

CHRISSIESMEER

LAKE CHRISSIE

BIRDS OF CHRISSIESMEER



African Harrier Hawk



Malachite Kingfisher



Blue Korihaan



Southern Bunting



Grey Crowned Crane



Blue Crane



Blue Heron



Yellow Bellied Duck



Lesser Frigatebird



Fish Eagle

Welcome to Chrissiesmeer

The small hamlet of Chrissiesmeer is the centre of South Africa's largest lake district with some 700 lakes and pans scattered within a 20 km radius of the town. This pans and lakes offer a haven to many forms of bird, amphibian, marine and botanical species, many of them rare and under threat from human development.

A hotbed of bird, owing its title to a small group of Scottish settlers and the influx from the South African gold rush, Chrissiesmeer plays host to all three of the South African game species as well as an abundance of wild flowers and grasses which we celebrate annually.

The grasslands of South Africa are under threat from both human development, such as mining and agriculture, and climate change. The area is home to some of the most diverse and unique ecosystems in the world. Please help us to preserve its unique ecology and keep Chrissiesmeer clean for future generations.

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FROGS OF CHRISSIESMEER

Painted reed frog

The painted reed frog is a small, stocky frog with a mottled pattern of brown, black and white. It is found in the reeds and grasses of the wetlands. It is a common sight in the wetlands and is often seen basking in the sun.



The Rattling Frog

The rattling frog is a small, stocky frog with a mottled pattern of brown, black and white. It is found in the reeds and grasses of the wetlands. It is a common sight in the wetlands and is often seen basking in the sun.



Bubbling Kassia

The bubbling kassia is a small, stocky frog with a mottled pattern of brown, black and white. It is found in the reeds and grasses of the wetlands. It is a common sight in the wetlands and is often seen basking in the sun.



Bronze Caco

The bronze caco is a small, stocky frog with a mottled pattern of brown, black and white. It is found in the reeds and grasses of the wetlands. It is a common sight in the wetlands and is often seen basking in the sun.



Cape river frog

The Cape river frog is a small, stocky frog with a mottled pattern of brown, black and white. It is found in the reeds and grasses of the wetlands. It is a common sight in the wetlands and is often seen basking in the sun.



Gutteral toad

The gutteral toad is a small, stocky frog with a mottled pattern of brown, black and white. It is found in the reeds and grasses of the wetlands. It is a common sight in the wetlands and is often seen basking in the sun.



Tremolo Sand Frog

The tremolo sand frog is a small, stocky frog with a mottled pattern of brown, black and white. It is found in the reeds and grasses of the wetlands. It is a common sight in the wetlands and is often seen basking in the sun.





The Chrissiesmeer recommended route starts at the police station marked ● on the map. Proceed 4 km east along the Mbane/Swaziland N17 tar road. Turn right at ● onto the gravel road at the Lothair signboard. Drive on for 13 km. The pan fields can be seen in the distance on your right hand side. Turn right at the Liefgekozen signboard ● onto the gravel road. Two km further on ●, view a few pans along the road, namely Slangpan on your right hand side and the Kogans pan on your left hand side. Another 1 km further on at ● brings you to Lake Banagher on the left and Koringriethaanpan on the right. Proceed a further 7 km on the gravel road until you reach a tar road. Turn right ● driving in a westerly direction for another 9 km. Take a circle route ● turning left and drive on for 7 km on a gravel road passing Koolbank panne or alternatively proceed straight on ● for 4 km on the tar road. Turn right onto gravel road at the Chrissiesmeer sign board ● Drive on for 6 km and you will reach Driefontein's "two open pans" ● on of the road. From there a further 4 km will get you to Tweeling Oos and Tweeling Wes pans ● A further 5 km gets you to Lake Chrissie. ● (Chrissiesmeer) The widest area of this lake floods into the gravel road in very wet years. Five km further brings you to the town of Chrissiesmeer ●

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Birding Site: Chrissie Pans

Province: Mpumalanga

IBA Code: ZA 015

*Species are listed in order of relative abundance

	English common name:	Afrikaans common name	Scientific name	Status	Seen
1	Common Fiscal	Fiskaallaksmen	<i>Lanius collaris</i>		
2	Cape Turtle-Dove	Gewone Tortelduif	<i>Streptopelia</i>		
3	African Stonechat	Gewone Bontrokkie	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>		
4	Long-tailed Widowbird	Langstertflap	<i>Euplectes progne</i>		
5	Yellow-billed Duck	Geelbekeend	<i>Anas undulata</i>		
6	Red-knobbed Coot	Bleshoender	<i>Fulica cristata</i>		
7	Cape Longclaw	Oranjekeelkalkoentjie	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>		
8	Anteater Chat	Swartplek	<i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i>		
9	Southern Red Bishop	Rooivink	<i>Euplectes orix</i>		
10	Southern Masked-Weaver	Swartkeelgeelvink	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>		
11	Hadedda Ibis	Hadedda	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>		
12	Egyptian Goose	Kolgans	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>		
13	Black-Shouldered Kite	Blouvalk	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		
14	Cattle Egret	Veereier	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		
15	Cape Sparrow	Gewone Mossie	<i>Passer melanurus</i>		
16	Red-eyed Dove	Grootringduif	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>		
17	Blacksmith Lapwing	Bontkiewiet	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>		
18	Laughing Dove	Rooiborsduifie	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		
19	Levaillant's Cisticola	Vleitinktinkie	<i>Cisticola tinnis</i>		
20	Steppe Buzzard	Bruinjakksvoel	<i>Buteo vulpinus</i>		
21	Spur-winged Goose	Wildemakou	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>		
22	African Pipit	Gewone Koester	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>		
23	Barn Swallow	Europese Swael	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		
24	Zitting Cisticola	Landerykloppie	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		
25	Yellow-crowned Bishop	Goudgeelvink	<i>Euplectes afer</i>		
26	Cape Wagtail	Gewone Kwikkie	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>		
27	Pin-tailed Whydah	Koningrooibekkie	<i>Vidua macroura</i>		
28	Black-headed Heron	Swartkopreier	<i>Ardea melanocephala</i>		
29	Reed Cormorant	Rietduiker	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>		
30	Wing-snapping Cisticola	Kleinste Kloploppie	<i>Cisticola ayresii</i>		

31	Cape Shoveler	Kaapse Slopeend	Anas smithii		
32	Cloud Cisticola	Gevlekte Klopkloppie	Cisticola textrix		
33	Little Grebe	Kleindobbertjie	Tachybaptus ruficollis		
34	Banded Martin	Gebande Oewerswael	Riparia cincta		
35	Common Waxbill	Rooibeksyste	Estrilda astrild		
36	African Spoonbill	Lepelaar	Platalea alba		
37	Pied Starling	Witgatspreeu	Spreo bicolor		
38	Black-throated Canary	Bergkanarie	Crithagra atrogularis		
39	Grey Heron	Blouereier	Ardea cinerea		
40	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow	Gryskopmossie	Passer diffusus		
41	Helmeted Guineafowl	Gewone Tarentaal	Numida meleagris		
42	Swainson's Spurfowl	Bosveldfisant	Pternistis swainsonii		
43	White-winged Tern	Witvlerksterretjie	Chlidonias leucopterus		
44	Common Moorhen	Grootwaterhoender	Gallinula chloropus		
45	Three-banded Plover	Driebandstrandkiewiet	Charadrius tricollaris		
46	White-throated Swallow	Witkeelswael	Hirundo albigularis		
47	Speckled Pigeon	Kransduif	Columba guinea		
48	Cape Robin-Chat	Gewone Janfrederik	Cossypha caffra		
49	Amur Falcon	Oostelike Rooipootvalk	Falco amurensis		
50	African Sacred Ibis	Skoorsteenveer	Threskiornis aethiopicus		
51	Grey-headed Gull	Gryskopmeeu	Larus cirrocephalus		
52	Cape Canary	Kaapse Kanarie	Serinus canicollis		
53	Crowned Lapwing	Kroonkiewiet	Vanellus coronatus		
54	White Stork	Witoeievaar	Ciconia ciconia		
55	Diderick Cuckoo	Diederikkie	Chrysococcyx caprius		
56	Greater Flamingo	Grootflamink	Phoenicopterus ruber	NT	
57	Fan-tailed Widowbird	Kortsterflap	Euplectes axillaris		
58	Sand Martin	Europese Oewerswael	Riparia riparia		
59	Common Myna	Indiese Spreeu	Acridotheres tristis		
60	Greater Striped Swallow	Grootstreepswael	Hirundo cucullata		
61	Cape Weaver	Kaapse Wewer	Ploceus capensis		
62	Whiskered Tern	Witbaardsterretjie	Chlidonias hybrida		
63	Goliath Heron	Reusereier	Ardea goliath		
64	White-breasted Cormorant	Witborsduiker	Phalacrocorax carbo		
65	Lesser Swamp-Warbler	Kaapse Rietsanger	Acrocephalus gracilirostris		
66	Brown-throated Martin	Afrikaanse Oewerswael	Riparia paludicola		
67	Southern Bald Ibis	Kalkoenibis	Geronticus calvus	VU	
68	Bokmakierie Bokmakierie	Bokmakierie	Telophorus zeylonus		
69	African Purple Swampphen	Grootkoningriethaan	Porphyrio madagascariensis		
70	Red-billed Quelea	Rooibekkwelea	Quelea quelea		
71	Southern Pochard	Bruineend	Netta erythrophthalma		
72	Pied Kingfisher	Bontvisvanger	Ceryle rudis		
73	Little Egret	Kleinwitreier	Egretta garzetta		
74	Glossy Ibis	Glansibis	Plegadis falcinellus		
75	African Snipe	Afrikaanse Snip	Gallinago nigripennis		
76	Kittlitz's Plover	Geelborsstrandkiewiet	Charadrius pecuarius		
77	Dark-capped Bulbul	Swartoogtiptol	Pycnonotus tricolor		
78	Black-headed Oriole	Swartkopwielewaal	Oriolus larvatus		
79	Spike-heeled Lark	Vlaktelewerik	Chersomanes albofasciata		
80	Red-billed Teal	Rooibekeend	Anas erythrorhynchos		

81	Little Swift	Kleinwindswael	Apus affinis		
82	Marsh Owl	Vlei-uil	Asio capensis		
83	African Darter	Slanghalsvoel	Anhinga rufa		
84	Cape White-eye	Kaapse Glasogie	Zosterops virens		
85	Speckled Mousebird	Gevlekte Muisvoel	Colius striatus		
86	Great Egret	Grootwitreier	Egretta alba		
87	Secretarybird Secretarybird	Sekretarisvoel	Sagittarius serpentarius	NT	
89	Red-capped Lark	Rooikoplewerik	Calandrella cinerea		
90	Yellow-billed Egret	Geelbekwitreier	Egretta intermedia		
91	Cape Teal	Teeleend	Anas capensis		
92	Grey Crowned Crane	Mahem	Balearica regulorum	VU	
93	White-rumped Swift	Witkruiswindswael	Apus caffer		
94	Black-winged Stilt	Rooipootelsie	Himantopus Himantopus		
95	Yellow-fronted Canary	Geeloogkanarie	Crithagra mozambicus		
96	Lesser Flamingo	Kleinflamink	Phoenicopterus minor	NT	
97	Plain-backed Pipit	Donkerkoester	Anthus leucophrys		
98	Little Rush-Warbler	Kaapse Vleisanger	Bradypterus baboecala		
99	Hamerkop Hamerkop	Hamerkop	Scopus umbrette		
100	African Quailfinch	Gewone Kwartelvinkie	Ortygospiza atricollis		
101	Marsh Sandpiper	Moerasruiter	Tringa stagnatilis		
102	Streaky-headed Seedeater	Streepkopkanarie	Crithagra gularis		
103	African Wattled Lapwing	Lelkiewiet	Vanellus senegallus		
104	Pied Avocet	Bontelsie	Recurvirostra avosetta		
105	African Hoopoe	Hoephoep	Upupa Africana		
106	Pied Crow	Witborskraai	Corvus albus		
107	Long-crested Eagle	Langkuifarend	Lophaetus occipitalis		
108	Black-necked Grebe	Swartnekdoobertjie	Podiceps nigricollis		
109	House Sparrow	Huismossie	Passer domesticus		
110	Common Ostrich	Volstruis	Struthio camelus		
111	Malachite Sunbird	Jangroentjie	Nectarinia famosa		
112	Rock Dove	Tuinduif	Columbus livia		
113	African Black Duck	Swarteend	Anas sparsa		
114	Lanner Falcon	Edelvalk	Falco biarmicus	NT	
115	Black-collared Barbet	Rooikophoutkapper	Lybius torquatus		
116	Neddicky Neddicky	Neddikkie	Cisticola fulvicapilla		
117	Barn Owl	Nonnetjie-uil	Tyto alba		
118	Pale-crowned Cisticola	Bleekkopkloppie	Cisticola cinnamomeus		
119	White-backed Duck	Witrugeend	Thalassornis leuconotus		
120	Mountain Wheatear	Bergwagter	Oenanthe monticola		
121	Jackal Buzzard	Rooiborsjakkalsvoel	Buteo rufofuscus		
122	Wood Sandpiper	Bosruiter	Tringa glareola		
123	Groundscraper Thrush	Gevlekte Lyster	Psophocichla litsipsirupa		
124	Red-chested Cuckoo	Piet-my-vrou	Cuculus solitarius		
125	Squacco Heron	Ralreier	Ardeola ralloides		
126	African Fish-Eagle	Visarend	Haliaeetus vocifer		
127	Common Quail	Afrikaanse Kwartel	Coturnix coturnix		
128	Common Sandpiper	Gewone Ruiter	Actitis hypoleucos		
129	Hottentot Teal	Gevlekte Eend	Anas hottentota		
130	Karoo Thrush	Geelbeklyster	Turdus smithi		
131	Ruff Ruff	Kemphaan	Philomachus pugnax		

132	Great Crested Grebe	Kuifkopdobbertjie	Podiceps cristatus		
133	Blue Korhaan	Bloukorhaan	Eupodotis caerulescens	NT	
134	Red-winged Francolin	Rooivlerkpatrys	Scleroptila levaillantii		
135	Fork-tailed Drongo	Mikstertbyvanger	Dicrurus adsimilis		
136	Little Stint	Kleinstrandloper	Calidris minuta		
137	Grey-winged Francolin	Bergpatrys	Scleroptila africanus		
138	Purple Heron	Rooiereier	Ardea purpurea		
139	Black Kite	Swartwou	Milvus migrans		
140	Red-throated Wryneck	Draaihals	Jynx ruficollis		
141	Coqui Francolin	Swempie	Peliperdix coqui		
142	Crested Barbet	Kuifkophoutkapper	Trachyphonus vaillantii		
143	Spotted Eagle-Owl	Gevlekte Ooruil	Bubo africanus		
144	Black Sparrowhawk	Swartsperwer	Accipiter melanoleucus		
145	Wailing Cisticola	Huiltinkinkie	Cisticola lais		
146	Forest Buzzard	Bosjakkalsvoel	Buteo trizonatus		
147	Common House-Martin	Huisswael	Delichon urbicum		
148	Mocking Cliff-Chat	Dassievoel	Thamnolaea		
149	South African Shelduck	Kopereend	Tadoma cana		
150	Rock Martin	Kransswael	Hirundo fuligula		
151	Red-backed Shrike	Rooiruglaksman	Lanius collurio		
152	Black Crake	Swartriethaan	Amaurornis flavirostris		
153	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Gewone Nagreier	Nycticorax nycticorax		
154	Green Wood-Hoopoe	Rooibekakelaar	Phoeniculus purpureus		
155	Maccoa Duck	Bloubekend	Oxyura maccoa		
156	African Rail	Grootriethaan	Rallus caerulescens		
157	Common Greenshank	Groenpootruiter	Tringa nebularia		
158	Village Weaver	Bontrugwewer	Ploceus cucullatus		
159	Eastern Long-billed Lark	Grasveldlangbeklewerik	Certhilauda semitorquata		
160	Brown Snake-Eagle	Bruinslangarend	Circaetus cinereus		
161	Common Ringed Plover	Ringnekstrandkiewiet	Charadrius hiaticula		
162	White-faced Duck	Nonnetjie-eend	Dendrocygna viduata		
163	Giant Kingfisher	Reusevisvanger	Megaceryle maximus		
164	Orange-breasted Waxbill	Rooiassie	Amandava subflava		
165	African Jacana	Grootlangtoon	Actophilornis africanus		
166	Sedge Warbler	Europese Vleisanger	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus		
167	Amethyst Sunbird	Swartsuikerbekkie	Chalcomitra amethystine		
168	Drakensberg Prinia	Drakensberglangstertjie	Prinia hypoxantha		
169	African Dusky Flycatcher	Donkervlieevanger	Muscicapa adusta		
170	Yellow-billed Kite	Geelbekwou	Milvus aegyptius		
171	Rufous-naped Lark	Rooineklewerik	Mirafrā africana		
172	Denham's Bustard	Veldpou	Neotis denhami	VU	
173	Curlew Sandpiper	Krombekstrandloper	Calidris ferruginea		
174	Tawny-flanked Prinia	Bruinslangstertjie	Prinia subflava		
175	Red-collared Widowbird	Rooikeelflap	Euplectes ardens		

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