

## Korsman Conservancy, Johannesburg – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013

The Korsman conservancy is a natural pan and bird sanctuary on The Drive, Westdene, Benoni and is located less than 30 minutes from Johannesburg International Airport. It makes an ideal urban birding destination for birders passing through Johannesburg with a few hours to spare. The Conservancy was established by local residents and whilst access to the pan is restricted, there is uninterrupted viewing from the perimeter fence.

For more information visit [www.korsmanconservancy.com](http://www.korsmanconservancy.com)



I visited the sanctuary for a few hours on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and notched up some 50 species including **Greater Flamingo**.

1. Greater Flamingo (c.40)
2. White-breasted Cormorant (2)
3. African Darter (2)
4. African Spoonbill (3)
5. African Sacred Ibis (100+)
6. Hadeda Ibis (30+)
7. Grey Heron (1)
8. Black-headed Heron (1)
9. Great Crested Grebe (6)
10. Little Grebe (c.8)
11. White-faced Whistling Duck (2)
12. Spur-winged Goose (100+)
13. Egyptian Goose (c.20)
14. Cape Shoveler (c.20)
15. Southern Pochard (8+)
16. Red-billed Teal (1)
17. Maccoa Duck (8)
18. Helmeted Guineafowl (12+)
19. Red-knobbed Coot (20+)
20. Moorhen (4+)
21. African Swamphen (1)
22. Blacksmith Plover (4)
23. African Wattled Plover (3)
24. Three-banded Plover (1)
25. Grey-headed Gull (200+)
26. Speckled Pigeon (10+)
27. African Olive Pigeon (4)
28. Red-eyed Dove (30)

29. Cape Turtle Dove (2)
30. Laughing Dove (60+)
31. White-rumped Swift (4+)
32. African Palm Swift (2)
33. Speckled Mousebird (6)
34. Red-billed Woodhoopoe (3)
35. Greater Striped Swallow (2+)
36. Brown-throated Martin (dark morph)
37. Pied Crow (1)
38. Dark-capped Bulbul (8)
39. African Stonechat (1)
40. Cape Robin-chat (2)
41. Tawny-flanked Prinia (2)
42. Common Fiscal (4)
43. Cape Glossy Starling (1)
44. Common Myna (many)
45. Cape Sparrow (8)
46. Thick-billed Weaver (c.10)
47. Southern Masked Weaver (20+)



*Great Flamingo, Korsman Sanctuary*



*Hadeda Ibis, Korsman Sanctuary*

**Martin Birch**  
**June 2013**