



# GARDEN BIRDS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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No record could possibly do full justice to the wealth of bird sounds familiar to owners of gardens throughout southern Africa. Climate and habitat are the main factors determining whether or not a species is present in any area. For instance, a bird common in gardens close to forest would probably be absent in areas of open grassland. This selection, however, does include some of the most common and well-loved voices which may be heard around houses and homesteads in many parts of the country.

On this disc the only announcements are of the English name followed by the number from Roberts' "Birds of South Africa". All other details of the bird, together with time and place of recording, are given below. The extra record space available has made it possible to allow more time for each bird as well as to increase the overall number of species.

The sequence followed is according to the established systematic form as in the Roberts' book, with the exception of the three Doves. These have been placed out of context at the end of Side 1 instead of at the very beginning. As these calls consist of soft low notes, so uncharacteristic of the rest of the collection, it was felt that they might cause an incorrect setting of the volume and tone controls of the reproducing equipment were they to appear at the start of the record.

Most of the examples were taken in Rhodesia where conditions generally are ideal for sound recording out of doors.

This is the second record in the Wild Life Series compiled by Anthony Walker—the first being "Birdsong of Southern Africa" (GALP 1501)—which contains thirty-three of the most striking examples from bushveld, vlei and forest.

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