

About the Garden

The Garden conserve and display plants from the arid and semi-arid regions of southern Africa, with the main focus on succulents. It has a large, well-known succulent collection, plant sales and hiking trails on the natural estate. The Restaurant is located at the lower lawn near a children's play area.

The Garden is currently 154 hectares, with only 11 hectares under cultivation. The remaining 143 hectares is a protected natural area that includes two vegetation types, the Robertson Karoo and the threatened Breede Shale Renosterveld. Numerous animals like the small grey mongoose, shrub hare and various tortoises are frequently seen in the Garden. Well-planned paths will give the visitor hours to discover hidden secrets of the Karoo.

Spring is the most popular time to visit the Garden when the annuals and mesembs or *vygies* are in bloom.

Physical location

108 Roux Road, Worcester, 6850

Operational hours

Garden: 07:00–18:00, no entry after 17:00.

Office: 07:30–13:00 and 14:00–16:30, weekdays.

Contact the Garden for our weekend office hours.

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Karoo Proviant Restaurant

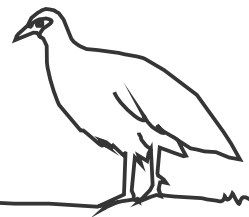
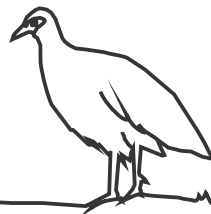
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Desert Birds Trail

The Garden is home to more than 90 bird species that are well adapted to this area's dry conditions. The trail is about 900m long and will take you through different habitats where you will be able to see a diversity of bird life. The signage on the trail aims to inspire you to probe deeper and to gain a better understanding of the fascinating lives of birds.



☐	62	<i>Ardea cinerea*</i>	Grey Heron
☐	71	<i>Bubulcus ibis*</i>	Cattle Egret
☐	81	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	Hamerkop
☐	91	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus*</i>	African Sacred Ibis
☐	94	<i>Bostrychia bagedash</i>	Hadeda Ibis
☐	102	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca*</i>	Egyptian Goose
☐	103	<i>Tadorna cana*</i>	South African Shelduck
☐	127	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Black-shouldered Kite
☐	131	<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>	Verreaux's Eagle
☐	136	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Booted Eagle
☐	148	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer*</i>	African Fish Eagle
☐	152	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>	Jackal Buzzard
☐	155	<i>Accipiter rufiventris</i>	Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk
☐	158	<i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>	Black Sparrowhawk
☐	162	<i>Melierax canorus</i>	Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk
☐	168	<i>Circus maurus</i>	Black Harrier
☐	169	<i>Polyboroides typus</i>	African Harrier Hawk
☐	171	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon
☐	172	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Lanner Falcon
☐	181	<i>Falco rupicolis</i>	Rock Kestrel
☐	190	<i>Francolinus africanus</i>	Grey-winged Francolin
☐	195	<i>Francolinus capensis</i>	Cape Francolin
☐	203	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	Guinea fowl
☐	255	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>	Crowned Lapwing
☐	297	<i>Burbinus capensis</i>	Spotted Thick-knee
☐	344	<i>Pterocles namaqua*</i>	Namaqua Sandgrouse
☐	349	<i>Columba guinea</i>	Speckled Pigeon
☐	352	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	Red-eyed Dove
☐	354	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	Cape Turtle-Dove
☐	355	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Laughing Dove
☐	356	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Namaqua Dove
☐	385	<i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i>	Klaas's Cuckoo
☐	386	<i>Chrysococcyx caprius</i>	Diederick Cuckoo
☐	392	<i>Tyto alba*</i>	Barn Owl
☐	401	<i>Bubo africanus</i>	Spotted Eagle-Owl
☐	412	<i>Apus barbatus</i>	African Black Swift
☐	415	<i>Apus caffer</i>	White-rumped Swift
☐	417	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Little Swift
☐	418	<i>Apus melba</i>	Alpine Swift
☐	424	<i>Colius striatus*</i>	Speckled Mousebird
☐	425	<i>Colius colius</i>	White-backed Mousebird
☐	426	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>	Red-faced Mousebird
☐	451	<i>Upupa africana</i>	African Hoopoe
☐	465	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>	Acacia Pied Barbet
☐	476	<i>Indicator minor</i>	Lesser Honeyguide
☐	480	<i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>	Ground Woodpecker
☐	512	<i>Galerida magnirostris</i>	Large-billed Lark
☐	518	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow
☐	526	<i>Hirundo cucullata</i>	Greater Striped Swallow

☐	Bloureier
☐	Bosluisvoël
☐	Hamerkop
☐	Skoorsteenveer
☐	Hadeda
☐	Kolgans
☐	Kopereend
☐	Blouvalk
☐	Witkruisarend
☐	Dwergarend
☐	Visarend
☐	Rooiborsjakkelsvoël
☐	Rooiborssperwer
☐	Swartspewer
☐	Bleeksingvalk
☐	Witkruispaddavreter
☐	Kaalwangvalk
☐	Swerfvalk
☐	Edelvalk
☐	Kransvalk
☐	Bergpatrys
☐	Kaapse Fisant
☐	Gewone Tarentaal
☐	Kroonkiewiet
☐	Dikkop
☐	Kelkiewyn
☐	Kransduif
☐	Grootringduif
☐	Gewone tortelduif
☐	Rooiborsduifie
☐	Namakwaduijie
☐	Meitjie
☐	Diederikkie
☐	Nonnetjie-uil
☐	Gevlekte ooruil
☐	Afrikaanse Swartwindswael
☐	Witkruiswindswael
☐	Kleinwindswael
☐	Witpenswindswael
☐	Gevlekte muisvoël
☐	Witkruismuisvoël
☐	Rooiwangmuisvoël
☐	Afrikaanse Hoepoep
☐	Bonthoutkapper
☐	Kleinheuningwyser
☐	Grondspeg
☐	Suidelike dikbeklewerik
☐	Europese Swael
☐	Grootstreepswael

☐	529	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
☐	530	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
☐	533	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
☐	550	<i>Corvus albicollis</i>
☐	551	<i>Parus afer</i>
☐	566	<i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>
☐	572	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
☐	577	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
☐	581	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
☐	586	<i>Oenanthe monticola</i>
☐	589	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>
☐	601	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
☐	614	<i>Cercitrichas coryphoeus</i>
☐	621	<i>Parisoma subcaeruleum</i>
☐	622	<i>Parisoma layardi</i>
☐	645	<i>Apalis thoracica</i>
☐	651	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
☐	669	<i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>
☐	686a	<i>Prinia maculosa</i>
☐	698	<i>Sigelus silens</i>
☐	706	<i>Stenostira scita</i>
☐	713	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
☐	717	<i>Anthus similis</i>
☐	732	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
☐	742	<i>Tchagra tchagra</i>
☐	746	<i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>
☐	757	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
☐	759	<i>Spreo bicolor</i>
☐	769	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
☐	773	<i>Promerops cafer*</i>
☐	775	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
☐	783	<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>
☐	788	<i>Nectarinia fusca</i>
☐	796	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
☐	801	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
☐	803	<i>Passer melanurus</i>
☐	813	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
☐	814	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
☐	824	<i>Euplectes orix</i>
☐	846	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
☐	850	<i>Estrilda melanotis</i>
☐	872	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
☐	874	<i>Pseudochloroptila tottus</i>
☐	879	<i>Serinus albogularis</i>
☐	881	<i>Serinus gularis</i>
☐	885	<i>Emberiza capensis</i>

☐	Rock Martin
☐	Common House-Martin
☐	Brown-throated Martin
☐	White-necked Raven
☐	Grey Tit
☐	Cape Bulbul
☐	Sombre Greenbul
☐	Olive Thrush
☐	Cape Rock-Thrush
☐	Mountain Wheatear
☐	Familiar Chat
☐	Cape Robin-Chat
☐	Karoo Scrub-Robin
☐	Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler
☐	Layard's Tit-Babbler
☐	Bar-throated Apalis
☐	Long-billed Crombec
☐	Grey-backed Cisticola
☐	Karoo Prinia
☐	Fiscal Flycatcher
☐	Fairy Flycatcher
☐	Cape Wagtail
☐	Long-billed Pipit
☐	Fiscal Shrike
☐	Southern Tchagra
☐	Bokmakerie
☐	Common Starling
☐	Pied Starling
☐	Red-winged Starling
☐	Cape Sugarbird
☐	Malachite Sunbird
☐	Southern Double-collared Sunbird
☐	Dusky Sunbird
☐	Cape White-eye
☐	House Sparrow
☐	Cape Sparrow
☐	Cape Weaver
☐	Southern Masked-Weaver
☐	Southern Red Bishop
☐	Common Waxbill
☐	Swee Waxbill
☐	Cape Canary
☐	Cape Siskin
☐	White-throated Canary
☐	Streaky-headed Seed-eater
☐	Cape Bunting

☐	Kransswael
☐	Huisswael
☐	Afrikaanse Oewerswael
☐	Withalskraai
☐	Piet-tjou-tjougrysmees
☐	Kaapse Tiptol
☐	Gewone Willie
☐	Olyflyster
☐	Kaapse Klypster
☐	Bergwagter
☐	Gewone Spekvreter
☐	Gewone Janfrederik
☐	Slangverklipper
☐	Bosveldtjeritk
☐	Grystjeritk
☐	Bandkeelkleiniantjie
☐	Bosveldstompstert
☐	Gysrugtinkinkie
☐	Karoolangstertjie
☐	Fiskaal vlieëvanger
☐	Feevlieëvanger
☐	Gewone Kwikkie
☐	Nicholsonse Koester
☐	Gewone Fiskaallaksmen
☐	Grysborstjagra
☐	Bokmakerie
☐	Europese Spreeu
☐	Afrikaanse Witgatspreeu
☐	Rooivlerkspreeu
☐	Kaapse Suikervoël
☐	Jangroentjie
☐	Klein Rooiborssuikerbekkie
☐	Namakwasuikerbekkie
☐	Kaapse Glasogie
☐	Huismossie
☐	Gewone Mossie
☐	Kaapse Wewer
☐	Swartkeelgeelvink
☐	Suidelike Rooivink
☐	Rooibeksie
☐	Suidelike Swie
☐	Kaapse Kanarie
☐	Kaapse pietjiekkanarie
☐	Witkeelkanarie
☐	Streepkopkanarie
☐	Rooivlerkstreepkoppie

*Rare sightings

Total: 95 species

If you have a verified sighting of a new species please let us know and we will update the list.