



Ethical Behaviour Birdwatching Guidelines

- Always promote the welfare of birds and their environments.
- Respect the law and the rights of others — ensure that you are legally permitted to enter any land that you do not own.
- The welfare and conservation of birds and their habitats are paramount.
- When watching and photographing birds, do so from a distance that does not disturb them.
- Limit the use of play-back calls, and never use them in heavily birded areas.
- Take special care during the birds' breeding season and do not disturb breeding birds or their nests.
- Birding in groups, whether organised or impromptu, requires special care to avoid disturbing birds.
- Birds SA members must lead by example by practising ethical behaviour when birding individually or on field trips and campouts.