

Honeyguide Wildlife Holidays supports SABAP2 for a second year

In October and November 2010, 14 naturalists from Honeyguide Wildlife Holidays – based in Norwich, England – spent a fortnight in the Kruger National Park and Mpumalanga. The tour was hosted by Geoff Crane of Crane's Cape Travel www.naturalhistorytours.co.za.



The group saw an excellent representation of African wildlife, including the 'Big Five', as well as reptiles, insects and a bird count of 279, not to mention the beauty of the Lowveld and the dramatic escarpments of Mpumalanga (Eastern Transvaal).

Honeyguide Wildlife Holidays supports BirdLife partners by including a donation of £35 for each holiday participant (increased to £40 in 2011) 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 £68,000 in this way.



This holiday's contribution to SABAP2 was £610 from Honeyguide, with an additional donation of R6 000 from Crane's Cape Travel.

Geoff Crane and Honeyguide's Chris Durdin see these donations as putting back something towards the conservation of the wildlife that their groups have enjoyed.

For many on the holiday, highlights were the colourful rollers, bee-eaters and starlings and also the large mammals of the Park.

The money received will be ploughed back into project activities and 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.

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