

A letter from one of our birder guests:

JAKHALSDANS IS A BIRDING PARADISE.

The farm is situated in Greater Karoo where birders can expect to find birds unique to the area. According to Roberts Bird App the area is home to just over 200 species.

The farm's proximity to the river, which attracts many water species in the rainy season, and the lush garden of the homestead makes for excellent diversity in bird species. One can easily clock 50 species in one morning sitting quietly and patiently in the beautiful garden! During a recent stay on Jakhalsdans we were lucky to see the following in just two days: Karoo long billed lark, Grey backed sparrow lark, Grey tit, Karoo lark, Ludwig's Bustard

We were lucky enough to see four of these seven :-). We did not have time to visit the large dam on the farm which should deliver excellent sightings! A Full list of Birds recorded in the wider area around Loxton is attached.

African Harrier Hawk	Jackal Buzzard
African Hoopoe	Karoo Chat
African Pied Barbet	Karoo Korhaan
African Palm Swift	Karoo Prinia
African red eyed Bulbul	Karoo Scrub Robin
African Sacred Ibis	Karoo Thrush
African Stonechat	Laughing Dove
Ant-Eating Chat	Little Egret
Bar-throated Apalis	Little Swift
Barn Swallow	Ludwig's Bustard
Black Stork	Martial Eagle
Black Chested Prinia	Northern Korhaan
Black Headed Heron	Pale Chanting Goshawk
Black Shouldered Kite	Pied Crow
Blacksmith Lapwing	Pied Kingfisher
Blue Crane	Pied Starling
Bokmakierie	Pin-tailed Whydah
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	Red-billed Teal
Cape Bunting	Red-knobbed coot
Cape Canary	Red winged Starling
Cape Crow	Reed Cormorant
Cape Robin-Chat	Rock Kestrel
Cape Shoveler	Rock Martin
Cape Sparrow	Rufous-eared Warbler
Cape Teal	Secretary Bird
Cape Turtle Dove	South-African Shelduck
Cape Wagtail	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow
Capped Wheatear	Southern Masked Weaver
Common Buzzard	Spotted Eagle Owl
Common Fiscal	Spotted Flycatcher
Common Ostrich	Spur-winged Goose
Common Waxbill	Three banded Plover
Egyptian Goose	Verreaux's Eagle
Familiar Chat	Western Cattle Egret
Fiery Necked Nightjar	White-backed Mousebird
Giant Kingfisher	White-breasted Cormorant
Greater Flamingo	White-throated Canary
Greater Kestrel	White-throated Swallow
Grey-backed Sparrow-lark	Yellow Billed Duck
Grey-winged francolin	Yellow Billed Kite
Hadedda Ibis	On your wishlist for the area should be:
House Sparrow	White throated canary
Helmeted Guineafowl	Rufous eared warbler