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No. WLM/ Bird Count/2024/

To:

All CCFs/CFs/DFOs (Territorial & Wildlife),
in Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: Participation in “Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)” to be done on 16th to 19th February, 2024-regarding.....

Memo:

The Wildlife Wing of HP Forest Department invites bird-watchers of the department and across the state to take participate in the upcoming “Great Backyard Bird Count” to be held from 16 to 19 Feb 2024. As this is a citizen centric initiative, it allows public to document bird data and further contribute to bird conservation. This also presents a great opportunity to reach out to people and spread conservation awareness about birds.

Himachal Pradesh has a consistent presence in the bird counts’ participation. Birding locations will include wildlife sanctuaries, national parks, conservation reserves, villages and urban areas. Since 2017, the Wildlife Wing has inspired its staff and birders in the state to take part in the event. The annual snapshots of bird populations collected during these events help to answer a variety of important bird conservation questions, including how birds are distributed across the state, how they are affected by changes in habitat and weather, and whether the bird populations and distributions are changing yearly or not.

Broad instructions for taking part in GBBC are :

1. Go birding for at least **15 minutes**, listing and counting all the species you see and can identify.
2. **Submit your observations on “e-Bird”.**
3. **One or more** lists can be uploaded every day.

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4. Leave out the birds which you cannot identify. One could also take photographs of not identifiable birds for respective identification at a later stage.
5. Repeat as often as convenient through the day, being sure to make a separate list for each location of you visit. If possible, continue birding even after dusk as many crepuscular and nocturnal birds like owls and nightjars become active and vocal at nights.
6. In case you cannot access a computer or mobile, a photograph of the birding (listing species and counts) can be emailed to anil.thakur.ifs@gmail.com & santoshwlg@gmail.com or even sent on Whatsapp numbers 94184-57800 and 94185-38303.

Following is the list of coordinators and participants who are requested to extend their support for the event. The participants are not restricted to the tracks given below, they may do bird watching at any place in the State and more participants can be added by coordinators.

S. N.	Participants in the Team	Preferred/Recommended sites for birding during GBBC 2023
Overall coordinator		
Mr. Anil Thakur, Addl. Pr. CCF (Wildlife), O/o PCCF (WL), Himachal Pradesh.		
State coordinators		
Mr. D.R. Kaushal, CCF (WL) Shimla, Mr. E. Vikram, CCF (WL) D/Shala, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, DFO (Wildlife) Kullu, Mr Ravi Shankar, IFS (DFO) WL Shimla, Dr. Karan Segal Vet. Officer and Mr. Santosh Kumar Thakur (Sr. Forest Guard)		
1	Team:- I Smt. Anita Bhardwaj, Mr. Satish Kumar, BO. Coordinators. Miss Diksha Sharma, Dr. Anil Thakur, Smt. Seena, Mr. Daleep Sharma, Mr. Kamal Kishor, Ms. Veena, Ms. Rachna , Miss Neha Sharma, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, , Mr Virender Sharma, Mr Santosh Kurmar Thakur Fgd.	Track No: 1 SWC Gate to Sheog Track No. 2 SWC Gate to Churat area Track No. 3 Mehli Shoghi Bypass Track No. 4 Summerhill to Potterhill. Track No. 5 Taradevi to Anandpur Track No. 6 Tutikandi area Track No. 7 Churdhar WLS Track No. 8 Talra WLS Track No. 9 Majathal Wildlife Sanctuary Track No. 10 Bird Park Chaura - Maidan to H P. University.
2	Team No. II Mr. Deep Ram Fgd. - Coordinator Mr. Dharam Chand, Mr. Ravinder Kanwar Fgd., Hem Singh, Hail Himalayan & others	Track No. I: Chinibangla to Mundaghat Track No. II: Chinibangla to Mahasu Peak. Track No. -III.
3	Team No. III Mr. Mohit Dutta Joint Director FTI	Track No. I Chail to Khadiyun Track No. II Chail to Sakori

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	Chail&Mr. Ganpat RO (WL) Coordinator:- Mr. Bhupander Kumar, Fgd. Mr. Sanjiv Kumar, Mr. Vikash, Mr. Vinod KumarArunBhardawaj& others.	Track No. Ill Janedghat to Ranital
4	Team IV V.K. Babu,IFS,CF Nahan-Coordinators Mr. SidharthBhardwaj, Miss Pooja Thakur, Smt. Kamlesh Sharma, Mr. Kanwar Singh, Mr.Ankit Vikrant, Mr. Virender, AnkushChauhan& others.	Tracks: RenukaJi Wildlife Sanctuary Sherjung National Park&Nahan Area
5	Team V Mr .Ashok Negi, Mr. VinkeshChauhan-Coordinators Mr. Harish Hudden, Mr Ram Dass, MrBhadur Singh, Mr. Nish Raj, Mr. ShivamAgnihotri, SmtKajal Joshi, Mr. PrashantNegi, and others.	Tracks :- Daranghatti Wildlife Sanctuary Rupibhaba Wildlife Sanctuary LippaAssarang Wildlife Sanctuary Sarahan Wildlife Sanctuary and other parts of Kinnour
6	Team VI Mr. SatpalDhiman - Coordinator Smt. Aarti Gupta WWF, Smt. Sarika, Mr. Abhishek Thakur, Ankush Thakur & Others.	Tracks- Khalini to Talland area FRH Khalini to Dhanudevta Temple Victory TannelFagliChauraMaidan
7	Team VII Mr. VasuDoegar,Mr. Mirgginder Joshi and- Coordinator Mr. Joginder Singh, Mr. Jivan Singh Patiyal and Mr. ChottuYadav Mr. Sunil Saklani, Mr. Anu, Mr. NK Chahuan& others.	Tracks - Khaliyar to Dhansi Mata temple Barot area of MandiJogindamagar area of Mandi district. Gaggal area of Mandi District.
8	Team VIII Mr. Royston, Mr. D.S. Dhadwal - Coordinators Mr. SurjeetPathania, Mr. InderBhushan, Smt. RituPatiyal, Miss Neha Thakur, Miss Anita Bhatia, Mr. Sonu, Mr. Sunil Kumar,SmtSaritaKundal, Miss Sarita, Mr. Suresh Kumar, Smt. Rajni, Mr. SachinSirmouri, Mr. AnkushDhiman& others.	Tracks: Sastar area of Hamirpur Pong Dam Wildlife Sanctuary .Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuary Gopalpur Zoo and Area
9	Team IX MsMeera Sharma, & Mr. Shashi Thakur-Coordinator Mr. Hans Raj, Mr. Puvender Singh, Mr. Kavinder Singh, Mr. Vinay Kumar,Mr. Om Prakash, Mr. Manoj Kumar,Smt. Usha, & others	Track :- Great Himalayan National Park
10	Team X Mr. Rajesh Sharma, DFO (WL) Kullu&Mr. Rajesh Thakur - Coordinator Mr. RiteshSuri, Mr Vijay, Mr. Rakesh, Mr. Rin Kumar, Mr Sunil Kumar ,	Tracks :- Manali Wildlife Sanctuary Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary Nargu Wildlife Sanctuary Shikari Devi Wildlife Sanctuary Kias Wildlife Sanctuary

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	Mr. Narayan, Mr. Kamaljeet Rana, Miss Reena & others.	Kanawar Wildlife Sanctuary Khokhan Wildlife Sanctuary
11	Team XII Mr. Aniket DFO (Lahaul) & Mr. Shiv Kumar - Coordinator Miss Tinkle Bhatt, Mr. Ashwni Kumar, Mr. Mahesh Kumar Mr. Amir Jaspa, Guru Rana WL expert & others	Tracks :- Lahaul Spiti
12	Team XIII Mr. Kuldeep Singh Jamwal, DFO (WL) Chamba & Mr. Rajneesh Sr. FGd.- Coordinator Mr. Raj Kumar, Mr. Suraj, Mr. Gajender verma, Mr. Mohinder Singh, Mr. Suraj Kumar, Mr. Ravinder Kishwaria, Mr. Rahul, Mr. Ashok, Mr. Abhishek Mr. Vishal Ahuja, Mr. Deepak Garg, Mr. Jagdeep & others.	Tracks:- Khajjiyar Wildlife Sanctuary Kugti Wildlife Sanctuary Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary Gangul Siyabahi Wildlife Sanctuary.
13	Team XIV Miss Goldy Rajput, Amit Sharma & Pardeep Chauhan - Coordinator and others	Tracks : Gobindsagar lake Bilaspur
14	Team XV Mr. E-Vikram- Coordinator. Dr. Avhinav Chaudhary ornithologist, Mr. Sanjiv Kumar, Mr. Vijay Guleria & others.	Tracks - Dhramshala area
15	Team XVI Mr. Kunal Angrish, IFS, & Mr. Bhagat Ram- Coordinator Smt. Avtar Kaur, Mr. Mohit Gautam, Ankur Gupta, Parveen Sharma & others	Tracks- Solan to Shilli Chakki Mod
16	Team XVII Mr. Mandar Jeware, Mr. Chaman Sharma.	Tracks - Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary Pin Valley National Park.
17	Team XIX Mr. Nishant Mandhotra, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, – Coordinator Smt. Babita Sharma, Smt. Sunita, Smt. Sarita & others.	Track : Hamirpur area.

(Amitab Gautam, IFS)
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL),
and Chief Wildlife Warden, Shimla, HP