

BIRDS QUEENSLAND - TWITCH '09

Midnight FRIDAY 23rd to Midnight SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2009

RULES

- 1 **Birding area** is confined to Queensland
- 2 **Birds counted** must be alive, unrestrained and from free-living established populations of full species.
- 3 **Species counted** have to be recognised by sight or sound by more than 50% of the team.
- 4 **Teams** will consist of two, three, four or five people, with one nominated as leader. Every team must include at least one Birds Queensland member. Non-participating companions may accompany the team and record or drive the vehicle but must not assist in identification or location of species.
- 5 **“New Twitchers” category** will consist of a team of two, three or four who have never entered a twitch before but which may include an experienced birder as a participating member.

To join or to form a team, phone Mike West on (07) 3876 4844

6 **Categories & Times:**

- **24 Hour Twitch:** Any **CONTINUOUS** period of 24 hours between Midnight Friday 23rd October and Midnight Sunday 25th October.
- **12 Hour Twitch:** Any **CONTINUOUS** period of 12 hours beginning at either midnight or midday, between Midnight Friday 23rd October and Midnight Sunday 25th October.

One of the following modes of transport.

- **Private motor driven vehicle.**
- **Other (Eco-twitch):** e.g. public transport, bike, canoe etc. or any combination of these. No private motor vehicle to be used to get to the start or from the finish, or during, the Twitch by any member of the team.
- **Walking only:** No form of transport to be used after start of count, wheelchairs excepted.
- **Brisbane City Council Area:** (This may be done under any of the above headings.)
Confined to the area of BCC as per B.Q. “Bird Places of Brisbane” brochure. To obtain a brochure or BCC checklist phone 3359 1439 or email jholt1@bigpond.net.au.

- 7 Teams are not to seek outside assistance in bird-finding.
- 8 The usual bird watching **ethics** apply. **No recorded calls** or mechanical devices to attract birds. For the birds' sake keep disturbance to a minimum. **No trespassing.**
- 9 This is a fundraising event by Birds Queensland for avian research. Each team is responsible for collecting all promised money and forwarding it to the secretary. Please provide full information if receipts are required i.e. Name, address & amount. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. **Each team should aim for at least \$50 of sponsorship.**
- 10 **Submitting results:** Your count results must be submitted to the coordinator, by phone (07 3359 1439) **within 24 hours of the twitch finishing.**
Tick off the birds identified on the checklist, complete the details on the last page and return the whole form plus monies collected, to arrive by Monday 2nd November. Late entries will not be included.
Post entries to: Queensland Twitch, P.O. Box 2273, MILTON, Qld 4064

For further information or 2009 forms contact John Holt Ph (07) 3359 1439

e-mail jholt1@bigpond.net.au

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TEAM ENTRY FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Team name: _____

Team leader: _____

Team members _____

Leader's postal address: _____

_____ Phone (H) _____

Mobile: _____ email _____

Please Tick the appropriate box(es)

TIME PERIOD: 24 Hour 12 Hour

MODE OF TRANSPORT: Private motor driven Other Walking

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL AREA

SPONSORSHIP More than \$50 Less than \$50

Teams should attempt to earn at least \$50.

Bird lists are available at <birdsqueensland.org.au> or by mail or email from John Holt (see below).

All proceeds go to supporting research into the birds of Queensland and their environment.
Donations are tax deductible.

TOTAL SPECIES SEEN: _____

RETURN ALL FORMS TO:

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MILTON, Qld 4064

To arrive **BY MONDAY 2nd November**

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