

## Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2 (SABAP2): a window on birds' vulnerability to environmental change



Do you love the outdoors and our region's famous biodiversity? Whether you're an accountant or a zoologist, a student or a pensioner, from the townships or the leafy suburbs, an energetic hiker or a 'car-seat potato': if you have a passionate interest in birds, we need your help through the Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2 (SABAP2).

SABAP2 is a major public-participation project to learn more about how birds respond to changes in their environment – whether climate change, urbanization, invasive species, wetland drainage, fragmented habitats, pollution, conservation protection, or other habitat changes. SABAP2 is a partnership project of the University of Cape Town (Avian Demography Unit), BirdLife South Africa, and SANBI, being carried out across South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland.



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With SABAP2, you can turn your hobby or interest into part of a region-wide, civil society effort to understand how biodiversity responds to these changes. Climate change and other factors are causing birds to spread into new areas and be lost from others. Help us document these changes! For more on the project and how to play a part as a 'citizen scientist,' please visit [www.sabap2.org](http://www.sabap2.org) and contact any of the following for specific help:

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