

# How to identify LBJs BirdLife Rustenburg

**Rustenburg** – Pipits, larks, cisticolas and warblers – almost a quarter of Southern Africa's bird species are known to birdwatchers as LBJs or Little Brown Jobs.

Therefore, a lot of beginners and even experienced bird watchers avoid identifying this potentially confusing group of birds. However, LBJs include some of the most spectacular, thrilling, interesting, sought-after and memorable birds.

At this month's BirdLife Rustenburg meeting, Gerda Welman and Hanti Mathews will provide easy guidelines to not only help you to confidently identify LBJs, but also to understand and enjoy these remarkable birds.

The meeting will take place on Monday, 19 August, at the Methodist Church on the corner of Brink and Schuurman Streets and commences at 19:00. A charge of R20 from non-members is payable.

On Saturday, 24 August, the club will travel to Marakele National Park, near Thabazimbi in the Limpopo province. The park is home to the largest breeding colony of Cape Vultures and is well-known for many raptor species like the African Hawk Eagle, Jackal Buzzard, Black Eagle, Peregrine and Lanner Falcons. Other specials are Gurney's Sugarbird, Buff-streaked Chat, Sweet Waxbill, Cape Bunting, Purple Roller, Malachite Sunbird and much more!

Anyone who would like to join the club on this outing, is welcome to meet at the BP garage at the mall at 05:30. Please bring your own refreshments and snacks. The gate fee at the park is R65 per person. Please contact Shaun McGillewie on the number below if you want to join this outing.

Our chairperson, Shaun McGillewie, on 083 702 1462, can be contacted should you wish to learn more about BirdLife Rustenburg and would like to attend their events. Also, if you need help with identification of a bird, send a picture.



Sabota Lark, Pilanesberg National Park



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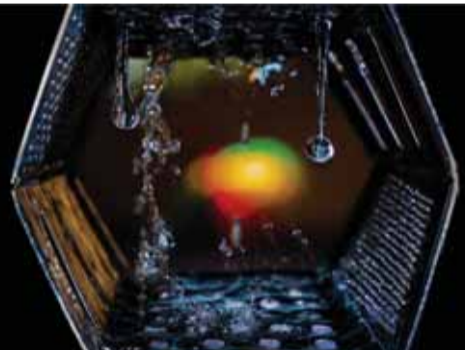
## CREATIVE ART IN PHOTOGRAPHY

**Rustenburg** – During their monthly meeting the Rustenburg Photographic Society awarded two photographers awards, for best photos for the month of July.

The set subject category of autumn colours, Simon Fletcher won with his photo *Clarens Woodlands*. Karen Mc Carthy attained the technical subject category for water (creative in water) with her *Grating Water*. To learn more about the art of photography be sure to join the Rustenburg Photographic Society.

The society meets every third Wednesday of the month at NG Proteapark at 18:30. Their next meeting will take place on 21 August.

For more information, contact their club chairperson Simon Fletcher on 082 371 9867 or vice chairperson Ronel Broderick on 082 451 2999.



Technical subject: water (creative in water): *Grating Water* by Karen Mc Carthy.

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