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Index to *Bulletin of the African Bird Club*

I have prepared an index for volumes 1–12 (1994–2005) of *Bulletin of the African Bird Club*. It is available as a pdf file, free on demand, from <dowsett@aol.com>.

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£500,000 fund to connect African ecologists

Scientists in Africa can now seek support from a new fund to help them research major challenges, such as climate change, desertification and biodiversity loss. The British Ecological Society's "Building Capacity for Ecology Fund", launched in January 2006, will develop ecological science in the region by helping create national and regional associations of scientists studying African ecology. BES has committed £500,000 for the first five years. This will be used, in part, to bring scientists together, and to provide administrative support to newly-formed associations in their first couple of years. Full details and an application form for the Building Capacity for Ecology Fund are available at <www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants/bcef>.

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