

## Bird Atlasing in the Mohale catchment area

As a sequel to the Atlasing that was done in the Polihali Catchment Area in March 2024, the LHDA together with interested citizens, held a one-day bird Atlasing Project in the Mohale catchment area to determine which bird species are available as part of its endeavour to preserve biodiversity on Saturday the 28th September 2024.

According to Refiloe Ntsohi, a Senior Officer responsible for Biodiversity in the LHDA, Bird Atlasing which is done under the auspices of the South African Bird Atlas Project 2, can be explained as an ornithological work that attempts to provide information on the distribution, abundance, long-term change as well as seasonal patterns of bird occurrence and makes extensive use of maps, “a typical bird atlas project collates data on bird presence or abundance with mapping of this information over a significant geographical region over a well-defined period of time”, she explained.

As part of the activity, the team was divided into three groups with each group focusing on its own pentad. The first group worked along the Thaba-Putsoa to Rapokolana, while the second one focused on the Mohale village to Rapokolana and the third group covered the Ops to Ha Koporale route. The following bird species were spotted and identified:



Jackal Buzzard (*Buteo rufofuscus*)