

SOUTH AFRICAN BIRDS

BLUE CRANE (SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL BIRD)

- Colour:** Light blue-grey with long black wing feathers.
- Size:** Tall, elegant with a long neck.
- Habitat:** Grasslands and open plains.
- Special fact:** Known for their graceful courtship dances.



HADADA IBIS

- Colour:** Dark brown-grey with a greenish shimmer on wings.
- Size:** Medium-sized, long down-curved beak.
- Habitat:** Gardens, parks, wetlands.
- Special fact:** Famous for their loud "haa-haa-haa-de-dah" call, especially at dawn.



HOODED VULTURE

- Colour:** Brown body, pink bald head with a "hood" of feathers.
- Size:** Smaller than the Cape Vulture.
- Habitat:** Grasslands, woodlands, near human settlements.
- Special fact:** Often the first to arrive at carcasses, using their smaller size to get food quickly.



MALACHITE KINGFISHER

- Colour:** Bright blue and orange.
- Size:** Small to medium, with a short tail and large head.
- Habitat:** Rivers, dams, wetlands.
- Special fact:** Excellent hunters that dive into water to catch fish.



CAPE VULTURE

- Colour:** Creamy-buff body, dark brown wings, bald blue-grey head.
- Size:** One of the largest vultures in Africa with wide wingspan.
- Habitat:** Mountain cliffs, open savannahs.
- Special fact:** A "clean-up crew" that feeds on carcasses, keeping the environment healthy.

