Burchell's Coucal
- Burchell's Starling
- Burnt-necked Eremomela
- Bushveld Pipit

C

- Cape Batis
- Cape Crow
- Cape Glossy Starling
- Cape Turtle Dove
- Cape Vulture
- Cape Wagtail

C

- Cape White-eye
- Capped Wheatear
- Cardinal Woodpecker
- Caspian Plover
- Chestnut-backed Finchlark
- Chestnut-fronted Helmet-Shrike
- Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler
- Chinspot Batis
- Cinnamon-breasted Bunting
(*Rock Bunting*)
- Collared Palm-Thrush
- Collared Pratincole
- Collared Sunbird
- Common (*Kurrichane*) Buttonquail
- Common (Steppe) Buzzard
- Common Cuckoo
- Common Fiscal (*Fiscal Shrike*)
- Common Greenshank
- Common House Martin
- Common Moorhen
- Common Myna (*Indian Myna*)
- Common Ostrich
- Common Ringed Plover
- Common Sandpiper
- Common Scimitarbill
- Common Swift
- Common Waxbill
- Coqui Francolin
- Corn Crake
- Crested Barbet

C

- Crested Francolin
- Crested Guineafowl
- Crimson-breasted Shrike
- Croaking Cisticola
- Crowned Eagle
- Crowned Hornbill
- Crowned Lapwing (*Crowned Plover*)
- Cuckoo Finch
- Curlew Sandpiper
- Cut-throat Finch

D

- Dark Chanting Goshawk
- Dark-capped Bulbul
- Dark-capped Yellow Warbler
- Desert Cisticola
- Diederik Cuckoo
- Double-banded Sandgrouse
- Dusky Indigobird (*Black Widowfinch*)
- Dusky Lark
- Dwarf Bittern

E

- Eastern Black-headed Oriole
- Eastern Nicator
- Egyptian Goose
- Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove
- Eurasian Golden Oriole
- Eurasian Hobby
- European Bee-eater
- European Nightjar
- European Roller

F

- Fairy Flycatcher
- Familiar Chat
- Fan-tailed Widowbird
- Fawn-coloured Lark
- Fiery-necked Nightjar
- Fiscal Flycatcher
- Flappet Lark
- Fork-tailed Drongo
- Freckled Nightjar
- Fulvous Whistling Duck

G

- Gabar Goshawk
- Garden Warbler
- Giant Kingfisher
- Glossy Ibis
- Golden-breasted Bunting
- Golden-tailed Woodpecker
- Goliath Heron
- Gorgeous Bush-Shrike
- Great Egret
- Great Reed Warbler
- Great Spotted Cuckoo
- Great White Pelican
- Greater Blue-eared Starling
- Greater Flamingo
- Greater Honeyguide
- Greater Painted Snipe
- Green Sandpiper
- Green Twinspot
- Green Wood-hoopoe

G

- Green-backed Camaroptera (*Bleating Warbler*)
- Green-backed Heron
- Green-capped Eremomela
- Green-winged Pytilia
- Grey Cuckooshrike
- Grey Go-away Bird (*Grey Lourie*)
- Grey Heron
- Grey Tit
- Grey Tit-Flycatcher
- Grey-backed Camaroptera
- Grey-backed Sparrow-lark
- Grey-headed Bush-Shrike
- Grey-headed Gull
- Grey-headed Kingfisher
- Grey-headed Parrot
- Grey-rumped Swallow
- Groundscraper Thrush

H

- Hadedda Ibis
- Half-collared Kingfisher
- Hamerkop
- Harlequin Quail
- Helmeted Guineafowl
- Hooded Vulture
- Horus Swift
- Hottentot Teal
- House Sparrow

J

- Icterine Warbler

J

- Jacobin Cuckoo
- Jameson's Firefinch

K

- Kittlitz's Plover
- Klaas's Cuckoo
- Kori Bustard
- Kurrichane Thrush

L

- Lanner Falcon
- Lappet-faced Vulture
- Lark-Like Bunting
- Laughing Dove
- Lazy Cisticola
- Lemon-breasted Canary
- Lesser Flamingo
- Lesser Grey Shrike
- Lesser Honeyguide
- Lesser Jacana
- Lesser Kestrel
- Lesser Masked-Weaver
- Lesser Moorhen
- Lesser Spotted Eagle
- Lesser Striped Swallow
- Lesser Swamp Warbler
- Levillant's Cuckoo (*Striped Cuckoo*)

L

- Lilac-breasted Roller
- Little Bee-eater
- Little Bittern
- Little Egret
- Little Grebe (*Dabchick*)
- Little Rush Warbler
(*African Sedge Warbler*)
- Little Sparrowhawk
- Little Stint
- Little Swift
- Lizard Buzzard
- Long-billed Crombec
- Long-billed Pipit
- Long-crested Eagle
- Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah

M

- Magpie Shrike
- Malachite Kingfisher
- Marabou Stork
- Marico Flycatcher
- Marico Sunbird
- Marsh Owl
- Marsh Sandpiper
- Marsh Warbler
- Martial Eagle
- Meves' Starling
- Mocking Cliff-Chat
- Monotonous Lark
- Montagu's Harrier

M

- Mosque Swallow
- Mottled Spinetail
- Mountain Wagtail
- Mountain Wheatear

N

- Namaqua Dove
- Narina Trogon
- Natal Spurfowl (*Natal Francolin*)
- Neddicky

O

- Olivetree Warbler
- Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike
- Orange-breasted Waxbill

P

- Pallid Harrier
- Pearl-breasted Swallow
- Pearl-spotted Owlet
- Pel's Fishing-Owl
- Pennant-winged Nightjar
- Peregrine Falcon
- Pied Avocet
- Pied Crow
- Pied Kingfisher
- Pink-throated Twinspot

P

- Pin-tailed Whydah
- Plain-backed Pipit
- Purple Heron
- Purple Indigobird (*Purple Widowfinch*)
- Purple Roller
- Purple-crested Turaco

R

- Racket-tailed Roller
- Rattling Cisticola
- Red-backed Mannikin
- Red-backed Shrike
- Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver
- Red-billed Firefinch
- Red-billed Oxpecker
- Red-billed Quelea
- Red-billed Teal
- Red-breasted Swallow
- Red-capped Lark
- Red-capped Robin-Chat
- Red-chested Cuckoo
- Red-chested Flufftail
- Red-collared Widowbird
- Red-crested Korhaan
- Red-eyed Dove
- Red-faced Cisticola
- Red-faced Mouse-bird
- Red-footed Falcon
(*Western Red-footed Kestrel*)



R

- Red-headed Finch
- Red-headed Weaver
- Red-knobbed Coot
- Red-winged Starling
- Reed Cormorant
- Retz's Helmet-Shrike
- River Warbler
- Rock Dove (*Feral Pigeon*)
- Rock Kestrel
- Rock Martin
- Rudd's Apalis
- Ruff
- Rufous-cheeked Nightjar
- Rufous-naped Lark
- Rufous-winged Cisticola

S

- Sabota Lark
- Saddle-billed Stork
- Sand Martin
- Sanderling
- Saw-wing
- Scaly-throated Honeyguide
- Scarlet-chested Sunbird
- Secretary bird
- Sedge Warbler
- Senegal Lapwing
(*Lesser Black-winged Plover*)

S

- Shaft-tailed Whydah
- Shelley's Francolin
- Sombre Greenbul
- Sooty Falcon
- Southern Black Flycatcher
- Southern Black Tit
- Southern Boubou
- Southern Carmine Bee-eater
- Southern Grey-headed Sparrow
- Southern Ground-Hornbill
- Southern Masked-Weaver
- Southern Pied Babbler
- Southern Pochard
- Southern Red Bishop
- Southern Red-billed Hornbill
- Southern White-crowned Shrike
- Southern White-faced Owl
- Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill
- Speckled Mousebird
- Speckled Pigeon
- Spectacled Weaver
- Spotted Eagle-Owl
- Spotted Flycatcher
- Spotted Thick-knee
- Spur-winged Goose
- Squacco Heron
- Square-tailed Nightjar
- Steppe Eagle

The Sand River, which flows in front of Inyati Game lodge, is a source of a number of rarities including the secretive African Finfoot, Whitebacked Night-heron, Black-crowned Night-heron, Purple Heron, African Black Duck, Half Collared and Malachite Kingfishers and African Crake.



S

- Stierling's Wren-Warbler
(*Stierling's Barred Warbler*)
- Streaky-headed Seed-eater
- Striped Crake
- Striped Kingfisher
- Striped Pipit
- Swainson's Spurfowl
- Swallow-tailed Bee-eater
- Sweet Waxbill

T

- Tambourine Dove
- Tawny Eagle
- Tawny-flanked Prinia
- Temminck's Courser
- Terrestrial Brownbul (*Terrestrial Bulbul*)
- Thick-billed Cuckoo
- Thick-billed Weaver
- Three-banded Courser
- Three-banded Plover
- Thrush Nightingale
- Tree Pipit
- Tropical Boubou
- Trumpeter Hornbill

V

- Verreaux's Eagle (*Black Eagle*)
- Verreaux's Eagle-Owl
- Village Indigobird (*Steelblue widowfinch*)
- Village Weaver
- Violet-backed Starling
- Violet-eared Waxbill

W

- Wahlberg's Eagle
- Water Thick-knee
- Wattled Starling
- Western Barn Owl
- Western Cattle Egret
- Western Osprey
- Western Yellow Wagtail
- Whiskered Tern
- White Stork
- White-backed Duck
- White-backed Night Heron
- White-backed Vulture
- White-bellied Sunbird
- White-breasted Cormorant
- White-breasted Cuckooshrike
- White-browed Robin-Chat
- White-browed Scrub-Robin
- White-browed Sparrow-Weaver
- White-crested Helmet-Shrike
- White-crowned Lapwing (*White-crowned Plover*)
- White-faced Whistling Duck
- White-fronted Bee-eater
- White-fronted Plover
- White-headed Vulture
- White-necked Raven
- White-rumped Swift
- White-throated Robin-Chat

Birds of prey are plentiful on the property and the following eagles are regularly seen: Martial, African Hawk, Tawny, African Fish, Wahlberg's and Steppe

W

- White-throated Swallow
- White-winged Tern
- White-winged Widowbird
- Willow Warbler
- Wire-tailed Swallow
- Wood Sandpiper
- Woodland Kingfisher
- Woolly-necked Stork

Z

- Zitting Cisticola (*Fan-tailed Cisticola*)

Y

- Yellow-bellied Eremomela
- Yellow-bellied Greenbul
- Yellow-billed Duck
- Yellow-billed Egret
- Yellow-billed Kite
- Yellow-billed Oxpecker
- Yellow-billed Stork
- Yellow-breasted Apalis
- Yellow-crowned Bishop
- Yellow-fronted Canary
- Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird
- Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird
- Yellow-throated Longclaw
- Yellow-throated Petronia (*Yellow-throated Sparrow*)

The Sabi Sand Nature reserve's biodiversity of habitat makes for a rich diversity of species that includes the renowned 'Big 5' namely - Ground Hornbill, Martial Eagle, Saddle Billed Stork, Kori Bustard and Lappet Faced Vulture.



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