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No 1	Common Name Bar Throated Apalis	Frequency	Notes Throughout thicket and forested areas	Sec	en	
2	Yellow breasted Apalis	нс	In the thicker forest			
3	Pied Avocet	FC	Main dam and marsh areas			
4	Black Collared Barbet	С	Throughout thicket and forested areas			
5	Cape Batis	С	Thiker forested ares			
6	Southern Red Bishop	С	Reeds and sedges near dams and vleis			
7	Yellow Bishop	С	In the marsh areas especially where there are reeds			
8	Little Bittern	R	Very Secretive in the thick water vegetation at all the dams		_	
9	Bokmakierie	С	Thicket surrounded by grasslands	_		
10	Southern Boubou	С	Throughout thicket and forest	_	4	
11	Terrestrial brownbul	HC	Thick forest always near the ground feed in the leaf matter			
12	Cape Bulbul	C	Throughout thicket and Forest	_	4	
13	Golden Breasted Bunting	R	More in the Acacia bush with openings	_		
14	Olive Bushshrike	C	In the thicket forests	_	4	
15 16	Denham's Bustard Common Buzzard	HC SC	Nomadic. Frequents grasslands, shrublands, fynbos and cultivated fields Thicket and all forest areas	_		
17	European Honey Buzzard	SR				
18	Forest Buzzard	C	Bushy areas and big trees Perches overlooking grasslands in summer			
19	Jackal Buzzard	c	Thicket and all forest areas			
20		c	very hard to see margins of thicker forest			
	Green Backed Camaroptera		, ,			
21	Brimstone Canary	FC	Thicket and Acacia forests			
22	Forest Canary	С	Dune Forest and thickets When the vallow daisies flower in the grass			
23	Yellow Canary	R	When the yellow daisies flower in the grass			
24	Yellow Fronted Canary	С	Thicket and Acacia forests			
25	Cape Canary	С	Easy to see when the yellow daisies are blooming in the fields			
26	Grey backed Cisticola	R	Open Grassland	_	4	
27	Lazy Cisticola	C	Throughout scrub and thicketed areas		4	
28	Levaillant's Cisticola	C	Always near water. Vleis and bullrushes near dams			
29	Zitting Cisticola	FC	In all the open grass fields.Flies up and high hard to see		4	
30	Red Knobbed Coot	С	All the Dams			
31	Reed Cormorant		All the dams			
32	White Breasted Cormorant	FC	Any dam with fish stocks			
33	Burchell's Coucal	С	All areas where there is bush and bird nests	_	4	
34	Black Crake	R	Thick marginal vegetation at all the dams	_		
35	Cape Crow	C	Throughout			
36	Pied Crow	С	Throughout			
37	African Emerald Cuckoo	SC	Summer migrant. Most beautiful of all the cuckoos	_		
38	Diederick Cuckoo	SC	Summer migrant.		4	
39	Black Cuckoo	SC	Summer migrant.	_	4	
40	Jacobin Cuckoo	SR	Rare Summer migrant			
41	Red Chested Cuckoo	sc	Summer migrant.			
42	Klaas's Cuckoo	SC	Summer migrant.			
43	Black Cuckooshrike	С	Thicker forest and acacia bush			
44	Grey Cuckooshrike	С	The thickest forest areas near the main lake			
45	African Darter	FC	Main lake			
46	Cape Turtle Dove	С	Throughout			
47	Emerald Spotted wood dove	С	Thicket and forested areas.			
48	Laughing Dove	С	Throughout			
49	Lemon Dove	FC	Very difficult to see. Stays on ground in heavy forest areas			
50	Red Eyed Dove	С	Throughout			
51	Tambourine dove	С	Thicket and forested areas.			
52	Fork Tailed Drongo	С	Throughout			
53	Yellow Billed Duck	С	Throughout all the water ways			
54	African Fish Eagle	С	All around the dams roosts on dead trees with good vantage			
55	Crowned Eagle	R	Thickest forest or Airborne			
56	Booted Eagle	R	Often seen flying over. Will roost on tall trees occasionally			
57	Long Crested Eagle	FC	Resident in the area	_		
58	Little Egret	С	Main Lake and feeder marsh			
	Mastern Cattle Faret	FC	Always near concentrations of game			
59	Western Cattle Egret	10	Always hear concentrations of game			
59 60	Amur Falcon	SR	A rare summer visitor. Likes open grassland small flocks			
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63	African Firefinch	FC	Thick vegetation near water		
64	Common Fiscal	С	Throughout		
65	Fiscal Flycatcher	С	Throughout		
66	African Dusky Flycatcher	С	Thickets and forest		
67	African Paradise Flycatcher	SC	Thickests and forest in summer		
68	Blue mantled Crested Flycatcher	С	Thick vegetation		
69	Egyptian Goose	С	Throughout prefer near water		
70	Spur-winged Goose	R	Near water		
71	African Goshawk	R	Noisy flyer. Likes thicker forest		
72	Gabar Goshawk	R	Possibly the Acacia forest and bigger Alien trees		
73	Cape Grassbird	С	Throughout all the grassy areas		
74	Little Grebe	С	All the Dams		
75	Sombre Greenbul	С	Throughout all the thicket and forest areas		
76	Common Greenshank	SC	Seen at main Lake in summer		
77	Helmeted Guineafowl	С	Throughout		
78	Hamerkop	С	Always near water or vieis and marshes		
79	African Harrier Hawk	С	Nests and roosts in big trees hunts where there are bird nests		
80	African Marsh Harrier	FC	Common. Rarely seen. Nest raider. Always attracts a crowd		
81	Black Crowned Night Heron	R	Thick vegetation very close too, or in the water		
82	Black Headed Heron	С	Waters edge and marshes and vleis		
83	Goliath Heron	С	1 pair resident at main Lake		
84	Grey Heron	С	Waters edge and marshes and vleis		
85	Purple Heron	R	Vlei area feeding the main Lake		
86	Squacco Heron	R	Thick vegetation very close too, or in the water		
87	Brown backed Honeybird	R	Present but lucky to see. Likes loose trees, wattle and acacia		
88	Greater Honeyguide	С	Near bee hives Likes bigger trees aliens . Near main gate		
89	Lesser Honeyguide	С	Near bee hives Likes bigger trees aliens .		
90	Scaly Throated Honeyguide	R	Near bee hives Likes thicker vegetation		
91	African Hoopoe	С	Throughout		
92	Crowned Hornbill	R	Rare. Seen in drought periods		
93	African Sacred Ibis	С	closer to shallow water and marshes and vleis		
94	Hadeda Ibis	С	Throughout		
95	Rock Kestrel	FC	Fly by. May settle on big dead trees or on top of bushes		
96	Brown Hooded Kingfisher	С	In the scrublands and thickets. Not a fish eater		
97	Giant Kingfisher	FC	Around all the dams. One of the fish eating kingfishers		
98	Half-Collared Kingfisher		Seen at dam in front of lifestage units		
99	Malachite Kingfisher	R	Around dams where there is margin vegetation		
100	Pied Kingfisher	С	Around all the dams. One of the fish eating kingfishers		
101	Black Winged Kite	FC	Open veld and vleis with odd bush or dead trees		
102	Yellow Billed Kite	SC	Mostly Airbourne from August to April		
103	Blacksmith Lapwing	С	Open grassland and edges of all the dams. Always near water		
	Crowned Lapwing	c	Open grassland		
	Red Capped Lark	С	On the ground in the grasslands		
106	Rufous Naped Lark	С	Grassland with odd bushes	1	
107	Cape Longclaw	С	Open grassland	1	
107	Bronze Mannikin	FC	Small flocks near waterand scrub. Human food sources		
109	Brown Throated Martin	C	Over the water		
110	Rock Martin	С	Rock faces and structure. Hawks insects over grassland		
111	Common Moorhen	С	Water with Margin vegetation	1	
112	Red Faced Mousebird	С	Thicker forest a shy retreating bird		
113	Speckled Mousebird	С	Forest patches and fruit bearing trees likes near water		
114	Neddicky	С	Smallest bird. Scrub and forest patches		
115	Fiery Necked Nightjar	NC	Plentiful even in gardens at night		
116	Black headed Oriole	C	Likes big trees, exotics and dead trees		
117	Western Osprey	R	Sometimes seen over main Lake		
118	Common Ostrich	C	Stocked into the Estate anywhere open		
119	African Wood Owl	NC	Nocturnal in the thicker forest		
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120	Cape Eagle Owl	NC NC	Nocturnal Bigger trees or rock faces Nocturnal in the thicker forest and bigger trees	1	
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123	Western Barn Owl	NR	Likes buildings or old nests not afraid to be near humans		
124	African Olive Pigeon	FC	Thickest forest areas often seen when trees have fruit		
125	Speckled Pigeon	С	Around people and structure. Where there is easy food		
126	African Pipit	R	Grassland and short shrubbery		
	Plain Backed Pipit	С	Most common in the Estate. Grasslands		
128	Kittlitz's Plover	С	Around the Main Lake		

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Plain factor brillion Plai	129	Three banded Plover	С	Around all areas where there is water
132 Paris Backed Puffback C Tribler fromes and acade bash	130	Common Ringed Plover	R	Being seen more often along margins of main Lake
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13-14 Reb billed Quelea R Seconting more common offers with flocis of Bishop briefs 13-16 Withe Necked Reven F C All over, Near buildings and humans 13-16 Withe Started Strubbion F C Nick florest, Beautiful signing brief 13-16 Withe Started Strubbion F C Nick florest, Beautiful signing brief 13-16 Withe Started Robin C Not offers seen but plestful in undergrowth of trick forest. 13-16 Withe Started Robin C Not offers seen but plestful in undergrowth of trick forest. 13-16 Withe Started Robin R An are vicinity 13-16 With Started Robin R And are vicinity	132	Plain Backed Puffback	С	Thicker forest and acacia bush
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Mylite Exercise Robin FC Thick forest, Beautiful singing bird	135	African Rail	FC	Bullrushes at the margins of all the dams and vleis
338 White Storeet Robin	136	White Necked Raven	FC	All over. Near buildings and humans
139 White Starred Robin	137	Brown Scrub Robin	FC	Thick forest. Beautiful singing bird
140 Cloration Robin R. Arror violator R. Arror granular viol	138	White Browed Scrub Robin	R	Open areas near the forest edges
A contract Robin R	139	White Starred Robin	С	Not often seen but plentiful in undergrowth of thick forest
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Main Lake Mark Swing C All own files low black with a forked tail	141	Choristor Robin	R	A rare visitor
Secretary Bird R A rare greated visitor	142	Ruff	SFC	Main lake
145 Seretury Bird	143	Common Sandpiper	С	Main Lake
146 Sevelay Headed Sedectater C Main lake	144	Black Saw-wing	С	All over flies low black with a forked tail
Main take Cape Showlete	145	Secretary Bird	R	A rare grassland visitor
Lab Cape Shaveler	146	Streaky Headed Seedeater	С	All over the forested area
Leg Sparrow C Throughout the estate. Near human food sources	147	South African Shelduck	С	Main lake
Substitute Circy Headed Sparrow C Likes Gear trees and areas of thicker forest	148	Cape Shoveler	С	Main lake
State Sparrow R near people and human flood sources	149	Cape Sparrow	С	Throughout the estate. Near human food sources
Black Sparrowhawk	150	Southern Grey Headed Sparrow	С	Likes dead trees and areas of thicker forest
African Spoonbill C Shallow water around margins of main Lake	151	House Sparrow	R	near people and human food sources
State Sparrowhawk	152	Black Sparrowhawk	С	Bird destroyer. Stakes out a territory not afraid of humans
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155 Red Necked Spurfow C Grassland with access to thickets		·		·
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195	African Reed Warbler	SFC	Bullrushes and vegetation around dams and vleis		
196	Knysna Warbler	SHC	Beautiful call like bells ringing. Margins of thick forest		
197	Little Rush Warbler	sc	Bullrushes and vegetation around dams and vleis		
198	Lesser Swamp Warbler	sc	Bullrushes and vegetation around dams and vleis		
199	Yellow Throated Woodland Warbler	С	Any forest or thicket areas difficult to see or photograph		
200	Willow Warbler	SR	Summer Migrant margins of thick bush		
201	Common Waxbill	С	Vlei areas near water		
202	Swee Waxbill	С	Edge of thickets and sometimes near water		
203	Cape Weaver	С	Throughout but nests near water		
204	Southern Masked Weaver	С	Throughout have seen the nest sites at lake del a Vie dam		
205	Spectacled Weaver	С	Single pair breeders. Thorn bush. Nest has a funnel		
206	Thick Billed Weaver	С	Best weaver nest of all with 2 supports always on water		
207	Village Weaver	С	Coarsely woven nest is usually suspended from at tree or reeds over water		
208	Cape White-eye	С	Throughout the estate		
209	Long Tailed Widow Bird	FC	Vleis and grassland areas. Looses its coloursand tail in winter		
210	Fan Tailed Widow bird	С	Vleis and grassland areas. Looses its coloursand tail in winter		
211	Green Wood Hoopoe	FC	Scattered thickets and bigger trees with odd dead ones		
212	Cardinal Woodpecker	FC	Loose dead trees or acacia		
213	Knysna Woodpecker	С	Dead trees and thicker forest		
214	Olive Woodpecker	С	Thicker forest and acacia bush		
215	Pin tailed Whydah	С	Loses tail and colour in winter		
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С	Common				
FC	Fairly Common				
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I have compiled this list to be a guide to those residents who would like to do birding in the Royalston estate. I have been through the estate and have seen or heard most of these birds. I do believe that all the birds I have listed will be found on the estate, even though a number may just be passing vagrants. There are also perfect habitats for other birds that I have not seen or heard, and the Eastern Cape is experiencing a bumper year as far as rarities are concerned so with a bit of luck one or two may land up on the Estate. The possibility exists that there may be numerous other species present as the habitats look extremely favourable for these. Should you find birds not on this list please let me know so I can modify it. Let us use this list as a point of departure. My name is Barry Kurten and you may contact me at 0847793448 or email: barry Kurten@telkomsa.net