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The IOCongress always has the world's best bird research, but it also always creates opportunities for seeing the world's birds, the passion that is at the heart of most ornithologists. The IOCongress in Durban continues this tradition with birding opportunities woven through the conference (see Birding at the Congress @ <https://iocongress2022.com/>). There will be organized birding every day. The conference program starts with half a day's birding with excursions to top local sites – a great opportunity for seeing many new birds and to start networking with the other delegates.

[Top Local sites visited will be:](#)



Mbozambo Wetland - where the superbly positioned Sappi Stanger Hide is located
Mtunzini for its breeding population of Palm-nut Vultures

Shongweni Resources Reserve- The bird list here is over 250 species, and one can expect to see between 50 and 100 of these in a full morning's birding

Oribi Gorge - stand a chance of finding one of South Africa's most sought-after endemics, the Knysna Woodpecker.

Midmar Nature Reserve - is a great attraction to both birds and mammals.

Tala Private Game Reserve Some of the target bird species include the endemic Southern Tchagra, Fiscal Flycatcher, Red-billed Oxpecker

Cumberland - Birding specials on the reserve include Grey Crowned Crane, Narina Trogon, Knysna Turaco and many more

The Karkloof - is home to a number of uncommon bird species will go in search of one of the star attractions of this area – Orange Ground Thrush.

Small group early bird sessions each morning before the daily conference program starts will offer chances to see a wide range of South African birds, with experienced birders from the local area.

If you haven't been to South Africa before, this is a great opportunity to build up experience and see a lot of species that would normally take much longer than a week to find if you were birding alone. Even if you are experienced, birding with a local on their patch always delivers new birds and good birding experiences.

The Saturday following the conference will provide opportunities for additional full day birding excursions further afield including an exciting pelagic trip. The Durban area has many top wildlife and safari destinations nearby, giving great opportunities for independent birding in the pre- or post-conference periods.

Travelling internationally these days is not a trivial matter – with cost, carbon, and health implications – and the scientific conference can, of course, be fully attended virtually. But life is a trade-off. The birding and safari opportunities associated with the IOCongress in Durban makes in person attendance at the conference worthwhile: to experience not only great science, but great people and great birding.



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