
IN-KIND SUPPORT REPORT

Equipment Donation by Binoculars4Charity

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Donor Organization: Binoculars4Charity

Recipient Organization: Rugezi Ornithology Center (ROC)

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1.0 Executive Summary.

This report documents the in-kind support received from Binoculars4Charity in the form of optical field equipment. The donated items have been strategically deployed across multiple conservation and education activities, advancing bird monitoring, citizen science, and environmental awareness across Rwanda. We are deeply grateful to Binoculars4Charity for their generous and impactful contribution to our mission.

Binoculars4Charity donated a total of sixteen (16) pieces of optical field equipment comprising 10 Binoculars, 2 Spotting Scopes, 3 Tripods and 1 Monopod .

All items were received in good condition and have been logged into the organization's asset register for accountability and tracking purposes.

2.0 Utilization and Activity

The donated equipment has been actively deployed across four key programmatic areas aligned with our conservation and education mission:

2.1 Rwanda Waterbird Count

The binoculars and scopes were central to the Rwanda Waterbird Count 2026 , an inclusive citizen science initiative engaging participants from diverse backgrounds including local community members, students, and ornithologists. The equipment

enabled accurate bird species identification and population counting at key wetland and lake sites across Rwanda, contributing valuable national-level biodiversity data that feeds into regional and international waterbird monitoring networks.



2.2 Birding Club Training

Structured training sessions were conducted for birding clubs at primary, secondary, and university levels, using the donated equipment to provide hands-on, experiential learning. Training sessions covered the proper handling and care of binoculars, scopes, tripods, and monopods; field bird identification techniques using visual and auditory cues, and awareness of bird conservation principles and the ecological importance of Rwanda's avian diversity. Participants were also introduced to citizen science platforms for recording and sharing biodiversity observations.



2.3 Field Excursions

Organized field excursions were carried out with our organizational team and club members from various institutions, visiting key natural habitats including lakeshores, marshes, and forested areas. These excursions provided immersive, practical learning experiences that reinforced skills developed during training sessions. Participants observed and recorded bird species in their natural environments, practiced using equipment under real field conditions, and developed an appreciation for the ecological value of Rwanda's natural landscapes. Field

excursions also served as an important team-building and motivation tool for club members and volunteers.



3.4 Baseline Bird Survey

A structured baseline survey is currently underway at wetland and lake ecosystems facing increasing pressures from agricultural encroachment and improper waste disposal. Using the donated binoculars, scopes, and tripods, our team is systematically documenting bird species diversity, abundance, and community composition across multiple survey sites. The data is being collected following standardized ornithological protocols to ensure scientific rigor and comparability over time. Survey findings will be compiled into a formal baseline report that will serve as a scientific reference point for all future monitoring and conservation interventions in these areas.





4. Conservation context and impact

Rwanda's wetlands and lakes, the primary sites of our fieldwork are under growing threat from agricultural encroachment and improper waste disposal, yet they remain critical habitats for numerous bird species, including rare and endemic ones found nowhere else in the world.

Through the equipment generously donated by Binoculars4Charity, our team has been able to monitor and document these vulnerable ecosystems while simultaneously delivering meaningful conservation impact: contributing waterbird data to national and regional biodiversity networks, building practical conservation skills among youth across school and university birding clubs, conducting guided

field excursions, and establishing baseline biodiversity data to guide future conservation planning and habitat protection advocacy.

Acknowledgement

We express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to Binoculars4Charity for their generous donation and unwavering commitment to supporting bird conservation in Rwanda. This equipment has significantly strengthened our operational capacity, enabling us to conduct quality scientific fieldwork and meaningfully engage communities from schoolchildren to university students to local birding enthusiasts in protecting Rwanda's rich avian biodiversity. The impact of this donation will continue to grow as our programs expand and the data we collect informs conservation action for years to come. We look forward to continued partnership and to sharing future results of the conservation work made possible by this support.

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