



# 香港觀鳥會第十三屆周年會員大會 主席報告

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# 會員及會內事務

- 1. 國際鳥盟於 2013 年 12 月將香港觀鳥會由準成員確認為正式成員。
- 2. 最新會員人數為 **1,943** (截至 2015 年 10 月 12 日),同期的 2014 年為 1,929、2013 年 1,921、 2012 年 1,887、2011 年 1,677。
- 3. 本年共舉辦 34 次**戶外觀鳥活動**(2014 年 33 次),而紅耳鵯俱樂部也舉辦了 10 次戶外活動讓 會員及公眾參與。本年的**室內講座**共舉辦了 12 次 (2014 年 17 次),其中包括非雀鳥的主題。
- 4. 本年度的「**香港觀鳥日暨觀鳥比賽籌款活動**」於 3 月 21 至 22 日舉行,兩個組別的分組賽(公開挑戰組及觀鳥新秀組) 共有 19 隊參賽。
- 5. 會員優惠:除 Minox 及 Steiner 望遠鏡繼續提供會員折扣外, Zeiss 於 10 月份開始提供指定系列的會員優惠,而 Swarovski 則於 9 月份推出一次性的優惠。
- 6. 今年的**迎新活動**於 8 月底舉行,共 28 位新會員參與,活動包括講座及米埔戶外考察。計劃中下一輪的迎新活動計劃於 2016 年 1 月及 5 月舉行。

# 鳥類研究及調查

- 1. **米埔內后海灣拉姆薩爾濕地水鳥普查計劃** (2014年7月-2015年6月,以及2015年7月-2016年7月)繼續獲漁農自然護理署(下稱漁護署)委託進行。
- 2. 在「**塱原自然保育管理計劃 2015-2017**」之下,鳥類調查繼續在塱原進行,計劃由環境及自然保育基金資助。
- 3. 「**鳥類在香港次生林中的生態作用研究**」於 2014 年 7 月展開,以研究雀鳥在次生林的生態作用,特別於種子傳播及生態演替的作用。計劃會持續約一年半,主要研究地點為大埔滘特別地區。計劃由環境及自然保育基金資助。
- 4. 本年一月完成「全球黑臉琵鷺同步普查 2015」,共錄得 3,272 隻黑臉琵鷺,創歷史新高。
- 5. 環保協進會(前大埔環保會)自 2006 年開始於**鳳園**進行管理協議計劃,其中鳥類普查由本會 負責,現時鳳園的累積鳥種數目為 96 種。
- 6. 「**家鴉巢普查及清除計劃 2015**」獲漁護署資助,於 2015 年 4 至 8 月完成。
- 7. 鳥類研究組報告:

#### (a) 紀錄委員會

- 紀錄委員會於 2014 年 10 月至 2015 年 9 月共開會 4 次。
- 香港鳥類報告 2013 已於 2015 年 5 月出版,並審核了這期間共 126 個罕有雀鳥紀錄。
- 過去一年,共有 5 種鳥類加入香港鳥類名錄第 I 類當中,包括 Brown Noddy、鴉嘴 卷尾(Crow-billed Drongo)、黑眉擬啄木鳥(Chinese Barbet)、飯島柳鶯(Ijima's Leaf Warbler)及飾胸鷸(Buff-breasted Sandpiper)。另外有 4 種鳥種從第 III 類調往第 I 類,

包括白頭鵐(Pine Bunting)、White-tailed Robin、山麻雀(Russet Sparrow)及家麻雀(House Sparrow)。三種鳥類被納入第 III 類,包括 Java Myna、印支綠鵲(Indochinese Green Magpie)及棕胸藍姬鶲(Snowy-browed Flycatcher)。

- 現時香港鳥類名錄第 I 類及第 II 類中共有 535 種鳥種。
- (b) **鷺鳥研究組** (i) 研究組繼續進行繁殖鷺鳥的調查,本年度的鷺鳥巢紀綠為 1418 個,是自 1998 年監察計劃開展以來的最高紀錄,去年為 960 個。(ii) 鷺鳥研究組與觀鳥會保育小組一起處理因攝影人士闖入大埔塘鷺林而引致對繁殖鷺鳥的滋擾。
- (c) 黑臉琵鷺研究組 -
  - 黑臉琵鷺彩環記錄系統已於 2012 年 3 月發布,至今共收集 678 個紀錄;
  - 完成漁護署 2014-15 合約下的「香港越冬黑臉琵鷺年齡結構評估」;
  - 獲深圳市觀鳥協會及澳門義工協助,完成漁護署 2014-2015 合約下的「后海灣冬季黑 臉琵鷺種群監測」。
- (d) 燕鷗研究組 研究組繼續進行燕鷗的繁殖調查。
  - 我們在 2015 年的繁殖季節獲漁護署委託進行了 16 次每週繁殖燕鷗調查,遍及本港東面及南面水域,錄得總數約一千隻的繁殖燕鷗。
- (e) **麻鷹研究組** 研究組繼續進行麻鷹數量調查,三月和四月共進行了兩次繁殖調查,3 月1日在南朗山和4月12日在昂船洲進行。
- (f) 燕子研究組 研究組繼續統籌家燕及雨燕巢的調查。
  - 周年燕巢調查簡介會及戶外訓練在 2015 年 4 月 9 日及 11 日分別完成,今年有 23 名新義工完成訓練。
  - 過去一年燕子組一如以往處理了不少有關燕巢被拆或受工程影響的求助個案,過程中有賴漁護署、燕子組義工及熱心市民的協助,還有大廈管理公司與住戶的包容。 在此特別鳴謝在過去一年貢獻很多時間在各區參與守護工作的義工。
  - 特別鳴謝──擔任燕子研究組召集人多年的王學思小姐,決定暫別燕子組,本會感謝 王小姐多年來對燕子的愛護及對保育燕子的貢獻,希望日後在保育燕子工作上有合 作的機會。
- (g) 香港觀鳥會鳥類環誌組 -
  - 2014 秋天至 2015 夏天期間,環誌組於米埔為 725 隻雀鳥進行了鳥類環誌工作,當中的 121 隻是再次補捉及放走的,而其餘的 604 隻是首次進行環誌;
  - 於本季度共記錄及環誌 45 個鳥類品種;
  - 於本季度共進行了 21 次環誌工作。

## 項目及活動

- 1. 長春社及香港觀鳥會合辦的「**塱原自然保育管理計劃**」:由環境及自然保育基金資助,「塱原自然保育管理計劃 2012-2015」於 2015 年 2 月完成,項目團隊再次獲得基金資助,緊接於 3 月展開為期 2 年半的「塱原自然保育管理計劃 2015-2017」,現時與 28 位農友合作,共管理約 13.5 公頃農地。
- 2. 「拉姆薩爾濕地魚塘保育計劃 2015-17」及「香港有魚塘-生態魚塘管理協議計劃 2015-2017」 (即「香港魚塘生態保育計劃」):由環境及自然保育基金資助,現時有 146 名漁民參與計劃, 參與魚塘的面積約 725 公頃。計劃透過降低魚塘水位為水鳥提供更多覓食地及食物,提高魚塘的生態價值。是次計劃增強了公眾教育的元素,舉辦了不同類型的教育活動,包括生態導

賞員訓練、生態導賞團、手工藝工作坊、魚塘教育園地及展覽等,並製作了各類雀鳥及魚塘相關紀念品,讓大眾了解魚塘生態和保育的重要性。而去年 11 月開始一連數月的「新界魚塘節」活動,成為計劃教育部份的高潮。

- 3. 「**發現香港城市自然生態暨全港麻雀普查**日」獲環境運動委員會資助,以城市生態為主題,向市民及學生推廣欣賞及保育市區的自然生態,並邀請他們參與全港麻雀普查日。計劃由 2015 年 9 月至 2017 年 8 月。
- 4. 「**香港有魚塘-淡水魚養殖業的香港歷史軌跡**」獲衞奕信勳爵文物信託,以「口述歷史」、「圖片」及「錄像」記錄漁民在新界西北一帶超過半世紀的生活、勞動、成長、繁衍等等。計劃由 2015 年 6 月至 2016 年 6 月。
- 5. 本會繼續與香港濕地公園合作,於2014年11-12月期間合辦第十五屆學界觀鳥比賽。
- 6. 本年度共舉辦兩次「**觀鳥基礎班**」,分別於 2014 年 11 及 2015 年的 2 月舉行,參與人數 69 人;2015 年 1 月舉辦了「**猛禽辨識工作坊**」,共 15 人參加; 3 月舉辦了「田野鳥辨識工作坊」,共 17 人參加;4 月舉辦了「**涉禽辨識工作坊**」,共 20 人參加;10 月舉辦了「**林鳥辨識工作坊**」,共 20 人參加。
- 7. 本會與旅行家全資附屬公司 (綠恒生態旅遊有限公司) 聯合主辦的「**斯里蘭卡觀鳥探索之旅**」 (13-20/11/2015),推出後反應熱烈,速即成團。本會非常感謝旅行家及綠恒生態旅遊有限公司把是次團費收入扣除所有必須開支及行政費用後,全數撥捐香港觀鳥會作保育用途。
- 8. 首屆「**觀鳥領隊/副領隊訓練計劃**」的十位實習領隊/副領隊已於 2014 年 12 月底完成訓練並投入領隊的工作。第二屆的「觀鳥領隊訓練計劃」已於 9 月份開課,共 10 位訓練生。
- 9. **觀鳥節**:資深會員周家禮代表本會出席 2014 年 11 月於浮羅交怡舉行的「第五屆亞洲觀鳥節」。2015 年 10 月下旬本會共參加 4 個觀鳥節,本會職員吳文正參加於新架坡舉行的「第六屆亞洲觀鳥節」,資深領隊沈鼎榮及義工歐慧妍參加於千葉市舉行的「2015 日本觀鳥節」,本會職員傅詠芹參加於台北舉行的「台北國際賞鳥博覽會」,資深領隊黎雅儀參於加山打根舉行的「2015 婆羅洲觀鳥節」。
- 10.2015年1月舉辦水鳥調查訓練工作坊,共11人參加,計劃隸屬水鳥普查計劃。
- 11.2015年4月舉辦鷺鳥林調查訓練工作坊,共22人參加,計劃隸屬水鳥普查計劃。

#### 12. 紅耳鵯俱樂部:

- 由本會與康樂及文化事務署合辦的「**香港公園綠色大搜索**」,主要以小學生為對象,於 2015年1月完成,活動包括一次訓練及一次比賽,是次活動共有40隊180位學生參與,來 自19間小學。
- 繼續在香港公園及九龍公園舉辦清晨觀鳥匯聚,每星期各一次。
- 俱樂部亦繼續於星期六及日派組員到香港濕地公園推廣觀鳥(五月至九月暫停)。
- 參與於2014年12月在粉嶺舉行的「**北區花鳥蟲魚展覽**」,協助主持兩個攤位,以魚塘保 育為主題。
- ●「**第八屆紅耳鵯導賞員訓練計劃**」順利於2015年3月至5月完成,是次訓練反應熱烈,最後 共有51位加入成為紅耳鵯的新力軍。
- 駱俊賓先生為俱樂部成員提供一系列關於鳥類辨認的訓練活動,特此鳴謝。

### 中國及海外項目

1. 中國自然保育基金 2014-15: 共收到 10 份申請,本年度以新成立的觀鳥組織為主題,以鼓勵內地觀鳥及鳥類研究與保育事業的發展。獲得資助的項目包括「海南觀鳥會籌建項目」、

「珠海市觀鳥協會初級觀鳥領隊培訓計劃」、「設計、印刷昆明市觀鳥地圖及常見鳥類折頁」及「河南青頭潛鴨分佈調查」。中華秋沙鴨保育基金年則資助「2014-2015 冬季重慶市轄區中華秋沙鴨 Mergus squamatus 分佈現狀調查」項目。

- 2. 中國沿海水鳥調查項目組協調人會議在2015年3月15日於廣西北海舉行。
- 3. 香港海洋公園保育基金支持 2015-2017 **旋冠噪鹛冬季分佈調查及繁殖行為研究**」項目,於江西婺源進行。
- 4. 地球環境基金今年繼續資助中華鳳頭燕鷗保育項目,本年與浙江省自然博物館、國際鳥盟、象山縣海洋漁業局及俄勒岡州立大學合作進行第三年的中華鳳頭燕鷗招引項目,並成功招引最少 52 只中華鳳頭燕鷗,其中最少有 25 對於韭山列島項目地繁殖,並最少有 13 隻幼鳥於 8 月初出巢。本年亦順利完成第一個旨在為極度瀕危的中華鳳頭燕鷗作保育的足旗環誌項目。
- 5. 本會在 2015 年組織了另一項以明信片推廣保育**勺嘴鷸**的活動。首先由勺嘴鷸東南亞的主要越冬地區(泰國及緬甸)的小朋友繪製勺嘴鷸明信片,寄給勺嘴鷸遷徙途經的國家的小朋友,然後勺嘴鷸停歇地上的小朋友收到明信片後,又親手畫一張勺嘴鷸明信片寄往下一站,最終明信片會傳遞到勺嘴鷸的繁殖地—俄羅斯。現在從泰國和緬甸小朋友畫的明信片已經在中國孩子手裡了,中國的孩子也在努力準備明信片,並將會發到中國其他地區、日本和韓國,告訴那兒的小朋友要一起保護勺嘴鷸。
- 6. 今年5月29日至6月6日,本會成立了一個考察隊伍,前往蒙古國東部地區尋找**栗斑腹鹀**的繁殖證據。
- 7. 本會於2014年得到關鍵生態系統合作基金 (CEPF)的支持,開展**廣東及廣西本土保育機構的能力建設項目**,以解決非法捕鳥的問題。本會分別舉行了環境教育和鳥類調查及監測培訓工作坊,以及一系列的宣教活動。項目期間協助湛江市愛鳥協會於2015年6月成立。
- 8. 本會於 8 月 24 日與**廣西紅樹林研究中心**簽訂協議,合作建立鳥類研究聯合培訓中心,並進 行簡單掛牌儀式。
- 9. 本會參加了於 2015 年 1 月 16-21 日於日本北海道舉行的**第 8 屆東亞-澳大利西亞遷飛路線** 合作伙伴(EAAFP) 會議。

# 自然保育

- 1. 2015 年**驚鳥繁殖季節**期間,本會於 4 月接獲土木工程署的查詢,要求於大埔鷺鳥林範圍進行修樹工程,並於同一月份收到有攝影師干擾大埔鷺鳥林的投訴。本會第一時間聯絡土木工程署,要求將修樹工程延遲至 9 月下旬,並聯同鷺鳥研究組向路政署建議加強斜坡維修通道的保安設施,希望減少對鷺鳥林的人為干擾。因著以上個案,本會亦會更新《在鷺鳥林進行規劃及工程指引》。
- 2. 本會於 2015 年 4 月舉報了兩宗在新田的魚塘**非法傾倒**個案。其中一個個案規劃署已進行檢控,另一個個案已根據規劃署的要求把魚塘回復原狀。本會亦於 7、8 月份據報了在九龍坑、網井村及大生圍的非法堆填個案,相關部門已經採取執法行動。
- 3. 2015 年 8 月因港鐵公司的高鐵工程於**担竿洲路**的魚塘發生了泥漿湧溢及塘壆倒塌事件,本會向港鐵公司及相關政府部門表示憂慮,要求各方盡快跟進事件。事後港鐵已向本會及其他環保團體解釋,並採取了相關的補救及預防措施,其後環保署亦向本會查詢當日泥漿污染的情況。
- 4. 由於 2015 年年初有不少**干擾野生雀鳥及鳥巢**的個案,而且又接連收到一些關於受傷雀鳥的 查詢,於是本會向會員提出不同雀鳥個案的建議處理方法,以供參考。

- 5. 本會根據環境影響評估條例向環保署提交了共**兩份意見書**,就環境影響評估報告及工程項目簡介提交意見。
- 6. 自 2014 年 10 月起,本會根據城市規劃條例,向城規會提交了共 58 份意見書,包括對於規劃申請、分區計劃大綱草圖及發展審批地區草圖的意見書。
- 7. 本會出席了 **5 次城規會的聆訊**,並分別就粉嶺北、古洞北、土瓜坪及北潭凹、荔枝窩、茅坪 5 個地區的分區計劃大綱草圖提出意見。
- 8. 本會參與了一些公眾諮詢活動,包括新農業政策、洪水橋新發展區規劃及工程研究等等。

# 出版

- 1. 與萬里機構合作,於2015年5月出版一本名為「香港鳥類地圖」的書籍。
- 2. 會員通訊: 2014-15 年共出版 4 期**會員通訊** (234-237 期)。
- 3. 香港鳥類報告:本年於 2015 年 5 月份出版《**香港鳥類報告 2013**》。
- 4. 紅耳鵯俱樂部:繼續出版一年 3 期的紅耳鵯俱樂部通訊。

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1. 為推行兩項新計劃,本會聘請了三位合約項目主任,分別為梁名漢、黃靜雯及劉嘉麗。





# Chairman's Report for the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting

### Lau Wai Man, Apache

### Membership & Society's Affairs

- 1. **BirdLife International** has confirmed the status of HKBWS from Partner Designate to Full Partner in December 2013.
- 2. The latest number of HKBWS member stands at **1,943** (as at 12 Oct 2015) compared to 1,929 in 2014, 1,921in 2013, 1,887 in 2012 and 1,677 in 2011 at the same time.
- 3. 34 member's **outings** (33 in 2014) were organized for 2015, with additional 10 by Crested Bulbul Club targeted for both members and the public. There were 12 **indoor meetings** (17 in 2014) this year, including non-bird topics.
- 4. The "Hong Kong Bird Watching Day Cum Bird Race Fundraising Event" took place from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 and a total of 19 teams joined Challenger's & Green Bird's category.
- 5. Member's benefit: **Minox & Steiner** continued to offer member discount. **Zeiss** started to offer member discount for designated models from Oct 2015 onwards. **Swarovski** offered a one-off discount for designated models of binoculars and digiscoping accessories in Sept 2015.
- 6. **New member orientation** was organized in end of Aug with a total of 28 new members joining orienteering talk and Mai Po outing. The next orientation is planned in Jan & May of 2016.

### **Bird Studies and Surveys**

- 1) The Mai Po Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site Waterbird Monitoring Programme continued to be supported by Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) contract (Jul 2014- Jun 2015 and Jul 2015 Jul 2016).
- 2) The bird monitoring programme in Long Valley continues under the Project "Nature Conservation Management for Long Valley 2015-2017" funded by Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF).
- 3) "Assessment of the Ecological Role of Birds in Hong Kong's Secondary Forests", started in July 2014, aims at studying the ecological role of birds in secondary forests, especially on seed dispersal and ecological succession. The project would last for around one and a half year and the major project is Tai Po Kau Special Area. This project is funded by ECF.
- 4) **The International Black-faced Spoonbill Census 2015** was conducted and a total of 3,272 individuals were recorded a new peak for this species.
- 5) Bird survey was conducted in **Fung Yuen** since 2006 commissioned by Environmental Association (formerly Tai Po Environment Association) which is a part of their Management Agreement project. The cumulative number of bird species is 96.
- 6) **Survey and Remove House Crow Nests in Hong Kong 2015**, funded by AFCD was completed in August 2015.
- 7) Report of the HKBWS research groups:
  - (a) The Records Committee
    - The Records Committee met four times during the year from October 2014 to September 2015.
    - The 2013 HK Bird Report was published in May 2015 and a total of 126 URFs were processed during the year for the 2014 HK Bird Report.
    - Five species were added to Category I of the HK List during the year, Brown Noddy, Crow-billed Drongo, Chinese Barbet, Ijima's Leaf Warbler and Buff-breasted Sandpiper. Another four species were transferred from Category III to Category I, Pine Bunting, White-tailed Robin,

- Russet Sparrow and House Sparrow. Three species were added to Category III of the HK List, Javan Myna, Indochinese Green Magpie and Snowy-browed Flycatcher.
- The total number of species on the HK List in Category I and II now stands at 535.
- (b) **Egret Research Group** (i) The group continued to survey breeding egrets. Their result showed that the number of nests was 1418 nests this year, which is the highest record since the monitoring in 1998. It was 960 last year. (ii) ERG worked closely with the conservation team of the HKBWS in relation to the disturbance to nesting birds at the Tai Po Market colony due to intrusion of photographers.
- (c) Black-faced Spoonbill Research Group -
  - Colour-ringed BFS recording system was launched in March 2012. A total of 678 re-sightings of colour-ringed BFS had been collected till now.
  - Age structure survey was conducted in winter 2014-15 by AFCD contract.
  - With the help of Shenzhen Bird Watching Society and volunteers from Macao, "Coordination of Black-faced Spoonbill Monitoring with reference to the Deep Bay area in 2014-15 winter" was conducted under AFCD contract.
- (d) **Tern Research Group** The group continued surveying breeding terns in Hong Kong.
  - During the 2015 breeding season, the Society carried out 16 weekly tern surveys around East and South Hong Kong waters under a contract with AFCD. Around 1,000 breeding terns were recorded.
- (e) **Kite Research Group** –The monthly kite count is continued. Two breeding surveys were conducted in Nam Long Shan on 1 Mar and Stonecutter Island on 12 Apr 2015.
- (f) **Swallow Research Group** The group continued to survey Swallow Nest this year.
  - The annual training workshop of swallow nest survey was organized on 9 and 11 Apr 2015, including an indoor briefing and a site visit. A total of 23 new volunteers join the event.
  - Just like the previous years, a number of cases related to swallow nest were handled and referred to related departments. Thank you for the help of AFCD, volunteers of our Group and enthusiastic citizen for reporting and following these cases. We would also like to thank the property management and the household for their endurance. We would like to pay special thanks to the volunteers in the past year for their hardworking.
  - Special acknowledgement: We would like to express our greatest gratitude to Ms Wong Hok Sze as the Convenor of this group and the contribution to the protection of swallow and swift for past several years. As she is going to leave this group, we look forward to future cooperation in the conservation of swallow in different platform.
  - (g) HKBWS Bird Ringing Group
    - 725 birds were captured and released at Mai Po during the season autumn 2014 to summer 2015. Among these 725 birds, 121 were re-trapped while 604 were original.
    - Totally 45 species were recorded and released in the season.
    - A total 21 bird ringing activities were completed in the season.

### **Projects and Activities**

- 1. **Nature Conservation Management for Long Valley 2012-2015**, co-organized by HKBWS and The Conservancy Association, funded by ECF, was finished in Feb 2015. The project was renewed successfully for another two and a half year with the continuous support from ECF. The project began in Mar 2015 and is currently engaging 28 farmers and managing about 13.5 ha of farmlands.
- 2. "Fishpond Conservation Scheme in Ramsar Site 2015-17" and the "Hong Kong Got Fishponds Eco-fishpond Management Agreement Scheme 2015-2017" were funded by ECF. A total of 146 fish farmers, managing around 725 hectares of fishponds in the Northwest NT, have been engaged in this project. The aim of the project is to increase the area of feeding ground for waterbirds so that the ecological value of fishponds could be enhanced. Other than the habitat management, public education is the highlight of these projects. Various types of activities such as eco-guide training, eco tours, art workshops, education kiosk and exhibition were organized, and souvenirs about birds and fishponds were produced to arouse public awareness on the importance of ecological value of fishpond and conservation. A series of activities

- named "New Territories Fishpond Festival" were held started from November last year marked the climax of this project.
- 3. "Discover the Urban Nature of Hong Kong cum City Sparrow Census" aims at introducing the interesting elements of the urban nature to the general public and students. A census will also be launched and general public will be invited to join. This project is funded by Environmental Campaign Committee and the project period is from Sept 2015 to Aug 2017.
- 4. "Hong Kong's Got Fishpond Aquaculture of Fresh-water Fish in Hong Kong History" is funded by The Lord Wilson Heritage Trust from Jun 2015 to Jun 2016. This project will record the history of fishpond operators in the Northwest NT of the past 50 years through the way of oral history, photos and footage, to express their livelihood, work, growing up and continuation.
- 5. **15**<sup>th</sup> **Inter-school Bird Race** continues to co-organise this programme with the HK Wetland Park during Nov to Dec 2014.
- 6. Two Elementary Bird Watching Classes for beginners were organized in Nov 2014 and Feb 2015. A total of 69 people attended the courses. Raptors Identification Workshop was held in Jan 2015 for 15 participants; Farmland Birds Identification Workshop in March for 17 participants; Waders Identification Workshop in April for 20 participants; Forest Birds Identification Workshop in October for 20 participants;.
- 7. **The Sir Lanka bird watching trip** in November 2015 was jointly organized with Eco-Travel Ltd, a subsidiary of HKTraveler.com Ltd. A very positive response was received and all seats were filled quickly. The Society would like to extend our gratitude to Eco-Travel Ltd & HKTraveler.com Ltd for their initiative to donate the net income, after deduction of all necessary expenditure and administration fee, of this trip to the Society to support our conservation work.
- 8. The first **Leader Training Programme** was completed by the end of 2014 and the 10 leaders & assistant leaders started to work with us on part time basis. The second Program commenced in September and recruited 10 trainees.
- 9. **Bird Fair**: Gary Chow attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Bird Fair held at Langkawi in Nov 2014. Several volunteers and staff attended 3 bird fairs held in end of October: Austin Ng attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Bird Fair in Singapore; Bond Shum and Fion Au attended the Japanese Bird Fair 2015 held in Chiba, Japan; Vivian Fu attended the Taipei International Bird Fair held in Taipei. Senior bird guide Lai Nga Yee joined the Borneo Bird Festival in Kinabalu Park, Malaysia between 23-25 Oct.
- 10. A Waterbird Count Training Workshop was organized in Jan 2015. 11 people attended the workshop.
- 11. An **Egretry Count Training Workshop** was organized in Apr 2015. 22 people attended the workshop.
- 12. Crested Bulbul Club:
  - Co-organized with LCSD to hold an environmental education activity called the **Hong Kong Park Green Hunt**. This was held in Hong Kong Park in Jan 2015 and involved 40 teams 180 students from 19 primary schools.
  - Morning bird watching tours once per week continued in Kowloon Park and Hong Kong Park.
  - Continued to help to promote bird watching in **Hong Kong Wetland Park** every Saturday and Sunday (service suspended from May to September).
  - Managed 2 booths in the **Flower, Bird, Insect and Fish Exhibition** which took place in Fanling in late December 2014. The theme of our booth is fishpond conservation.
  - The **8th bird guide training course** was completed from Mar to May 2015 successfully. Eventually a total of 51 trainees joined the Club as a new force in promoting birdwatching.
  - Mr. TP Luk has provided training on bird identification to Crested Bulbul Club members.

### **China and Overseas**

1. **China Conservation Fund 2014-15**— Four projects were funded this year, including "Capacity building of Hainan Bird Watching Society", "Zhuhai Bird Watching Association training scheme for bird guides", "Production of leaflets of Birding Atlas and Common Birds of Kunming" and "Study of distribution of Baer's Pochard in Henan". The Scaly-sided Merganser Fund supported the project "2014-2015 Survey of status distribution of wintering Scaly-sided Merganser *Mergus squamatus* in Chong Qing".

- 2. **China Coastal Waterbird Census** Coordinators' meeting was organized in Beihai, Guangxi, on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.
- 3. Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong funded the project "Study of wintering ground and breeding behavior of **Blue-crowned Laughingthrush** in Wuyuan, Jiangxi Province" between 2015 and 2017.
- 4. "Action for the Critically Endangered Chinese Crested Tern Project" was continued to be sponsored by Japan Fund for Global Environment. A restoration programme was implemented by Zhejiang Museum of Natural History, BirdLife International, Xiangshan County Ocean & Fishery Bureau and Oregon State University for the third year. At least 52 Chinese crested terns arrived and stayed on the restoration site, Tiedun Dao during the breeding season in 2015. There were at least 13 young birds fledged in August. Colour banding programme was conducted for the first time at the project site.
- 5. In 2015, we organized another activity along the flyway to spread the message of conservation of **Spoon-billed Sandpiper**, using postcards. Postcards of Spoon-billed Sandpiper were prepared by kids from its wintering grounds in South East Asia including Thailand and Myanmar to the places in Mainland China, Japan and South Korea along Spoon-billed Sandpiper's migratory route, up to the breeding ground in Russia.
- 6. A survey team was formed to search for **Jankowski's Bunting** (*Emberiza jankowskii*) in eastern Mongolia, between 29<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June, with the primary objective to find evidence of breeding JB in the area.
- 7. HKBWS had received support from the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) in 2014 with an objective to **build up capacity of local conservation groups in Southern China**, which will help address illegal shorebird trapping problem. Two training workshops on Environmental Education and Bird Survey and Monitoring were carried out respectively. A series of promotional event were set in Guangdong and Guangxi Provinces. The project aided Zhanjiang Bird Watching Society to establish in June 2015.
- 8. On 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015, HKBWS signed agreement with **Guangxi Mangrove Research Center** for establishing a Joint Training Center of Birds Research and had a simple unveiling ceremony was held.
- 9. HKBWS participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Partners of East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) held in on 16-21 January in Kushiro, Hokkaido, Japan.

### **Conservation**

- 1. During the **egret breeding season** of 2015, HKBWS received an enquiry from CEDD requesting tree pruning at the Tai Po Market egretry; in the same month, complaints regarding disturbances from photographers at the Tai Po Market egretry were also received. HKBWS contacted the CEDD requesting the tree pruning works to be suspended until September, and contacted the Highways Department for stepping-up the security at the maintenance access of the slope adjacent to the egretry in hope of reducing the human disturbances to the breeding birds. Due to the above incidents, HKBWS will update the "Guidelines for Planning and Carrying out Construction Works at Egretries" accordingly.
- 2. HKBWS reported 2 cases of **illegal dumping** at fishponds at San Tin in April 2015. The land owner was convicted in one of the cases, and the fishpond of the other case was reinstated according to the requirements of the Planning Department. 3 other cases of illegal land filling were reported at Kau Lung Hang, Mong Tseng Tsuen and Tai Sang Wai in July and August 2015, relevant Government departments have took corresponding enforcement actions.
- 3. In August 2015, spillage of muddy water and collapse of fishpond bund occurred at **Tam Kon Chau Road**, which was caused by the construction works of the Guangzhou Shenzhen Hong Kong Express Rail Link. HKBWS expressed our concerns to the MTR and relevant Government departments, and requested their follow-up in the case. Afterwards, MTR explained the incident to HKBWS and other environmental NGOs, and took remedial and preventive measures. Recently, HKBWS also received enquiry from Environmental Protection Department for the details of the pollution caused by the spillage of the muddy water.
- 4. In early 2015. HKBWS received several cases of **disturbances to wild bird and nests**, and some enquiries about injured birds. Therefore, a suggested guideline for handling different bird cases was issued for members' reference.

- 5. HKBWS submitted **2 submissions** under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance, including comments on Environmental Impact Assessment Reports and Project Profiles.
- 6. HKBWS submitted **58 submissions** under the Town Planning Ordinance, including comments on planning applications, draft outline zoning plans and draft development permission area plans since October 2014.
- 7. HKBWS attended **5 Town Planning Board hearings** where representations were made regarding the Fanling North OZP, Kwu Tung North OZP, To Kwa Peng and Pak Tam Au OZP, Lai Chi Wo OZP and Mau Ping OZP.
- 8. HKBWS participated in **public engagement activities** for major development projects including the New Agriculture Policy and the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Planning and Engineering Study.

## **Publications**

- 1. Join hands with Wan Li Book Co Ltd to publish a book named "Birding Map of Hong Kong" in May 2015.
- 2. **HKBWS Bulletin**: Four issues (issue 234-237) were published during 2014-15.
- 3. Hong Kong Bird Report 2013: HKBR 2013 published in May 2015.
- 4. **Crested Bulbul Club** continuously published her bulletin 3 times per year.

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1. Leung Ming Hon, Jessica Wong and Karly Lau were employed as Project Officer to manage 2 new projects.

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