

Honeyguide Wildlife Holidays supports SABAP2



Support for SABAP2 has arrived from an unusual source – a British group on a wildlife holiday.

In October and November 2009, 11 naturalists from Honeyguide Wildlife Holidays – based in Norwich, England – spent a fortnight in the Garden Route and Addo Elephant National Park. The tour was hosted by Crane's Cape Tours & Travel www.naturalhistorytours.co.za

Honeyguide supports BirdLife partners by including a donation of £35 for each holiday participant towards a conservation project in the country of the holiday.

The donations go through the Honeyguide Wildlife Charitable Trust, allowing top-ups from the UK Government through 'gift aid' on charity donations.

Established in 1991, Honeyguide has already contributed more than £60,000 in this way. This holiday's contribution to SABAP2, via BirdLife South Africa, was £542.



The group birding at Robberg, Plettenberg Bay



Honeyguide's proprietor, Chris Durdin, was with the group. He says: "We see this donation as putting back something towards the conservation of the wildlife we've enjoyed."

Chris says that it was the first time he's seen a Honeyguide – a Lesser Honeyguide at Addo (left) – on one of his holidays.

The money received from Honeyguide Wildlife Holidays will be used to pay for fuel and other travel costs for field trips to survey critical gap areas where there is no coverage or extremely limited coverage.

It was the company's fourth visit to South Africa, but Chris's first. Previous groups were in the Western Cape and supported BirdLife South Africa's Global Seabird Programme.

Bird records from the holiday have already been fed into SABAP2 by co-leader Brian Vanderwalt from Cape Town. www.brians-birding.co.za

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