

Welcome to birders' paradise. The Cavern boasts over 200 species, many of them easily found because all the Drakensberg habitats are accessible within walking distance. The adventure begins within the rambling, mainly indigenous gardens. They merge into Afromontane forest on one side, thornveld on another, ponds and streams in between. Grassland, Protea woodland and rock outcrops dominate the nearest hill. High above, sheer kranses complete the picture. Which birds are the stars of the show? There are lots of endemics – species found only in South Africa – Gurney's Sugarbird, Bush Blackcap, Fairy Flycatcher – as well as rarities like Half-collared Kingfisher and Bearded Vulture.

CAVERN BIRD LIST using Roberts 7 names and sequence

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coqui Francolin | <input type="checkbox"/> Crested Barbet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grey-winged Francolin | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Ground-Hornbill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Francolin | <input type="checkbox"/> African Hoopoe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Spurfowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Wood-Hoopoe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Spurfowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Half-collared Kingfisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Quail | <input type="checkbox"/> Malachite Kingfisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helmeted Guineafowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Grey-headed Kingfisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian Goose | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-hooded Kingfisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spur-winged Goose | <input type="checkbox"/> Giant Kingfisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African Black Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> Pied Kingfisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> White-fronted Bee-eater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Honeyguide | <input type="checkbox"/> Speckled Mousebird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Honeyguide | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacobin Cuckoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-backed Honeybird | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-chested Cuckoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-throated Wryneck | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Cuckoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-tailed Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Klaas's Cuckoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Diderick Cuckoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardinal Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Alpine Swift |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive Woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Swift |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-collared Barbet | <input type="checkbox"/> African Black Swift |

- Little Swift
- White-rumped Swift
- African Wood-Owl
- Marsh Owl
- Fiery-necked Nightjar
- Freckled Nightjar
- Speckled Pigeon
- African Olive-Pigeon
- Lemon Dove
- Laughing Dove
- Cape Turtle-Dove
- Red-eyed Dove
- Namaqua Dove
- Denham's Bustard
- Buff-spotted Flufftail
- Common Moorhen
- Common Greenshank
- Spotted Thick-knee
- Blacksmith Lapwing
- African Cuckoo Hawk
- Black-shouldered Kite
- Yellow-billed Kite
- African Fish-Eagle
- Lammergeier
- Cape Vulture
- African Harrier-Hawk
- African Goshawk
- Little Sparrowhawk
- Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk
- Black Sparrowhawk
- Steppe Buzzard
- Forest Buzzard
- Jackal Buzzard
- Verreaux's Eagle
- Booted Eagle
- Martial Eagle
- Long-crested Eagle
- African Crowned Eagle
- Secretarybird
- Rock Kestrel
- Amur Falcon
- Lanner Falcon
- Peregrine Falcon
- Little Grebe
- African Darter
- Reed Cormorant
- White-breasted Cormorant
- Grey Heron
- Black-headed Heron
- Goliath Heron
- Cattle Egret
- Black-crowned Night-Heron
- Little Bittern
- Hamerkop
- Hadedda Ibis
- Southern Bald Ibis
- African Sacred Ibis
- African Spoonbill
- Black Stork
- White Stork
- Fork-tailed Drongo
- Fairy Flycatcher
- African Paradise-Flycatcher
- Black-backed Puffback
- Black-crowned Tchagra

- Southern Tchagra
- Southern Boubou
- Bokmakierie
- Olive Bush-Shrike
- Cape Batis
- Cape Crow
- Pied Crow
- White-necked Raven
- Common Fiscal
- Grey Cuckooshrike
- Black Cuckooshrike
- Southern Black Tit
- Brown-throated Martin
- Barn Swallow
- White-throated Swallow
- Greater Striped Swallow
- Rock Martin
- Common House-Martin
- Black Saw-wing
- Dark-capped Bulbul
- Terrestrial Bulbul
- Barratt's Warbler
- Cape Grassbird
- African Reed-Warbler
- Lesser Swamp-Warbler
- Long-billed Crombec
- Yellow-throated Woodland-Warbler
- Willow Warbler
- Broad-tailed Warbler
- Arrow-marked Babbler
- Bush Blackcap
- Cape White-eye
- Lazy Cisticola
- Wailing Cisticola
- Levillant's Cisticola
- Neddicky
- Zitting Cisticola
- Wing-snapping Cisticola
- Drakensberg Prinia
- Bar-throated Apalis
- Rufous-naped Lark
- Cape Rock-Thrush
- Sentinel Rock-Thrush
- Groundscraper Thrush
- Olive Thrush
- Karoo Thrush
- Southern Black Flycatcher
- Fiscal Flycatcher
- Spotted Flycatcher
- African Dusky Flycatcher
- White-starred Robin
- Cape Robin-Chat
- Chorister Robin-Chat
- African Stonechat
- Buff-streaked Chat
- Mountain Wheatear
- Familiar Chat
- Anteating Chat
- Mocking Cliff-Chat
- Red-winged Starling

- Cape Glossy Starling
- Violet-backed Starling
- Pied Starling
- Common Myna
- Red-billed Oxpecker
- Amethyst Sunbird
- Malachite Sunbird
- Southern Double-collared Sunbird
- Greater Double-collared Sunbird
- Gurney's Sugarbird
- Spectacled Weaver
- Cape Weaver
- Southern Masked-Weaver
- Red-billed Quelea
- Yellow-crowned Bishop
- Southern Red Bishop
- Yellow Bishop
- Fan-tailed Widowbird
- Red-collared Widowbird
- Long-tailed Widowbird
- African Firefinch
- Swee Waxbill
- Common Waxbill
- Orange-breasted Waxbill
- African Quailfinch
- Bronze Mannikin
- Dusky Indigobird
- Pin-tailed Whydah
- House Sparrow
- Southern Grey-headed Sparrow
- Cape Wagtail
- Mountain Wagtail
- Cape Longclaw
- African Rock Pipit
- African Pipit
- Plain-backed Pipit
- Long-billed Pipit
- Cape Canary
- Forest Canary
- Yellow-fronted Canary
- Yellow Canary
- Brimstone Canary
- Streaky-headed Seedeater
- Cinnamon-breasted Bunting
- Golden-breasted Bunting