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Region: Botswana
Number of species: 618
Number of endemics: 0
Number of breeding endemics: 0
Number of globally threatened species: 27
Number of extinct species: 0
Number of introduced species: 3
Date last reviewed: 2020-08-27

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Common Ostrich		Common Quail [x]		Laughing Dove	
		Harlequin Quail		African Green Pigeon	
White-faced Whistling Duck		Blue Quail		Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	
Fulvous Whistling Duck		Red-billed Francolin		Namaqua Dove	
Maccoa Duck		Natal Francolin			
Egyptian Goose		Swainson's Francolin		Namaqua Sandgrouse	
South African Shelduck		Crested Francolin		Yellow-throated Sandgrouse	
Southern Pochard		Coqui Francolin		Double-banded Sandgrouse	
Garganey [x]		Orange River Francolin		Burchell's Sandgrouse	
Hottentot Teal					
Cape Shoveler		Greater Flamingo		European Nightjar	
African Black Duck		Lesser Flamingo		Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	
Yellow-billed Duck				Fiery-necked Nightjar	
Cape Teal		Little Grebe		Swamp Nightjar	
Red-billed Teal		Great Crested Grebe		Freckled Nightjar	
Northern Pintail [x]		Black-necked Grebe		Mozambique Nightjar	
White-backed Duck				Pennant-winged Nightjar	
Spur-winged Goose		Rock Dove [i]			
Comb Duck		Speckled Pigeon		Böhm's Spinetailed Swift [x]	
African Pygmy Goose		European Turtle Dove [x]		African Palm Swift	
		Mourning Collared Dove		Alpine Swift	
Helmeted Guineafowl		Red-eyed Dove		White-rumped Swift	
Crested Guineafowl [x]		Ring-necked Dove		Horus Swift	

Little Swift		Buff-spotted Flufftail [x]		Eurasian Bittern	
Bradfield's Swift [x]		Red-chested Flufftail		Little Bittern	
African Swift				Dwarf Bittern	
Common Swift		African Finfoot		White-backed Night Heron	
				Black-crowned Night Heron	
Senegal Coucal		Grey Crowned Crane		Striated Heron	
Coppery-tailed Coucal		Wattled Crane		Squacco Heron	
White-browed Coucal				Rufous-bellied Heron	
African Black Coucal		Black-bellied Bustard		Cattle Egret	
Jacobin Cuckoo		Kori Bustard		Grey Heron	
Levaillant's Cuckoo		Ludwig's Bustard [x]		Black-headed Heron	
Great Spotted Cuckoo		Denham's Bustard [x]		Goliath Heron	
Thick-billed Cuckoo [x]		Red-crested Bustard		Purple Heron	
Klaas's Cuckoo		White-bellied Bustard [x]		Great Egret	
African Emerald Cuckoo [x]		White-quilled Bustard		Intermediate Egret	
Diederick Cuckoo				Black Heron	
Red-chested Cuckoo		Grey Go-away-bird		Slaty Egret	
Black Cuckoo		Purple-crested Turaco [x]		Little Egret	
Common Cuckoo		Schalow's Turaco [x]			
African Cuckoo		Ross's Turaco [x]		African Sacred Ibis	
				African Spoonbill	
African Rail		Marabou		Southern Bald Ibis [x]	
African Crake		Yellow-billed Stork		Hadada Ibis	
Corncrake [x]		African Openbill		Glossy Ibis	
Spotted Crake		Black Stork			
Black Crake		Abdim's Stork		Long-tailed Cormorant	
Baillon's Crake		Woolly-necked Stork		Great Cormorant	
Striped Crake		European White Stork			
Purple Swampphen		Saddle-bill Stork		African Darter	
Allen's Gallinule					
Common Moorhen		Great White Pelican		Water Thick-knee	
Lesser Moorhen		Pink-backed Pelican		Spotted Thick-knee	
Red-knobbed Coot					
		Hamerkop		Pied Avocet	
				Black-winged Stilt	

Grey Plover						Buff-breasted Sandpiper [x]						Caspian Tern						
American Golden Plover [x]						Pectoral Sandpiper [x]						Whiskered Tern						
Common Ringed Plover						African Snipe						White-winged Tern						
Kittlitz's Plover						Great Snipe [x]						Black Tern						
Three-banded Plover						Terek Sandpiper [x]												
White-fronted Plover						Common Sandpiper						Secretary-bird						
Chestnut-banded Plover						Green Sandpiper [x]												
Lesser Sand Plover [x]						Lesser Yellowlegs [x]						Osprey						
Greater Sand Plover [x]						Spotted Redshank [x]												
Caspian Plover						Common Greenshank						Black-winged Kite						
Long-toed Lapwing						Greater Yellowlegs [x]						European Honey Buzzard [x]						
Blacksmith Lapwing						Common Redshank						African Cuckoo Hawk [x]						
Spur-winged Lapwing [x]						Wood Sandpiper						African Harrier Hawk						
White-headed Lapwing						Marsh Sandpiper						Palm-nut Vulture [x]						
Senegal Lapwing						Red-necked Phalarope [x]						Egyptian Vulture [x]						
Crowned Lapwing						Grey Phalarope [x]						Bateleur						
African Wattled Lapwing												Black-chested Snake Eagle						
						Common Buttonquail												
Greater Painted-snipe												Brown Snake Eagle						
						Double-banded Courser						Western Banded Snake Eagle						
African Jacana						Heuglin's Courser						White-headed Vulture						
Lesser Jacana						Bronze-winged Courser						Hooded Vulture						
						Burchell's Courser						White-backed Vulture						
Whimbrel [x]						Temminck's Courser						Cape Vulture						
Eurasian Curlew						Collared Pratincole						Lappet-faced Vulture						
Bar-tailed Godwit [x]						Black-winged Pratincole						Bat Hawk						
Black-tailed Godwit						Rock Pratincole						Crowned Eagle						
Ruddy Turnstone												Martial Eagle						
Red Knot [x]						Long-tailed Skua [x]						Long-crested Eagle						
Ruff												Lesser Spotted Eagle						
Curlew Sandpiper						African Skimmer						Tawny Eagle						
Temminck's Stint [x]						Black-headed Gull [x]						Steppe Eagle						
Long-toed Stint [x]						Gray-hooded Gull						Verreaux's Eagle						
Sanderling						Lesser Black-backed Gull [x]						African Hawk Eagle						
Little Stint						Gull-billed Tern [x]						Wahlberg's Eagle						
												Booted Eagle						

Ayres's Eagle						Pel's Fishing Owl						Acacia Pied Barbet						
Lizard Buzzard												Black-collared Barbet						
Dark Chanting Goshawk						Speckled Mousebird												
Pale Chanting Goshawk						White-backed Mousebird						White-fronted Bee-eater						
Gabar Goshawk						Red-faced Mousebird						Southern Carmine Bee-eater						
Western Marsh Harrier [x]												Olive Bee-eater [x]						
African Marsh Harrier						Narina's Trogon						Blue-cheeked Bee-eater						
Black Harrier												European Bee-eater						
Pallid Harrier						Southern Ground Hornbill						Swallow-tailed Bee-eater						
Montagu's Harrier						Crowned Hornbill [x]						Little Bee-eater						
African Goshawk [x]						Bradfield's Hornbill												
Shikra						African Grey Hornbill						Rufous-crowned Roller						
Little Sparrowhawk						Red-billed Hornbill						Racquet-tailed Roller						
Ovambo Sparrowhawk						Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill						Lilac-breasted Roller						
Black Sparrowhawk						Trumpeter Hornbill						European Roller						
African Fish Eagle												Broad-billed Roller						
Black Kite						Common Hoopoe												
Red-necked Buzzard [x]												African Pygmy Kingfisher						
Augur Buzzard [x]						Green Wood-hoopoe						African Malachite Kingfisher						
Jackal Buzzard						Common Scimitarbill						Half-collared Kingfisher						
Eurasian Buzzard												Giant Kingfisher						
Long-legged Buzzard [x]						Green-backed Honeybird [x]						Pied Kingfisher						
						Wahlberg's Honeybird						Grey-headed Kingfisher						
African Grass Owl						Lesser Honeyguide						Brown-hooded Kingfisher						
Common Barn Owl						Scaly-throated Honeyguide [x]						Striped Kingfisher						
						Greater Honeyguide						Woodland Kingfisher						
Pearl-spotted Owlet																		
African Barred Owlet						Bennett's Woodpecker						African Pygmy Falcon						
Eurasian Scops Owl						Golden-tailed Woodpecker						Lesser Kestrel						
African Scops Owl						Cardinal Woodpecker						Common Kestrel						
Southern White-faced Owl						Bearded Woodpecker						Greater Kestrel						
Marsh Owl						Olive Woodpecker [x]						Dickinson's Kestrel						
African Wood Owl												Red-necked Falcon						
Spotted Eagle Owl						Crested Barbet						Red-footed Falcon						
Verreaux's Eagle Owl						Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird						Amur Falcon						

Eleonora's Falcon [x]

Sooty Falcon [x]

Eurasian Hobby

African Hobby [x]

Lanner Falcon

Peregrine Falcon

Brown-necked Parrot

Brown Parrot

Rosy-faced Lovebird [x]

African Broadbill

White-breasted Cuckooshrike

Black Cuckooshrike

Eastern Black-headed Oriole

Eurasian Golden Oriole

African Golden Oriole

Cape Batis

Chinspot Batis

Pririt Batis

White-crested Helmet-shrike

Retz's Helmet-shrike

Grey-headed Bush-shrike

Black-backed Puffback

Brown-crowned Tchagra

Black-crowned Tchagra

Brubru

Orange-breasted Bush-shrike

Tropical Boubou

Southern Boubou

Swamp Boubou

Crimson-breasted Gonolek

Bokmakierie

Fork-tailed Drongo

Magpie Shrike

White-crowned Shrike

Souza's Shrike

Red-backed Shrike

Isabelline Shrike [x]

Lesser Grey Shrike

Southern Fiscal

Northern Fiscal

Cape Crow

White-necked Raven [x]

Pied Crow

African Paradise-flycatcher

Collared Sunbird

Amethyst Sunbird

Scarlet-chested Sunbird

Mariqua Sunbird

Shelley's Sunbird [x]

Purple-banded Sunbird

White-bellied Sunbird

Dusky Sunbird

Copper Sunbird [x]

Red-billed Buffalo Weaver

White-browed Sparrow Weaver

Scaly-fronted Weaver

Sociable Weaver

Grosbeak Weaver

Red-headed Quelea [x]

Red-billed Quelea

Yellow-crowned Bishop

Red-collared Widowbird [x]

Southern Red Bishop

Fan-tailed Widowbird

White-winged Widowbird

Long-tailed Widowbird

Spectacled Weaver

Holub's Weaver

Southern Brown-throated Weaver

Lesser Masked Weaver

Southern Masked Weaver

Village Weaver

Chestnut Weaver

Red-headed Weaver

Brown Firefinch

Red-billed Firefinch

Jameson's Firefinch

Orange-winged Pytilia

Green-winged Pytilia

Peters's Twinspot [x]

Violet-eared Waxbill

Blue-breasted Cordon-bleu

Common Waxbill

Black-faced Waxbill

Red-headed Finch

Cut-throat Finch

African Quailfinch

Zebra Waxbill

Locust Finch [x]

Bronze Mannikin

Magpie Mannikin [x]

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Black-throated Canary

Yellow-fronted Canary

Yellow Canary

White-throated Canary [x]

Streaky-headed Canary

Black-eared Canary

Black-headed Canary [x]

Cape Canary

Golden-breasted Bunting

Cape Bunting [x]

Lark-like Bunting

Cinnamon-breasted Bunting

African Fairy-flycatcher

Rufous-bellied Tit

Southern Black Tit

Ashy Tit

Grey Penduline Tit

Cape Penduline Tit

Eastern Nicator [x]

Spike-heeled Lark

Short-clawed Lark

Dusky Lark

Black-eared Sparrow Lark [x]

Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark

Grey-backed Sparrow Lark

Sabota Lark

Fawn-coloured Lark

Red Lark

Eastern Clapper Lark

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Rufous-naped Lark

Flappet Lark

Monotonous Lark

Melodious Lark [x]

Red-capped Lark

Stark's Lark

Pink-billed Lark

Red-faced Crombec [x]

Long-billed Crombec

Yellow-bellied Eremomela

Green-capped Eremomela

Burnt-necked Eremomela

Bar-throated Apalis

Yellow-breasted Apalis

Miombo Wren Warbler

Barred Wren Warbler

Grey-backed Camaroptera

Rufous-eared Warbler

Red-faced Cisticola

Rock-loving Cisticola

Rattling Cisticola

Tinkling Cisticola

Winding Cisticola

Chirping Cisticola

Levaillant's Cisticola

Croaking Cisticola

Piping Cisticola

Zitting Cisticola

Desert Cisticola

Cloud Cisticola [x]

Pale-crowned Cisticola [x]

Tawny-flanked Prinia

Black-chested Prinia

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Pin-tailed Whydah

Eastern Paradise Whydah

Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah

Shaft-tailed Whydah

Village Indigobird

Purple Indigobird

Parasitic Weaver

House Sparrow [i]

Rufous Sparrow

Cape Sparrow

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow

Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow

Bushveld Pipit

Tree Pipit

Red-throated Pipit [x]

Mountain Pipit

Striped Pipit

Woodland Pipit [x]

Plain-backed Pipit

African Pipit

Buffy Pipit

Long-billed Pipit

Cape Longclaw

Rosy-breasted Longclaw

Mountain Wagtail [x]

Cape Wagtail

Yellow Wagtail

African Wagtail

Grey Wagtail [x]

Mocking Cliff Chat
Boulder Chat

Groundscraper Thrush
Kurrichane Thrush
Olive Thrush
Smith's Thrush
