



Wakkerstroom Bird Club

NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2012

Hi All!

The new Committee elected recently (see below) has decided to start issuing our Newsletters once again, hopefully at least bi-monthly.

We hope this will rekindle your interest in your club and also by letting you know of planned outings in the spring and summer months in advance, you can plan your attendance.

If you know of any event that would interest fellow birders, both here in Wakkerstroom or anywhere else in South Africa, please let our Secretary, John Barrow know so he can advise all members.

We're planning a visit to the Vlei on Saturday morning July 7 with a "Getting to Know You Bring-and-Braai Brunch" afterward at BirdLife premises. We will meet on the Amersfoort road bridge at 08h00 and take it from there. Please come along and take the opportunity to meet your Committee and raise any points you would like to discuss. We would also like to know what outings, talks etc. that would appeal to you. This invitation is open to all ex, present and wannabe members.

Also, Andre Steenkamp will be conducting a Bird ID course in early September. There's only space for 15 people on it, so please advise John Barrow as soon as possible if you'd like to attend it. If there is sufficient interest, we'd look at holding another course when Andre is free to hold it.

It's also been suggested that we hold a course on bird migration which could be held on a Friday afternoon with a field trip on the Saturday. Also, you'll be advised on the date if we do organise this course.

We'd like to say that it is not essential that participants in our activities be a member of the club. So please tell your friends about these proposals and, indeed, about others that we come up with during the year.

There's also a "CAR COUNT" coming up on July 28. This exercise aims to establish the number of an ADU pre-selected list of birds and counting the number of individuals of each species that live in our winter conditions. If you would like to assist, in this exercise, Judy-Lynn Wheeler would like to hear from you.

On 12 May 2012, we held our AGM and in a subsequent meeting on 19 May, we elected our new committee for the ensuing year. They are:

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Front row - Left to right, they are: Andre Steenkamp, John Barrow, Norman Dennett, and Brian Guerin

Back row –Paul Tubb and John Burchmore

Absent – Judy-Lynn Wheeler.

Invoices for 2012 subscriptions will shortly be forwarded to .members. We apologise for leaving it so late and we'll endeavour not to do so again.

Also, as we have a number of projects for the coming year, we've decided to raise the annual fee to R100.00. This is the first increase since the club was founded and we hope you will understand the necessity for this. If you feel aggrieved by this or think that the increase is unwarranted, please feel free to contact us in this regard. The club's banking details will be found on the invoice and the fees can be paid directly into the bank account or handed to John Barrow in his capacity of Treasurer.

Finally, in conclusion, we welcome your feedback. If there are any matters you'd like to bring to our attention, please feel free to contact any committee member. We are especially interested in hearing about any activity in which you feel that the club should be involved.

We hope you survive the winter months and your birding is both fruitful and rewarding.

BRIAN GUERIN, CHAIRPERSON.