

Birds



Vertebrate Zoology Example
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Order Tinamiformes

- Family Tinamidae
- Example: Little Tinamou
- Scientific Name: *Crypturellus soui*
- Common Characteristic: These birds are very secretive and hide in many types of foliage.



Order Struthioniformes

- Family Struthionidae
- Example: Common Ostrich
- Scientific Name: *Struthio camelus*
- Common Characteristics: The Ostrich has the largest eye of any land animal.



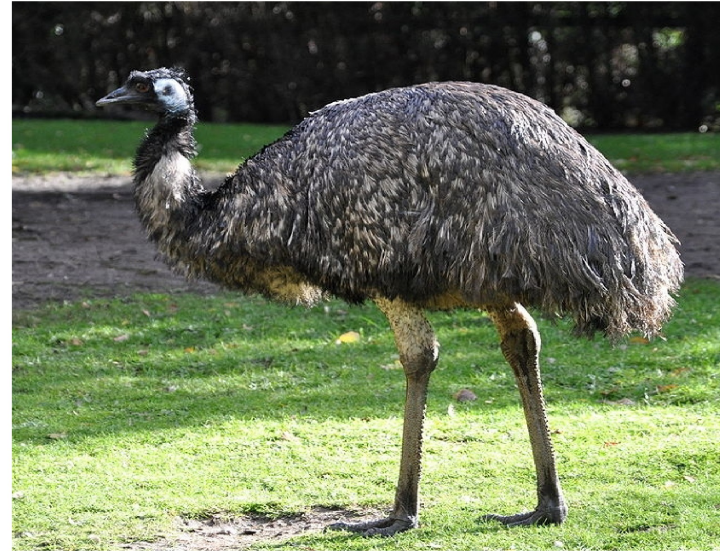
Order Rheiformes

- Family Rheidae
- Example: Greater Rhea
- Scientific Name: *Rhea americana*
- Common Characteristic:
The largest bird in South Africa



Order Casuariiformes

- Family Casuariidae
- Example: Dwarf Cassowary
- Scientific Name: *Casuarius bennetti*
- Common Characteristic: Flightless and the largest of all forest birds.



- Family Dromaiidae
- Example: Emu
- Scientific Name: *Dromaius novaehollandiae*
- Common Characteristic: No hind toe.

Order Apterygiformes

- Family Apterygidae
- Example: Great Spotted Kiwi
- Scientific Name: *Apteryx haastii*
- Common Characteristic:
Do not feed their chicks.



Order Galliformes

- Scientific Name: *Penelope argyrotis*

- Example: Band-tailed Guan

- Family Phasianidae



- Scientific Name: *Numida meleagris*

- Example: Helmeted Guinea Fowl

- Family Numididae

- Scientific Name: *Philortyx fasciatus*

- Example: Banded Quail

- Family Odontophoridae



- Family Cracidae

- Scientific Name: *Chamaepetes unicolor*

- Example: Black Guan

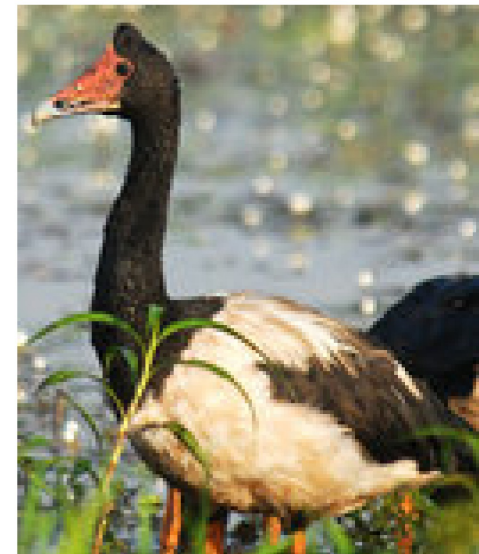
- Scientific Name: *Aepyodius arfakianus*

- Example: Wattled Brush-turkey

- Family Megapodidae

Order Anseriformes

- Family Anatidae
- Example: African Black Duck (swan, geese, and ducks)
- Scientific Name: *Anas sparsa*
- Family Anhimidae
- Example: Northern Screamer (Screamers)
- Scientific Name: *Chauna chavaria*
- Family Anseranatidae
- Example: Magpie Goose
- Scientific Name: *Anseranas semipalmata*



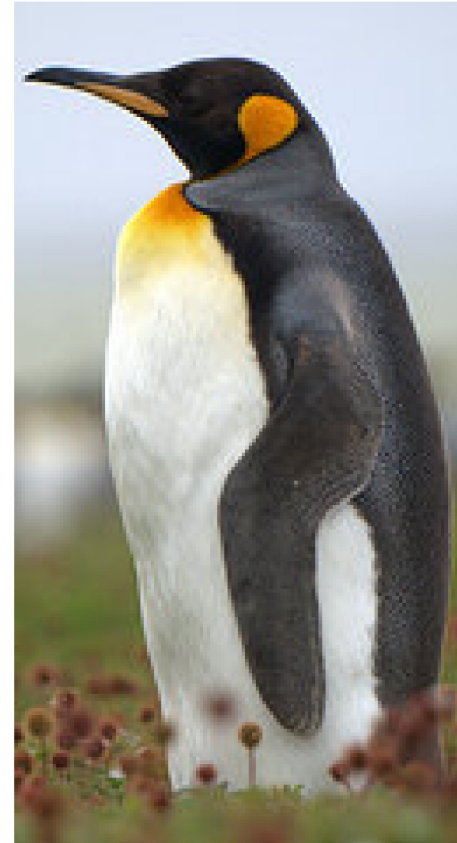
Order Gaviiformes

- Family Gaviidae
- Examl: Red-throated Loon (Divers)
- Scientific Name: *Gavia stellata*



Order Sphenisciformes

- Family
Spheniscidae
- Example: King
Penguin (Penguins)
- Scientific Name:
Aptenodytes
patagonicus



Order Procellariiformes

- Family Procellariidae
- Example: Antarctic Prion (Shearwaters and petrels)
- Scientific Name:
Pachyptila desolata



- Family Hydrobatidae
- Example: Ashy Storm Petrel (Northern Storm-Petrels)
- Scientific Name:
Oceanodroma homochroa



- Family Pelecanoididae
- Example: Common Diving Petrel (Diving-Petrels)
- Scientific Name:
Pelecanoides urinatrix



- Family Diomedidae
- Example: Black-footed Albatross (Albatrosses)
- Scientific Name:
Phoebastria nigripes

Order Podicipediformes

- Family
Podicipedidae
- Example: Great
Grebes
- Scientific Name:
Podiceps cristatus



Order Phoenicopteriformes

- Family Phoenicopteridae
- Example: American Flamingo
- Scientific Name:
Phoenicopus ruber



Order Phaethontiformes

- Family Phaethontidae
- Example: White Tailed Tropicbird
- Scientific Name: *Phaethon lepturus*



Order Ciconiiformes

- Family Ciconiidae
- Example: Black Stork
- Scientific Name: *Ciconia nigra*



Order Pelicaniformes

- Family Ardeidae
- Example: Black Heron
- Scientific Name: *Nycticorax nycticorax*



- Family Scopidae
- Example: Hamerkop
- Scientific Name: *Scopus umbretta*



- Family Threskiornithidae
- Example: African Spoonbill
- Scientific Name: *Platalea alba*

- Family Balaenicipitidae
- Example: Shoebill
- Scientific Name: *Balaeniceps rex*



- Family Pelecanidae
- Example: Brown Pelican
- Scientific Name: *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Order Suliformes

- Family Anhingidae
- Example: African Darter
- Scientific Name: *Anhinga rufa*



- Family Sulidae
- Example: Cape Gannet
- Scientific Name: *Morus capensis*



- Family Fregatidae
- Example: Great Frigatebird
- Scientific Name: *Fregata minor*

- Family Phalacrocoracidae
- Example: Bronze Shag
- Scientific Name: *Phalacrocorax chalconotus*

Order Accipitriformes

- Family Accipitridae
- Example: Bearded Vulture
- Scientific Name: *Gypaetus barbatus*



- Family Sagittariidae
- Example: Secretarybird
- Scientific Name: *Sagittarius serpentarius*



- Family Pandionidae
- Example: Eastern Osprey
- Scientific Name: *Pandion haliaetus*



- Family Cathartidae
- Example: King Vulture
- Scientific Name: *Sarcoramphus papa*



Order Falconiformes

- Family Falconidae
- Example: Bat Falcon
- Scientific Name:
Falco rufifularis



Order Otidiformes

- Family Otididae
- Example: Kori Bustard
- Scientific Name:
Ardeotis kori



Order Mesitornithiformes

- Family Mesitornithidae
- Example: Brown Mesite
- Scientific Name:
Mesitornis unicolor



Order Cariamiformes

- Family Cariamidae
- Example: Red Legged Sierema
- Scientific Name:
Cariama cristata



Order Eurypygiformes

- Family Eurypygidae
- Example: Sunbitten
- Scientific Name:
Eurypyga helias



- Family Rhynochetidae
- Example: Kagu
- Scientific Name:
Rhynochetos jubatus



Order Gruiformes

- Family Rallidae
- Example: African Rail
- Scientific Name: *Rallus caerulescens*



- Family Gruidae
- Example: Blue Crane
- Scientific Name: *Grus paradisea*
- Family Aramidae
- Example: Limpkin
- Scientific Name: *Aramus guarauna*



- Family Psophiidae
- Example: Grey Winged Trumpreter
- Scientific Name: *Psophia crepitans*



- Family Heliornithidae
- Example: Sungrebe
- Scientific Name: *Heliornis fulica*

Order Charadriiformes



- Family Charadriidae
- Example: Banded Lapwing
- Scientific Name: *Vanellus tricolor*



- Family Scolopacidae
- Example: Ruff
- Scientific Name: *Philomachus pugnax*

- Family Pluvianidae
- Example: Egyptian Plover
- Scientific Name: *Pluvianus aegyptius*



- Family Laridae
- Example: Andean Gull
- Scientific Name: *Chroicocephalus serranus*
- Family Turnicidae
- Example: Quail Plover
- Scientific Name: *Ortyxelos meiffrenii*

Order Pterocliiformes

- Family Pteroclididae
- Example: Painted Sandgrouse
- Scientific Name:
Pterocles indicus



Order Columbiformes

- Family Columbidae
- Example: Afep Pigeon (Doves and Pigeons)
- Scientific Name:
Columba uncinata



Order Psittaciformes



- Example: Kea (New Zealand Parrots)
- Scientific Name: *Strigops habroptila*
- Family Strigopidae



- Family Cacatuidae
- Example: Blue Eyed Cockatoo
- Scientific Name: *Cacatua ophthalmica*



- Example: Cape Parrot
- Family Psittacidae
- Scientific Name: *Poicephalus robustus*

Order Opisthocomiformes

- Family
Opisthocomidae
- Example: Hoatzin
- Scientific Name:
Opisthocomus hoazin



Order Musophagiformes

- Family Musophagidae
- Example: Bannermans Turaco
- Scientific Name: *Tauraco bannermanni*



Order Cuculiformes

- Family Cuculidae
- Example: African Cuckoo
- Scientific Name: *Cuculus gularis*



Order Strigiformes

- Family Strigidae
- Example: Barking Owl
- Scientific Name: *Ninox connivens*
- Family Tytonidae
- Example: Red Owl
- Scientific Name: *Tyto soumagnei*



Order Caprimulgiformes

- Family Caprimulgidae

- Example: Andaman Nightjar

- Scientific Name:
Caprimulgus andamanicus



- Family Nyctibiidae

- Example: Andean Potoo

- Scientific Name: *Nyctibius maculosus*

- Family Steatornithidae

- Example: Oil Bird

- Scientific Name:
Steatornis caripensis



- Family Podargidae

- Example: Tawny Frogmouth

- Scientific Name:
Podargus strigoides



Order Apodiformes

- Family Aegothelidae

- Example: Archbolds Owelet Nightjar

- Scientific Name:
Aegotheles archboldi



- Family Apodidae

- Example: African black Swift

- Scientific Name: *Apus barbatus*

- Family Hemiprocnidae

- Example: Crested Tree Swift

- Scientific Name:
Hemiprocne coronata



- Family Trochilidae

- Example: Allen's Hummingbird

- Scientific Name:
Selasphorus sasin

Order Coliiformes

- Family Coliidae
- Example: Bluenaped Mousebird
- Scientific Name:
Urocolius macrourus



Order Trogoniformes

- Family Trogonidae
- Example: Amazonian Trogon
- Scientific Name:
Trogon ramonianus



Order Leptosomiformes

- Family
Leptosomidae
- Example: Cuckoo
Roller
- Scientific Name:
Leptosomus discoloria



Order Coraciiformes

- Family Alcedinidae

- Example: African Dwarf Kingfisher

- Scientific Name:
Ispidina lecontei



- Family Todidae

- Example: Broad-billed Tody

- Scientific Name: *Todus subulatus*

- Family Coraciidae

- Example: Abyssinian Roller

- Scientific Name: *Coracias abyssinicus*



- Family Momotidae

- Example: Amazonian Motmot

- Scientific Name:
Momotus momota

- Family Meropidae

- Example: Böhm's Bee Eater

- Scientific Name: *Merops boehmi*

Order Bucerotiformes

- Family Bucerotidae

- Example: African Grey Hornbill

- Scientific Name: *Tockus nasutus*



- Family Phoeniculidae

- Example: Abyssinian Scimitarbill

- Scientific Name: *Rhinopomastus minor*

- Family Bucorvidae

- Example: Abyssinian Ground Hornbill

- Scientific Name: *Bucorvus abyssinicus*

- Family Upupidae

- Example: African Hoopoe

- Scientific Name: *Upupa africana*



Order Passeriformes

- Family Cardinalidae

- Example: Black-backed Grosbeak (cardinals)

- Scientific Name: *Pheucticus aureoventris*



- Family Corvidae

- Example: American Crow (crows, jays, and nutcrackers)

- Scientific Name: *Pyrrhocorax graculus*



- Family Fringillidae

- Example: Black Rosy Finch (finches)

- Scientific Name: *Crithagra citrinelloides*

- Family Mimidae

- Example: Blue Mockingbird (mockingbirds)

- Scientific Name: *Mimus gundlachii*



- Family Hirundinidae

- Example: African River Martin (swallows and martins)

- Scientific Name: *Pseudochelidon eurystomina*

Order Piciformes

- Family
Bucconidae

- Example: Chaco
Puffbird

- Scientific Name:
Nystalus radiatus



- Family Lybiidae

- Example: Bearded
Barbet

- Scientific Name:
Lybius undatus



- Family Ramphastidae

- Example: Ariel Toucan

- Scientific Name:
Pteroglossus aracari



- Family Picidae

- Example: Banded
Woodpecker

- Scientific Name:
Prodotiscus insigni

- Family Indicatoridae

- Example: Spotted Honeyguides

- Scientific Name: *Dendropicus abyssinicus*