



BORNEO BIRD RACE 2009
10-11 October 2009
In conjunction with the Borneo Bird Festival 2009

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(This Form may be photocopied)

NAME OF TEAM (In block letters)		
FULL NAME	ID/PASSPORT NO	CITIZENSHIP
Member 1:		
Member 2:		
Member 3:		
Correspondence Address:		
Tel No	EMAIL	

DISCLAIMER INFORMATION

We.....(Name of Team) hereby accept that the Organizers will not be held responsible for any loss or injury resulting from our participation in the Borneo Bird Race 2009 and we confirm that we are of sound health on the day of the competition.

We also give our permission for the free use of our names and pictures by the Organizers in any broadcast or any written account of the race to any media.

We enclose herewith Cheque/P.O/Money Order No..... for RM30 (RINGGIT THIRTY ONLY) being the non-refundable registration fee payable to **SABAH TOURISM BOARD**.

DATE.....

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TEAM LEADER'S SIGNATURE

PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BEFORE 10th OCTOBER 2009 DULY FILLED TO:

Malaysian Nature Society (Fax No: 603-22878773) or
Sabah Tourism Board (Fax No: 6088-219311)
Email: info@sabahtourism.com

WEBSITE : <http://www.borneobirdfestival>



The Inaugural Borneon Bird Race 10 – 11 October 2009

**In conjunction with the BORNEO BIRD FESTIVAL 2009
Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sandakan, SABAH**

Introduction

A Bird Race is a fun learning bird watching activity where teams of 3 competitors race for a certain duration at designated sites to watch, identify and record as many bird species as possible. At this first ever Bird Race during the inaugural Borneo Bird Festival, the organizers have developed this activity to include embed local bird guides to each team to help with the process of important data recording for conservation, identification, safety for both birds and competitors as well to ensure level playing field for both local and visiting birders to the event site.

Upon registration, each team will be provided with an Official Bird Checklist, a Log Book and a copy of the Birding Ethic.

Race Rules

1. The welfare of the birds must come first. Caged, restrained, injured or dead birds or birds declared by the Arbitrators as escapees will not be counted. Care must also be taken to not cause distress to both the birds and to the surrounding vegetation and wildlife.
2. The race is open to all persons of sound health and with some basic knowledge of birds.
3. Teams must consist of three (3) persons and must be officially registered with the Organizers by filling the official Entry Form.
4. Each team will be assigned a Guide by the organizers. At no point should a team, during the course of the race, be without its assigned guide. The guide must have viewed or to his/her satisfaction, be able can verify the identification process leading to the confirmation of each bird on the list. The guide can also assist in the identification of birds should members of the team cannot reach a majority decision on the identification of the particular bird.
5. The use of Field Guides is highly encouraged for each team.
6. The race will commence at 1400hrs to 2000hrs on Saturday, 10th October 2009 at the Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sepilok, Sandakan and resume at between 0500hrs to 0900hrs on Sunday, 11th October 2009 at the same venue. The Bird Race officially ends at 0900hrs on Sunday, 11th October 2009.
7. The winning team will be the one that records the highest number of species of birds. Names of species must conform with those listed in the Official Checklist.
8. Any team that is late in submitting their results (made in the Log Book issued before the race) to the Arbitrators after 0900hrs on Sunday, 11th October 2009, will be penalized at the rate of one species per minute. The Arbitrators will stop accepting logs at 0930hrs that same day, at which point teams that have not submitted their logs would be deemed on holiday and disqualified with our thanks and well wishes!
9. All birds must be seen by the majority of the team members i.e. 2 members and its assigned guide, subject to Rule 4 above.
10. Teams may record birds from any parts of the Rainforest Discovery Centre and the greater Sepilok area.
11. Attracting birds with audio equipment is totally prohibited.
12. Flash photography of nesting birds is totally prohibited. The organizers however, highly encourage photographs of birds deemed rare and/or are possible new records for verification purposes.
13. The Arbitrators may request team members and/or guide to provide verbally details of the species sighted and recorded and failure to do so may result in a penalty.
14. Any teams contravening the rules and regulations of the race will be disqualified.
15. The Arbitrators' decision is final.
16. The Organisers reserves the right to decline any registration for the race without giving any explanation for doing so.