

Common Fauna Species available in Namibia



Common name: Avocet - © P. Cardwell

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop River Mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour, Orange River and Kunene River Mouth.

When?

All the year however they peak in winter months.



Common name: Black-backed Jackal - © R. Braby

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the coastline in particular near seal colonies.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Black Neck Grebe - © K. Wearne

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop River Mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour, Orange River and Kunene River Mouth.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Bottlenose Dolphin - © N. Dreyer

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the nearshore, mainly between Sandwich Harbour and Cape Cross.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Southern Africa

Common name: Brown Hyena - © C. Grobler

Where they occur?

In the Namib and Kalahari desert and in the coastline where there are seal colonies.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Southern Africa

Common name: Cape Cormorant - © N. Cadot

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the coast. They breed on islands and man-made platforms.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Southern Africa

Common name: Cape Fur Seal - © DLIST

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the coastline and the most known colonies are Cape Cross and Pelican Point.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Cape Teal - © K. Wearne

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop River Mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour, Orange River and Kunene River Mouth.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Curlew Sandpiper - © DLIST

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop River Mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour, Orange River and Kunene River Mouth.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Namibia

Common name: Wheeling Spider/Sand Dwelling Spider known as Dancing White Lady - © C. Nel

Where they occur?

In the Namib desert dunes.

When?

All the year in particular at night.



Common name: Desert Adapted Lion

Where they occur?

In the Skeleton coast park - Northern Namibia.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Namibia

Common name: Fitzsimons Burrowing Skink - © C. Nel

Where they occur?

In the Namib desert sand dunes, especially on the slip-faces.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Gerbil - © P. Tarr

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the coastline.

When?

All the year in particular at night.



Common name: Ghost Crab - © P. Tarr

Where they occur?

In the Skeleton Coast Park - Northern Namibia.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Greater Flamingo - © N. Cadot

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop River Mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour and on the beach close to Walvis Bay.

When?

All the year except when there is water in Etosha Pan, all flamingos go there for breeding and come back after.



Common name: Grey Heron - © K. Wearne

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop River Mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour, Orange River and Kunene River Mouth.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Hartlaub's Gull - © A. Scott

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the coastline.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Kelp Gull - © N. Cadot

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the coastline.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Lesser Flamingo - © K. Wearne

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop River Mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour.

When?

All the year around, leave en mass after rains in Etosha or Botswana Magadigadi.



Common name: Mola Mola or Moon Fish - © K. Wearne

Where they occur?

In Walvis Bay Lagoon.

When?

All the year but it is more easy to see Mola mola in summer. As the water is warmer they come to the surface.



Common name: Little White Egret - © K. Wearne

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop river mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Rock Lobster - © C. Grobler

Where they occur?

In the Southern and Central Namibian coast.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Namibia

Common name: Sidewinder - © C. Nel

Where they occur?

In the Namib desert sand dunes.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Namibia

Common name: Shovel Snouted Lizard - © C. Nel

Where they occur?

In the Namib desert unstable sand dunes.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Swift Tern - © J. Kemper

Where they occur?

In the Central and Southern Namibian coast in particular on islands.

When?

Between September and April for the breeding season.



Endemic to Namibia

Common name: Fog Basking Beetles or Tenebrionid Beetle - © R. Braby

Where they occur?

In the Namib desert dunes.

When?

All the year in particular at night or early in the morning.



Common name: Three-Banded Plover © K. Wearne

Where they occur?

In the coastal wetlands like Swakop River Mouth, Walvis Bay Lagoon, Sandwich Harbour, Orange River and Kunene River Mouth.

When?

.All the year.



Endemic to Southern Africa

Common name: Web Footed or Palmato Gecko - © C. Nel

Where they occur?

In the Namib desert sand dunes and surrounds.

When?

All the year but in particular at night when they feed.



Common name: White breasted Cormorant - © P. Tarr

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the coast.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Whitefronted Plover - © P. Tarr

Where they occur?

Everywhere along the coast.

When?

All the year.

Endangered Fauna Species available in Namibia



Endemic to Southern Africa

Common name: African Black Oystercatcher - © J. Kemper

Where they occur?

In the Southern and Central Namibian Coast in particular on rocky shore.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Southern Africa

Common name: African Penguin - © J. Kemper

Where they occur?

In the Southern Islands.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Southern Africa

Common name: Bank Cormorant - © T. Reinikainen

Where they occur?

In the Southern Islands.

When?



Endemic to the Benguela current

Common name: Benguela or Heaviside Dolphin - © N. Dreyer

Where they occur?

Everywhere in Namibian waters. They are rarely in the near shore.

When?

All the year.



Endemic to Southern Africa

Common name: Cape Gannet - © DLIST

Where they occur?

In the Southern Islands and in Sandwich Harbour.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Caspian tern - © *DLIST*

Where they occur?

In Walvis Bay Lagoon and Sandwich Harbour.

When?

Between September and April for the breeding season.



Common name: Chesnut Banded Plover - © *K. Wearne*

Where they occur?

In coastal wetlands.

When?

All the year.



Breeding endemic to Namibia

Common name: Damara Tern - © *R. Braby*

Where they occur?

In particular in Central Namibia, in the dune belt between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay.

When?

Between September and April for the breeding season.



Common name: Greater White Pelican - © *N. Cadot*

Where they occur?

In Central Namibia in particular in Walvis Bay Lagoon and Sandwich Harbour.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Green Turtle - © *P. Tarr*

Where they occur?

In the Kunene River Mouth.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Humpback Whale

Where they occur?

When?

Between July and November on their way to or back from Angola where they breed and mate.



Common name: Leatherback Turtle

Where they occur?

They come in Namibia to feed on jelly fish. They are very common around Walvis Bay.

When?

All the year.

Endemic to Namibia and South-Africa



Common name: Namaqua Chameleon or Lone Rangers -
© C. Nel

Where they occur?

In arid areas in particular in sandy and gravel plains but often entering the dunes areas.

When?

All the year.



Common name: Southern Right Whale - © PB. Brest

Where they occur?

In Southern Namibian coast and in Walvis Bay Lagoon (around Pelican Point).

When?

Between July and November for the breeding season.