BOTSWANA BIRD LIST: CATEGORY A RARITIES

This list updates that last published in 2002 (Brewster, C.A. *Babbler* 40: 54-56). Currently 587 species have been reliably recorded in Botswana. There are two rarities lists, namely the Category A and Category B lists. The Category A rarities list comprises species that have been recorded ten or less times in recent years. All records of species on the Category A rarities lists should be supported by a substantiating description which should be sent to the BirdLife Botswana Records Subcommittee before the record can be accepted. For species where it is noted 'except Kasane area' (because the species is well known from this area) descriptions are required only for birds seen outside this area. Records of these species from the Kasane area will be summarised under Category B sightings.

A = fewer than 3 substantiated records, B = 3-6 records, C = 7-10 records

Species	**Latin name**	**No. records / remarks**
Common Quail	*Coturnix coturnix*	C
Crested Guineafowl	*Guttera pucherani*	A
Northern Pintail	*Anas acuta*	1 specimen
Garganey	*Anas querquedula*	B
Green-backed Honeybird	*Prodotiscus zambesiae*	B
Olive Woodpecker	*Dendropicos griseocephalus*	A
Crowned Hornbill	*Tockus alboterminatus*	A
Half-collared Kingfisher	*Alcedo semitorquate*	Except for Kasane area
Madagascar Bee-eater	*Merops superciliosus*	B
African Emerald Cuckoo	*Chrysococcyx cupreus*	Except for Kasane area
Grey-headed Parrot	*Poicephalus suahelicus*	B
Rosy-faced Lovebird	*Agapornis roseicollis*	A
Böhm's Spinetail	*Neafrapus boehmi*	B
Bradfield's Swift	*Apus bradfieldi*	A
Schalow's Turaco	*Tauraco schalowi*	A
Ross's Turaco	*Musophaga rossae*	1 specimen
Purple-crested Turaco	*Musophaga porphyreolopha*	A
African Grass-Owl	*Tyto capensis*	B
European Nightjar	*Caprimulgus europaeus*	A
European Turtle-Dove	*Streptopelia turtur*	A
Ludwig's Bustard	*Neotis ludwigii*	B
Barrow's Korhaan	*Eupodotis barrowii*	A
Blue Crane	*Anthropoides paradisea*	C
Buff-spotted Flufftail	*Sarothrura elegans*	A
Corn Crake	*Crex crex*	C
Baillon's Crake	*Porzana pusilla*	B
Great Snipe	*Gallinago media*	C
Bar-tailed Godwit	*Limosa lapponica*	B
Spotted Redshank	*Tringa erythropus*	B
Greater Yellowlegs	*Tringa melanoleuca*	A
Terek Sandpiper	*Xenus cinerus*	C
Red Knot	*Calidris canutus*	A
Temminck's Stint	*Calidris temminckii*	A

Pectoral Sandpiper	*Calidris melanotos*	C
Red-necked Phalarope	*Phalaropus lobatus*	A
Red Phalarope	*Phalaropus fulicaria*	B
Greater Sand Plover	*Charadrius leshenaultii*	A
Spur-winged Lapwing	*Vanellus spinosus*	A
Burchell's Courser	*Cursorius rufus*	B
Rock Pratincole	*Glaereola nuchalis*	Except for Kasane area
Long-tailed Jaeger	*Stercorarius longicaudus*	A
Common Black-headed Gull	*Larus ridibundus*	A
Gull-billed Tern	*Sterna nilotica*	A
African Cuckoo Hawk	*Aviceda cuculoides*	C
Palm-nut Vulture	*Gypohierax angolensis*	A
Egyptian Vulture	*Neophron percnopterus*	B
Black Harrier	*Circus maurus*	B
African Goshawk	*Accipter tachiro*	Except for Kasane area
Long-legged Buzzard	*Buteo rufinus*	A
Augur Buzzard	*Buteo augur*	A
African Crowned Eagle	*Stephanoaetus coronatus*	A
Sooty Falcon	*Falco concolor*	A
Eurasian Bittern	*Botaurus stellaris*	B
African Broadbill	*Smithornis capensis*	A
Cape Batis	*Batis capensis*	A
White-necked Raven	*Corvus albicollis*	A
Souza's Shrike	*Lanius souzae*	A
Rufous-bellied Tit	*Parus rufiventris*	A
Angola Swallow	*Hirundo angolensis*	A
Black Saw-wing	*Psalidoprocne holomelaena*	A
Basra Reed-Warbler	*Acrocephalus griseldis*	A
Dark-capped Yellow Warbler	*Chloropeta natalensis*	A
Levaillant's Cisticola	*Cisticola tinniens*	A
Croaking Cisticola	*Cisticola natalensis*	B
Cloud Cisticola	*Cisticola textrix*	A
Pale-crowned Cisticola	*Cisticola cinnamomeus*	A
Melodious Lark	*Mirafra cheniana*	B
Black-eared Sparrowlark	*Eremopterix verticallis*	A
Spotted Creeper	*Salpornis salvadori*	A
Miombo Rock-Thrush	*Monticola angolensis*	Except for Kasane area
Cape Robin-Chat	*Cossypha caffra*	B
Red-capped Robin-chat	*Cossypha natalensis*	B
Collared Palm-Thrush	*Cichladusa arquata*	Except for Kasane area
Bearded Scrub-Robin	*Cercotrichas quadrivirgata*	Except for Kasane area
Whinchat	*Saxicola rubetra*	A
Mountain Wheatear	*Oenanthe monticola*	B
Sickle-winged Chat	*Cercomela sinuata*	A
Pale-winged Starling	*Onychognathus nabouroup*	A
Miombo Blue-eared Starling	*Lamprotornis elisabeth*	B
Sharp-tailed Starling	*Lamprotornis acuticaudus*	B

Copper Sunbird	*Cinnyris cuprea*	Except for Kasane area
Purple-banded Sunbird	*Cinnyris bifasciata*	Except for Kasane area
Red-headed Quelea	*Quelea erythrops*	Except for Kasane area
Red-collared Widowbird	*Euplectes ardens*	A
Locustfinch	*Ortygospiza locustella*	A
Magpie Mannikin	*Lonchura fringilloides*	A
Northern Grey-headed Sparrow	*Passer griseus*	Except for Kasane area
Grey Wagtail	*Motacilla cinerea*	A
Mountain Wagtail	*Motacilla clara*	A
Mountain Pipit	*Anthus hoeschi*	B
Wood Pipit	*Anthus nyassae*	B
Tree Pipit	*Anthus triviallis*	C
Black-headed Canary	*Alario alario*	A
Black-eared Seed-eater	*Serinus mennelli*	B
Cape Bunting	*Emberiza capensis*	A

The species below have been removed from the Category A rarities list because more than ten substantiated records have been accepted by the Records Subcommittee. These species have now been placed on the Category B rarities list and, accordingly, descriptions are no longer required to support records of these species

Narina Trogon *Apaloderma narina*
Thick-billed Cuckoo *Pachycoccyx audeberti*
Red-chested Flufftail *Sarothrura rufa*
Striped Crake *Aenigmatolimnas marginalis*
Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*
Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*
European Honey-Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*
Jackal Buzzard *Buteo rufofuscus*
African Hobby *Falco curvierii*
Bokmakerie *telephorus zeylonus*
River Warbler *Locustella fluviatillis*
Cuckoo Finch *Anomalospiza imberbis*
Bushveld Pipit *Anthus caffer*

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