

ADDITIONS TO THE CHECKLIST OF BIRDS OF THE ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

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Since the original checklist of the birds of the Addo Elephant National Park (AENP) was published in 1965 by Liversidge, further species were added by Penzhorn & Morris (1969) and Penzhorn & Van Straaten (1976).

This brought the total for the AENP to 133 species. Between 1979 and March 1983 an additional 52 species were recorded. These are summarized below and increases the number of recorded species to 185. The numbers and nomenclature follows that of *Roberts Birds of South Africa* as revised by McLachlan & Liversidge 1981 (Fifth Impression).

59 LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* (Linnaeus), 1766
KLEIN-WITREIER

This species was recorded in the months of January, February, May, September, November and December around various water points in the park.

60 YELLOW-BILLED EGRET *Egretta intermedia* (Wagler), 1829
GEELBEK-WITREIER

Single bird observed near water in February and August 1982.

80 WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* (Linnaeus), 1758
WITOOIEVAAR

Observed in the Woodlands area in January, February, July, September, November and December.

81 SACRED IBIS *Threskiornis aethiopicus* (Latham), 1790
HEILIGE IBIS

These birds have been seen on numerous occasions around water during the months of January to April and September to December.

94 CAPE SHOVELER *Anas smithii* (Hartert), 1891
KAAPSE SLOPEEND

Single birds have been recorded in May, September and December. It is a common species at dams around Port Elizabeth

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- 97 RED-TAILED TEAL *Anas erythrorhynca* Gmelin, 1789
ROOIBEKEEND
Single or in pairs at waterpoints in the park. Not a common species.
- 106 CAPE VULTURE *Gyps coprotheres* (Foster), 1798
KRANSAASVOËL
A group of 25 was observed flying in an easterly direction over the Lendlovu windmill during January 1983.
- 114 LANNER *Falco biarmicus* Temminck, 1825
EDELVALK
Observed flying over the Woodlands area throughout the year, one seen in front of the rest camp trying to catch Crowned Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*.
- 129 YELLOW-BILLED KITE *Milvus aegyptius* (Gmelin), 1788
GEELBEKWOU
Single birds often seen flying over various parts of the park during the summer months (October-March).
- 139 BOOTED EAGLE *Hieraaetus pennatus* (Gmelin), 1788
DWERGAREND
Seen on a regular basis in the AENP including an immature in June. This species breeds nearby in the Zuurberg range (Martin, Martin & Martin 1983).
- 145 BROWN SNAKE EAGLE *Circaetus cinereus* Vieillot, 1818
BRUIN-SLANGAREND
An adult was seen in the central part of the park during January 1983. The bird was close enough to see the distinctive eye colour.
- 158 LITTLE SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter minullus* (Daudin), 1800
KLEINSPERWER
Observed at several localities in the park.
- 162 GABAR GOSHAWK *Micronisus gabar* (Daudin), 1800
WITSPERWER
Single adult seen in karoo bushveld in Woodlands during June 1982.
- 165 CHANTING GOSHAWK *Melierax canorus* (Thunberg), 1799
BLEEK-SINGVALK
Seen at several localities but more common in the open parts of Woodlands. An immature bird was often seen in Woodlands during 1982.
- 169 BLACK HARRIER *Circus maurus* (Temminck), 1828
SWART-VLEIVALK
Occasionally overfly the park.
- 176 GREY-WING FRANCOLIN *Francolinus africanus* Stephens, 1819
BERGPATRY'S
Two adults were seen on the Korhaanvlakte area. Coveys have been observed outside the AENP en route to Port Elizabeth.
- 194 HOTTENTOT BUTTON-QUAIL *Turnix hottentotta* (Temminck), 1815
KAAPSE DRIETOONKWARTEL
A pair were often flushed in a patch of grassland in the Woodlands area during 1981.

203 BLACK CRAKE *Limnocorax flavirostris* (Swainson), 1837
SWARTRIETHAAN

This secretive bird was seen on several occasions in the reedbeds of the pond at the rest camp.

216 BLUE CRANE *Anthropoides paradisea* (Lichtenstein), 1793
BLOUKRAANVOËL

Observed on various occasions in the more open areas, a rare visitor but more common in January and February.

217 KORI BUSTARD *Otis kori* Burchell, 1822
GOMPOU

A single bird was seen on the Bontveld in September 1981 which confirmed an earlier sighting in Woodlands.

263 GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* (Gunnerus), 1767
GROENPOOTSTRANDLOPER

A fairly common wader seen during the summer months.

269 AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta* Linnaeus, 1758
BONTELSIE

Occur in groups of up to seven at various waterpoints.

270 STILT *Himantopus himantopus* (Linnaeus), 1758
ROOIPOOTELSIE

Seen at various times but more common in February.

304 WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN *Chlidonias leucoptera* (Temminck), 1815
WITKRUISMEERSTERRETJIE

Single birds seen flying over the dam in front of the rest camp during 1980.

305 WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida* (Pallas), 1811
WITBAARDMEERSTERRETJIE

Single bird seen over lake in front of rest camp during August 1980.

311 ROCK PIGEON *Columba guinea* Linnaeus, 1758
KRANSDUIF

Often observed as flocks flying over the AENP, seen also at waterpoints and one roosted on buildings at the rest camp.

312 RAMERON PIGEON *Columba arquatrix* Temminck and Knip, 1809
• GEELBEKBOSDUIF

Single bird seen in the mesic spekboomveld during September 1982. A fairly common species further east of the park towards Grahamstown.

319 TAMBOURINE DOVE *Turtur tympanistra*
WITBORSDUIF (Temminck and Knip), 1810

Single observation in August 1981.

346 GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator glandarius* (Linnaeus), 1758
GEVLEKTE KOEKOEK

Single birds seen between November and February, uncommon in the area.

359 BARN OWL *Tyto alba* (Scopoli), 1769
NONNETJIE-UIL

An uncommon species, single birds seen at various localities.

380 BLACK SWIFT *Apus barbatus* (P. Sclater), 1865
SWART WINDSWAEL

Small flocks seen flying over dry spekboomveld during October 1981.

- 391 WHITE-BACKED MOUSEBIRD *Colius colius* (Linnaeus), 1766
WITRUGMUISVOËL
Occasional flocks seen in summer months.
- 394 PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* (Linnaeus), 1758
BONTVISVANGER
Observed at the rest camp pond and at Caesar's Dam.
- 395 GIANT KINGFISHER *Megaceryle maxima* (Pallas), 1769
REUSE-VISVANGER
Single birds seen at the rest camp pond.
- 397 MALACHITE KINGFISHER *Corythornis cristata* (Pallas), 1764
KUIFKOPVISVANGER
Single bird recorded for July 1981.
- 411 SWALLOW-TAILED BEE-EATER *Dicrocercus hirundineus*
SWAELSTERTBYEVRETER (Lichtenstein), 1793
An observation in January 1983 confirmed earlier sightings.
- 430 GROUND HORNBILL *Bucorvus leadbeateri* (Vigors), 1825
BROMVOËL
Single vagrant adult seen in dry spekboomveld in June 1980.
- 450 CARDINAL WOODPECKER *Dendropicos fuscescens*
KARDINAALSPEGT (Vieillot), 1818
A fairly common species, especially in areas of *Acacia karroo*.
- 507 HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbica* (Linnaeus), 1758
HUISSWAEL
Several records of this species around waterpoints during the summer months.
- 545 BLACK-EYED BULBUL *Pycnonotus barbatus* (Desfontaines), 1787
SWARTOOGTIPIOL
Recorded at various localities throughout the park. An uncommon species.
- 584 BROWN ROBIN *Tychaedon signata* (Sundevall), 1851
BRUIN JANFREDERIK
(Bruin Wipstert)
Seen on a number of occasions from October to February around the rest camp.
- 673 CHIN SPOT BATIS *Batis molitor* (Hahn and Küster), 1850
WITSY-BOSBONTROKKIE
A fairly common species in areas of *Acacia karroo* around the rest camp and Woodlands.
- 682 PARADISE FLYCATCHER *Terpsiphone viridis* (Müller), 1776
PARADYS VLIEËVANGER
A summer visitor to the park where it has been recorded breeding at the rest camp.
- 689 YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava* Linnaeus, 1758
GEELKWIKSTERT
Single bird recorded in July 1981.
- 719 ORANGE-BREADED BUSH SHRIKE *Chlorophoneus sulphureopectus*
ORANJEBORSBOSLAKSMAN (Lesson), 1831
Recorded in open spekboomveld in October 1981.

745 RED-WINGED STARLING *Onychognathus morio* (Linnaeus), 1766
ROOIVLERKSPREEU

Visitors to the park during the summer months.

787 SOUTHERN GREY-HEADED SPARROW *Passer diffusus*
GRYSKOPMOSSIE (A. Smith), 1836

During September 1981 a pair were recorded breeding in an old swallow's nest at the rest camp.

813 RED-COLLARED WIDOW *Euplectes ardens* (Boddaert), 1783
KLEINFLAP

Observed on a number of occasions at the pond in the rest camp. Not uncommon around the wheatfields surrounding the AENP, especially during good rainfall seasons.

846 PIN-TAILED WHYDAH *Vidua macroura* (Pallas), 1764
ROOIBEKKONINGKIE

A fairly common species in the more open areas, often seen sitting on fences and telegraph lines.

849 BLACK WIDOW-FINCH *Hypochera funerea* (de Tarragon), 1847
SWARTWEEDUWEETJIE

Several records of this species during the summer months in the more open areas.

857 CAPE CANARY *Serinus canicollis* (Swainson), 1838
KAAPSE KANARIE

A rare visitor to the AENP.

871 LARK-LIKE BUNTING *Fringillaria impetuani*
VAALSTREEPKOPPIE (A. Smith), 1836

Recorded for September.

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