

Alien birds of Namibia

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Mallard

Anas platyrhynchos Linnaeus, 1758

A. p. platyrhynchos Linnaeus

Naturalised breeder, mostly on man-made waterbodies, probably under recorded

Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)

Columba livia Gmelin, 1789

Naturalised breeder, throughout Namibia, mainly in urban areas and human settlement, probably under recorded

Rose-ringed Parakeet

Psittacula krameri Scopoli, 1769

P. k. borealis Neumann, 1915

Possibly naturalised breeder (breeding not confirmed), feral population in the Hochfeld area, one bird seen on farm Otjompauwe just west of Windhoek. Subspecies presumed to be *borealis* but not confirmed

House Crow

Corvus splendens Vieillot, 1817

C. s. splendens Vieillot

Vagrant, several records from Walvis Bay, most likely “stowaways”, no records of breeding

Common Myna

Acridotheres tristis Linnaeus, 1766

Naturalised breeder, reached western border of Namibia at Buitepos and Ngoma 2016, and Katima Mulilo 2017 where seen carrying nesting material. One record from Otjivero dam, February 2022. Two subspecies recorded for southern Africa, *A. t. tristis* and *A. t. tristoides*. Form in Namibia not known.

Common Starling

Sturnus vulgaris Linnaeus, 1758

S. v. vulgaris Linnaeus

Naturalised breeder, Oranjemund and along Orange River, and Lüderitz

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus Linnaeus, 1758

P. d. domesticus (Linnaeus)

Naturalised breeder, throughout Namibia but absent from areas unpopulated by people, e.g. Namib sand sea and parts of Kaokoveld

P. d. indicus Jardine & Selby, 1831

As above. Both subspecies introduced to South Africa, interbred and spread across southern Africa. *P. d. domesticus* now barely detectable, *P. d. indicus* dominant