

# SOMERSET WEST BIRD CLUB

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Please print when completing the form

### PERSONAL DETAILS: MAIN MEMBER

Name and Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Would you be prepared to serve on the committee?	Yes / No
Where did you hear about us?	

### MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions are available at the rates below. Please indicate your preference. Subs are due on 1st January and if not paid by 15 April membership theoretically ceases as the club need to render a return to BirdLife SA indicating and paying for club membership. Due to the problems with postal delivery, the option for a posted Batis is unfortunately no longer available.

Family	R160 per person or family per year for the Batis via e-mail.
Family	R220 pp or family per year for a hard copy of the Batis to be collected at the monthly meeting or from the Hospice store, Main Road, Somerset West, from the weekend after the meeting.
Life	R1945 per person or family for life membership with a copy of the Batis via e-mail.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Due to high bank charges, over the counter bank deposits and cheques are not accepted. Bank charges incurred by the club will have to be paid by the member. The treasurer will contact such a member and request the additional payment.*

Cash payments can be made to our treasurer at the monthly meetings. **Preferred method of payment is by EFT.**

Account Name: Somerset West Bird Club, ABSA Bank. Account No: 9016949256, Branch code: 632005.

**When making payment please use your name and surname as reference.**

Once payment has been made kindly email the club treasurer, Sakkie Krynauw, the completed page 1 of the application form as well as your proof of payment. Contact Sakkie Krynauw directly if you have any questions. Cell: 082 904 5363 or email: sakkie@krynauw.net.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY MAIN MEMBER

My signature on this application form is confirmation that I, as well as the other members who are joining with me, take note of the contents on page 3 of this application form and that I/we will adhere to it - the regulations regarding the POPI Act and the BirdLife SA Birder's Code of Ethics.

I further acknowledge that that I, as well as the other members who are joining with me, have signed the club's waiver and indemnity form\* and that all forms will be submitted with the application.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* - Please print a waiver and indemnity form for all members joining on this application form and submit it with the application.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR CLUB**

# INDEMNITY AGREEMENT



## WAIVER AND INDEMNITY

- **WHEREAS** SOMERSET WEST BIRD CLUB (hereinafter referred to as the Club) arranges outings for its members;
- **AND WHEREAS** these outings are led by a member/s;
- **AND WHEREAS** members sometimes share transport to these outings;
- **AND WHEREAS** because of the very nature of these outings vehicles may cover rough terrain;
- **AND WHEREAS** the outings may entail walking over uneven ground, proximity to deep and swiftly flowing rivers, rocky terrain, thorn-bearing trees and shrubs and generally inhospitable outdoor conditions,
- **AND WHEREAS** members may be exposed to unpurified water, dangerous or wild animals, birds, poisonous reptiles, insects and plants,
- **AND WHEREAS** the members participate in the activities of the Club voluntarily, and unconditionally accept that they do so at their own risk;

## NOW THEREFORE

1. I hereby waive any claim which I may have against the Club, its Committee and/or any members of the Club acting on the Club's authority or within the scope of their functions or authority for any personal injury or lost or damaged property arising directly or indirectly from any negligent or wilful act or omission relating to the activities of the Club as outlined in the preamble above. For the sake of convenience all of the aforesaid parties are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Club".
2. I indemnify the Club against any claims arising by third parties including my dependants from my injury or death during the course of my participation in the Club's activities including claims arising from any negligent acts or omissions in the circumstances set out in paragraph 1 above.
3. I also indemnify the Club and its members and/or its representatives acting with the club's authority or within the scope of their functions or authority against any loss, damage or injury which they may suffer of for which they may be held liable as a result of any wilful or negligent act or omission on my part.
4. I declare that I am in good health, physically fit and capable of withstanding the nature of the activities, and that I have taken (or alternatively have personally decided to dispense with) full medical advice before undertaking the activities.
5. I do hereby declare that I am older than eighteen years of age; alternatively that if I am a minor this agreement is executed with the consent of and signed by my legal guardian.

SIGNED AT \_\_\_\_\_ ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, (Full names & Surname) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Identity number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

AS WITNESSES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

# POPI ACT

Please note that the SWBC will not share any of your personal information gathered on your club application form with anyone, except for club administrative purposes, e.g. sharing of club list with committee members to determine number of Batis copies to print, payment of club subs to BirdLife SA, etc. If you choose to participate in any of the SWBC WhatsApp groups and post any comments and/or pictures on any social media platform please remember that the following conditions will come into play: You are entitled to refuse consent to belong to any group and you can exercise such right by leaving the group. Should you elect to join and remain in a/any group, it will be accepted that you have consented to being a part of the group and to your personal information (your cell phone number and name) being noticeable to any person in the group. In this regard, we implore all members NOT to make use of other people's personal information for whatsoever reason without obtaining the consent of the relevant person.



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## BIRDLIFE SOUTH AFRICA: BIRDER'S CODE OF ETHICS

Birders have an obligation at all times to protect wildlife, the natural environment and the rights of others. We provide leadership by adhering to guidelines of good birding behaviour.

- 1 **Birders do not endanger the welfare of birds or other wildlife.** We will:
  - Observe and photograph birds without knowingly disturbing them in any significant way.
  - Avoid chasing and repeatedly flushing birds
  - Sparingly use recordings and similar methods of attracting birds and not in heavily birded areas or during breeding seasons.
  - Keep appropriate distances from nests and nesting colonies, not disturb them or expose them to danger.
  - Refrain from handling birds and eggs unless in recognised research activities.
- 2 **Birders do not harm the natural environment.** We will:
  - Stay in existing roads, trails and pathways to avoid trampling or disturbing fragile habitat.
  - Leave all habitats as we find them.
- 3 **Birders respect the rights of others.** We will:
  - Respect the privacy and property of others by observing "No Trespassing" signs, and by asking permission to enter private or posted lands.
  - Practice courtesy in our contacts with others. For example, limit requests for information, and make them at reasonable hours.
  - Always behave in a manner that will enhance the image of the birding communities in the eyes of the public.
- 4 **Birders in groups have special responsibilities.** We will:
  - Take special care to alleviate problems and disturbances multiplied when more people are present. Act in consideration of the group's interest, as well as our own.
  - Support, by our actions, the responsibility of the group leader(s) for the conduct of the group. As group leaders we will:
    - Assume responsibility for the conduct of the group
    - Learn and inform the group of any special rules, regulations or conduct applicable to the area or habitat being visited
    - Limit groups to a size that does not threaten the environment or the peace and tranquillity of others
    - Teach others birding ethics through words and example