



FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017

17h00-19h30	Welcome cocktail party	<i>Critchley Hackle Hotel, Dullstroom Town</i>
Evening	Dinner to music in town	<i>Many dinner specials are being offered by the wonderful restaurants, pubs and cafes Dullstroom has to offer.</i>

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2017

07h00-14h00	White-winged Flufftail Golf Challenge	<i>Highland Gate Ernie Els Golf Course. LIMITED TO 20 FOUR-BALLS</i>
06h00-10h00 (Three optional outings)	1. Highland Gate Edge of Escarpment Walk	<i>Leaders: Ben von Wielligh & Alan Hatton</i>
First two outings are each three hours long. The third outing, to the best birding on the escarpment, will be four hours to allow for travel time (one hour each way).	2. Verloren Vallei: Wild Flowers, Grassland and Wetlands Specials	<i>Leader: Frans Krige</i>
	3. Verlorenkloof Estate – Forest and Wetland Birding	<i>Leader: Geoff Lockwood</i>

SPECIALS

- HIGHLAND GATE:** Red-winged Francolin; Buff-streaked Chat; Eastern Long-billed Lark; Long-billed Pipit; Ground Woodpecker; Red Bishop; Yellow-crowned Bishop; Red-collared and White-winged Widows; Broad-tailed Warbler; Croaking Cisticola; Half-collared Kingfisher; Mountain Wagtail; Booted Eagle; Lanner, and Peregrine Falcon; Rock Kestrel; and a Southern Bald Ibis breeding colony.
- VERLOREN VALLEI:** Ground Woodpecker; Sentinel Rock-Thrush; Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk; Southern Bald Ibis; Gurney's Sugarbird; Wattled and Blue Cranes; Denham's Bustard; Wing-snapping and Pale-crowned Cisticola; Black-winged Lapwing; Cape Eagle-Owl; Yellow-breasted Pipit; Long-billed Pipit; Eastern Long-billed Lark; Redwing Francolin; and Secretarybird.
- VERLORENKLOOF:** Black-crowned Night Heron; Cape Vulture; African Cuckoo-Hawk; African-Hawk, Martial, Crowned Eagle; Rufous-breasted and Little Sparrowhawk; Peregrine Falcon; Small Buttonquail; Blue and Crowned Crane; African Rail; African Crake; Red-chested and Buffspotted Flufftail; African Finfoot; Denham's Bustard; White-bellied Korhaan; Black-winged Lapwing; Temminck's Courser; Tambourine Dove; Lemon Dove; Knysna Turaco; African Cuckoo; Emerald Cuckoo; Cape Eagle-Owl; Narina Trogon; Giant, Half-collared and Pygmy Kingfishers; Scaly-throated Honeyguide; Eastern Long-billed Lark; Bush Blackcap; Sentinel Rock-Thrush; Chorister Robin-Chat; White-starred Robin; Broad-tailed, Barratt's, Yellow-throated Woodland, and Dark-capped Yellow Warblers; Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher; Mountain Wagtail; Striped Pipit; Red-billed Oxpecker; Gurney's Sugarbird; Cuckoo Finch; Green Twinspot; Sweet Waxbill; African Quailfinch; Orange-breasted Waxbill and Forest Canary.

10h30	Dullstroom Bird of Prey & Rehabilitation Centre Flying of raptors	<i>Bird of Prey Centre Normal Programme</i>
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PRESENTATIONS ALL AT HIGHLAND GATE CONFERENCE CENTRE

10h30	Official opening of Festival Giving Conservation Wings	<i>Highland Gate Conference Centre Mr Mark Anderson (CEO, BirdLife South Africa)</i>
11h00-11h45 (Simultaneous presentations)	1. The Conservation Plan for the White-winged Flufftail	<i>VENUE 1 – Speakers: Dr Hanneline Smit-Robinson (BirdLife South Africa: Terrestrial Bird Conservation Programme Manager) and Malcolm Drummond (Middelpunt Wetland Trust)</i>
	2. The SABAP2 Project-Atlasing & Birding on the escarpment	<i>VENUE 2 – Presenter: Duncan McKenzie</i>

12h00-13h15 (Simultaneous presentations)	3. Why are the grasslands and wetlands of the eastern highlands vital to our water resources and conservation of the birds and habitats, in particular the national and regional rarities of this area?	VENUE 1 – <i>Speaker: Ernst Retief (BirdLife South Africa Regional Conservation Manager)</i>
	4. The weird and wondrous world of waders	VENUE 2 – <i>Presenter: Faansie Peacock</i>
13h15	Lunch	
14h30	Dullstroom Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Centre: Flying of raptors	<i>Bird of Prey Centre Normal Programme</i>
14h30-15h30 (Simultaneous presentations)	5. "Rarities, Twitching and Listing" and 'Great Expectations for Flock at Sea Again 2017'	VENUE 1 – <i>Presenter: Trevor Hardaker (Chairperson: BirdLife South Africa National Rarities Committee)</i>
	6. An Introductory Course into the identification of the Birds of southern Africa, and their habitats	VENUE 2 – <i>Presenter: Lance Robinson (President: Witwatersrand Bird Club)</i>
	7. Youth Africa Birding Fireside chat with the youth at the Festival	LOUNGE – <i>Presenter: John Kinghorn (Chairman Youth Africa Birding)</i>
15h30-16h30 (Simultaneous presentations)	8. A talk on the fine art of bird photography	VENUE 2 – <i>Presenters: Albert and Marietjie Froneman</i>
Item 8 ends at 17H00	9. BirdLasser – the fun way of playing your part in bird conservation by Henk Nel	LOUNGE – <i>Presenter: Henk Nel (CEO Birdlasser)</i>
	10. ABC of LBJ ID in SA	VENUE 1 – <i>Presenter: Faansie Peacock</i>
17h00-17h45	Photographic Competition Prize-giving and Raffle Winners Mini Auction – donated Bird Photographs and other items for White-winged Flufftail Research	LOUNGE – <i>Hosted by Tania Anderson</i>
19h00 for 19h30	Festival Dinner – Limited to 150	<i>Highland Gate Conference Centre</i>
	Or Dinner at Dullstroom restaurants	<i>Dullstroom Village</i>

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2017

07h00-12h00	HIGHLIGHT White-winged Flufftail Flush – Limited to 120	<i>Led by Malcolm Drummond (Middelpunt Wetland Trust)</i>
10H30	Dullstroom Bird of Prey & Rehabilitation Centre Flying of raptors	<i>Bird of Prey Centre Normal Programme</i>
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