

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



**COMPILER'S** name and address:

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**DATE OF COUNT:** 16 & 17 July 2011

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

**VISIBILITY:** Good

%

**COUNTRY:** Namibia

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

**SITE CODE:**

**PROVINCE/STATE:** Erongo Region

**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)?** Walvis Bay Ramsar site

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

%

**CONDITION OF THE WETLAND:** Wet

(e.g. wet, dry, polluted, modified)

**TYPE OF COUNT:** Total

TOTAL SAMPLE

**ACCURACY:** Actual estimates

ACTUAL ESTIMATES

**PRESENCE/ABSENCE**

If no counts are made, please record presence with a 'Tick' ( )

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

**DISTURBANCE:** People

MOTOR BOATS LOW-FLYING AIRCRAFT FISHING

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

**GREBES**

**Total** 7 B

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

TACRU 7

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

PODCR

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

PODNI

**PELICANS**

**Total** 16

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

PELON 16

Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens*

PELRU

Unidentified pelicans *Pelecanus spp.*

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**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*

ANHURU

**HERONS & EGRETS**

**Total** 18

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

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Black-headed Heron *Ardea melanocephala*

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Goliath Heron *Ardea goliath*

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Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

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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 16

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 <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	
Hadeda 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>13</b>
Greater Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	PHORO	13
Lesser Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>	PHOMI	
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>245</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	241
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	
Southern Pochard <i>Netta erythroptalma</i>	NETER	
Maccoa Duck <i>Oxyura maccoa</i>	OXYMA	4
Unidentified ducks <i>Anatidae spp.</i>	DUCKS	
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES &amp; COOTS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>60</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>Crexopsis egregia</i>	POREG	
Black Crake <i>Amauornis flavirostra</i>	PORFL	
Baillon's Crake <i>Porzana pusilla</i>	PORPU	
Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	GALCH	50
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	10
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>55</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	13
Pied Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	RECAV	
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	23
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>	CHAH1	
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	16
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	
Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>	CALAA	
Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>	CALMI	
Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	CALFE	
Unidentified <i>Calidris</i> sandpipers <i>Calidris</i> spp.	CALID	
Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	PHIPU	
Unidentified waders <i>Charadrii</i> spp	WADER	
<b>GULLS, TERNS &amp; SKIMMER</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>
Kelp Gull <i>Larus dominicanus</i>	LARDO	69
Grey-headed Gull <i>Larus cirrocephalus</i>	LARCI	
Hartlaub's Gull <i>Larus hartlaubii</i>	LARHA	16
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>	STEH1	
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**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</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>		
Red-necked Phalarope <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>		
Royal Tern <i>Sterna maxima</i>		
Pied Kingfisher <i>Ceryle rudis</i>		
Giant Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle maximus</i>		
Malachite Kingfisher <i>Alcedo cristata</i>		

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>499 BIRDS of</b>	<b>15 SPECIES</b>
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