Namoroka Birds Checklist

Madagascar has one of the world's most remarkable bird faunas. Around **210 bird species breed** on the island, and roughly **52% of them are endemic** - found nowhere else on Earth. Madagascar is also exceptional at higher taxonomic levels, with **two distinctive bird orders -** the Mesites **(Mesitornithiformes)** and the Cuckoo-roller **(Leptosomiformes)**; **four strictly endemic families**: **Mesitornithidae** (mesites), **Brachypteraciidae** (ground-rollers), **Philepittidae** (asities), **Bernieridae** (Malagasy warblers/Tetrakas); **two near-endemic families**: the **Vangidae (**vangas) and the **Leptosomatidae,** (Cuckoo-roller), both of which also occur in the nearby Comoros Island; **One endemic subfamily** of the **Cuculidae** is **the Couinae**, comprising Madagascar's remarkable **couas;** Altogether, Madagascar has around **40 endemic bird genera**. This extraordinary level of endemism is the result of Madagascar's long geographic isolation and the evolution of its birds in relative isolation.

Namoroka National Park has recorded more than **102 bird species**, with Madagascar and regional endemic species accounting for approximately **61%** of its avifauna (S. M. Goodman & M. J. Raherilalao, compilers; R. Albignac, S. M. Goodman, A. F. A. Hawkins, M. J. Raherilalao & G. Randrianasolo). The significant population of **Vasa Parrots** (*Coracopsis* ssp) is a clear indication of the favorable habitat and rich birdlife. The Park and its surrounding ecosystem, which comprises dry deciduous forest and wetlands (lakes and water streams), provide a diverse range of endemic bird species such as the **Schlegel's Asity** *(Philepitta schlegeli)***,** the **Western Rufous Vanga** *(Schetba occidentalis)***,** the **Long-billed Tetraka** *(Bernieria madagascariensis),* the **Giant Coua** *(Coua gigas),* among many others

Additionally, the **mangrove ecosystems near Soalala** provide important habitat for numerous other bird species and further contribute to the ornithological importance of the region. Taking Namoroka and its surrounding ecosystems into account, a total of **127 bird species** are currently listed below.

(*)	Species endemic to Madagascar
(#)	Species endemic to Malagasy Region (including Seychelles, Comoro, and Mascarenes),
(**)	Species in a genus endemic to Madagascar
(***)	Species in a genus and family endemic to Madagascar
(*#)	Species endemic to Madagascar in a genus endemic to the Malagasy Region
(###)	Species in a genus and family endemic to the Malagasy Region.
	Nonendemic (no symbol)

Conservation status by IUCN



NR: Not recognized as a species,
DD: Data Deficient
NT : Near Threatened
EW: Extinct in the Wild
Residency Status: **B**, breeding visitor; **I**, introduced; N, nonbreeding visitor; **R**, resident, native, breeding; **S**, mainly at sea; **V**, vagrant.

Tick columns: 1: Birds that visitors and guide saw and described well on its species, but couldn't get a picture. **2**: Species that the visitor managed to get a picture and agreed with his guide on its name. **3:** Species that the guide saw but the visitors were focusing on other things.

No	Common English Names	Scientific Names	Other/Past Scientific Names	Endemism	Residency status	IUCN	Ticks 1	2	3	Guide Check
1	**Asity, Schlegel's**	*Philepitta schlegeli*		***	R	NT				√
2	**Bee-eater, Olive (Madagascar)**	*Merops superciliosus*			R	LC				√
3	**Bittern, Little**	*Ixobrychus minutus*			R	LC				Cf
4	**Bulbul, Madagascar**	*Hypsipetes m/sis*		#	R	LC				√
5	**Buttonquail, Madagascar**	*Turnix nigricollis*		#	R	LC				√
6	**Buzzard, Madagascar**	*Buteo brachypterus*		*	R	LC				√
7	**Cisticola, Madagascar**	*Cisticola cherina*		#	R	LC				√
8	**Cormorant, Long-tailed or Reed**	*Microcarbo africanus*	*Phalacrocorax africanus*, *Halietor africanus*		R	LC				√
9	**Coua, Coquerel's**	*Coua coquereli*		**	R	LC				√
10	**Coua, Crested**	*Coua cristata*	*Coua pyropyga* (treated here as a subspecies)	**	R	LC				√
11	**Coua, Giant**	*Coua gigas*		**	R	LC				√
12	**Coua, Red-capped**	*Coua ruficeps*	*n*	**	R	LC				√
13	**Coucal, Madagascar**	*Centropus toulou*		#	R	LC				√
14	**Crake, Baillon's**	*Zapornia pusilla*	*Porzana pusilla*		R	LC				Cf
15	**Crow, Pied**	*Corvus albus*			R	LC				√

16	**Cuckoo, Madagascar**	*Cuculus rochii*		*	**B, R**	**LC**				√
17	**Cuckoo-hawk, Madagascar**	*Aviceda m/sis*		*	**R**	**LC**				√
18	**Cuckoo-roller, Madagascar**	*Leptosomus discolor*		###	**R**	**LC**				√
19	**Cuckooshrike, Madagascar**	*Coracina cinerea*		#	**R**	**LC**				√
20	**Darter, African**	*Anhinga rufa*	*Anhinga melanogaster*		**R**	**LC**				√
21	**Dove, Madagascar Turtle**	*Nesoenas picturatus*	*Streptopelia picturata*	##	**R**	**LC**				√
22	**Dove, Namaqua**	*Oena capensis*			**R**	**LC**				√
23	**Drongo, Crested**	*Dicrurus forficatus*		#	**R**	**LC**				√
24	**Duck, Fulvus whistling**	*Dendrocygna bicolor*			**R**	**LC**				√
25	**Duck, Knob-billed**	*Sarkidiornis melanotos*			**R**	**LC**				√
26	**Duck, Red-billed**	*Anas erythrorhyncha*			**R**	**LC**				√
27	**Duck, White-faced whistling**	*Dendrocygna viduata*			**R**	**LC**				√
28	**Egret, Cattle**	*Bubulcus ibis*	*Ardea ibis*, *Ardeola ibis*		**R**	**LC**				√
29	**Egret, dimorphic**	*Egretta dimorpha*				**LC**				√
30	**Egret, Great**	*Ardea alba*	*Ardea ibis*, *Ardeola ibis*		**R**	**LC**				√
31	**Egret, Little**	*Egretta garzetta*	*Egretta dimorpha* (treated here as a subspecies), *E. gularis*		**R**	**LC**				√
32	**Falcon, Eleonora's**	*Falco eleonorae*			**N**	**LC**				√
33	**Falcon, Peregrine**	*Falco peregrinus*			**R**	**LC**				√
34	**Falcon, Sooty**	*Falco concolor*			**N**	**VU**				√
35	**Fish-eagle, Madagascar**	*Haliaeetus vociferoides*		*	R	**CR**				√
36	**Flamingo, Greater**	*Phoenicopterus roseus*	*Phoenicopterus ruber*		**N(R)**	**LC**				√So
37	**Flamingo, Lesser**	*Phoenicopterus minor*	*Phoenicopterus minor*		**N**	**NT**				√So
38	**Flycatcher, Madagascar Paradise**	*Terpsiphone mutata*		#	**R**	**LC**				√
39	**Fody, Madagascar (ex :Red)**	*Foudia m/sis*		*#	**R**	**LC**				√
40	**Gallinule, Allen's**	*Porphyrio alleni*	*Porphyrula alleni*			**LC**				√
41	**Goshawk, Henst's**	*Accipiter henstii*		*	**R**	**NT**				√
42	**Grebe, Little**	*Tachybaptus ruficollis*			**R**	**LC**				√
43	**Grebe, Madagascar**	*Tachybaptus pelzelnii*		*	**R**	**EN**				√
44	**Guineafowl, Helmeted**	*Numida meleagris*	*Numida mitrata*		**R(?)**	**LC**				√
45	**Hamerkop**	*Scopus umbretta*			**R**	**LC**				√
46	**Harrier, Madagascar (Marsh)**	*Circus macrosceles*	*Circus maillardi*	#	**R**	**EN**				Cf?
47	**Harrier-hawk, Madagascar**	*Polyboroides radiatus*		*	**R**	**LC**				√
48	**Hawk, Bat**	*Macheiramphus alcinus*	*Machaerhamphus alcinus*	*	**R**	**LC**				Cf
49	**Heron, Black**	*Egretta ardesiaca*	*Hydranassa ardesiaca*		**R**	**LC**				Cf
50	**Heron, Gray**	*Ardea cinerea*			**R**	**LC**				√
51	**Heron, Madagascar (Humblot's)**	*Ardea humbloti*		#	**R**	**EN**				Cf
52	**Heron, Madagascar Pond**	*Ardeola idae*		#	**B(R)**	**EN**				√
53	**Heron, Purple**	*Ardea purpurea*			**R**	**LC**				√
54	**Heron, Squacco**	*Ardeola ralloides*			**R**	**LC**				√
55	**Heron, Striated**	*Butorides striata*			**R**	**LC**				√
56	**Hoopoe, Madagascar**	*Upupa marginata*	*Upupa epops*	*	**R**	**LC**				√
57	**Ibis, Glossy**	*Plegadis falcinellus*			**R**	**LC**				√
58	**Ibis, Madagascar crested**	*Lophotibis cristata*		**	**R**	**NT**				√
59	**Ibis, Madagascar sacred**	*Threskiornis bernieri*	*Threskiornis aethiopicus*	#	**R**	**EN**				√
60	**Jacana, Madagascar**	*Actophilornis albinucha*		*	**R**	**NT**				√
61	**Jery, Common**	*Neomixis tenella*		**	**R**	**LC**				√
62	**Kestrel, Banded**	*Falco zoniventris*		*	**R**	**LC**				√
63	**Kestrel, Madagascar**	*Falco newtoni*		#	**R**	**LC**				√
64	**Kingfisher, Madagascar (Malachite)**	*Corythornis vintsioides*	*Alcedo vintsioides*	#	**R**	**LC**				√
65	**Kingfisher, Madagascar pygmy**	*Corythornis m/sis*	*Ispidina m/sis*, *Ceyx m/sis*	*	**R**	**LC**				√
66	**Kite, Yellow-billed**	*Milvus aegyptius*	*Milvus migrans*		**R**	**LC**				√

67	**Lark, Madagascar**	*Eremopterix hova*	*Mirafra hova*	*	**R**	**LC**				√
68	**Lovebird, Gray-headed**	*Agapornis canus*		*	**R**	**LC**				√
69	**Mannikin, Madagascar**	*Lepidopygia nana*	*Lonchura nana*	**	**R**	**LC**				√
70	**Magpie-robin, Madagascar**	*C. albospecularis*		*	**R**	**LC**				√
71	**Martin, Madagascar Plain**	*Riparia cowani*	*Riparia paludicola cowani*	*	**R**	**LC**				**Cf**
72	**Martin, Mascarene**	*Phedina borbonica*		##	**R, B**	**LC**				√
73	**Moorhen, Eurasian (Common)**	*Gallinula chloropus*			**R**	**LC**				√
74	**Myna, Common**	*Acridotheres tristis*			**I**	**LC**				√
75	**Newtonia, Common**	*Newtonia brunneicauda*		**	**R**	**LC**				√
76	**Night-heron, Black-crowned**	*Nycticorax nycticorax*			**R**	**LC**				√
77	**Nightjar, Madagascar**	*Caprimulgus m/sis*		#	**R**	**LC**				√
78	**Openbill, African**	*Anastomus lamelligerus*			**R**	**LC**				√
79	**Owl, Barn**	*Tyto alba*			**R**	**LC**				√
80	**Owl, Madagascar Long-eared**	*Asio madagascariensis*		*	**R**	**LC**				√
81	**Owl, White-browed**	*Athene superciliaris*	*Ninox superciliaris*	*	**R**	**LC**				√
82	**Owl (scops), Madagascar**	*Otus rutilus*	*Otus madagascariensis*	*	**R**	**LC**				√
83	**Painted-snipe, Greater**	*Rostratula benghalensis*			**R**	**LC**				√
84	**Parrot, Lesser vasa (Black)**	*Coracopsis nigra*	*Mascarinus vasa*	##	**R**	**LC**				√
85	**Parrot, Greater vasa**	*Coracopsis vasa*	*Mascarinus vasa*	##	**R**	**LC**				√
86	**Partridge, Madagascar**	*Margaroperdix m/sis*	*Margaroperdix m/sis*	**	**R**	**LC**				√
87	**Pigeon, Madagascar Blue**	*Alectroenas m/sis*		*#	**R**	**LC**				√
88	**pigeon, Madagascar Green**	*Treron australis*		#	**R**	**LC**				√
89	**Plover, Madagascar**	*Charadrius thoracicus*			**R**	**VU**				√
90	**Plover, Crab**	*Dromas ardeola*			**N**	**LC**				**Cf**
91	**Plover, Greater Sand**	*Charadrius leschenaultii*			**N**	**LC**				**Cf**
92	**Plover, Kittlitz's**	*Charadrius pecuarius*			**R**	**LC**				√
93	**Plover, Madagascar Three-banded**	*Charadrius bifrontatus*	**Lumped in** *C. tricollaris*	*	**R**	**LC**				√
94	**Pratincole, Madagascar**	*Glareola ocularis*			**B**	**VU**				√
95	**Pygmy-goose, African**	*Nettapus auritus*			**R**	**LC**				√
96	**Quail, Common**	*Coturnix coturnix*			**R**	**LC**				√
97	**Rail, White-throated**	*Dryolimnas cuvieri*		##	**R**	**LC**				√
98	**Rail, Sakalava**	*Zapornia olivieri*	*Amauronis olieri*	##	**R**	**EN**				**Cf ?**
99	**Roller, Broad-billed**	*Eurystomus glaucurus*			**B**	**LC**				√
100	**Sandgrouse, Madagascar**	*Pterocles personatus*		*	**R**	**LC**				√
101	**Sparrowhawk, Frances's**	*Accipiter francesii*	*Accipiter francesii*	#	**R**	**LC**				√
102	**Sparrowhawk, Madagascar**	*A. madagascariensis*		*	**R**	**NT**				√
103	**Spinetail, Madagascar**	*Zoonavena grandidieri*		#	**R**	**LC**				**Cf**
104	**Spoonbill, African**	*Platalea alba*			**R**	**LC**				√
105	**Starling, Madagascar**	*Hartlaubius auratus*	*Saroglossa aurata*	**	**R**	**LC**				√
106	**Stilt, Black-winged**	*Himantopus himantopus*			**R**	**LC**				√
107	**Stonechat, African**	*Saxicola torquatus*			**R**	**LC**				√
108	**Stork, Yellow-billed**	*Mycteria ibis*			**R**	**LC**				√
109	**Sunbird, Madagascar green**	*Cinnyris notatus*	*Nectarinia notata*	#	**R**	**LC**				√
110	**Sunbird, Souimanga**	*Cinnyris sovimanga*	*Nectarinia souimanga,*	#	**R**	**LC**				√
111	**Swift, Alpine**	*Apus melba*	*Tachymarptis melba*		**R**	**LC**				**Cf**
112	**Swift, Madagascar**	*Apus balstoni*	*Apus barbatus*	#	**R**	**LC**				√
113	**Swift, Madagascar Palm**	*Cypsiurus gracilis*		#	**R**	**LC**				√
114	**Teal, Blue-billed (Hottentot)**	*Spatula hottentota*	*Anas hottentota*		**R**	**LC**				√
115	**Tetraka, Long-billed**	*Bernieria m/sis*	*Phyllastrephus m/sis*	***	**R**	**LC**				√
116	**Vanga, Chabert**	*Leptopterus chabert*		**	**R**	**LC**				√

117	**Vanga, Hook-billed**	*Vanga curvirostris*		**	R	LC				√
118	**Vanga, Madagascar Blue**	*Cyanolanius madagascarinus*	*Leptopterus madagascarinus*	##	R	LC				√
119	**Vanga, Red-tailed**	*Calicalicus m/sis*		**	R	LC				√
120	**Vanga, Sickle-billed**	*Falculea palliata*		**	R	LC				√
121	**Vanga, White-headed**	*Artamella viridis*	*Leptopterus viridis*	**	R	LC				√
122	**Vanga,Western Rufous**	*Schetba occidentalis*	*Schetba rufa*	**	R	LC				√
123	**Wagtail, Madagascar**	*Motacilla flaviventris*		*	R	LC				√
124	**Warbler, Madagascar Brush-**	*Nesillas typica*		##	R	LC				√
125	**Warbler, Madagascar Swamp-**	*Acrocephalus newtoni*		*	R	LC				Cf
126	**Weaver, Sakalava**	*Nelicurvius sakalava*	*Ploceus sakalava*	**	R	LC				√
127	**White-eye, Madagascar**	*Zosterops maderaspatanus*		#	R	LC				√

This checklist is based on a wide variety of sources, the local observations, and also the best information available at this time. I am pleased to offer this birds checklist to nature lovers who come to look for the diversity of life at Namoroka, and enjoy every moment here. If you find any errors on this lists, please do not hesitate to report them to me at the address below. Thank you

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