



Kotu Creek Bird Checklist

Common and notable birds of Kotu Creek, The Gambia

WEST AFRICAN BIRDING

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Use this checklist during a walk around Kotu Creek, the rice fields and nearby woodland. Tick Seen or Heard and add a count or short field note.

DATE START TIME WEATHER TIDE GUIDE

Sightings vary with season, tide, weather and local conditions. This is a practical core list, not an exhaustive historical record.

SEEN	HEARD	SPECIES	COUNT	NOTES
KINGFISHERS				
☐	☐	Pied Kingfisher		
☐	☐	Malachite Kingfisher		
☐	☐	Blue-breasted Kingfisher		
☐	☐	Giant Kingfisher		
☐	☐	Grey-headed Kingfisher		
☐	☐	Woodland Kingfisher		
BEE-EATERS AND ROLLERS				
☐	☐	Little Bee-eater		
☐	☐	Red-throated Bee-eater		
☐	☐	Abyssinian Roller		
☐	☐	Blue-bellied Roller		
WOODLAND, GARDENS AND SCRUB				
☐	☐	Senegal Coucal		
☐	☐	Western Grey Plantain-eater		
☐	☐	Senegal Parrot		
☐	☐	Rose-ringed Parakeet		
☐	☐	Fork-tailed Drongo		
☐	☐	Common Bulbul		
☐	☐	Yellow-billed Shrike		
☐	☐	Yellow-crowned Gonolek		
☐	☐	Woodchat Shrike		
DOVES				
☐	☐	European Turtle Dove		
☐	☐	African Mourning Dove		
☐	☐	Laughing Dove		
☐	☐	Vinaceous Dove		

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SWIFTS AND SWALLOWS				
☐	☐	African Palm Swift		
☐	☐	Alpine Swift		
☐	☐	Pallid Swift		
☐	☐	Common Swift		
☐	☐	Barn Swallow		
☐	☐	Sand Martin		
WAGTAILS, CHATS AND WARBLERS				
☐	☐	Yellow Wagtail		
☐	☐	Whinchat		
☐	☐	Common Redstart		
☐	☐	Common Reed Warbler		
☐	☐	Great Reed Warbler		
☐	☐	Olivaceous Warbler		
☐	☐	Melodious Warbler		
☐	☐	Blackcap		
☐	☐	Oriole Warbler		
SUNBIRDS AND SEED-EATERS				
☐	☐	Beautiful Sunbird		
☐	☐	Variable Sunbird		
☐	☐	Red-billed Firefinch		
☐	☐	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu		
☐	☐	Bronze Mannikin		
☐	☐	Red-billed Quelea		
☐	☐	Village Weaver		
CUCKOOS AND HOOPOES				
☐	☐	Common Cuckoo		
☐	☐	Hoopoe		

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WETLAND BIRDS AND WADERS				
☐	☐	African Jacana		
☐	☐	Black-winged Stilt		
☐	☐	Black Crake		
☐	☐	Spur-winged Lapwing		
☐	☐	African Wattled Lapwing		
☐	☐	Senegal Thick-knee		
☐	☐	Grey Plover		
☐	☐	Common Ringed Plover		
☐	☐	Little Ringed Plover		
☐	☐	Common Sandpiper		
☐	☐	Wood Sandpiper		
☐	☐	Common Greenshank		
☐	☐	Spotted Redshank		
☐	☐	Common Redshank		
☐	☐	Curlew Sandpiper		
☐	☐	Eurasian Curlew		
☐	☐	Whimbrel		
☐	☐	Black-tailed Godwit		
☐	☐	Bar-tailed Godwit		
TERNS				
☐	☐	Sandwich Tern		
☐	☐	Common Tern		
☐	☐	Gull-billed Tern		
☐	☐	Black Tern		

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HERONS, EGRETS AND WATERBIRDS				
☐	☐	Squacco Heron		
☐	☐	Black Heron		
☐	☐	Grey Heron		
☐	☐	Black-headed Heron		
☐	☐	Western Reef Heron		
☐	☐	Little Egret		
☐	☐	Intermediate Egret		
☐	☐	Great Egret		
☐	☐	Yellow-billed Egret		
☐	☐	Hamerkop		
☐	☐	Long-tailed Cormorant		
☐	☐	African Darter		
RAPTORS AND VULTURES				
☐	☐	Hooded Vulture		
☐	☐	Palm-nut Vulture		
☐	☐	African Harrier-Hawk		
☐	☐	Black Kite		
☐	☐	Yellow-billed Kite		
☐	☐	Shikra		
☐	☐	Lizard Buzzard		
☐	☐	Western Marsh Harrier		

Additional sightings Add species not included in the core list

SEEN	SPECIES	COUNT / NOTES
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