

Birding in Magoebaskloof

Birding in Magoebaskloof has resulted in over 300 species of indigenous birds sighted and recorded to date. Bird sightings on Dragonwyck Farm itself, has recorded 107 bird species to date. Many of these can be seen from the birders cottages on the farm.



African Fire-finch Trogon

These include Black-fronted Bush-Shrikes, Olive Bush-Shrikes, Narina Trogons, Yellow-streaked Greenbuls, Olive Thrushes, Orange Ground-Thrushes, Yellow-throated Woodland-Warblers, Green Twinspots, Mountain Wagtails, Forest Buzzards, Scaly-throated Honeyguides, White-starred Robin-Chats, Chorister Robin-Chats, Blue-Mantled Crested flycatchers, Barrats Warblers and Black Saw-wings. Birding in Magoebaskloof is a huge attraction for bird lovers.



Within a 50km radius of woodbush there are a number of different vegetative types. Birding in Magoebaskloof district covers forests, grassland, dry thornveld and riverine habitats, all within easy driving distance of Magoebaskloof. Walking trails from the Birders Cottages are also situated right next on the farm.

Birding in Magoebaskloof – Walking Trails

- **Swartbos Trail** is an excellent 3km trail which passes through a mistbelt forest.
- **Woodbush Forest** is one of the premier birding spots in South Africa, and is a short drive away in the adjacent valley.
- **Haenertsburg Common (or Louis Changuion)** is a 10km trail

which passes through grassland and forest patches of the Haenertsburg Common.

- **Serala Drive** takes you through the Haenertsburg rain shadow characterised by dry thornveld before climbing up into the Wolkberg Mountains. This spot offers wonderful views of the Wolkberg Wilderness area from the Serala picnic site.



Whether you are an avid birder or a casual birdwatcher, [Magoebaskloof Birders Cottages](#) provide ideal accommodation surrounded by indigenous plants, providing the ideal habitat for many birds and animals. Wildlife visitors include Honey Badgers, Bushbucks, Bushpigs, Civets, Genets, Porcupines and Mongooses. See images captured on our [camera traps here](#).

Enjoy birding in Magoebaskloof early in the mornings with your coffee, along the walking trails, and in the evenings from your self catering accommodation, and soak up both the sounds and the silence of this special place.

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