

THE HONG KONG BIRD WATCHING SOCIETY

Approved Charitable Institution of a Public Character

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2012 Membership Subscription Form

I support the objectives of The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society and wish to become a member.

Applicant's Personal Details:			
Name: <u>Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss/Dr. *</u> _____ (_____)			
Family Name	Given Name	Chinese Name	
Date of Birth: _____	Mobile Tel. No.: _____		
Other Tel. No.: _____	Fax No.: _____	E-mail Address: _____	
Address: _____			

Signature : _____ Date : _____	<i>To be completed by a Parent /Guardian of the Applicant who is below 18:</i> Name of parent/guardian* : _____ (in block letters) <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%; border: none;">Signature :</td> <td style="border: none;">_____</td> </tr> </table>	Signature :	_____
Signature :	_____		

To be completed by the Applicant who is a Spouse, Child (aged 18 or above) or Parent of an Individual Member:
 I am the spouse / child / parent* of _____ (name of the member paying full subscription fee HK\$300).

*delete where not applicable

Membership Subscription: (Please tick where appropriate and use one form for each member.)

Type of Membership	Subscription Fees in HK\$		Notes
	2012	2012 – 2016 (5 years)	
Individual Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500	Aged 18 or above and residing in Hong Kong
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	Aged 65 or above and residing in Hong Kong (note 1)
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	Spouse, Children (aged 18 or above) or Parent of a full rate Individual Member (note 2)
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,750	Aged 18 or above and residing outside Hong Kong
Student Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	Aged below 18 and residing in Hong Kong (note 1)

Notes : (1) Not entitled to Annual Bird Report (2) Not entitled to both Bulletins & Annual Bird Report

Bulletin	Type of Bulletin (Please ✓ one)	Preferred Language (Please ✓ one)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Printed version <input type="checkbox"/> Digital version	<input type="checkbox"/> English version <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese version	<input type="checkbox"/> English & Chinese (Surcharge applies*) (*Printed version surcharge: HK\$80/year, HK\$400/5 years) (*Digital version surcharge: HK\$20/year, HK\$100/5 years)
Other information		<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to receive all other information, document or publications through EMAIL	

Donations of HK\$100 or above is tax deductible

Donations to the Society: HK\$ _____ **Donations to China Conservation Fund by HKBWS :** HK\$ _____

I enclose my **2012 /** **2012-2016 Subscription plus surcharge and donation for a Total of HK\$** _____

Payment methods: **1. Cash :** in person to our Office. DO NOT send cash by post. **2. Cheque :** payable to “THE HONG KONG BIRD WATCHING SOCIETY” **3. Direct Credit :** Bank of China, HK A/C no. 012-878-1-076439-9 (please enclose payment advice)
4. Credit Card : please fill out the payment form below. **5. Overseas payment:** by cheque drawn on a HK based bank or by credit card.

Remarks: 1. Annual membership is valid through the whole calendar year from **1st Jan** till **31st Dec** regardless of your joining date.
 2. By signing this form, the applicant or the parent/guardian of a child under 18 absolves the Society from any responsibility in case of accident or mishap in outings.
 3. Personal data provided will be kept in strict confidence and will be used by the Society for administrative purposes only.

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 \*An extra 5% of handling charge by WWF Hong Kong will apply in case of credit card payment.

### Application for Payment by Credit Card\*

Payment by credit card:  American Express  Diners Club  Master Card  VISA

Membership Subscription for The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society+ Donation+ 5% handling fee (by WWF HK): **HK\$** \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Card expiry date (Valid for at least 3 months): \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The objective of HKBWS is to promote the study, appreciation and conservation of birds in Hong Kong. In addition, the Society also facilitates the exchange of experience and information related to birdwatching among members. Since birds are sensitive to human disturbance, special care is required when watching or taking photographs of birds, to avoid bringing disturbance to the birds or endangering their lives. The Society has drawn up the following *Code of Conduct for Birdwatching and Bird Photography* and requires that it be followed by members. It would provide a model of good practices in birdwatching and bird photography for the general public to follow.

### ***Code of Conduct for Birdwatching and Bird Photography***

#### **1. The Welfare of Birds Comes First**

Birdwatching and bird photography should be carried out with minimum interference to the birds. Disturbance must be avoided as far as possible.

- a. Stop if the birds appear disturbed, begin to move away or exhibit other abnormal reaction
- b. Exercise additional precautions when the activity is undertaken with a large group of people
- c. Do not attempt to influence the behaviour of birds, e.g. by flushing, chasing or baiting
- d. Use flash only sparingly
- e. Do not damage the natural environment

#### **2. Protect Sensitive Sites**

Sites such as nests, seabird colonies and the roost of rarities are particularly vulnerable. Take extra care to minimize disturbance.

- a. Keep a suitable distance to avoid stressing the birds
- b. Do not land on islands with breeding colonies
- c. Do not disturb nests and their surrounding vegetation, or the nest could be abandoned or become exposed to predators
- d. Share information about the sites with discretion and do not reveal it casually in public. Explain clearly to those who may not understand the Code, to avoid bringing disturbance to the site
- e. Beware that your actions may attract unwanted attention and hence disturbance to the site

#### **3. Report Disturbances**

If you find people disturbing or causing harm to birds, advise against the act when it is safe to do so. If they cannot be stopped, take photos and report to the AFCD as soon as possible. Post a report at the Society's online Forum.

#### **4. Respect Others**

- a. Share the fun – avoid disturbing other birdwatchers or photographers on site.
- b. Take care not to damage facilities or crops at the site.

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**I support the objectives of the Society. I have read the above *Code of Conduct for Birdwatching and Bird Photography* and promise to abide by it fully.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**