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*Irene Country Lodge is part of the Autograph Collection® brand within the Marriott International portfolio. Each hotel offers a unique mark of craft that is presented in the hotel. Our mark of craft is fittingly AUTHENTIC FARM, as we are situated on a working dairy farm. The farm has been producing certified raw milk for over 120 years. The unique AUTHENTIC FARM experiences we offer our guests tells a story - of cows and meadows, swans and water birds, a camdeboo forest, rose and oak lanes, rivers of abundance flowing through the mists of time delivering a full circle experience, making their mark... telling the story of **THE FARM IN THE CITY**.*

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SITE MAP  
INSIDE



*Introduction to our tree life*

The Irene Champion

## RIVER RED GUM

Spring

*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*

National Tree No: SA: X799

**Stem Ø breast H 2.03m**

**Crown Ø 25.5m | H 41m**

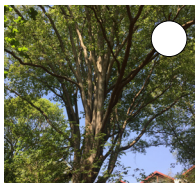
Large evergreen tree with a short, thick stem and large, spreading crown; invading watercourses. Bark shed in long, thin strips, exposing smooth, white and reddish patches. Branchlets reddish. Adult leaves drooping, lanceolate to narrowly lanceolate. 7-11 flowered clusters, cream to whitish.

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BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
FORESTRY AND FISHERIES AS

A CHAMPION TREE OF SOUTH AFRICA  
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OUR FOUR SPA ROOMS AT CAMDEBOO  
DAY SPA HAVE BEEN NAMED AFTER  
FOUR OF THESE MAJESTIC TREES



## WHITE STINKWOOD

Spring

*Celtis africana*

Family: *Ulmaceae*

**National Tree No: SA: 39**

Medium to large deciduous tree.



## SWEET THORN

Spring-Summer

*Acacia karroo*

Family: *Vachelia*

**National Tree No: SA: 172**

Shrub to medium-sized tree. Flowers bright yellow.



### **KAREE**

**Winter-Spring**

*Searsia lancea (Rhus lancea)*

*Family: Anacardiaceae*

**National Tree No: SA: 386**

Small to medium-sized evergreen tree.

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### **ENGLISH OAK**

**Spring**

*Quercus robur*

*Family: Fagaceae*

**National Tree No: SA: X312**

Easily identified by the shape of its leaves.

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### **HONEY LOCUST**

**Spring**

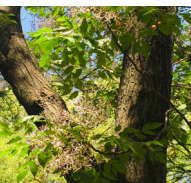
*Gleditsia triacanthos*

*Family: Fabaceae*

**National Tree No: SA: X537**

A deciduous, spreading tree 15-20m tall.

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### **CHINABERRY (Pride of India)**

**Spring**

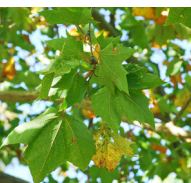
*Melia azedarach*

*Family: Meliaceae-mahogany*

**National Tree No: SA: X537**

Flowers are small and fragrant with pale purple or lilac petals.

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### **LONDON PLANE**

**Spring / Winter**

*Platanus x acerifolia*

*Family: Platanaceae*

**National Tree No: SA: X419**

Grown extensively as a street and garden tree.

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### **WHITE MULBERRY**

**Spring**

*Morus alba*

*Family: Moraceae*

**National Tree No: SA: X326**

A deciduous tree growing up to 15m high.



All birds listed are common residents to Irene, whereas the Black Swan and Rose-Ringed Parakeet are unique to Irene.

## Introduction to our bird life

### ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

*Psittacula krameri*

H 40cm | W 127g

Long slender tail. Black half-collar bordered below by rose-pink strip that extends to hindneck. This dark half-collar is absent in the female, but some have an emerald collar.

Unique to Irene



**CAPE GLOSSY STARLING**  
*Lamprotornis nitens*

H 23cm | W 90g

Iridescent blue-green glossy starling, lacks dark ear-patches of similar species.

Eyes orange-yellow.



**CAPE ROBIN-CHAT**  
*Cossypha caffra*

H 17cm | W 28g

Pale orange throat and grey sides to neck, breast and belly diagnostic.



**CAPE TURTLE-DOVE**  
*Streptopelia capicola*

H 27cm | W 153g

Overall grey plumage with back collar, white outer tail feathers. Black collar on hindneck narrowly rimmed with white.



### LAUGHING DOVE

*Streptopelia senegalensis*

H 25cm | W 100g

Pinkish-grey head and rufous chest with black spotting, lacks black collar on hindneck.



### PIED CROW

*Corvus albus*

H 49cm | W 550g

White breast extending to broad white collar on hindneck unmistakable.



### RED-FACED MOUSEBIRD

*Urocolius indicus*

H 32cm | W 56g

Soft grey plumage has green sheen to upperparts if seen in good light. Bare red skin around eyes distinctive.



### CAPE WAGTAIL

*Motacilla capensis*

H 20cm | W 21g

Drab grey-brown plumage. Grey-brown upperparts.

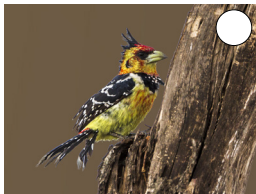


### COMMON MOORHEN

*Gallinula chloropus*

H 34cm | W 260g

Combination of white flank stripe, red base to yellow-tipped bill and rounded red frontal shield diagnostic.



### CRESTED BARBET

*Trachyphonus vaillantii*

H 24cm | W 74g

Yellow face speckled with red, black crest and chest band.



### RED-KNOBBED COOT

*Fulica cristata*

H 39cm | W 730g

All-black plumage, white bill and frontal shield conspicuous. 2 Red knobs above shield more conspicuous during breeding season.



### SOUTHERN GREY-HEADED SPARROW

*Passer diffusus*

H 15cm | W 24g

Pale grey head, chestnut shoulders and rump, and white wingbar distinctive. raised when bird lands.

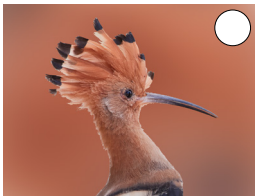


### SOUTHERN MASKED-WEAVER

*Ploceus velatus*

H 15cm | W 34g

Plain back, red eyes, heavier bill, yellow crown and brownish-pink legs.



### **AFRICAN HOOPOE**

*Upupa africana*

**H 26cm | W 53g**

Crest usually held flattened, forming a long point behind the crown, and only raised when bird lands.



### **AFRICAN PALM SWIFT**

*Cypsiurus parvus*

**H 15cm | W 14g**

Small, slim, plain-plumaged swift with distinctive long, narrow, scythe-shaped wings and deeply forked tail.



### **AFRICAN SACRED IBIS**

*Threskiornis aethiopicus*

**H 77cm | W 1.5kg**

Plumage distinctive; blue-black scapular plumes extent over lower back and tail.

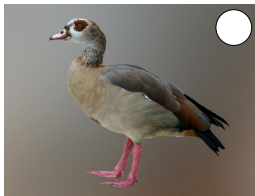


### **CROWNED LAPWING**

*Vanellus coronatus*

**H 31cm | W 185g**

Sandy brown upperparts, bright red bill and legs, and distinctive head pattern.

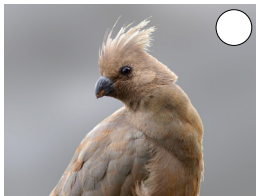


### **EGYPTIAN GOOSE**

*Alopochen aegyptiaca*

**H 68cm | W 2.1kg**

Dark patches on eye and breast, red legs.

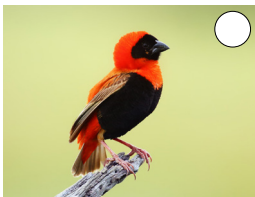


### **GREY LOURIE / -GO-AWAY-BIRD**

*Corythaixoides concolor*

**H 49cm | W 270g**

Very distinctive all-grey bird, common in the bushveld.

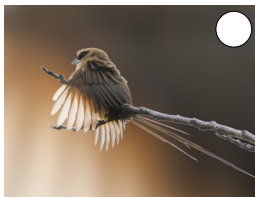


### **SOUTHERN RED BISHOP**

*Euplectes orix*

**H 13cm | W 23g**

Breeding male: Black forecrown and brown wings and tail.

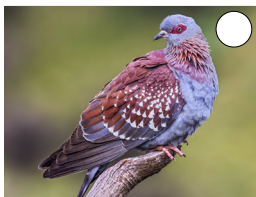


### **SPECKLED MOUSEBIRD**

*Colius striatus*

**H 33cm | W 55g**

Overall brown appearance, black face and black and white bill.



### **SPECKLED PIGEON**

*Columba guinea*

**H 30cm | W 344g**

Rusty brown plumage with white spotted wings, red eye-ring, and red legs diagnostic. In flight, black terminal tail bar distinctive.



### HADEDA IBIS

*Bostrychia hagedash*

H 76cm | W 1.25kg

Larger, heavier billed and overall paler plumage than Glossy Ibis.



### HELMETED GUINEAFOWL

*Numida meleagris*

H 56cm | W 1.35kg

Bony casque on head, red facial skin and blue upper neck.



### HOUSE SPARROW

*Passer domesticus*

H 14.5cm | W 26g

Male: Bib extends to upper breast, grey rump. Female: Dull grey brown with pale eyebrow.

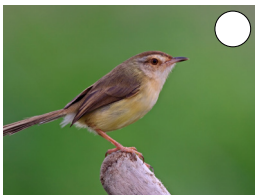


### SPOTTED THICK-KNEE

*Burhinus capensis*

H 43cm | W 465g

Overall spotted appearance, and large yellow eyes distinctive.



### TAWNY-FLANKED PRINIA

*Prinia subflava*

H 13cm | W 9.5g

Buffy underparts and flanks and rufous wing panel distinguish it from non-breeding and juvenile. Pale eyebrow.

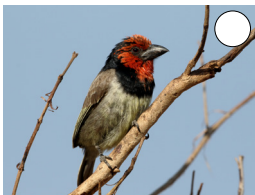


### YELLOW-BILLED DUCK

*Anas undulata*

H 57cm | W 890g

Dark brown with yellow markings. Grey feet and -bill with yellow sides. Dark eyeline and ear spot.



### BLACK-COLLARED BARBET

*Lybius torquatus*

H 20cm | W 54g

Bright red face, throat and upper breast, bordered by broad black collar. Shade of red varies from bright scarlet to salmon pink.

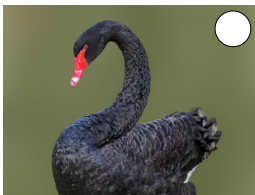


### BLACKSMITH LAPWING

*Vanellus armatus*

H 30cm | W 166g

Distinctive black, white and grey plumage, and black legs.



### BLACK SWAN

*Cygnus atratus*

H 142cm | W 9kg

Black plumage with white hidden flight feathers. It has a bright red bill with a white stripe across its tip. Its eyes are red.





## Irene Country Lodge Map Key

- 1. The River Bar**  
For the best sunset views
- 2. The Lobby Lounge**  
Need some quiet time for reading
- 3. Meadow Green Restaurant**  
Panoramic views while dining in style
- 4. Camdeboo Day Spa**  
Relax and rejuvenate your senses
- 5. Pool and Gym**  
Stay fit while staying with us
- 6. Bush Trail**  
Walk or cycle this off road trail
- 7. Hotel pool at The Rose Garden**  
Adult supervision required
- 8. The Firepit\***  
Make s'mores at our firepit
- 9. Hotel Reception**  
Need assistance or info
- 10. Stroll around the dam**  
Great picnic spots on route.

Various Walking and Jogging trails to explore follow the dotted line totaling 4,2 km

*\*Please note, these activities need to be pre-booked with reception.*





## IRENE FARM MAP KEY

- The Dairy:** Irene Farm has been producing and selling Certified Raw Milk to the public for over 127 years.
- The Deli:** Offering a wide range of produce, a visit to The Deli is always a treat.
- The Deck:** This coffee shop style restaurant retains a light, bistro vibe serving a wide range of breakfast and lunch options.
- The Barn:** Offers intimate inside seating as well as outside seating making it the ultimate family hangout. Part of the restaurant is also available as a conference venue and for functions.
- Milking Parlour and Stable:** Viewing of our dairy cows being milked is a daily occurrence and takes place at our viewing gallery from 14h30 to 15h30. This is where kiddies learn more about where milk comes from.
- Wishing Fountain:** The famous wishing fountain can be found at the walkway entrance of the farm. Your coins will help so many as all proceeds are donated to local charities.
- Kids Playground:** Ensuring hours of fun for little ones. With loads of space to run, a fun jungle gym to climb and some old tractors as well as other farm equipment to explore, the kids will be entertained for hours.

- Maternity Ward:** Watch calves being born, Otherwise known as the Farm's 'Hospital', this area is close to our farm workers so that cows and calves are cared for as soon as they need assistance.
- Crèche - Baby Calves (0 to 1 year olds):** Our little ones are kept under the watchful eye of the caretaker for the first few months of their lives. He feeds them milk twice a day, water regularly and checks that they grow up to become strong, healthy cows. Come along and view them - they love to give cow kisses (licks) to anyone who comes close enough.
- Visit our Ponds:** The ideal spot to take a picture or two. Feel free to buy a bag of corn kernels at The Deli and feed our birdlife, alternatively just take a break by resting on our natural benches whilst soaking in all that nature has on offer.

- Little Calves - (1 to 2 year olds):** The calves' playground whilst growing up consists mostly of their favourite treat which is grass! If you would like to feed them, merely offer them a nice green piece of grass and they will happily eat out of your hand.
- Buy a Boat - Float it down our Moat:** The Deli sells little boats that you can assemble and paint. Then watch the boat go down the moat to the dam, catch it and start again.
- Young Cows - (2 to 3 year olds):** These teenagers are almost ready to join the herd. When they reach 3 years old the farmer artificially inseminates them so that once they have had their first calf they may join the milking herd. Wonder how old these cows are? Well the first number on their behinds is the year they were born and the second number is the number sequence in which they were born. These markings are added to their behinds when they are old enough or rather, when their behinds get big enough!
- River Trail:** Take a stroll down the tree-lined brick road or ride your bicycle and do the river loop! Whilst taking a walk, spot some animals or just enjoy the fresh air.

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## WHEN VISITING THE FARM PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF IRENE FARM'S RULES

### - IMPORTANT NOTICE: DISCLAIMER -

The playground areas and facilities are used entirely at you and your children's own risk. Irene Estate (Pty) Ltd, Irene Townships (Pty) Ltd trading as "The Barn Restaurant, The Deck and The Deli" as well as all employees, managers and representatives (of any form) of the aforesaid entities (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as "Irene Estate") do not accept any liability or responsibility for any personal injury, harm, death or any other damages of whatsoever cause or nature whether arising from negligence or any other cause whatsoever which is suffered by any child or person in the playground area, or whilst using any of the Irene Estate facilities or on Irene Estate's premises or any other premises managed or controlled by Irene Estate. All persons entering these premises or any other premises owned, managed or controlled by Irene Estate, do so entirely at their own risk. Children are not to use the playground area or any playground facilities without the parent/guardian/in loco parents ensuring that there is constant adult supervision. Irene Estate does not provide this supervision.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: IRENE FARM IS A CASHLESS ENVIRONMENT, ALL MAJOR CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED. OUR GATE CLOSES AT 18:00. CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. INDEMNITY:** You are now entering a 130-year-old working dairy farm. Entry is entirely at your own risk and Irene Estate (Pty) Ltd, its staff and animals. Entry is entirely at your risk and Irene Estate (Pty) Ltd, its staff and animals do not accept or take any responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, accident or injury to any person or their property while on this farm precinct whether caused as a result of negligence of its staff or the behaviour of its cows or any cause whatsoever.



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