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St. Francis Anglican Church  
46 Tyrone Avenue  
Parkview  
2nd Thursday of the Month, 6pm



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13 September 2018, 6-7PM

## **CONSERVING THE BIRDS OF SOUTH AFRICA**

132 of South Africa's 850 bird species are threatened with extinction. The threats are numerous, and include a reduction in, and deterioration of the quality of, natural habitat. BirdLife South Africa, our country's only dedicated bird conservation NGO, is working hard to address these threats, and there have been numerous successes. Successes have included the facilitation, through Biodiversity Stewardship, the protection of almost 200,000 ha of threatened grassland habitat. The organisation is working hard to ensure that commercial fishing quotas take the environment into account, that there is engagement with developers on the placement of wind farms as well as developing innovative tax incentives for commercial farmers who undertake to conserve their properties. Therefore, despite the numerous environmental challenges, there are a number of successes, and there's hope for our country's birds.

## **MARK ANDERSON**

Mark Anderson is the CEO of BirdLife South Africa, and he has been in this position since 2008. BirdLife South Africa is South Africa's only dedicated bird conservation organisation. Efforts are focused on conserving the country's most threatened species and important bird habitats. Mark previously worked as a Specialist Nature Conservation Scientist with government. He is regarded as a world expert on the biology and conservation of vultures and flamingos. His hobbies are wildlife photography and travel.