

Avibase - The World Bird Database

Region: Ethiopia

Number of species: 882

Number of endemics: 18

Number of breeding endemics: 0

Number of globally threatened species: 40

Number of extinct species: 0

Number of introduced species: 1

Date last reviewed: 2021-03-16

Col	Location	Date	Start time	Duration	Distance
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Common Ostrich

Somali Ostrich

White-faced Whistling-Duck

Fulvous Whistling-Duck

White-backed Duck

Blue-winged Goose [E]

Knob-billed Duck

Egyptian Goose

Ruddy Shelduck

Common Shelduck [x]

Spur-winged Goose

African Pygmy-Goose

Garganey

Blue-billed Teal

Northern Shoveler

Gadwall

Eurasian Wigeon

African Black Duck

Yellow-billed Duck

Mallard

Cape Teal

Red-billed Duck

Northern Pintail

Green-winged Teal

Southern Pochard

Common Pochard

Ferruginous Duck

Tufted Duck

Maccoa Duck

Helmeted Guineafowl

Vulturine Guineafowl

Stone Partridge

Crested Francolin

Coqui Francolin

Moorland Francolin

Orange River Francolin

Common Quail

Harlequin Quail

Chestnut-naped Spurfowl

Erckel's Spurfowl

Scaly Spurfowl

Clapperton's Spurfowl

Harwood's Spurfowl [E]

Yellow-necked Spurfowl

Rock Pigeon [i]

Speckled Pigeon

White-collared Pigeon

Rameron Pigeon

Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon [x]

Lemon Dove

European Turtle-Dove

Dusky Turtle-Dove

African Collared-Dove

White-winged Collared-Dove

Mourning Collared-Dove

Red-eyed Dove

Ring-necked Dove

Vinaceous Dove

Laughing Dove

Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove

Black-billed Wood-Dove

Blue-spotted Wood-Dove

Tambourine Dove

Namaqua Dove

Bruce's Green-Pigeon
African Green-Pigeon

Klaas's Cuckoo
African Emerald Cuckoo
Black Cuckoo

Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse
Spotted Sandgrouse
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse
Black-faced Sandgrouse
Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse
Four-banded Sandgrouse

Red-chested Cuckoo
African Cuckoo
Common Cuckoo

Arabian Bustard
Kori Bustard
Denham's Bustard [x]
Heuglin's Bustard
White-bellied Bustard
Little Brown Bustard
Buff-crested Bustard
Black-bellied Bustard
Hartlaub's Bustard

Standard-winged Nightjar
Eurasian Nightjar
Sombre Nightjar
Egyptian Nightjar [x]
Nubian Nightjar
Donaldson Smith's Nightjar
Montane Nightjar
Swamp Nightjar [x]
Plain Nightjar
Star-spotted Nightjar
Nechisar Nightjar [E]
Freckled Nightjar
Long-tailed Nightjar
Slender-tailed Nightjar

Bare-faced Go-away-bird
White-bellied Go-away-bird
Eastern Plantain-eater
White-cheeked Turaco
Prince Ruspoli's Turaco [E]

Scarce Swift
Alpine Swift
Mottled Swift
Common Swift

Senegal Coucal
Blue-headed Coucal
White-browed Coucal
Black Coucal
Green Malkoha
Great Spotted Cuckoo
Levaillant's Cuckoo
Pied Cuckoo
Dideric Cuckoo

Nyanza Swift
Pallid Swift [x]
African Swift [x]
Little Swift
Horus Swift
White-rumped Swift
African Palm Swift

Buff-spotted Flufftail [x]
Red-chested Flufftail
White-winged Flufftail

African Rail
Corn Crake
African Crake
Rouget's Rail
Spotted Crake
Lesser Moorhen
Eurasian Moorhen
Eurasian Coot [x]
Red-knobbed Coot
Allen's Gallinule
African Swampphen
Black Crake
Little Crake [x]
Baillon's Crake

African Finfoot

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Gray Crowned-Crane [x]
Black Crowned-Crane
Wattled Crane
Demoiselle Crane [x]
Common Crane

Spotted Thick-knee
Water Thick-knee
Eurasian Thick-knee
Senegal Thick-knee

Egyptian Plover

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Black-winged Stilt	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Great Snipe	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Collared Pratincole	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Pied Avocet	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	African Snipe	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Black-winged Pratincole	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
		Common Snipe	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		
Eurasian Oystercatcher	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Red Phalarope [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Parasitic Jaeger [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
		Red-necked Phalarope	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		
Black-bellied Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Terek Sandpiper	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Slender-billed Gull [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
European Golden-Plover [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Common Sandpiper	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Black-headed Gull	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Pacific Golden-Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Green Sandpiper	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Gray-hooded Gull	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Common Ringed Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Marsh Sandpiper	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Franklin's Gull [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Three-banded Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Wood Sandpiper	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Pallas's Gull	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Little Ringed Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Common Redshank	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Caspian Gull [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Long-toed Lapwing	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Spotted Redshank	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Lesser Black-backed Gull	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Spur-winged Lapwing	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Common Greenshank	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	African Skimmer	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Black-headed Lapwing	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Ruddy Turnstone	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Sooty Tern [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Black-winged Lapwing	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Ruff	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Little Tern [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Crowned Lapwing	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Broad-billed Sandpiper [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Saunders's Tern [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Wattled Lapwing	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Curlew Sandpiper	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Gull-billed Tern	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Spot-breasted Lapwing [E]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Temminck's Stint	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Caspian Tern	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Sociable Lapwing	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Long-toed Stint [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Whiskered Tern	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
White-tailed Lapwing [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Sanderling [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Black Tern [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Caspian Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Dunlin [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	White-winged Tern	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Tibetan Sand-Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Little Stint	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Arctic Tern [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Greater Sand-Plover [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Pectoral Sandpiper [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Common Tern [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Kittlitz's Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Sandwich Tern	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Kentish Plover	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Small Buttonquail	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Great Crested Tern [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
		Quail-plover [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		
Greater Painted-Snipe	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Greater Flamingo	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
		Double-banded Courser	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Lesser Flamingo	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Lesser Jacana	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Bronze-winged Courser [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		
African Jacana	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Three-banded Courser	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Little Grebe	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
		Temminck's Courser	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Great Crested Grebe	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Eurasian Whimbrel	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Cream-colored Courser [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Eared Grebe	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Eurasian Curlew	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Somali Courser	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		
Black-tailed Godwit	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Rock Pratincole	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	African Openbill	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Jack Snipe	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Madagascar Pratincole [x]	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Black Stork	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Abdim's Stork		Black-headed Heron		Long-crested Eagle	
African Woolly-necked Stork		Goliath Heron		Lesser Spotted Eagle	
White Stork				Greater Spotted Eagle	
Saddle-billed Stork		Hamerkop		Wahlberg's Eagle	
Marabou Stork				Ayres's Hawk-Eagle	
Yellow-billed Stork		Shoebill		Booted Eagle	
				Steppe Eagle	
African Darter		Great White Pelican		Imperial Eagle	
		Pink-backed Pelican		Tawny Eagle	
Reed Cormorant				Golden Eagle	
Great Cormorant		Secretarybird		Verreaux's Eagle	
				Bonelli's Eagle [x]	
Glossy Ibis		Osprey		African Hawk-Eagle	
African Sacred Ibis				Bat Hawk	
Northern Bald Ibis		Scissor-tailed Kite		Gabar Goshawk	
Hadada Ibis		Black-winged Kite		Dark Chanting-Goshawk	
Wattled Ibis		African Harrier-Hawk		Eastern Chanting-Goshawk	
Eurasian Spoonbill		Bearded Vulture		Lizard Buzzard	
African Spoonbill		Egyptian Vulture		African Goshawk	
		African Cuckoo-Hawk		Little Sparrowhawk	
Eurasian Bittern [x]		European Honey-buzzard		Shikra	
Dwarf Bittern		White-headed Vulture		Levant Sparrowhawk [x]	
Little Bittern		Lappet-faced Vulture		Ovambo Sparrowhawk [x]	
Black-crowned Night Heron		Hooded Vulture		Eurasian Sparrowhawk	
Black Heron		White-backed Vulture		Rufous-breasted Sparrowhawk	
Little Egret		Rüppell's Griffon		Black Goshawk	
Western Reef-Heron		Eurasian Griffon		Western Marsh Harrier	
White-backed Night Heron		Bateleur		African Marsh Harrier [x]	
Little Heron		Western Banded Snake-Eagle		Pallid Harrier	
Squacco Heron		Beaudouin's Snake-Eagle [x]		Montagu's Harrier	
Western Cattle-Egret		Black-chested Snake-Eagle		Black Kite	
Great Egret		Short-toed Snake-Eagle		African Fish-Eagle	
Yellow-billed Egret		Brown Snake-Eagle		Grasshopper Buzzard	
Gray Heron		Crowned Eagle		Red-necked Buzzard	
Purple Heron		Martial Eagle		Augur Buzzard	

Mountain Buzzard		Abyssinian Ground-Hornbill		European Roller	
Common Buzzard				Abyssinian Roller	
Long-legged Buzzard		Crowned Hornbill		Lilac-breasted Roller	
		Hemprich's Hornbill		Purple Roller	
African Grass-Owl		African Gray Hornbill		Broad-billed Roller	
Western Barn Owl		Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill			
		Jackson's Hornbill [x]		Red-and-yellow Barbet	
Eurasian Scops-Owl		Von der Decken's Hornbill		Yellow-breasted Barbet	
African Scops-Owl		Northern Red-billed Hornbill		D'Arnaud's Barbet	
Northern White-faced Owl		Silvery-cheeked Hornbill		Northern Red-fronted Tinkerbird	
Grayish Eagle-Owl				Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird	
Cape Eagle-Owl		Red-throated Bee-eater		Red-fronted Barbet	
Pharaoh Eagle-Owl		Little Bee-eater		Black-throated Barbet	
Verreaux's Eagle-Owl		Ethiopian Bee-eater		Banded Barbet	
Pel's Fishing-Owl		Swallow-tailed Bee-eater		Vieillot's Barbet [x]	
Pearl-spotted Owlet		Somali Bee-eater		Black-billed Barbet	
Little Owl		White-throated Bee-eater		Double-toothed Barbet	
African Wood-Owl		African Green Bee-eater			
Abyssinian Owl		Blue-cheeked Bee-eater		Green-backed Honeybird	
Short-eared Owl		Olive Bee-eater		Brown-backed Honeybird	
Marsh Owl		European Bee-eater		Lesser Honeyguide	
		Northern Carmine Bee-eater		Scaly-throated Honeyguide	
Speckled Mousebird				Greater Honeyguide	
White-headed Mousebird [x]		Common Kingfisher [x]			
Blue-naped Mousebird		Half-collared Kingfisher		Eurasian Wryneck	
		Malachite Kingfisher		Red-throated Wryneck	
Narina Trogon		African Pygmy Kingfisher		Bearded Woodpecker	
		Gray-headed Kingfisher		Abyssinian Woodpecker	
Common Hoopoe		Woodland Kingfisher		Cardinal Woodpecker	
		Blue-breasted Kingfisher		Brown-backed Woodpecker	
Green Woodhoopoe		Striped Kingfisher		African Gray Woodpecker	
Violet Woodhoopoe [x]		Giant Kingfisher		Mountain Gray Woodpecker	
Black-billed Woodhoopoe		Pied Kingfisher		Green-backed Woodpecker	
Black Scimitarbill				Nubian Woodpecker	
Abyssinian Scimitarbill					

Pygmy Falcon		Ethiopian Black-headed Oriole		Somali Fiscal	
Lesser Kestrel		African Black-headed Oriole		Northern Fiscal	
Eurasian Kestrel				Masked Shrike	
Greater Kestrel		Brown-throated Wattle-eye		Woodchat Shrike	
Fox Kestrel		Gray-headed Batis		White-rumped Shrike	
Gray Kestrel		Western Black-headed Batis			
Red-necked Falcon		Pygmy Batis		Ethiopian Bushcrow [E]	
Red-footed Falcon [x]				Red-billed Chough	
Amur Falcon [x]		White-crested Helmetshrike		Piapiac	
Eleonora's Falcon [x]				House Crow [x]	
Sooty Falcon [x]		Brubru		Cape Crow	
Eurasian Hobby		Northern Puffback		Pied Crow	
African Hobby		Pringle's Puffback		Brown-necked Raven [x]	
Lanner Falcon		Marsh Tchagra		Somali Crow	
Saker Falcon		Black-crowned Tchagra		Fan-tailed Raven	
Peregrine Falcon		Three-streaked Tchagra		Thick-billed Raven	
Taita Falcon		Red-naped Bushshrike			
		Ethiopian Boubou		Yellow-bellied Hyliota	
Rose-ringed Parakeet		Black-headed Gonolek			
Red-headed Lovebird		Slate-colored Boubou		White-shouldered Black-Tit	
Black-winged Lovebird		Rosy-patched Bushshrike		White-winged Black-Tit	
		Sulphur-breasted Bushshrike		Somali Tit	
Meyer's Parrot		Gray-headed Bushshrike		White-backed Black-Tit	
Red-bellied Parrot					
Yellow-fronted Parrot [E]		Fork-tailed Drongo		Sennar Penduline-Tit [x]	
				Mouse-colored Penduline-Tit	
African Pitta [x]		African Paradise-Flycatcher		Forest Penduline-Tit [x]	
Gray Cuckooshrike		Red-backed Shrike		Greater Hoopoe-Lark	
White-breasted Cuckooshrike		Red-tailed Shrike		Rufous-rumped Lark [x]	
Black Cuckooshrike		Isabelline Shrike		Desert Lark	
Red-shouldered Cuckooshrike		Great Gray Shrike		Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark	
		Lesser Gray Shrike		Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark	
Eurasian Golden Oriole		Gray-backed Fiscal		Chestnut-headed Sparrow-Lark	
African Golden Oriole		Taita Fiscal		Gillett's Lark	

Black-faced Firefinch

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Pin-tailed Whydah

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Sahel Paradise-Whydah

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Exclamatory Paradise-Whydah

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Eastern Paradise-Whydah

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Steel-blue Whydah

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Straw-tailed Whydah

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Village Indigobird

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Wilson's Indigobird

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Jambandu Indigobird

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Barka Indigobird

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Purple Indigobird [x]

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Parasitic Weaver

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House Sparrow [x]

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Somali Sparrow

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Shelley's Rufous Sparrow

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Northern Gray-headed Sparrow

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Swainson's Sparrow

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Parrot-billed Sparrow

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Sudan Golden Sparrow

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Chestnut Sparrow

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Yellow-spotted Bush Sparrow

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Sahel Bush Sparrow

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Pale Rockfinch

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Mountain Wagtail

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Gray Wagtail

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Western Yellow Wagtail

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Citrine Wagtail [x]

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African Pied Wagtail

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White Wagtail

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African Pipit

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Long-billed Pipit

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Tawny Pipit

Plain-backed Pipit

Tree Pipit

Red-throated Pipit

Bush Pipit [x]

Golden Pipit

Abyssinian Longclaw [E]

White-rumped Seed eater

Yellow-fronted Canary

African Citril

Southern Citril [x]

Reichenow's Seed eater

Yellow-rumped Serin

White-bellied Canary

Yellow-throated Serin [E]

Salvadori's Serin [E]

Northern Grosbeak-Canary

Streaky Seed eater

Stripe-breasted Seed eater

Brown-rumped Seed eater

Ankober Serin [E]

Yellow-crowned Canary

Ethiopian Siskin [E]

Brown-rumped Bunting

Cinereous Bunting [x]

Ortolan Bunting

Cretzschmar's Bunting [x]

Golden-breasted Bunting

Somali Bunting

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

Gosling's Bunting [x]

Striolated Bunting

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