

CWAC Electronic Census Form Ver 3.2 Animal Demography Unit

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Please email this form back before the end of March (for summer survey) or August (for winter survey).

Please return this form to: cwac@adu.org.za

Name of site:	Zandvlei Lower				
Site code:	34071828				
Date of survey:	Day	Month	Year	Starting time:	09 h 15
	19	10	2024	Finishing time:	11 h 30
Season:	O	Select from the list or leave the field blank.			
Name of compiler:	G.A.Lawson				
ADU observer code:	10691				
New contact details: (postal, tel. fax, e-mail, etc.)	as before				

Names of additional observers: (initials and surname e.g. M. Wheeler)

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Has this site been counted for CWAC before:	Type of count:	Count conditions:
1	1	4
1 – yes 2 – no	1 – on foot 2 – by boat 3 – aerial 4 – motor vehicle 5 – mixed	1 – bad 2 – poor 3 – moderate 4 – good 5 – ideal

Condition of wetland:	1	Percentage of wetland area covered by count: (to nearest 5%)
1 – full (high tide for estuaries) 2 – partially full (mid tide for estuaries) 3 – very little standing water (low tide for estuaries) 4 – mud only 5 – dry		% of shoreline: 90 % of open water: 95

Fixed-point photography: Yes No
if yes, please submit your photos in digital format together with your census form.

Comments: (including any factors that might have affected the results, e.g. rain, wind, water level, disturbance, threats, etc. Also include any other information related to the species observed, breeding information, counts, etc.)

When we arrived at the change over point from upper to lower at the Scout base we checked for the Water Thick-knees and the pair were back and not too spooked by the scouts assembling tents in the area. The main waterbody was quite empty of birds flying or paddling about. At times about 10 years ago there were nearly 1000 Coots to be counted. There were times about 20 years ago when up to 650 Egyptian Geese would be moulting on the picnic grass with feathers and poo every where at this time of year. A Yellow billed Kite flew overhead from the mountain across the vlei and across the Caravan Park going east. Even the Cape Cormorants were in low numbers today. There was a part of the very high sand spit above the water with Sandwich, Caspian and Swift Terns resting. The water flow was 1 metre per 4 seconds under Thesens (foot) Bridge so the the estuary mouth was open, the surface water was rippling about 25 metres ahead of the bridge indicating a high speed flow. There were 5 Grey Herons in the Norfolk Pine tree (heronry) in Axminster Road behind The Tides flats. The one and only Three banded Plover was recorded before the first bend of the estuary.

Total waterbirds counted:	409	This field will update automatically.
Total species observed:	25	This field will update automatically.

Important Notes:

For species observed breeding, please indicate the appropriate breeding code in the breeding column (B);
Breeding status codes: 2 – Possibly breeding, 3 – Probably breeding and 4 – Confirmed breeding;
 If confirmed breeding information is available, please indicate this in the appropriate tab at the bottom;
 Count results should be recorded in the (Count) column;
 For more information, consult the CWAC information sheets.

Species	New Ref	B	Count	Species	New Ref	B	Count
African Penguin	00002	7		Blacksmith Lapwing	00245	2	11
Great Crested Grebe	00004	2	1	White-crowned Lapwing	00246	9	
Black-necked Grebe	00005	8		African Wattled Lapwing	00247	6	
Little Grebe	00006	3		Long-toed Lapwing	00248	3	
Pink-backed Pelican	00041	3		Greater Painted-snipe	00230	0	
Great White Pelican	00042	0		Great Snipe	00249	5	
Cape Gannet	00044	9		African Snipe	00250	9	
White-breasted Cormorant	00047	7	9	Curlew Sandpiper	00251	2	
Cape Cormorant	00048	2	8	Baird's Sandpiper	00252	4	
Bank Cormorant	00049	6		Terek Sandpiper	00257	8	
Reed Cormorant	00050	5	65	Common Sandpiper	00258	1	
Crowned Cormorant	00051	1		Green Sandpiper	00259	7	
African Darter	00052	3	10	Marsh Sandpiper	00262	2	
Grey Heron	00054	6	3	Wood Sandpiper	00264	7	
Black-headed Heron	00055	4	1	Pectoral Sandpiper	00895	9	
Goliath Heron	00056	7		Buff-breasted Sandpiper	00926	5	
Purple Heron	00057	9		Broad-billed Sandpiper	00981	4	
Great Egret	00058	0		White-rumped Sandpiper	00997	9	
Little Egret	00059	8	4	Little Stint	00253	3	
Yellow-billed Egret	00060	7		Red-necked Stint	00897	4	
Cattle Egret	00061	4		Long-toed Stint	00972	4	
Slaty Egret	00982	1		Temminck's Stint	00985	2	
Squacco Heron	00062	1		Red Knot	00254	5	
Green-backed Heron	00063	0		Sanderling	00255	0	
Black Heron	00064	8		Ruff	00256	6	
Rufous-bellied Heron	00065	2		Dunlin	00896	2	
Little Blue Heron	01015	9		Spotted Redshank	00260	6	
Western Reef Heron	02190	2		Common Redshank	00261	0	
Dwarf Bittern	00066	9		Common Greenshank	00263	1	
Little Bittern	00067	6		Greater Yellowlegs	01008	8	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	00069	5		Lesser Yellowlegs	01014	1	
White-backed Night-Heron	00070	2		Black-tailed Godwit	00265	3	
Eurasian Bittern	00071	9		Bar-tailed Godwit	00266	8	
Hamerkop	00072	6		Hudsonian Godwit	01009	0	
Marabou Stork	00073	5		Eurasian Curlew	00267	5	
African Openbill	00074	3		Common Whimbrel	00268	4	
Saddle-billed Stork	00075	7		Pied Avocet	00269	9	
Yellow-billed Stork	00076	4		Black-winged Stilt	00270	3	
Woolly-necked Stork	00077	1		Red Phalarope	00271	8	
Abdim's Stork	00078	8		Red-necked Phalarope	00272	5	
Black Stork	00079	0		Wilson's Phalarope	00929	6	
White Stork	00080	0		Crab Plover	00273	9	
African Sacred Ibis	00081	6	19	Water Thick-knee	00274	4	2
Glossy Ibis	00083	7	1	Collared Pratincole	00281	5	
Hadeda Ibis	00084	1	4	Black-winged Pratincole	00282	7	
African Spoonbill	00085	9		Rock Pratincole	00283	6	
Greater Flamingo	00086	2		Kelp Gull	00287	0	27
Lesser Flamingo	00087	4		Grey-headed Gull	00288	9	
Spur-winged Goose	00088	5		Hartlaub's Gull	00289	4	19
Egyptian Goose	00089	3	135	Sabine's Gull	00901	7	
South African Shelduck	00090	3		Franklin's Gull	00932	2	
Knob-billed Duck	00091	8		Common Black-headed Gull	00933	1	

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African Pygmy-Goose	00092	5		Slender-billed Gull	01078	4	
Northern Shoveler	00093	9		Heuglin's Gull	02042	3	
Cape Shoveler	00094	4		Lesser black-backed Gull	04136	8	
African Black Duck	00095	6		Caspian Tern	00290	4	2
Yellow-billed Duck	00096	0	15	Common Tern	00291	7	
Red-billed Teal	00097	2		Antarctic Tern	00292	9	
Cape Teal	00098	7		Roseate Tern	00293	8	
Hottentot Teal	00099	1		Arctic Tern	00294	0	
White-faced Duck	00100	2		Sooty Tern	00295	5	
Fulvous Duck	00101	9		Sandwich Tern	00296	1	6
Southern Pochard	00102	6		Lesser Crested Tern	00297	3	
Maccoa Duck	00103	5		Swift Tern	00298	6	2
White-backed Duck	00104	3		Little Tern	00299	2	
African Fish-Eagle	00149	2		Damara Tern	00300	0	
Western Marsh-Harrier	00166	0		White-winged Tern	00304	1	
African Marsh-Harrier	00167	2		Whiskered Tern	00305	9	
Pallid Harrier	00168	7		African Skimmer	00306	2	
Black Harrier	00169	1		Gull-billed Tern	00902	9	
Montagu's Harrier	00170	6		Black Tern	00903	8	
Osprey	00172	2		Royal Tern	00935	3	
African Rail	00197	6		Bridled Tern	00936	8	
Corn Crake	00198	3		Black-naped Tern	00937	5	
African Crake	00199	5		White-cheeked Tern	00938	4	
Striped Crake	00200	5		African Grass-Owl	00360	1	
Spotted Crake	00201	1		Marsh Owl	00361	5	
Baillon's Crake	00202	3		Pel's Fishing-Owl	00370	8	
Black Crake	00203	2		Pied Kingfisher	00394	5	8
White-winged Flufftail	00204	6		Giant Kingfisher	00395	0	
Red-chested Flufftail	00205	4		Half-collared Kingfisher	00396	6	
Streaky-breasted Flufftail	00892	8		Malachite Kingfisher	00397	8	
African Purple Swamphen	00208	0		Mangrove Kingfisher	00400	6	
Allen's Gallinule	00209	8		African Pied Wagtail	00685	6	
American Purple Gallinule	00893	7		Cape Wagtail	00686	0	6
Common Moorhen	00210	8		Mountain Wagtail	00688	7	
Lesser Moorhen	00211	3		Yellow Wagtail	00689	1	
Red-knobbed Coot	00212	0	44	Grey Wagtail	00690	1	
African Finfoot	00213	4		Greater Sheathbill	00864	6	
Grey Crowned Crane	00214	9		Mute Swan	00884	3	
Wattled Crane	00215	1		Garganey	00885	7	
Blue Crane	00216	5		Northern Pintail	00886	4	
African Jacana	00228	8		Mandarin Duck	01017	4	
Lesser Jacana	00229	0		Tufted Duck	01298	7	
African Black Oystercatcher	00231	6		Muscovy Duck	10003	2	
Eurasian Oystercatcher	00894	1		Black Swan	10007	9	
Ruddy Turnstone	00232	8		Domestic Duck	10006	7	
Common Ringed Plover	00233	7		Domestic Goose	10004	6	
Lesser Sand Plover	00234	1		Red-crested Pochard	01332	2	
White-fronted Plover	00235	9		Mallard	01016	2	1
Chestnut-banded Plover	00236	2		Mallard Hybrid	10015	1	5
Kittlitz's Plover	00237	4		Hybrid Pochard	00978	1	
Three-banded Plover	00238	5	1	Hybrid Duck	10005	4	
Greater Sand Plover	00239	3		Unidentified Waders	10008	0	
Kentish Plover	02002	0		Unidentified Terns	10009	8	
Caspian Plover	00240	7		Unidentified Gulls	10010	8	
Grey Plover	00241	4		Unidentified Herons	10011	3	
American Golden Plover	00922	0		Unidentified Ducks	10014	9	
Pacific Golden Plover	01039	6		Unidentified Flamingos	10016	5	

Additional Species			
Species	New Ref	B	Count

Confirmed Breeding Information		
Species	New Ref	No. Pairs