

Friends of
ZEEKOEVLEI
& RONDEVLEI



CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA

FoZR

Newsletter

December 2016

About FoZR

FoZR is an apolitical, community-based, non-profit organisation that aims to assist the nature reserve authorities to protect the much-threatened flora and fauna that make this corner of the Cape Flats their home.



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Environment

Birding – Strandfontein Sewerage Works



Temminck's stint

Image: Markus Varesvuo

Recently there has been much excitement among the twitchers with various new sightings occurring at the Strandfontein Sewerage Works. One such sighting causing much excitement was that of the Temminck's Stint (*Calidris temminckii*). The Temminck's Stint has not been officially recorded in South Africa for more than 25 years, with approximately 5 records ever for the sub-region! According to many, the best time to see this species at Strandfontein is in the morning.

Other special birds currently at Strandfontein are the Pectoral & Terek sandpipers (*Calidris melanotos* & *Xenus cinereus*), American golden plover (*Pluvialis dominica*), red-necked phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*), and another regional rarity - Baillon's crake (*Porzana pusilla*).



Female red-necked phalarope

Image: Mike Lane



Launch of Changing Lives Through Nature

On Thursday, 1 December 2016, the Cape Town Environmental Education Trust (CTEET) launched their new campaign, Changing Lives Through Nature, at the amazing new Rondevlei island campsite.

The Changing Lives Through Nature campaign is aimed specifically to raise funds for CTEET's youth programmes. CTEET uses nature in these programmes to uplift Cape Town's youth and broaden their career opportunities whilst contributing to conservation. This was clearly showcased at the launch, highlighting just a few of the lives that have already been changed through a number of these programmes.

To see more on the Changing Lives Through Nature campaign, please visit the website: <http://changinglivesthroughnature.co.za>. I also encourage everyone on Facebook / social media to share and like CTEET's Changing Lives Through Nature page.



Anthony Roberts from CTEET welcoming everyone to the Changing Lives Through Nature campaign launch.

Events coming up...

- Barber's Cape Flats Ranger (*Kedestes barberae bunta*) talk – 12 January 2017 (TBC)



Barber's Cape Flats Ranger (*Kedestes barberae bunta*), a skipper butterfly on the brink of extinction.

Photo: Ismat Adams

Welcome to Colleen McDowell, the new FoZR
Committee member.

FoZR Committee

Chair – Dee Cranswick (083 2525 680)

Treasurer – Tracy Gibbs

Secretary – Nicky Stock

Fundraising – Tom Schwerdtfeger

Activities – Neil Major

Reserve Liaison – Liz Day

Wishing Everyone a Safe and Merry Festive
Season

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