



## **BirdLife South Africa Photography Competition 2024**

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

This document provides the Terms & Conditions which apply to BirdLife South Africa's Photography Competition 2024. Please read them in full and confirm that you have read and understood them by checking the mandatory checkbox on the entry form on the competition website (<https://www.birdlife.org.za/photography-competition-2024/>).

The promoter of this competition is BirdLife South Africa, non-profit registration number 001-298 NPO ("the Promoter"), whose registered address is Isdell House, 17 Hume Road, Dunkeld West, 2196 Gauteng.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is only open to people who are resident in South Africa, and prize winners may be asked to provide necessary supporting documentation.

The competition is not open to BirdLife South Africa employees, BirdLife South Africa Board members, Trustees of the BirdLife National Trust, members of official BirdLife South Africa committees, employees of the competition's sponsors, competition judges, or the immediate families of the aforementioned parties.

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

By entering the competition all participants and winners agree to be bound by these terms and conditions, which will be interpreted by the Promoter, in its sole discretion, and its decision regarding any dispute will be conclusive, final and binding and will not be challenged on any grounds, including without limitation, the grounds that the Promoter failed to act reasonably, fairly, in good faith or otherwise in accordance with the principles or procedural fairness.

BirdLife South Africa reserves the right to amend the validity dates of this competition at any time.

To enter the competition, all entrants must comply with the competition by submitting the details as requested. Entries will be considered incomplete and thus disqualified if the entrant does not provide all requested information.

Entry and payment may only be via the Photography Competition page (<https://www.birdlife.org.za/photography-competition-2024/>) on the BirdLife South Africa website and its chosen payment mechanism (PayFast) to ensure accurate tracking of entries. No other forms of entry or payment will be allowed.

## **COMPETITION PERIOD**

The competition opened for entries at 17h00 (SAST) on 8 May 2024, and closes for entries at 23h59 (SAST) on 30 June 2024, with judging taking place during the course of July 2024.

Any entries received after 23h59 on 30 June 2024 will be invalid and will not be entered into the competition.

## **ENTRY**

To enter this competition, entrants need to complete the entry form on the BirdLife South Africa Photography Competition website (<https://www.birdlife.org.za/photography-competition-2024>), upload their images, accept these Terms & Conditions, and complete payment.

A maximum of four (4) images may be uploaded per entry. Participants may enter more than once, but will have to pay per entry.

Images must have been photographed by and belong to the person entering the competition and whose name is on the entry form. Entrants must be able to supply RAW or hi-res original files if requested. Any persons who infringe on the copyright of another person will be disqualified from the competition, and further action may be taken against them.

Photographers' names and/or watermarks must not be visible on the images that are uploaded to the competition's entry form, so that entries are kept anonymous, for judging purposes.

Photographs that are uploaded and display the photographer's name or watermark will be disqualified from the competition, and will not be judged, and entrants will forfeit their entry fee.

Entry fees are R100 (for BirdLife South Africa members) or R300 (for non-BirdLife South Africa members) per entry. For each entry, a maximum of four photographs may be entered into the competition. There is no limit on the number of entries.

The R100 discounted entry fee only applies to fully paid-up members (not *African Birdlife* magazine subscribers, bird club members, or members of the BirdLife South Africa Facebook Page or Group). Members must be paid up until the end of June 2024 in order to qualify for the discount. Members who enter but are not paid up until the end of June 2024, or who do not renew their membership until then, will forfeit their entry fee.

Entries should be photographs of wild birds that occur in South Africa only. Please refer to the BirdLife South Africa [Checklist of Birds in South Africa 2024](#).

Entrants should follow BirdLife South Africa's [Birding Code of Ethics](#), including no flushing of birds, and avoiding playback of calls to attract birds.

Edits, such as cropping, lighting, etc., should be kept to a minimum, and major manipulation using design software is discouraged.

The entry may not have been an overall or category winner, or runner up, in a previous competition.

## **SELECTION OF WINNERS**

The winners of the following categories will be chosen by a judging panel appointed by BirdLife South Africa: Grand Prize; Action; Portrait; Birds in the Environment; Garden; Youth; Threatened Species; Endemic Species. The winning photographs of these categories will ultimately be chosen according to the judges' discretion, but a number of factors and photographic principles will be judged, including but not limited to: composition, focus, rule of thirds, emotive value, uniqueness of photograph, judges' experience, etc.

The winner of the People's Choice category will be determined by a count of public votes on the BirdLife South Africa website. The judging panel will select a shortlist of photographs that will be eligible for voting, and will be displayed on the Photography Competition web page. Participants will have the chance to share the link with their networks in order to encourage votes on their entry. The prize will be awarded to the shortlisted photograph that receives the most votes according to the voting software.

The winner of the Voter's Prize will be automatically and randomly chosen using automated randomizer software. Voters will be required to submit their name and/or email address, and may only vote once, and for one image.

Please note that no correspondence regarding the competition, or the outcome of the competition, shall be entered into between competition participants and judges during the duration of the competition period (May – August 2024).

The judges' decisions regarding winners are final, and no correspondence with participants or winners will be entered into. No reviews or appeals will be accepted regarding judges' decisions.

### **WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT & NOTIFICATION**

Winners of all categories will be announced at BirdLife South Africa's South African Bird Fair on 24 August 2024.

Winners will be notified either telephonically or via e-mail within one week of the winners' announcement, on the cell phone number or e-mail address they supplied when entering this competition.

The competition winners will have five (5) working days to claim acceptance of their prizes, and supply BirdLife South Africa with copies of their South African Identity Documents (IDs). Upon failure to do so, BirdLife South Africa reserves the right to award a new winner, in accordance with the terms stipulated herein.

The decisions of the Promoter and its judging panel are final and the Promoter shall not enter into any correspondence about the results.

Entries that do not comply with these terms and conditions will be disqualified.

The Promoter shall not be liable for any disruption to the competition, whether due to technical problems or otherwise, which is beyond its reasonable control. In the event of any disruption to the competition, the Promoter shall use its reasonable endeavours to remedy any disruption and resume the competition on a fair and equitable basis to the entrants.

By entering the competition, entrants warrant that all information submitted by them is true, current, and complete.

### **PERSONAL DATA**

Completion of a contact form is required for competition entry. The data entered into the form by the entrant is only collected, processed and used by BirdLife South Africa in order to administer the competition.

The Promoter keeps the data to fulfil the purposes for which it was collected or as required by applicable laws or regulations.

### **OWNERSHIP AND PUBLICITY**

BirdLife South Africa reserves the right to publish the names and photographs of the winners, including in its print and digital publication, *African Birdlife* magazine.

Therefore, entrants understand and agree that their submission may be posted and publicly viewable.

By providing a submission, you grant the Promoter the right, except where prohibited by law, to use your name for competition purposes in promoting or publicising the competition, including the right to name the winners of the prizes in public.

Details of the winners may also be announced on the Promoter's website and any other media properties that it chooses. The Promoter, acting reasonably, retains the right to delay the timing of the publication of the winners of the competition.

BirdLife South Africa often has need for photographs of South African bird species in its education, awareness and conservation work. If entrants are willing to allow BirdLife South Africa to use their images for such non-commercial purposes, with credit to the photographer, please tick the relevant box on the entry form.

### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

The Promoter reserves the right to terminate the competition at any time.

The Promoter cannot accept any responsibility for entries not received because they have been lost, or not received due to interrupted internet connections or miscommunications, or other electronic malfunctions.

Any entries found to be fraudulent will result in the entrant being excluded from the competition.

By participating, all entrants release the Promoter, its affiliates, partners, subsidiaries, officers, directors, agents, employees and all entities associated with the development and execution of this competition from any and all liability with respect to and in any way arising from participation in this competition, acceptance or use of the prizes.

The Promoter reserves the right to modify or cancel the competition in the event that any portion of any website used to administer any aspect of the competition becomes technically corrupted.

The Promoter assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of entries.

### **PRIVACY POLICY**

BirdLife South Africa ("the Promoter") treats all information collected as confidential and will not sell, share or rent this information to any other third-parties.

BirdLife South Africa reserves the right to change the terms and conditions at any given time.

## **COMPETITION PRIZES**

### **Grand Prize**

A three-night stay for two people sharing at [Tswalu Kalahari Reserve](#), to the value of R237 960.

Your Tswalu Kalahari experience, depending on your interests, includes:

- Luxury full-board accommodation for 2 people sharing a Motse legae for 3 nights.
- Private vehicle, guide and tracker.
- Dinner at Klein JAN restaurant on one of the nights.
- Walking safaris and nature walks, including traditional plant-use interpretation.
- Habituated meerkat experience, horse riding and bird watching.
- Some of the oldest bushman rock engravings in Africa.
- Visit to our community health care centre and pre-school.
- Involvement in current wildlife projects on the reserve.
- All meals and snacks, including private dining experiences.
- All beverages, including full selection from our award-winning wine list.
- Wireless internet access and national telephone calls.
- The Tswalu Foundation – botanical bush walk with Dylan Smith and pangolin discussion with Dr Wendy Panaino (depending on their availability).
- Flights on an existing Tswalu scheduled charter service from Johannesburg or Cape Town.

Please also note the following:

- The offer is mutually exclusive and cannot be combined or used in conjunction with any other special rates or promotions offered by Tswalu.
- The offer must be requested at the time of booking and cannot be applied retrospectively.
- Accommodation and flights are subject to availability.
- Prize voucher is valid until 15 December 2024.
- Voucher is not redeemable for cash and is not transferable.
- You will need to email [res@tswalukalahari.com](mailto:res@tswalukalahari.com) to reserve your Tswalu experience.

**AND;**

[CANON South Africa](#) will reward our Grand Prize winner with the use of their latest top-of-the-range CANON camera equipment, valued at over R1 million, for the duration of their stay at Tswalu. This will be customised to their specific requirements.

### **Action Category Prize**

A bucket-list pelagic birding weekend, sponsored by [Cape Town Pelagics](#), [Birding Africa](#) and [The Silo Hotel](#), consisting of a world-famous Cape Town pelagic day-trip for two people (valued at R7 190), and a two-night stay for two people sharing in a Silo Room at The Silo Hotel, on a bed and breakfast basis. The Silo Hotel's prize is inclusive of: Accommodation, breakfast, parking and WiFi.

Please also note the following regarding the prize from The Silo Hotel:

- Flights and transfers, telephone calls, all beverages, gratuities and shop purchases are for your own account.

- The booking must be made with [The Royal Portfolio's](#) Central Reservations on (021) 671 5502 / [reservations@trp.travel](mailto:reservations@trp.travel).
- The prize is non-transferable and not redeemable for cash.
- The prize expires on 1 February 2025, and is subject to availability when booking.
- This prize excludes stays during the period 15 December 2024 – 15 January 2025. Validity cannot be extended under any circumstances.
- You will need to email a copy of the prize letter when making your reservation, and on check-in, will need to provide the original to the receptionist.

Please also note the following regarding the prize from Cape Town Pelagics:

- The prize excludes flights and transfers.
- The pelagic trip is weather dependent.
- Transport to and from the harbour is not included.
- The prize is not redeemable for cash.
- The prize is valid until 1 March 2025.
- Any additional costs associated with the prize are for your own account.
- Please read the full terms and conditions [here](#).

### **Portrait Category Prize**

A two-night safari for two guests sharing, at the luxurious [Tintswalo Waterberg](#) in the Welgevonden Game Reserve, valued at R23 680.

Prize includes:

- Two nights' accommodation for two guests sharing
- All meals and house drinks
- Twice-daily safari activities

Prize excludes:

- Flights and transfers
- Gratuities
- All unspecified items

Please also note the following:

- This prize voucher is valid until 29 February 2025.
- You will need to quote your unique reference number when reserving your experience at the venue.
- You will need to print the prize voucher and present it upon arrival at Tintswalo Waterberg.
- Please book in advance to avoid disappointment on +27 (0)21 773 0900 or [reservations@tintswalo.com](mailto:reservations@tintswalo.com).
- This prize voucher is not applicable over Public Holidays, local school holidays, or peak periods (15 December 2024 – 15 January 2025), and is subject to availability.
- This prize is not transferable to parties other than the recipient/s and is non-redeemable for cash or any other services.
- Right of admission reserved.
- By accepting this prize, the competition winners (and their companions) agree to act in accordance with what would be regarded as reasonable behaviour expected from guests at a 5-star establishment.
- Guests will be held liable for any damages caused by gross negligence or severe bad behaviour. In this case, they may be requested to leave and the prize would be forfeited.

### **Garden Category Prize**

A two-night Pafuri walking safari with [RETURNAfrica](#), for two guests sharing one tent, including meals, local beverages and walking activities, valued at R20 800.

Prize excludes:

- Non-local beverages
- Community and Conservation levy
- Laundry
- Road transfers and air transfers
- Gratuities
- SANParks Entry Fee

Please also note the following:

- This prize is valid until 31 March 2025.
- Prize voucher may not be redeemed over public holidays or peak periods (including but not limited to 15 December 2024 – 5 January 2025).
- The prize voucher is not transferrable to another person, nor transferable into cash.

**AND;**

A hamper from [Gardena](#), to the value of R10 000.

Please note: This prize will either need to be collected from Isdell House in Dunkeld West, Johannesburg, or delivered to the prize winner at their own cost (including insurance).

### **Birds in the Environment Category Prize**

A two-night stay for two people sharing at [The Oyster Box Hotel](#), including breakfast and dinner, to the value of R25 000.

Please also note the following:

- This voucher is non-transferable and may not be extended past the stipulated expiry date (30 January 2025).
- Booking is subject to availability.
- To secure your reservation please email [reservations@oysterbox.co.za](mailto:reservations@oysterbox.co.za).
- Excludes flights and transfers.
- Excludes gratuity.
- Excludes additional beverages.
- The prize is not redeemable for cash.
- Valid until 30 January 2025.

### **Youth Category Prize**

A [CANON](#) EOS R7 mirrorless camera with RF 100-400mm and RF 600mm f11 lenses, valued at R55 000.

Please note: This prize will either need to be collected from Isdell House in Dunkeld West, Johannesburg, or delivered to the prize winner at their own cost (including insurance).

### **People's Choice Sub-category Prize**

A [Struik Nature](#) book hamper, consisting of a range of bird and nature books, worth R5 000.

Please note: This prize will either need to be collected from Isdell House in Dunkeld West, Johannesburg, or delivered to the prize winner at their own cost (including insurance).

### **Voter Sub-category prize**

A [Struik Nature](#) book hamper, consisting of a range of bird and nature books, worth R5 000.

Please note: This prize will either need to be collected from Isdell House in Dunkeld West, Johannesburg, or delivered to the prize winner at their own cost (including insurance).

### **Threatened Species Sub-category Prize**

A [BirdLife South Africa](#) merchandise and membership hamper, worth over R2 000, including:

- BirdLife South Africa fleece and peak cap.
- Bateleur (Bird of the Year 2024) T-shirt and pin badge.
- BirdLife South Africa [membership](#).

Please note: This prize will either need to be collected from Isdell House in Dunkeld West, Johannesburg, or delivered to the prize winner at their own cost (including insurance).

### **Endemic Species Sub-category Prize**

A [BirdLife South Africa](#) merchandise and membership hamper, worth over R2 000, including:

- BirdLife South Africa fleece and peak cap.
- Bateleur (Bird of the Year 2024) T-shirt and pin badge.
- BirdLife South Africa [membership](#).

Please note: This prize will either need to be collected from Isdell House in Dunkeld West, Johannesburg, or delivered to the prize winner at their own cost (including insurance).

### **FURTHER ENQUIRIES**

For any further enquiries relating to the BirdLife South Africa Photography Competition 2024, please email [photocompetition@birdlife.org.za](mailto:photocompetition@birdlife.org.za).