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The 80th BirdLife SA AGM will take place in Phalaborwa from 19-22 March 2009

This will be an AGM with a difference, in that it will be enveloped in a number of birding and other activities over the weekend, catering for young and old, and those with a taste for feathers, and those with a preference for something more cultural or arty!!

Planned **activities** include:

Astronomy & Night Birding (+ Braai) - learn about the exciting night skies, while keeping an eye out for our lesser-seen nocturnal feathered friends.

Owl & Nightjar Drive - in case you miss these during the astronomy evening!

Magoebaskloof Birding (+ packed lunch) - bring your hiking shoes, and enjoy a song-filled walk down the shady lanes of this magnificent forest!

Mariepskop Birding (+ packed lunch) - for some breathtaking viewing – of birds and scenery.

Swadini Birding & Boat Cruise (+ packed lunch) - your first chance to view water birds up close, from a spectacular platform!

Birding – Strydom Tunnel / Richmond Farm (+ packed lunch) - home of the elusive Taita Falcon; the eastern escarpment region of South Africa is a core area for Taita Falcons globally!

Bush Birding Walk – take a walk on the wild side in Kruger National Park!

Pels Walk – Grietjie (+ packed lunch) - another sought-after special not to be missed!

Olifants River Boat Cruise (+ Braai) - your second chance to view water birds up close, from just as spectacular a platform!

Birding – Foskor bird survey (+ packed breakfast, refreshments & picnic) – visit the waterholes of Foskor mine for a rare treat!

Birding – Palabora Mining Company bird survey (+ packed breakfast, refreshments & picnic) – a game drive and birding all in one!

There are also a number of exciting **courses** on offer, including the following:

Raptor ID course with Joe Grosel – do you really know what raptor that is?

Bird ringing workshop with Rael loon – ever had the privilege of one in the hand?

Beginners birding course with Ben de Boer – don't be shy – we all have to start somewhere!

Bird photography course with Chris van Rooyen – take birding to a new level!

Young **children** (under 12) can be cared for at a registered crèche, and entertained for the duration of the weekend, leaving adults free to run wild!!

For more information, visit www.krugerbirding.co.za.