

**BIRDS OF THE WECHIAU
COMMUNITY HIPPOPOTAMUS
SANCTUARY**

Over 200 species of birds have been documented in the Sanctuary. We hope you will see many of them on your visit!

Names follow Borrow & Demey (2001. Birds of Western Africa. Princeton University Press).

Each name is followed by a code for migratory status:

RB = resident breeder

R(B) = resident, but breeding not proven

Afm = migrates within Ghana

Afm/B = migrates within Africa to breed in Ghana

Afm/NB = migrates within Africa to spend non-breeding season in Ghana

PM = Palearctic migrant (in Ghana from about Oct through Feb).

? = migratory status in doubt

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Phalacrocoracidae

Long-tailed Cormorant RB

Anhingidae

African Darter RB

Ardeidae

Dwarf Bittern RB, Afm?

Black-crowned Night Heron RB, PM?

Grey Heron PM, RB

Goliath Heron RB

Purple Heron PM, R(B)

Cattle Egret RB

Squacco Heron PM, RB

Green-backed Heron RB

Little Egret RB, PM

Scopidae

Hamerkop RB

Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck RB

Accipitridae

Hooded Vulture RB

Western Banded Snake Eagle RB

Brown Snake Eagle RB

Eurasian Marsh Harrier PM

Montagu's Harrier PM

African Harrier Hawk RB

Shikra RB

Ovampa Sparrowhawk Afm/NB

African Goshawk RB

Gabar Goshawk RB

Dark Chanting Goshawk RB

Grasshopper Buzzard Afm/NB

Lizard Buzzard RB

Tawny Eagle RB

African Fish Eagle RB

African Cuckoo Hawk Afm/B

Black-shouldered Kite RB

Black Kite Afm, PM

Falconidae

Grey Kestrel RB

Lanner Falcon RB

Red-necked Falcon RB

African Hobby RB

Common Kestrel PM, R(B)

Phasianidae

Common Quail PM

White-throated Francolin RB

Double-spurred Francolin RB

Stone Partridge RB

Helmeted Guineafowl RB

Rallidae

Black Crake RB

Heliornithidae

African Finfoot RB

Otididae

Black-bellied Bustard Afm/B

Savile's Bustard RB

white-bellied bustard RB

Jacanidae

African Jacana RB

Buhrinidae

Spotted Thick-knee Afm/NB?

Senegal Thick-knee RB

Glareolidae

Egyptian Plover RB

Charadriidae

White-headed Lapwing Afm/B

African Wattled Lapwing RB

Spur-winged Lapwing RB

Black-headed Lapwing Afm/(B)

Scolopacidae

Common Sandpiper PM

Common Greenshank PM

Green Sandpiper PM

Pteroclididae

Four-banded Sandgrouse Afm/B

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse
Afm/NB?

Columbidae

Rock Dove RB

Namaqua Dove Afm/(B)

Red-eyed Dove RB

Laughing Dove RB

Vinaceous Dove RB

African Green Pigeon RB

Bruce's Green Pigeon RB

Black-billed Wood-dove RB

Blue-spotted Wood-dove RB

Psittacidae

Red-headed Lovebird RB

Senegal Parrot RB

Rose-ringed Parrakeet RB

Musophagidae

Western Grey Plantain-eater RB

Violet Turaco RB

Cuculidae

Didric Cuckoo RB

Klaas's Cuckoo RB

Jacobin Cuckoo Afm/B

Levaillant's Cuckoo RB

African Cuckoo Afm/B

Senegal Coucal RB

Tytonidae

Barn Owl RB

Strigidae

Spotted Eagle-owl RB

Pearl-spotted Owlet RB

White-faced Owl RB

Caprimulgidae

Long-tailed Nightjar RB

Standard-winged Nightjar Afm/B

Apodidae

Little Swift RB

Common Swift PM

African Palm Swift RB

Alcedinidae

Giant Kingfisher RB

Pied Kingfisher RB

Malachite Kingfisher RB

Shining-blue Kingfisher RB

African Pygmy Kingfisher RB

Striped Kingfisher RB

Grey-headed Kingfisher Afm/B

Blue-breasted Kingfisher RB

Woodland Kingfisher RB

Meropidae

European Bee-eater PM

Red-throated Bee-eater RB

Swallow-tailed Bee-eater RB

Little Bee-eater RB

Coraciidae

Abyssinian Roller Afm/NB

Blue-bellied Roller RB

Rufous-crowned Roller Afm/B

Broad-billed Roller RB

Phoeniculidae

Black Wood-hoopoe RB

Green Wood-hoopoe RB

Bucerotidae

Red-billed Hornbill RB
African Grey Hornbill RB

Capitonidae

Bearded Barbet RB
Vieillot's Barbet RB
Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird RB

Indicatoridae

Lesser Honeyguide RB
Greater (blk-thrted) Honeyguide RB

Picidae

Fine-spotted Woodpecker RB
Buff-spotted Woodpecker RB
Cardinal Woodpecker RB
Brown-backed Woodpecker RB
Grey Woodpecker RB

Alaudidae

Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark
AfM/(B)
Sun Lark RB
Flappet Lark RB

Hirundinidae

Common House Martin PM
Red-rumped Swallow RB
Pied-winged Swallow RB
Barn Swallow PM, RB
Rufous-chested Swallow RB
Wire-tailed Swallow RB
Red-chested Swallow RB
Congo Sand Martin PM

Motacillidae

Tree Pipit PM
Yellow-throated Longclaw RB
Yellow Wagtail PM

Campephagidae

Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike RB
White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike RB

Pycnonotidae

Grey-headed Bristlebill RB
Common Bulbul RB
Yellow-throated Leaf-love R(B)

Turdidae

White-crowned Robin-chat RB
Snowy-crowned Robin Chat RB
Common Redstart PM
Whinchat PM
African Thrush RB

Sylviidae

Yellow-breasted Apalis RB
Grey-backed Camaroptera RB
Short-winged Cisticola RB
Red-faced Cisticola RB
Whistling Cisticola RB
Yellow-bellied Eremomela AfM?/(B)
Senegal Eremomela RB
Melodius Warbler PM
Oriole Warbler RB
Wood Warbler PM
Willow Warbler PM
Red-wing Warbler RB
Tawny-flanked Prinia RB
African Moustached Warbler RB
Garden Warbler PM

Muscicapidae

Pale Flycatcher RB
Northern Black Flycatcher RB
Swamp Flycatcher RB
Lead-coloured Flycatcher RB
Northern Crombec RB
Black-cap PM
Pied Flycatcher PM
Spotted Flycatcher PM
European Rock-thrush PM

Monarchidae

Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher RB
African Paradise Flycatcher RB
African Blue Flycatcher RB

Platysteiridae

Senegal Batis RB
Common Wattle-eye RB
Yellow-bellied Hyliota R(B)

Timaliidae

Brown Babbler RB

Blackcap Babbler RB

Paridae

White-winged Black Tit RB

Nectariniidae

Collared Sunbird RB
Pygmy Sunbird AfM/(B)
Olive-bellied Sunbird RB
Splendid Sunbird RB
Copper Sunbird RB
Beautiful Sunbird RB
Scarlet-chested Sunbird RB
Variable Sunbird RB
Green-headed Sunbird RB

Zosteropidae

Yellow White-eye RB

Laniidae

Yellow-billed Shrike RB
Woodchat Shrike PM

Malaconotidae

Northern Puffback RB
Yellow-crowned Gonolek RB
Grey-headed Bush-shrike RB
Sulphur-breasted Bush-shrike RB
Black-crowned Tchagra RB
Brubru RB, Afm

Prionopidae

White Helmet-shrike RB

Oriolidae

African Golden Oriole AfM/B

Dicuridae

Fork-tailed Drongo RB
Square-tailed Drongo RB

Corvidae

Pied Crow RB
Piapiac RB

Sturnidae

Violet-backed Starling AfM/(B)
Long-tailed Glossy Starling RB
Bronze-tailed Glossy Starling RB
Greater Blue-eared Starling AfM/NB
Lesser Blue-eared Starling RB
Purple Glossy Starling RB

Chestnut-bellied Starling AfM?/(B)

Passeridae

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow RB
Bush Petronia RB
Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver RB

Ploceidae

White-billed Buffalo-weaver RB
Speckle-fronted Weaver RB
Black-winged Red Bishop RB
Yellow-mantled Widowbird RB
Northern Red Bishop RB
Red-headed Weaver RB
Village Weaver RB
Little Weaver RB
African Masked Weaver RB

Estrildidae

Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu RB
Lavender Waxbill RB
Black-faced Firefinch RB
Orange-cheeked Waxbill RB
Black-rumped Waxbill RB
Black-bellied Firefinch RB
Red-billed Firefinch RB
Bronze Mannikin RB
Red-winged Pytilia RB

Viduidae

Village Indigobird RB
Pin-tailed Whydah RB
Exclamatory Paradise Whydah RB
Wilson's Indigobird RB

Fringillidae

Yellow-fronted Canary RB

Emberizidae

Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting RB, Afm/B

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