

THE LÜDERITZ PENINSULA



Damara Tern: this small tern can often be seen fishing at Grossebucht and Guano Bay, hovering like a butterfly above the surf and diving in head-first. Small numbers breed on the Lüderitz Peninsula.



Greater Flamingo: this charismatic bird can be seen throughout much of the year at various bays on the Lüderitz Peninsula, particularly at Second Lagoon, where it feeds on microscopic organisms.



Lesser Flamingo: slightly smaller than the Greater Flamingo and with a dark beak, this flamingo is most commonly encountered at the pan on the way to Agate beach.



Heaviside's Dolphin: this small, playful dolphin only occurs along the coast of Namibia and western South Africa, and can often be observed at Shearwater Bay, Dias Point and Guano Bay.



African Penguin: about 800 pairs breed on Halifax Island, where they are protected from predators and human disturbance. The island is part of the Namibian Islands' Marine Protected Area.



Cape Fur Seal: a small colony of these marine mammals can be observed on a rock next to the cross at Dias Point; larger colonies exist at Wolf Bay and Atlas Bay, about 18 km south of Lüderitz.



Cape Cormorant: one of several cormorant species in the area, this globally endangered species can often be seen fishing in large flocks or flying in long "strings" along the coast.



Hartlaub's Gull: this small and boisterous gull with the red beak and red legs is very common around Lüderitz. It breeds on the nearby islands, often together with the Swift Terns.



Kelp Gull: the most common gull on Namibia's coast nests in large numbers on Halifax, Penguin and Seal Islands between November and February and is regularly seen on the beaches around Lüderitz.



African Oystercatcher: this strikingly beautiful bird breeds on the islands around Lüderitz. It is often observed in pairs or small groups, feeding on mussels and limpets on our rocky shores.



Black-backed Jackal: this elegant, dog-like carnivore is occasionally seen on the Lüderitz Peninsula, usually singly but sometimes in pairs or small groups, especially around dawn and dusk.



Brown Hyena: by and large nocturnal, this shy hyena with the long fur regularly patrols the beaches along the Namib Desert coast. Although it is primarily a scavenger, it also actively hunts Cape Fur Seals.

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