

# Report of the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) and Campus Bird Count (CBC)

This program was held at Yuvaraja’s College Campus on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 under Internal Quality Assurance Cell by Green Audit committee and Eco club of Yuvaraja’s College (Autonomous), Mysore in Yuvaraja’s and Maharaja’s College campus including Vice Chancellor’s Residential area.

## Background information:

This was done as part of the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) and Campus Bird Count (CBC) 16–19 February, 2024. The information collected is as given here: “Do remember to fill out the registration forms if you are conducting a bird walk during any of the above dates. Your registered event will be seen here: <https://birdcount.in/find-a-gbbc-cbc-event-near-you/>; One request is to kindly provide relevant details of your bird walk in the form to guide others who wish to join.”

Registration form was filled by Mrs Renu Priyadarshini, a Birder and Faculty, Yuvaraja’s College, Mysore and the screen shot of the registered event of Yuvaraja’s College campus is given below:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [birdcount.in/find-a-gbbc-cbc-event-near-you/](https://birdcount.in/find-a-gbbc-cbc-event-near-you/). The page displays a list of events under the heading "Find a GBBC/CBC event near you". The highlighted event is as follows:

State	Organization	Registration	Event Details	Organizer	Contact	Participants
Karnataka	YCM	Yes	Where: Yuvaraja's college mysuru When: 18th Feb Time: 7:30 AM Meeting point- In front of Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru	Renu Priyadarshini M	9008377156	2/1

Below the highlighted event, there is a description: "We've planned a bird walk in and around our college campus on 18/02/2024, Sunday. Anyone can join this event organised by nature club of our college. We'll start birding at 8 am from our main gate and return there by 11 am (time might vary). Around 15-20 enthusiastic students with lecturers and other interested birders will be taking part in this event."

Next step was to provide relevant details of our bird walk in the form to guide others who wish to join:

A flyer was prepared and was circulated in many groups which is given below:



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YUVARAJA'S COLLEGE (Autonomous)  
JLB Road, Mysuru - 570 005  
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)



GREEN AUDIT COMMITTEE AND ECO-CLUB

# Campus Bird Count

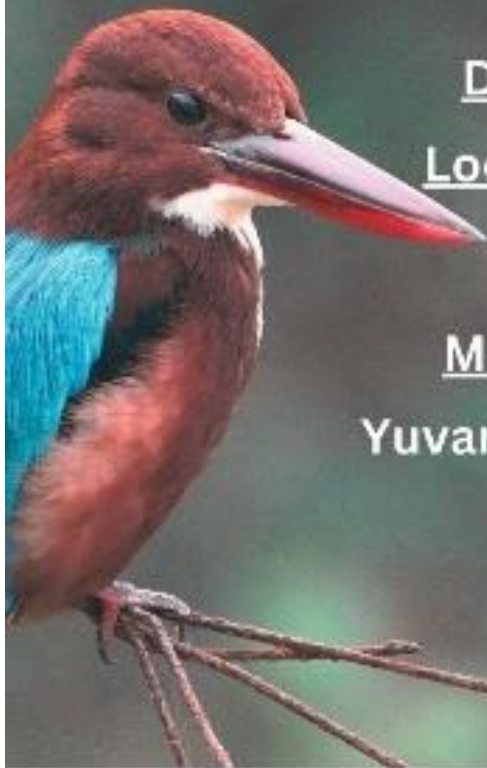
Part of Great Backyard Bird Count India

Date: 18th February 2024

Location: Yuvaraja's College  
Campus

Meeting Point: In front of  
Yuvaraja's college main building

Time : 7:45 AM



Wear: Dull-colored clothes, hats/caps, comfortable walking shoes.

Bring: Notebook, pen/pencil and water.

Optional: Bird books/apps, binoculars, cameras, etc

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All interested gathered at Yuvaraja's College Campus and Prof M K Mahesh, Principal, Yuvaraja's college Mysore wished the team for a good bird count. 15 members participated actively. Members carried different types of cameras and binoculars for viewing the birds.

The Members were from various backgrounds from Karnataka State, India:

1. Prof M K Loknath: Honourable Vice-chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysore
2. Prof M K Mahesh, Principal, Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore, Mysore
3. Renu Priyadarshini, Faculty, Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore, Mysore
4. Prof Devaki N S, Faculty, Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore, Mysore
5. Sanjana Shajan, Faculty Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore, Mysore
6. Mrs Vasundhara Nagabhushan, Birder, Home Maker, Mysore
7. Mr Kalyan Chakarborthy, Ranga Rao and Sons Pvt Ltd., Mysore
8. Ms. Dhvani, 10 years-old , D/O, Mr Kalyan Chakarborthy
9. Ms Supriya S Sundar, Student of MSc Integrated, Yuvaraja's College, Mysore
10. Sukrutha, Student of B.Sc., Yuvaraja's College
11. Swaroop, A Student, MSW, Pooja Bhagwath Mahajana PG Centre, Mysore
12. Ms Shreya, Student of B.Sc., Yuvaraja's College

Mrs Renu Priyadarshini gave the participants good amount of information of birds which were spotted in the sky, trees and in the ground. As soon as the birds were spotted the name and numbers were uploaded to ebird. A Total of 37 species were spotted during the bird walk. The details are given below with photographs:

<u>Number of individuals</u>	<u>Name of the species</u>
20	Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)
1	Spotted Dove
1	Greater Coucal
6	Asian Koel
1	Common Hawk-Cuckoo
1	Painted Stork -- Flying
2	Indian Pond-Heron
3	Red-naped Ibis
3	Oriental Honey-buzzard
20	Black Kite
10	Brahminy Kite
5	Spotted Owlet
2	Indian Gray Hornbill
2	Coppersmith Barbet
8	White-cheeked Barbet
1	Black-rumped Flame back
10	Rose-ringed Parakeet
6	Small Minivet
2	Indian Golden Oriole
1	Spot-breasted Fantail
2	Black Drongo
2	Ashy Drongo
10	Large-billed Crow

4	Cinereous Tit
3	Common Tailorbird
4	Ashy Prinia
3	Booted Warbler
3	Blyth's Reed Warbler
3	Barn Swallow
12	Red-whiskered Bulbul
2	Red-vented Bulbul
2	Indian White-eye
21	Common Myna
2	Oriental Magpie-Robin
10	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher
10	Pale-billed Flowerpecker
6	Purple-rumped Sunbird

Photo credits of all the birds given below: **Mrs. Renu Priyadarshini**, Faculty, Yuvaraja's College, Mysore.

## Granivorous bird



**Rock pigeon**



**Spotted dove**



## Frugivorous birds



**Coppersmith barbet**



**white cheeked barbet**



**Rose ringed parakeet**



**Pale-billed flowerpecker**



**Asian Koel**



**Indian Gray Hornbill**



**Indian white eye**

## **Insectivorous birds**



**Tickell's Blue Flycatcher**



**Small Minivet**



**Oriental Magpie Robin**



**Ashy prinia**





**Common Hawk Cuckoo**



**Spot Breasted Fantail**



**Blyth's Reed Warbler**



**Booted Warbler**



**Ashy Drongo**



**Black Drongo**





**Cinereous tit**



**Common Tailorbird**



**Black-rumped Flameback**



**Barn Swallow**

## **Omnivorous birds**



**Red Vented Bulbul**



**Red-whiskered Bulbul**





**Common Myna**



**Jungle Myna**



**Greater Coucal**



**Indian golden oriole**

## **Scavenger birds**



**Large-billed crow**



**Common house crow**



**Black Kite**

## **Water birds**

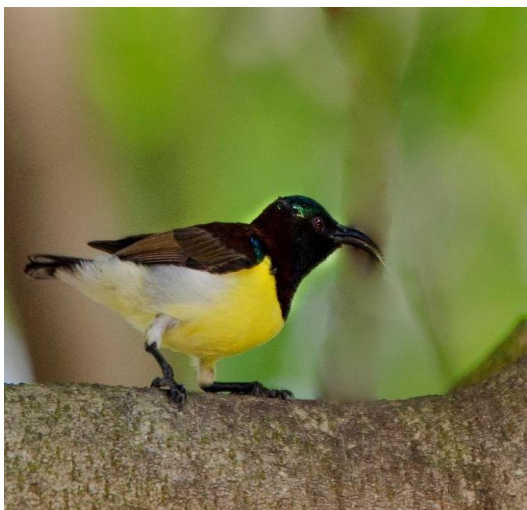


**Indian Pond Heron**



**Painted stork**

## **Nectarine Birds**



**Purple Rumped Sunbird**



**Purple sunbird**



## Terrestrial birds



Red-naped ibis

## Nocturnal Birds



Spotted Owlet

## Birds of Prey



Oriental Honey Buzzard



Brahminy Kite



Some of the images taken during the Bird walk are given below:



A view of the participants along with Prof N K Loknath, H'ble ViceChancellor, University of Mysore





View of participants gathered in Yuvaraja's College campus with Prof M.K Mahesh, Principal, Yuvaraja's College (Fifth from left) for bird walk on the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) and Campus Bird Count (CBC) held at Yuvaraja's College Campus on 18th February 2024.





Views of the participants engrossed in Bird watching guided by Mrs Renu Priyadarshini (seen in the third photograph from the left in the first row)



View of the nature of vegetation (dry deciduous) is seen during the bird watch conducted on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Yuvaraja's and Majoraja's College Campus

The Bird watching was concluded with bidding good by to each other with a longing to meet again at the earliest for such an event organized by Yuvaraja's College (Autonomous), University of Mysore.

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