

**RUAHA NATIONAL PARK  
BIRD LIST  
(UPDATED March 2008 by Rob  
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**Ostrich (Struthionidae)**

Common Ostrich

**Grebes: Podicipidea**

Little Grebe

**Comorants: Phalacrocoracidae**

Long-tailed Cormorant

Great Cormorant

**Darter: Anhingidae**

African Darter

**Pelicans: Pelecanidae**

White Pelican

Pink-backed Pelican

**Hérons: Ardeidae**

Grey Heron

Black-headed Heron

Goliath Heron

Purple Heron

Great White Egret

Yellow-billed Egret

Black Heron

Little Egret

Cattle Egret

Squacco Heron

Green-backed Heron

Rufous-bellied Heron

Night Heron

White-backed Night Heron

Dwarf Bittern

**Hamerkop: Scopidea**

Hamerkop

**Storks: Ciconiidae**

European-white Stork

European-black Stork

Woolly-necked Stork

Abdim's Stork

Openbill Stork

Saddlebilled Stork

Marabou Stork

Yellow-billed Stork

**Ibises, Spoonbills: Threskionithidae**

Sacred Ibis

Hadada Ibis

Glossy Ibis

African Spoonbill

**Ducks, Geese: Anatidae**

Hottentot Teal

White-faced Whistling Duck

Fulvous Whistling Duck

Knob-billed Duck

Egyptian Goose

Spurwinged Goose

Pygmy Goose

Northern Pintail

White Backed Duck

**Secretary bird: Sagittariidae**

Secretary bird

**Vultures: Aegyptiidae**

Ruppell's Vulture

White-backed Vulture

Nubian vulture

White-headed Vulture

Egyptian Vulture

Hooded Vulture

**Eagles, Hawks: Aquilidae**

Little Sparrowhawk

Ovambo Sparrowhawk

Great Sparrowhawk

Shikra

African Goshawk

Gabar Goshawk

Pale Chanting Goshawk

Dark Chanting Goshawk

Bat Hawk

Verreaux's Eagle

Imperial Eagle

Tawny Eagle

Lesser Spotted Eagle

Wahlberg's Eagle

African Hawk Eagle

Martial Eagle

Long-crested Eagle

Lizard Buzzard

Brown Harrier Eagle

Short-toed Eagle

Southern-banded Harrier Eagle

Banded Harrier Eagle

Grasshopper Buzzard

Bateleur

African Fish Eagle

Palmnut Vulture

Steppe Buzzard

Augur Buzzard

Black Kite

Black-shouldered Kite

Montagu's Harrier  
Pallid Harrier  
European Marsh Harrier  
Harrier Hawk  
**Falcons: Falconidae**  
Peregrine  
Lanner Falcon  
European Hobby  
Eleonora's Falcon  
Sooty Falcon  
Eastern Red-footed Falcon (Amur)  
Red-necked Falcon  
Grey Kestrel  
Pygmy Falcon  
Dickinson's Kestrel  
Saker Falcon  
**Osprey: Pandionidae**  
Osprey  
**Fancolins, Quails: Phasianidae**  
Coqui Francolin  
Crested Francolin  
Shelley's Francolin  
Hildebrandt's Francolin  
Red-necked Spurfowl  
Harlequin Quail  
Blue Quail  
**Guineafowls: Numididae**  
Helmeted Guineafowl  
Crested Guineafowl  
Button-quails: Turnicidae  
**Crakes, Rails: Rallidae**  
African Crake  
Black Crake  
Moorhen  
**Cranes: Gruidae**  
Grey Crowned Crane  
**Finfoot: Heliornithidae**  
African Finfoot  
**Bustards: Otidae**  
Denham's Bustard  
White-bellied Bustard  
Buff-crested Bustard  
Black-bellied Bustard  
**Jacana: Jacanidae**  
African Jacana  
**Plovers: Charadriidae**  
Little Ringed Plover  
Kittlitz's Plover  
Three-banded Plover  
Forbes's Plover

Crowned Plover  
Senegal Plover  
Blacksmith Plover  
White-headed Plover  
**Stilts, Avocets: Recurvirostridae**  
Black-winged Stilt  
Pied Avocet  
**Painted Snipes: Rostratulidae**  
Greater Painted Snipe  
**Sandpipers etc: Scolopacidae**  
Ruff  
Common Sandpiper  
Green Sandpiper  
Wood Sandpiper  
Marsh Sandpiper  
Greenshank  
African Snipe  
Little Stint  
**Thicknees (Dikkops): Burhinidae**  
Spotted Thicknee  
Water Thicknee  
**Courasers, Pratincoles: Glareolidae**  
Temminck's Courser  
Two-banded Courser  
Heuglin's Courser  
Violet-tipped Courser  
Black-winged Pratincole  
Common Pratincole  
**Gulls: Laridae**  
Greyheaded Gull  
**Terns: Sternidae**  
White-winged Black Tern  
Whiskered Tern  
Lesser Crested Tern  
**Skimmers: Rhynchopidae**  
African Skimmer  
**Sandgrouse: Pteroclididae**  
Black-faced Sandgrouse  
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse  
**Pigeons and Doves: Columbidae**  
Speckled Pigeon  
Red-eyed Dove  
Olive Dove  
Ring-necked Dove  
Laughing Dove  
Namaqua Dove  
African Mourning Dove  
Dusky Turtle Dove  
Blue-spotted Wood Dove  
Emerald-spotted Wood Dove

Tambourine Dove  
African Green Pigeon  
**Turacos: Musophagidae**  
Violet-crested Truaco  
White-bellied go-away-bird  
Bare-faced go-away-bird  
**Parrots: Psittacidae**  
Brown-necked Parrot  
Brown Parrot  
Yellow-collared Lovebird  
**Cuckoos, Coucals: Cuculidae**  
European Cuckoo  
African Cuckoo  
Lesser Cuckoo  
Red-chested Cuckoo  
Black Cuckoo  
Great Spotted Cuckoo  
Levaillant's Cuckoo  
Black & White Cuckoo  
Emerald Cuckoo  
Diderik Cuckoo  
Klaas's Cuckoo  
Black Coucal  
Senegal Coucal  
White-browed Coucal  
**Barn Owl: Tytonidae**  
Barn Owl  
**True Owls: Strigidae**  
African Marsh Owl  
African Scops Owl  
Pearlspotted Owlet  
Barred Owlet  
Spotted Eagle Owl  
Verraux's Eagle Owl  
**Nightjars: Caprimulgidae**  
Dusky Nightjar  
Freckled Nightjar  
Gabon Nightjar  
Pennant-winged Nightjar  
Slender Tailed Nightjar  
Eurasian Nightjar  
**Swifts: Micropodidae**  
Mottled Swift  
Little Swift  
Eurasian Swift  
White-Rumped Swift  
Alpine Swift  
African Palm Swift  
Bohm's Spinetail  
Mottled Spinetail

**Mousebirds: Collidae**  
Speckled mousebird  
Blue-naped Mousebird  
**Trogons: Trogonidae**  
Narina Trogon  
**Kingfishers: Alcedinidae**  
Pied Kingfisher  
Giant Kingfisher  
Half-collard Kingfisher  
Malachite Kingfisher  
Pygmy Kingfisher  
Woodland Kingfisher  
Brown-hooded Kingfisher  
Grey-headed Kingfisher  
Striped Kingfisher  
**Bee-eaters: Meropidae**  
European Bee-eater  
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater  
White-throated Bee-eater  
Little Bee-eater  
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater  
Carmine Bee-eater  
Madagascar Bee-eater  
**Rollers: Coraciidae**  
European Roller  
Racquet-tailed Roller  
Lilac-breasted Roller  
Rufous Crowned Roller  
Broad-billed Roller  
**Hoopoes: Upupidae**  
African Hoopoe  
**Wood Hoopoe: Phoeniculidae**  
Green Wood Hoopoe  
African Scimitarbill  
Abyssinian Scimitarbill  
**Hornbills: Bucerotidae**  
Grey Hornbill  
Red-billed Hornbill  
Von der Decken's Hornbill  
Crowned Hornbill  
Trumpeter Hornbill  
Pale Billed Hornbill  
Southern Ground Hornbill  
**Barbets: Capitonidae**  
Spotted-flanked Barbet  
Black-collared Barbet  
Black-backed Barbet  
Red-fronted Tinker bird  
D'Arnaud's Barbet  
Red and yellow Barbet

Crested (Levalliant's) Barbet  
**Honey Guides: Indicatoridae**  
Greater Honeyguide  
Lesser Honeyguide  
Eastern (Wahlberg's) Honeyguide

**Woodpeckers: Picidae**  
Golden-tailed Woodpecker  
Bennett's Woodpecker  
Green-backed Woodpecker  
Nubian Woodpecker  
Cardinal Woodpecker  
Bearded Woodpecker

**Broadbills: Eurylaemidae**  
African Broadbill

#### PASSERINES

**Larks: Alaudidae**  
Fischer's Sparrow lark  
Rufous-naped Lark  
Dusky bush Lark  
Flappet Lark

**Swallows: Hirundinidae**  
Common House Martin  
Striped Swallow  
Larger-striped Swallow  
(African) Rock Martin  
Grey-rumped Swallow  
Barn (Eurasian) Swallow  
Mosque Swallow  
Wire-tailed Swallow  
White-headed Saw-wing  
Black Saw-wing  
Banded Martin  
African Sand Martin  
Sand Martin

**Drongos: Dicruridae**

Common Drongo

**Orioles: Oriolidae**

African Golden Oriole  
Back-headed Oriole  
Eurasian Oriole

**Crows: Corvidae**

Pied Crow  
White-naped Raven

**Tits: Paridae**

White-bellied Tit

**Penduline Tits: Remizidae**

African Penduline Tit

**Spotted Creeper: Salpornithidae**

Spotted Creeper

**Babblers: Timaliidae**

African Hill Babbler  
Scaly Chatterer  
Arrow-marked Babbler  
Black-lored Babbler

**Cuckoo-Shrikes: Campephagidae**

Black Cuckoo Shrike  
White-breasted Cuckoo Shrike

**Bulbuls: Pycnonotidae**

Yellow-bellied Greenbul  
Eastern Nicator  
Grey-olive Greenbul  
Common Bulbul

Brownbul

**Thrushes: Turdidae**

Red-tailed (Familiar) Chat  
White-browed Scrub Robin  
Eastern Bearded Scrub Robin  
Morning Thrush  
Spotted Morning Thrush  
White-browed Robin Chat  
Red-capped Robin Chat  
Irania  
Sprosser  
Nightingale  
Miombo Rock Thrush  
Common Rock Thrush  
Northern Wheatear  
Capped Wheatear  
Arnot's (white-headed Black) chat  
White-shouldered Cliff Chat  
Kurrichane Thrush  
Groundscraper Thrush  
Bare-eyed Thrush

**Warblers: Sylviidae**

Great Reed Warbler  
Yellow-breasted Apalis  
Grey-backed Camcaroptera  
Miombo Wren Warbler  
Wing-snapping Cisticola  
Rattling Cisticola  
Winding Cisticola  
Zitting Cisticola  
Yellow-bellied Eremomela  
Green-capped Eremomela  
Icterine Warbler  
Olivaceous Warbler  
Yellow-bellied Hyliota  
Banded Parisoma  
Willow Warbler

Tawny-flanked Prinia  
Balckcap  
Garden Warbler  
Red-faced Crombec  
**Flycatchers: Muscicapidae**  
African Grey Flycatcher  
Pale Flycatcher  
Semi-collared Flycatcher  
Southern Black Flycatcher  
Ashy Flycatcher  
Spotted Flycatcher  
Lead-coloured Flycatcher  
**Batises etc: Platysteiridae**  
Chinspot Batis  
**Monarch Flycatchers: Monarchidae**  
African Paradise Flycatcher  
White-tailed Crested Flycatcher  
**Wagtails, Pipits: Motacillidae**  
Plain-backed Pipit  
Grassland (Richard's) Pipit  
Tree Pipit  
African Pied Wagtail  
Yellow Wagtail  
Golden Pipit  
**Bush-Shrikes: Malaconotidae**  
Black-backed Puffback  
Tropical Boubou  
Slate Coloured Boubou  
Grey-headed Bush Shrike  
Sulphur-breasted Bush Shrike  
Brubru  
Brown-crowned Tchagra  
Marsh Tchagra  
**Shrikes: Laniidae**  
Magpie Shrike  
Red-backed Shrike  
Red-tailed Shrike  
Lesser Grey Shrike  
Northern White-crowned Shrike  
**Helmet-Shrikes: Prionopidae**  
White-crested Helmet-Shrike  
Retz's Helmet-Shrike  
**Starlings and Oxpeckers: Sturnidae**  
Violet-backed Starling  
Ashy Starling  
Wattled Starling  
Greater Blue-eared Glossy Starling  
Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starling  
White-winged Starling  
Red-winged Starling

Superb Starling  
Yellow-billed Oxpecker  
Red-billed Oxpecker  
**Sunbirds: Nectariniidae**  
Collared Sunbird  
Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird  
Amethyst Sunbird  
Little Purple-banded Sunbird  
Copper Sunbird  
Miombo Double-collared Sunbird  
Mariqua Sunbird  
Oliver Sunbird  
Beautiful Sunbird  
Scarlet-chested Sunbird  
Sheely's Double-collared Sunbird  
Variable Sunbird  
**White-eyes: Zosteropidae**  
Yellow White-eye  
**Weavers: Ploceidae**  
Grosbeak Weaver  
Red-headed Weaver  
Yellow-crowned Bishop  
White-winged Widowbird  
Red-naped Widowbird  
Fan-tailed Widowbird  
Hartlaub's Marsh Widowbird  
Black-winged Red Bishop  
Yellow-mantled Widowbird  
Southern Red Bishop  
Black-headed Weaver  
Masked Weaver  
Golden-backed Weaver  
Black-necked Weaver  
Spectacled Weaver  
Chestnut Weaver  
Holub's Golden Weaver  
Cardinal Quelea  
Red-headed Quelea  
Red-billed Quelea  
Red-billed Buffalo Weaver  
White-headed Buffalo Weaver  
White-browed Sparrow Weaver  
Grey-headed Social Weaver  
**Sparrows: Passeriniidae**  
Chestnut Sparrow  
Grey-headed Sparrow  
Swahili Sparrow  
Speckled-fronted Weaver  
**Whydahs: Viduinidae**  
African Firefinch Indigobird

Jameson's Firefinch Indigobird

Straw-tailed Whydah

Steel-blued Whydah

Pin-tailed Whydah

Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah

Paradise Whydah

**Waxbills: Estrildidae**

Waxbill

Black-cheeked Waxbill

Crimson-rumped Waxbill

Jameson's Firefinch

African Firefinch

Red-billed Firefinch

Orange-winged Pytilia

Green-winged Pytilia

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu

Blue-capped Cordon-bleu

Cut-throat Finch

Bronze Mannikin

Grey-headed Silver-bill

**Buntings: Emberizidae**

Cabanis's Bunting

Golden-breasted Bunting

Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting

**Finches: Fringillidae**

Black-throated Seed-eater

Yellow-crowned Canary

White-bellied Canary

Yellow-fronted Canary

Striped-breasted Seed-eater