

Interpretive Guides Society Arusha Big Bird Day Challenge

Arusha Birdathon



OFFICIAL RULES

- All teams must be registered and fully paid up before the start of the event.
- All teams must consist of at least two identifying members and, no more than six members and a driver.
- The driver is a crucial member of the team, however he/she is not allowed to identify birds or alert other team members to the presence of a bird.
- A bird is considered identified by a positive ID of song or call or by sight.
- The bird is considered identified when it has been positively identified by at least two members of the team at the time of the sighting event. For instance if one person saw it in the morning and second person in the afternoon, THIS DOES NOT COUNT AS A SINGLE SIGHTING.
- All members of a team must travel together in one vehicle starting and ending at Dorobo Campsite in Olasiti. If out of the vehicle members of the team must stay within "shouting" distance of one another.
- All birds must be seen or heard within a 24-hour period starting at 12 noon on the 9th May and 12 noon on the 10th May 2015, starting and ending at Dorobo Campsite in Olasiti.
- All birds must be seen with 100km as the "Pied Crow" flies from the Arusha Clock Tower, Arusha. Please see ABBD map for reference.
- All bird lists MUST be handed to an official of the ABBD at the specified location before 12 noon on the 10th May 2015.
- Birds must be alive, wild, and unrestrained, including those attracted by tape- recorders and/or feeders. Birds observed by artificial light may be counted. Injured birds may be counted if wild and unrestrained. Eggs do not count as birds. Neither ornamental waterfowl nor escaped cage birds can be counted.
- Count only full species.
- Any information regarding bird sightings may be used during the event.
- Teams may review posted information at various sign-in or registration booths at parks, sanctuaries and refuges during the course of your visit.
- No propeller driven vehicles may be used.

Ethics

Each participant should strive to maintain proper birding ethics at all times. Participants must abide by all endangered or threatened species laws and regulations and observe local rules banning the use of taped recordings.

Teams should plan their routes carefully to reduce carbon emissions and environmental impact.