Avibase - The World Bird Database
Region: Madagascar
Number of species: 311
Number of endemics: 102
Number of breeding endemics: 2
Number of globally threatened species: 42
Number of extinct species: 2
Number of introduced species: 7
Date last reviewed: 2016-07-01

Col	Location	Date	Start time	Duration	Distance
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White-faced Whistling Duck
Fulvous Whistling Duck
Egyptian Goose [x]
Madagascar Pochard [E]
Hottentot Teal
Meller's Duck [E]
Mallard [i]
Madagascar Teal [E]
Red-billed Teal
White-backed Duck
Comb Duck
African Pygmy Goose

Helmeted Guineafowl [i]

Madagascar Partridge [E]
Common Quail
Harlequin Quail

Greater Flamingo
Lesser Flamingo

Alaotra Grebe [E]
Little Grebe
Madagascar Grebe [E]

Rock Dove [i]
Madagascar Turtle Dove
Zebra Dove [i]
Madagascar Green Pigeon
Namaqua Dove
Madagascar Blue Pigeon [E]

Madagascar Sandgrouse [E]

White-breasted Mesite [E]
Brown Mesite [E]
Subdesert Mesite [E]

Red-billed Tropicbird [x]
Red-tailed Tropicbird
White-tailed Tropicbird

Collared Nightjar [E]
Madagascar Nightjar

Madagascar Spinetailed Swift
African Palm Swift
Alpine Swift
Little Swift
African Swift

Snail-eating Coua [E]
Giant Coua [E]
Coquerel's Coua [E]
Red-breasted Coua [E]
Red-fronted Coua [E]
Running Coua [E]
Red-capped Coua [E]
Crested Coua [E]
Verreaux's Coua [E]
Blue Coua [E]
Madagascar Coucal
Thick-billed Cuckoo
Madagascar Cuckoo [e]

Madagascar Wood Rail [E]
Madagascar Rail [E]
White-throated Rail

Corncrake [x]
Spotted Crake [x]
Little Crake [x]
Baillon's Crake
Sakalava Rail [E]
Purple Swamphen
Allen's Gallinule
Common Moorhen
Red-knobbed Coot

Madagascar Flufftail [E]
Slender-billed Flufftail [E]

Northern Rockhopper Penguin [x]
Southern Rockhopper Penguin [x]

Wilson's Storm-petrel
White-faced Storm-petrel [x]
White-bellied Storm-petrel
Black-bellied Storm-petrel

Wandering Albatross
Yellow-nosed Albatross
Black-browed Albatross [x]
White-capped Albatross

Southern Giant Petrel
Cape Petrel [x]
Broad-billed Prion [x]
Salvin's Prion [x]
Barau's Petrel
Soft-plumaged Petrel
Great-winged Petrel
Wedge-tailed Shearwater
Flesh-footed Shearwater

Scopoli's Shearwater
Cory's Shearwater
Tropical Shearwater
Bulwer's Petrel
Jouanin's Petrel [x]

Yellow-billed Stork
African Openbill

Pink-backed Pelican [x]

Hamerkop

Little Bittern
Black-crowned Night Heron
Striated Heron
Squacco Heron
Madagascar Pond Heron
Cattle Egret
Grey Heron
Black-headed Heron [x]
Madagascar Heron [e]
Purple Heron
Great Egret
Black Heron
Little Egret
Western Reef Egret [x]

African Sacred Ibis [x]
Madagascar Sacred Ibis
African Spoonbill
Glossy Ibis
Madagascar Crested Ibis [E]

Lesser Frigatebird
Great Frigatebird

Red-footed Booby
Brown Booby
Masked Booby [x]

Long-tailed Cormorant

African Darter

Pied Avocet [x]
Black-winged Stilt

Grey Plover
Pacific Golden Plover [x]
Common Ringed Plover
Little Ringed Plover [x]
Black-banded Plover [E]
Kittlitz's Plover
Three-banded Plover
White-fronted Plover
Lesser Sand Plover [x]
Greater Sand Plover
Oriental Plover [x]

Greater Painted-snipe

Madagascar Jacana [E]

Whimbrel
Eurasian Curlew
Bar-tailed Godwit
Black-tailed Godwit [x]
Ruddy Turnstone

Ruff
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [x]
Curlew Sandpiper
Sanderling
Little Stint
Buff-breasted Sandpiper [x]
Pectoral Sandpiper [x]
Madagascar Snipe [E]
Terek Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Green Sandpiper [x]
Common Greenshank
Wood Sandpiper
Marsh Sandpiper
Red-necked Phalarope [x]

Madagascar Buttonquail [E]

Crab-plover

Oriental Pratincole [x]
Madagascar Pratincole [e]

Long-tailed Skua [x]
Arctic Skua [x]
Pomarine Skua [x]
South Polar Skua [x]
Brown Skua [x]

Brown Noddy
Lesser Noddy
Gray-hooded Gull
Sooty Gull [x]
Kelp Gull
Sooty Tern

Bridled Tern
Little Tern [x]
Saunders's Tern
Gull-billed Tern [x]
Caspian Tern
Whiskered Tern
White-winged Tern
Black Tern [x]
Roseate Tern
Black-naped Tern
Common Tern
Lesser Crested Tern
Sandwich Tern
Greater Crested Tern

Osprey [x]

Black-winged Kite [x]
Madagascar Cuckoo Hawk [E]
Madagascar Serpent Eagle [E]
African Harrier Hawk
Madagascar Harrier Hawk [E]
Bat Hawk
Long-crested Eagle [x]
Western Marsh Harrier [x]
Madagascar Harrier
Pallid Harrier [x]
Frances's Sparrowhawk
Madagascar Sparrowhawk [E]
Henst's Goshawk [E]
Madagascar Fish Eagle [E]
Black Kite
Madagascar Buzzard [E]

Madagascar Red Owl [E]
Common Barn Owl

White-browed Owl [E]
Madagascar Scops Owl
African Scops Owl [x]
Madagascar Long-eared Owl [E]
Marsh Owl

Cuckoo-roller

Common Hoopoe

Olive Bee-eater
European Bee-eater [x]

Broad-billed Roller

Short-legged Ground-roller [E]
Scaly Ground-roller [E]
Long-tailed Ground-roller [E]
Pitta-like Ground-roller [E]
Rufous-headed Ground-roller [E]

Madagascar Pygmy Kingfisher [E]
Madagascar Malachite Kingfisher

Madagascar Kestrel
Banded Kestrel [E]
Eleonora's Falcon
Sooty Falcon
Peregrine Falcon

Greater Vasa Parrot
Lesser Vasa Parrot

Grey-headed Lovebird [E]

Velvet Asity [E]
Schlegel's Asity [E]
Common Sunbird Asity [E]
Yellow-bellied Sunbird Asity [E]

Ashy Cuckooshrike

Eurasian Golden Oriole [x]

Archbold's Newtonia [E]
Common Newtonia [E]
Red-tailed Newtonia [E]
Dark Newtonia [E]
Tylas Vanga [E]
Red-tailed Vanga [E]
Red-shouldered Vanga [E]
Nuthatch Vanga [E]
Chabert Vanga [E]
Blue Vanga
Crossley's Vanga [E]
Ward's Vanga [E]
Hook-billed Vanga [E]
Rufous Vanga [E]
Helmet Vanga [E]
Pollen's Vanga [E]
Lafresnaye's Vanga [E]
Van Dam's Vanga [E]
Bernier's Vanga [E]
Sickle-billed Vanga [E]
White-headed Vanga [E]

Crested Drongo

Pied Crow
House Crow [x]

Madagascar Paradise-flycatcher

Madagascar Sunbird
Long-billed Sunbird

Madagascar Fody [E]
Comoro Fody
Forest Fody [E]
Nelicourvi Weaver [E]
Sakalava Weaver [E]

Common Waxbill [i]
Madagascar Munia [E]

House Sparrow [i]

Madagascar Wagtail [E]
White Wagtail [x]

Madagascar Sparrow Lark [E]

Green Jery [E]
Common Jery [E]
Stripe-throated Jery [E]
Madagascar Cisticola

Brown Emu-tail [E]
Madagascar Grassbird [E]

White-throated Oxylabes [E]
Bernieria [E]
Wedge-tailed Jery [E]

Kiritika Warbler [E]
Short-billed Tetraka [E]
Appert's Tetraka [E]
Dusky Tetraka [E]
Grey-crowned Tetraka
Madagascar Yellowbrow [E]
Cryptic Warbler [E]
Marvantsetra Warbler [E]

Malagasy Brush Warbler
Sub-desert Brush Warbler [E]
Madagascar Swamp Warbler [E]

Northern House Martin [x]
Barn Swallow [x]
Mascarene Martin
Plain Martin
Sand Martin [x]

Madagascar Bulbul

Madagascar White-eye

Wattled Starling [x]
Common Myna [i]
Madagascar Starling [E]

Madagascar Magpie Robin [E]
Spotted Flycatcher [x]
Littoral Rock Thrush [E]
Madagascar Robin Chat
African Stonechat
Northern Wheatear [x]