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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](http://www.namibiabirdclub.org).

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## Vultures Namibia

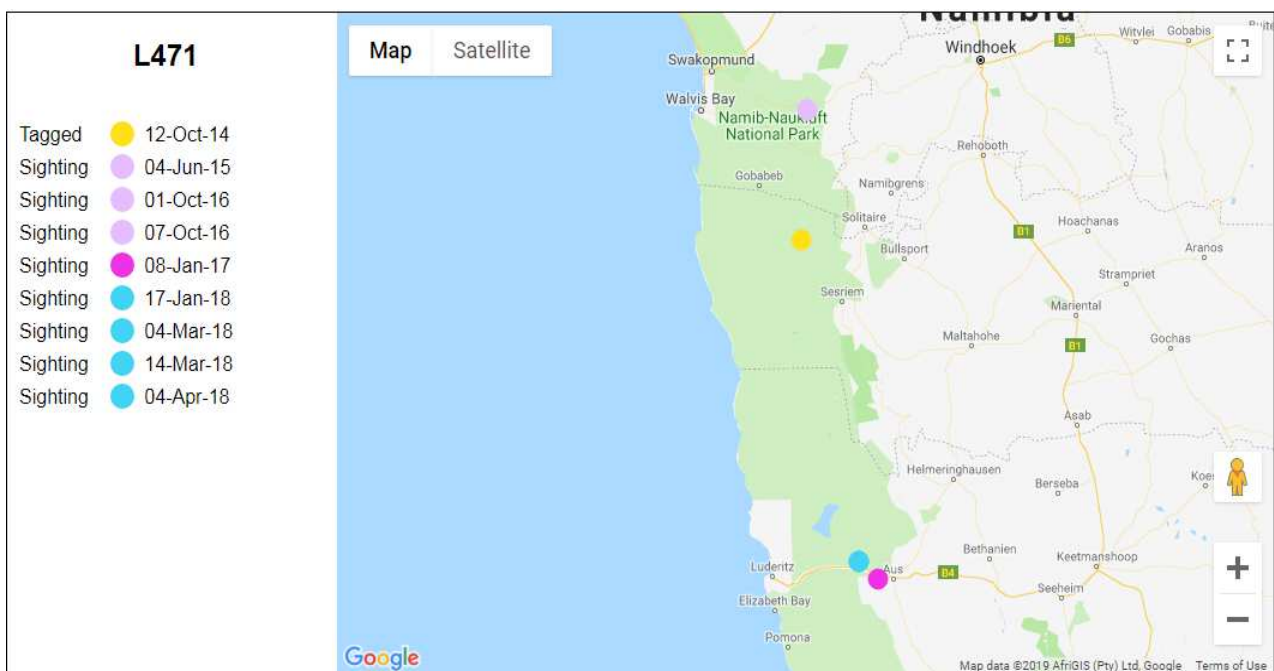
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Vultures Namibia maintains a comprehensive database of all vulture records involving marked birds recorded in Namibia. This includes the original metal ring fitted plus additional markings such as colour rings, engraved numbered/lettered colour rings and patagial (wing) tags.

Initially birds were fitted, apart from the metal ring, with individual combinations of colour rings but due to various factors including fading and loss of rings this system had yielded very few re-sightings. The more recent use of patagial tags has resulted in an exponential increase in re-sightings. This result has been further enhanced by the increased use of camera traps and digital photography.

Data is used to analyse survival rates, juvenile dispersal, movement patterns etc.

Reporting of tagged birds has been streamlined with a report form which can be accessed via the Vultures Namibia website <https://www.vultures-namibia.com/report-a-tag> and/or the Vultures Namibia Facebook page. The email address [felix@afol.com.na](mailto:felix@afol.com.na) can also be used to submit records. To give reporters of tagged birds a visual representation of a bird's recorded movement Franz Klein has developed a tailor-made mapping programme. This, together with a life history of the bird, is then sent to the reporter.



Tag no.	Ring no.	Date	Species	Locality	Co-ordinates	Elapsed time since tagging	Km from last record
L471	G32317	12 October 2014	Lappet-faced Vulture	Tsondab River	-24.00000 15.52556		Tagged
L471	G32317	04 June 2015	Lappet-faced Vulture	Gemsbokwater	-22.95682 15.57612	0 years, 7 months, 23 days	116
L471	G32317	01 October 2016	Lappet-faced Vulture	Gemsbokwater	-22.95682 15.57612	1 years, 11 months, 19 days	0
L471	G32317	07 October 2016	Lappet-faced Vulture	Gemsbokwater	-22.95682 15.57612	1 years, 11 months, 25 days	0
L471	G32317	08 January 2017	Lappet-faced Vulture	Garub area	-26.66539 16.22225	2 years, 2 months, 27 days	417
L471	G32317	17 January 2018	Lappet-faced Vulture	Garub diversionary site	-26.53094 16.05439	3 years, 3 months, 5 days	22
L471	G32317	04 March 2018	Lappet-faced Vulture	Garub diversionary site	-26.53094 16.05439	3 years, 4 months, 20 days	0
L471	G32317	14 March 2018	Lappet-faced Vulture	Garub diversionary site	-26.53094 16.05439	3 years, 5 months, 2 days	0
L471	G32317	04 April 2018	Lappet-faced Vulture	Garub diversionary site	-26.53094 16.05439	3 years, 5 months, 23 days	0

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