



BORNEO BIRD FESTIVAL 2010
 Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC), Sepilok, Sandakan
 15 – 17 October 2010

Bird Race Competition

Participation Form

Name of Team		
FULL NAME	IC/Passport No:	Nationality
Member 1:		
Member 2:		
Member 3:		
Contact Address:		
Telephone No:	Email:	

ACCEPTANCE DECLARATION

We.....(Name of Team), hereby accept that the Organizers shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury from the participation of the bird race.

We allow the Organisers for the FREE use of pictures taken during the bird race for the Borneo Bird Festival publicity purposes and to any form of media.

Enclosed cheque payable to Sabah Tourism Board, RM30.00 non-refundable registration fee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the entry form before 15th OCTOBER 2010:

Borneo Bird Club (Fax: +6089-235525)
 Sabah Tourism Board (Fax No: +6088-212075, +6088-219311)
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 WEBSITE : <http://www.borneobirdfestival.com>

2nd Borneo Bird Festival Bird Race 2010

RDC, Sepilok, Sandakan,

Welcome to the second Borneo Bird Race. A Bird Race is a fun learning bird watching activity where teams of competitors race for a certain duration at designated sites to watch, identify and record as many bird species as possible, data collected would help in conservation and future research.

RACE RULES

1. The welfare of the birds and protection of habitats 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 teams comprising persons of sound health and with some basic knowledge of birds.
3. Teams must consist of three (3) persons, maximum four persons, with at least one of them being an experienced birder and will be the captain of the team and be answerable for the actions and conducts of his team. The team must be officially registered with the Organizers by filling the official Entry Form.
4. The organizer will endeavour to assign a guide to the team that request for one, the guide can assist in the identification of birds should members of the team cannot reach a majority decision on the identification of the particular bird. The majority of team members must identify the bird species beyond any doubt.
5. The use of Field Guides is highly encouraged for each team.
6. The race, to be done on foot without utilizing any form of transportation, will commence at dawn on 16th October 2010 and end at dusk on the same day at the Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sepilok, Sandakan. Log book must be submitted to the Arbitrators before 1900hrs on 16th October.
7. The winning team will be the one that records the highest number of species of birds on the log book provided, teams are encouraged to note down interesting observations as well. 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 upon official registration) to the Arbitrators after 1900hrs on Saturday, 16th October 2010, will be penalized at the rate of one species per minute. The Arbitrators will stop accepting logs at 1930hrs 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 (at least 2 members) of the team members.
10. Teams may record birds from any part of the Rainforest Discovery Centre and the greater Sepilok area. The specific areas for the race will be briefed before the event.
11. A Race Briefing will be held sharp at 1600hrs on 15th October 2010 at the race site. All teams MUST attend this briefing so as to be assigned their respective guides, if any, identify race sites and to discuss safety protocols.
12. Attracting birds with audio equipment or artificial objects is totally prohibited.
13. 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.

14. 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.
15. Any violation of the Rules and Regulations will result to disqualification.
16. **IMPORTANT:** The organisers and others associated with the event will not be held responsible for any damages, injury or loss of life and/or limb. Participation in the Bird Race is solely at one's own risk.
17. A Registration Fee of RM30 per TEAM will be imposed and proceeds of this race and other activities of the Borneo Bird Festival 2010 will be channeled towards important Bird Conservation programmes in Sabah.
18. The Organisers reserves the right to decline any registration for the race without giving any explanation for doing so.
19. The Organiser/Arbitrators' decision is final. No appeal, complain, or correspondence will be entertained. By virtue of entering the Borneo Bird Race, the participants signify their acceptance of the rules.

PIZES:

First Place: RM500

Second Place: RM300

Third Place: RM200

All participants will receive Certificate of Participation

Note:

For winner awarding, species list from competitors will be compared with checklist gathered by Marshalls on duty during the same period of competition.

Upon registration, on 15th October 2010, each team will be provided with an Official Bird Checklist and a Log Sheet. Please note official briefing on 1600hrs.

Thank you, good luck and have a good race !!