Riverton Estate – a comprehensive bird list of 162 species

This is a list of birds that have been recorded by teams of BirdLife Overberg members during three visits to Riverton Stud. Ten species were included after the applicable SABAP2 pentad statistics had been studied. This list should not be regarded as being comprehensive, but be seen as the minimum number of species that occur in the area. An astonishing diversity of 116 bird species was positively identified from the Barry House garden alone. Birders were amazed to find birds like the Western Osprey and the Tambourine Dove and many Karoo species on this Klein Karoo farm.

A HOTBED OF ENDEMISM: The exciting news from the statistical analysis of information is that at least 68 bird species that are endemic and near-endemic to southern Africa occur in our area with many of these being "Western Cape specials". This implies that 44% of the endemic and near-endemic species that occur in southern Africa can be found in our relatively small area. At least 39 migratory species also visit our region during the summer months.

LEGEND:

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NEAR-ENDEMIC	
SPECIES ADDED FROM SABAP2 STATISTICS	Please let us know and e-mail Dr Anton Odendal birding@overberg.co.za if you spot any of these or any species not recorded on this list.

NAME	DESCRIPTION	CHECKLIST
Apalis	Bar-throated	
Barbet	Acacia Pied	
Batis	Cape	
Bee-eater	European	
Bishop	Southern Red	
Bishop	Yellow	
Bittern	Little	
Bokmakierie	Bokmakierie	
Boubou	Southern	
Bulbul	Cape	
Bunting	Cape	
Buzzard	Common (Steppe)	
Buzzard	Forest	
Buzzard	Jackal	
Canary	Brimstone	
Canary	Cape	
Canary	White-throated	
Canary	Yellow	
Chat	Familiar	
Cisticola	Grey-backed	
Cisticola	Levaillant's	
Coot	Red-knobbed	

Cormorant	Reed	
Cormorant	White-breasted	
Crane	Blue	
Crombec	Long-billed	
Crow	Cape	
Crow	Pied	
Cuckoo	Diederik	
Cuckoo	Klaas's	
Cuckoo	Red-chested	
Darter	African	
Dove	Laughing	
Dove	Namaqua	
Dove	Red-eyed	
Dove	Ring-necked	
Dove	Rock	
Dove	Tambourine	
Drongo	Fork-tailed	
Duck	African Black	
Duck	White-faced	
Duck	Yellow-billed	
Eagle	African Fish	
Eagle	Booted	
Eagle	Martial	
Egret	Little	
Egret	Western Cattle	
Falcon	Lanner	
Falcon	Peregrine	
Fiscal	Common (Southern)	
Flycatcher	African Dusky	
Flycatcher	African Paradise	
Flycatcher	Fairy	
Flycatcher	Fiscal	
Goose	Egyptian	
Goose	Spur-winged	
Goshawk	African	
Goshawk	Southern Pale Chanting	
Grebe	Little	
Greenbul	Sombre	
Guineafowl	Helmeted	
Hamerkop		
Harrier	Black	
Harrier-Marsh	African Marsh	
Harrier-Hawk	African (Gymnogene)	
Heron	Black-crowned Night	
Heron	Black-headed	

Heron	Grey	
Heron	Purple	
Honeyguide	Lesser	
Hoopoe	African	
Ibis	African Sacred	
Ibis	Glossy	
Ibis	Hadeda	
Indigobird	Village	
Kestrel	Rock	
Kingfisher	Brown-hooded	
Kingfisher	Giant	
Kingfisher	Malachite	
Kingfisher	Pied	
Kite	Black-winged	
Kite	Yellow-billed	
Lapwing	Blacksmith	
Lapwing	Crowned	
Lark	Large-billed	
Lark	Red-capped	
Longclaw	Cape	
Martin	Banded	
Martin	Brown-throated	
Martin	Rock	
Moorhen	Common	
Mousebird	Red-faced	
Mousebird	Speckled	
Mousebird	White-backed	
Neddicky		
Nightjar	Fiery-necked	
Oriole	Black-headed	
Osprey	Western	
Owl	Barn	
Owl	Spotted Eagle	
Pigeon	African Olive	
Pigeon	Speckled	
Pipit	African	
Plover	Three-banded	
Prinia	Karoo	
Quelea	Red-billed	
Raven	White-necked	
Robin-Chat	Cape	
Sawwing	Black	
Scrub-robin	Karoo	
Seedeater	Streaky-headed	
Shelduck	South African	

Shoveler	Cape	
Sparrow	Cape	
Sparrow	House	
Sparrow	Southern Grey-headed	
Sparrowhawk	Black	
Sparrowhawk	Rufous-breasted	
Spoonbill	African	
Spurfowl	Cape	
Starling	Common	
Starling	Pied	
Starling	Red-winged	
Stilt	Black-winged	
Stonechat	African	
Sugarbird	Cape	
Sunbird	Amethyst	
Sunbird	Greater Double-collared	
Sunbird	Malachite	
Sunbird	Southern Double-collared	
Swallow	Barn	
Swallow	Greater Striped	
Swallow	Pearl-breasted	
Swallow	White-throated	
Swift	African Black	
Swift	African Palm	
Swift	Alpine	
Swift	Little	
Swift	White-rumped	
Tchagra	Southern	
Teal	Cape	
Teal	Red-billed	
Thick-knee	Spotted	
Thick-knee	Water	
Thrush	Karoo	
Thrush	Olive	
Wagtail	Cape	
Warbler	African Reed	
Warbler	Lesser Swamp	
Warbler	Little Rush	
Waxbill	Common	
Waxbill	Swee	
Weaver	Cape	
Weaver	Southern Masked	
Wheatear	Capped	
White-eye	Cape	
Whydah	Pin-tailed	

Woodpecker	Cardinal	