



## KENILWORTH RACECOURSE CONSERVATION AREA



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The area was opened as a racecourse in 1882 and due to the nature of the land use, allowed for the conservation of the area within the track. In recent years the conservation area was identified as "irreplaceable" on the Cape Town Biodiversity Network.

In 2006, a management agreement between the City of Cape Town, Gold Circle and CapeNature was established. A permanent conservation management team was put in place and the Kenilworth Racecourse Conservation Area (KRCA) was formed.

### BEING RESPONSIBLE

**Please:**

- Smoke only in designated areas
- Enjoy the activities allowed (see icons above)

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## BIODIVERSITY

### Flora

The KRCA hosts more than 300 indigenous plant species of which 34 are considered to be threatened with extinction. Some of these species include: *Diastella proteoides*, *Erica margaritacea*, *Leucadendron levisanus*, *Morea elsiae*, *Restio micans* and *Disa barbata*. Many of these rare species are endemic to Cape Flats sand fynbos of which the conservation area is comprised. Controlled burns were performed in 2005 and annually from 2010 to 2013. This led to the rediscovery of a plant species, the cinnamon sambreëltjie (*Hessea cinnamomea*) which hasn't flowered for more than 70 years. Adding to the significance of the site are the nine or so seasonal wetlands in the conservation area.

### Fauna

Apart from the botanical importance of the site, KRCA is also of great faunal significance. It is home to 11 amphibians, including the Critically Endangered micro frog (*Microbatrachella capensis*), the Endangered Cape platanna (*Xenopus gilli*) and the Cape rain frog (*Breviceps gibbosus*), all of which are endemic to the South Western Cape, rendering KRCA the hottest hotspot for amphibian life on the Cape Flats.

Home to a presumed 17 reptiles, including the parrot-beaked tortoise (*Homopus areolatus*), the rare Aurora house snake (*Lamprophis aurora*) and a small mammal community of at least 10 species. A newly discovered species includes the Brant's climbing mouse (*Dendromus mesomelas*). The site also supports a healthy bird community of at least 80 species that take up residence or frequent the reserve. One such bird is the rare peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*).

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Address: Kenilworth Racecourse, Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth  
GPS -33.997208 S, 18.478439 E

Opening hours: Under reserve staff supervision only. Booking required.

A nominal entry fee is charged.

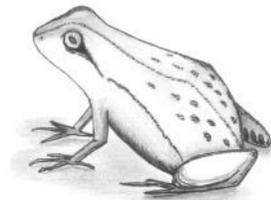
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Website: [www.krca.co.za](http://www.krca.co.za)

To be added to the Friends of KRCA mailing list, send a blank email to [fkrc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:fkrc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



Micro frog  
(*Microbatrachella capensis*)

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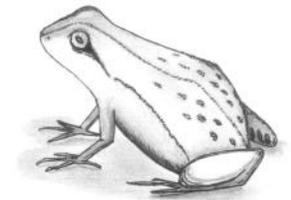
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