

Birding Code of Ethics

- Support the protection of important bird habitat.
- Avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger by not approaching too closely or creating undue noise or disturbance.
- Stay on roads, trails, and paths—keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Remove all garbage. Leave it better than how you found it.
- Do not enter private property without the owner's explicit permission. Obey all signs. Contact the property owner/manager.
- Follow all laws, rules and regulations governing use of roads and public areas.
- Practice common courtesy while in contact with other people.
- Respect the interests, rights and skills of fellow birders, as well as people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities.
- If you witness unethical birding behaviour, be an exemplary ethical role model for your group. Teach through word and example.
- Keep your group to a size that limits impact on the environment, and does not interfere with others using the same area.
- Ensure everyone in your group knows and practices this code.
- Learn and inform your group of any special circumstances applicable to the areas being visited.