

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African Wood-Owl           | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretarybird               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Owl                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Kestrel                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiery-necked Nightjar      | <input type="checkbox"/> Amur Falcon                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freckled Nightjar          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lanner Falcon               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speckled Pigeon            | <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African Olive-Pigeon       | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Grebe                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Dove                 | <input type="checkbox"/> African Darter              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laughing Dove              | <input type="checkbox"/> Reed Cormorant              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Turtle-Dove           | <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Cormorant    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Dove              | <input type="checkbox"/> Grey Heron                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Namaqua Dove               | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Heron          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denham's Bustard           | <input type="checkbox"/> Goliath Heron               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buff-spotted Flufftail     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Moorhen             | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blacksmith Lapwing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hadedda Ibis                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African Cuckoo Hawk        | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Bald Ibis          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Kite         | <input type="checkbox"/> African Spoonbill           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African Fish-Eagle         | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Stork                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lammergeier                | <input type="checkbox"/> White Stork                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Vulture               | <input type="checkbox"/> Fork-tailed Drongo          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk | <input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Tchagra       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Buzzard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Bokmakierie                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Martial Eagle              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pied Crow                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-crested Eagle         | <input type="checkbox"/> White-necked Raven          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African Crowned Eagle      | <input type="checkbox"/> 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
- Dark-capped Yellow 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