

## South African Birds



**LOERIE**

**Product code:** P/05519

**Dimensions:** L:27cm H:12cm B:8cm

The Loerie is also known as the Go-away-bird or Kwêvoël. It is widespread in savanna woodland in southern Africa, a clumsy flier though extremely agile when clambering through tree crowns. It has a distinctive loud alarm call fancifully sounding like "Go-away". They raise their crest when they are excited.



**WEAVER BIRD**

**Product code:** P/05520

**Dimensions:** L:16 cm H:11cm B:7cm

Weaver birds get their name because of their elaborately woven nests (the most elaborate of any birds!). The nests vary in size, shape and material used including fine leaf-fibers, grass, and twigs. The weavers are gregarious birds which often build their nests together and the males often use them as a form of display to lure prospective females.



**OYSTER CATCHER**

**Product code:** P/05473

**Dimensions:** L:20cm H:13cm B:7cm

They are noisy birds, with strong bills used for opening mussels and other molluscs. They are found on coasts worldwide apart from the polar regions and lay eggs that are pointed at one end. Contrary to popular belief, this is not to provide space for the chick's long beaks but is thought to prevent the eggs from rolling down a steep slope.

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**HOOPOE**

**Product code:** P/05899

**Dimensions:** L:29cm H:18cm B:10cm

Hoopoe's spend much time on the ground hunting insects and worms. That may have been among the reasons the Hoopoe is included on the Old Testament's list of unclean birds!! Their song is an "oop-oop-oop", which is where it gets it's name from. The nest is in a hole in a tree or wall and tends to smell very foul as a protection against predators.



**PURPLE GALLINULE**

**Product code:** P/05521

**Dimensions:** L:16cm H:15cm B:8cm

The Purple Gallinule is very similar to the American Swamp Hen. It generally lives in warm swamps and marshes. They are very entertaining to watch, these Gallinules will often eat with a foot, fly short distances with dangling legs, clamber through the reeds like a drunk person and will even swim fairly long distances with feet that have no webs.

## Streetwires Birds



**BIRDY**

**Product code:** P/05522

**Dimensions:** L:14cm H:12cm B:7cm



**FUNKY BIRD**

**Product code:** P/01366

**Dimensions:** L:20cm H:14cm B:8cm