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## ENDEMIC BIRDS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



### Blue Crane (*Grus paradisea*)

Also known as the Stanley or Paradise Crane, the Blue Crane is the national bird of South Africa. They communicate mainly through guttural sounds like a bugle, which both genders use. In South Africa this species is under legal protection as part of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds.

#### Interesting Fact:

Both the Xhosa and Zulu tribes in Africa revere the Blue Crane. Zulu royalty were the only tribe members traditionally allowed to wear Blue Crane feathers, while only Xhosa warriors were permitted to wear Blue Crane feathers into battle.



### Cape Parrot (*Poicephalus robustus*)

The Cape Parrot, also known as Levaillant's Parrot, Knysna Papagaai or Woudpapagaai, is the largest of this African genus. Found mostly in the Eastern Cape and some KZN coastal forests, community projects are aimed at encouraging the bird's adoption as a national mascot for the umbrella protection of forest catchments, as well as increasing food supply by eradicating alien species and reforesting areas adjacent to existing indigenous forests.

#### Interesting Fact:

To help raise awareness, our very own congress chair Colleen Downs, a UKZN zoologist, founded the Cape Parrot Big Birding Day. Now in its 22nd year, the event sends volunteers and schoolchildren into coastal forests to search for these rare birds or signs of their presence. Sadly, however, South Africa's only endemic parrot may disappear before it is more widely known.

## CALL FOR SYMPOSIA NOW OPEN



### The International Ornithologists' Union and South Africa's University of KwaZulu-Natal CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) of the International Ornithologists' Union (IOU) together with the University of KwaZulu-Natal invites you to submit a Symposium Proposal for the 28th IOCongress® in Durban, South Africa, 14–20 Aug. 2022. The IOCongress® is the world's largest summit on avian biology since its first congress in 1884.

Symposia are aimed at the general ornithologist and provide up-to-date coverage of research in ornithology and its application for conservation and education. Symposia are an opportunity for an integrated synthesis of new and timely topics that will have broad appeal at the IOCongress®.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> of SEPTEMBER 2020**  
Visit the IOCongress 2022 website for all submission guidelines. All submissions must be done through the conference website.

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