

Bird-a-Thon Race

BIRD-A-THON2015 is one of the race activities at the Bhutan Bird Festival 2015.

What is a Bird-a-Thon?-It is described as an express method of bird watching within a stipulated time culminating to producing a birdlist.

How will a Bird-a-Thon be conducted?- Identify a Bird-a-thon group composing not more than THREE individuals. One can decided to have or assign a group pet name (*like Bja Orok group*). Register to participate for this race at the UWICE Bhutan Bird Festival 2015. Contact Mr. Rinchen Singye via his mobile phone 17557242 or reach him at his email id rsingye@uwice.gov.bt. Non-registered Bird-a-Thon group will not be entertained.

A Bird-a-Thon group can start their bird watching from anywhere in Bhutan. However, the group will have to arrive at Tingtibe on later hours of the 7th October 2015.

Keep safe, drive with care and wish you great bird watching.

When is the Bird-a-Thoon?- The Bird-a-Thon race will be on 7th October 2015. A Bird-a-Thon group can start anytime (00:00-23.59 hours) on this day. The group will have to submit their birdlist in hard and soft copies (Microsoft Excel format) on the same day anytime (18:00-23:59 hours) to Mr. Rinchen Singye at Tingtibe.

What information to be collected during the Bird-a-Thon?- The participating Bird-a-Thon group will enlist birds they observe as tabulated here:

Name (English)	Count	GPS Coordinate	Local Name (any Bhutanese dialect)
.....Say ...Bulbul5....	Northing/Easting	Ping ku lung

What are the Dos for Bird-a-Thon?- The group must maintain the checklist or birdlist for the entire route or track of their birding route. It is mandatory to submit a route map of your birding race. A bird name listed with **wrong spelling** will be disqualified as an observed species. The group is encouraged to produce photographic or

recorded song (accompanied with bird id narration) evidences, especially of rare or special birds- documentation of behavioural photographs or clips will be fantastic.

The panel of advisors and judges will evaluate the winner of the race to usher to a winning PRIZE of Nu.30,000.00 (thirty thousand only) or a pair binoculars. Contact Mr. Rinchen Singye (17557242 or rsingye@uwice.gov.bt) for details.

Photography Race

Photography Race is another fun activity for the Bhutan Bird Festival 2015. It is to encourage our amateur photographers to appreciate nature. This digital photography race is one of the ways to seize an image of a bird for its eternity. It could be called as digital fossilization of an entity.

How will a Photography Race performed?- The bird photography race is an open competition. The participating photographer will submit 5 best photographs by the 7th October 2015.

What must entail with a photograph?- A photographer will submit five edited best photographs along with non-edited image file. Their best photographs will be printed at the festival celebration site. Photographers are encouraged to take pictures in raw image format (if their camera gadget permits). A photographer will have to collect gps position of where a bird photograph was taken.

What is to be given away?- Three best photographers will be awarded with cash prize. Contact Mr. Tashi Dendup (17258375 or tashid@uwice.gov.bt) for more details.

River Rafting

River Rafting is brought to you by the River Guides of Panbang (rgp)- a professional rafting group from Panbang, Zhemgang. It is the first community based pro-conservation group in Bhutan. rgp has been rafting for the last three years in most river systems in Bhutan. They also have participated in search and rescue efforts in the country. The river rafting is one of the fun activities. This is one of the pay-services that will be available at the festival site. The rgp rafters will ride you on inflated rubber boat on mighty Mangdechu from Bermo till Goling. A rider will experience the rapids, coffee pots, boiling whirl pools, splashes and knocking on rocks for some thrills. Anyone who desires to take this river rafting ride will have to sign-up for in groups of 10-12 people per shift. The rafters will ride to a distance of about 1000m or more along. On boat refreshment shall be served- cookies and juices.

Bird Mist-netting

Bird Mist-netting is a method engaged to capture birds using fine thin, almost invisible nets. The mist-netting activity at the festival is to bring birds in hands to let kids and citizens learn birds and appreciate them. Interested kids and citizens will be shown to measure bird's body- length and thickness of bill & tarsus, length of wing and tail, wing tracing to find wings area, and weigh the specimen. Various equipment used for banding birds will be exhibited and let participants experience bird banding.

Anyone coming at the Bhutan Bird Festival 2015 can register for participation at the Information Booth or UWICE Bird Corner at the festival ground. If one desires to have a bird in your hand, please do come and join us.

Nature Sound Recording

Nature Sound Recording is to deal with hearing and recording sounds in nature besides actual visualization of natural entities around us in an environment. One would hear much more of the sounds in nature with the aid of special microphones, and see extra details using analytical tools. Sound recording demonstration and editing of sound bytes from nature can be learnt using different analytical tools. Directional and parabolic disc microphones will be available for experiential use at the festival ground.

Who knows Birds Better Quiz Competition

Quiz Competition in Birds will be conducted at two levels:- ONE between the Higher Secondary Schools of Zhemgang and Tingtibe, and SECOND between the Lower Secondary Schools of Zhemgang and Tingtibe. Participants at the competition will be quized in four thematic rounds:- global, regional, national, local around birds.

Come one, Come all, Let us celebrate and Jubilate for our Kings. 60th birth anniversary of K4 is one time moment in the nation's history.