

BIRDS QUEENSLAND - TWITCH 2011

Midnight Thursday 27th to Midnight SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 2011

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 such a team, phone Mike West on 07) 3876 4844

- 6 **Time Categories:**
 - **24 Hour Twitch:** Any CONTINUOUS period of 24 hours between midnight Thursday 27th October and midnight Sunday 30th October.
 - **12 Hour Twitch:** Any CONTINUOUS period of 12 hours beginning at either midnight or midday, between midnight Thursday 27th October and midnight Sunday 30th October.

Transport Categories:

- **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 email melstewart27@bigpond.com or phone 3376 5776.

- 7 Teams are not to seek outside assistance in finding birds.
- 8 The usual bird watching **ethics** apply. **No recorded calls** or mechanical devices can be used 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 and 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 3376 5776) **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 7th November. Late entries will not be included.
Post entries to: Birds Queensland Twitch, 9 Newell Place, Westlake, Qld 4074

For further information or 2011 forms contact Mel Stewart (07 3376 5776) or email melstewart27@bigpond.com.

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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 boxes

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. Donations are tax deductible.

All proceeds go to supporting research into the birds of Queensland and their environment.

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

TOTAL SPECIES SEEN: _____

Return all forms to arrive by Monday 7th November to:

**Birds Queensland Twitch 2011
9 Newell Place,
Westlake, Qld 4074**

Telephone Mel Stewart on 07 3376 5776 with your count on or before 31st October.

SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT.

- * Teams enter and participate at their own risk.
- * Teams incurring road infringements will be disqualified.
- * No liability is implied or accepted by Birds Queensland, its officeholders, members, volunteers or staff.