



GORONGOSA
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Mammal and Birding Guide

EXPLORING THE DIVERSITY OF GORONGOSA NATIONAL PARK

What's Here

Gorongosa National Park | Mammal Species



Family: Bovidae

- African Buffalo
- Blue Duiker
- Blue Wildebeest
- Bushbuck (Painted Gazelle)
- Common Duiker (Grey Duiker)
- Common Eland
- Common Reedbuck
- Greater Kudu
- Impala
- Lichtenstein's Hartebeest
- Nyala
- Oribi
- Red Duiker
- Sable Antelope
- Sharpe's Grysbok
- Suni
- Waterbuck (Kobo)

Family: Suidae

- Bushpig
- Warthog

Family: Canidae

- African Wild Dog
- Sidestriped Jackal

Family: Felidae

- African Wild Cat
- Caracal
- Cheetah
- Leopard
- Lion
- Serval

Family: Mustelidae

- Cape Clawless Otter
- Honey Badger
- Spotted-necked Otter
- Striped Polecat (Zorilla)
- Striped Weasel

Family: Herpestidae

(Mongooses)

- Banded Mongoose
- Bushytailed Mongoose
- Egyptian Mongoose (Large Grey Mongoose)
- Slender Mongoose
- Water Mongoose
- White-tailed Mongoose

Family: Hyenidae

- Aardwolf
- Spotted Hyena

Family: Elephantidae

- African Elephant

Family: Orycteropodidae

- Aardvark

Family: Cercopithecidae

- Chacma Baboon (Gray-foot Baboon)
- Samango Monkey
- Vervet Monkey

Family: Galagidae

- Grant's Galago (Bushbaby)
- Thick-tailed Bushbaby (Kirk's Galago)

Family: Muridae

- Black Rat
- Common Grammomys
- Creek Groove-toothed Swamp Rat
- Gorongosa Gerbil
- Mesic Four-striped Grass Rat
- Mozambique Grammomys
- Mouse (unspecified species)
- Natal Mastomys
- Red Veld Aethomys
- Single-striped Lemniscomys
- South African Pygmy Mouse
- Spiny Mouse

Family: Nesomyidae

- Fat Mouse
- Giant Pouched Rat
- Grey African Climbing Mouse
- Southern African Pouched Mouse

Family: Sciuridae

- Mutable Sun Squirrel
- Red Squirrel
- Tree Squirrel

Family: Bathyergidae

- South African Mole Rat

Family: Soricidae (Shrews)

- Climbing Shrew
- Forest Shrew
- Giant Shrew
- Lesser Grey-brown Musk Shrew
- Lesser Red Musk Shrew
- Moonshine Shrew
- Shrew (unspecified)

Family: Leporidae

- African Savanna Hare

Family: Procaviidae

- Rock Hyrax (Dassie)
- Tree Hyrax (Tree Dassie)
- Yellow-spotted Rock Hyrax

Family: Equidae

- Burchell's Zebra

Family: Manidae

- Ground Pangolin

Family: Macroscelididae

- Four-toed Elephant Shrew (Sengi)
- Peters' Short-snouted Elephant Shrew

Family: Gliridae

- Forest Dormouse

Family: Hystricidae

- Cape Porcupine

Family: Thryonomyidae

- Greater Cane Rat

Bats (Multiple Families)

Family: Hipposideridae

- Sundevall's Leaf-nosed Bat

Family: Miniopteridae

- Greater Long-fingered Bat
- Mozambican Long-fingered Bat
- Wilson's Long-fingered Bat

Family: Molossidae

- Angolan Freetailed Bat
- Anson's Freetailed Bat
- Big-eared Freetailed Bat
- Little Freetailed Bat
- Madagascan Freetailed Bat
- Midas Freetailed Bat
- Pale Freetailed Bat

Family: Nycteridae

- Egyptian Slit-faced Bat
- Large Slit-faced Bat
- Large-eared Slit-faced Bat

Family: Pteropodidae

- Egyptian Fruit Bat
- Epauletted Fruit Bat
- Giant Fruit Bat
- Peters's Epauletted Fruit Bat

Family: Rhinolophidae

- Blasius's Horseshoe Bat
- Bushveld Horseshoe Bat
- Decken's Horseshoe Bat
- Geoffroy's Horseshoe Bat
- Hildebrandt's Horseshoe Bat
- Horseshoe Bat (unspecified species)
- Mozambican Horseshoe Bat
- Rüppell's Horseshoe Bat

Family: Rhinonycteridae

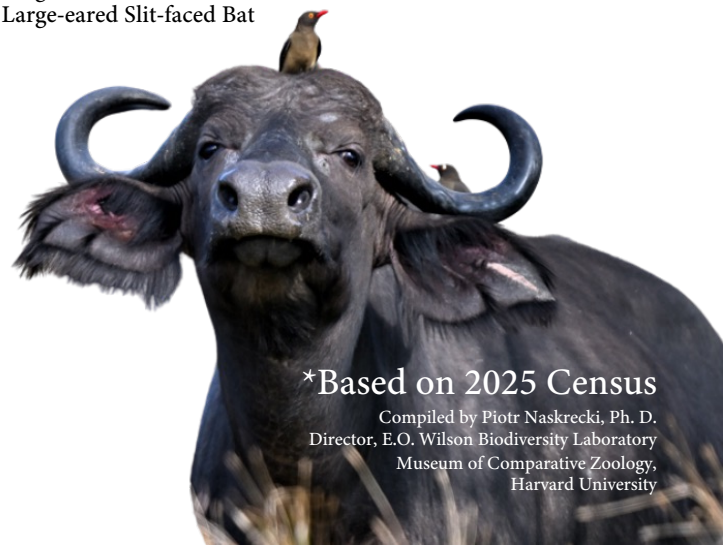
- Trident Bat (Chewbacca Bat)

Family: Vespertilionidae

- Anchieta's Pipistrelle
- Banana Pipistrelle
- Botswana Long-eared Bat
- Butterfly Bat
- Cape Serotine
- Damara Woolly Bat
- Dark-winged Lesser House Bat
- Dobson's Pipistrelle
- Dusky Pipistrelle
- Green House Bat
- Lowveld Serotine
- Rufous Myotis
- Schlieffen's Bat
- Temminck's Hairy Bat
- Thomas's Lesser House Bat
- Welwitsch's Myotis
- Yellow House Bat
- Zulu Serotine

Family: Nandiniidae

- Palm Civet



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What's Here

Bird Species | Land



Family: Accipitridae

- African Crowned Eagle
- African Cuckoo Hawk
- African Fish Eagle
- African Goshawk
- African Harrier Hawk
- African Hawk Eagle
- African Marsh Harrier
- Augur Buzzard
- Ayres's Hawk Eagle
- Bat Hawk
- Bateleur
- Black Kite
- Black Sparrowhawk
- Black-chested Snake Eagle
- Black-shouldered Kite
- Booted Eagle
- Brown Snake Eagle
- Common Buzzard
- Dark Chanting Goshawk
- European Honey Buzzard
- Gabar Goshawk
- Hooded Vulture
- Lappet-faced Vulture
- Little Sparrowhawk
- Lizard Buzzard
- Long-crested Eagle
- Martial Eagle
- Montagu's Harrier
- Ovambo Sparrowhawk
- Pallid Harrier
- Palm-nut Vulture
- Rüppell's Vulture
- Shikra
- Southern Banded Snake Eagle
- Steppe Eagle
- Tawny Eagle
- Verreaux's Eagle
- Wahlberg's Eagle
- Western Banded Snake Eagle
- White-backed Vulture
- White-headed Vulture
- Yellow-billed Kite

Family: Acrocephalidae

- African Reed Warbler
- African Yellow Warbler
- Great Reed Warbler
- Icterine Warbler
- Lesser Swamp Warbler
- Marsh Warbler
- Olive-tree Warbler

Family: Alaudidae (Larks)

- Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark
- Flappet Lark
- Sabota Lark

Family: Anhingidae

- African Darter

Family: Apodidae

- African Black Swift
- African Palm Swift
- Böhm's Spinetail
- Common Swift
- Horus Swift
- Little Swift
- Mottled Spinetail
- White-rumped Swift

Family: Bucerotidae

- African Grey Hornbill
- Crowned Hornbill
- Red-billed Hornbill
- Silvery-cheeked Hornbill
- Southern Red-billed Hornbill
- Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill
- Trumpeter Hornbill

Family: Bucorvidae

- Southern Ground Hornbill

Family: Buphagidae

- Red-billed Oxpecker

Family: Campephagidae

- Black Cuckooshrike
- Grey Cuckooshrike
- White-breasted Cuckooshrike

Family: Caprimulgidae

- European Nightjar
- Fiery-necked Nightjar
- Freckled Nightjar
- Pennant-winged Nightjar
- Rufous-cheeked Nightjar
- Square-tailed Nightjar

Family: Cisticolidae

- Bar-throated Apalis
- Black-headed Apalis
- Burnt-neck Eremomela
- Chirinda Apalis
- Croaking Cisticola
- Desert Cisticola
- Green-backed Camaroptera
- Green-capped Eremomela
- Grey-backed Camaroptera
- Lazy Cisticola
- Neddicky
- Pale-crowned Cisticola
- Rattling Cisticola
- Red-faced Cisticola
- Red-winged Warbler
- Rudd's Apalis
- Rufous-winged Cisticola
- Short-winged Cisticola
- Singing Cisticola
- Stierling's Wren Warbler
- Tawny-flanked Prinia
- Wing-snapping Cisticola
- Yellow-breasted Apalis
- Zitting Cisticola

Family: Coliidae

- Red-faced Mousebird
- Speckled Mousebird
- Speckled Mousebird (Natal)

Family: Columbidae

- African Green Pigeon
- African Mourning Dove
- Blue-spotted Wood Dove
- Cape Turtle Dove
- Delegorgue's Pigeon
- Emerald spotted Wood Dove
- Laughing Dove
- Lemon Dove, Cinnamon Dove
- Namaqua Dove
- Rameron Pigeon, African Olive Pigeon
- Red-eyed Dove
- Rock Pigeon
- Tambourine Dove

Family: Coraciidae

- Broad-billed Roller
- European Roller
- Lilac-breasted Roller
- Purple Roller
- acket-tailed Roller

Family: Corvidae

- Pied Crow
- White-necked Raven

Family: Cuculidae

- African Cuckoo
- African Emerald Cuckoo
- Barred long-tailed cuckoo
- Black Coucal
- Black Cuckoo
- Burchell's Coucal
- Common Cuckoo
- Diderick Cuckoo
- Green Malkoha
- Green Malkoha
- Jacobin Cuckoo
- Klaas's Cuckoo
- Lesser Cuckoo
- Levallant's Cuckoo
- Red-chested Cuckoo
- Senegal Coucal
- Thick-billed Cuckoo
- White-browed Coucal

Family: Dicruridae

- Fork-tailed Drongo
- Square-tailed Drongo

Family: Emberizidae

- Cabanis's Bunting
- Cinnamon-breasted Bunting
- Golden-breasted Bunting

Family: Estrildidae

- African Firefinch (Nyasa)
- African Quailfinch
- Black-tailed Waxbill (Natal)
- Blue Waxbill
- Bronze Mannikin
- Bronze Mannikin
- Common Waxbill
- Cutthroat Finch
- Green Twinspot
- Green-winged Pytilia
- Grey Waxbill
- Jameson's Firefinch
- Jameson's Firefinch (jamesoni)
- Lesser Seedcracker
- Locustfinch
- Magpie Mannikin
- Orange-breasted Waxbill
- Orange-winged Pytilia
- Red-backed Mannikin
- Red-backed Mannikin
- Red-billed Firefinch
- Red-faced Crimson-wing (Nyasa)
- Red-throated Twinspot
- Swee Waxbill

Family: Eurylaimidae

- African Broadbill

Family: Falconidae

- African Hobby
- Amur Falcon
- Dickinson's Kestrel
- Eurasian Hobby
- Lesser Kestrel
- Peregrine Falcon
- Red-necked Falcon
- Sooty Falcon

Family: Fringillidae

- Black-eared Seedeater
- Brimstone Canary
- Brimstone Canary (shelleyi)
- Lemon-breasted Canary
- Mountain serin
- Streaky-headed Seedeater
- Yellow-fronted Canary

Family: Hirundinidae

- Barn Swallow
- Black Saw-wing
- Brown-throated Martin
- Common House Martin
- Eastern Saw-wing Swallow
- Grey-rumped Swallow
- Lesser Striped Swallow
- Mascarene Martin
- Mosque Swallow
- Rock Martin
- Rufous-chested Swallow
- Sand Martin
- Wire-tailed Swallow

What's Here

Bird Species | Land



Family: Indicatoridae

- Brown-backed Honeybird
- Greater Honeyguide
- Green-backed Honeybird
- Lesser Honeyguide
- Pallid Honeyguide
- Scaly-throated Honeyguide

Family: Laniidae

- Lesser Gray Shrike
- Red-backed Shrike
- Southern Fiscal

Family: Laridae

- African Skimmer
- Caspian Tern
- Gray-hooded Gull
- Whiskered Tern
- White-winged Tern

Family: Leiotherichidae

- Arrow-marked Babbler
- Southern Pied Babbler

Family: Locustellidae

- Barratt's Scrub Warbler
- Fan-tailed Grassbird
- Little Rush Warbler

Family: Lybiidae

- Acacia Pied Barbet
- Black-collared Barbet
- Crested Barbet
- White-eared Barbet
- Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird
- Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird

Family: Macrosphenidae

- Long-billed Crombec
- Moustached Grass Warbler
- Red-faced Crombec

Family: Malaconotidae

- Anchieta's Tchagra
- Black-backed Puffback
- Black-backed Puffback
- Black-crowned Tchagra
- Black-crowned Tchagra
- Black-fronted Bushshrike
- Bokmakierie
- Brown-crowned Tchagra
- Brubru
- Gorgeous Bushshrike
- Grey-headed Bushshrike
- Grey-headed Bushshrike (Southern)
- Marsh Tchagra
- Olive Bushshrike
- Olive Bushshrike
- Orange-breasted Bushshrike
- Southern Boubou
- Tropical Boubou

Family: Meropidae

- Blue-cheeked Bee-eater
- Böhm's Bee-eater
- European Bee-eater
- Little Bee-eater
- Madagascar Bee-eater
- Southern Carmine Bee-eater
- Swallow-tailed Bee-eater
- White-fronted Bee-eater

Family: Monarchidae

- African Paradise Flycatcher
- African Paradise Flycatcher (Grey-headed)
- Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher
- Livingstone's Flycatcher
- White-tailed Blue Flycatcher
- White-tailed Crested Flycatcher (subcaerulea)
- White-tailed crested flycatcher

Family: Motacillidae

- African Pied Wagtail
- African Pipit
- Cape Longclaw
- Cape Wagtail
- Mountain Wagtail
- Mountain Wagtail (torrentium)
- Short-tailed Pipit
- Yellow-throated Longclaw

Family: Muscicapidae

- African Stonechat
- Arnot's Chat
- Arnot's Chat
- Ashy Flycatcher
- Bearded Scrub Robin
- Brown Scrub Robin
- Böhm's Flycatcher
- Cape Robin-Chat
- Cape Robin-Chat
- Capped Wheatear
- Collared Palm-Thrush
- Dusky Alseonax (African)
- East Coast Akalat
- Familiar Chat
- Grey Tit Flycatcher
- Mariqua Flycatcher
- Miombo Rock-Thrush
- Pale Flycatcher
- Redcapped Robin-Chat
- Southern Black Flycatcher
- Spotted Flycatcher
- Swynnerton's Robin
- White-browed Robin-Chat
- White-browed Scrub Robin
- White-starred Robin
- White-throated Robin-Chat

Family: Musophagidae

- Grey Go-away-bird
- Livingstone's Turaco
- Purple-crested Turaco

Family: Nectariniidae

- Amethyst Sunbird
- Amethyst Sunbird (Zambesi)
- Collared Sunbird
- Collared Sunbird
- Grey Sunbird
- Mariqua Sunbird
- Miombo Double-collared Sunbird
- Olive Sunbird
- Olive Sunbird (Alfredi)
- Plain-backed Sunbird
- Purple-banded Sunbird
- Scarlet-chested Sunbird
- Variable Sunbird
- Western Violet-backed Sunbird
- White-bellied Sunbird

Family: Nicatoridae

- Eastern Nicator

Family: Numididae

- Crested Guineafowl
- Helmeted Guineafowl

Family: Oriolidae

- African Golden Oriole
- Black-headed Oriole
- Black-headed Oriole
- Eurasian Golden Oriole
- Green-headed Oriole

Family: Otididae

- Black-bellied Bustard
- Red-crested Korhaan

Family: Pandionidae

- Osprey

Family: Paridae

- Southern Black Tit
- White-winged Black Tit

Family: Passeridae

- House Sparrow
- Southern Grey-headed Sparrow
- White-browed Sparrow Weaver
- Yellow-throated Petronia

Family: Phasianidae

- Blue Quail
- Common Quail
- Coqui Francolin
- Crested Francolin
- Harlequin Quail
- Red-necked Sparfowl

- Swainson's Francolin

Family: Phoenicopteridae

- Greater Flamingo

Family: Phoeniculidae

- Common Scimitar bill
- Green Wood Hoopoe

Family: Phylloscopidae

- Willow Warbler
- Yellow-throated Wood Warbler (alacris)

Family: Picidae

- Bearded Woodpecker
- Cardinal Woodpecker
- Cardinal Woodpecker
- Golden-tailed Woodpecker
- Green-backed Woodpecker
- Speckle-throated Woodpecker
- Stierling's Woodpecker

Family: Pittidae

- African Pitta

Family: Platysteiridae

- Black-and-white Flycatcher
- Black-throated Wattleeye
- Cape Batis
- Cape Batis (Chirinda)
- Chin-spot Batis
- Pale Batis
- Woodward's Batis

Family: Ploceidae

- Black-winged Bishop
- Dark-backed Weaver, Forest Weaver
- Fan-tailed Widowbird
- Golden Weaver
- Grosbeak Weaver
- Lesser Masked Weaver
- Long-tailed Widowbird
- Red-billed Quelea
- Red-collared Widowbird
- Red-headed Quelea
- Red-headed Weaver
- Red-headed Weaver
- Southern Brown-throated Weaver
- Southern Masked Weaver
- Southern Red Bishop
- Spectacled Weaver
- Spectacled Weaver (East African)
- Village Weaver
- White-winged Widowbird
- Yellow Bishop
- Yellow Bishop (crassirostris)
- Yellow Weaver
- Yellow-crowned Bishop
- Yellow-mantled Widowbird

What's Here

Bird Species | Land

Family: Prionopidae

- Chestnut-fronted Helmet Shrike
- Retz's Helmet Shrike
- White-crested Helmet Shrike

Family: Psittacidae

- Brown-headed Parrot
- Grey-headed Parrot

Family: Pycnonotidae

- Common Bulbul,
- Dark-capped (Black-eyed) Bulbul
- Dark-capped Bulbul
- Garden Bulbul (East Coast)
- Sombre Greenbul
- Sombre Greenbul (hypoxanthus)
- Stripe-cheeked Greenbul
- Terrestrial Brownbul
- Terrestrial Brownbul
- Terrestrial Brownbul (intermedius)
- Tiny Greenbul
- Yellow-bellied Greenbul
- Yellow-streaked Greenbul

Family: Remizidae

- Grey Penduline Tit

Family: Rostratulidae

- Greater Painted-snipe

Family: Sagittariidae

- Secretarybird

Family: Scopidae

- Hamerkop

Family: Strigidae

- African Barred Owllet
- African Scops Owl
- African Wood Owl
- Marsh Owl
- Pearl-spotted Owllet
- Pel's Fishing Owl
- Southern White-faced Scops Owl
- Spotted Eagle Owl
- Verreaux's Eagle Owl

Family: Sturnidae

- Black-bellied Starling
- Black-bellied Starling
- Burchell's Starling
- Cape Starling
- Greater Blue-eared Starling
- Lesser Blue-eared Starling
- Miombo Blue-eared Starling
- Red-winged Starling
- Violet-backed Starling
- Wattled Starling

Family: Sylviidae

- Garden Warbler
- Southern Hyliota
- Yellowbellied Hyliota

Family: Trogonidae

- Narina Trogon

Family: Turdidae

- Kurrichane Thrush
- Mountain Thrush
- Olive Thrush
- Orange Ground Thrush (disruptans)
- White-chested Alethe

Family: Tytonidae

- Barn Owl

Family: Upupidae

- African Hoopoe

Family: Viduidae

- Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah
- Cuckoo Finch
- Dusky Indigobird
- Long-tailed Paradise Whydah
- Pin-tailed Whydah
- Purple Indigobird
- Shaft-tailed Whydah
- Twinspot Indigobird
- Village Indigobird

Family: Zosteropidae

- African Yellow White-eye
- African Yellow White-eye (anderssoni)



Bird Species | Wetlands



Family: Alcedinidae

- African Pygmy Kingfisher
- Brown-hooded Kingfisher
- Giant Kingfisher
- Grey-headed Kingfisher
- Half-collared Kingfisher
- Malachite Kingfisher
- Mangrove Kingfisher
- Pied Kingfisher
- Striped Kingfisher
- Woodland Kingfisher

Family: Anatidae

- African Black Duck
- African Pygmy Goose
- Comb Duck, Knob-billed duck
- Egyptian Goose
- Fulvous Duck
- Hottentot Teal
- Red-billed Teal
- Southern Pochard
- Spur-winged Goose
- White-backed Duck
- White-faced Duck
- Yellow-billed Duck

Family: Ardeidae

- Black Heron
- Black-crowned Night Heron
- Black-headed Heron
- Cattle Egret
- Goliath Heron
- Great Egret
- Green-backed Heron
- Grey Heron
- Little Bittern
- Little Egret
- Purple Heron
- Rufous-bellied Heron
- Squacco Heron
- White-backed Night Heron
- Yellow-billed Egret

Family: Burhinidae

- Spotted Thick-knee
- Water Thick-knee

Family: Charadriidae

- African Wattled Lapwing
- Blacksmith Lapwing
- Caspian Plover
- Common Ringed Plover
- Crowned Lapwing
- Grey Plover
- Kittlitz's Plover
- Long-toed Lapwing
- Senegal Lapwing
- Three-banded Plover
- White-crowned Lapwing
- White-fronted Plover

Family: Ciconiidae

- Abdim's Stork
- African Openbill
- Black Stork
- Marabou Stork
- Saddle-billed Stork
- White Stork
- Woolly-necked Stork
- Yellow-billed Stork

Family: Glareolidae

- Bronze-winged Courser
- Collared Pratincole
- Temminck's Courser

Family: Gruidae

- Grey Crowned Crane
- Wattled Crane

Family: Heliornithidae

- African Finfoot

Family: Jacanidae

- African Jacana
- Lesser Jacana

Family: Pelecanidae

- Great White Pelican
- Pink-backed Pelican

Family: Phalacrocoracidae

- Reed Cormorant
- White-breasted Cormorant

Family: Podicipedidae

- Little Grebe
- Family: Rallidae
- African Crake
- African Rail
- Black Crake
- Eurasian Moorhen

Family: Recurvirostridae

- Black-winged Stilt
- Pied Avocet

Family: Scolopacidae

- Black-tailed Godwit
- Common Greenshank
- Common Sandpiper
- Curlew Sandpiper
- Green Sandpiper
- Little Stint
- Marsh Sandpiper
- Ruff
- Wood Sandpiper

Family: Threskiornithidae

- African Sacred Ibis
- African Spoonbill
- Glossy Ibis
- Hadeda Ibis

Family: Turnicidae

- Kurrichane Buttonquail