

HESTER MALAN NATURE RESERVE (2917 DB; 2918 CA)

The Hester Malan Nature Reserve is classified as an ecosystem reserve. The reserve is situated in Namaqualand, just east of Springbok. Most of the reserve consists of rugged hill country with only a very small area of open flats. The potential of the reserve is limited, as a result of the lack of flat land, but the inclusion of one of the neighbouring farms, e.g. Goegap, would greatly enhance the viability and carrying capacity of the reserve.

Acocks (1953) classified the area as Namaqua broken veld. Rainfall is very low.

MAMMALS

The bulk of the records are those of R.C. Dieckmann, (specimens in M.R.I. collection) P. van der Westhuizen and P.M. Norton also provided information.

Species	Common name	General
<u>INSECTIVORA</u>		
<u>Crocidura hirta</u>	Lesser red musk shrew	2 specimens (R.C.D.)
<u>Macroscelides proboscideus</u>	Short-eared elephant shrew	
<u>Elephantulus rupestris</u>	Rock elephant shrew	
<u>CHIROPTERA</u>		
<u>Rhinolophus</u> sp. (<u>capensis</u> ?)	Horseshoe bat	
<u>Nycteris thebaica</u>	Egyptian slit-faced bat	1 specimen - P.M.N.

PRIMATES/...

Species	Common name	General
<u>PRIMATES</u>		
<u>Papio ursinus</u>	Chacma baboon	Occasional
<u>CARNIVORA</u>		
<u>Cynictis penicillata</u>	Yellow mongoose	
<u>Herpestes pulverulentus</u>	Cape grey mongoose	
<u>Suricata suricatta</u>	Suricate	
<u>Proteles cristatus</u>	Aardwolf	Prob. uncommon. 3 specimens from 'Goegap'
<u>Felis caracal</u>	Caracal	
<u>Felis libyca</u>	Wild cat	
<u>Mellivora capensis</u>	Honey badger	2 seen by P.M.N.
<u>Ictonyx striatus</u>	Striped polecat	Observed feeding nr. office (C.T.S & P.M.N.)
<u>Otocyon megalotis</u>	Bat-eared fox	
<u>Vulpes chama</u>	Cape fox	App. uncommon <u>Canis mesomelas</u> - one specimen from adjacent farm - 'Goegap'
<u>HYRACOIDEA</u>		
<u>Procavia capensis</u>	Cape dassie	Common

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<u>PERISSODACTYLA</u>		
<u>Equus z. hartmannae</u>	Hartmann's mt. zebra	5 Introduced
<u>ARTIODACTYLA</u>		
<u>Sylvicapra grimmia</u>	Common duiker	Uncommon
<u>Oryx gazella</u>	Gemsbok	Introduced
<u>Antidorcas marsupialis</u>	Springbok	Introduced
<u>Oreotragus oreotragus</u>	Klipspringer	40 - 50 (P.M.N.)
<u>Raphiocerus campestris</u>	Steenbok	Rare (at least one introduced)
<u>LAGOMORPHA</u>		
<u>Lepus saxatilis</u>	Scrub hare	(Record - T. Robinson)
<u>Lepus capensis</u>	Cape hare	(Record - T. Robinson)
<u>Pronolagus rupestris</u>	Smith's red hare	Common
<u>RODENTIA</u>		
<u>Otomys unisulcatus</u>	Bush karoo rat	Common
<u>Parotomys brantsi</u>	Brant's karoo rat	
<u>Gerbillurus paeba</u>	S. African pygmy gerbil	No specimen (R.C.D.)
<u>Desmodillus auricularis</u>	Namaqua gerbil	
<u>Rhabdomys pumilio</u>	Striped mouse	

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<u>Aethomys namaquensis</u>	Namaqua rock rat	
<u>Mus minutoides</u>	Pygmy mouse	1 specimen
<u>Mus musculus</u>	House mouse	No specimen (R.C.D.)
<u>Petromus typicus</u>	Dassie rat	
<u>Hystrix africae-australis</u>	Cape porcupine	Prob. fairly common
<u>Cryptomys</u>	Mole-rat	Mounds noted - no specimens

BIRDS/...

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Most of the records for July 1978 (C.T.S.)

Roberts Number	Species	Common name	General
STRUTHIONIDAE 1	<u>Struthio camelus</u>	Ostrich	Origin-Kleinsee
FALCONIDAE 123	<u>Falco tinnunculus</u>	Rock kestrel	
AQUILIDAE 133 152 165	<u>Aquila verreauxi</u> <u>Buteo rufofuscus</u> <u>Meliërax canorus</u>	Black eagle Jackal buzzard Chanting goshawk	1 nest known (active)
OTIDAE 220	<u>Eupodotis vigorsii</u>	Karoo korhaan	
BURHINIDAE 275	<u>Burhinus capensis</u>	Dikkop	(P.v.d.W.)
GLAREOLIDAE 278	<u>Rhinoptilus africanus</u>	Double-banded courser	
PTEROCLIDAE 307	<u>Pterocles namaqua</u>	Namaqua sandgrouse	

COLUMBIDAE/...

Roberts Number	Species	Common name	General
COLUMBIDAE 311 316	<u>Columba guinea</u> <u>Streptopelia capicola</u>	Rock pigeon Cape turtle dove	
BUBONIDAE 368	<u>Bubo africanus</u>	Spotted eagle owl	Apparently breeds
MICROPODIDAE 380	<u>Apus barbatus</u>	Black swift	
UPUPIDAE 418	<u>Upupa africana</u>	African hoopoe	
CAPITONIDAE 432	<u>Tricholaema leucomelas</u>	Pied barbet	
PICIDAE 445	<u>Geocolaptes olivaceus</u>	Ground woodpecker	
ALAUDIDAE 458 461 463	<u>Mirafra africana</u> <u>Certhilauda albescens</u> <u>Calendula magnirostris</u>	Rufous-naped lark Karoo lark Tick-billed lark	
HIRUNDINIDAE 506	<u>Ptynoprogne fuligula</u>	Rock martin	

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CORVIDAE 522 524	<u>Corvus albus</u> <u>Corvultur albicollis</u>	Pied crow White-necked raven	On "Goegap"
REMIZIDAE 531	<u>Anthoscopus minutus</u>	Penduline tit	Breeds
PYCNONOTIDAE 544	<u>Pycnonotus nigricans</u>	Red-eyed bulbul	
TURDIDAE 559 564 568 570 575	<u>Monticola rupestris</u> <u>Oenanthe monticola</u> <u>Oenanthe pileata</u> <u>Cercomela familiaris</u> <u>Myrmecocichla formicivora</u>	Cape rock thrush Mountain chat Capped wheatear Familiar chat Ant-eating chat	
MUSCICAPIDAE 659	<u>Parisoma layardi</u>	Layard's tit-babbler	
LANIIDAE 707 722	<u>Lanius collaris</u> <u>Telophorus zeylonus</u>	Fiscal Bokmakierie	
STURNIDAE 737 744 746	<u>Lamprocolius nitens</u> <u>Onychognathus nabouroup</u> <u>Spreo bicolor</u>	Cape glossy starling Pale-winged starling Pied starling	

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NECTARINIIDAE 751	<u>Nectarinia famosa</u>	Malachite sunbird	
PLOCEIDAE 786 803	<u>Passer melanurus</u> <u>Ploceus velatus</u>	Cape sparrow Masked weaver	Breeds Breeds
FRINGILLIDAE 865 873	<u>Crithagra albigularis</u> <u>Fringillaria capensis</u>	White-throated seed-eater Cape bunting	

REPTILES/...

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Species	Common name
<u>SNAKES</u> <u>COLUBRIDAE</u> <u>Psammophylax rhombeatus</u>	Rhombic skaapsteker
<u>ELAPIDAE</u> <u>Aspidelaps lubricus</u>	Coral snake
<u>LIZARDS</u> <u>GEKKONIDAE</u> <u>Ptenopus garrulus</u> <u>Pachydactylus (bibronii?)</u>	Barking gecko

AMPHIBIANS

Species	Common name
<u>BUFONIDAE</u> <u>Bufo gariepensis</u>	Karoo toad
<u>RANIDAE</u> <u>Rana fuscigula</u> <u>Cacosternum namaquense</u>	Cape rana