

SAN PARKS HONORARY RANGERS: AGULHAS REGION

AGULHAS NATIONAL PARK 20 YEAR BIRTHDAY 24 HOUR BIRDING BASH 2019

06/07 September 2019

COMPETITION RULES

Participant Fees. Participant fees are R550 which include eligibility for competition prizes, access permit to areas of Agulhas National Park normally closed to the public for the duration of the event as well as the three-course Prize Giving Dinner. (All funds raised are in aid of projects in support of Agulhas National Park)

Competition Boundaries. Only bird sightings within the boundaries of the Agulhas National Park and the Agulhas Plain will be eligible. The boundaries will be explained / confirmed at the briefing on Friday 06 September @ 17:30.

Recording. Record all the bird species seen or heard, including location (GPS) where possible, during the 24-hour period from 16:00 on Friday 06 September to 16:00 on Saturday 07 September 2019.

Teams: Participants are encouraged to participate in teams of minimum 2 (two) and maximum 4 (four) members.

Eligible Birds: Only free flying birds may be recorded (i.e. no caged birds)

Birding Lists: Birding lists of the bird species that may be expected in the Agulhas National Park can be made available to each participant on request via e-mail.

Record validity. The majority (for example 2 out of three or 3 out of four) of the team members have to agree on a call or sighting.

Use of call-back devices: Teams/participants are not allowed to use call-back to attract birds (call-back = playing bird calls from electronic devices).

Competition duration: The 24 hour period for Birding Competition starts at 16:00 on Friday 06 September and ends at 16:00 on Saturday 07 September 2019.

Registration. Participants are to enter prior to or on the 23 August 2019 by completing an entry form. Registration will be open for participants from 14:00 until 17:00 on Friday 06 September 2019. Late registrations will be allowed between 07:30 and 09:30 on Saturday 07 September 2019 at Soutbosch – organisers to be advised by 16:00 on Friday 06 September 2019.

Competition Briefing. An informative talk by Wim de Klerk, from The Agulhas Plain Birding Project, will be held at 17:30 at Bosheuvel (near Soutbosch). Wim de Klerk will be sharing his knowledge and insight with participants on where (and how) the best places are to spot which species. Although this is not a compulsory briefing, it is highly recommended that all participants attend this talk.

Competition Prizes. Although Birding Days are not about winning prizes it adds excitement to the competition. There will be prizes for the team that have recorded the most bird species; a special prize for the team that record the 'mystery bird' only known to the judges; and some fun prizes in a few other categories to be announced at the briefing on the 06 September at 17:30. (The judges' decision on the allocation of prizes is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the allocation of prizes.)

BirdLasser App: Teams are invited to log their sightings on the mobile app BirdLasser. Participants are encouraged to download and use the BirdLasser app (Apple and Android). For more information about BirdLasser visit www.birdlasser.com
