



**SASOL
STRETTONS
Wader Bash
West Coast National Park**

18th – 20th February 2011

This is a unique opportunity to experience the vast wealth of birds on Langebaan Lagoon and in the surrounding Park, a RAMSAR site of international status. Night drives, birding by sail around and a little beyond our islands (guide Vernon Head), 4 x 4 in a complete new section of the West Coast National Park, your vehicle or in one of ours. Cost dependant on petrol price. Guided trips to the best birding sites, 2 nights rustic self catering accommodation in the West Coast National Park and prize giving dinner included.

Cost – R450 excludes Birding by sail and 4 x 4

Birding by Sail – R300 extra

4 x 4 Your vehicle – R100.00 extra

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**This is a [SANParks](#) Honorary Rangers Project in conjunction with
BirdLife SA.**

All funds raised will go to birding projects in the WCNP.

The Sasol Strettons Wader Bash

At the magnificent West Coast National Park

An impressive birding experience

History

The Wader Bash weekend and game has been running successfully for five years now, and is clearly becoming an annual draw card for birders countrywide, with some folks having attended the last four. The event has BLSA and SANParks support. All excess income is spent on Honorary Rangers' Park birding projects. We even have a beginners' category.

Wader Bash Positioning

- The West Coast National Park (WCNP) is a RAMSAR wetlands site of international importance.
- The WCNP is the first and premier stop along the now famous [Flamingo Birding Route](#), the premier birding venue route for the West Coast.
- The lagoon is a jewel worth visiting and a favoured birding site for many expert birders.
- WCNP boasts >316 bird species and the largest number of breeding pairs of Black Harriers in the world.

The WCNP boasts 4 carefully-placed bird hides for observing both seabirds and fresh water birds.

- The rare Hudsonian Godwit was spotted in the WCNP during March 2010.
- Various other rarities and lifers have been spotted in the WCNP, including the Pallid Swift, White-tailed Tropicbird and Australian Gannet.
- Mingle with some of SA's top birders.

What the Weekend offers

- Fri 18 February 12h00: Registration and welcome.
- Fri 18 February 17h30: Welcome and Opening.
- Fri 18 February 18h00: Game starts (If you wish to enter)
- Fri 18 February 18h00: Birding for pleasure starts
- Fri 18 February 20h00: Talk by Vernon and Mel

- Sat 19 February 18h00: Birding for pleasure and competition ends.
- Sat 19 February 19h00: Gala dinner and prizegiving.

- Sun 20 February 06h30: Birding by Sail **or**
- Sun 20 February 06h30: 4 x 4 adventure to new sections of the Park **or**
- Sun 20 February 06h30: just relax and enjoy our wonderful Park
- Sun 20 February 13h00: Weekend ends.

What we need...

We need your support!

You are therefore cordially invited to our next SASOL Strettons Wader Bash to be held on the weekend of 18 - 20 February 2011 at the Eco-education Centre near the stables at Geelbek from Friday 16h30 and ending on Sunday 13h00 after a wonderful birding weekend

What you get

- Excellent goodie bags.
- Awesome spot prizes and items for auction.
- Valuable competition prizes in many categories.
- Really special Strettons Gin on the house.
- A selection of local red and white wines during the event.
- An unforgettable experience.
 - with wonderful West Coast Hospitality

Will **YOU** be there?

We will, and will be delighted to host you all.

Contact Jenny Lodge for booking details or to get any other questions answered or call Jenny on her mobile **082 804 5539** any day till 19h30.



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