

Race to spot winged beauties

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Has one spotted the elusive pelicans or the floricans and the Northern Pintail in the City? The answer of many will be a “no”. Then just pack your backpack and participate in the dawn-to-dusk Hyderabad Bird Race. This year, BSAP and Great Hyderabad Adventure Club are jointly organising the race under HSBC programme on February 12.

Open to all

The race will be flagged off from the Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet at 6am and is open to all, irrespective of their age. There is no entry fee. Each team

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comprising four or five persons, will be named after a bird found in the region and will be led by an experienced bird enthusiast. They have to spend the entire day searching for as many species of birds as possible.

Team members are supposed to use their own vehicles for transportation. If a participant doesn't have a car he/she can be accommodated in another participant's car. Each car will have a captain who will be familiar with the geography of Hyderabad and its environs and enough knowledge to identify different birds.

People who are not familiar

with bird watching and yet want to be a part of this race may also participate. The cars will be flagged off at sunrise and have to report back at sunset.

Each team will be given a log-book containing a list of birds found in their region, along with names of places and possible locations that they can be spotted in. One needs to record every bird they have spotted and where it has been spotted. These logbooks will be given to the judges in the evening for their scrutiny.

One can choose any location, as long as it is in the radius of about 50–60km. The criterion is that you try and record as many bird species as possible to win the race.



Prizes

If a winning team comprises of more than four members, the number of prizes given will still be limited to four.

Bird of the Day: Each team can select one bird from their list of sightings, which they feel is the highlight.

Dip of the Day: Each team should mention one bird, which

they were sure they would see but did not.

The last date for receiving the entries is 6pm on February 5. You can give your names and contact details including those of your team members to Asif Husain Arastu — 9908611496/ asifjoy@yahoo.com or Mr Shafaatullah — 9849229552/ shafaat_ulla@yahoo.co.in.