

List of Birds from the Namib Desert Research Station

This list names the birds which have been identified within a ten mile radius of the Namib Desert Research Station, Gobabeb, during July and August, 1964, and July, 1965, to July, 1966.

The area can be divided into three major habitats:

1) The barren gravel plain north from the Kuiseb River; 2) the forest of *Acacia albida*, *A. giraffae*, *Tamarix austro-africana*, and *Salvadora persica* in the bed of the Kuiseb River; 3) the sandy dunes south of the Kuiseb. These regions can be further divided into more restricted habitats, and in the following list, the habitats in which each species was normally found are designated by symbols following the name. These habitats and corresponding symbols are as follows:

- lg Bare or sparsely grassy gravelly and sandy flats north of the Kuiseb (with short extensions between the dunes on the south bank of the Kuiseb).
lk Koppies and boulder-strewn rock outcrops in the plain.
2f The trees of the riverine forest.
2w Water-holes in the bed of the Kuiseb.
3s Sandy flats between dunes, sometimes with bunches of spiny grasses.
3g Areas of large, spiny grasses (*Aristida sabulicola* and others) on the dunes.
X Bird seen flying over all habitats.

In the list, the habitats are listed in the order more favoured to less favoured by the species. Scientific names are those of Mackworth-Praed & Grant (1962—63).

List.

Ostrich <i>Struthio camelus</i>	1g, 3s	Two-banded Courser <i>Hemerodromus africanus</i>	1g
Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	2w	Southern Black-backed Gull <i>Larus dominicanus</i> (one sick bird turned up at Gobabeb in October and died)	
Hammerkop <i>Scopus mubretta</i>	2w	Namaqua Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	1g
Cape Widgeon <i>Anas capensis</i> (flock of six during flooding of the normally dry Kuiseb)		Speckled Rock Pigeon <i>Columba guinea</i>	2f
Lappet-faced Vulture <i>Torgos tracheliotus</i>	X	Ring-necked Dove <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	2f
Lanner <i>Falco biarmicus</i>	1g, 2	Laughing Dove <i>Stigmatopelia senegalensis</i>	2f
Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1k, 1g, 2f	Namaqua Dove <i>Oena capensis</i>	2f
Greater Kestrel <i>Falco rupicoloides</i>	1g	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater <i>Dicrocercus hirundineus</i>	2f
Kite <i>Milvus migrans</i> (observed once passing over N.D.R.S.)		African Hoopie <i>Upupa africana</i>	2f
Black-chested Harrier-eagle <i>Circaetus pectoralis</i>	2f, 1g	Scimitar-bill <i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>	2f
Jackal Buzzard <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	X	Spotted Eagle-owl <i>Bubo africanus</i>	2f
Gabar Goshawk <i>Micronisus gabar</i>	2f	White-backed Mousebird <i>Colius colius</i>	2f
Chanting Goshawk <i>Melierax musicus</i>	2f, 1g	Red-faced Mousebird <i>Colius indicus</i>	2f
Kori Bustard <i>Ardeotis kori</i>	2f, 3s	Pied Barbet <i>Tricholaema leucomelan</i>	2f
Ludwig's Bustard <i>Neotis ludwigii</i>	2f, 3s, 1g	Cardinal Woodpecker <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>	2f
Three-banded Plover <i>Charadrius tri-collaris</i>	2w	Alpine Swift <i>Apus melba</i> (observed flying over N.D.R.S.)	
Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> (one specimen at N.D.R.S., 13 Nov., 1965)		Karoo Lark <i>Certhilauda albescens</i>	3g, 3s
		Stark's Lark <i>Spizocorys starki</i>	1g
		Grey-backed Finch-lark <i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>	1g, 3s, 3g
		Gray's Lark <i>Ammomanes grayi</i>	1g
		Cape Wagtail <i>Motacilla capensis</i>	2w, 2f
		Richard's Pipit <i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i> (twice recorded at N.D.R.S.)	
		Red-eyed Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus nigricans</i>	2f
		Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	2f
		Pirit Flycatcher <i>Batis pririt</i>	2f
		Mountain Chat <i>Oenanthe monticola</i>	1k, 2f
		Layard's Chat <i>Oenanthe traetrac</i>	1g, 1k, 3s
		Familiar Chat <i>Cercomela familiaris</i>	2f, 1k
		Kalahari Scrub-robin <i>Erythropygia paena</i>	2f
		Tit-babler <i>Parisoma subcearuleum</i>	2f
		Layard's Tit-babler <i>Parisoma layardi</i>	2f
		Crombec <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>	2f
		Yellow-bellied Eremomela <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>	2f
		Black-chested Prinia <i>Prinia flavicans</i>	2f
		Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	X
		Larger Striped Swallow <i>Hirundo cucullata</i>	X
		Rock Martin <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>	X
		Drongo <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>	2f
		Brubru <i>Nilaus afer</i>	2f
		Lesser Grey Shrike <i>Lanius minor</i>	2f
		Fiscal <i>Lanius collaris</i>	2f
		Grey Tit <i>Parus afer</i>	2f
		Pied Crow <i>Corvus albus</i>	X
		Black Crow <i>Corvus capensis</i>	1g
		Wattled Starling <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>	2f
		Cape Glossy Starling <i>Lamprocolius nitens</i>	2f
		Pale-wing Starling <i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>	2f

Pale White-eye <i>Zosterops pallidus</i>	2f	Masked Weaver <i>Ploceus velatus</i>	2f
Dusky Sunbird <i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>	2f	Yellow Canary <i>Serinus flaviventris</i>	2f
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i> (occasionally at N.D.R.S.)		Black-throated Canary <i>Serinus atrogularis</i>	2f
Mossie <i>Passer malanurus</i>	2f	White-throated Seed-eater <i>Serinus</i> <i>albogularis</i>	2f
Grey-headed Sparrow <i>Passer diffusus</i>	2f	Damara Black-head Canary <i>Alario</i> <i>leucolaema</i>	2f
Scaly-fronted Weaver <i>Sporopipes squami-</i> <i>frons</i>	2f	Lark-like Bunting <i>Fringillaria impetuani</i>	1f