
An Interview with a Birder - Boetie

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What Makes You Tick?

Being in nature, the outdoors and photograph all forms of wildlife in their natural environment, birds which I think is most difficult but the most rewarding when you get it right.

1. What attracted you to birding in the first place?

Went on a trip with a friend about five years ago that really knew his birds and he got me interested. And then of course my wife bought me the Roberts software just to fuel the fire, now I am hooked.

2. Are you a twitcher or a birder?

I would say a birder!

3. Do you know the difference LOL?

Of course, a twitcher would travel any amount of km to get a tick and always have his/her binos and a bird book in the car wherever he/she goes, not like me that only needs to travel short distances if I should know of a bird in that area. LOL

4. When was the last time you went birding and where did you go?

Two weekends ago, went to Kaapschehoop to find the Gurney's Sugarbird. Hey does that make me a twitcher?

5. Where is your all time favorite birding spot?

Being an amateur photographer, I would say Lake Panic Bird Hide in Kruger National Park, I can sit there for hours.

6. Is your family/ friends as keen on birding, or do they collectively groan when ever the conversation may lead to a birding topic?

My daughter must be the only one that doesn't share in my passion, she recons they all taste like chicken, most of my friends are keen birders/twitchers.

7. How many bird books do you own?

Do you really want to know and should I name them all, won't do that to you, I have +/- 10, just of Southern African Birds.

8. Are you a member of a club? Or do you prefer birding on your own?

Not a member of a club but do give feedback to the chairman of our local bird club should I have any special sightings.

9. Do you keep a bird list, or have you forgotten the names of the birds by the time you get home LOL?

Only been recording birds for the last five years or so and with my new toy, a PDA I got for Christmas last year, it makes it so much more fun and it's easy.