

The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society Limited



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People and birds together
Nature forever

工作 Mission

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研究
保育

Enjoy
Study
Conserve

What is The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society Limited?

The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) was founded in 1957. It is one of the oldest membership-based non-governmental organizations devoted to the appreciation and the conservation of birds and their habitats in Hong Kong. The HKBWS was incorporated in 2002 as a limited company and was at the same time approved as a charitable organization of a public character.

Objectives of the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society Ltd.

- To promote the study of ornithology, encouraging the study of birds so as to understand their biology and ecology,
- To promote the appreciation and the understanding of birds,
- To aid the conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats, and
- To promote observance of laws protecting birds and in particular the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance.

Who can become members?

Our members come from all walks of life covering all age groups. Whoever likes watching birds, enjoy being outdoors, and has an interest in observing and protecting Hong Kong's wide diversity of flora, fauna and habitats may apply to become a member.

What do members get?

- Bird watching field trips guided by volunteer members;
- Sharing with fellow enthusiasts in a congenial atmosphere during outdoor and indoor meetings;
- *HKBWS Bulletin**, our quarterly magazine featuring Society announcements, news and articles on birds and the environment, and schedule of activities;
- The annual *Hong Kong Bird Report* *;
- Opportunities to take part in environmental and educational programmes;
- Discounts on books and privilege to buy interesting bird-related souvenirs.

(* Refer to the membership application form for entitlement to publications.)



The HKBWS is an affiliate member of BirdLife International - a global alliance of conservation organizations working in more than 100 countries, and the world's leading authority on birds, their habitats, issues and problems affecting bird life.

Records & Conservation

The Society acts as a source of professional views about birds. The Conservation Committee provides comments and advice to the government on bird conservation. The Records Committee reviews and publishes bird records in Hong Kong. We also participate in international conferences and exchange information with overseas organizations.

- Provide views on issues related to bird conservation, e.g. Long Valley, Bird Flu, Wind Farms, etc.
- Provide professional comments to the government on bird conservation and habitat protection, e.g. protection of breeding terns, International Wetland Park at Tin Shui Wai
- Affiliate of BirdLife International and international representation in Oriental Bird Club
- Involvement in Asia Red Data Book and Important Bird Area compilation
- Campaign for the setting up of Mai Po Nature Reserve and long-term support to its development since 1979

Research	<p>Conservation requires an intimate knowledge of the bird species and their ecology. We conduct surveys and research on birds and their habitats. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long standing review and custody of Hong Kong bird records • The Mai Po and Inner Deep Bay Waterbird Monitoring programme • Age Structure of Black-faced Spoonbill • International Black-faced Spoonbill Census • Breeding Terns Survey • Winter Atlas Survey • Breeding birds survey • Compiling the annual Hong Kong Bird Report and updating checklist of birds of Hong Kong
Education	<p>Appreciation of birds and understanding the relationship between birds and Man will help to protect Hong Kong's natural environment. We are committed to promoting bird watching and conservation through various programmes such as field trips, publications and campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekend bird watching outings to various parts of Hong Kong • Assistance to members in organizing bird watching tours to mainland China and overseas • Slide shows and lectures • Outreach activities, lectures and training related to bird watching and nature conservation • School and community development programmes • Participation in activities for the World Wetland Day and World Bird Count

Notes on Membership:

1. The membership year begins on 1st January and ends on 31st December each year.
2. Each applicant should submit ONE application form to The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society Ltd. ("the Society").
3. All applications are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Society. Please allow a month for processing.
4. By signing the application form, the applicant or the parent/guardian of a child under 18 absolves the Society from any responsibility in the case of accident or mishap on outings.
5. Only Individual Members and Corporate Members have voting rights.
6. The family of individual members are welcome to join the activities/outings held by the Society. If coach fee or any payment is required, they can pay at member's rate although they are not members of the Society.
7. Applicants are reminded to read and understand the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society before submitting the application for membership. A copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society can be obtained from the Society Office upon requested.
8. Members are entitled to withdraw from membership at any time by notice in writing served on the Honorary Secretary of the Society. The withdrawal shall take effect one month after such notice.
9. Personal data provided will be kept in confidence and used by the Society for administrative purposes only.

Add your voice to the conservation of Hong Kong's biodiversity and natural environment. We need your support!

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