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About the Namibia Bird Club

The Namibia Bird Club was founded in 1962 and has been active since then. The club's mission is to contribute to Namibian ornithology by, amongst other things, arranging regular birding outings, conducting bird ringing and atlasing excursions and educating the public about the value of birds. To achieve this, we organise monthly visits to interesting birding sites around Windhoek as well as regular visits to Avis Dam and the Gammams Water Care Works and occasional weekend trips further afield. Bird club members also participate in the African Waterbird Census twice a year.

Experienced birders are more than happy to help beginners and novices on these outings. If you have a transport problem or would like to share transport please contact a committee member. Depending on the availability of speakers and suitable material we present occasional lecture or video evenings at the Namibia Scientific Society premises. Members receive the bird club's journal, *Lanioturdus* and outings and events are advertised on the club's website www.namibiabirdclub.org.

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Hildegard Becker

It is with deep sorrow that we learned of the passing of bird club member Hildegard Becker.

She served on the Namibia Bird Club committee from 2005 until mid-2008, fulfilling the post of secretary. Her friendly and efficient manner was loved by everyone. She often helped with writing the *Bird Call* - an informal events calendar.

Hildegard was also a passionate botanist combining her enthusiasm for birdlife with Namibia's nature.

She had a good sense of humour and once told me that she employed a bunch of hornbills to dig up her garden - all that was left was to sow the seeds.

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Bird Atlas Update

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2 167 pentads covered

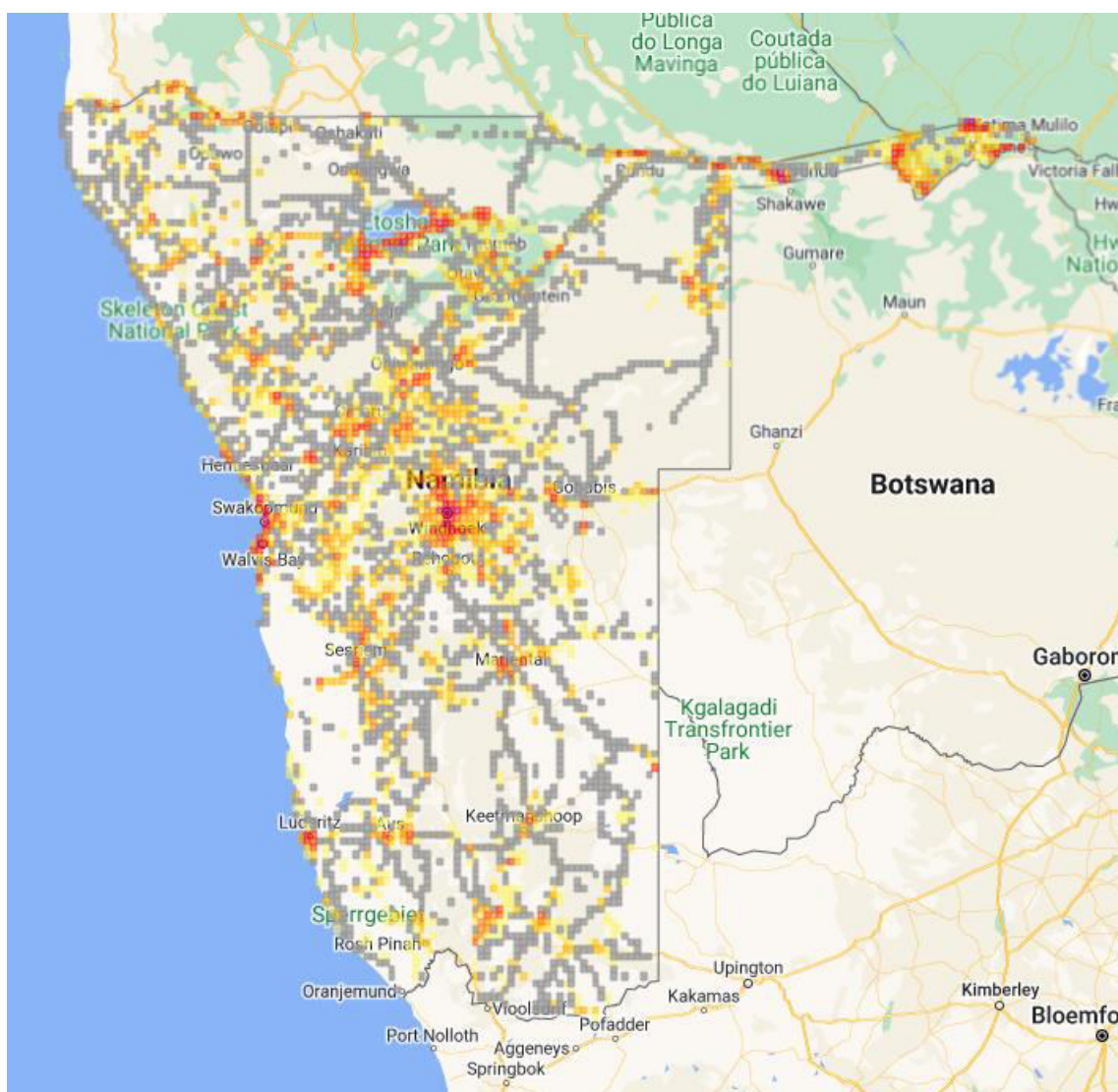
656 species recorded

14 701 full protocol cards submitted

20.499% covered

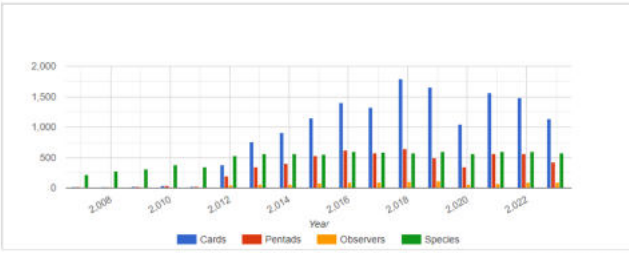
558 species recorded in 2023

1 135 full protocol cards in 2023



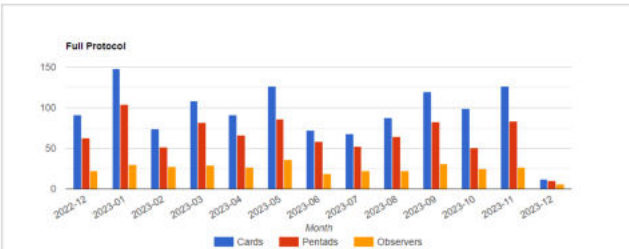
Coverage map of Namibia; Grey squares represent *ad hoc* records, coloured squares full protocol cards – the colour indicates the number of times a pentad has been at least partially covered.

Full Protocol Submissions per Annum



Year	Cards	Pentads	Observers	Records	Vetted	Species
2023	1135	420	88	46175	45999	574
2022	1484	565	69	60734	60562	593
2021	1565	562	72	58539	58442	595
2020	1044	350	53	39078	39046	562
2019	1654	497	113	62028	61826	593
2018	1786	648	107	67087	66599	578
2017	1321	571	69	50615	50550	561
2016	1408	622	93	49577	49489	593
2015	1148	523	62	42150	42122	554
2014	910	400	63	37661	37620	568
2013	757	346	52	31261	31147	561
2012	375	200	43	16196	16097	528
2011	22	21	9	514	502	344
2010	40	39	9	1538	1497	378
2009	20	20	8	718	706	315
2008	13	11	3	621	621	279
2007	16	16	2	576	576	219

Submissions per Month



Year	Month	Cards	Pentads	Observers
2022	12	91	63	22
2023	1	148	104	30
2023	2	74	52	28
2023	3	109	82	29
2023	4	91	66	27
2023	5	127	86	36
2023	6	72	59	19
2023	7	68	53	22
2023	8	88	65	22
2023	9	120	83	31
2023	10	99	51	25
2023	11	127	84	27
2023	12	12	10	6