



# Records 215 -

## HK Bird Watching Competition 2012

### Fundraising Event

8-9 April 2012 (1200-1200)

To: Members and Friends of HKBWS

“Records 215 – HK Bird Watching Competition 2012”, a regular annual event of the Society since 2002, aims to promote bird watching activity in HK and to encourage members to submit bird watching record on regular basis. This competition would give participants a new insight of bird watching in form of a competition in which they experience self-challenge to maximize birds seen in a definite period of time and, at the same time, birders can share and exchange experience. An exiting and pleasant experience you may not otherwise have in a normal bird watching activity.

Taking the opportunity of this competition, the Society would like to raise fund for selected bird conservation works in China. As a result of rapid economic development in China, damage and even loss of habitats for birds has threatened the survival of many species. Some endangered or critically endangered species are put at risk of extinction if nothing is done. The Society is planning for 2 conservation works that need your help:

1. Conservation of “Blue-crowned Laughingthrush” at Wuyuan, Jiangxi  
In need of resources for more surveys to reveal the secrets of this **critically endangered** specie so that conservation works can be identified.
2. Conservation of “Scaly-sided Merganser” in northeast China  
In need of resources to facilitate artificial nest box for this **endangered** specie to compensate the habitat loss at its main breeding site.

To ensure the continuance of our work for the ultimate vision of “People and birds together; Nature forever”, YOU are cordially invited to participate in the “Records 215 – HK Bird Watching Competition 2012” in the following ways:

- (1) take part in the competition with your family members and friends and raise fund through this race;
- (2) make donation to the Society directly.

Apache Lau, Chairman



### Summary of the Competition

- Team competition: Participants are required to form a racing team to spot, identify & record bird species as many as possible within 24 hours inside Hong Kong territory.
- Date & Time: 8 to 9 April 2012 (12:00 – 12:00) (Total 24 hours)\*
- Number of Team members: 3 to 6 per team with a minimum of 1 HKBWS member.  
Non-members are also welcome.
- Awards: “Records 215” President Cup & “Records 215” Best Record
- Training: A free training outing is provided for less experience participants to understand more on rules and trick of the competition. Registration is required.
- Transportation: Participants are required to arrange their own transportation on the racing days.
- Deadline of registration: 13 Mar 2011
- Insurance: The Society shall have no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for expenditure or other liabilities arising from the activities. Participants are recommended to arrange relevant insurance.

■ **Lunch & Prize Presentation:**

Date & time: 2 pm, 9 April 2012

Venue & Charges: To be advised

Participants, their family & friends are welcome to join.

■ Inquiry: 2377 4387



## **Rules & Arrangement of the Competition**

**Date & Time:**

Start time: 12:00, Sunday 8 April 2012      End time: 12:00, Monday 9 April 2012      (Total 24 hours)

**Rules of the Race:**

- 1) The competition is based on racing teams. Each team should comprise at least 3 and at most 6 participants with a minimum of 1 HKBWS member. Non-members are also welcome.
- 2) Recorded species will only be counted when at least three of the members agree the identification by observation or by heard.
- 3) No transportation will be provided by the Society. Each team shall arrange its own transportation.
- 4) Each team may start at any location of their choice. However, full team members should assemble at the finishing point at Mai Po Nature Reserve (the helicopter landing area beside the Mai Po car park) before the end time at 12:00 on 9 April. Each team must submit their Team Logbook to relevant person-in-charge before 12:30.
- 5) The following restrictions apply during the Competition:
  - (a) Attracting birds with audio recordings/facilities or baits are prohibited.
  - (b) For the sake of safety and fairness, the following areas are strictly out of bounds to all teams:-
    - All FCA including Lok Ma Chau, Sha Tau Kok & Lo Wu, except the board-walk at MPNR
    - No vehicles are permitted in the Mai Po Nature Reserve or on the restricted access road at Tai Po Kau Forestry Reserve and Deep Bay Road after the Tsimbeitsui Police Office, regardless of possession of valid permits.
  - (c) Approaching known breeding sites, eg egretary, flushing and chasing of birds are strictly prohibited.
- 6) Please report total no. of species recorded for the first day at 9457-3196 during 2100 to 2200 on 8 April 2012.
- 7) At the finishing point, end time of each team will be recorded accordingly to the HK Observatory's time & a photo of the full team is required. Number of counts will be deducted by: i) the number of minutes delayed in case of late arrival of the team, and ii) the number of absent team member.
- 8) All teams are required to record the species in the Team Logbook provided by the Society.
- 9) All Team Logbooks will be examined by a group of adjudicators. They may, on their own judgment, ignore any unreasonable records or request for more details of the record.
- 10) Preliminary result of the Competition will be announced during the lunch gathering. All teams should submit the formal records within two weeks, i.e. on or before 21 April 2012 to the Society for final verification.

**Official Bird List:**

All species from Categories I and II of the official bird list will be counted, while those in Category III will be excluded. (Please refer to the update list published in Feb 2012).



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### Pledge Form & Registration Form

To: HKBWS Office (Fax: 2314 3687 E-mail: hkbws@hkbws.org.hk Tel: 2377 4387)

(1) I am / We are not able to participate in the competition, but would like to donate:

\$1,000     
  \$500     
  \$200     
  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) We would like to register in the competition. Registration Fee per team: HK\$600

Name of the Team: (Eng)		(Chi)
Name of Team Captain:1)		E-mail :
Mobile Phone No.:		
Team	2)	5)
Member:	3)	6)
	4)	

(3) We shall have \_\_\_\_\_ team member(s) attending the Lunch gathering. (Charges & details: to be advised)

(4) We would like to join the competition training

Date & Time of Training	Location	No. of Participants
18 March 2012 / 08:00-15:00	大埔滘 及 南生圍	

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❧ Pledge Form ❧								
Name of Donor	Receipt (✓)	Amount	Name of Donor	Receipt (✓)	Amount	Name of Donor	Receipt (✓)	Amount

- \*Donation of or above \$100 is tax deductible (please put a ✓ in the box)
- \*This form could be duplicated if necessary.
- \*Donation could be paid at your convenience or within one week after the Race.
- \*Method of payment:
  - By cheque payable to “**The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society**” and send to our office;
  - Direct credit to Bank of China (HK) Account Number: 012-878-1-076439-9, then return the receipt with this form to us;
  - You can also visit our office in person.

**\*Office Address: 14/F., Ruby Commercial Building, 480 Nathan Road, Kowloon**