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Region: Zimbabwe
Number of species: 706
Number of endemics: 0
Number of breeding endemics: 0
Number of globally threatened species: 0
Number of extinct species: 0
Number of introduced species: 5
Date last reviewed: 2021-02-14

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Common Ostrich	<div></div>	Helmeted Guineafowl	<div></div>	Rock Dove [i]	<div></div>
		Crested Guineafowl	<div></div>	Speckled Pigeon	<div></div>
White-faced Whistling Duck	<div></div>			African Olive Pigeon	<div></div>
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<div></div>	Common Quail	<div></div>	Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon	<div></div>
Maccoa Duck	<div></div>	Harlequin Quail	<div></div>	Lemon Dove	<div></div>
Egyptian Goose	<div></div>	Blue Quail	<div></div>	European Turtle Dove [x]	<div></div>
South African Shelduck [x]	<div></div>	Red-billed Francolin	<div></div>	Mourning Collared Dove	<div></div>
Southern Pochard	<div></div>	Natal Francolin	<div></div>	Red-eyed Dove	<div></div>
Garganey	<div></div>	Red-necked Spurfowl	<div></div>	Ring-necked Dove	<div></div>
Hottentot Teal	<div></div>	Swainson's Francolin	<div></div>	Laughing Dove	<div></div>
Cape Shoveler	<div></div>	Crested Francolin	<div></div>	African Green Pigeon	<div></div>
Northern Shoveler [x]	<div></div>	Coqui Francolin	<div></div>	Emerald-spotted Wood Dove	<div></div>
African Black Duck	<div></div>	Red-winged Francolin	<div></div>	Blue-spotted Wood Dove	<div></div>
Yellow-billed Duck	<div></div>	Shelley's Francolin	<div></div>	Tambourine Dove	<div></div>
Cape Teal	<div></div>			Namaqua Dove	<div></div>
Red-billed Teal	<div></div>	Greater Flamingo	<div></div>		
Northern Pintail	<div></div>	Lesser Flamingo	<div></div>	Namaqua Sandgrouse	<div></div>
White-backed Duck	<div></div>			Yellow-throated Sandgrouse	<div></div>
Spur-winged Goose	<div></div>	Little Grebe	<div></div>	Double-banded Sandgrouse	<div></div>
Comb Duck	<div></div>	Great Crested Grebe	<div></div>	Burchell's Sandgrouse	<div></div>
African Pygmy Goose	<div></div>	Black-necked Grebe [x]	<div></div>		
				European Nightjar	<div></div>
				Rufous-cheeked Nightjar	<div></div>

Fiery-necked Nightjar
Swamp Nightjar
Freckled Nightjar
Mozambique Nightjar
Pennant-winged Nightjar

Lesser Cuckoo
Madagascar Cuckoo [x]

African Rail
African Crane
Corncrake

Spotted Crane
Black Crane
Baillon's Crane
Striped Crane
Purple Swampphen
Allen's Gallinule
Purple Gallinule [x]
Common Moorhen
Lesser Moorhen
Red-knobbed Coot

Buff-spotted Flufftail
Red-chested Flufftail
Streaky-breasted Flufftail
Striped Flufftail
White-winged Flufftail [x]

African Finfoot

Grey Crowned Crane
Wattled Crane

Black-bellied Bustard
Kori Bustard
Ludwig's Bustard
Denham's Bustard
Red-crested Bustard

Grey Go-away-bird
Purple-crested Turaco
Schalow's Turaco

Livingstone's Turaco
Knysna Turaco
Ross's Turaco [x]

European Storm-petrel [x]

Marabou
Yellow-billed Stork
African Openbill
Black Stork
Abdim's Stork
Woolly-necked Stork
European White Stork
Saddle-bill Stork

Great White Pelican
Pink-backed Pelican

Hamerkop

Eurasian Bittern [x]
Little Bittern

Dwarf Bittern
White-backed Night Heron
Black-crowned Night Heron

Striated Heron
Squacco Heron
Madagascar Pond Heron
Rufous-bellied Heron
Cattle Egret
Grey Heron
Black-headed Heron

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Mottled Spinetailed Swift
Böhm's Spinetailed Swift
Scarce Swift
African Palm Swift
Alpine Swift
Mottled Swift
White-rumped Swift
Horus Swift
Little Swift
African Swift
Common Swift

Senegal Coucal
Coppery-tailed Coucal
White-browed Coucal
African Black Coucal
Yellowbill
Jacobin Cuckoo
Levaillant's Cuckoo
Great Spotted Cuckoo
Thick-billed Cuckoo
Klaas's Cuckoo
African Emerald Cuckoo
Diederick Cuckoo
Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo
Red-chested Cuckoo
Black Cuckoo
Common Cuckoo
African Cuckoo

Goliath Heron		Lesser Sand Plover [x]		Common Redshank	
Purple Heron		Greater Sand Plover [x]		Wood Sandpiper	
Great Egret		Caspian Plover		Marsh Sandpiper	
Intermediate Egret		Long-toed Lapwing		Red-necked Phalarope	
Black Heron		Blacksmith Lapwing		Grey Phalarope [x]	
Slaty Egret		Spur-winged Lapwing [x]			
Little Egret		White-headed Lapwing		Common Buttonquail	
		Senegal Lapwing		Black-rumped Buttonquail	
African Sacred Ibis		Crowned Lapwing			
African Spoonbill		African Wattled Lapwing		Double-banded Courser	
Hadada Ibis				Heuglin's Courser	
Glossy Ibis		Greater Painted-snipe		Bronze-winged Courser	
				Temminck's Courser	
Lesser Frigatebird [x]		African Jacana		Collared Pratincole	
Great Frigatebird [x]		Lesser Jacana		Black-winged Pratincole	
				Rock Pratincole	
Long-tailed Cormorant		Whimbrel			
Great Cormorant		Eurasian Curlew		African Skimmer	
		Bar-tailed Godwit [x]		Black-headed Gull [x]	
African Darter		Black-tailed Godwit [x]		Gray-hooded Gull	
		Ruddy Turnstone		Lesser Black-backed Gull	
Water Thick-knee		Ruff		Sooty Tern [x]	
Spotted Thick-knee		Broad-billed Sandpiper		Gull-billed Tern [x]	
		Curlew Sandpiper		Caspian Tern	
Pied Avocet		Sanderling		Whiskered Tern	
Black-winged Stilt		Little Stint		White-winged Tern	
		Pectoral Sandpiper [x]			
Grey Plover		African Snipe		Secretary-bird	
Pacific Golden Plover		Great Snipe			
Common Ringed Plover		Terek Sandpiper		Osprey	
Little Ringed Plover [x]		Common Sandpiper			
Kittlitz's Plover		Green Sandpiper		Black-winged Kite	
Three-banded Plover		Lesser Yellowlegs [x]		European Honey Buzzard	
White-fronted Plover		Spotted Redshank [x]		African Cuckoo Hawk	
Chestnut-banded Plover		Common Greenshank		African Harrier Hawk	

Black-collared Barbet	<div></div>	Amur Falcon	<div></div>	White-crested Helmet-shrike	<div></div>
		Eleonora's Falcon [x]		Retz's Helmet-shrike	<div></div>
White-fronted Bee-eater	<div></div>	Sooty Falcon [x]		Chestnut-fronted Helmet-shrike	<div></div>
White-throated Bee-eater [x]	<div></div>	Eurasian Hobby		Black-and-white Shrike-flycatcher	<div></div>
Southern Carmine Bee-eater	<div></div>	African Hobby			
Olive Bee-eater	<div></div>	Lanner Falcon		Grey-headed Bush-shrike	<div></div>
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<div></div>	Peregrine Falcon		Black-backed Puffback	<div></div>
European Bee-eater	<div></div>	Taita Falcon		Blackcap Bush-shrike	<div></div>
Böhm's Bee-eater	<div></div>			Brown-crowned Tchagra	<div></div>
Swallow-tailed Bee-eater	<div></div>	Brown-necked Parrot		Black-crowned Tchagra	<div></div>
Little Bee-eater	<div></div>	Brown Parrot		Brubru	<div></div>
		Brown-headed Parrot		Black-fronted Bush-shrike	<div></div>
				Olive Bush-shrike	<div></div>
Rufous-crowned Roller	<div></div>			Orange-breasted Bush-shrike	<div></div>
Racquet-tailed Roller	<div></div>	Rose-ringed Parakeet [i]		Tropical Boubou	<div></div>
Lilac-breasted Roller	<div></div>	Nyasa Lovebird		Southern Boubou	<div></div>
European Roller	<div></div>	Black-cheeked Lovebird [i]		Swamp Boubou	<div></div>
Broad-billed Roller	<div></div>			Crimson-breasted Gonolek	<div></div>
		African Pitta		Bokmakierie	<div></div>
				Gorgeous Bush-shrike	<div></div>
African Pygmy Kingfisher	<div></div>				
African Malachite Kingfisher	<div></div>	African Broadbill		Square-tailed Drongo	<div></div>
Half-collared Kingfisher	<div></div>			Fork-tailed Drongo	<div></div>
Giant Kingfisher	<div></div>	White-breasted Cuckooshrike			
Pied Kingfisher	<div></div>	Grey Cuckooshrike		Magpie Shrike	<div></div>
Grey-headed Kingfisher	<div></div>	Black Cuckooshrike		White-crowned Shrike	<div></div>
Brown-hooded Kingfisher	<div></div>			Red-backed Shrike	<div></div>
Striped Kingfisher	<div></div>	Green-headed Oriole		Lesser Grey Shrike	<div></div>
Woodland Kingfisher	<div></div>	Eastern Black-headed Oriole		Southern Fiscal	<div></div>
Mangrove Kingfisher [x]	<div></div>	Eurasian Golden Oriole			
		African Golden Oriole			
Lesser Kestrel	<div></div>	Cape Batis		Cape Crow	<div></div>
Common Kestrel	<div></div>	Woodwards' Batis		White-necked Raven	<div></div>
Greater Kestrel	<div></div>	Chinspot Batis		Pied Crow	<div></div>
Dickinson's Kestrel	<div></div>	East Coast Batis			
Red-necked Falcon	<div></div>	Black-throated Wattle-eye			
Red-footed Falcon	<div></div>				

Blue-mantled Paradise-flycatcher
African Paradise-flycatcher

Gurney's Sugarbird

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Plain-backed Sunbird
Western Violet-backed Sunbird
Collared Sunbird
Olive Sunbird

Mouse-coloured Sunbird [x]

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Amethyst Sunbird

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Scarlet-chested Sunbird

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Bronzy Sunbird

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Malachite Sunbird

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Miombo Double-collared Sunbird

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Mariqua Sunbird

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Shelley's Sunbird

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Purple-banded Sunbird

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White-bellied Sunbird

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Variable Sunbird

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Copper Sunbird

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Red-billed Buffalo Weaver

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White-browed Sparrow Weaver

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Scaly-fronted Weaver

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Grosbeak Weaver

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Cardinal Quelea [x]

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Red-headed Quelea

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Red-billed Quelea

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Yellow-crowned Bishop

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Red-collared Widowbird

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Black-winged Bishop

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Southern Red Bishop

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Yellow Bishop

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Yellow-mantled Widowbird

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Fan-tailed Widowbird

White-winged Widowbird

Long-tailed Widowbird

Spectacled Weaver

Holub's Weaver

Southern Brown-throated Weaver

Lesser Masked Weaver

Southern Masked Weaver

Village Weaver

Dark-backed Weaver

Red-headed Weaver

Brown Firefinch

Red-billed Firefinch

Jameson's Firefinch

African Firefinch

Orange-winged Pytilia

Green-winged Pytilia

Pink-throated Twinspot [x]

Peters's Twinspot

Violet-eared Waxbill

Blue-breasted Cordon-bleu

Lesser Seedcracker

Grey Waxbill

Common Waxbill

Black-faced Waxbill

Green-backed Twinspot

Red-faced Crimson-wing

Swee Waxbill

Yellow-bellied Waxbill

Red-headed Finch

Cut-throat Finch

African Quailfinch

Zebra Waxbill

Locust Finch

Bronze Mannikin

Black-and-white Mannikin

Magpie Mannikin

Pin-tailed Whydah

Eastern Paradise Whydah

Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah

Shaft-tailed Whydah

Peters's Twinspot Indigobird

Dusky Indigobird

Village Indigobird

Purple Indigobird

Parasitic Weaver

House Sparrow [i]

Rufous Sparrow

Cape Sparrow

Northern Grey-headed Sparrow [x]

Southern Grey-headed Sparrow

Yellow-throated Bush Sparrow

Short-tailed Pipit [x]

Bushveld Pipit

Tree Pipit

Striped Pipit

Woodland Pipit

Plain-backed Pipit

African Pipit

Buffy Pipit

Long-billed Pipit

Cape Longclaw

Yellow-throated Longclaw

Rosy-breasted Longclaw

Golden Pipit [x]

Mountain Wagtail

Cape Wagtail		Grey Penduline Tit		Barred Wren Warbler	
Yellow Wagtail		Cape Penduline Tit		Grey-backed Camaroptera	
African Wagtail				Red-faced Cisticola	
Grey Wagtail [x]		Western Nicator		Singing Cisticola	
White Wagtail		Eastern Nicator		Rock-loving Cisticola	
				Rattling Cisticola	
African Citril		Spike-heeled Lark		Tinkling Cisticola	
Black-faced Canary		Dusky Lark		Wailing Cisticola	
Black-throated Canary		Chestnut-backed Sparrow Lark		Winding Cisticola	
Lemon-breasted Canary		Grey-backed Sparrow Lark		Chirping Cisticola	
Yellow-fronted Canary		Sabota Lark		Levaillant's Cisticola	
Brimstone Canary		Fawn-coloured Lark		Croaking Cisticola	
Streaky-headed Canary		Rufous-naped Lark		Short-winged Cisticola	
Black-eared Canary		Flappet Lark		Piping Cisticola	
Cape Canary		Monotonous Lark		Zitting Cisticola	
		Melodious Lark		Desert Cisticola	
Cabanis's Bunting		Red-capped Lark		Pale-crowned Cisticola	
Golden-breasted Bunting		Stark's Lark [x]		Wing-snapping Cisticola	
Cape Bunting		Pink-billed Lark		Tawny-flanked Prinia	
Lark-like Bunting				Black-chested Prinia	
Cinnamon-breasted Bunting		Red-faced Crombec		Red-winged Prinia	
		Long-billed Crombec			
Yellow-bellied Hyliota [x]		Red-capped Crombec [x]		River Warbler	
Southern Hyliota		Cape Grassbird		Fan-tailed Grassbird	
		Moustached Grass Warbler		Little Rush Warbler	
African Fairy-flycatcher [x]				Barratt's Warbler	
White-tipped Crested-flycatcher		Yellow-bellied Eremomela			
Blue-and-white Crested-flycatcher		Green-capped Eremomela		Dark-capped Yellow Warbler	
		Burnt-necked Eremomela		Olive-tree Warbler	
Rufous-bellied Tit		Briar Warbler		Icterine Warbler	
Southern Black Tit		Bar-throated Apalis		Sedge Warbler	
Miombo Tit		Yellow-breasted Apalis		Marsh Warbler	
Ashy Tit		Black-headed Apalis		Common Reed Warbler	
		Chirinda Apalis		Basra Reed Warbler [x]	
		Miombo Wren Warbler		Lesser Swamp Warbler	

Greater Swamp Warbler
Great Reed Warbler

Willow Warbler
Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler

White-browed Scrub Robin
Spotted Flycatcher
Ashy Flycatcher

Grey-rumped Swallow
White-headed Saw-wing [x]

Livingstone's Flycatcher Warbler

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African Dusky Flycatcher
Grey Tit Flycatcher

Black Saw-wing

Eurasian Blackcap [x]

Pale Flycatcher

Northern House Martin

Garden Warbler

Mariqua Flycatcher

South African Swallow

Barred Warbler

Southern Black Flycatcher

Lesser Striped Swallow

Chestnut-vented Warbler

Fiscal Flycatcher [x]

Rufous-chested Swallow

Common Whitethroat

Cape Robin Chat

Mosque Swallow

African Yellow White-eye

White-throated Robin Chat

Greater Striped Swallow

African Yellow White-eye

White-browed Robin Chat

Red-rumped Swallow [x]

Red-rumped Swallow [x]

Red-capped Robin Chat

Blue Swallow

Arrow-marked Babbler

White-starred Robin

White-throated Swallow

Hartlaub's Babbler

Swynnerton's Robin

Wire-tailed Swallow

Southern Pied Babbler

Collared Palm Thrush

Barn Swallow

African Salpornis

White-throated Irania

Pearl-breasted Swallow

African Salpornis

Thrush Nightingale

Rock Martin

Red-billed Oxpecker

European Pied Flycatcher [x]

Banded Martin

Red-billed Oxpecker

Collared Flycatcher

Mascarene Martin [x]

Yellow-billed Oxpecker

Common Redstart [x]

Plain Martin

Wattled Starling

Miombo Rock Thrush

Sand Martin

Common Myna [i]

Short-toed Rock Thrush

Sombre Greenbul

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Red-winged Starling

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Whinchat [x]

Yellow-bellied Greenbul

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Burchell's Starling

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African Stonechat

Stripe-cheeked Greenbul

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Meves's Long-tailed Starling [x]

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Southern Anteater Chat [x]

Tiny Greenbul

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Lesser Blue-eared Starling

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Arnett's Chat

Terrestrial Brownbul

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Cape Starling

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Northern Wheatear [x]

Yellow-streaked Greenbul

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Greater Blue-eared Starling

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Capped Wheatear

Red-whiskered Bulbul

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Amethyst Starling

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Pied Wheatear [x]

Black-fronted Bulbul

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Black-bellied Starling

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Familiar Chat

Common Bulbul

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Eastern Bearded Scrub Robin

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Mocking Cliff Chat

Kalahari Scrub Robin

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Boulder Chat

Orange Thrush
Groundscraper Thrush
Kurrichane Thrush
Olive Thrush
