

Birds spotted at Iketla

1. Babbler: Arrow-marked

- Noisy birds that stay in flocks of up to 10 birds.
- They can be seen, but mostly heard, all year round



2. Barbet: Black-collared

- Medium sized barbet with a red face and bold black breast band.
- Pairs sing a characteristic duet 'to-pudley to pudley'
- Breeding season August – April
- Can be seen all year round



3. Barbet: Crested

- Pale billed, crested, fiery-colored barbet
- Very noise
- Can be seen all year around – During dry seasons they will move to areas with water available



4. Barbet: Yellow-fronted Tinker (Yellow fronted tinker bird)

- Tiny bird with strongly speckled and streaky underpart
- Lemon colored with a distinctive gold forehead
- Seen and mostly heard all year round
- Continuous 'pumping' sound



5. Batis: Chinspot

- Small flycatcher-like bird with black, white and grey colors
- Interestingly enough, only the female has the brown chinspot
- Can be seen and hear all year round



6. Bee-eater: Southern Carmine

- Carmine, pink and teal blue bee-eater with a long pointed tail, black bill and black facial markings
- Migratory birds seen at Iketla during December – March



7. Boubou: Southern

- Dark backed bush shrike with a creamy throat and rufous flanks, thighs and belly
- Can be seen all year round
- It's the very loud one around the lapa 😊



8. Bulbul: Dark capped bulbul

- Brown bird with a darker face and throat. The belly is white
- It has a characteristic yellow patch under the tail
- Can be seen all year round



9. Bunting: Cinnamon breasted Rock

- Cinnamon underparts with black and brown mottled upperparts.
- It has a black and orange bill
- Seen mainly Between November and May



10. Bunting: Golden-breasted

- Golden breast, yellow throat and bold black and white striped head
- Can be seen all year round



11. Buzzard: Jackal

- Heavy buzzard with striking black, chestnut and white patterning that is very visible during flight
- Gets its name from the call which sounds like the call of jackal
- Can be seen all year round



12. Canary: Yellow-eyed (yellow fronted)

- Small yellow canary
- Can be seen all year round



13. Chat: Mocking Cliff

- Males have black upper plumage with orange lower plumage colors. The wing has a distinctive white spot
- Females are more grey and has a duller orange on the body
- Can be seen all year round



14. Coucal: Burchell's

- Large bird with a brown back, pale underparts and a black head and tail.
- Can be seen all year round
- Also called Rain bird as it calls frequently in high humid days



15. Crombec: Longbilled

- Tiny almost tailless warbler with buff-orange underparts, greyish upperparts and a dark eye stripe
- Can be seen all year round



16. Crow: Pied

- Large black and white crow
- Can be seen all year round
- Often seen around the lapa area



17. Cuckoo: Diederik

- Small, green cuckoo with white underparts and flecking on the wings
- Name is from the call which is 'di-di-diederik'
- Brood parasite, which means they will lay their eggs in the nests of other birds' nests
- Seen from November to April



18. Cuckoo: Klaas's

- Glossy emerald green cuckoo, with a white belly
- Brood parasite, lays its eggs in the nests of other birds
- Only Cuckoo that does not migrate



19. Cuckoo: Redchested (Piet-my-Vrou)

- Mostly greyish with banding below the rusty band across the upper breast
- Seen or mostly heard from September to January



20. Dikkop: Spotted

- Small, brown terrestrial bird with bold blackish spots on the underparts
- Can be seen all year round



21. Dove: Cape Turtle

- Small, grey dove with a black ringneck
- Can be seen all year round



22. Dove: Emerald spotted wood

- Dainty little dove with pinkish fawn chest feathers.
- Two rows of iridescent green spots on the wings
- Can be seen all year round



23. Dove: Laughing

- Rufous brown on the underside with lilac pinkish upperparts
- Can be seen all year round



24. Drongo: Fork-tailed

- Little black bird often seen sitting on fences or branches
- Distinctive 'v' of the tail
- Often near herds of animals as they catch the insects that fly up when animals are moving through the grass
- Can be seen all year round



25. Eagle: Black-Chested Snake

- Medium dark brown eagle with yellow eyes and an unspotted white belly
- Brown barred white wings in flight
- Non breeding migrate to South Africa, but appearing to be resident all year round



26. Eagle: Brown Snake

- Medium brown eagle with yellow eyes, large angular head and pale legs.
- Brown and white banded tail
- In flight the brown and silver underwing pattern is distinctive.
- Can be seen all year round



27. Eagle: Martial

- Very large Eagle with a brown head, back and chest and pale belly covered in brown freckles
- Can be seen year round – not a migratory species but sometimes they do move to another area where food is more abundant



28. Eagle: Tawny

- Medium-large bird that can range in color from whitish or creamy dull rufous to greyish brown in color – rarely darker
- Can be seen all year round



29. Eagle: Verreaux's (Black)

- Large black Eagle with a distinctive long tail and wings that pinch at the base
- Can be seen all year round



30. Eagle: Wahlberg's

- Medium brown eagle with a yellow beak
- Can be seen between August and April
- Usually returning to the old nest each year



31. Egret: Cattle

- Medium white bird with golden plumage on the head, chest and back when breeding season
- Can be seen all year round



32. Finch: Cutthroat

- Sandy brown plumage with black spots all over
- Distinctive red Throat band
- Can be seen all year round



33. Flycatcher: African Paradise

- Small bird with blue face and orange tail
- Tails of males are very long
- Can be seen between September and April during breeding season



34. Flycatcher: Fiscal

- Small black and white bird
- Can be seen all year round



35. Flycatcher: Southern Black

- Small black flycatcher with upright posture and straight-edged square tail
- Can be seen all year round



36. Francolin: Crested

- Brown and white speckled ground bird
- Stripe on head above eye
- Can be Seen and heard all year round



37. Francolin: Natal

- Brown and white speckled ground bird
- Heard early in the morning and before sunset
- Can be seen all year round



38. Francolin: Swainson's

- Brown ground birds with darker flecks
- Red around eye and neck area
- Can be seen all year round



39. Goose: Egyptian

- Long necks, long pink legs and a pink bill with brown eye patches around each eye
- Body is a light brown color with the upper wings and head are brown.
- Distinctive brown patch in the middle of the chest
- Can be seen all year round



40. Goshawk: Pale Chanting

- Tall and long tailed
- Pewter grey hawk with pink-orange legs and bill base.
- In flight the wing patter is contrasting with pale inner hind wings and dark tips
- Can be seen all year round



41. Guinea fowl: Helmeted

- Large ground birds, black with white spots over the body
- Red bill and blue facial markings
- Can be seen all year round



42. African harrier Hawk

- Grey bird of prey with black on feather tips
- Yellow legs and pink on face
- Can be seen all year round



43. Hamerkop

- Brown water bird
- Seen near water most often
- Can be seen all year round



44. Heron: Grey

- Found near shallow bodies of water
- Tall grey and white bird with black markings around the body
- Can be seen all year round



45. Honeyguide: Lesser

- Small bird with a grey head and chest and an olive green back
- Can be seen all year round



46. Hoopoe: African

- Orange bird with white and black flecks on the wings.
- Long bill and long feather on the head
- Can be seen all year round



47. Hornbill: African Grey

- Grey colored hornbill
- Not a migratory species, though only noted at Iketla from October – March



48. Hornbill: Southern Yellowbilled

- Black and white hornbill with a long yellow-orange bill and red facial markings
- Zazu in the Lion King
- Can be seen all year round



49. Ibis: Hadedda

- Large grey and noisy bird.
- Iridescent markings over the back feathers
- Non Migratory bird, but do make movement in response to rain
- Can be seen all year round



50. Kingfisher: African Pygmy

- Small, brightly colored kingfisher.
- Bright orange beak with purple and blue on the back and tail
- Can be seen between September and March



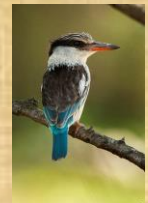
51. Kingfisher: Brown-hooded

- White and brown kingfisher with blue in the tail and wings.
- Bright orange beak
- Non migratory species, though only seen from September to March



52. Kingfisher: Striped

- Similar in appearance to Brown-hooded Kingfisher but smaller
- Can be seen all year round



53. Kite: Black-shouldered

- Small grey and white raptor with a black shoulder
- Upperparts are bluish grey.
- Non migratory bird, but does move around depending on availability of prey
- Can be seen all year round



54. Turaco: Purple-crested

- Bulky bird with deep purple, blue, green and olive washed with pink.
- In flight red of the wings can be seen
- Can be seen all year round



55. Mousebird: Speckled

- Largest of the mousebird species
- Brownish gray bird with a long scruffy tail. Differentiated from other mousebirds by its blackish face and brown crest
- Can be seen all year round



56. Nightjar: Fiery-Necked

- Medium nightjar with a rufous collar.
- Small marks in the outer wings and large ones at the tail corners
- Seen during May to mid-August



57. Nightjar: Square Tailed

- Medium nightjar with bold pale spots on the back
- Can be seen all year round



58. Oriole: Black-headed

- Medium size yellow bird with a black head
- Can be seen all year round



59. Oxpecker: Red-billed

- Smallish olive-brown bird with creamy underparts
- Easy to identify with its red beak and the warning calls it will surely give when being spotted
- Seen on most mammal species
- Can be seen all year round



60. Pigeon: Rock

- Large grey pigeon with lighter parts on the wings
- Characteristic big red eye
- Can be seen all year round



61. Lapwing: Blacksmith

- Smart looking grey, black and white lapwing with a white crown and black face and breast
- Ground bird
- Can be seen all year round



62. Lapwing: Crowned

- Alert looking bird with a white belly, brown upperparts and chest and a distinct white halo around the dark crown
- Ground bird
- Can be seen all year round



63. Prinia: Tawny-flanked

- Small brown bird with a white stripe behind the eye
- Can be seen all year round



64. Shrike: Southern Fiscal

- Distinctive bird with white underparts and black upperparts extending from the top of the head down to the tail
- Can be seen all year round



65. Shrike: Grey-headed Bush

- Also known as the ghost birds
- Large bush shrike with a chunky hook-tipped bill, a bright yellow eye and a massive grey head with a small pale patch in front of the eye
- Can be seen all year round



66. Sparrow: House

- Small brown bird with pale underparts and black flecks on the back
- Can be seen all year round



67. Starling: Cape Glossy

- Medium iridescent blue-green starling with a bright orange eye
- At Iketla often seen around the gate area
- Can be seen all year round



68. Starling: Plum-colored

- Iridescent plum-violet to purple-blue depending on the light
- White belly and vent
- At Iketla often seen around the gate area
- Can be seen from October to April



69. Starling: Red-winged

- A large glossy black starling with a graduated pointed tail and the brick red lines in the wings are striking in flight
- At Iketla often seen around the gate area
- Can be seen all year round



70. Sunbird: Greater Double-collared

- Males have Iridescent green heads with a smaller purple band and a large red band.
- Black on the wings and long tail
- Grey underbelly
- Can be seen all year round



71. Sunbird: White-bellied

- Males have iridescent blue-green upperparts and head with a bold white belly and broad purple breast band
- Non migratory bird but moves around after the rains



72. Swallow: Barn

- Blue upperparts with a long deeply forked tail
- Brown throats and a white belly
- Can be seen from April to July



73. Swallow: Greater Striped

- Brown head with a white speckled belly and black wings
- Can be seen from August to April



74. Tchagra: Black-crowned

- Greyish bird with brown wings and a black crown on the head
- Can be seen all year round



75. Tchagra: Brown-crowned

- Greyish bird with brown wings and a brown crown on the head
- Can be seen all year round



76. Thrush: Ground-scraper

- Tall long legged thrush with a short tail and grey-brown upperparts with heavily spotted white underparts
- Strongly marked face
- Can be seen all year round



77. Tit: Southern Black

- Large and noisy black bird with white shoulders, white edgings to the wing feathers and a barred gray and white under tail
- Can be seen all year round



78. Vulture: African White-backed

- Large buff-brown vulture with pale underwing patches and a distinctive pale rump patch
- Can be seen all year round, though not very common, they fly very far for food and often seen on the way to the next stop.



79. Waxbill: Blue

- Small waxbill with brown upperparts and soft blue underparts
- Often seen in groups
- Can be seen all year round



80. Weaver: Southern Masked

- Male has bright yellow plumage with a black face during breeding season
- Often makes nests in the tree outside of the Spa area
- Seen year round – not brightly colored out of breeding season



81. Weaver: Spectacled

- Yellow weaver with black on the wings.
- Distinctive 'eyeliner' over the yellow eye
- Can be seen all year round



82. Weaver: Lesser Masked

- Bright yellow weaver with a black mask.
- Pinkish legs
- Can be seen all year round



83. White-eye: Cape

- Olive green – yellow bird with grey underparts
- Distinctive white eye
- Can be seen all year round



84. Whydah: Eastern Paradise

- Colorful bird with a long tail in the males
- Black head and upperparts with tail with a cream colored chest and red collar
- Can be seen all year round –breeds around the gate area



85. Whydah: Pin-tailed

- Black and white bird with a long tale in the males
- Bright red beak
- Can be seen all year round



86. Widowbird: White Winged

- Black bird with a white and yellow spot on the wings in breeding males
- Long tail
- Can be seen all year round



87. Indigo bird: Dusky

- Steel blue bird with pale beak
- Can be seen all year round



88. Wood-hoopoe: Green

- Long metallic green-black bird with a long curved red bill
- In flight, white spots can be seen on wings
- Very noisy
- Can be seen all year round



89. Woodpecker: Bearded

- Large woodpecker with a long bill
- Grey-olive belly and bold facial patterns
- Red crown
- Can be seen all year round



90. Woodpecker: Cardinal

- Small, compact woodpecker with heavily streaked underparts and a solid black moustache
- In the female the top is completely dark
- In the male the top is red
- Can be seen all year round

