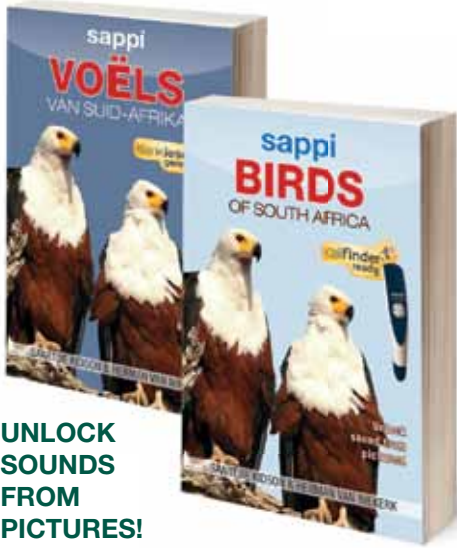


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Yellow-morph Southern Red Bishop

Colour morphs in birds can be confusing for birders and it is not well understood what, if any, role they play in evolutionary processes. Primary-colour morphs in which the red plumage is replaced with yellow are well known (albeit rare) in southern Africa in species such as Crimson-breasted Shrikes *Laniarius atrococcineus*, Black-collared Barbets *Lybius torquatus* and, more recently, recorded for Green-winged Pytilia *Pytilia melba*. However, this colour morph has not previously been recorded for the Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*.

Susan Schlebusch, a resident member of the Queenstown Bird Club, submitted a photograph of a yellow-morph breeding plumage Southern Red Bishop. It was photographed by her brother Jannie Viljoen at Igo-da Mouth, about 70 kilometres south-west of East London, on 12 November 2012.



The bird was associating with a group of Village Weavers *Ploceus cucullatus* that were also in typical yellow and black breeding plumage, which begs the question whether there was any false association by either party because of the apparent similarity in plumage colour.

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