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Welcome to the new, electronic form of the bulletin.

Core features of the printed bulletins are here, such as Bird News and Society news. There are fewer photos here now, because most available photos have already been posted on the forums of the HKBWS website.

It seems likely that the style, contents and format will evolve as we go along.

John Holmes 





Bird Watching Marathon 2019

This bird watching competition was first organised by the Society in 2002. It has become the annual major event a keen birder will look forward to each year. Bird watching competitions are interesting games among birders to compete with not only their birding skills but also their physical fitness and team work spirit. It also serves as an important opportunity for a “bioblitz” of bird records in the year.

The annual bird race is just around the corner. To encourage more people to join this annual event, apart from the “Challenger Tournament” for experienced members and birders & “Secondary School Tournament” for secondary school students,

we have added a “Newbie Delight Tournament” & “Family Tournament” for beginners so that more people can be inspired to treasure the beauty of nature and to increase their consciousness of bird conservation, especially those threatened species. All proceeds from Bird Watching Marathon 2019 go to threatened birds conservation.

Habitats of birds have been reducing in consequence of various human activities. With the addition of over-hunting, the population of these bird species are decreasing and even facing extinction. HKBWS has been working on bird conservation through education, research, habitat management and conservation advocacy. Your support lets birds soar!

Enroll now: <http://bit.ly/birdmarathon2019>

Sponsor your favourite team: <https://www.hkbws.org.hk/donation/tw/birdwatching-marathon2019>



Bird Watching Course

The 26th Elementary Bird Watching Course for Beginners was completed by mid-March and gave training to 22 members and birders. They have undergone five indoor lectures and four outdoor outings which covered various topics on bird ecology, bird watching & bird identification skills.



The 5th NT Fishpond Festival Carnival

The 5th NT Fishpond Festival Carnival was held on 17th Feb in Tai Sang Wai. Asst Dir (Conservation) Mr Simon Chan and Environmental Campaign Committee Chairman Professor Sung Jao-yiu, Joseph and other guests were invited to kick off the opening ceremony. Experiencing activities, Eco-tour, tastings and different kind of workshops were organised in the carnival to promote the biodiversity and conservation value of fishponds in Northwest New Territories.

The Society would like to express its deepest gratitude to all the individuals and organisations that supported the festival activities.

Deep Bay in a minute

The fishponds and mudflats in Deep Bay form a wetland ecosystem which is internationally recognised as an important habitat for migratory birds. However, since the 60s, property development and open storage operation has started to destroy the wetlands in the Deep Bay area. Is the situation better now? What are the roles of the government, developers and local community in this conflict?

To know more:

<https://cms.hkbws.org.hk/cms/join-us-tw/zh-tw/project-tw/monitor-tw/other-monitor-tw/knowning-deep-bay>



Fish farming - the many uncertainties

Fish farming is an industry that you can't control, or there are not many things you can control, such as fry supply, price, water quality, weather impact, variables will appear in every link, when the problem occurs, the fishermen will be actively faced with it; but the results are not directly proportional to the hard work. When the harvest is scraped, it is known how many "heads" are. Our ecological ponds all face the same difficulties. Fortunately, we had the fry that was necessary for polyculture before the water quality of the fish ponds changes.

Needless to say, the impact of the weather will lead to serious losses if not handled properly; when the fish reaches the harvest, it must still be tested by the regulatory authorities before the fishes can be launched to market.

Eco-fish can be successfully transferred from fish ponds to dining tables, thanks to your support and that of fishpond operators. Sales during eco-fish activities, the fishpond art festival, the fishpond carnival and at Yata supermarket, totalled about 2000 catties of ecological fish sold in total. It was encouraging to see that during the "blind test" comparison of the food, our eco-fish received 78% praise, during the fishpond carnival.

Nature Conservation Management for Long Valley

In late December last year, we organised the annual event "Harvest Fest". With the theme "Party with freshwater farmland animals", we introduced different animals that live in freshwater farmland and let participants understand the biodiversity of Long Valley. Besides, some popular activities such as straw art workshop, eco-tour, traditional rice processing, stove etc were also part of the event.

In the coming April, the first season of paddy rice will be planted. Farming is always not easy because unpredictable weather rules the growth of crops after planting. Let's hope for a productive 2019.



▲ Parents and kid are working hard to harvest Water Chestnut



▲ Eco-tour is one of the most popular activities in Harvest Fest.

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Spoon-billed Sandpiper Wintering Census in South China

Spoon-billed Sandpiper Wintering Census coordinated by Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force of East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership was held between 15th and 25th January this year. With the support of the International Conservation Fund of Canada, we conducted a joint survey at Leizhou, Zhanjiang, Guangdong

Province with the following groups: Zhanjiang Bird Watching Society, Spoon-billed Sandpiper conservation team of Sun Yat-sen University, Southern University of Science and Technology, the Zhanjiang Mangrove National Nature Reserve, Center for EAAF Studies of Beijing Forestry University and Mangrove Wetlands Conservation Foundation. Thirteen Spoon-billed Sandpipers were recorded around Leizhou during the survey, which is similar to last year's figure.

This year, volunteers from different organisations also conducted a wider wintering Spoon-billed Sandpiper survey in coastal wetlands in Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, and Hainan. A total of 26 spoonies were recorded in South China in the survey. These data help us to understand the wintering pattern of this critically-endangered species in South China for better conservation of the species.



Buffalo training project with City University of Hong Kong

To help manage the grass height of freshwater ponds and marshes in Mai Po Nature Reserve, five Asian water buffalos were introduced to Mai Po in 2006, 2009 and 2012. In November of 2018, Dr. Barbara Padalino (Assistant Professor in Animal Behaviour and Welfare at the Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health) and her Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) students visited Mai Po to conduct behavioural studies and practical classes on handling and training of animals. Dr. Padalino also provided the Mai Po Team with



advices on training the buffalos to become accustomed to people and being handled if necessary, for example for regular body check by vet. As advised by Dr. Padalino, principles of positive reinforcement has been applied for the buffalo training since then, and all buffalos have been showing positive progress.

◀ Buffalo training

Birdhide #3, #20b and #21 temporarily closed



Many facilities in Mai Po were damaged by Typhoon Mangkut in September 2018. Bird Hide #3, #20b and #21 were three hides damaged most seriously. For the safety reason, they are temporarily closed now. The repairing work will be conducted during summer of 2019 to minimise the disturbance to the waterbirds. Please use other bird hides when you visit Mai Po. Should you have any enquiry, please call Mai Po Office (2471 6212)

◀ Birdhide #3 was damaged by typhoon

Funding of Big Bird Race



Our annual fund-raising event- Big Bird Race was successfully held on 23rd Feb this year. Thanks to all teams and supporters for help raising fund to manage Mai Po. The funding raised by the BBR this year will be used to enhance the reedbed in Gei wai #8, which includes desilting the reedbed floor and removing invasive terrestrial plants. Wet reedbed will be restored to provide habitats for reedbed-dependent birds and invertebrates. 

◀ Wet reedbed to be restored on GW#8b

October-December 2018

October

- ▶ A month of sustained quality produced a number of rarities and also a series of high counts and earliest autumn records. Highlights were a **Buff-throated Warbler** trapped at HK Wetland Park on 9th (YYT), the first for HK, a **European Golden Plover** in front of the Mai Po boardwalk on 14th (JAA), with further sightings there up to 28th (IT), only the 2nd record, and a **Booted Warbler** at San Tin on 14th (JAA), a 5th record. Other rarities, all potential 7th-10th records, were an **Alstrom's Warbler** at Po Toi on 9th (PH), a **Bianchi's Warbler** at Tai Po Kau on 20th (KPK), and a **Greater White-fronted Goose** in flight over the Mai Po car park on 29th (JAA), whilst a **Baikal Bush Warbler** photographed at Po Toi on 2nd (JN) is perhaps only the third record involving a bird found in the field, rather than one trapped by ringers.
- ▶ A count of at least 100 **Amur Falcons** at Mai Po on 10th (LS, MLT) is the highest on record. In a strong passage, other large gatherings of this charismatic falcon were 27 near Palm Springs on 23rd (MRL) and 87 at Long Valley on 24th (JAMC) and there were also reports of up to five birds outside the Deep Bay area - at the Soko Islands on 10th (DJS), Lam Tsuen on 11th (DT), Sha Lo Tung on 15th (RWL), the Shuen Wan area on 16th (RWL), Ting Kau Bridge on 16th (JC), and SW Lantau on 27th-28th (JAA).
- ▶ Other record counts reported during the month were 65 "**atrifrons-group**" **Lesser Sand Plovers** in front of the Mai Po boardwalk on 14th (JAA), 83 **Eurasian Collared Doves** and 136 **Red Turtle Doves** at San Tin on 17th (DAD), followed by at least 150 of the latter at the same site on 20th (EMSK), and six **Sakhalin Leaf Warblers** on N Lantau on 17th (JAA). In addition, counts of 10 **Great Barbets** in a fruiting Ilex rotunda tree at Tai Po Kau Headland on 11th (RB) and 12 **Chestnut-eared Buntings** at Lok Ma Chau on 31st (PJL) are the highest in recent decades.
- ▶ New earliest autumn dates were set for five species - **Asian Stubtail** at Ho Man Tin on 1st (MLT), **Mugimaki Flycatcher** at Po Toi on 4th (PH), **Ferruginous Duck** at San Tin on 20th (EMSK), **Small Niltava** at Po Toi on 21st (TCL), and **White-tailed Robin** at Ho Man Tin on 24th (per IT), the earliest by 22, 2, 20, 4 and 43 days, respectively.
- ▶ The month brought reports of a very wide range of migrants. In addition to those mentioned above, reports of migrant landbird species (single birds except as indicated) included **Thick-billed Warbler** at Shek Kong catchwater on 4th (JC), HK Wetland Park on 9th (YYT) and Mai Po on 12th (PJL), **Siberian Thrush** at Shek Kong catchwater on 6th (JC) and Ho Man Tin on 29th (KPC), **Manchurian Reed Warbler** beside the Mai Po access road on 8th (DAD) and at Mai Po on 17th (M&PW), **Yellow-browed Bunting** at Mai Po (up to three) and San Tin between 8th and 12th (MK, GJC), **Ferruginous Flycatcher** at Tai Po Kau on 9th (KWMW), **Crested Bunting** at San Tin on 13th (DAD), **Russet Sparrow** (up to nine) at Long Valley on 24th and 28th (MK, MDW), **Black-headed Bunting** at Po Toi, Long Valley, San Tin and HK Wetland Park between 24th and 28th (PH, MK, EMSK, CFL), **Pallas's Reed Bunting** at San Tin on 28th (EMSK), with two there on 31st (MLT), and **Brown-breasted Flycatcher** at Ho Man Tin on 31st (KPC).
- ▶ Among other migrant species reported were **Schrenck's Bittern** at Cheung Chau on 5th (per MDW), **Pheasant-tailed Jacana** at San Tin, Shuen Wan and Lok Ma Chau (six) between 6th and 31st (EMSK, RWL, PJL), **Long-billed Dowitcher** at Mai Po on 9th (MLT), **Himalayan Swiftlet** at San Tin and Tai Shang Wai on 17th and 18th (DAD, JGH), **Mandarin Duck** at San Tin (female) from 20th (EMSK), **Slaty-legged Crake** at Ho Man Tin on 23rd (JC), **Yellow-legged Buttonquail** at Fan Lau on 28th (JAA), and **Eastern Water Rail** at Long Valley (AK), also on 28th.

- ▶ Two of Hong Kong's rarer resident species were found at new sites during the month - **Brown Wood Owl** at Tai Po Kau Headland on 14th (RB) and **Bay Woodpecker** at Sha Lo Tung on 27th (RWL).

November

- ▶ The highlight of a warm and cloudy month and probably also the bird of the year was a first-winter **Silver Oriole** on Po Toi on 29th (M&PW). Unfortunately, despite much searching, this long-awaited addition to the Hong Kong list was not seen on subsequent days. Other rare birds found during the month were a **House Sparrow** at Long Valley on 14th (per YYT), a 5th record, a **Japanese Leaf Warbler** at Po Toi on 17th (M&PW), the 3rd record, a Rook at Long Valley from 19th (MK), only the 2nd record, and a **Greenish Warbler** at Shek Kong catchwater on 21st (JC), also a potential 2nd record. In addition, the following were all 7th-10th records - a **Pale-footed Bush Warbler** at Mai Po on 6th (PJL), two **Greater White-fronted Geese** at Yi O on 7th (RHSC), a **Red-backed Shrike** at Ho Man Tin on 9th (KPC), a Smew at San Tin on 24th (EMSK), and an **Alstrom's Warbler** at Tai Lam CP on 25th (JC), whilst an **Ashy Drongo** ssp *salangensis* at Pak Nai on 4th (JAA) is the first of this subspecies to be claimed in many years.
- ▶ The month also brought reports of two other birds new to Hong Kong, though their plumage condition was such that the observers suspected ex-captive origins - a **Chinese Grey Shrike** at Lok Ma Chau on 14th (PJL) and an **Asian Glossy Starling** at Po Toi from 17th to 20th (M&PW, KKC).
- ▶ Two species were reported on new earliest/latest dates - a **Blue-tailed Bee-eater** at Pak Nai on 4th (JAA), the latest by 3 days, and the **Alstrom's Warbler** at Tai Lam CP on 25th (JC), the earliest by 13 days.
- ▶ Visits to San Tin fishponds regularly produced day-lists of 80 species or more, with **Mandarin Duck**, **Common Pochard**, **Greater Scaup**, **Pied Harrier**, **Japanese Quail**, **Manchurian Reed Warbler**, **Black-headed Bunting** and **Pallas's Reed Bunting** among the species present in the first week of the month (EMSK, DAD, MLT, DT).
- ▶ Elsewhere in the Deep Bay area, reports were again received of the **European Golden Plover** in front of the Mai Po boardwalk until 11th (EMSK) and the **Eastern Water Rail** at Long Valley on 11th and 19th (AB, JP), whilst new sightings included a **Russet Sparrow** and two **Black-headed Buntings** at Long Valley on 1st (DAD), a **Yellow-browed Bunting** at Pak Nai on 4th (JAA), 50 **Dusky Warbler** and 50 **Black-browed Reed Warblers** at Lok Ma Chau on 8th (PJL), up to three **Greater Scaup** at the Wetland Park between 9th and 25th (CFL), a **Barred Cuckoo Dove** at Lok Ma Chau from 16th (PJL), a **Brambling** and two **Rustic Buntings** at Long Valley on 25th (KCL), and a **Paddyfield Warbler** at Lok Ma Chau on 30th (PJL).
- ▶ In the Tolo Harbour area, good numbers of egrets were counted, including 906 **Little Egrets** and 541 **Great Egrets** arriving at a night-roost near the main post office in Tai Po on 29th (JAA).
- ▶ Single **Bramblings** at Tai Po Kau on 11th (PKK) and Tai Lam CP on 25th (KCL) were unusual at forest/shrubland sites. Other birds of note at these sites included three **Radde's Warblers** at Tai Lam CP on 6th (JC), a late **Grey Nightjar** at Tai Po Kau on 11th (PKK), a **Yellow-streaked Warbler** at Tai Lam CP also on 11th (JC), a **Sulphur-breasted Warbler** and **Eastern Crowned Warbler** at Tai Po Kau on 15th (LS), and a **White-throated Rock Thrush** at Tai Lam CP on 16th (JC), whilst a **Eurasian Jay**, now rare, was at Sha Lo Tung on 23rd (RWL, MCW).

- ▶ Apart from the **Silver Oriole**, best birds at Po Toi were three **Grey-faced Buzzards**, a female **Narcissus Flycatcher** and two **Yellow-throated Buntings** on 1st (PH), a **Japanese Yellow Bunting** on 6th and 8th (PH), single **Rustic and Yellow-throated Buntings** on 20th (KKC, EY), a late **Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** and a **Black-naped Oriole** on 29th (M&PW), and a **White-spectacled Warbler** and **Brown-headed Thrush** on 30th (MLT, GT).
- ▶ In Kowloon, Ho Man Tin was again well covered. Best birds (all KPC except as indicated) were a **Bull-headed Shrike**, a **Brown-flanked Bush Warbler** and a **Narcissus Flycatcher** on 1st, a male **Fujian Niltava** on 2nd (AK), a **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** and **Radde's Warbler** on 6th, an **Eastern Crowned Warbler** on 12th, and six **Eye-browed Thrushes** on 16th, whilst a **Lanceolated Warbler**, a **Black-browed Reed Warbler** and a **Rufous-tailed Robin** were all at Telford Gardens on 8th (EMSK) and a **Slaty-legged Crake** was found at Hutchison Park, Hung Hom on 17th (JP).
- ▶ On Hong Kong Island, visits to Mount Davis turned up a variety of birds including two **Russet Bush Warblers** on 1st, a **Brambling** on 17th and a **White-bellied Erpornis** on 24th (CC).

December

- ▶ In what was to be ranked by the HK Observatory as the warmest winter on record, this, the first month of the winter, was dry and unusually warm. A good variety of scarcer warblers were found, **Daurian Redstarts** and **Rufous-tailed Robins** were widespread, but **Red-flanked Bluetails** and the usual thrushes of the season were hard to come by.
- ▶ Assuming acceptance, a first-winter **Hen Harrier** photographed by a visiting birdwatcher at Mai Po on 31st (per DAD) will be a long-awaited addition to the HK list. Other rarities found during the month were a **Japanese Leaf Warbler** at Pak Sha O on 2nd (GJC), a 4th record, a **Greylag Goose** at Mai Po from 3rd to 6th (per DAD, DJS), a 6th record, a **Short-eared Owl** on the Soko Islands on 4th (JAMC), the 10th record, and a **Thick-billed Green Pigeon** on Po Toi from 6th to 20th (M&PW, PH, DAD), the 5th record.
- ▶ The month was unusual for the variety of rarer warblers found, with **Sulphur-breasted Warbler** at Tai Po Kau between 3rd and 30th (DAD, LS, M&PW, JAMC) and Tai Lam CP on 21st (JC), **Hume's Leaf Warbler** at the Wetland Park between 8th and 21st (CFL), **Yellow-streaked Warbler** at Mount Davis between 8th and 23rd (CC, AB, MLT, CFL), **Chestnut-crowned Warbler** at Ho Pui on 8th (JAA) and Tai Po Kau between 8th and 30th (PKK, M&PW, JAMC), **White-spectacled Warbler** at Tai Po Kau on 10th and 12th (LS, M&PW), and **Rufous-faced Warbler** at Tai Po Kau on 30th (JAMC). Both **Radde's Warbler** and **Eastern Crowned Warbler** were much more widespread than usual for the time of year, with single **Radde's** noted on Lamma on 1st (JAA), at Mount Davis from 1st to 14th (CC, AB), Ho Man Tin on 10th (KPC), Cheung Chau on 17th (MK) and Sha Lo Tung on 28th (DT) and single **Eastern Crowned** at Tai Po Kau between 3rd and 12th (DAD, LS, M&PW), on Po Toi on 6th and 29th (M&PW, MLT), Ho Pui on 8th (JAA), Tai Lam CP on 21st (JC), and Shek Kong catchwater on 31st (BdS). Passage of **Asian Stubtail Warblers** was quite strong and there were also several reports of **Goodson's Leaf Warbler** and **Two-barred Warbler** during the month.
- ▶ Two key birds from the previous month, the **Rook** at Mai Po/Lut Chau and the **Smew** at San Tin, both remained throughout the present month. Among other birds of interest found in the Deep Bay area were a **Baikal Bush Warbler** at Mai Po on 6th (JAA), and a **Nordmann's Greenshank**, a **Long-billed Dowitcher** and a **Pallas's Gull** in front of the Mai Po boardwalk on 22nd-24th (DAD, JAA).
- ▶ Egret counts in the Tolo Harbour area were slightly higher than the previous month, with 908 **Little Egrets** and 581 **Great Egrets** flying into the roost at Tai Po on 15th (JAA).

- ▶ Visits to forest/shrubland sites in the NT and on HK Island brought reports of an **Amur Paradise Flycatcher** at Tai Lam CP on 4th (JC), a rather late date, single **Fujian Niltavas** at Ho Pui on 8th (JAA) and Tai Po Kau on 18th (LS), a **Bay Woodpecker** at Robin's Nest on 9th (AB), a new site for the species, 12 **Chestnut-collared Yuhinas** at Lung Fu Shan on 15th (AH), a female **Siberian Thrush** at Tai Po Kau on 17th (PKK), a **Dusky Thrush** at Mount Davis on 19th (MLT), and a female **White-tailed Robin** at Lung Fu Shan from 28th (per KPC, AH).
- ▶ On Po Toi, a late **Ashy Minivet**, a **Brown-headed Thrush** and a **Red-breasted Flycatcher** were all noted on 6th (M&PW), with the thrush still present on 18th (DAD) and the flycatcher on 29th (MLT), and the **Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** from the end of November was still present on 9th (EY), setting a new latest date by 21 days, whilst the long-staying **Black-naped Oriole** remained to 29th (MLT).

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OUTINGS					
Date	Duration	Site, Meeting Time & Place	Fee(HK\$) & Registration	Difficulties (1<2<3)	Target species
6/4/2019 (Sat)	0800 - 1300	Long Valley (Crested Bulbul Club Activity) (08:00 Outside Maxim's MX, Sheung Shui Rail Station)	Free Registration NOT required	☆☆	Farmland & water birds
6-7/4/2019 (Sat – Sun)	24 hrs	Bird Watching Marathon 2019 - Challenger Tournament (Details to be announced on Discussion Forum)			
13/4/2019 (Sat)	0800 - 1600	Mai Po Nature Reserve (12yrs old & above only) (08:00 Kowloon Tong MTR Station (Kent Road Exit F), OR 09:00 Mai Po Carpark, ends 15:00 Mai Po, 16:00 Kowloon Tong)	Member meeting at Mai Po: \$30 Kln Tong: \$60 Non-member: \$120 Registration Required	☆☆	Water birds
14/4/2019 (Sun)	7 hrs	Bird Watching Marathon 2019 - Newbie Delight & Family Tournament (Details to be announced on Discussion Forum)			
28/4/2019 (Sun)	0800 - 1600	HK South Waters & Po Toi (08:00 Aberdeen Public Pier, near Ocean Court) <i>Note: This will be a long trip on open waters. The ride could be quite rough and some people may be seasick</i>	Member: \$200 Non-member: \$220 Registration Required	☆☆☆	Sea birds & migrants
4/5/2019 (Sat)	0900 - 1300	Luk Keng (Crested Bulbul Club Activity) (09:00 Pavilion at entrance to Nam Chung Road)	Free Registration NOT required	☆	Forest & water birds
12/5/2019 (Sun)	0800 - 1200	Tai Mo Shan (08:00 Exit B near Hang Seng Bank, Tsuen Wan MTR Station)	Member: free Non-member: \$30 (Aged <18yrs: \$10) Registration NOT required	☆☆☆	Grassland birds
19/5/2019 (Sun)	TBC	Wild Card Day (Details will be announced on May 17 on Discussion Forum)		TBC	TBC
26/5/2019 (Sun)	0800 - 1200	Nam Chung and Luk Keng (08:00 Pavilion at junction of Nam Chung Rd & Luk Keng Rd)		☆☆	Forest & water birds
1/6/2019 (Sat)	0800 - 1300	Tai Po Kau (Crested Bulbul Club Activity) (08:00 Tai Po Kau Carpark)	Free Registration NOT required	☆☆☆	Forest birds
TBC 07/2019 (Sun)	1445 – 1900	Tolo Harbour & Sai Kung (14:45 Ma Liu Shui Ferry Pier, ends 19:00 at Sai Kung) <i>Note: 1500-1700 Terns watching on public ferry from Ma Liu Shui to Tap Mun & then Wong Shek Pier. 1700-1900 Bus from Wong Shek Pier to Sai Kung for Black Kite Watching. Participants have to take care of their own ferry & bus fare.</i>	Member: free Non-member: \$30 (Aged <18yrs: \$10) Registration NOT required	☆☆☆	Breeding Terns & Black Kite

OUTING BOOKING SLIP

I would like to register the following HKBWS outings:

** HKBWS will re-confirm with contact person of their attendance 2 weeks before the outing by email or by phone. Once confirmed, no refund will be made no matter they can attend the outing or not. Refund will be made only if the outing is cancelled officially due to inclement weather or special reason.

Information of Participant(s)

Date	Outing	Name (First one will be considered contact person)	Membership No.	Mobile Phone	Outing Fee*	Required information for Mai Po Outing only	
						Meeting Point (Kin Tong / MP)	Age Group (✓where appropriate)
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** Activity payment are processed individually. Please use separate cheques for different outings.

Enclosed please find a Cheque of HK\$_____ Contact person's email : _____

(Payable to **The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society**)

Applicant : _____ Date : _____ Signature : _____

Please send this slip together with a crossed cheque to: **7C, V Ga Building, 532 Castle Peak Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon.**

Notes for Mai Po Outing:

- **Participants below age of 12 yrs will not be accepted for Mai Po Outing visiting floating boardwalks.**
- According to the requirement of the Hong Kong Police and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, participants entering Mai Po should provide their full name and Hong Kong ID Number (passport number for overseas visitors) that day in order to access to the Frontier Closed Area and Mai Po Marshes.

Mai Po Outing Fee	Meeting Point at Mai Po	Meeting Point at Kowloon Tong
Member	HK\$30-	HK\$60-
Student Member	HK\$15-	HK\$30-
Non-Member	HK\$120-	

Other Notes:

- I HKBWS members have a high priority to join four weeks before the activity. Thereafter, registration will be made on first come first serve basis.
- I Any changes of the activities will be announced on our Discussion Forum: <http://www.hkbws.org.hk/BBS>
- I Arrangement during bad weather: When Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.3 or above or Rainstorm Warnings Amber, Red or Black are hoisted by the Hong Kong Observatory at 7:00am on the event day, the activity will be cancelled. If Thunderstorm Warning is announced during the activity, Team Leader will decide whether the activity should be continued or cancelled. You can contact the outing leader at **9457 3196** 3. during the event day if you have any query about the weather.

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黃永文
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White-spectacled Warbler
Wong Wing Man Kenneth
Tai Po Kau