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Club Programme: OCTOBER 2018 to JANUARY 2019

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Klubprogram: OKTOBER 2018 tot JANUARIE 2019

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- **October (19-21) : Verlorenkloof (MPU)**
- **November (09-11) : Bona Thaba (LIM)**
- **December (14-17) : Lekgalameetse NR (LIM)**
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Dear fellow BLNG birders,

As always, find herewith **your** latest program for the coming months of October 2018 until January 2019.

Another four months, and for that matter, winter has passed with an incredible speed! Thank you for your support to many of BLNG's outings, camps and special events during the past quarter, especially during some rather cold mornings. Some wonderful BLNG experiences are shared in the recent *Laniarius* #137!

Forthcoming camps are highlighted on the front page (also browse the index to the left).

BLNG wishes to improve your birding experiences. Therefore, we request you to confirm attendance to all birding events via e-mail to reservations@blng.co.za

The Chamberlain Guide to Birding in Gauteng by Etienne Marais and Faansie Peacock can be consulted for much of the info in this programme. It can be obtained from Riana Botha at the monthly club meetings, or from Etienne Marais.

Looking forward seeing many more of you at the forthcoming BLNG outings, events and camps as outlined in this programme. Grow and expand yourself as an avitourist and citizen scientist! Consider contributing to our knowledge of the birds in our area by participating in a citizen science project such as the Southern African Bird Atlas Project.

**WILL YOU BE AT THE YEAREND FUNCTION ?
GAAN JY BY DIE JAAREINDFUNKSIE WEES ?**

Date : Saturday, 01 December 2018
Detailed particulars will be provided by means of a BLNG alert!

Birding regards / Voëlkygroete

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OKTOBER / OCTOBER

⚙ Sat 06 Oct – Buffelsdrif

Meet / Ontmoet: 06h00

Leader / Leier: Alta Fraser

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SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2535_2825

Interesting mix of thornveld and agriculturally disturbed habitat that always delivers something interesting. You will also have the opportunity to join the ringers at the same site.

Directions: From the N1 take the R513 Sefako Makgatho Drive off-ramp (old Zambesi) to Cullinan. After 1km turn left on the R573 to KwaMhlanga (Moloto Rd). After approx. 7km turn left to Buffelsdrif (just after passing the Spar on your right). After 6km of dirt road (going through the main gate on your way) turn right at Bosbok Street. At the T-junction, ±500m further on turn left, then look for the sign “Shongololo” and turn right. Meet at Rob’s house.

Booking at reservations@blng.co.za

Interessante vermenging van doringveld en versteurde landbouhabitat wat altyd iets interessants oplewer. Jy sal ook die geleentheid kry om by die ringers aan te sluit in dieselfde omgewing.

Aanwysings: Vanaf die N1, neem die R513 Sefako Makgatho-afrit (ou Zambesi) en ry in die rigting van Cullinan. Na 1km, draai links op die R573 -> KwaMhlanga (Molotopad). Na ongeveer 7km (net verby die Spar) draai links -> Buffelsdrif. Ry 6km op die grondpad (ry deur die hoofhek oppad) en draai regs by Bosbokstraat, in die laagte. Draai links by die T-aansluiting ongeveer 500m verder aan. Kyk dan uit vir die bordjie: “Shongololo”. Draai hier regs. Ons ontmoet mekaar by Rob se huis.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

⦿ Sat 06 Oct – Bird Ringing at Buffelsdrif

Meet / Ontmoet: To be confirmed at RSVP

Leader / Leier: Chris du Plooy

☎ 079 495 4632

Join the ringers for a morning of extreme close up birding without binoculars. Bring your chair, hat, refreshments and birding books along. Please book your place before Friday 12h00 by SMS, so that the leader can notify you if the outing needs to be cancelled. Ringing sessions could be cancelled due to a sudden change in weather like rain or strong wind. **The handling of nets and birds may only be done by a qualified ringer.**

Sluit aan by die ringers vir 'n oggend se leersame pret. Kom kyk hoe lyk die voëltjies

*van naby sonder 'n verkyker. Bring 'n stoel, hoed, voëlboek en verversings saam. Bespreek asb. voor Vrydagmiddag 12h00 per SMS sodat die leier jou in kennis kan stel as die uitsappie daik gekanselleer word. Dit gebeur soms dat die ringsessie afgestel moet word a.g.v. skielike weersveranderinge soos reën of sterk wind. **Die hantering van nette en voëls mag slegs deur 'n gekwalifiseerde ringer gedoen word.***

☾ Tue 09 Oct - EVENING MEETING 19h00 at Greek Orthodox Church, c/o Roper St. & Lynnwood Road, Brooklyn

Birding with Renamo and other adventures
Etienne Marais needs no introduction amongst birders! Join an expert on Southern African Birding for an exceptional evening of interaction and reflections on several decades of birding in a constantly changing Mozambique.



Voëlkyk met Renamo en ander avonture

Etienne Marais een van die groot kenners op voëls in Suidelike Afrika het geen bekendstelling nodig nie! Sluit by ons aan vir 'n uitsonderlike aand van refleksie oor vele dekades van voëlkykekspedisies in 'n veranderende Mosambiek.

⚙ Sun 14 Oct – Wilge River Valley LIMIT OF 10 CARS / MAX 10 MOTORS NB. BLNG RADIOS

Meet / Ontmoet: 06:00 – 11h30

Leader / Leier: Toni Geddes

☎ 072 636 5774

SABAP2 Pentad(s):

Wilge River Valley 2535_2855, 2535_2900

According to *Birding in Gauteng* this scenic drive traverses some of the most diverse birding habitats in the region, including prime Highveld grassland, only a stone’s throw away from an impressive gorge cloaked with moist woodland.

This area is one of the lesser known birding spots in the region and has been quite literally 'put on the map' by Birding Big Day teams taking advantage of the variety of habitats and specials available within a small area. The Wilge River Valley is accessed along the Zusterstroom road, which descends down into Trichardspoort with its spectacular red cliffs towering above forest-like riverine woodland. This is certainly one of the most scenic drives in the region and offers several species not easily found elsewhere near Gauteng. The kloof has a distinct sub-tropical flavour, which is reinforced by the presence of African Goshawk, Spectacled Weaver and Ashy Flycatcher.

The Vlaklaagte areas comprises a matrix of open grasslands, cultivated fields, copses of alien trees, sizeable wetlands and scenic farm dams, and lies north of Bronkhorstspruit. Low-impact farming activities throughout this picturesque region, together with the relatively large proportion of remaining pristine grassland and wetland habitats, ensure a high diversity of Highveld species. Indeed, the network of public dirt roads throughout this extensive area arguably offers some of the best roadside grassland birding anywhere in Gauteng. Vlaklaagte is a particularly good area for harriers, korhaans, francolins, larks, pipits and cisticolas.

Directions: From the N1-N4 Junction, travel 50 km east towards Bronkhorstspruit and take the R25 offramp. Turn left (north) towards Groblersdal. After 25km turn right towards Zusterstroom (also signposted 'Amanzintaba'). Meet here! (Most of the route is on good gravel roads)

Booking at reservations@blng.co.za

Volgens Birding in Gauteng kronkel hierdie skilderagtige pad deur sommige van die mees diverse voëlhabitate in die streek, ingeslote die prima Hoëveldse grasveld, slegs 'n hanetree vanaf die indrukwekkende kloof bedek met vogtige woude. Hierdie is een van die minder bekende voëlkykplekke in die streek en is letterlik op die kaart geplaas deur Birding Big Day spanne wat gebruik gemaak het van die voordeel van 'n verskeidenheid van habitate en spesiale voëls wat binne 'n klein gebied voorkom. Die Wilgeriviervallei word bereik vanaf die Zusterstroom-pad, wat afdaal na Trichardspoort met sy indrukwekkende rooi krans wat uittoring oor woudagtige rivierbos. Dit is sekerlik een van die mees skilderagtige roetes in die streek en bied verskeie spesies wat nie maklik elders in Gauteng gevind word nie. Die kloof het 'n duidelike subtropiese geur, wat versterk word deur die teenwoordigheid van die Afrikaanse Sperwer, Brilwewer en Blougrysvlieëvanger.

Die Vlaklaagte omgewing bestaan uit 'n matriks van oop grasvelde, bewerkte lande, ruigtes van uitheemse bome, groot vleiende en skilderagtige

plaasdamme, en lê noord van Bronkhorstspruit. Lae impak boerdery aktiwiteite dwarsdeur hierdie aanskoulike streek, tesame met 'n relatief groot gebied van ongerepte grasveld en vleiend habitatte, verseker 'n groot diversiteit van hoëveldspesies. Die netwerk van openbare grondpaaie dwarsdeur die uitgebreide gebied verskaf van die beste grasveld voëlkyk geleenthede vanuit die motor in Gauteng. Vlaklaagte is 'n besondere goeie gebied vir vleiwalke, korhane, patryse, lewerikke, koesters en tinkinkies.

Aanwysings: Vanaf die N1-N4 aansluiting, ry 50km oos -> Bronkhorstspruit en neem die R25 afrit. Draai links (noord) -> Groblersdal. Na 25km draai regs -> Zusterstroom (ook aangedui as 'Amanzintaba'). Ontmoet hier! (Grootste deel van die roete is op goeie gruispaaie).

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

🌟 Wed 17 Oct – Marievale
Meet / Ontmoet: 06:30 at picnic site
Leader / Leier: Bryan Groom
☎ 076 312 0275
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2620_2830, with a small portion in 2615_2830
GPS coordinates S26°21.456 E28°30.935

This sanctuary falls within the Blesbokspruit wetland and is a special venue for waterbirds. It regularly produces rarities such as Spotted Crane and Slaty Egret. Other specials include African Crane, African Rail, Great Crested Grebe, Greater Painted Snipe, Red Chested Flufftail and a number of others.

Directions: Take the N1 Rigel off ramp and travel eastwards on the R50 for 64.5km passing Delmas on the way. Turn right on the R42 to Nigel (no route marker). (This turn off is more or less 4km past Delmas.) Go on for 31.8km and turn right at the Marievale sign and travel for another 3.8km to the Picnic Spot. **Meet here!**

Total distance is 100km (1½ hour's drive).

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Hierdie reservaat is spesiaal in terme van watervoëldiversiteit en word omring deur die Blesbokspruitvleiland. Ongewone en spesiale voëlspesies word gereeld daar waargeneem en sluit in Gevlekte Riethaan, Rooikeelreier, Afrikaanse Riethaan, Grootriethaan, Kuifkopdobbertjie, Goudsnip, Rooiborsvleikuiken, en vele meer.

Aanwysings: Vanaf die N1 neem die Rigellaan-afrit en ry ooswaarts op die R50 vir 64.5km verby Delmas. Draai regs op die R42 -> Nigel (geen roete-aanduiding). (Hierdie afdraai is ongeveer 4km vanaf Delmas.) Ry reguit aan vir 31.8km en draai regs by die Marievale-bord. Ry vir nog 3.8km

tot by die piekniekplek. **Ontmoet hier!** Totale afstand is 100 km (1½ uur se ry).

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

 Oct 19-21 – Verlorenkloof
Croft #10 (sleeps MAXIMUM 10 persons in 5 bedrooms with 4 bathrooms)
Leader / Leier: Philip Calinikos
✉ reservations@blng.co.za

Verlorenkloof Estate near Lydenburg is an exciting birding destination in Mpumalanga. Due to its wonderful array of habitats, birds are both diverse and numerous. To date, 186 species have been recorded on the estate, six of which are endemic to South Africa, while an additional 17 species are endemic to southern Africa. Seven species are listed in the South African Red Data Book – Saddle-billed Stork, Bataleur, Peregrine Falcon, Southern Bald Ibis, Southern Crowned Crane, Blue Crane and Broad-tailed Warbler. The following is a summary of some of the birding highlights at Verlorenkloof Estate: Afro-montane Forest walking through the numerous kloofs, eg. Robin's Kloof and Verlorenkloof. Look out and listen for the following forest species: African Goshawk, Black Cuckoo, Narina Trogon, Olive Woodpecker, Grey Cuckoo-shrike, Orange Ground Thrush, Chorister Robin, Yellow-throated Woodland Warbler, Cape Batis, Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher and Collared Sunbird. These are all relatively uncommon species, which are more often heard than seen.

Accommodation: A Croft has been secured for a maximum of 10 people.

Cost: R1 400 pp sharing for the weekend.

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Directions:

From JOHANNESBURG and PRETORIA
Take the N4 EAST from Witbank and continue past MIDDELBURG, BELFAST and MACHADODORP. 4km past Machadodorp, go through the Machado Toll Plaza. After 3km turn LEFT onto the R36 at the "Mashishing (prev Lydenburg R36/N4 Nelspruit via Schoemanskloof)" sign. After 15km, at Bambi, turn LEFT at the "Mashishing (prev Lydenburg R36)" sign (PLEASE NOTE THIS ROAD IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION). After 11km turn LEFT onto a gravel road at the brown "Verlorenkloof" sign, also signposted "Goedeheop". After 2km, turn RIGHT to "Verlorenkloof" (also "Waterval").

NB, GOOGLE MAPS USERS BE AWARE - It tells you to turn left here. Please turn RIGHT and follow OUR last directions below. After 3km, turn LEFT to "Verlorenkloof" (also "Welgedacht"). Continue PAST the dairy for about 3km until you pass the

Staff Residences on your right. Take the following RIGHT and carry on straight till you come to the Lodge in front of you then take the road to the LEFT to Reception

KINDLY DRIVE WITH CARE ON THE GRAVEL ROADS AND KEEP TO THE SUGGESTED SPEED LIMIT (40km/h). BEWARE OF AND CONSIDER CHILDREN, CYCLISTS, WALKERS AND ANIMALS.

Breakage/Key deposit of R100.00 payable; refundable at departure.

Verlorenkloof Landgoed, naby Lydenburg, Mpumalanga is 'n opwindende voëlkyk-bestemming. Daar is 'n groot verskeidenheid voëlspesies en groot aantal voëls, hoofsaaklik as gevolg van die verskeie habitate. Die landgoed het al 186 verskillende spesies op die landgoed aangeteken, waarvan 6 Suid-Afrikaanse endemiese spesies is, en 17 endemies is tot Suider Afrika. Die 7 spesies wat in die 'South African Red Data Book' opgeneem is sluit in die – Saalbekooievaar, Berghaan, Swerfvalk, Kalkoenibis, Mahem, Bloukraanvoël en Breëstersanger. Spesiale voëls wat in die immergroen bergwoude voorkom sluit die volgende in: Afrikaanse Sperwer, Swart Koekoek, Bosloerie, Gryskopspeg, Swartkatakoeroe, Oranjelyster, Lawaaimakerjanfrederik, Geelkeelsanger, Kaapse Bosbontrokkie, Bloukuifvlieëvanger en Kortbeksuikerbekkie. Hierdie seldsame woudvoëls kom in die woude en klowe (bv. Robin's Kloof en Verlorenkloof) voor en word meer gereeld gehoor as gesien.

Die volgende habitate kan besigtig word vanaf Verlorenkloof; Immergroen bergwoude, berggrasveld, vleiende en suur graslande.

Akkommodasie: 'n Croft is bespreek vir 'n maksimum van 10 persone.

Koste: R1 400pp wat deel vir die naweek.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

Aanwysings:

Vanaf JOHANNESBURG en PRETORIA
Neem die N4 OOS vanaf Witbank en ry verby MIDDELBURG, BELFAST en MACHADODORP. Gaan deur die Machado Tolplaza 4km na Machadodorp. Na 3km draai LINKS op die R36 by "Mashishing" (voorheen Lydenburg R36/N4 Nelspruit via Schoemanskloof) teken. Na 15km, by Bambi, draai LINKS by die "Mashishing" teken. (NEEM KENNIS DAT DIE PAD ONDER KONSTRUKSIE IS)

Na 11km draai LINKS op 'n grondpad by die bruin "Verlorenkloof" teken, ook aangedui "Goedeheop". Na 2km, draai REGS na "Verlorenkloof" (ook "Waterval")

GOOGLE MAPS GEBRUIKERS NEEM KENNIS

– Dit sal aandui dat jy links moet draai. Draai

asseblief REGS en volg ons aanwysings hieronder. Na 3km, draai LINKS na "Verlorenkloof" (ook "Welgedacht"). Ry aan VERBY die melkery vir ongeveer 3km totdat jy verby die personeelhuise op jou regterhand ry. Neem die volgende pad REGS en ry reguit totdat jy by die Lodge kom. Neem die pad LINKS na ontvangs. 'n Breekskade/Sleuteldeposito van R100.00 is betaalbaar; wat weer terug betaal word by vertrek.

BESTUUR ASSEMBLIEF VERSIGTIG OP DIE GRONDPAATJE EN HOU BY DIE AANBEVOLE SPOEDGRENSE (40km/h). WEES OP DIE UITKYK VIR KINDERS, FIETSRYERS, STAPPERS EN DIERE.

☼ Sat 27 Oct – Bronkhorstspruit Dam NR
Meet / Ontmoet: 06:30
Leader / Leier: Stephan Terblanche
☎ 083 635 7651
✉ reservations@blng.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2555-2840

Bronkhorstspruit dam NR offers a good variety of waterbirds and grassland birds. The reserve encompasses the southern leg of the Bronkhorstspruit dam which includes highveld grassland, seasonal wetlands and agricultural land. The Caspian Tern is most reliable to be seen in winter. Earlier this year the Pink-backed Pelican was also seen here.

Directions: From Pretoria take the N4 east towards Bronkhorstspruit. Take the R25 / Kemptonpark / Delmas offramp and turn right (South). After 3.7 km turn left onto the R42 towards Delmas. The entrance to the reserve is situated on the right, approximately 13.7km further – signposted "Bronkies Angling & Nature Reserve". Follow this dirt road for 2.8km to the gate.

Bronkhorstspruit dam NR is geleë aan die suidelike been van die dam en dit bestaan uit seisoenale vleiand, hoëveld graslande en landbougrond. 'n Groot verskeidenheid grasveld- en watervoëls is hier te sien. Die Grootsterretjie is redelik algemeen in die wintermaande. Die Kleinpelikaan is ook vroeër vanjaar hier gesien.

Aanwysings: Neem die N4 oos vanaf Pretoria -> Bronkhorstspruit. Neem die R25 / Kemptonpark / Delmas afrit en draai regs (suid). Na 3.7km draai links op die R42 -> Delmas en ry 13.7km. Die ingang na die reservaat is aan die regterkant by die "Bronkies Angling & Nature Reserve" teken. Volg die grondpad vir 2.8km tot by die hek.

NOVEMBER / NOVEMBER

☼ Sat 03 Nov - Bird Ringing at Rietvlei
Meet / Ontmoet: To be confirmed at RSVP
Leader / Leier: Frik du Plooy
☎ 064 651 3755

Join the ringers for a morning of extreme close up birding without binoculars. Bring your chair, hat, refreshments and birding books along. Please book your place before Friday 12h00 by SMS, so that the leader can notify you if the outing needs to be cancelled. Ringing sessions could be cancelled due to a sudden change in weather like rain or strong wind. **The handling of nets and birds may only be done by a qualified ringer.**

*Sluit aan by die ringers vir 'n oggend se leersame pret. Kom kyk hoe lyk die voëltries van naby sonder 'n verkyker. Bring 'n stoel, hoed, voëlboeke en verversings saam. Bespreek asb. voor Vrydagmiddag 12h00 jou plek per SMS sodat die leier jou in kennis kan stel as die uitstapjie dalk gekanselleer word. Dit gebeur soms dat die ringsessie afgestel moet word a.g.v. skielike weersveranderinge soos reën of sterk wind. **Die hantering van nette en voëls mag slegs deur 'n gekwalifiseerde ringer gedoen word.***

☼ Sun 04 Nov - Mkhombo Dam
Meet / Ontmoet: 06h00
Leader / Leier: Ben von Wielligh
☎ 082 455 2845
✉ boomslang100@gmail.com
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2505_2845, 2505_2850

Because of rapidly fluctuating water levels this dam is one of the most exciting birding destinations near Gauteng. The habitat surrounding the dam may change from floodplains to mudflats to dry grasslands within weeks, so the birds are somewhat unpredictable but the birding is always productive. The woodland surrounding the dam ensures a diverse species count. Summer specials can include Slaty Egret, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Osprey, Allen's Gallinule, Lesser Moorhen and Grey Plover, but bird numbers are good throughout the year.

Directions: From the N1 travelling north, take the R513 Sefako Makgatho (Zambezi) offramp. Turn right and proceed for just over 1km to the R573 (Moloto/KwaMhlanga road). Turn left, follow the R573 for 57km, and turn left onto the R568 towards Libangeni. After 36km there is a fourway stop, turn left and meet 400m down the road on the left.

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

As gevolg van die vinnig wisselende watervlakke, is hierdie dam een van die mees opwindende voëlwaarnemingbestemmings naby aan Gauteng. Die habitat rondom die dam kan wissel van vloedvlakte tot modderpoele tot droë grasveld binne weke, so die voëls is ietwat onvoorspelbaar, maar voëlwaarneming is altyd produktief. Die bosveld rondom die dam verseker 'n verskeidenheid van voëlspesies. Besondere somervoëls wat jy daar kan kry is die Rooikeelreier, Gevlekte Arend, Visvalk, Kleinkoningriethaan, Kleinwaterhoender, en Grysstrandkiewiet, maar die dam is reg deur die jaar produktief.

Aanwysings: —Vanaf die N1 ry noord en neem die R513 Sefako Makgatho-afrit (Zambezi). Draai regs en ry ongeveer 1 km verder tot by die R573 (Moloto-KwaMhlanga-pad). Draai links en hou reguit aan met die R573 vir 57km tot by die R568. Draai links na Libangeni; 36km verder is 'n vierrigting stop, draai links en ontmoet na 400m aan die linkerkant.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

Landcruiser and will take the group on two drives at a nominal fee (worth it; been there, got the T-shirt). **We will spend one day birding in Marakele National Park (14km from the farm), driving up the Kransberg, looking to find soaring Cape Vultures!**

Remember your Wildcard!



Birding will also be on this beautiful farm with a good selection of bushveld/savanna birds; on a previous occasion an African Scops Owllet was seen close by the house. Other specials that could be spotted are: **Gurney's Sugarbird**, Cape Vulture, Little Sparrowhawk, Greater Honeyguide, Southern Pied Babbler, Sentinel Rock-Thrush, Buff-streaked Chat (very confiding), Wailing Cisticola, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Striped Pipit, Yellow-throated Petronia, Meyer's Parrot to name just a few.

Accommodation: The farm provides accommodation in a converted farm house for **10 adults in 5 comfortable rooms**, each with a bathroom en suite, towels and bedding supplied, air conditioner, two single beds except for room 6 which has a double bed. The kitchen is fully equipped with stove, cutlery, crockery, glasses, pots & pans & bowls, two fridges to share, microwave, it sports all utensils one requires. There is a nice thatched dining room with tables & chairs and a couch, an upper viewing deck, outside a very nice communal braai with firewood included for free. Within viewing distance a floodlit waterhole. All you need to bring is your food and drinks.

Directions: Take the R512 direction Hartebeespoort. Then the R511 to Brits; -> Beestekraal -> Koedoeskop. On the R511 at the T-junction take the R510. Turn right, direction Thabazimbi. Continue through Thabazimbi on the Alma road for about 14km where the tarred road ends at a crossing. Turn RIGHT direction ROOIBERG for ±11km to the entrance of Bona Thaba (recognizable by the stonewall with thatched roof).

Cost: R750 pp sharing for the weekend.

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

 09-11 Nov – Bona Thaba incl. Marakele National Park NB. BLNG RADIOS
Leader / Leier: Neithard Graf von Dürckheim
 083 233 0266
 ngvd@worldonline.co.za


Bona Thaba is situated 250km from Pretoria, 25km outside of Thabazimbi, and 14km from Marakele National Park, where the Kwaggavlakte starts. It consists of an 800ha game farm, 60% mountain and hills with woody kloofs and granite koppie outcrops, rock formations with a cave where bats are found, and 40% plains – a typical Bushveld habitat with sweet and sour grass veld. The farm offers opportunities for hiking and birding on foot. Hiking shoes are essential. The last 11km to the farm is a gravel road (in a relative good condition) but can be driven with a sedan vehicle, up to the lodge where we will be staying. Roads on the farm cannot be driven by sedan vehicle; Pierre has a

Bona Thaba is 250km vanaf Pretoria, 25km buite Thabazimbi en 14km vanaf Marakele Nasionale Park geleë, ongeveer waar die Kwaggavlakte begin. Dit bestaan uit 'n 800ha wildsplaas, 60% berg en heuwels, diggeboste klowe, graniet koppies en 'n groot waar vlermuise voorkom, en 40% vlakte – tipiese Bosveld habitat met suur en soet grasveld. Die plaas bied die moontlikheid vir voetslaan sowel as voëlkyk te voet. Stapskoene is 'n vereiste. Die laaste 11km is op 'n grondpad (ietwat rof) maar kan met 'n sedan motor gery word tot by die lodge op die plaas. Die plaaspaaie is nie met 'n sedan motor begaanbaar nie; Pierre het 'n Landcruiser en sal ons teen 'n klein footjie op twee ritte neem (beslis die moeite werd!)

Ons sal een dag gaan voëls kyk in Marakele Nasionale Park (14km vanaf die plaas) en die Kransberg uitrusty om die Kransasvoëls te sien sweef.

Onthou jou Wildcard!

Ons sal ook op die plaas voëls kyk waar 'n goeie verskeidenheid bosveld/savanna spesies te siene is. Op 'n vorige geleentheid het ons snags naby die huis 'n Skopsuil opgemerk. Ander spesiale voëls wat moontlik ook gesien kan word: **Rooiborsuikervoël**, **Kransasvoël**, Kleinsperwer, Groot Heuningwyser, Witkatlagter, Langtoonkliplyster, Bergklipwagter (baie mak), Huiltintinkie, Waaiertertvlieëvanger, Gestrepte Koester, Geelvlekmosie, Bosveldpapegaai om net enkele te noem.

Akkommodasie: Slaapplek vir 10 volwassenes in 5 gerieflike kamers, elk met 'n badkamer en suite, handdoeke en beddegoed, lugversorger, twee enkelbeddens behalwe kamer nr. 6 wat 'n dubbelbed het. Die kombuis is ten volle toegerus met stoof, eetgery en breekware, glase, potte, panne en bakkies, twee yskaste vir gemeenskaplike gebruik, mikrogolf en alle ander nodige toerusting. Daar is 'n lekker grasdak eetkamer met tafels en stoele en gemakstoele, en met trappe op na 'n uitkyk-dek. Buite is 'n gemeenskaplike braai met vuurmaakhout gratis ingesluit. Daar is 'n nabygeleë waterpunt met 'n spreilig. Al wat jy moet bring is kos en drinkgoed.

Koste: R750 pp wat deel vir die naweek.

Aanwysings: Neem die R512 rigting Hartebeespoort. Dan die R511 na Brits; -> Beestekraal -> Koedoeskop. Op die R511 by die T-aansluiting, neem die R510. Draai regs, rigting Thabazimbi. Ry regdeur Thabazimbi op die Alma pad vir ongeveer 14km waar die teerpad tot 'n einde kom en daar 'n kruispad sal wees. Draai **REGS** rigting **ROOIBERG** vir ±11km waar die ingang is na Bona Thaba (herkenbaar aan die klipmuur met grasdak).

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

☾ **Tue 13 Nov – EVENING MEETING**
19h00 at Greek Orthodox Church, c/o Roper St. & Lynnwood Road, Brooklyn

Pictorial descriptions of the various specializations of the unique biology of the Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans* by Prof Eddie Green

These include the extended lifecycle, starting on remote South Atlantic islands with the single chick remaining on the nest for 288 days. The amazing specializations to spend five to seven years continuously at sea, Albatrosses use their enormous wingspan to glide effortlessly on updrafts of wind in the South Atlantic. Prof. Green elaborates on how they spend the majority of their life in flight and travel enormous distances.

Geïllustreerde beskrywings van die verskeie spesialisasies (aanpassings) van die unieke biologie van die Grootalbatros *Diomedea exulans* deur Prof Eddie Green

Dit sluit in die uitgebreide lewensiklus, wat begin in die afgeleë Suid-Atlantiese eilande met 'n enkele kuiken wat op die nes bly vir 288 dae. Die verbasende aanpassings stel hulle in staat om vir 5 tot 7 jaar aanmekaar op die see te bly. Albatrosse gebruik hulle enorme vlerkspan om sonder inspanning op opwaartse lugstrome te sweef in die Suid-Atlantiese oseaan. Prof. Green brei uit oor hoe hulle die grootste deel van hulle lewe in vlug deurbring en enorme afstande aflê.

☼ **Sun 18 Nov – SPECIAL EVENT**
DAY OUTING
to UKUTULA LODGE
incl. BIRDLASSER atlassing

<http://lodge.ukutula.co.za/>

Meet / Ontmoet:

07:00 at the entrance of Ukutula Lodge

A map will also be shared by BLNG Alert

Leader / Leier: Ukutula Lodge guide

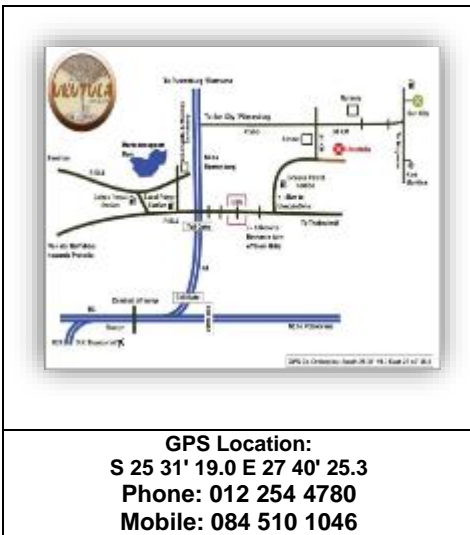
Co-ordinator / Koördineerder:

Rihann Geysler

☎ 084 293 6128

✉ reservations@blng.co.za

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GPS Location:
S 25 31' 19.0 E 27 40' 25.3
Phone: 012 254 4780
Mobile: 084 510 1046

UKUTULA LODGE - Known as the "place of quiet" the lodge is nestled in lush bushveld where the roar of the lion can be heard for miles around. Ukutula is conveniently situated within an hour's drive from Johannesburg and Pretoria. The reserve comprises 260 hectares of unspoiled bush veld boasting a variety of wildlife species, including predator and antelope species, giraffe, zebra and more. **Ukutula is also home to more than 130 different bird species.** During a recent visit to Ukutula Lodge, WITS bird club recorded an impressive 121 species. BLNG has been offered an experienced and very knowledgeable guide to treat us on a special game viewing vehicle of Ukutula Lodge. During the game drive, we will be able to view the wildlife up close, and during this time also find all the special birds that Ukutula has to offer.

Cost: R300pp incl. lunch, game truck & guide (Bring cash on the day). Numbers are limited to 24 persons.

Directions: Take N1 towards Polokwane. Take exit 156 for N4 toward Rustenburg. Continue onto N4. Take exit toward R511. Turn right onto R511. Turn left. Turn left again (Destination will be on the right). Meet at the entrance gate of Ukutula Lodge.
Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

UKUTULA LODGE – Die lodge, bekend as die "plek van stilte" is geleë in loweryke bosveld, waar die gebrul van die leeu vir myle ver gehoor kan word. Ukutula is gerieflik geleë binne 'n uur se ry vanaf Johannesburg en Pretoria. Die reservaat beslaan 260 hektaar van ongerepte bosveld en spog met 'n groot verskeidenheid wildsoorte insluitend roofdiere en boksoorte, kameelperde, zebbras en meer. Ukutula is die tuiste van 130 verskillende soorte voëls. Gedurende 'n onlangse

besoek aan Ukutula Lodge, het die WITS voëklub 'n indrukwekkende 121 spesies aangeteken. 'n Ervare en baie kundige gids is aan BLNG aangebied om ons te trakteer op 'n spesiale wildbesigtigingsvoertuig van Ukutula Lodge. Gedurende die wildrit sal ons in staat wees om die wild van naderby te besigtig en ter selfde tyd al die spesiale voëls wat daar voorkom, te kan sien.

Koste: R300pp insluitend middagete, wildbesigtigingsvoertuig en gids (bring die kontant saam). Getalle is beperk tot 24 persone.

Aanwysings: Neem die N1 rigting Polokwane. Neem afrit 156 (N4 na Rustenburg). Hou op die N4. Neem afrit R511. Draai regs op die R511. Draai links end en weer links (Ukutula Lodge is op jou regterkant). Ontmoet by die ingangshek van Ukutula Lodge.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

Wed 21 Nov – Zaagkuildrift
Meet / Ontmoet: 06:00
Leader / Leier: Thinus van Staden
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✉ wysmydieson@gmail.com
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According to *Birding in Gauteng* the legendary Zaagkuildrift Road runs east-west from the town of Pienaarsrivier to the semi-rural village of Kgomo-Kgomo, tracking the course of the Pienaars River. In years of good rainfall the river forms a 27km² ephemeral floodplain with birding comparable to the much better known Nyl Floodplain. This combination of rare tropical waterbirds together with excellent mature *Acacia* woodland arguably offers the richest birding locality in the region, and **certainly one of the best birding spots in southern Africa!** A diverse variety of raptors, cuckoos, bee-eaters, kingfishers, shrikes, warblers and seedeaters are present in the summer months, while (given sufficient rainfall) this is the most reliable site in SA for the rare and elusive River Warbler in late summer. Birding will take place along the road to Kgomo-Kgomo and at Wolfhuiskraal farm where we will have lunch. The entrance fee for day visitors to Wolfhuiskraal is R40 pp.

Directions: From Pretoria head north on the N1 and take the Pienaarsriver/Rust de Winter offramp. Turn left at the T-junction and after 700m turn right onto the R101. About 1km further turn left onto a gravel road signposted 'Zaagkuildrift'. **Meet here.**
Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Volgens *Birding in Gauteng* loop die legendariese Zaagkuildrift-pad oos-wes vanaf die dorp Pienaarsrivier na die semi-landelike dorpie Kgomo-Kgomo, al met die loop van die

Piensaarsrivier langs. In jare van goeie reënval vorm die rivier 'n 27 km² kortstondige vloedvlakte wat vergelyk kan word met die beter bekende Nylvloedvlakte. Die kombinasie van skaars tropiese watervoëls saam met uitstekende volwasse Acacia bosveld bied moontlik die rykste voëlkykgebied in die streek, en is sekerlik een van die beste voëlkykplekke in suidelike Afrika! 'n Diverse verskeidenheid van roofvoëls, koekoekes, byevreters, visvangers, laksmanne, sangers en saadvreters is teenwoordig in die somermaande, terwyl dit (met voldoende reënval) die mees waarskynlike plek in SA is om die skaars en ontwykende Sprinkaansanger te sien in die laat somer. Ons sal langs die pad en oppad na Kgomo-Kgomo voëls kyk, asook op Wolfhuiskraal self waar ons middagete sal nuttig. 'n Toegangsfooi van R40 pp vir dagbesoekers is betaalbaar.

Aanwysings: Ry noord vanaf Pretoria op die N1 en neem die Piensaarsrivier/Rust de Winter-afrit. Draai links by die T-aansluiting en na 700m draai regs op die R101. Ongeveer 1km verder draai links op die gruispad gemerk 'Zaagkuildrift'. Ontmoet hier.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

*** 24 Nov 2018**

BLSA BIRDING BIG DAY



Some BLNG members and teams will participate in order to support the BLSA Birding Big Day (BBD) 2018 initiative.

The 2018 edition of Birding Big Day (BBD) will take place on **Saterdag, 24 November 2018**. Last year more than a thousand birders recorded 654 species across the country, and in doing so raised valuable funds and data for bird conservation. This year we hope to break those records, with more species recorded, more funds raised for conservation and more people experiencing a fun day in nature.

BBD is for everyone, from novice to the most dedicated birders. You can take part in your local park or nature reserve, or make a weekend of it and head to one of South Africa's many popular birding

destinations. Birders form teams and log all their sightings within a 24-hour period, using either the BirdLasser mobile app or a checklist.

Play along by entering your data on BirdLasser!

Teams are invited to log their sightings on the mobile app BirdLasser and share it to the dedicated BirdLasser Birding Big Day event page

(<https://www.birdlasser.com/events/bbd2018>)

All teams to register with BLSA. A donation of minimum R300 per team is required to qualify for a BirdLife South Africa Birding Big Day 2018 cloth badge. Teams can enter one of two categories: the Open Category if they comprise up to four members, or the Community Category, which caters for large groups such as bird clubs. There are great prizes to be won and much fun to be had, all in the name of bird conservation!

For more information about BBD please visit

<http://birdlife.org.za/events/birding-big-day>

Sommige BLNG lede en spanne gaan hierdie jaar aan die BLSA Birding Big Day (BBD) 2018 deelneem om sodoende hierdie projek te ondersteun.

Die 2018 Birding Big Day (BBD) sal plaasvind op **Saterdag, 24 November 2018**. Verlede jaar het 'n duisend voëlkykers 654 spesies oor die hele land aangeteken, en sodoende kosbare fondse en data vir voëlbewaring gegenereer. Hierdie jaar hoop ons om hierdie rekord te oortref, met meer spesies aangeteken, meer fondse ingesamel en meer mense wat 'n aangename dag in die natuur kan geniet. BBD is vir almal, van die nuweling tot die mees toegewyde voëlkykers. Jy kan deelneem in jou plaaslike park of natuureservaat, of maak 'n naweek daarvan en besoek een van Suid-Afrika se baie gewilde voëlkykplekke. Voëlkykers vorm spanne en teken al hulle waarnemings binne 'n 24 uur periode aan, deur gebruik te maak van die **BirdLasser** Toep of 'n lys. **Speel saam deur jou data op BirdLasser in te voer!** Spanne word uitgenooi om al hul waarnemings op die mobiele Toep BirdLasser te log en dit te deel met die toegewyde BirdLasser gebeurtenis bladsy

(<https://www.birdlasser.com/events/bbd2018>).

Alle spanne moet registreer by BLSA. 'n Minimum donasie van R300 per span word vereis om te kwalifiseer vir die BirdLife South Africa Birding Big Day 2018 lapwapen. Spanne kan inskryf vir een van **twee kategorieë**, die **Oop Kategorie** vir spanne bestaande uit op tot vier lede, of die

Gemeenskapskategorie vir groot groepe soos voëlklubs. Behalwe dat dit prettig kan wees, kan groot pryse gewen word, alles in die naam van voëlbewaring! Vir meer inligting gaan na:- <http://birdlife.org.za/events/birding-biq-day>

<p>✿ Wed 28 Nov – Calabash @ Wonderboom Agri Holdings</p>
<p>Meet / Ontmoet: 07h00</p>
<p>Leader / Leier: Rihann Geyser</p>
<p>☎ 084 293 6128</p>
<p>✉ avifauna@galagoenvironmental.co.za</p>

Calabash offers a great venue for a variety of activities such as birding and walking. Calabash shares their piece of outdoor enjoyment to the public to host their own fun/family days. The venue is equipped with open design roof structure, braai facilities, toilets and preparation area.

Directions: From Wonderboom Nature Reserve, turn right onto Lavender Rd (R101). Use the 2 left lanes to turn left onto Lavender Rd West (R101). Turn left onto Lavender Rd (R101). Turn right onto Erras Street. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Melt Marais St. Turn right onto Rooiwal Street. **Meet at 145 Rooiwal Street.**

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Calabash bied 'n verskeidenheid aktiwiteite soos voëlkyk en stap. Calabash deel hulle plek in die natuur met die publiek om buitenshuise pret en familiedae te geniet. Daar is 'n oop struktuur met 'n dak, braaifasiliteite, toilette en voorbereidingsarea.

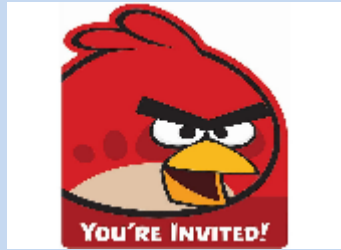
Aanwysings: Vanaf Wonderboom Natuurrerservaat, draai regs in Lavenderweg (R101). Gebruik die 2 linkerkantste bane om links te draai in Lavenderweg Wes (R101). Draai links in Lavenderweg (R101). Draai regs in Errasstraat. Draai regs by die eerste kruising in Melt Maraisstraat. Draai regs in Rooiwalstraat. Ontmoet by 145 Rooiwalstraat.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za



DECEMBER / DESEMBER

🏠 **01 Dec 2018**



YEAR-END FUNCTION 2018

FAK Liedtjietuin
Voortrekker Monument
Meet / Ontmoet: 12h00

Come and enjoy a relaxed picnic at the "Afrikaanse Liedtjietuin" with BLNG, and your fellow birders and friends. BLNG is planning a very nice programme for the day, with birding in the morning, followed by a braai, with salads and of course a desert! Bring your own meat and drinks for the day, as well as your chair, hat and maybe a beach umbrella. This is going to be the best BLNG yearend function ever! Therefore, book your place now!!

Directions: At the Fountains Circle, take the exit to Proclamation Hill and Centurion. Keep to the right lane. At the robot turn right onto Eeufees Rd/M7. At the second robot turn right towards the entrance of the Voortrekker Monument.

We meet at the Liedtjietuin (look out for the FAK sign board). Entrance fee will be R20 per car.

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Ontsnap en kom ontspan by die Afrikaanse Liedtjietuin vir 'n rustige en ontspannende piekniek saam met BLNG, jou voëlkykvriende, en diegene na aan jou. BLNG beplan 'n baie lekker program vir die dag, met voëlkyk in die oggend, daarna 'n lekker braai, met slaaie en, natuurlik nagereg! Bring jou eie vleis en

drinkgoed vir die dag, as ook jou gemakstoel, hoed en moontlik 'n strandsambreeel. Hierdie gaan dié beste BLNG jaareindfunksie wees! Ons gaan groot!. Derhalwe, bespreek NOU jou plek!!

Aanwysings: By die Fonteinesirkel, neem die uitgang na Proklamasie Heuwel en Centurion. Hou in die heel regterkantste baan. By die verkeerslig draai regs in Eeufeesweg/M7. Ry reguit tot by die 2de verkeerslig, draai regs na die ingang van die Voortrekker Monument.

Toegang sal R20 per motor wees.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za



Lekgalameetse means "Place Of Water", and some important rivers in the province have their source in the beautiful mountains of Lekgalameetse NR. Bordering the Wolkberg Wilderness, this incredibly scenic mountain reserve features crystal clear rivers, countless butterflies, waterfalls and lovely pools. The awesome bird life make it a popular destination for hiking and birding. Part of its appeal is the awesome natural beauty characterised by rolling grassy hills, lush kloofs and indigenous forests. An amazing variety of butterflies can be seen in the forests during late summer. Look out for the elusive Narina Trogon and Samango monkeys clambering in the treetops. Other forest-dwelling birds to spot are the Cape Parrot, Chorister Robin-Chat, Orange Ground-Thrush, Green Twinspot, Black-fronted Bush-Shrike and Barratt's Warbler. In 2009, the following specials were seen; ie Mountain Wagtail, Narina Trogon, Ashy Flycatcher, Olive Bush-Shrike, Collared Sunbird, Scaly-throated Honeyguide,, African Firefinch, African Wood-Owl, Black and Grey Cuckooshrike, Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Red-faced Cisticola, Gorgeous Bush-Shrike, White-crested Helmet-Shrike, Striped Pipit, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Olive Woodpecker, Yellow-streaked Greenbul, Wailing, Lazy and Croaking Cisticolas, Gurney's Sunbird, Blue-mantled Crested-Flycatcher, Purple-crested Turaco, Sombre Greenbul, Red-capped Robin-Chat, Bar-throated and Yellow-breasted Apalis, Cape Batis and Chorister Robin-chat.

The Wolkberg is rich in birdlife with 150 bird species to see including the hamerkop, bat hawk, black eagle, lilac-breasted roller, blackcollared and pied barbets, pearlbreasted swallow and crested francolin. Spectacular flaming acacias dot the grassy hills, some covered in thousands of white blossoms or stunning purple-red pods.

Hiking trails are now ready at Lekgalameetse, ie Tiyisela Trail (21km), Selati Trail (Main Gate to Waterfall – 8km), Mamawuwe Trail (Group Camp to Waterfall – 10km), and Marinele trail (16km).

Cost: R1 150 pp sharing for the weekend. **Self-catering.** Bring your own food, drinks and fire wood.

<p>○ Sat 01 Dec Bird Ringing at Moreleta Kloof</p>
<p>Meet / Ontmoet: To be confirmed at RSVP</p>
<p>Leader / Leier: Hein Bantjes</p>
<p>☎ 083 441 1532</p>
<p>Join the ringers for a morning of extreme close up birding without binoculars. Bring your chair, hat, refreshments and birding books along. Please book your place before Friday 12h00 with the leader to find out meeting time and location details. Ringing sessions could be cancelled due to a sudden change in weather like rain or strong wind. The handling of nets and birds may only be done by a qualified ringer.</p> <p><i>Sluit aan by die ringers vir 'n oggend se leersame pret. Kom kyk hoe lyk die voëltjies van naby sonder 'n verkyker. Bring 'n stoel, hoed, voëlboeke en verversings saam. Bespreek asb voor Vrydagmiddag 12h00 jou plek per SMS sodat die leier jou in kennis kan stel van die begintyd en ontmoetingsplek. Ringsessies kan ook gekanselleer word as daar skielike weersveranderinge soos reën of sterk wind is. Die hantering van nette en voëls mag slegs deur 'n gekwalifiseerde ringer gedoen word.</i></p>

<p>🏠 14-17 Dec – Lekgalameetse NR NB. BLNG RADIOS</p>
<p>Leader / Leier: Cameron Meyer</p>
<p>☎ 083 391 2327</p>
<p>✉ reservations@blng.co.za</p>

Directions:

Option 1 - Pretoria -> Tzaneen via N1 is 353km. From Tzaneen -> Lekgalameetse it is 74.6km (total = 427,6km). The reserve is situated between Tzaneen and Hoedspruit. Follow route R36 from Tzaneen to Hoedspruit for approx 40km; then turn right, following the signboards to The Downs.

The reserve is situated between Tzaneen and Hoedspruit. From Tzaneen take the R36 to Morupu Mmola Rd/Orrie Baragwanath Pass (D21). Turn left onto R528. Continue onto Wolkberg Dr. Turn right onto R36. Turn right onto Sirkel Dr (R36). Turn right onto Koos Uys St. Slight right onto Billy Maritz St. Billy Maritz St turns left and becomes Van Velden St. Turn right onto Sapekoe Dr (R36). Continue to follow R36. Continue along Orrie Baragwanath Pass towards your destination. Turn right onto Morupu Mmola Rd/Orrie Baragwanath Pass (D21). Turn right onto Orrie Baragwanath Pass. Turn left. **Arrive at Lekgalameetse NR.**

Option 2 - Another route to try and perhaps see the Taita falcons, will be via Lydenburg and Strydom tunnel (Pretoria -> JG Strydom tunnel = 377km). Then turn north on the R36 towards Tzaneen for 36km. Then also look for signboards on the left to The Downs and/or Lekgalameetse (JG Strydom tunnel -> Lekgalameetse = 84,6km). (total = 461,6km). There is a nominal entrance fee, payable at the gate. A good, tarred road winds you up through picturesque mountains, up onto the Drakensberg Plateau.

Arrive at Lekgalameetse NR

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Lekgalameetse beteken "Plek van Water" en sommige van die belangrike riviere in die provinsie het hulle oorsprong in die pragtige berge van Lekgalameetse NR. Grensend aan die Wolkberg Wildernis het hierdie ongelooflike skouspelagtige berg kristalhelder riviere, menige skoenlappers, watervalle en pragtige poele. Die merkwaardige voëllewe maak dit 'n gewilde bestemming vir stap en voëlkyk. Deel van sy aantrekkingkrag is sy skouspelagtige natuurlike skoonheid wat gekenmerk word deur golwende grasheuwels, loweryke klowe en inheemse woude. 'n Verbasende verskeidenheid skoenlappers kan in die laatsomer in die woude gesien word. Wees op die uitkyk vir die ontwykende Bosloerie en Samango ape wat in die boomtoppe rondklouter. Ander woudvoëls om voor uit te kyk is die Woudpapegaai, Lawaaimakerjanfrederik, Oranjelyster, Groenkolpensie, Swartoogboslaksman en Ruigtesanger. In 2009 is die volgende spesiale voëls gesien: Bergkwikkie, Bosloerie, Blougrysvlieëvanger, Olyfboslaksman, Kortbeksuikerbekkie, Gevlekte Heuningwyser, Kaapse vuurvinkie, Bosuil, Swart- en Bloukatakeroerie, Geelborswillie,

Rooiwangtinkinkie, Konkoit, Withelmlaksman, Gestrepte Koester, Groot-rooibandsuikerbekkie, Gryskopspeg, Geelstreepboskruiper, Huil-, Lui- en Groottinkinkies, Rooiborssuikervoël, Bloukuifvlieëvanger, Bloukuifloerie, Gewone Willie, Nataljanfrederik, Bandkeel- en Geelborskleinjantjie, Kaapse Bosbontrökkie, Lawaaimakerjanfrederik.

Die Wolkberg is ryk aan voëllewe met 150 voëlspesies om te sien, insluitend die Hamerkop, Vlermuisevalk, Witkruisarend, Gewone Troupant, Rooikop- en Bonthoutkappers, Pêrelborsswael en Bospatrys. Pragtige vlamme akasias is versprei oor die grasbedekte heuwels, sommige bedek met duisende wit bloeisele of aantrekklike persrooi peule. Staproetes is nou by Lekgalameetse uitgelê, bv. die Tiyisela Roete (21km), Selati Roete (Hoofhek tot Waterval - 8km), Mamawuwe Roete (Groepskamp na Waterval - 10km), en die Marinele Roete (16km).

Koste: R1 150pp wat deel vir die naweek. Selsorg. Bring eie kos, drinkgoed en hout.

Aanwysings:

Opsie 1 - Pretoria -> Tzaneen via N1 is 353km. Vanaf Tzaneen -> Lekgalameetse is dit 74.6km (totaal = 427,6km). Die reservaat is geleë tussen Tzaneen en Hoedspruit. Volg roete R36 vanaf Tzaneen na Hoedspruit vir ongeveer 40km; draai dan regs, volg die padtelkens na The Downs. Vanaf Tzaneen neem die R36 na Morupu Mmolaweg/Orrie Baragwanathpas (D21). Draai links op die R528. Hou aan op Wolkberg Dr. Draai regs op R36. Draai regs op Sirkel Dr (R36). Draai regs op Koos Uysstraat. Effe regs op Billy Maritzstraat. Billy Maritzstraat draai links en word Vanveldenstraat. Draai regs op Sapekoe Dr (R36). Hou aan op R36. Gaan voort op Orrie Baragwanathpas na jou bestemming. Draai regs op Morupu Mmolaweg/Orrie Baragwanathpas (D21). draai regs op Orrie Baragwanathpas op. Draai links. Arriveer by Lekgalameetse NR.

Opsie 2 - 'n Ander roete om te probeer en moontlik die Taita valke te sien is via Lydenburg en die Strydomtonnel (Pretoria -> JG Strydom tonnel = 377km). Draai dan op die R36 na Tzaneen vir 36km. Kyk dan ook uit vir padtekens op linkerkant na The Downs en/of Lekgalameetse (JG Strydom tunnel -> Lekgalameetse = 84,6km). (totaal = 461,6km). Daar is 'n nominale toegangsfooi betaalbaar by die hek. 'n Goeie geteerde pad neem jou deur skouspelagtige berge op na die Drakensbergplato.

Arriveer by Lekgalameetse NR

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

2019

JANUARY / JANUARIE

☼ **Sat 12 Jan – Zusterstroom**
LIMIT OF 10 CARS / MAX 10 MOTORS
NB. BLNG RADIOS

Meet / Ontmoet: 06:00

Leader / Leier: Rihann Geysler

☎ 084 293 6128

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SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2535_2855, 2535_2900

This scenic drive traverses some of the most diverse birding habitats in the region, including prime Highveld grassland, only a stone's throw away from an impressive gorge cloaked with moist woodland. This area is lesser known birding spots in the region and has been quite literally 'put on the map' by Birding Big Day teams taking advantage of the variety of habitats and specials available within a small area. The Wilge River Valley is accessed along the Zusterstroom road, which descends down into Trichardspoort with its spectacular red cliffs towering above forest-like riverine woodland. This is certainly one of the most scenic drives in the region and offers several species not easily found elsewhere near Gauteng. The kloof has a distinct sub-tropical flavour, which is reinforced by the presence of African Goshawk, Spectacled Weaver and Ashy Flycatcher.

Directions: From the N1-N4 junction, travel 50km east towards Bronkhorstspuit and take the R25 offramp. Turn left (north) towards Groblersdal. After 25km turn right towards Zusterstroom (also signposted 'Amanzintaba').

Most of the route is on good gravel roads.

We will be meeting at 06:00 at the turn off to Zusterstroom (also signposted 'Amanzintaba').

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Volgens 'Birding in Gauteng' kronkel hierdie skilderagtige pad deur sommige van die mees diverse voëlhabitate in die streek, ingeslote die prima Hoëveldse grasveld, slegs 'n hanetree vanaf die indrukwekkende kloof bedek met vogtige woude. Hierdie is een van die minder bekende voëlkykplekke in die streek en is letterlik op die kaart geplaas deur Birding Big Day (BBD) spanne wat gebruik gemaak het van die voordeel van 'n verskeidenheid van habitate en spesiale voëls wat binne 'n klein gebied voorkom. Die Wilgeriviervallei word bereik vanaf die Zusterstroompad, wat afdaal na Trichardspoort met sy indrukwekkende rooi kranse wat uittoring oor woudagtige rivierbos. Dit is sekerlik een van die mees skilderagtige roetes in die streek en bied verskeie spesies wat nie maklik elders in Gauteng gevind word nie. Die kloof het 'n duidelike subtropiese geur, wat

versterk word deur die teenwoordigheid van die Afrikaanse Sperwer, Brilwewer en Blougrysvlieëvanger.

Aanwysings: Vanaf die N1/N4 wisselaar, ry 50km oos na Bronkhorstspuit en neem die R25 afrit. Draai links (rigting noord) na Groblersdal. Na 25km draai regs na Zusterstroom (ook aangedui as 'Amanzintaba'). Die grootste deel van die roete is op goeie gruispaaie.

Ontmoet hier om 06:00!

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

○ **Sat 12 Jan – Bird Ringing at Buffelsdrif**

Meet / Ontmoet: To be confirmed at RSVP

Leader / Leier: Chris du Plooy

☎ 079 495 4632

Join the ringers for a morning of extreme close up birding without binoculars. Bring your chair, hat, refreshments and birding books along. Please book your place before Friday 12h00 by SMS, so that the leader can notify you if the outing needs to be cancelled. Ringing sessions could be cancelled due to a sudden change in weather like rain or strong wind. **The handling of nets and birds may only be done by a qualified ringer.**

*Sluit aan by die ringers vir 'n oggend se leersame pret. Kom kyk hoe lyk die voëltjies van naby sonder 'n verkyker. Bring 'n stoel, hoed, voëlboeke en verversings saam. Bespreek asb. voor Vrydagmiddag 12h00 jou plek per SMS sodat die leier jou in kennis kan stel as die uitstappie dalk gekanselleer word. Dit gebeur soms dat die ringessie afgestel moet word a.g.v. skielike weersveranderinge soos reën of sterk wind. **Die hantering van nette en voëls mag slegs deur 'n gekwalifiseerde ringer gedoen word.***



☾ **Tue 15 Jan – EVENING MEETING**
19h00 at Greek Orthodox Church, c/o
Roper St. & Lynnwood Road, Brooklyn



Philip Calinikos will lead the “2019 BLNG Kick-off Quiz” with a fun-filled interactive evening. Come and get your rusted birding brains back into gear after the long December holidays and join the very exciting BLNG Quizz. Interesting prizes are on offer.

Philip Calinikos sal die jaar afskop met 'n gesellige vasvra, die baie opwindende “2019 BLNG Kick-off Quizz”. Kom neem deel om te verseker dat julle daardie geroeste breine na die lang en lekker Desember vakansie vinnig terug in rat kry. Interessante pryse kan gewen word.

☼ **Wed 16 Jan – Northern Farm**

Meet / Ontmoet: 06h45 for 07h00

Leader / Leier: André Marx

☎ 083 411 7674

✉ turaco@telkomsa.net

SABAP2 Pentad: 2555_2755

Northern Farm Nature Reserve (also known as the Diepsloot NR) is one of Joburg's best-kept secrets and offers over 1400 ha of varied habitat that includes grassland, farmland, woodlands and dams. Nearly 300 different bird species that include many waterbirds and a number of interesting raptors, such as Ovambo Sparrowhawk and Long-crested Eagle have been seen and in summer Yellow Wagtail can be found.

Directions: Take the N14 Pretoria/Krugersdorp highway to the R511 Sandton/Hartbeespoort Dam offramp. Turn left onto the R511 towards Hartbeespoort Dam and Brits. Pass under the highway and turn immediately left towards R114 Muldersdrift. Follow this road for about 6km,

crossing over the highway. Turn right at the Northern Farm sign onto a tarred road and then immediately left onto a dirt road that takes you to the farm entrance (There is no entrance directly off the R114 any more). Proceed to the car park where the group will gather before driving from there. Distance from the N1/N14 interchange is about 22km.

Entrance fee payable to the leader (not at the gate).

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Northern Farm Natuurreservaat (ook bekend as Diepsloot NR) is een van Johannesburg se besbewaarde geheime en bied meer as 1400ha variërende habitat wat grasveld, boerderygrond, boomveld en damme insluit. Ongeveer 300 verskillende voëlspesies kan gesien word. Dit sluit 'n groot verskeidenheid watervoëls en 'n aantal interessante roofvoëls in soos die Ovambosperwer en Langkuiarend, asook die Geelkwickie in die somer.

Aanwysings: *Neem die N14 Pretoria/Krugersdorp snelweg tot by die R511 Sandton/Hartbeespoortdam-afrit. Draai links op die R511 na Hartbeespoortdam en Brits. Gaan onder die snelweg deur en draai onmiddellik links op die R114 Muldersdrift-pad. Volg hierdie pad vir ongeveer 6km, gaan oor die snelweg. Draai regs by die Northern Farm teken op die teerpad en dan onmiddelik weer links op 'n grondpad (daar is nie meer direkte toegang vanaf die R114 nie). Ry deur die hek en ontmoet by die parkeerplek. Die afstand vanaf die N1/N14 wisselaar is ongeveer 22km.*

'n Toegangsfooi is betaalbaar aan die leier (nie by die hek nie).

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

☼ **Sat 19 Jan –**

Vaalkop Dam & Groot Krokodil

Meet / Ontmoet: 07h00

Leader / Leier: John Kinghorn

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Vaalkop Dam NR is almost 4000ha in extent and includes a 800ha section known as the North-West Bird Sanctuary. Vaalkop Dam is a legendary birding venue! A variety of wetland, woodland and shorebird bird species, with a reputation for regular rarities. Furthermore, come and experience the natural beauty of the Bushveld at Groot Krokodil, set along the Krokodil River about 70km outside Brits towards Thabazimbi in Limpopo. You can expect an exceptional level of birding experience with John at Groot Krokodil. Groot Krokodil offers the perfect place to spend the day with family and birding friends. The Crocodile River provides some spectacular views, while the sound of the river whispering in your ears makes it easy to forget about all of life's worries. Groot Krokodil offers excellent bird watching and the opportunity to view

the abundant range of birdlife, and also the opportunity to identifying various trees and plants that would satisfy any nature lover. The beauty of birding, is to experience the different habitats, meeting new people and in a small way understanding how nature is put together. Birds give you a different view every time you see one as they will offer you many different aspects of their lives. Groot Krokodil is a unique destination! The focus of Groot Krokodil is relaxed and informal and we invite you to discover Mother Nature at her finest. There is picnic facilities by the swimming pool area with braai facilities.

Directions: To reach Vaalkop Dam, take the R511 road north from Brits for 35km to a sign indicating Beestekraal (Sun City/Rustenburg). Turn left just after the railway bridge and continue 4km to the T-junction, where you turn right towards Vaalkop Dam. Travel a further 11km and then turn left towards Magalies Water Project complex and the reserve gate which is opposite the Water Complex.

An entrance fee is payable.

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

*Vaalkopdam (3 996ha natuureservaat; waarvan 800ha 'n voëlreservaat is), is **pasgemaak vir voëlkykers!** 'n Indrukwekkende voëllys is oor die jare opgebou. Vaalkopdam is legendaries vir voëlkyk! 'n Verskeidenheid van vleiland-, bosveld- en oewerspesies, met skaars soorte wat gereeld gesien word.*

Aanwysings: Om Vaalkopdam te bereik, neem die R511 pad noord van Brits vir 35km tot by 'n padteken wat Beestekraal aandui. Draai links en hou aan vir 4km tot by 'n bord wat Vaalkopdam aandui aan die regterkant. Ry 'n verdere 11km tot by die ingang na die Vaalkopdam is Magalies Waterprojek kompleks op linkerkant. Ry verder tot by die reservaat se ingang en damwal.

'n Toegangsfooie is betaalbaar.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

<p>☼ Sun 27 Jan – Suikerbosrand LIMIT OF 10 CARS / MAX 10 MOTORS NB. RADIOS</p>
<p>Meet / Ontmoet: 07:00</p>
<p>Leader / Leier: Cleo Artemides</p>
<p>☎ 083 626 1733</p>
<p>SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2625_2810; 2625_2815; 2630_2810; 2630_2815</p>

This reserve is predominately Highveld grassland with rocky outcrops so it offers a number of species which are not normally seen on club outings. This outing will consist of driving along the circular route with frequent stops. Picnic and braai facilities are available.

An entrance fee is payable:- R22 per adult / R11 per pensioner/child / R11 per vehicle.

Directions: Take the N3 south beyond Johannesburg towards Heidelberg. Take the R550 offramp. After approximately 3km turn left onto the dirt road marked Eendracht. Meet here. Total distance from Pretoria is about 100km.

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

Hierdie reservaat huisves 'n aantal spesies wat nie normaalweg op klubuitstappies gesien word nie, aangesien die gebied hoofsaaklik Hoëveld-tipe grasveld is met rotsagtige riwwe. Die uitstappie sal 'n rit met die sirkelroete behels waartydens dikwels gestop sal word. Piekniek- en braaifasiliteite is beskikbaar.

Toegangsfooie is betaalbaar:

R22 per volwassene; /R11 per persoonaris/kind / R11 per voertuig.

Aanwysings: Neem die N3-suid verby Johannesburg na Heidelberg. Neem die R550 afrit. Na 3km draai links op die Eendracht-grondpad. Ontmoet hier. Totale afstand vanaf Pretoria is ongeveer 100 km.

Besprekings: reservations@blng.co.za

<p>☼ 31 Jan –03 Feb Raptor ID course (4 days) by Joe Grosel at Letaba Rest Camp, Kruger National Park</p>
<p>RESTRICTED TO 16 PAX</p>
<p>Leader / Leier: Joe Grosel</p>
<p>Co-ordinator / Koördineerder: Charles Hardy</p>
<p>A REGISTRATION FORM has to be completed by interested ones; contact Charles Hardy</p>

Since early civilisation, humans have been fascinated and inspired by birds of prey. They are featured in some of the earliest works of art and some species were trained for hunting well over 4000 years ago. Eagles, in particular have always been regarded as the masters of the sky - the ultimate predators and as such have featured strongly in emblems and symbols depicting strength, independence and pride. Sadly, today many of our raptor species are threatened with extinction and with optimism our increased familiarity and understanding of these magnificent birds will translate into an ever-stronger determination to ensure their survival. Southern Africa is blessed with a great diversity of raptors. Close on 80 species occur in this region during the summer months. This large assortment of species, many of which are superficially similar or show plumage variation between age classes provides an exciting identification challenge for any bird enthusiast.



Join leading Limpopo Province birding expert **Joe Grosel** on an exciting four (4) day course (**arranged exclusively for BLNG members**). The course introduces participants to a practical identification system whereby the entire region's raptor species can be recognized. Apart from the identification aspect, interesting subjects relating to the life histories and ecology of each species are also covered. The course will take place in the **Letaba Rest Camp** (Kruger National Park) which due to its locality offers some of the best raptor viewing on the continent. Activities for the weekend will include morning and afternoon bird and game spotting drives on open game viewing vehicles in the company of Joe Grosel and Park Rangers.

The cost for this stimulating Raptor ID course is R2 400.00* pp.

* (excludes park entrance, conservation fee & accommodation)

* (includes tuition, all birding activities and outings, teas and lunches as well as stationery, literature and a full colour raptor identification manual).

ACCOMMODATION HAS ALREADY BEEN RESERVED FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE COURSE. BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE HONORARY RANGERS AT THE SAME CONTACT NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS (see below) WHEN REGISTERING FOR THE COURSE.

Participation on the course is restricted to **16 people**. Non-participating partners will be welcome to accompany the outings subject to availability. All proceeds from the weekend will be for the Honorary Rangers Environmental Fund.

**BOOKINGS
& MORE INFORMATION**

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Sedert vroeë beskawings is mense reeds gefassineer en geïnspireer deur roofvoëls. Hulle kom voor in van die vroegste kunswerke en sommige spesies is reeds afgerig om te jag meer as 4000 jaar gelede. Arende, in besonder, is altyd beskou as meesters van die lug, - die top predatore en as sodanig is hulle dikwels gebruik as embleme en simbole wat krag, onafhanklikheid en trots uitgebeeld het. Ongelukkig word baie van ons roofvoëlspesies tans bedreig met uitwissing. Namate ons hierdie manjefieke voëls beter leer ken en verstaan, sal dit lei tot 'n sterker vasberadenheid om hulle oorlewing te verseker. Suid-Afrika is geseënd met 'n groot verskeidenheid roofvoëls. Naastenby 80 spesies

*kom gedurende die somermaande in hierdie gebied voor. Hierdie groot verskeidenheid van spesies, waarvan baie oppervlakkig dieselfde lyk, of variasie van vere toon tussen ouderdomsgroepe, bied 'n opwindende uitdaging vir identifikasie aan enige voëlentoesias. Sluit aan by die voorste voëlkenner van die Limpopo Provinsie, Joe Grosel vir 'n opwindende vierdagkursus wat deelnemers sal voorstel aan 'n praktiese identifikasietelsel waardeur die hele streek se roofvoëls uitgekken kan word. Afgesien van die identifikasie-aspek, sal interessante onderwerpe in verband met die lewensverloop en ekologie van elke spesie ook gedek word. Die kursus sal plaasvind in die **Letaba Ruskamp** (Kruger Nasionale Park), wat as gevolg van sy ligging van die beste geleenthede van roofvoëlbesigtiging op die kontinent bied. Aktiwiteite vir die naweek sal insluit oggend- en middag voël- en wildbesigtigingsritte in oop wildsbesigtigingsvoertuie in die geselskap van Joe Grosel en veldwagters.*

Die koste vir hierdie stimulerende roofvoël ID kursus is R2 400.00* pp.

* (ingesluit is die kursusonderrig, alle voëkykaktiwiteite en uitstappies, tee en etes sowel as skryfbehoeftes, literatuur en 'n volkleur roofvoëlidentifikasie handboek).

* (uitgesluit park toegang, bewaringsfooi & akkommodasie).

AKKOMMODASIE: VERSKILLENDE VORME VAN AKKOMMODASIE IS REEDS GERESERVEER VIR KURSUSGANGERS EN KAN OOK BY CHARLES HARDY BESPREEK WORD TYDENS REGISTRASIE VIR DIE KURSUS.

Deelname aan die kursus is beperk tot 16 mense. Nie-deelnemende maats sal welkom wees op die uitstappies indien plek beskikbaar is. Die totale opbrengs vir die naweek is ten bate van Ereveldwagters Omgewingsfonds.

**BESPREKINGS
& MEER INLIGTING**

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TALK TO US ABOUT YOUR
DREAM BLNG OUTING / CAMP!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



12 February 2019 BLNG AGM & evening meeting
07 – 10 March 2019 Memel with André Marx
05 – 08 April 2019 Pullen Lodge with Philip Calinikos

Note

Please ensure you keep in touch through email Alerts (**is your latest email address recorded with BLNG?**), BLNG Facebook and BLNG Website (see detailed calendar) to confirm club outings, and possible program updates!

Mar-19	Memel - André Marx
Apr-19	Pullen Lodge - Philip Calinikos
May-19	
Jun-19	
Jul-19	
Aug-19	
Sep-19	
Oct-19	
Nov-19	
Dec-19	

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How to make a booking

All camps, courses and special events must be booked with our club secretary, Rita de Meillon at reservations@blng.co.za or by telephone: 083 391 2327.

🕒 Bird Ringing

Ringing starts at dawn and usually lasts until about midday on the first Saturday of each month. Everyone welcome, please RSVP with the leader.

🕒 Evening Meetings

Usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 19:00. Afterwards tea is served – **donations welcome**. All meetings are held at the Greek Orthodox Church, Roper Street.

🌿 Day Outings

We start early so bring along a breakfast basket, something to drink and a chair. Braai facilities are available at certain venues. Entrance fees are sometimes payable.

🏕️ Weekend Camps

Accommodation ranges from basic camping to fairly luxury accommodation. Full payment is required to confirm your booking. Payments should be made by direct transfer or deposit with your **surname as reference**. Please do not make any deposits without first booking with the club secretary. Bookings and enquiries should preferably be made via email. Please bring firewood or charcoal along to every camp.

🌐 SABAP2 pentads

Mapping the distribution and abundance of birds in South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. For additional information please visit the SABAP2 website at: <http://sabap2.adu.org.za/>

♿ Accessibility

Almost all venues have dirt roads, which are usually accessible with normal sedan vehicles. Often birding is on foot. Comfortable walking shoes are advisable.

👨‍👩‍👧 Junior Birders

Families are welcome at all outings.

👤 Non-members

Non-members accompanied by members are always welcome. For weekend outings and courses, an administration fee of **20%** of the camp costs are payable.

BYKOMENDE INLIGTING

Hoe om te bespreek

Alle besprekings vir kampe, kursusse en spesiale geleenthede moet asb. by Rita de Meillon, ons klubsekretaresse gemaak word by reservations@blng.co.za of telefoon 083 391 2327.

🕒 Voëlberinging

Voëlberinging begin teen sonop en duur tot vroegmiddag, gewoonlik die eerste Saterdag van elke maand. Bespreking by die ringleier is nodig.

🕒 Aandbyeenkomste

Word gewoonlik gehou op die 2de Dinsdag van elke maand om 19:00. Tee word na die vergadering bedien – **donasies welkom**. Die vergaderings word by die Grieks Ortodokse Kerk in Roperstraat gehou.

🌿 Daguitstappies

Ons begin gewoonlik vroeg, so bring ō ontbytmandjie, iets om te drink en 'n stoel saam. Braaigeriewe is by party plekke beskikbaar. Toegangsfooie is soms betaalbaar.

🏕️ Naweekkampe

Akkommodasie wissel van basiese kampering tot redelike luukse akkommodasie. Volle betaling word verlang om sodoende besprekings te bevestig. Betaling moet deur direkte oorpasing of deposito gemaak word met **jou van as verwysing**. Moet asb nie betaal voordat jy dit met die klubsekretaresse bespreek het nie. Besprekings en navrae moet verkieslik d.m.v. e-pos geskied. Bring asseblief hout saam na elke kamp.

🌐 SABAP2 atlasblok

Kartering van die verspreiding en ryke verskeidenheid van voëls in Suid-Afrika, Lesotho en Swaziland. Vir addisionele inligting besoek asb die SABAP2-webtuiste by: <http://sabap2.adu.org.za/>

🚗 Toeganklikheid

Omtrent al die voëlkykplekke is op grondpaaie, wat toeganklik is met normale sedanmotors. Voëlkyk word meestal per voet gedoen. Ons beveel gemaklike stapskoene aan.

👨‍👩‍👧 Junior Voëlkykers

Gesinne is altyd welkom by uitstappies.

👤 Nie-lede

Nie-lede wat 'n lid vergesel is altyd welkom om enige geleentheid by te woon. Naweekkampe se administrasiefooie is **20%** van die kampkoste.

Greek Orthodox Church / Griekse Ortodokse Kerk

Directions for evening meetings : Greek Orthodox Church, corner of Roper Street and Lynnwood Road, Brooklyn. It is across the road from University of Pretoria. Entrance is from Roper Street. Limited parking if the entrance is used in Brooks Street.

Aanwysings vir aandbyeenkomste :

Griekse Ortodokse Kerk, hoek van Roperstraat en Lynnwoodweg, Brooklyn. Dit is oorkant die straat van die Universiteit van Pretoria. Ingang is vanaf Roperstraat. Daar is beperkte parkering as die ingang wat in Brooksstraat geleë is gebruik word.