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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

In association with Biodiversity club

Celebrates National Bird watching day

EXPLORING THE AVIAN WORLD

Workshop on avian
surveillance

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@ Marian Hall



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Report on:

Exploring the Avian World: Workshop on Avian Surveillance

Every year, November 12 is observed as National Bird Watching Day on the birth anniversary of India's legendary ornithologist Salim Ali. Wherever and whenever you see birds, a close connection with Mother Nature follows. On 8th November 2023 the Department of Zoology in association with the Biodiversity club organized a workshop on 'Avian Surveillance', to celebrate the National Bird watching day. The event began at 2pm in the Marian hall.

The programme was commenced with a small prayer by Ms. Sumam M Chandran (1st M.Sc. Zoology). The gathering was formally welcomed by Dr. Vidya G, Head, Department of Zoology. This was followed by a beautiful message by Dr. Sr. Blessy, principal, St. Joseph's college Irinjalakuda. Ms. Athira M S (1st B.Sc. Zoology), silver medallist in Pencak silat was congratulated and was presented with a token of appreciation during the programme. Then Mr. Jithin introduced the chief guest, he also mentioned the milestone achievements of the chief guest. Dr. Sr. Blessy presented a memento to the resource person as a token of our appreciation. The chief guest and the resource person was Mr. Raphy Kallettumkara. He is a naturalist and bird watcher. He has seen 430 species of birds out of total 537 species identified. The workshop was dedicated to Salim Ali and Mahatma Gandhi. He mentioned various birds like white cheeked barbet, sulphur bellied warbler, American golden plover, cuckoo, crow, peregrine falcon and many other birds. He spoke about their habitat, habits, migration, breeding, their importance etc. He also mentioned the basic guidelines for bird watching.

It was a very interesting and informative session. Ms. Agna Ronalf delivered the vote of thanks and Ms. Sumam M. Chandran gave the feedback of the session. The event was concluded with National Anthem.

Exploring the Avian World – Field Trip

The National Bird Watching Day was observed at St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda. As part of the observance, the Bird Watching Club, under the leadership of Mr. Raphy Kallettumkara, President of Borders Sans Borders (BSB), organized a bird-watching event involving students and faculty members. Participants included students from the Department of Zoology, St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda, as well as members of the Biodiversity Club. Notable individuals like Lalu P. Joy, Chinchu, Arun, Nidheesh and faculty members Dr. Vidya G, Dr. Gigi Poulose, Jithin Johnson, Aswani Das, and Akhila T B were part of the 40-member group.

The bird-watching event took place in the picturesque surroundings of the Konthipulam wetlands. Starting at 7 am on November 11, the participants spotted a total of 74 bird species, including migratory birds that had travelled long distances to reach the survey site. Observing such a diverse range of birds within a few kilometers and in such a small area is a significant accomplishment.

Some of the key species spotted during the survey included Stykes's short toad lark, Blue Throat, Siberian Stonechat, Pacific Golden Plover, Greater Spotted Eagle, Little Ringed Plover, Booted Warbler, and Pintail Snipe. These species are considered important in the context of long-distance bird migration.

Apart from the biodiversity, discussions were held on the importance of bird-watching in the context of climate change. The event emphasized the significance of bird-watching not only in understanding the diversity of birds but also in raising awareness about the ecological balance in the region. The students were encouraged to engage in bird-watching as a valuable learning experience, contributing to the study of the region's biodiversity and habitat conservation.

Glance from the event

