



# Birding in the Bush - 7 Days

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## Enquiry / Booking process

1. **Course information** is sent to you from Enquiries at [enquiries@ecotraining.co.za](mailto:enquiries@ecotraining.co.za).
2. To book a provisional place on a course a **registration form** must be completed and returned to Enquiries via e-mail or fax. Bookings & Admin processes the registration form and provisionally books the place.
3. Once the **deposit** for the course has been paid and a **confirmation sent** to [admin@ecotraining.co.za](mailto:admin@ecotraining.co.za) or faxed to +27 (13) 752 4753. Bookings and Admin will confirm your place. Please ensure that you try pay 7-14 days from date of registration to ensure your place. Please advise if not!
4. Further information and details will be sent from Bookings & Admin or Support.

For the following information, please refer to our website – [www.ecotraining.co.za](http://www.ecotraining.co.za) or request it on above e-mails.

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## 1. Course rates

<b>2011 cost per person</b>	R7 020.00 (no VAT payable)
<b>2012 cost per person</b>	R7 700.00 (no VAT payable)

<b>Price includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accommodation (sharing)</li><li>• Full meals</li><li>• Tea/coffee</li><li>• Extensive training manual</li><li>• Instructors and Training</li><li>• Bush walks</li><li>• Open vehicle drives and specialist trainer/s.</li></ul>	<b>Rate excludes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transfers/transport to and from the camp, before and after the course</li><li>• Any accommodation before and after the course</li><li>• Beverages (beer, ciders, bottled water)</li><li>• Kruger National Park entrance fee (only applicable if the course is at the Kruger Makuleke camp)</li></ul>
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*\*\*In unforeseen circumstances, rates are subject to change without notice for un-paid bookings.*

**Booking confirmation:** the registration form holds a provisional booking, the deposit confirms the booking.

**Deposit:** In order to confirm your booking, we require that a 40% deposit be paid into the EcoTraining account.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- The balance of the fees is due 4 weeks before the course starts.
- Invoices are issued on request only

### Pay via credit card or wire transfer:

#### Banking Details

Account Name: EcoTraining CC  
Account Number: 030 257 131  
Bank: Standard Bank – Nelspruit Main Branch  
Branch Code: 05-28-52  
S.W.I.F.T Code: SB ZA ZA JJ  
Standard IBAN: ZA16SBZA052852030257131  
Ref: YOUR NAME AND SURNAME  
Fax proof to: +27 (13) 752 4753 or email to [admin@ecotraining.co.za](mailto:admin@ecotraining.co.za)



*\*\*International learners can apply for a bank draft from their respective bankers or pay via an internet transfer.*

### Cancellation Policy:

Should you cancel your booking:

- 8 weeks or more before the start of the course, then 25% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
- 34 - 28 days before the start of the course, then 40% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
- 27 - 21 days before the start of the course, then 60% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
- 20 – 14 days before the start of the course, then 70% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
- Less than 14 days before the start of the course, then 100% of the full course fee will be forfeited.

**Postponement of a course will result in an administration fee being charged.**

**CANCELLATION DUE TO ILLNESS, DEATH OF A FAMILY MEMBER ETC.** – There will be no discounts or monies refunded for missed or unused services, this includes voluntary or involuntary termination, i.e. sickness, death of a family member etc. ECOTRAINING will however bank their stay **for twelve months** during which you can return to take up their unused services. If you cannot return within this time they will **forfeit** your full course fee with ECOTRAINING. All associated costs of returning to the project will be at the clients' expense.

## 2. Course information

This Training Course has been designed to cater for those who wish to learn the basics of Bird Identification or improve their existing identification skills.

It is very much a practical course, although there are some lectures which include the following:

- Birding Ethics and Code of Conduct
- Birding Equipment
- Bird Anatomy and Physiology
- Species Identification in the field

Courses incorporate theory sessions during the day and practical bird identification sessions of early morning and late afternoon drive/walks. Usually, the theory session is held after breakfast or before departing on the afternoon walk or drive.

A Training Manual is provided, however we recommend participants bring notepad/book/pens to take further notes, your own bird field guide (various bird books are provided for use during the course) and most importantly good binoculars

### Practical Field Sessions:

The practical sessions in the field will assist you in knowing what to look for to successfully identify birds and students will be encouraged to identify birds by both sight and sound.

Focus is on the common bird species, including raptors.

The practical sessions, will be either walking or in an open game drive vehicle or a combination of both.

### Course Assessments:

The course includes both a Bird Photo Identification and a Bird Call Identification assessment on the final full day. 75% pass mark on both assessments is required to pass the course.

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We are confident that any person attending our course will leave us more enriched and with greater confidence in being able to enjoy the beauty of the South African birdlife.

If you would prefer a more advanced Birding Course, we would be able to facilitate this on some of the birding dates. Please contact [enquiries@ecotraining.co.za](mailto:enquiries@ecotraining.co.za) for more information.

## 3. Course dates

Arrival for any of the below courses is 14h00 on the first day, with departure at 9am on the last day.

### Birding course dates – 2011

29 March – 4 April @ Makuleke  
8 May - 14 May @ Makuleke  
8 September - 14 September @ Makuleke  
1 - 7 December @ Mashatu

### Birding course dates – 2012

6 March - 12 March @ Makuleke  
20 September - 26 September @ Botswana  
21 October - 27 October @ Makuleke  
9 December - 15 December @ Karongwe

## 4. Certification and accreditation

All course participants receive a certificate of participation from EcoTraining.

## 5. EcoTraining camps



### Kruger Park Makuleke Camp

Our Kruger Park Camp is situated in the 24 000 hectare (59 305 acres) Makuleke concession in the far northern and most remote part of the Kruger National Park. The

area is characterized by great biodiversity and a human history reaching to the remote past. Accommodation is in safari tents on wooden decks covered with thatch in the shade of nyala trees. Each unit has a verandah overlooking the bush and an en- suite bathroom with a flush toilet, shower and basin.

Birding in this area is unsurpassed all year round, with many South African 'specials' being found here, such as Black-throated Wattle-eye, Racket-tailed Roller, Three Banded Courser, Bohm's and Mottled Spinetails, Lemon-breasted Canary and Pel's Fishing Owl.



The wonderful diversity of habitats lends itself to a staggering 400 species of birds found here.

### **Mashatu camp**



EcoTraining Mashatu camp is located in the Tuli Reserve of Botswana bordering South Africa. Tuli forms a key part of the proposed **Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area**. In the easternmost corner of Botswana, Tuli is the collective name for several privately-owned game reserves including the Mashatu, Ntani and Tuli Game Reserves, covering all the land north of the Limpopo River.

A wholly preserved and untainted wilderness in Botswana, at the confluence of the Limpopo and the Shashe Rivers. The ample plains range from savannah, to riverine forest, marshland and sandstone outcrops amongst giant baobab trees. Mashatu truly embodies all that defines Africa. This land of giants offers vast open spaces, making it almost impossible to take it all in, with an array of wildlife from the miniscule to the gigantic. With a quietness so loud it thumps at your heart. Expect an unexpected adventure beyond the game drives or the walks that will make you feel alive again. Truly mesmerizing, this Africa is real and tangible and at its best!

As is the case with our other camps, the Mashatu camp is unfenced, and animals do on occasion wander through the camp. Learners have woken up in the morning to find the tracks of elephant, leopard or lion around the camp.

### **Accommodation**

The sleeping arrangements at all our camps consist of 2 people sharing per tent. Single requests are required to pay double-rates. Women and men do not share tents unless booked as a couple.

### **Meals**

Early morning wake-up	Tea, coffee, biscuits and fresh fruit, cereals
Brunch after activity	Cooked breakfast, and fruit salad
Afternoon tea	Light lunch
Dinner	A balanced, warm plated meal (Meat, vegetables and salad)