

COMMON GARDEN BIRDS

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1. HADEDA IBIS



It probes for insects with its very sensitive beak.

2. EGYPTIAN GOOSE



Normally the male hisses and the female honks. If disturbed though both honk.

3. HELMETED GUINEAFOWL



Collective noun – a covey of ...
Can you see its helmet?

4. CAPE SPURFOWL



Although it can fly well, it would rather run than fly when disturbed.

5. BLACKSMITH LAPWING



Alarm call is a 'tink, tink, tink', suggestive of a blacksmith's hammer striking an anvil.

6. SPOTTED THICK-KNEE



Commonly called a Dikkop.
Why do you think these birds have such large eyes?

7. KELP GULL



Largest gull found in SA. When the chicks peck at the red spot on the bill the adult regurgitates food for them.

8. HARTLAUB'S GULL



Smaller gull. More grey coloured with red bill and legs. Endemic to the Atlantic coastline of SA.

9. SPECKLED PIGEON



Red eye patches. The wings are heavily speckled with white spots – hence its name.

10. RED-EYED DOVE



Largest 'half' collared dove. Look for the red eye. Listen carefully. He says "I am a red-eyed dove"!

11. CAPE TURTLE DOVE



Afrikaans: Gewone tortelduif
Also a 'half' collared dove. Has a black eye. He says "How's father?"

12. LAUGHING DOVE



Smaller than the other doves. Note:
No ring round neck
Call sounds like soft laughter.

13. CAPE BUL-BUL



Afrik: Kaapse tiptol
Note white eye-ring, yellow under its tail and small crest on its head.

14. CAPE ROBIN-CHAT



Note white eye-brow stripe, orange chin and breast and reddish outer tail feathers.

15. CAPE WHITE EYE



Afrik: Witogie.
Feathered white ring round eyes. A small bird with a surprisingly large voice for its size.

16. CAPE WAGTAIL



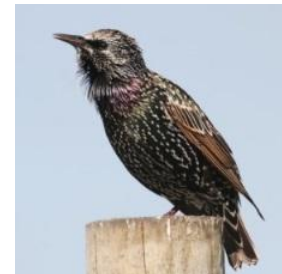
Watch his tail as he walks. See if you can see why he gets his name.

17. COMMON FISCAL



"Butcher Bird", "Jacky Hangman".
White wing stripes start on the shoulder. Note heavy beak for catching prey.

18. COMMON STARLING



Introduced from Europe. Has glossy black plumage with a metallic sheen, which is speckled with white at some times of year.

19. RED-WINGED STARLING



Its red wing tips are very obvious in flight.

20. SOUTHERN DOUBLE-COLLARED SUNBIRD



Sunbirds all have long curved beaks. In breeding season, shows bright yellow patches on its shoulders.

21. ROCK DOVE/PIGEON



Two dark bands over wings. Red eye and salmon-coloured legs.
Wide range in plumage due to cross-breeding between wild and feral domestic pigeons.

22. CAPE SPARROW



The male and female look different.
Notice the white "C" on the male's head.

23. HOUSE SPARROW



Afrikaans: Huisvossie
More greys and browns in colour.
Sexes different.

24. CAPE WEAVER



Male has pale eyes and female has brown eyes. Male far more brightly coloured than female