

**AFRICAN WATERBIRD CENSUS (AfWC)  
CENSUS FORM SOUTHERN AFRICA**



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**DATE OF COUNT: 21 & 22 January 2012**

**TIME OF DAY: 09:00 to 12:00**

**VISIBILITY: Good** %

**COUNTRY: Namibia**

**NAME OF SITE: Walvis Bay Sewage Ponds**

**SITE CODE: 48**

**PROVINCE/STATE: Erongo Region, Namibia**

**NEAREST LARGE TOWN: Walvis Bay**

**WAY OF COUNTING: On foot** Aerial on Foot Vehicle Boat Mixed

**HAS THE SITE BEEN COUNTED BEFORE? Yes** YES NO

**IF COUNTED BEFORE AS PART OF A LARGER SITE, WHICH SITE(S)?**

**COVERAGE OF THE WETLAND (APPROX.): 90%** %

**CONDITION OF THE WETLAND: Polluted** (e.g. wet, dry, polluted, modified)

**TYPE OF COUNT: Total** TOTAL SAMPLE

**ACCURACY: 80%** ACTUAL ESTIMATES

**PRESENCE/ABSENCE** If no counts are made, please record presence with a 'Tick' ( )

**SITE STATUS (protection/management): Marginal pr** National Park Nature Reserve Private No Status Other (please specify)

**DISTURBANCE: People** MOTOR BOATS LOW-FLYING AIRCRAFT FISHING HUNTING/TRAPPING OTHER(Specify)

**BREEDING BIRDS:** Please mark any currently breeding species with a 'B' (and indicate number of pairs if known)

**GREBES** **Total** **44**  
Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* TACRU 41  
Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* PODCR  
Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* PODNI 3

**PELICANS** **Total** **44**  
Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* PELON 44  
Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens* PELRU  
Unidentified pelicans *Pelecanus spp.* PELEC

**CORMORANTS & DARTER** **Total** **0**  
White-breasted Cormorant *Phalacrocorax lucidus* PHACA  
Cape Cormorant *Phalacrocorax capensis* PHACS  
Bank Cormorant *Phalacrocorax neglectus* PHANE  
Reed Cormorant *Phalacrocorax africanus* PHAAF  
Crowned Cormorant *Phalacrocorax coronatus* PHACO  
Unidentified cormorants *Phalacrocorax spp.* PHALA  
African Darter *Anhinga rufa* ANHRU

**HERONS & EGRETS** **Total** **15**  
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* ARDCI 1  
Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala* ARDME  
Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath* ARDGO  
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* ARDPU  
Great Egret *Egretta alba* EGRAL  
Slaty Egret *Egretta vinaceigula* EGRVI  
Black Heron *Egretta ardesiaca* EGRAR  
Yellow-billed Egret *Egretta intermedia* EGRIN  
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* EGRGA  
Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* BUBIB 14  
Unidentified egrets *Egretta/Bubulcus spp.* EGRET  
Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* ARDRA  
Rufous-bellied Heron *Ardeola rufiventris* ARDRU  
Green-backed Heron *Butorides striata* BUTST  
Black-crowned Night-heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* NYCNY  
White-backed Night-heron *Gorsachius leuconotus* NYCLE  
Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* IXOMI  
Dwarf Bittern *Ixobrychus sturmii* IXOST  
Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris* BOTST  
Unidentified Ardeidae *Ardeiae spp.* ARDEI

**STORKS** **Total** **0**  
Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* MYCIB  
African Openbill *Anastomus lamelligerus* ANALA  
Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* CICNI  
Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii* CICAB  
Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus* CICEP  
White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* CICCI  
Saddle-billed Stork *Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis* EPHSE  
Marabou Stork *Leptoptilos crumeniferus* LEPCR  
Unidentified Storks *Ciconidae spp.* STORK

**IBISES & SPOONBILLS** **Total** **1**  
African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* THRAE  
Southern Bald Ibis *Geronticus calvus* GERCA  
Hadedda Ibis *Bostrychia hagedash* HAGHA  
Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* PLEFA 1  
African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* PLAAL

**HAMERKOP & SHOEBILL** **Total** **0**  
Hamerkop *Scopus umbretta* SCOUH  
Shoebill *Balaeniceps rex* BALRX

**FLAMINGOS** **Total** **3**  
Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber* PHORO 3  
Lesser Flamingo *Phoenicopterus minor* PHOMI  
Unidentified Flamingos *Phoenicopteridae spp.* PHOEN

**CRANES** **Total** **0**  
Wattled Crane *Bugeranus carunculatus* BUGCA  
Blue Crane *Anthropoides paradisea* ANTPA  
Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum* BALRE

**GEESE & DUCKS** **Total** **1052**  
Fulvous Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor* DENBI  
White-faced Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* DENVI

White-backed Duck <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>	THALE	
Spur-winged Goose <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	PLEGA	
Comb Duck <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	SARME	
South African Shelduck <i>Tadorna cana</i>	TADCA	
Egyptian Goose <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	ALAOE	
African Pygmy-Goose <i>Nettapus auritus</i>	NETAU	
African Black Duck <i>Anas sparsa</i>	ANASP	
Cape Teal <i>Anas capensis</i>	ANACA	867
Yellow-billed Duck <i>Anas undulata</i>	ANAUN	
Red-billed Teal <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	ANAER	
Hottentot Teal <i>Anas hottentota</i>	ANAHO	158
Cape Shoveler <i>Anas smithii</i>	ANASM	
Southern Pochard <i>Netta erythrothalma</i>	NETER	
Maccoa Duck <i>Oxyura maccoa</i>	OXYMA	27
Unidentified ducks <i>Anatidae</i> spp.	DUCKS	
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>524</b>
African Rail <i>Rallus caerulescens</i>	RALCA	
Red-chested Flufftail <i>Sarothrura rufa</i>	COTRU	
Streaky-breasted Flufftail <i>Sarothrura boehmi</i>	COTBO	
Corn Crake <i>Crex crex</i>	CRECR	
African Crake <i>Crecopsis egregia</i>	POREG	
Black Crake <i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	PORFL	
Baillon's Crake <i>Porzana pusilla</i>	PORPU	
Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	GALCH	524
Lesser Moorhen <i>Gallinula angulata</i>	GALAN	
Allen's Gallinule <i>Porphyrio alleni</i>	GALAL	
African Purple Swamphen <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	PORPO	
Red-knobbed Coot <i>Fulica cristata</i>	FULCR	
Unidentified railids <i>Rallidae</i> spp.	RAILS	
<b>FINFOOT &amp; JACANAS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
African Finfoot <i>Podica senegalensis</i>	PODSE	
Lesser Jacana <i>Microparra capensis</i>	MICCA	
African Jacana <i>Actophilornis africanus</i>	ACTAF	
<b>WADERS/SHOREBIRDS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>348</b>
Greater Painted-snipe <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	ROSBE	
African Black Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus moquini</i>	HAEMO	
Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	HIMHI	38
Pied Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	RECAV	28
Spotted Thick-knee <i>Burhinus capensis</i>	BURCA	
Water Thick-knee <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>	BURVE	
Burchell's Courser <i>Cursorius rufus</i>	CURRU	
Temminck's Courser <i>Cursorius temminckii</i>	CURTE	
Collared Pratincole <i>Glareola pratincola</i>	GLAPR	
Black-winged Pratincole <i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	GLANO	
Rock Pratincole <i>Glareola nuchalis</i>	GLANU	
Long-toed Lapwing <i>Vanellus crassirostris</i>	VANCR	
Blacksmith Lapwing <i>Vanellus armatus</i>	VANAR	85
White-crowned Lapwing <i>Vanellus albiceps</i>	VANAL	
Senegal Lapwing <i>Vanellus lugubris</i>	VANLU	
Black-winged Lapwing <i>Vanellus melanopterus</i>	VANME	
Crowned Lapwing <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	VANCO	
African Wattled Lapwing <i>Vanellus senegallus</i>	VANSE	
Unidentified <i>Vanellus</i> plover spp.	PLUVI	
Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	PLUSQ	
Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	CHAHI	
Kittlitz's Plover <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	CHAPE	67
Three-banded Plover <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	CHATR	30
White-fronted Plover <i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	CHAMA	9
Chestnut-banded Plover <i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	CHAPA	
Lesser Sand Plover <i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	CHAMO	
Caspian Plover <i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>	CHAAS	
Unidentified <i>Charadrius</i> plovers <i>Charadrius</i> spp.	CHARA	
Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i>	LIMLI	
Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>	LIMLA	
Common Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	NUMPH	
Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	NUMAR	
Marsh Sandpiper <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	TRIST	
Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	TRINE	
Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	TRIOC	
Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i>	TRIGL	
Terek Sandpiper <i>Xenus cinereus</i>	XENCI	
Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	ACTHY	
Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	AREIN	
African Snipe <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	GALNI	
Great Snipe <i>Gallinago media</i>	GALMD	
Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i>	CALCA	89
Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>	CALAA	
Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>	CALMI	
Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	CALFE	1
Unidentified <i>Calidris</i> sandpipers <i>Calidris</i> spp.	CALID	
Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	PHIPU	1
Unidentified waders <i>Charadrii</i> spp	WADER	
<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMER</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>
Kelp Gull <i>Larus dominicanus</i>	LARDO	28
Grey-headed Gull <i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>	LARCI	
Hartlaub's Gull <i>Larus hartlaubii</i>	LARHA	3
Unidentified gulls <i>Larus</i> spp.	LARUS	
Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger</i>	CHLNI	
Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	CHLHY	
White-winged Tern <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	CHLLE	
Unidentified marsh terns <i>Chlidonias</i> spp.	CHLID	
Gull-billed Tern <i>Sterna nilotica</i>	GELNI	
Caspian Tern <i>Sterna caspia</i>	STECA	
Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	STEHI	
Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	STEPA	
Damara Tern <i>Sterna balaenarum</i>	STEBA	
Little Tern <i>Sterna albifrons</i>	STEAL	
Swift Tern <i>Sterna bergii</i>	STEBR	
Lesser Crested Tern <i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	STEBE	
Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	STESA	
Unidentified <i>Sterna</i> terns <i>Sterna</i> spp.	STERN	
African Skimmer <i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	RYNFL	
<b>BIRDS OF PREY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	PANHA	
African Fish-Eagle <i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>	HALVO	

African Marsh-Harrier <i>Circus ranivorus</i>	CIRRA
Western Marsh-Harrier <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	CIRAE
Montagu's Harrier <i>Circus pygargus</i>	CIRPY
Pallid Harrier <i>Circus macrourus</i>	CIRMA
Unidentified harriers <i>Circus spp.</i>	CIRCU
Marsh Owl <i>Asio capensis</i>	ASICA

**ADDITIONAL SPECIES**

African Penguin *Spheniscus demersus*  
 Cape Gannet *Morus capensis*  
 Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*  
 Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*  
 Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*  
 Royal Tern *Sterna maxima*  
 Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*  
 Giant Kingfisher *Megaceryle maximus*  
 Malachite Kingfisher *Alcedo cristata*

**Total**                    **0**

**TOTALS**                    **2062 BIRDS of**                    **22 SPECIES**