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Join South Africa's Birding Big Day

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South Africa
Giving Conservation Wings



The annual Sappi BirdLife South Africa Birding Big Day is a fun, yet competitive day for South Africa's bird-watchers, while at the same time raising funds for BirdLife South Africa's important bird conservation and bird monitoring work.

Categories

Garden Bird (urban) Category

- Record all the bird species seen or heard in your garden during a 24-hour period, preferably on the 28 November 2009.
- Birds recorded flying overhead cannot be included, unless they are entering or leaving your garden (the exceptions are swifts, swallows and other birds which are seen foraging for insects above the garden).
- Please spend a minimum of one uninterrupted hour of observation in your garden.

SABAP2 Category

- The rules follow the Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2 protocol (www.sabap2.org).
- Participants need to be registered atlasers, with Animal Demography Unit (ADU) observer numbers.
- Participants should do one, two or a maximum of three pentads during the day.
- Participants may submit their entry form once they have submitted their data to the ADU.

Traditional Birding Big Day Category

- The maximum area that can be visited is a circle with a radius of 50 km, but in the interests of your carbon footprint and climate change, consider birding in a smaller area.
- There are four sub-categories, namely Open, Handicap, Family and Farm.
- The team must consist of three to four people.
- The Handicap sub-category is based on the number of birds recorded in the circular area relative to the number of birds which were recorded there during the Southern African Bird Atlas Project 1. It is therefore important for participants to send the quarter degree squares to BirdLife South Africa by 16h00 on Friday 20 November 2009, so that the number of birds recorded in that area during SABAP1 can be determined.

Rules

- Garden Bird and SABAP2 teams can participate during the week preceding or on the official day (28 November 2009).
- The Traditional Birding Big Day teams can only participate on the 28 November 2009 and observations should be done over a 24-hour period (midnight to midnight).
- Birding Big Day badges will be issued to the teams who raise more than R250 sponsorship for BirdLife South Africa.
- '200' Birding Big Day badges will be issued to teams who raise more than R250 sponsorship for BirdLife South Africa and identify 200 species or more in the traditional category.
- Bird species lists can be downloaded from www.birdlife.org.za. Alternatively, contact BirdLife South Africa (011 789 1122, info@birdlife.org.za) and we will e-mail, fax or post you the bird list.
- The top 3 winners of each category will receive certificates of recognition.
- For the Traditional Category the majority of the team members have to agree on a call or sighting.
- Only free-flying birds may be recorded (no caged birds).
- Completed forms and checklists need to be submitted to BirdLife South Africa by 7 December 2009 in order to be eligible for a prize.
- The organizer's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

WIN great prizes!

There are several lucky draw prizes for all categories, which include weekend getaways, books, guided tours and much more. For the full list of prizes and sponsors visit www.birdlife.org.za

Your participation helps bird research and bird conservation!

For more information check www.birdlife.org.za or call 011 789 1122.



Personal particulars

Name: _____ Postal address: _____

Contact telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Team name: _____ Team leader: _____

Names of team members: _____

Number of members in team: _____ Money pledged: _____

Are you a member of BirdLife South Africa? Yes [] No []

Do you want more information about BirdLife South Africa? Yes [] No []

Birding Big Day category (please complete A, B or C)

A. Garden Bird Category

Additional observers' name/s: _____

Street address: _____

Coordinates (lat/long) (if possible) of garden: _____

Suburb: _____ Town/city: _____ Total species seen: _____

Total time (hours and minutes) that observations were made: _____

B. SABAP2 Category

Number of pentads visited: _____ Total number of records: _____

C. Traditional Birding Big Day Category

Open Handicap Family Farm (please tick category entered)

Centre point of 50 km radius: _____ Total species seen: _____

Payments

Credit card authorisation

Name on credit card: _____ Credit card number: _____

Expiry date: _____ CVC number: _____ Signature: _____

Cheques must be made payable to BirdLife South Africa.

For bank deposits or electronic transfers, please return deposit slip or proof of payment to BirdLife South Africa. Please use the reference "BBD" and your team name.

Bank account details

BirdLife South Africa, First National Bank, Randburg, Branch code 254005, Account number: 62067506281

Please fax, e-mail or post your completed entry form, checklist and a list of your sponsors to BirdLife South Africa by 7 December 2009.

011-789-5188 (Fax), info@birdlife.org.za or PO Box 515, Randburg, 2125.