

**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 13;00**

**VISIBILITY: Good** %

**COUNTRY: Namibia**

**NAME OF SITE: Walvis Bay Ramsar Site**

**SITE CODE: 48**

**Erongo Region, Namibia**

**NEAREST LARGE TOWN: Walvis Bay**

**WAY OF COUNTING: On foot, by vehicle**

**HAS THE SITE BEEN COUNTED BEFORE? Yes**

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

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

**CONDITION OF THE WETLAND: Wet but silting up**

**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):** Part of Gorob National Park

**DISTURBANCE:** MOTOR BOATS LOW-FLYING AIRCRAFT FISHING

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

<b>GREBES</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11626</b>
Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	TACRU	
Great Crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	PODCR	
Black-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	PODNI	11626

<b>PELICANS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>653</b>
Great White Pelican <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	PELON	653
Pink-backed Pelican <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>	PELRU	
Unidentified pelicans <i>Pelecanus spp.</i>	PELEC	

<b>CORMORANTS &amp; DARTER</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3343</b>
White-breasted Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>	PHACA	129
Cape Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>	PHACS	3204
Bank Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>	PHANE	
Reed Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>	PHAAF	
Crowned Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i>	PHACO	10
Unidentified cormorants <i>Phalacrocorax spp.</i>	PHALA	
African Darter <i>Anhinga rufa</i>	ANHRU	

<b>HERONS &amp; EGRETS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>
Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	ARDCI	38
Black-headed Heron <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>	ARDME	
Goliath Heron <i>Ardea goliath</i>	ARDGO	
Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	ARDPU	
Great Egret <i>Egretta alba</i>	EGRAL	
Slaty Egret <i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>	EGRVI	
Black Heron <i>Egretta ardesiaca</i>	EGRAR	
Yellow-billed Egret <i>Egretta intermedia</i>	EGRIN	
Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	EGRGA	99
Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	BUBIB	
Unidentified egrets <i>Egretta/Bubulcus spp.</i>	EGRET	
Squacco Heron <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	ARDRA	
Rufous-bellied Heron <i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>	ARDRU	
Green-backed Heron <i>Butorides striata</i>	BUTST	
Black-crowned Night-heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	NYCNY	
White-backed Night-heron <i>Gorsachius leuconotus</i>	NYCLE	
Little Bittern <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	IXOMI	
Dwarf Bittern <i>Ixobrychus sturmii</i>	IXOST	
Eurasian Bittern <i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	BOTST	
Unidentified Ardeidae <i>Ardeiae spp.</i>	ARDEI	

<b>STORKS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Yellow-billed Stork <i>Mycteria ibis</i>	MYCIB	
African Openbill <i>Anastomus lamelligerus</i>	ANALA	
Black Stork <i>Ciconia nigra</i>	CICNI	
Abdim's Stork <i>Ciconia abdimii</i>	CICAB	
Woolly-necked Stork <i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	CICEP	
White Stork <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	CICCI	

Saddle-billed Stork <i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	EPHSE	
Marabou Stork <i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	LEPCR	
Unidentified Storks <i>Ciconidae spp.</i>	STORK	
<b>IBISES &amp; SPOONBILLS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
African Sacred Ibis <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	THRAE	
Southern Bald Ibis <i>Geronticus calvus</i>	GERCA	
Hadedda Ibis <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	HAGHA	
Glossy Ibis <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	PLEFA	
African Spoonbill <i>Platalea alba</i>	PLAAL	
<b>HAMERKOP &amp; SHOEBILL</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Hamerkop <i>Scopus umbretta</i>	SCOUM	
Shoebill <i>Balaeniceps rex</i>	BALRX	
<b>FLAMINGOS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14237</b>
Greater Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	PHORO	12470
Lesser Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	PHOMI	1767
Unidentified Flamingos <i>Phoenicopteridae spp.</i>	PHOEN	
<b>CRANES</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
Wattled Crane <i>Bugeranus carunculatus</i>	BUGCA	
Blue Crane <i>Anthropoides paradisea</i>	ANTPA	
Grey Crowned Crane <i>Balearica regulorum</i>	BALRE	
<b>GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1390</b>
Fulvous Duck <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	DENBI	
White-faced Duck <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	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>	ALOAE	
African Pygmy-Goose <i>Nettapus auritus</i>	NETAU	
African Black Duck <i>Anas sparsa</i>	ANASP	
Cape Teal <i>Anas capensis</i>	ANACA	1380
Yellow-billed Duck <i>Anas undulata</i>	ANAUN	
Red-billed Teal <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>	ANAER	
Hottentot Teal <i>Anas hottentota</i>	ANAHO	
Cape Shoveler <i>Anas smithii</i>	ANASM	10
Southern Pochard <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	NETER	
Maccoa Duck <i>Oxyura maccoa</i>	OXYMA	
Unidentified ducks <i>Anatidae spp.</i>	DUCKS	
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</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 Crane <i>Crex crex</i>	CRECR	
African Crane <i>Crecopsis egregia</i>	POREG	
Black Crane <i>Amaurornis flavirostra</i>	PORFL	
Baillon's Crane <i>Porzana pusilla</i>	PORPU	
Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	GALCH	
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 rallids <i>Rallidae spp.</i>	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>66533</b>
Greater Painted-snipe <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	ROSBE	
African Black Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus moquini</i>	HAEMO	195
Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	HIMHI	778
Pied Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	RECAV	4731
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	
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	1245
Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	CHAHI	28
Kittlitz's Plover <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	CHAPE	
Three-banded Plover <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	CHATR	3
White-fronted Plover <i>Charadrius marginatus</i>	CHAMA	1322
Chestnut-banded Plover <i>Charadrius pallidus</i>	CHAPA	4311
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	1210
Common Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	NUMPH	121
Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	NUMAR	
Marsh Sandpiper <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	TRIST	
Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	TRINE	216
Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	TRIOC	
Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i>	TRIGL	
Terek Sandpiper <i>Xenus cinereus</i>	XENCI	3
Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	ACTHY	
Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	AREIN	959
African Snipe <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>	GALNI	
Great Snipe <i>Gallinago media</i>	GALMD	
Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i>	CALCA	
Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>	CALAA	8761
Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>	CALMI	1647
Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	CALFE	31536
Unidentified <i>Calidris</i> sandpipers <i>Calidris</i> spp.	CALID	9173
Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	PHIPU	43
Unidentified waders <i>Charadrii</i> spp	WADER	251

<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMER</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18517</b>
Kelp Gull <i>Larus dominicanus</i>	LARDO	2925
Grey-headed Gull <i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>	LARCI	
Hartlaub's Gull <i>Larus hartlaubii</i>	LARHA	703
Unidentified gulls <i>Larus</i> spp.	LARUS	
Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger</i>	CHLNI	25
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	52
Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	STEHY	9519
Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	STEPA	
Damara Tern <i>Sterna balaenarum</i>	STEBA	128
Little Tern <i>Sterna albifrons</i>	STEAL	
Swift Tern <i>Sterna bergii</i>	STEBR	533
Lesser Crested Tern <i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	STEBE	
Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandwicensis</i>	STESA	3177
Unidentified <i>Sterna</i> terns <i>Sterna</i> spp.	STERN	1455
African Skimmer <i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	RYNFL	

<b>BIRDS OF PREY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	PANHA	1
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</i> spp.	CIRCU	
Marsh Owl <i>Asio capensis</i>	ASICA	

<b>ADDITIONAL SPECIES</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
African Penguin <i>Spheniscus demersus</i>		
Cape Gannet <i>Morus capensis</i>		
Eurasian Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		
Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>		1
Red-necked Phalarope <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>		13
Royal Tern <i>Sterna maxima</i>		
Pied Kingfisher <i>Ceryle rudis</i>		1
Giant Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle maximus</i>		
Malachite Kingfisher <i>Alcedo cristata</i>		

**TOTALS** 116452 BIRDS of 40 SPECIES