

ROSENDAL

BIRDING WEEKEND

30 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2026 · ROSENDAL, FREE STATE

GUIDED BY NICK NEWMAN · NEWMAN'S BIRDS

WEEKEND PRICE: R2,500 PER PERSON

What's included

**Friday dinner**

Service Station, Rosendal

**Morning coffee & rusks**

MoCo — both Saturday and Sunday

**Saturday guided birding**

Langkloof valley with Nick Newman

**Field breakfast boxes**

Picnic in the Langkloof, drip coffee included

**Two talks by Nick Newman**

Birding Basics (Fri) and Birds by Colour (Sat)

**Saturday Boerekos dinner**

Yollas restaurant, Rosendal

**Sunday guided birding**

Koos' Farm & Dairy Farm Road

**Sunday waffles**

Rosendal Handelshuis with coffee

**Event t-shirt**

For all participants

Accommodation not included. Book your own via Rosendal Stays — see details below.

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

Three days, beautifully paced

Friday 30 October 2026

Afternoon

Arrival & check-in

Settle in to your accommodation in Rosendal

Evening	Registration at the Service Station Collect your event t-shirt
19:00	Birding Basics: talk by Nick Newman Habitat, distribution, behaviour & anatomy
After talk	Dinner at the Service Station

Saturday *31 October 2026*

06:00	MoCo: coffee & rusks Gather and fuel up before the morning
06:30	Depart for the Langkloof Guided birding in the Langkloof valley
11:00	Field breakfast boxes, picnic style MoCo drip coffee included
Afternoon	Return to Rosendal Afternoon free — rest, explore, debrief
Evening	Birds and Colour: talk by Nick Newman Open to the Rosendal Birding Group and wider community
After talk	Boerekos buffet dinner at Yollas

Sunday *1 November 2026*

06:00	MoCo: coffee & rusks Final morning gathering
06:30	Depart for Koos' Farm Guided birding on Dairy Farm Road & surrounds
Late morning	Rosendal Handelshuis: waffles Bobotie waffle, breakfast waffle or sweet waffle with coffee
Midday	Check out & depart Safe travels!

TARGET SPECIES

What you might see

130+

Species in Rosendal town

2

Full guided birding days

20

Participants maximum

Verreaux's Eagle

One of Africa's most majestic raptors

African Fish Eagle

Iconic call, unmistakable silhouette

Grey Crowned Crane

Striking, unforgettable in flight

Southern Bald Ibis

Near-endemic, vulnerable

Malachite Sunbird

Brilliant emerald at the flowers

Bokmakierie

One of SA's finest songsters

Cape Rock Thrush

Striking colours on rocky outcrops

Kalahari Scrub Robin

Melodious, often seen on the ground

Barbet trio

Black-collared, Crested & Acacia Pied

Cape Longclaw

Flame-orange throat

Six duck species

Maccoa, Cape Shoveler & more

Full checklist of 130+ target species included in your weekend programme.

YOUR GUIDE



Nick Newman

Birder · Author · Speaker · Newman's Birds

Nick Newman is a passionate and accomplished birder whose interest in birds and their behaviour was inspired by his father's work in the field. At the helm of the Newman family business, Nick is committed to growing the community of birders via Kenneth Newman's iconic stable of well-loved birding reference tools.

Nick has been the driving force behind the next generation of Newman's Birds, and has launched the fully revised Newman's Birds of Southern Africa app and the updated Newman's Birds by Colour, launched in June 2024.

Nick's talks this weekend:

Birding Basics — Habitat, distribution, behaviour & anatomy

Birds and Colour — Nick's signature approach to bird identification

newmansbirds.com

WHERE TO STAY

Rosendal Stays

Accommodation is not included in the weekend price. You book your own. Rosendal Stays offers a hand-picked range of self-catering cabins, cottages and houses across all budgets. Book early.

WEEKEND SPONSOR

Rosendal Stays

Official accommodation partner of the Rosendal Birding Weekend

Rosendal Stays is a proud sponsor of the weekend, offering a hand-picked selection of self-catering cabins, cottages and houses across every budget. Book via rosendalstays.co.za or WhatsApp 083 294 5260.

WEEKEND SPONSOR

Rosendal Country Retreat

Proudly hosting Nick Newman for the weekend

Rosendal Country Retreat is the proud sponsor of Nick Newman's accommodation for the weekend. A beautifully appointed retreat on the edge of Rosendal — we're grateful for their generous support of this event.
therosendal.co.za

For accommodation, visit our sponsors directly:

Rosendal Stays

www.rosendalstays.co.za

Rosendal Country Retreat

www.thetherosendal.co.za

WEEKEND PRICE

R2,500

per person · excluding accommodation

Includes all meals, morning coffees, both guided birding excursions, two talks by Nick Newman, and your event t-shirt.

[Reserve your spot](#)

Limited to 20 participants · 30 Oct – 1 Nov 2026

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