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BIRDING BIG DAY

Hi All

This is to gauge interest only.

Birding Big Day is a Birdlife event that takes place around the world (different dates depending on the seasons in different areas), largely to raise interest and awareness of birding, and an opportunity to raise funds, but mainly for people to get together and have fun birding. Teams are put together and they count the number of species seen over a 24-hour period. There are local (provincial) and national challenges and results are recorded on BirdLasser. No special skills are required – the birding outing will be the same format (casual, relaxed, fun) as any other Cuckoo Bird Club outing.

Birding Big Day is on 3rd December this year. We are thinking of putting together a combination weekend/day outing for this event. The weekend would be from Friday night, 2 December, to Sunday 4 December, and the day outing on SATURDAY, 3 December.

We are looking at self-catering venues within around 100 km or less radius of Johannesburg, with a maximum cost of R1000.00 per person sharing for the weekend.

Please let me know via email (bevjwil@gmail.com) if you are interested, and specify whether for the weekend, or just for the day outing.

The Club participated last year: our chosen team name was 'The Jacobins'. We chose Parys as our venue. Unfortunately, there was a huge storm, and our birding was rained out! We hope to do better this year. For more information about Big Birding Day, have a look at the Birdlife site - <https://www.birdlife.org.za/support-us/events/birding-big-day-2022/#:~:text=On%20BBD%2C%20record%20all%20the,few%20hours%2C%20up%20to%20yo>
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