**Special Species Survey**

This survey focuses on a number of selected bird species. We believe that the survey is becoming more important because birds numbers in their areas of distribution have undergone adverse change in recent years. This being caused by climatic changes, land use and consequently habitat change, indiscriminate development, destruction through deforestation, agriculture and human population pressure demands.

Some of the birds listed are of interest to researchers and all the information collected, from you the members, will go onto the national data base and towards the formulation of conservation strategies. It’s birding with a purpose!

This survey should be fun to take part in and produces interesting data which will be included in our publications, *Babbler* and *Honeyguide*.

We would like members to please complete the Special Species Survey (SSS) report form which is easy to use either on computer or by hand. On the form, we would always appreciate any interesting comments - for example what the birds were eating and if they are breeding!

Printed copies of the SSS report form can be obtained from the BLZ office in Harare, or from a committee member of your local branch, or on the website: [www.birdlifezimbabwe.org](http://www.birdlifezimbabwe.org) (click on the NEWS page) or by email from Peta Ditchburn at specialspecies@blz.co.zw Please return to Peta Ditchburn with a copy to cbaker@halsteads.co.zw

The Special Species are:

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| **Bateleur** | **Bee-eater,** Southern Carmine | †**Bunting**, Cape† | **Bustard,** Denham's |
| **Bustard,** Kori | **Cormorant,** White-breasted | **Crane,** Grey Crowned | **Crane,** Wattled |
| **Darter,** African | **Duck,** Maccoa | **Duck,** Yellow-billed | **Eagle,** African Crowned |
| **Eagle,** Martial | **Eagle,** Tawny | **Eagle,** Verreaux's | **Harrier,** African Marsh |
| **Hawk,** Bat | **Hornbill,** Silvery-cheeked | **Hornbill,** Southern Ground | **Kite,** Yellow-billed |
| **Lovebird,** Lillian's | **Myna,** Common | **Osprey** | **Ostrich,** Common |
| **\*Oxpecker**, Red-billed\* | **\*Oxpecker**, Yellow-billed\* | **Parrot,** Grey-headed | **Pigeon,** East. Bronze-naped |
| **Secretarybird** | **Skimmer,** African | **Stork,** Black | **Stork,** Marabou |
| **Stork,** Saddle-billed | **Stork,** White | **Vulture,** Cape | **Vulture,** Hooded |
| **Vulture,** Lappet-faced | **Vulture,** Palm-nut | **Vulture,** White-backed | **Vulture,** White-headed |
| **Warbler,** Moustached Grass | **Warbler,** Red-winged | *(†Matabeleland areas)* | (\**Outside protected areas)* |