

## Lynx ID Challenge contest rules

This contest has the goal of testing your ID capabilities, with three prize categories for those who are able to identify as many species as possible, both visually and acoustically.

1. The contest will take place on Saturday 26th September at 8 pm in Conference Room 2 of the Delta Birding Festival (DBF). The room may change due to capacity reasons and if so it will be announced in the DBF.
2. Contestants will have to register in the ICO stand during the festival up to 15 minutes before the start of the contest.
3. Space is limited and, if maximum capacity is reached, contestants will be accepted by strict order of inscription.
4. The contest will consist in identifying correctly as many species as possible in a series of photographs and videos whilst an audio with bird sounds is simultaneously played.
5. The characteristics of the images and sounds will be these:
  - a. 30 photographs and videos of birds shown sequentially on screen
  - b. Each image will be shown for around 20 seconds
  - c. Species can be repeated
  - d. The species will be from the Western Palearctic
  - e. At the same time, 15 sounds of Western Palearctic birds will be heard simultaneously and they will have to be identified too.
6. The taxonomic criteria and nomenclature for the identification of the species will be that of the AERC TAC Checklist of bird taxa occurring in Western Palearctic region (<http://www.aerc.eu/tac.html>)
7. Bird identification guides can be used during the contest.
8. Contestants will have to write the names of the birds shown on screen in a form that they will be given before the start of the contest. This form will list the birds in the correct sequence and every image will have a number.
9. There will be a number on screen next to a musical symbol that will indicate what song is being played and contestants will have to write the name of the species for that number.

10. The jury will be formed by people selected by the ICO who will evaluate the answers in the forms following these criteria:
  - a. every correctly identified species, whether visually or acoustically, will give 2 points,.
  - b. every wrong species will subtract 1 point
  - c. unidentified species, where the box in the form has been left blank give no points (add zero).
  - d. names in Catalan, Spanish, English and scientific names are accepted.
    - d.i. the name must be written clearly and be unequivocally understandable
    - d.ii. the current official name is preferred but previous names will be accepted provided the species can be unequivocally identified
    - d.iii. for example, "Roller" is accepted in spite that the official name is "European Roller", "Parus caeruleus" in spite that classification in force is "Cyanistes caeruleus"
    - d.iv. local or regional names different from the official ones are not accepted; for example, "rupit" or "barbarroja" are not accepted for "pit-roig" (Robin).
11. The winners in first, second and third position will be those who have added up more points in this order.
12. In case of a tie in any of the positions, the winner will be decided by draw but non selected contestants will occupy the places immediately below, displacing the contestants in those positions.
13. Members of the jury, contest organizers and DBF staff (volunteers excluded) are not allowed to enroll the contest.
14. The prizes, sponsored by Lynx Eds., consist of the following:
  - a. **1st Prize:** *HBW and BirdLife International Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World. Vol. 1: Non-passerines + voucher for Vol. 2: Passerines* (370€ value)
  - b. **2nd Prize:** *HBW and BirdLife International Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World. Vol. 1: Non-passerines* (180€ value)

- c. **3rd Prize:** *Extremely rare birds in the Western Palearctic + Peregrine Falcons of the World* (52€ value)

15. The decision of the jury is not subject to appeal