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- **June** : **Eshowe (Natal)**
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Dear fellow birders,

The program contains details of our exciting events planned for the next 4 months.

On 27 May a number of new and existing leaders will receive Leadership Training for Bird Guides from the well-known Etienne Marais.

These new leaders will be assigned to outings to lead – therefore on some of the outings the leaders are not assigned yet.

We are looking forward to the exciting camps coming up, specifically to Eshowe, Soutpansberg and Marekele.

We also have a very exciting Accipiter morning course scheduled for July. Cameron Meyer has been studying the Accipiters for a number of years and the feedback we received is that this course will be well worth it.

In order to improve your birding experience we request you to confirm attendance to all birding events via e-mail to reservations@blng.co.za

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

I will be handing the Program responsibilities over to Sheleph Burger (sheleph@blng.co.za) and would like you wish her all the best going forward.

I would also like to thank everybody for their positive support and contributions to all the programmes the past year.

Groete / Greetings

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JUNE / JUNIE

○ Sat 3 Jun – Buffelsdrif: Bird Ringing

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 12:00 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 12:00 per SMS sodat die leier jou in kennis kan stel as die uitstappte 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.***

✧ Sat 3 Jun – Buffelsdrif (Rob's place)

Meet / Ontmoet: 07:00

Leader / Leier: To be confirmed

✉ reservations@blng.co.za

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 1 km turn left on the R573 to KwaMhlanga (Moloto Rd). After approx. 7 km turn left to Buffelsdrif (just after passing the Spar on your right). After 6 km of dirt road (going through the main gate on your way) turn right at Bosbok Street. At the T-junction, ± 500 m further on turn left, then look for the sign “Shongololo” and turn right. Meet at Rob's house.

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

✧ Sat 10 Jun – Bronkhorstspruit Dam NR

Meet / Ontmoet: 07:00

Leader / Leier: Stephan Terblanche

☎ 083 6357651

✉ s.terblanche142@gmail.com

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.

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za

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 13.7 km 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 grasvelde 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.

Bespreeking: reservations@blng.co.za

Aanwysings: Neem die N4 oos vanaf Pretoria na Bronkhorstspruit. Neem die R25 / Kemptonpark / Delmas afrit en draai regs (Suid). Na 3.7 km draai links op die R42 na Delmas en ry 13.7 km. 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.

☾ **Tue 13 Jun – Birds of Magaliesberg by Willie Froneman**

An illustrated talk about the birds and history of the Magaliesberg.

Willie Froneman has always been interested in nature. He was a committee member of the old Wildlife Society as well as the Witwatersrand Bird Club in the early 1970's. He is the proud dad of Albert Froneman, the well known bird and nature photographer. He lives in Hartebeespoort at the foot of the Magaliesberg and is still actively involved with the Nature department of the estate he lives in.

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

Geïllustreerde aanbieding van die voëls en geskiedenis van die Magaliesberg. Willie Froneman het lewenslank in die natuur belanggestel. In die vroeë 1970's het hy gedien as Komiteelid van beide die ou "Wildlife Society" asook die "Witwatersrand Voëlklub". Hy is die trotse Pa van Albert Froneman, die welbekende voël- en natuurfotograaf. Hy woon in Hartbeespoort aan die voet van die Magaliesberge. Hy is baie aktief in die natuurafdeling van die Landgoed waarin hy woon.

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

🏰 Special Event: 15 – 18 Jun – Eshowe and Surroundings
Leader / Leier: Karin Coetzer
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✉ 123mier@gmail.com

Eshowe is centrally positioned in an area surrounded by scarp forest and linked to other neighbouring forests by pockets of indigenous bush and grassland, which make it an excellent base for birding the Zululand forests

Lots of specials can be found during June. You would be able to add to your list of birds such as Green Barbet, Spotted Ground Thrush, Mangrove Kingfisher, Palm-nut Vulture, Bronze-naped Pigeons and many more. The local guide

will help us find these as well as lots more which might include species such as Forest Buzzard, Forest Canary, White-starred Robin, Narina Trogon and maybe even Swamp Nightjar.

Accommodation has been booked for 3 nights at Dlinza Forest Accommodation as well as at Eshowe Guest House across the street.

All is self catering. The cost for accommodation as well as guiding fees are R1550 per person for the weekend. Space are limited to 16. The roads to some of the forests are not well maintained, dirt roads with steep climbs. We recommend 4 x 4 or high clearance vehicles.

This camp was advertised on alert and is fully booked.

Die kamp is op alert geadverteer en is reeds vol bespreek.



☼ Sun 25 Junie – Suikerbosrand
Meet / Ontmoet: 07:00
Leader / Leier: Cleo Artemides
Co-ordinator: Elouise Kalmer
☎ 083 626 1733;
✉ chairperson@blng.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2625_2810; 2625_2815; 2630_2810; 2630_2815

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; plus R11 per vehicle.

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

Hierdie reservaat huisves 'n aantal spesies wat nie normaalweg op klubuitstappies in die bosveld 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 pensionaris/kind plus R11 per voertuig.

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

☼ Wed 28 Junie – Delta Park & Museum Africa
Meet / Ontmoet: 07:00
Leader / Leier: Karin Coetzer en de Koning's
☎ 082 456 5241;
✉ reservations@blng.co.za

This popular 104 ha recreational park with its enclosed bird sanctuary is one of the most popular green patches in Johannesburg. The park offers birders a good selection of woodland species and waterbirds. After the visit to Delta Park we will visit Museum Africa in Braamfontein to look at some of the original Burchell and Levallant's bird sketches. Due to the limited space within Museum Africa, we will divide the group into smaller groups to see the sketches and paintings.

Book at reservations@blng.co.za. Booking is essential since only a limited number of birders can be accommodated.

Cost: Entrance fee at the museum is payable.

Hierdie 104 ha ontspanningspark met sy omheinde Voëlreservaat is een van die mees gewilde groen areas in Johannesburg. Vir voëlkykers is daar 'n groot verskeidenheid watervoëls, woud- en tuinspesies.

Na die besoek aan Deltapark gaan ons Museum Afrika in Braamfontein besoek om na die oorspronklike voëlsketse en skilderye van Burchell en Levallant te kyk. Aangesien daar beperkte spasie by die museum is, sal die groep in kleiner groepe verdeel word om die skilderye te besigtig.

Bespreking by reservations@blng is noodsaaklik aangesien getalle by die museum beperk is.

Koste: 'n Toegangsfooie is betaalbaar by die museum

JULY / JULIE

☉ Sat 1 Jul – Bird Ringing at Pretoria National Botanical Gardens

Meet / Ontmoet: To be confirmed at RSVP

Leader / Leier: Johan Snyman

☎ 082 451 3305

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 12:00 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.**

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Although everyone is welcome at this outing, we'd like to extend a special warm welcome to all our new members. Come along and meet some of the committee members, as well as our regular members.

☼ Sun 2 Jul – Pretoria National Botanical Gardens

Meet/Ontmoet: 8:00

Leader / Leier: Amanda le Roux

☎ 082 841 7413

✉ aleroux.ledu@gmail.com

SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2540_2815

Founded in 1946, the Pretoria National Botanical Gardens comprises of 76 ha of natural woodland on a rocky, quartzite ridge as well as theme gardens and open park-like landscapes.

The gardens are well worth visiting for their botanical diversity alone, but from a birding perspective, the ridge dividing the gardens on an east-west axis is certainly the most interesting habitat.

Entrance fees: R33 per adult, students R20 and children under 6 are free. Bring own refreshments and a chair or blanket.

Gestig in 1946 (net na die tweede wêreldoorlog) beslaan die Pretoriase Botaniese Tuin sowat 76 hektaar natuurlike woud, rotsagtige kwartsrif, parkagtige landskap en tema tuine.

Die Botaniese Tuin is die moeite werd om te besoek, nie net oor hulle botaniese diversiteit nie, maar ook as 'n voëlkykplek by uitstek.

Toegangsfooi is R33 vir volwassenes, studente betaal R20 en kinders onder 6 is gratis. Bring eie verversings en 'n stoel of kombers.

* Sat 8 Jul Event: Accipiter Course by Cameron Meyer
Contact person: Rita de Meillon
☎ 083 391 2327
✉ reservations@blng.co.za

Cameron will be giving us a morning course about Accipiters, the Sparrowhawks and Goshawks. He will be sharing an approach to the identification of these birds and provide practical insights on how to find these often elusive species and other interesting facts about their taxonomy and anatomy.

Cameron is an Accipiterophile and spends most of his spare time with these beautiful birds, having monitored several breeding pairs over the last 3 years. He is a qualified FGASA field guide, guiding at the Kruger Birding Big Weekend. He is also on the ID panel of the Birdpix project, part of the ADU's Virtual Museum collections.

Booking: reservations@blng.co.za
Cost: R100 pp

Cameron gaan vir ons 'n oggendkursus oor Accipiters, die Sperwers en Singvalke gee. Hy gaan fokus op sy benadering tot die identifikasie, habitat, gewoontes en waar mens hulle in ons area kan sien, met talle praktiese wenke asook interessante feite oor hulle anatomie en taksonomie.

Cameron is 'n "Accipiterophile" en spandeer meeste van sy vrye tyd met hierdie groep voëls. Hy het verskeie broeipare die afgelope 3 jaar gemonitor en 'n studie van 3 sperwerspesies se habitat en voorkeure binne Groter Gauteng gemaak. Cameron is 'n gekwalifiseerde FGASA veldgids en is ook op die ADU Virtual Museum" se paneel vir die Birdpix projek.

Bespreking: reservations@blng.co.za
Koste: R100 pp

☾ Tue 11 Jul – John Kinghorn “Champions of the Flyway”

John Kinghorn will be sharing his experiences of taking part as one of the team members in the Champions-of-the-flyway race 2017, where the main aim was “Tackling the illegal killing of Birds in Turkey”.

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

John Kinghorn praat oor sy wedervaringe gedurende die “Champions-of-the-flyway 2017”. Hy was een van die spanlede wat deelgeneem het en wat hulle beywer het om die onwettige doodmaak van voëls in Turkye te bekamp.

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

🏠 14-16 Jul – Devon Weekend
Meet / Ontmoet: Friday afternoon
Leader / Leier: Elouise Kalmer & Henk Nel
☎ 083 626 1733
✉ chairperson@blng.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2630_2845 (Basson Farm Pentad); 2630_2840; 2625_2845; 2620_2845

Large groups of Blue Crane and even a single Wattled Crane gather in winter in this Highveld grassland with its small rivers and many farm dams. Other special birds that are present during winter months include Black Harrier, Blue Korhaan, Secretary Bird, Orange River Francolin, Sickle-winged Chat, Jackal Buzzard, Greater and Rock Kestrel, Spotted Eagle Owl, Barn Owl, Grass Owl, Marsh Owl, White Stork, Quail Finches, Pink-billed, Redcapped and Spike-heeled Lark as well as many waterbirds i.e. Greater and Lesser Flamingo, Black-necked & Little Grebe, Snipe, Maccoa, White-faced and Shelduck.

We plan to include an outing on Saturday evening to find the owls.

We will stay at the old farm house on the Basson Farm consisting of 5 bedrooms and 3 x Bathrooms of which one is connected to Bedroom 1. They have doen renovations to tha

house and added another bathroom.

Even though it has a lot of sleeping space, the club members need to be prepared to share rooms.

We will meet on the Basson farm on Friday afternoon. Detailed directions will be provided closer to the time.

Devon is approximately 100 km south-east of Pretoria.

Book at reservations@blng.co.za

Costs: R700 per person for the weekend.

Groot groepie Bloukraanvoëls en selfs 'n enkele Lelkraanvoël kom in die winter in hierdie hoëveldse grasvlakte met sy netwerk van riviere en plaasdamme voor. Ander spesiale spesies wat in die winter hier voorkom is Bloukorhaan, Sekretarisvoël, Kalaharipatrys, Witkruisvleivalk, Rooiborsjakkalsvoël, Blouvalk, Grootrooivalk, Kransvalk, Nonnetjie-uil, Grasuil, Vlei-uil, Gevlekte Ooruil, Witooeivaar, Kwartelvinkies, Vlaktespekvreter (Sickle-wing Chat), Pienkbek-, Rooikop- en Vlaktelewerik en talle watervoëls bv. groot en klein Flaminke, Swartnek- en Klein Dobbertjie, Snip, Bloubekeend en Kopereend. Ons beplan om Saterdagagaand uit te gaan om uile te soek.

Ons sal tuisgaan in 'n ou plaashuis wat aan die Basson familie behoort.

Daar is 5 kamers en 3 badkamers wat gedeel word, waarvan een aan slaapkamer 1 grens. Alhoewel daar baie slaapplek is, sal lede moet deel.

Ons sal Vrydagmiddag op die Basson plaas ontmoet. Presiese aanwysings sal nader aan die tyd verskaf word. Devon is ongeveer 100 km suid-oos van Pretoria geleë.

Bespreek by reservations@blng.co.za

Koste: R700 per persoon vir die naweek.

🌟 Wed 19 Jul – Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens
Meet / Ontmoet: 07:00
Leader / Leier: Fiona Butchart & Louise Kalmer
☎ 082 093 7826
✉ chairperson@blng.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2605_2750

Situated between Muldersdrift and Krugersdorp, the garden is one of Gauteng's premier birding sites. The main draw-card is a resident breeding

pair of Verreaux's Eagles which nest annually next to the spectacular Witpoortjie Waterfall. Other specials are African Black Duck, Cape Rock Thrush, Black Cuckooshrike, African Olive-Pigeon, Half-collared Kingfisher, Brown-backed Honeybird, Streaky-headed Seedeater and in winter the Fairy Flycatcher. Entrance fees are: R40 per adult and R27 for senior citizens.

Directions: Take the N14 to Krugersdorp. At the traffic lights at the end of the freeway turn left onto the R47 to Roodepoort. After 3.5 km turn right into Handicap Street. Turn right into Malcolm Street after 1.5 km and proceed to the gardens in Beacon Street. Meet in the car park. (GPS coordinates are: 27°50'40.7E; 26°05'13.8S)

Hierdie Botaniese Tuin is een van Gauteng se vernaamste voëlkykplekke en is tussen Muldersdrift en Krugersdorp geleë. Die trekpleister is 'n broeipaer Witkruisarende wat jaarliks net langs die asemrowende Witpoortjie-waterval broei. Spesiale spesies is die Swarteend, Kaapse Kliplyster, Swartkatakoeroe, Geelbekbosduif, Blouvisvanger, Skerpbekheuningvoël, Streepkopkanarie en in die winter die Feëvlieëvanger en nog vele meer. Toegangsfoeie is R40 vir volwassenes en R27 vir pensionarisse.

Aanwysings: Neem die N14 na Krugersdorp. By die verkeersligte by die einde van die snelweg draai links op die R47 na Roodepoort en na 3.5 km draai regs in Handicapstraat. Na 1.5 km draai regs in Malcolmstraat wat jou tot by die ingang in Beaconstraat neem. Ontmoet in die parkeerterrein. (GPS koördinate is: 27°50'40.7E; 26°05'13.8S)

🌟 Son 23 Jul – Mkhombo Dam
Meet / Ontmoet: 07:00
Coordinator / Koördineerder: Dudley Gradwell
✉ dudgrad@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 1 km to the R573 (Moloto/KwaMhlanga road). Turn left, follow the R573 for 57 km, and turn left onto the R568 towards Libangeni. After 36 km there is a four-way stop, turn left and meet 400 m down the road on the left.

As gevolg van die vinnig wisselende watervlakke, is hierdie dam een van die opwindendste voëlwaarnemingbestemmings naby aan Gauteng. Die habitat rondom die dam kan wissel van vloedvlakke 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, Kleinkoningsriethaan, 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 57 km tot by die R568. Draai links na Libangeni; 36 km verder is 'n vierrigting stop, draai links en ontmoet na 400 m aan die linkerkant.

☼ Sun 30 Jul – Hot Bird Hunt
Meet / Ontmoet: To be communicated via Alert
Coördinator / Koördineerder: John Kinghorn

A Hot Bird Hunt is an outing where the venue and details are determined based on the current birding conditions and special birds reported in the area.

The details of this outing will be communicated via the BLNG Alert message closer to the time.

Booking at reservations@blng.co.za is essential for all Hot Bird Hunt outings. Please include your cell number in the reservation as Whatsapp is used during these meetings.

“Hot Bird Hunt” is ‘n uitstappie wat bepaal word deur die huidige voëlkykomsstandighede en spesiale voëls wat op hierdie stadium in die omgewing te sien is. Die besonderhede van die uitstappie sal nader aan die tyd deur “BLNG Alert” bekend gemaak word.

Bespreking: Dit is noodsaaklik om per e-pos by reservations@blng.co.za te bespreek vir alle Hot Bird Hunts. Aangesien Whatsapp gedurende hierdie uitstappies gebruik word, vra

ons dat selfoonnommers asseblief saam met bespreking verskaf word.

AUGUST / AUGUSTUS

☉ Sat 5 Aug – Bird Ringing at Bishop Bird Park
Meet / Ontmoet: To be confirmed at RSVP
Leader / Leier: Marina Pienaar
☎ 072 108 0111

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 12:00 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.**

*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 12:00 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 nete en voëls mag slegs deur 'n gekwalifiseerde ringer gedoen word.***

☼ Sat 5 Aug – Bishop Bird Park
Meet / Ontmoet: 7:00
Leader / Leier: Alta Fraser
☎ 083 652 2929
✉ fracerrc@global.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2550_2805

Bishop Bird Park is a small urban bird sanctuary which has open grassland interspersed with clumps of woodland.

Bishop Bird Park has a short and easy birding route with an amazing amount of birds to be found in this small sanctuary like the Tawny-flanked- and Black-chested Prinia, Spotted Thick-knee, Spotted Flycatcher, Rattling Cisticola, Willow Warbler, Southern Boubou, Garden Warbler (only in summer), European Bee-eater and African Grey Hornbill.

Directions: From the N1 south take the M19/ John Vorster offramp and turn left towards the Centurion Mall Shopping Centre. After a few robots turn left at the free left turn onto Lenchen Avenue M27. Continue for a few kilometres until the Old Johannesburg Road is crossed and Lenchen becomes Estcourt Avenue up to the T-junction. Turn left into Theuns van Niekerk Street. Pass the Wierda Glen Estate. Turn right into Roosmaryn's Place (it's the 4th street on your right), continue to the entrance of Bishop Bird Park at the end of the street. We meet in the parking area.

Bishop Voëlpark is 'n klein voëlpark met oop grasveld gemeng met bome en bosveld.

Die voëlpark is klein met 'n maklike staproete en 'n groot aantal voëls wat gevind kan word soos Bruinsy- en Swartbandlangstertjie, Dikkop, Geelbeklyster, Gewone Fret, Swart- en Witpensuikerbekkie, Blouvalkie, Diederikkie, Hofsvanger, Suidelike Waterfiskaal, Tuinsanger, Grysneushoringvoël, Europese Vlieëvanger, Bosveldtinktinkie en Europese Byevreter.

Aanwysings: Vanaf die N1 suid neem die M19/ John Vorster-afrig en draai links na Centurion Mall Winkelsentrum. Na 'n paar robotte draai links by 'n glipbaan in Lenchenlaan M27. Ry oor die Ou Johannesburgpad waar Lenchenlaan Estcourt word. Ry aan tot by die T-aansluiting. Draai links in Theuns van Niekerkstraat. Ry verby die Wierda Glen Estate. Draai regs in Roosmaryn's Place (dit is die 4de straat aan die regterkant). Ry tot by die ingang van Bishopvoëlpark aan die einde van die straat. Ons ontmoet in die parkeerarea.

 Weekend Camp: 11 - 13 Aug – Marakele Camping weekend
Leader / Leier: Will be announced
✉ reservations@blng.co.za

Marakele NP is situated within the 150km Birdlasser Challenge and forms part of the Waterberg biosphere. Come and enjoy a weekend of camping in the heart of the bushveld where you will be able locate a large variety of bushveld, riverine and woodland birds, like Cape Vulture, Gurney's Sugarbirds, Buff-streaked Chat, Cape Rock Thrush and Striped Pipit. There is also the possibility to see Kori Bustard, Red-crested Korhaan and many Raptors.

Book at reservations@blng.co.za

Costs: R400 per person for the weekend. This is based on 2 people per stand

Marakele is a Sanparks Park, therefore a conservation fee will be charged – not included in the BLNG costs. Please remember to bring your **Wild Card**.

Directions: Marakele is approximately 230 km from Pretoria. Travelling time is about 2h30. Travellers can take either: N1 to Bela-Bela(Warmbaths) and from there follow the R516 via Mabula and Leeupoort to Thabazimbi, Or travel to Brits and follow the R511 via Beestekraal to Thabazimbi
The office is 12 km north of the Thabazimbi crossing on the road from Thabazimbi to Alma. Entry times to get to your accommodation is between 07:00 and 18:00

GPS Coordinates

S24 31.860 and E27 29.896

Marakele NP val binne ons 150km Birdlasser kompetisie en is ook deel van die Waterbergbiosfeer. Kom geniet 'n kampnaweek in die hartjie van die bosveld waar ons 'n groot verskeidenheid voëls kan sien onder andere Kransasvoëls, Bergklipwagter, Kaapse Kliplyster, Rooiborssuikervoël en Gestreepte Koester. Daar is ook Gompoue, Boskorhane asook 'n groot aantal roofvoëls.

Bespreek by reservations@blng.co.za

Koste: R400 per person vir die naweek. Dit is gebaseer op 2 persone per staanplek
Marakele is 'n Sanparks Park, dus word daar ook 'n bewaringsfooi gehef wat nie by die prys ingesluit is nie. Bring asb. jou Wild Card saam.

Aanwysings: Marakele is ongeveer 230 km van Pretoria geleë en die reistyd is ongeveer 2H30
Daar is twee roetes na Marakele:

Ry op die N1 na Bela Bela (Warmbad) en volg dan die R516 via Mabula en Leeupoort na Thabazimbi

OF gaan na Brits en volg dan die R511 via Beestekraal na THabazimbi

Die Kantore is 12 km noord van Thabazimbi op die Alma pad. Ingangstye is tussen 07:00 and 18:00

GPS Koördinate

S24 31.860 and E27 29.896

☾ Tue 15 Aug – Robyn Baxter Gardening with a Conscience

Responsible Gardening: Robyn, a landscape designer, will be giving practical tips on how to plant indigenous, attract birds to our gardens and create a garden space that can easily be sustained in drought conditions.

Directions: Greek Orthodox Church, corner of Roper Street and Lynnwood Road, Brooklyn. It is

across the road from University of Pretoria.
Entrance from Roper Street. Limited parking if
you use the entrance in Brooks Street.

Verantwoordelike tuinmaak praktyke: *Robyn is 'n landskapsargitek en gaan praktiese wenke deel hoe om inheems te plant, voëls te lok na ons tuine toe en 'n tuin te ontwikkel wat maklik onderhou kan word in tye van droogte.*

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

☼ Sat 19 Aug – Random Harvest Nursery
Meet / Ontmoet: 07:00
Leader / Leier: André Marx
☎ 083 411 7674
✉ turaco@telkomsa.net
SABAP2 Pentad(s):

Join us for a winter walk around the Random Harvest Farm to look for the Fairy Flycatcher, and get inspired by the plants available in the indigenous nursery.

Directions: From the N14 Krugersdorp/Pretoria highway, take the Randburg/Zwartkop M5 off-ramp. Turn left towards Johannesburg along the extension of Beyers Naude Drive. Take the second tar road to your left at Valdor Centre (Friendly Grocer) into College Road. Follow the directional signs. Meet in the parking lot.

Kom gerus saam vir 'n winter-uitstappie na die Random Harvest plaas om na die Feëvlieëvanger te gaan soek. Daar is ook plante te koop in die inheemse kwekery.

Aanwysings: *Vanaf die N14 (Krugersdorp/Pretoria snelweg), neem die Randburg/Zwartkop M5 afrit. Draai links na Johannesburg (die pad word later Beyers Naudeweg). Draai by die tweede teerpad links by die Valdor Sentrum (Friendly Grocer) in Collegerylaan in. Volg die aanwysingsbordjies na Random Harvest en ontmoet André in die parkeerterrein.*

☼ Wed 23 Aug – Hot Bird Hunt
Meet / Ontmoet: To be communicated via Alert

Coordinator / Koördineerder: Dawie Rotteveel

A Hot Bird Hunt is an outing where the venue and details are determined based on the current birding conditions and special birds reported in the area.

The details of this outing will be communicated via the BLNG Alert message closer to the time.

Booking at reservations@blng.co.za is essential for all Hot Bird Hunt outings. Please include your cell number in the reservation as Whatsapp is used during these meetings.

'n "Hot Bird Hunt" is 'n uitstappie wat bepaal word deur die huidige voëlkykomstandighede en spesiale voëls wat op hierdie stadium in die omgewing te sien is.

Die besonderhede van die uitstappie sal nader aan die tyd deur "BLNG Alert" bekend gemaak word.

Bespreking: *Dit is noodsaaklik om per e-pos by reservations@blng.co.za te bespreek vir alle Hot Bird Hunts. Aangesien Whatsapp gedurende hierdie uitstappies gebruik word, vra ons dat selfoon nommers asseblief saam met bespreking verskaf word.*

☼ Sat 26 Aug – Borakalalo
Meet / Ontmoet: 7:00
Leader / Leier: Dawie Rotteveel
☎ 071 361 0260
✉ dawie@rotteveel.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): Borakalalo: 2515_2725; 2520_2725

Borakalalo offers a large variety of bushveld birds and has yielded many interesting sightings over the years. Klipvoor Dam provides additional habitat for many waterbirds. Braai facilities available. An entrance fee is payable.

Directions: From the N1 north, turn left onto the N4 to Brits. Exit at the Brits turn-off. Turn right towards Brits on the R511. At the 4-way junction with the Rosslyn Road (R566), turn right towards Rosslyn. After approximately 5 km turn left to Lethlabile. Drive straight for about 38 km to a T-junction. Turn right to Jericho and after 1 km left to Legonyane. Drive through Legonyane and follow the signs to Borakalalo (look out for turn-off to left about 8 km from park). Total distance is about 120 km. There is an entrance fee. Meet in the parking area on the left hand side just inside the main gate.

Alternative Route:

Travel to Kgomo-Kgomo via the Zaagkuil drift road. Continue through the town of Kgomo-Kgomo in a western direction. At the T-junction turn left towards Moretele & Bolantlokwe, cross the Moretele River. At the town of Moretele take the Borakalalo signposted right turn. At the T-junction turn right and continue straight to the Borakalalo gate. Distance between Kgomo-Kgomo and Borakalalo is 40 km (map: see page 119 of Gauteng Birding).

Booking at reservations@blng.co.za

Borakalalo huisves 'n groot verskeidenheid Bosveldvoëls en het baie interessante waarnemings oor die jare opgelewer. Klipvoordam bied addisionele habitat vir baie watervoëls. Braaifasiliteite beskikbaar. Toegangsofioe is betaalbaar.

Aanwysings: Vanaf die N1 noord, draai links op die N4 na Brits. Neem die Brits-afrig. Draai regs na Brits op die R511. By die 4-rigting kruising met die Rosslyn-pad (R566), draai regs na Rosslyn. Na ongeveer 5 km draai links na Lethlabile. Ry reguit aan vir omtrent 38 km tot by 'n T-aansluiting. Draai regs na Jericho en na 1 km links na Legonyane. Ry deur Legonyane en volg die tekens na Borakalalo (kyk uit vir 'n afdraai aan die linkerkant ongeveer 8 km van die park af). Die totale afstand is ongeveer 120 km. 'n Toegangsofioe is betaalbaar. Ontmoet in die parkeerarea aan die linkerkant net binne die hoofhek.

Alternatiewe Roete:

Ry na Kgomo-Kgomo via the Zaagkuil drift pad. Ry deur die dorp Kgomo-Kgomo tot by die volgende t-aansluiting. Draai hier links na Moretele & Bolantlokwe en gaan oor die Moretele river. By die dorp Moretele neem die Borakalalo afdraai na regs (2km) – daar is 'n bordjie. By die volgende t-aansluiting draai weer regs en ry tot by Borakalalo ingang. Die afstand tussen Kgomo-Kgomo and Borakalalo is 40 km (kaart: bladsy 119 van Gauteng Birding).

Bespreek by reservations@blng.co.za

SEPTEMBER / SEPTEMBER

○ Sat 2 Sep – Rietvlei: Bird Ringing
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 12:00 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 12:00 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.***

☼ Sat 2 Sep – Rooiwal Water Care Works
Meet / Ontmoet: 06:45 until more or less 13:00
Leader / Leier: Neithart Graf von Dürcheim
☎ 0832330266
✉ NeithartGrafD@worldonline.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad: 2530_2810

Booking at reservations@blng.co.za is essential as numbers are limited to 25 members.

What you can expect to see: Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works is a little birding treasure, where one can observe a good variety of birds close to Pretoria. Don't let the "organic odour" worry you. We'll walk along the ageing dams. Many water birds can be seen; a variety of ducks, such as Knob-billed Duck, grebes, teals, geese, but also waders (sandpipers, such as Wood-, Marsh-, Green Sandpipers, plovers such as Wattled Lapwing, Ruff), herons, Greenshank, Grey-headed Gull, from Stonechats to specials like Yellow Wagtail, Amur Falcon and Northern Black Korhaan.

Please note: CAMERAS WILL BE PERMITTED BUT ONLY TO PHOTOGRAPH BIRDS – NO PHOTOS OF THE INSTALLATION.

What to bring: Good walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, binoculars and bird book, spotting scope (if you have), breakfast and coffee, and a chair.

Directions: N1 highway to Polokwane (previously Pietersburg), from Sefako Makgatho (formerly Zambezi) Road off-ramp, distance is 22.7km. Take the N1 North, pass Stormvoël Road and Sefako Makgatho (formerly Zambezi) off-ramps, pass N4 turnout, go through Pumulani tollgate → take off-ramp Wallmansthal/Pyramid (Exit 163) this is 11.7 km from Zambezi Road. Go through tollgate at end of off-ramp → turn LEFT, direction Pyramid R101 and proceed for 4.6 km, reach T-Junction (old Warmbad Road) → turn RIGHT direction Warmbad/Bela-Bela / Hammanskraal R101, proceed for 2.0 km → turn RIGHT to Soshanguwe/Winterveld M39, proceed for 1.1 km, road does a LONG LEFT CURVE over bridge, → Turn LEFT at white sign ROOIWAL, proceed 100m → stop sign turn RIGHT, proceed 1.7 km on narrow tar road (pass Rooiwal Power Station on your left) → after 1.7 km turn LEFT into access road to Rooiwal Water Care Works → GPS Coordinates S 25° 33' 23.7" and E 28° 13' 39.5" → WAIT HERE, this is the meeting point, we will drive in together as one requires a permit, which the leader has obtained.

Bespreking: Dit is noodsaaklik om per e-pos by reservations@blng.co.za te bespreek aangesien getalle beperk is tot 25 lede.

Wat jy kan verwag om te sien: Rooiwal Watersuiveringswerke is 'n klein skatkis vir voëlkykers, waar 'n groot verskeidenheid voëls digby Pretoria te sien is. Moenie dat die "organiese" reuk jou pla nie. Ons sal langs die verouderingsdamme stap. Baie watervoëls soos verskillende soorte eende (Knobbel- en Teeleende), dobertjies, ganse, asook waadvoëls (ruiters soos Bos-, Witgat-, Moeras- en Groenpootruiters), reiers, Grysopmeeue en Leikiewiete kan gesien word. Bontrokkies en spesiale voëls soos die Geelkwikkie, Oostelike Rooipoetvalk en Witvlerkkorhaan kom voor.

Let wel: KAMERAS WORD TOEGELAAT, MAAR NET OM VOËLS AF TE NEEM – GEEN FOTOS VAN DIE AANLEG NIE.

Wat om saam te neem: Goeie stapskoene, hoed, sonskerm, verkyker en voëlboek, teleskoop (as jy een het), ligte ontbyt, koffie en 'n stoel.

Roetebeskrywing: Neem die N1 in die rigting van Polokwane (voorheen Pietersburg). Vanaf die Sefako Makgatho-afrit (ou Zambezi), ry 11.7 km, gaan verby die N4 afdraai, gaan deur die Pumulani tolhek, → neem die afrit Wallmansthal/Pyramid. Gaan deur die tolhek aan die einde van die afrit → draai LINKS, in die

rigting Pyramid R101 en ry 4.6 km tot by die T-aansluiting (ou Warmbadpad) → draai REGS rigting Warmbad/Bela-Bela/Hammanskraal R101, ry nog 2 km → draai REGS na Soshanguwe / Winterveld M39, ry 1.1 km, pad maak 'n LANG DRAAI NA LINKS oor brug, → draai LINKS by 'n wit bord ROOIWAL, ry 100 m → by stopteken draai REGS, ry verder vir 1.7 km. op 'n nou teeypad (gaan verby die Rooiwal Kragstasie op linkerhand) → na 1.7 km draai LINKS – dit is die toegangspad na die Rooiwal Suiveringswerke → GPS Koördinate S25°33'23.7" en E28°13'39.5" → WAG HIER voor Rooiwal se hek sodat ons almal saam kan inry, aangesien die leier in besit is van die toegangspad.

📍 Special Event: 8 & 9 Sep – The African Bird Fair / Walter Sisulu Botanical Garden

Enquiries: secretary@blng.co.za

Everything you expect of a Bird Fair, but with the "Ajabu" of Africa. Details will be shared through a BLNG Alert and BLSA Website

🕒 Tue 12 Sep – Andre Marx talks on The Birding and Cultural Experience of India

André Marx, BLNG President needs no introduction to our members. Andre will share his experiences from his trip to India which will include birding as well as the Indian Culture.

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

BLNG President, André Marx gaan sy wedervaringe van sy toer na India deel. Hy gaan sy voëlkykervaringe sowel as die kultuur in India by die praatjie insluit.

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

⚙️ Son 17 Sep – Family Outing at Colbyn Wetland

Meet / Ontmoet: 6:30
Leader / Leier: Philip Calinikos
☎ 082 602 1346
✉ conservation@blng.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2540_2815

Although everyone is welcome at this outing, we'd like to extend a special warm welcome to all our new members. Come along and meet some of the committee members, as well as our regular members. We also plan a light bring & braai for lunch at the Colbyn Scout hall.

The Colbyn Wetland Nature Reserve has as its focal point the wetland that surrounds the Hartebeesspruit adjacent to the suburbs of Colbyn and Hatfield. The wetland also contains an ancient peatland and is bordered on its northern side by quartzitic ridges. This varied habitat supports many bird species and has in the past been a favourite bird ringing venue for our club. Over 140 species have been recorded in and around the wetland. The Friends of Colbyn Valley has been established to assist with the conservation of the area and this will be an opportunity for us to assist them with the updating of the bird list for the area. Recent additions to the list have been Orange-breasted Waxbill, Half-collared Kingfisher and Marsh Owl. The outing will primarily involve walking in the wetland and along the Hartebeesspruit. We will meet at the northern section of the wetland where there is secure parking.

The Experimental Farm at Tukkies supports some grassland species such as Swainson's Spurfowl, African Pipit, Cape Longclaw, White-winged Widowbird, Common Fiscal and Zitting Cisticola. Several unusual species have been recorded e.g. Abdim's Stork and Grey Crowned Crane (the latter possibly a visitor from Austin Roberts). Strubenkop is home to African Grey Hornbill, Bar-throated Apalis, White-throated Robin-Chat, Brown-backed Honeybird and Southern Boubou. Raptors often soar along the contours.

Directions: Turn north into Kilnerton Road out of Stanza Bopape Street (formerly Church Street). Travel past the Colbyn Golf Park and Bowling Club and through the poort until you reach the intersection with Soutpansberg Road. Turn right at these traffic lights into Wilkinson Street. The parking area is on the right hand side in Butler Street just before the bridge over the Hartebeesspruit. Meet here!

Alhoewel almal welkom is by hierdie uitstappie, wil ons graag al ons nuwe lede hartlik verwelkom. Kom saam en kom ontmoet komiteelede asook ons gereelde klublede. Ons beplan ook 'n ligte bring en braai vir middagete by Colbyn Scout saal.

Die Colbyn Vleiland Natuurresewaat het as sy fokuspunt die vleiland wat die Hartebeesspruit omring aangrensend aan die voorstede Colbyn en Hatfield. Die vleiland bevat ook 'n ou veenland en word aan sy noordekant begrens deur kwartsietriwwe. Hierdie variërende habitat onderhou baie voëlspecies en was in die verlede 'n gewilde voëlingplek vir ons klub. Meer as 140 spesies is aangeteken in en rondom die vleiland. Vriende van die Colbynvallei is gestig om die bewaring van die area te ondersteun en hierdie sal 'n geleentheid vir ons wees om hulle by te staan met die opdatering van die voëllys van die gebied. Onlangse byvoegings tot die lys is spesies soos die Rooiassie, Blouvisvanger en Vlei-uil. Die uitstappie sal hoofsaaklik bestaan uit stap deur die vleiland en langs die Hartebeesspruit. Ons sal by die noordelike deel van die vleiland ontmoet, waar daar veilige parkering is.

Die Proefplaas by Tukkies onderhou grasveldspecies soos die Bosveldfisant, Gewone Koester, Oranjekeelkalkoentjie, Witvlertklap, Gewone Laksman en Landeryklopkloppie. Verskeie ongewone spesies is opgeteken bv. Kleinswartooievaar en Mahem (laasgenoemde moontlik 'n besoeker vanaf Austin Roberts). Strubenkop is die tuiste van die Grysneushoringvoël, Bandkeelkleinjantjie, Witkeeljanfrederik, Skerpbekheuningvoël en Suidelike Waterfiskaal. Roofvoëls sweef dikwels met die kontoere langs.

Aanwysings: Draai noord in Kilnertonweg vanuit Stanza Bopapestraat (voorheen Kerkstraat). Ry verby die Colbyn Golfpark en Rolbalklub en deur die poort totdat jy die kruising met Soutpansbergweg bereik. Draai regs by hierdie verkeersligte in Wilkinsonstraat in. Die parkeerplek is aan die regterkant in Butlerstraat net voor die brug oor die Hartebeesspruit. Ontmoet hier!

🌟 Weekend 22-25 Sep – Soutpansberg camp
Leader / Leier: Will be announced

There are a number of very special birds found on the Soutpansberg-Limpopo Birding Route. The Soutpansberg Mountains have well-developed tracts of indigenous forests in which species such as Blue-spotted Wood-Dove, African Broadbill, Eastern Nicator, Gorgeous Bush-Shrike, Orange Ground-Thrush, Crested Guineafowl, Bat Hawk, and Crowned Eagle can be found.

We have booked accommodation at Time Out Lodge, just outside Louis Trichardt for this 3 night long weekend. Samson Malaudzi will be our guide, he knows the area very well and also where to find the specials.

Booking at reservations@blng.co.za

Costs: Provisional costs for the weekend

R2250 per single person

R2200 per person for couples sharing

Price includes breakfast and supper

'n Besoek aan die Soutpansbergreeks naby Louis Trichardt beloof om baie produktief te wees. Met habitate van bos, rivierbos, vleilande, en bosveld sluit dit menige voëlspesies in. Spesiale spesies wat moontlik gesien kan word sluit in Breëbek, Geelvlknikator, Oranjelyster, Kuifkoptarentaal, Kaneelduif, Bosjakkalsvoël, Konkoit, Vlermuisvalk en Kroonarend.

Verblyf is bespreek by Time Out Lodge net buite Louis Trichardt vir die 3 nag langnaweek. Samson Malaudzi sal die gids wees. Hy ken die area baie goed en weet waar om al die "specials" te kry.

Bespreek by reservations@blng.co.za

Koste: Voorlopige Koste vir die Naweek

R2250 per enkelopende persoon

R2200 per persoon, waar 'n paartjie deel

Die kostes sluit wegneem ontbyt en 'n aandete in

Directions: Take the N1 Rigel off ramp and travel eastwards on the R50 for 64.5 km passing Delmas on the way. Turn right on the R42 to Nigel (no route marker). (This turn off is more or less 4 km past Delmas.) Go on for 31.8 km and turn right at the Marievale sign and travel for another 3.8 km to the Picnic Spot. Meet here! Total distance is 100 km (1½ hour's drive). GPS coordinates are: S26°21.456 E28°30.935.

Die reservaat is spesiaal in terme van watervoëldiversiteit en word omring deur die Blesbokspruitveiland. 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-afrig en ry ooswaarts op die R50 vir 64.5 km verby Delmas. Draai regs op die R42 na Nigel (geen roete-aanduiding). (Hierdie afdraai is ongeveer 4 km vanaf Delmas.) Ry reguit aan vir 31.8 km en draai regs by die Marievale-bord. Ry vir nog 3.8 km tot by die piekniekplek. Ontmoet hier! Totale afstand is 100 km (1½ uur se ry). GPS koördinate is: S26°21.456 E28°30.935.

☼ Sat 30 Sep – Owling at Rietvlei
Meet / Ontmoet: 6:30
Leader / Leier: Sheleph Burger
☎ 082 925 4005
✉ sheleph@blng.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2550_2815

We are planning the evening outing to find look for owls at Rietvlei..... Details will be shared via alert

Ons beplan 'n aanduitstappie om uile by Rietvlei te soek..... Die inligting sal op 'n latere stadium bekend gemaak word via alert

☼ Wed 20 Sep – Marievale Bird Sanctuary
Meet / Ontmoet: 6:30
Leader / Leier: Will be announced
✉ reservations@blng.co.za
SABAP2 Pentad(s): 2620_2830, with a small portion in 2615_2830

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

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 telephone: 012 807 4002.

🕒 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. Tea is served afterwards – 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 e-mail. 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. Birding is often done 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 012 807-4002.

🕒 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 Roper straat gehou.

🌿 Daguitstappies

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

🏕️ Naweekkampe

Akkommodasie wissel van basiese kampering tot redelike luukse akkommodasie. Volle betaling word verlang om 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 pentads

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 from Roper Street.

Limited parking if you use the entrance 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 in Roperstraat. Daar is beperkte parkering as u die ingang wat in Brooksstraat geleë is gebruik.