

Hong Kong Wetland Park introduces birds' parental care (with photos)

The Hong Kong Wetland Park is holding its annual winter highlight event, the Bird Watching Festival, from November 20 until April 20, 2020.

With "Incredible Bird Parents" as the theme this year, the Festival shows how versatile and sophisticated birds are in providing parental care for their offspring. For instance, the Asian koel simply lays eggs in the nest of another host species and then leaves, while the white-breasted waterhen takes care of every aspect for its young, from safety and food to flight learning. The "Incredible Bird Parents" thematic exhibition introduces the above.

Another attraction of the Festival is the display, for the first time, of five unique Lego brick wetland animal models, comprising the celebrity saltwater crocodile Pui Pui, the elegant kingfisher, the relaxed paddy frog, the energetic fiddler crab and the gorgeous common tiger, as well as Lego brick wall art, all co-created by the Hong Kong Wetland Park and Lego Certified Professional Mr Andy Hung, with a view to inspiring kids, and big kids, to contribute to a better nature.

The Festival also has an array of edutainment activities, such as bird watching guided tours, thematic interpretation sessions on birds, bird photography workshops, nesting doll (birds and their chicks) painting workshops, public lectures and a kids reading club, which allow visitors to learn more about birds.

Located next to the Mai Po Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site, the Wetland Park is an ideal place for bird watching. It has diversified habitats, including mudflats, freshwater marshes, ponds, streams, wet farmlands, reedbeds, mangroves and woodlands, which provide suitable living environments for more than 270 bird species, accounting for almost half of the bird species recorded in Hong Kong.

For details of the Festival, please visit the website of the Wetland Park (www.wetlandpark.gov.hk) and the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HongKongWetlandPark) of the Park.

