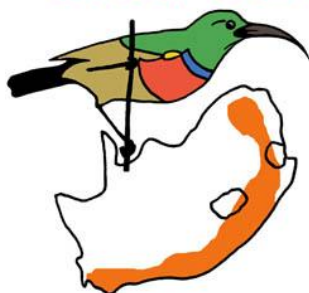


SABAP2



Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2

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To whom it might concern

The second Southern African Bird Atlas (SABAP2) was launched in 2007. The project is an update and refinement of the first Southern African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP1) which ran from 1987-1991 and culminated in the publication of The Atlas of Southern African Birds in 1997. SABAP2 is a joint project of the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), the University of Cape Town (the FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology and SEEC) and BirdLife South Africa (BLSA).

The broad aim of SABAP2, and related projects under the BirdMAP umbrella, is to determine the distribution and relative abundance of birds throughout Africa. In southern Africa, a key goal is to ascertain how species distributions have changed over the last few decades due to environmental changes. It also aims to promote public awareness of birds through the large-scale mobilization of 'citizen scientists'. The project entails volunteer bird-watchers recording bird species in a five-minute by five-minute grid cell or 'pentad' (approx. 9 km x 7 km) over a five day period. This information is submitted to an online database at the University of Cape Town. It is important for observers to try to cover as much of each grid cell as possible in order for an accurate and comprehensive bird list to be compiled for each pentad.

As a landowner or manager you can provide vital support to SABAP2 volunteers by granting them access to private or restricted areas so that they can cover as much of the survey area as possible. As a registered observer they must adhere to the Birders Code of Conduct (<https://www.birdlife.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/BLSA-Code-of-Conduct-Eng.pdf>) as compiled by BirdLife South Africa.

Should you have any queries or questions concerning SABAP2 or a SABAP2 observer, please contact Ernst Retief of BirdLife South Africa (Tel. 082 325 6608, e-mail: ernst.retief@birdlife.org.za).

We thank you for your support of this important project.
With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Ryan', is written over a light blue background.

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