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1. Objective

A Bird Race is a social competition between small teams with the objective of identifying the greatest number of species of wild birds in a given area and over a period of time.

2. Participants

People with interest in birdwatching regardless of their level of knowledge.

3. Date

12nd October (Saturday)

4. Duration

From **06 am to 3 pm** (9 hours)

The participants are free to choose the time they want to dedicate to this competition but can not exceed the defined period, and knowing that they have to deliver the results up to 03pm at the reception).

5. Location

Municipality of Vila do Bispo

6. Beginning/End

Participants do not need to go to the secretariat to start the race. **But when finish the race must submit the registration form to the secretariat of the event (Beliche Fortress) and can not do it after 07pm of 1st of October.**

7. Registration Form

The birds recorded should be noted in the form created for this purpose, available on the event website. Print it and take it to the activity.

8. Inscription/Registry

The activity does not require registration.

9. Teams

Teams can be of 1, 2, 3 or 4 people.

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RULES:

Teams transportation:

- a) each team can use any means of transport, but only one motor vehicle;
- b) the team members must be together during all the competition.

Communication:

The elements of each team must remain close to each other at distances that allow voice contact between them (without the use of amplifiers).

Birds registration:

- a) In groups with more than two elements the birds must be observed for more than half of them. In the event of a specie be observed by only one team member, this registration will not be considered valid;
- b) birds observed outside the geographical area, or defined period of time, do not count;
- c) each detected species should be recorded in the registration form (see inscription);
- d) all bird species detected visually or by hearing should be recorded;
- e) birds should be recorded alive, in freedom and in the wild. Sick or injured birds can be recorded, but eggs, nests or other signs (feathers, footprints, feathers, droppings, etc.) can not be recorded;
- f) can not be used any type of recordings to attract birds or instigate them to vocalize. The recordings of songs can be used to help identify birds, but only inside the vehicle when the teams move between localizations. Are allowed imitations or other sounds naturally produced by the observer, without the use of electronic devices or books.

Conduct:

- a) predation of nests can significantly increase as a result of the number of people who visit them. Therefore should avoid approaching the nest, as well as inform others about your location;
- b) teams should not hinder the detection and identification of birds by the other teams (eg shoo away the birds);
- c) teams must comply with the legislation in force during the competition (speed limits, respect for private property, etc.);
- d) teams must act in accordance with the ethics inherent to birdwatching;
- e) teams should avoid stopping the cars in inappropriate places, taking every precaution to prevent accidents involving your vehicle or other;
- f) the team members should be familiar with the competition rules and accept them;

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Score:

Win the team that has recorded the highest number of bird species. Each species is worth 1 point.

Note: in case of rare birds, it is recommended that you take pictures of them and attach to the recording observations form;

In case of tie:

- will be awarded a bonus of 3 points for each species identified by only one team;
- if the tie persists, the winning team will be one that has detected the largest number of species of non-passerines.

Results

The Bird Race results will be announced on **12th of October of 2011**, on the event website and at the Social Dinner event.

Others

The results sent by each team may subsequently be used and disclosed by the organization.

Prizes

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