

# THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

## YOUR WEEKLY BIRD 52

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### Kori Bustard

The kori bustard is the world's heaviest flying bird. Males, which are about twice the size of females, range from 24 to 42 pounds—roughly eleven thousand times the weight of the world's smallest bird, the bee hummingbird of Cuba, which comes in at about one sixteenth of an ounce.



As enormous as they are, kori bustards, especially the chicks, feed largely on insects; they may also eat small mammals, lizards, snakes, seeds, berries, and carrion. They live on flat, arid grasslands and savannas in eastern and southern Africa. These pictures are from Chobe National Park and the Kalahari Desert in Botswana.



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