

Madagascan Cuckoo: Rules & Directions

1. Arriving at Kranspoort Estate entrance gate, mention to the security guard you are here to find “the scarce bird”. He will instruct you to call **Johan Cross – 0837090227** or **Hannetjie Senekal at 0832987370** or **Christo Landman at 071 882 4866**.
2. The guard will take your contact number, name and registration number. This is for control purposes should you get lost or injured while in the veld. It will not be shared with anybody else.
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 - 3.1 Once through the gate turn left onto the paved road and zero your trip meter. Stay on Kranspoort Ave for 4,9km. It turns into a gravel road and back to paving and to gravel again. 120 m on you will be at the 4,9km mark.
 - 3.2 At the 4,9km mark turn right into Aalwyn sgl. Hennie Liebenberg Properties (Tarina Marais) provided directional signage to assist.
 - 3.3 Keep right at the fork where you will find a property marked with white surveyor stakes. This is our parking area.
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 - 4.1 Look out for our hiking trail marker. It is a yellow foot fairly close to the ground on the furthest point of the parking area from the road.
 - 4.2 Follow the hiking trail into a ditch for about 150 meters. Turn left on a path up the side of the ditch and follow the markers for about 500m. You should be in a kloof by now with a high hill on your right (with a cross planted on top) and a long hill on your left. The bird’s call should be close by and you may follow it randomly. Most probably up the hill to your left.
5. **PLEASE do not play a call-back of the Madagascan call.** It does not react on it and confuse other birders in the area. In fact, it chases the bird away.
6. Be careful of venomous snakes. We hike often without any problems **BUT be aware.** Call one of the above people should you experience any problems or are lost.
7. Please wapp or message Johan Cross on you way out. We would love to know if you were successful.
8. **Enjoy your birding.**