



## **Ringers Training Workshop**

### ***Birdlife SA Wetland Centre, Wakkerstroom***

### ***1–7 January 2005***

- **Training course:** The South African Bird Ringing Unit (SAFRING) is running a training course from Saturday, 1 January 2005, to Saturday evening, 7 January 2005. The training course will provide instruction on a variety of bird-ringing techniques, with the main focus on developing mistnetting skills. Beginners, current trainees and new ringers are welcome.
- **Venue:** Birdlife South Africa's Wetland Centre, Wakkerstroom. The town is 285km drive from Johannesburg on the old Durban road, via Standerton and Volksrus. Ringing stations will be set up in a number of habitats including wetland, grassland, thornveld, montrane forest and Leucosidea-scrub. An extensive network of gravel roads is available for those who wish to capture and ring raptors.
- **Accommodation:** Birdlife South Africa Wetland Centre:  
Dormitory: self-catering: communal kitchen, bedding provided  
Camp site: max 4 people per site, tented camping only.  
Please note an additional charge per person for "non-BLSA members". Other camping and B&B facilities are available in the area; for information contact Nigel Anderson, details below.
- **Cost:** The cost of the course is R600.00 for trainees. This covers the cost of rings, use of equipment, workshop material and two social braais. Excluded are the cost of accommodation and other meals. The administration fees for ringers is R250.00 per day.
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