



Flock

The Annual Gathering of Members of BirdLife South Africa

On the West Coast 2018

FEATURING

LAB

LEARN ABOUT BIRDS

...at a glance!



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Tips for completing the online booking form

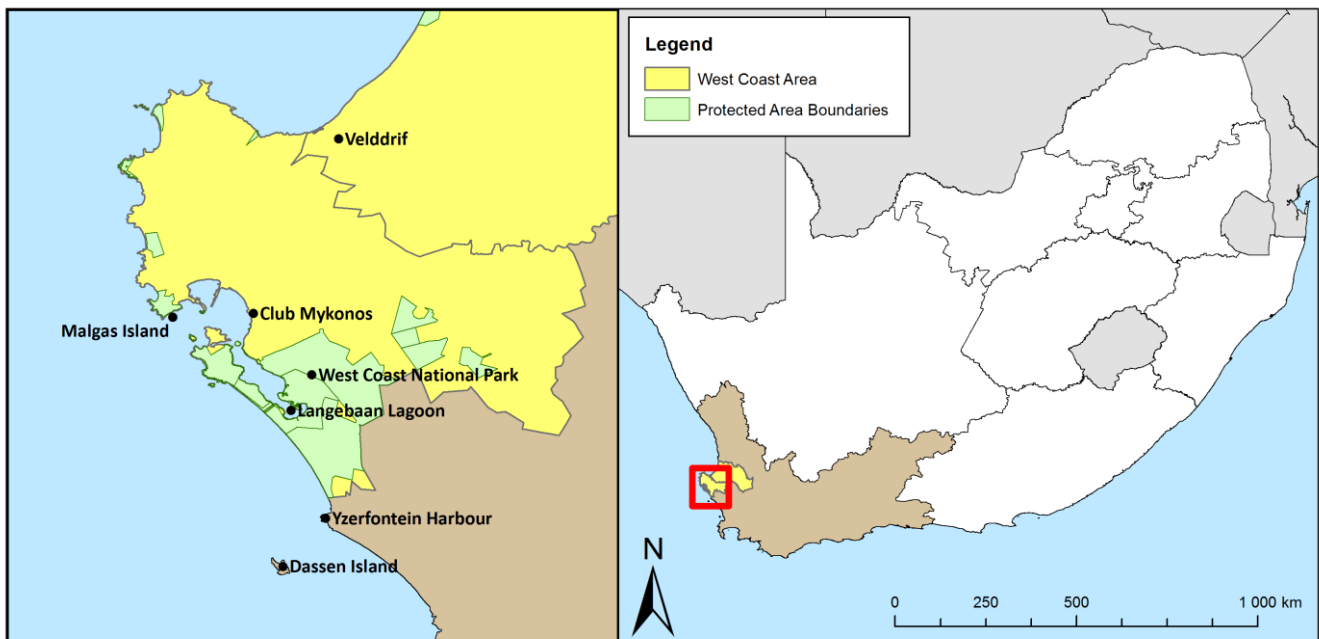
To register for Flock on the West Coast 2018 please follow the link on the Flock [website](#). Bookings can be made for a maximum of two people per submission. The form for Guest One will appear first and if the option to book for two guests is selected, the form for Guest Two will appear at the bottom of the page.

In order to qualify to book for the excursions, Guest One needs to register for either the LAB Conference, BirdLife South Africa AGM, or both.

You will need to agree to the Terms and Conditions before you can submit your booking.

Where is Flock taking place?

Flock on the West Coast 2018 (Flock 2018) will take place from 6-11 March 2018 at Club Mykonos, Langebaan, Western Cape, South Africa.



Flock 2018 promises to be another exciting instalment in the series of BirdLife South Africa's Annual Gathering of Members. Flock 2018 will feature the 4th bi-annual Learn About Birds (LAB) Conference and the 89th BirdLife South Africa AGM, as well as numerous exciting birding excursions.

What is happening during Flock 2018?

A summary of the major events taking place during Flock 2018 is presented below:

Summary Schedule						
Dates and Times	06-Mar Tue	07-Mar Wed	08-Mar Thu	09-Mar Fri	10-Mar Sat	11-Mar Sun
Morning	Planned excursions	Planned Excursions	LAB	LAB	Planned Excursions	Planned Excursions
Afternoon	Wader Workshop			LAB/Planned Excursions	BirdLife SA AGM	Departure
Evening	Free	Quiz at Bouzouki's Restaurant	Cocktail Function	Dinner at Boesmanland Plaaskombuis	Beach Party at Marc's Beach Bar	

LAB Conference registration details and payment schedule

Delegates that would like to apply to present their research at the LAB conference are invited to submit their abstracts by filling in the Presenter Registration Form available for download on the [website](#). Completed Presenter Registration Forms must be emailed to Melissa Whitecross at flock2018@birdlife.org.za before **30 September 2017**.

Prices for LAB bookings made during the following periods will be as follows:

Date	Student Rate	Full Rate
21 July – 31 Oct 2017	R 2 100	R 2 300
1 Nov – 31 Dec 2017	R 2 300	R 2 550
1 Jan – 31 January 2018	R 2 550	R 2 800

LAB Conference Speakers

The 4th bi-annual Learn About Birds (LAB) Conference promises to deliver two days of interesting presentations on the latest bird-related research and conservation efforts taking place in South Africa and abroad. The Science and Layman's LABs will run in parallel and registered delegates are welcome to attend either session.

Plenary speakers at the Science LAB Conference will be Dr Alan Lee (Fitzpatrick Institute of African Ornithology, UCT) and Dr Mark Brown (Nature's Valley Trust).

Layman's LAB speakers will present popular interest talks a range of bird and conservation related topics, including an Introduction to the Cape endemic birds (Etienne Marais), Black Harriers of the West Coast National Park (Rob Simmons), and the history and ecology of Dassen Island (Kevin Shaw) to name but a few.

BirdLife South Africa's 89th AGM and final dinner

The BirdLife South Africa AGM will take place in the Athena Hall of Club Mykonos at 14:00 for 14:30 on 10 March 2018. This will be followed by a beach party at Marc's Beach Bar starting from 18:00 onwards. Delegates wishing to attend the AGM and final dinner must book via the online booking form. The cost to attend these events will be R 280 per person.

Excursions and prices

All information pertaining to the excursions on offer during Flock on the West Coast 2018 can be found in the downloadable [Excursion Information Booklet](#).

The excursion options and prices are summarised below:

Excursion Options	Price (per person per excursion)
Pelagic Boat Trip	R 1 600
Groot Winterhoek Wilderness Area	R 750
Dassen Island	R 600
Malgas Island	R 600
Saldanha Bay	R 600
Island Tour	R 600
Faansie Peacock's Wader Workshop	R 450

For more information

Please visit the Flock on the West Coast 2018 website (<http://www.birdlife.org.za/events/flock/flock-on-the-west-coast-2018>) to find out more information, as well as to access the online booking form, terms and conditions, indemnity forms, excursion information booklet and more.

If you have any additional queries please email Melissa Whitecross, Emma Askes, or Gisela Ortner at flock2018@birdlife.org.za, or call +27 (0) 11 789 1122 weekdays between 09:00 and 15:00.