

Animal Fact Sheet

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Malachite Sunbird

Nectarinia famosa

The Malachite Sunbird is a strikingly beautiful bird native to southern Africa, notable for the male's vibrant iridescent green plumage during the breeding season. This species exhibits pronounced se...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird**Family:** Nectariniidae**Habitat:** Montane grasslands, fynbos, heathlands, and gardens**Diet:** Omnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 5-8 years**Weight:** 10-20 grams**Scientific name:** *Nectarinia famosa*

Did you know?

- Outside of the breeding season, male Malachite Sunbirds molt into a much duller plumage that closely resembles the female's coloration.
- Male Malachite Sunbirds dramatically change color in the breeding season, becoming a vivid metallic green. Their long, curved bills and brush-tipped ...

What I learned
