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Coordinated Avifaunal Roadcounts (CAR) Route Description Form

A detailed description of a route is helpful in interpreting the data collected on that route. It is also a useful aid to anyone doing a route for the first time. CAR needs a full set of route descriptions on file for these purposes. If you are the person who knows a particular route best, please fill in this form and return it with your roadcount form.

Note: We suggest that you fill in this form while driving the route, so that you don't forget anything that is relevant.

Precinct: _____ **Route number:** _____ **Accurate route length:** _____ km

Starting point GPS coordinates (dd.mm.ss) S ° ' " E ° ' "

If you can't provide GPS coordinates, please create a Whatsapp pindrop or pindrop on your phone map app, save the name of the route and start or end point on the pins (e.g. 'OV01 start pt' or 'OV01 end pt') and share with your precinct organiser via Whatsapp or email.

Please give a precise description of the start using clear landmarks:

Ending point GPS coordinates (dd.mm.ss) S ° ' " E ° ' "

Please give a precise description of the end using clear landmarks:

Directions

Describe, in the correct sequence, the turn-offs that one must take to follow the route correctly. Also give approximate distances to these points.

Warnings

Mention any parts of the route which are hazardous in any way and suggest ways of dealing with them safely.

Changes & burnt areas

Mention any **changes**, particularly in habitat or agriculture, which have occurred along the route since your last CAR count. Record the start and end point kms of recently **burnt areas** (e.g. 'Between km 10 and km 40 the veld has burnt badly in the past few months and there is no or little vegetation.'). Give your opinion on how these changes may have affected the CAR species.

Bird-rich areas

Describe which parts of the route usually produce the most birds, particularly cranes and bustards. If possible, relate these areas to easily recognized habitat features (e.g. 'Between km 10 and km 15 Blue Crane are often seen in wheat stubble fields on right of road.').

Bird-poor areas

Mention which parts of the route, if any, are particularly unproductive. If possible, relate these to easily recognized habitat features (e.g. 'Between km 40 and km 44 there is a dense wattle plantation and birds are very seldom observed.').

Other features

Mention other interesting features of the route e.g. wetlands, dams or feedlots where birds can be spotted, good spots to stop for tea, etc., particularly if they have a bearing on the method and effectiveness of counting.

Date: _____ Information provided by: _____

Email address: _____

Thank you!