

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*

When to look:

Throughout the year;
breeding is opportunistic

Black on top of head

Brown and
black wings

Yellow bill and
wattle from
forehead to
behind its eye
hangs beside chin

White neck and
underparts

Similar species:

Banded Lapwing (*Vanellus tricolor*): is smaller (25 - 29 cm long) with much more black on the head and lower breast, with a distinct white eye-stripe and white throat and upper breast, forming a white 'bib'. There is also a distinctive red patch at the base of its bill.

Image: Earthwatch