



BIG YEAR OF AFRICAN SOUNDS (BYAS)

Livingstone Museum Waterbird Count — 3-12 February & Introduction To Smartphone Recording Workshop — 2 February

The 2026 wet season run of **The Livingstone Museum's historic waterbird count** (now well into its fourth decade) is scheduled as follows:

Tuesday 3 February:	Dambwa Lagoons (ie Livingstone Treatment Works)
Wednesday 4 February:	Royal Livingstone to Maramba River Mouth
Thursday 5 February:	Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park
Friday 6 February:	Clipper Fish Farm
Monday 9 February:	Siloka Island (upstream)
Tuesday 10 February:	Siloka Island (downstream)
Wednesday 11 February:	Victoria Falls (top trials)
Thursday 12 February:	Victoria Falls (Boiling Pot)

Those wishing to participate in this major citizen science exercise should meet at the Museum at 0800 or be at the count venue by 0830. All-comers welcome. **For enquiries call +260977474179.**

This year the waterbird count will double up as a fieldwork contribution to [eBird's Big Year of African Sounds](#), using the Merlin Sound ID app to record birdcalls during the count. Participants are therefore encouraged to attend additionally the **'Introduction to Smartphone Recording' workshop** which will be held at **The Livingstone Museum Education Centre on Monday 2 February at 1000** and which is being run by Birds of Interest on behalf of Birdwatch Zambia and in partnership with The Livingstone Museum and Birdlife Zimbabwe; kind sponsorship by Nyanja Wisi. **If you wish to attend the workshop you must have a smartphone with the Merlin ID App downloaded. And please register in advance on WhatsApp +260968095230.**

Note that neither a smartphone nor workshop participation is necessary to join the waterbird count.

