

Ethical Norms for the Birding Festival

- 1. The birds come first: the well-being of the birds is our priority.
- 2. We are polite and cordial with other birders.
- 3. Silence is primordial to having a pleasant experience.
- 4. We minimize the use of audio and electronic media to attract the birds.
- 5. We put our cellphones in silent mode.
- 6. In the field, we keep conversations to a minimum and at a low voice.
- 7. When possible, we reduce our ecological footprint by travelling in fewer vehicles.
- 8. We use existing trails and roads.
- 9. We are patient and take our time observing and appreciating the birds.
- **10.** We bring back all waste generated during the trip, and dispose of it properly.
- 11. We leave the sites the same or better than how we found them.
- **12.** We support the conservation efforts of the natural spaces we visit.

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