

6. RECREATIONAL AREA (*Public Area. May have to pay an entrance fee*) Start at Watersport club continue along Waverley St. past Manten Marina, cross Island Street and it is on your left. *You should also find the red-throated wryneck, cormorants, ruffs, greenshanks, pipits and red-capped lark.*

7. BIRD SANCTUARY

Exit area and turn left into Island Street, continue to second cross-roads and turn left into Wendy, cross the next road and the entrance is on your left. *Waterbirds in general. Specials: Caspian tern and lesser black-backed gull, if you are lucky.*

8. MALAN'S FARM (*Private farm*)

From the Bird Sanctuary continue down Wendy St. and turn right into tarred Main Street and return to the entrance of the town. Cross the 549 and head to Vereeniging on the R716, travel 1.8 km and stop at the large pan on your left. *You could see the pied avacet, flamingos and a snipe or two.*

9. DENEYSVILLE SEWERAGE WORKS. (*Un-restricted Area*) Return to the cross-roads at the Deneysville entrance. Reset speedo. Turn left onto the R716 road to Oranjeville and Sasolburg. After 0.7 km take left hand fork to Oranjeville. Keep to 60kmh speed limit through Refengkgotso location. Travel 3.5 km and turn right to sewerage works. *Many of the area species can be seen. Specials - fulvous duck, African jacana, white-faced duck and grey headed gulls.*

10. EMANZENI - CILLIERS FARM From the entrance to the sewerage works travel 6.5 km. Emanzeni South Bay is on the entrance wall. You can drive to the Vaaldam shoreline. *The specials here are the yellow-billed stork and the secretary bird. (Should you wish to bird on the privately owned farm and dam please contact Frans Cilliers ☎082 823 6230).*

11. DANKBAAR FARM. (*Private property. Contact Susann Tredoux ☎082 321 2421*) Directly opposite the turn-off to Emanzeni there is an unmarked dirt road. Take this fairly good road. *Along this road check for the amur falcons, the blue koraan, etc.* After 10 km ignore the road to the right but turn left

at the T-junction after this. It is the S46. (the notice has been turned backwards. At 11 km look right, there is a secretary bird nest on top of the thorn-bush nearest the road (CAR Jan. 2009). There is a worthwhile dam to check when your speedo reads 12.3 km and stop at the gates at reading 13km. The farmer usually meets birders here. *Specials are Levaillant's cicticolas, secretary birds, blue korhaan, blue crane if not at Mooilaagte.*

12. MOOILAAGTE. (*Private farm. Contact Danie Cilliers ☎083 688 1666*) The directions are the same as from Cilliers farm Emanzeni. At the T-junction turn right. this is the S965. There is a good dam stop after 0.6 km. After 1.3 km turn left to the farmstead. *Marsh owls are usually seen and over 40 blue cranes.*

13. BRIDGE BELOW WALL

From Deneysville entrance turn right and travel 2.1 km and stop after the bridge. *You will see most of the swifts, swallows and martins.*

14. SIEBEN SCHWABEN (*Private German Farm Restaurant. Phone 083 268 3511 or 073 333 7750*) continue another 7.4 km from the bridge and turn left up dirt road. *Kestrels are special and stone chats.*

15. JUPHEMA GAME RANCH. (*Restricted entry. The owners 082 936 0743*) S 26°45'50.9 E 28°09'50.3 From Deneysville entrance travel along R716 past bridge, Sieben Schwaben, 13.2 km to Heidelberg Vaaldam cross roads. Go straight across on the R549 to Heidelberg and after a total of 26km turnright. From Vereeniging 20.8km to Heidleberg Vaaldam cross-roads, turn left and after an additional 2.8 km turn right. *Many of the local species, the double-breasted courser and A. pipit.*

16. VAAL NEST, Vaal Marina (*Hotel Just pitch up or contact Keith Attwell ☎016 372 1075 or 083 450 884*) Take the righthand turn at North Bay crossroads and approx. 10kms take the right-hand Vaal Marina turn-of and the Nest is 3km, well sign-posted. *Indigenous garden and*

natural veld. Specials stonechat, N black Korhaans and stepp buzzards.

17. KOLLEGE PLAAS. (*Be sure to call in at reception! Private Resort. Contact Koos v d Merwe 082 498 5256*). At the R549 (from Heidelberg and R54 from Vereeniging cross roads at Vaaldam North bay go towards Villiers, 31km on, it is on the right hand side. *Most local species. Specials: Waterbirds, marabou stork and Caspian terns.*

18. VISGAT ROAD (Good dirt road)

Off the R54 1.2km from 4-ways Motors, Three Rivers, Vereeniging turn right or 6km from North Bay crossroads out of Deneysville turn left onto The Visgat Road.

Take R59 to Vereeniging then the Ring Road offramp. Turn left into Ring, and continue to T-junction and turn right into Van Riet Louw Street. Cross a railway line and at the three-way stop turn left into Houtkop Road. Cross the railway line again, cross a 4-way stop and turn left at the next 3-way stop into Klip Rivier Drive West. Continue through two sets of traffic lights (the road becomes Blackwood Street (R42). At the 4-way Motors (Land Rover Dealer) on the right hand side turn right into Marabou Street (R54). Keep to the left and pass first turnoff to the right which goes into Three Rivers East. Take the second road right at the sign stating "Visgat". Road/Zuikerbosch Pumping Station). Travel along this road passing turnoff on right to Zuikerbosch You will see *many of the interesting local species. Capped wheatear, long tailed widows etc*

Should you have any suggestions or have found it difficult to find one of the sites or perhaps had a problem, do contact Rosemary Girard at 016 371 1401 or 082 464 8606.

