

DNHG Early morning Birdwatching Trip to Al-Qudra Lake and Pivot Field
Saturday, November 15 2014

Meet 6:15 am at Bab al-Shams Resort parking lot, near Endurance City. It is likely to be full of cyclists heading out to the Al-Qudra bike path, so look for non-cyclists carrying binoculars and/or cameras. We will re-organize into 4WD vehicles for the final short off-road drive (1-2 km) to Al-Qudra lake.

The artificial lake is one of Dubai's premier spots for watching water birds, and there is also a possibility of seeing gazelles in the surrounding plantation.

After exhausting the post-dawn possibilities at Al-Qudra, we will proceed by convoy to the Pivot Field along the Awir Road after Dragon Mart, located opposite the Dubai municipal waste-water treatment plant. We will leave our vehicles in an informal parking area by the side of the road and proceed into the field on foot. Be prepared to walk at least a couple of kilometers over flat but sometimes muddy terrain. Because the field is irrigated, it attracts many birds on migration, which use it as a reliable stopover for resting and refueling.

What to bring:

- Outdoor clothing and footwear suitable for sandy and muddy terrain, bearing in mind that early morning temperatures may be cool at this time of year.
- Binoculars (essential)
- Camera (optional)
- Bird identification guide, if owned
- Water and snacks

Group size: limited to **12** participants

If interested, please send an email to tamsin.carlisle@platts.com with your name and contact details, as well as vehicle details/ride requirements for car-pooling purposes.