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School of Birds – A Special Event on National Bird Day

Organized by Birdwatchers' Society & WINGS
In collaboration with Ajoypur High School
| 5th January

To celebrate National Bird Day, the Birdwatchers' Society and WINGS, along with Ajoypur High School, held a special program called "School of Birds." The event was led by teacher Dinabandhu Biswas and volunteer Priyanka Mondal. The main goal was to teach students about why birds are important and how we can help protect them.

Students took part in a birdwatching session near the Tilpara Barrage. With the help of WINGS volunteers, they spotted and identified different kinds of birds.

The program helped students learn about nature, care for the environment, and enjoy watching birds. It was a fun and meaningful way to celebrate National Bird Day!





"School of Birds" Conducted at Heavy Engineering Unit-II FP School

Location: Heavy Engineering Unit-II FP School | Bird Educator: Dibyendu Kumar Mondal | 8th January

As part of our continued efforts to raise awareness about birds and nature, a special "School of Birds" session was conducted at Heavy Engineering Unit-II FP School. The event was led by Dibyendu Kumar Mondal, a member of our team, who took on the role of Bird Educator for the day.

During the session, students learned several interesting facts about birds, their habits, and their importance in the ecosystem. The young participants showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the program.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Birdwatchers' Society for their valuable support as a collaborating partner. The teaching and learning materials they provided played an important role in helping students connect with the topic in an engaging way.

Programs like these aim to spark interest in nature among young minds and highlight the need for bird conservation. We look forward to continuing our work in building awareness and appreciation for our natural world.



Celebrating the Second "School of Birds"

***Program at Ukhra 2 No Abaitanik Prathamik
Vidyalaya***
| 10th January

We are very happy to congratulate Dibyendu Kumar Mondal, one of our active members, for successfully organizing the "School of Birds" program for the second time at Ukhra 2 No Abaitanik Prathamik Vidyalaya, Paschim Bardhaman.



We thank the school head and teachers for their kind support and help. Their cooperation made the program successful once again.

We are also thankful to the Birdwatchers' Society, our partner in this program, for providing useful teaching and learning materials. These materials helped the students take more interest and learn better about birds.

Through programs like this, we hope to create awareness among children, make them curious about nature, and teach them to care for the environment.

Let us keep working together to educate young minds and protect birds through knowledge and teamwork.



"School of Birds" Held at Birbhum Zilla School

On 11th January 2025, we organized the "School of Birds" program at Birbhum Zilla School. The session was led by Manish Kumar Chattopadhyay, who served as the Bird Educator for the day.

The students took part with great interest and enthusiasm. They enjoyed learning many fascinating facts about birds and showed curiosity throughout the session.

We sincerely thank the Birdwatchers' Society for their continued support and for providing helpful materials. Their contribution made the session more engaging and meaningful for the students.



Annual Bird Survey 2025 Conducted in Asansol

On 1st February 2025, WINGS, in collaboration with the Forest Department, Government of West Bengal, successfully conducted the Annual Bird Survey in Asansol. The survey covered three key locations: Damodar River Bed, IISCO Sedimentation Pond, and the Aerodrome area.

During the survey, several remarkable bird species were recorded, including:

- Common Merganser
- Peregrine Falcon
- Osprey
- Red-crested Pochard
- Gadwall
- Common Chiffchaff



We extend our sincere appreciation to our dedicated team members—Ajoy Kumar Dawn, Manish Kumar Chattopadhyay, Sankha Mishra, Suvodip Chakraborty, Debasish Chatterjee, and Saptarshi Mukherjee—for their commitment to bird monitoring and conservation.

These valuable observations contribute to ongoing efforts in bird conservation and highlight the importance of protecting our natural habitats.

Stay connected with WINGS for more such updates and activities.

A Special Day with Birds at SARPI FP School

We are happy to share the success of the “School of Birds” program, held on January 13th, 2025, at SARPI FP School. This event was organized in partnership with the Birdwatchers' Society to help students learn more about the amazing world of birds.

The main goal was to teach children about different types of birds, where they live, and why it's important to protect them. With fun and informative sessions, students got a chance to see birds closely, ask questions, and enjoy nature.

A big thank you to Dibyendu, who worked very hard to organize the entire program. His energy and love for teaching were clear as he guided the children through the activities and helped them learn in a fun way.

Throughout the day, the students were full of curiosity and excitement. They played, explored, and discovered so much about the environment. It was truly heartwarming to see their interest in birds and wildlife.

We are thankful to everyone who helped make this event a great success. We hope to organize more such programs in the future to inspire young minds and help them grow closer to nature.



Spreading Wings of Knowledge at Deshbandhu Mahavidyalaya & Desh- bandhu Vidyalaya Boys, Chittaranjan

We are happy to share that our team at WINGS successfully held two exciting School of Birds programs — one at Deshbandhu Mahavidyalaya and the other at Deshbandhu Vidyalaya Boys, both in Chittaranjan!

These sessions were led by our enthusiastic educators, Su-
vodip and Dibyendu, who took students on a fun and edu-
cational journey into the world of birds. Their friendly and
engaging style made the sessions interesting, sparking curi-
osity and excitement among all the students.

We were also honored to have officials from the Durgapur
Forest Division (Asansol T Range) with us. They shared
valuable knowledge about wildlife and nature conservation,
helping students understand why protecting the environ-
ment is so important.

At Deshbandhu Vidyalaya Boys, the program received a
warm welcome and great response from both students and
teachers. Everyone took part with a lot of interest and en-
thusiasm.

A big thank you to the Birdwatchers' Society for their sup-
port in making these events possible. We look forward to
organizing more such programs and continuing our journey
of spreading awareness and love for nature!



11th Barrage Bird Count at Durgapur Barrage

An Amazing Day for Bird Lovers!

On 15th February, our team at WINGS took part in the 11th Barrage Bird Count at Durgapur Barrage, and we're excited to share that we spotted 47 different species of birds in just one day!

It was a wonderful experience for all birdwatchers involved. Each sighting added to our knowledge and love for nature. These bird counts help us understand bird behavior, population, and the importance of conserving their habitats.

Want to see the full list of birds we spotted?
Check it out here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S213685377>

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and birding adventures from Team WINGS!





“School of Birds” at Bansgora Sishu Siksha Kendra Learning About Nature, One Bird at a Time!

On 18th February 2025, we conducted the School of Birds program at Bansgora Sishu Siksha Kendra, Paschim Bardhaman. The session was led by Dibyendu Kumar Mondal, who guided the students through the amazing world of birds.

The young learners were full of excitement as they discovered how birds live, what they eat, how they behave, and why it's important to protect their homes. It was a fun and eye-opening day for everyone!

A big thank you to Rishi Das for capturing the beautiful moments from the event, and to the Birdwatchers' Society for their continued support and resources. Their help made the session enjoyable and meaningful for all the students.

We look forward to bringing more such experiences to young minds and encouraging a love for nature!



“School of Birds” at Labnapara Avaitanik Prathamik Vidyalaya

On 20th February 2025, we had the pleasure of conducting the School of Birds program at Labnapara Avaitanik Prathamik Vidyalaya, Paschim Bardhaman. The session was led by our bird educator, Dibyendu Kumar Mondal, who introduced the students to the wonderful world of birds.

The students took part with great excitement, learning about how birds live, where they nest, how they behave, and why it’s important to protect them. Their curiosity and eagerness made the session truly special.

A big thanks to Rishi Das for capturing the event so beautifully through his lens, and to the Birdwatchers’ Society for their constant support and valuable resources that made the session engaging and fun.

It’s truly heartwarming to see young learners showing interest in nature and wildlife conservation. We hope to continue spreading awareness and love for the environment through more such programs!





School of Birds” at Aims Generate Public School Blending Art and Nature to Inspire Young

On 21st February 2025, we organized the School of Birds program at Aims Generate Public School, Paschim Bardhaman. The session was led by Dibyendu Kumar Mondal, who introduced students to the amazing world of birds.

The students not only learned about bird behavior, habitats, and their importance in nature, but also expressed their creativity by drawing beautiful sketches of the birds they discovered. It was a wonderful mix of learning and art!

A big thank you to Rishi Das for capturing the spirit of the day through his thoughtful documentation, and to the Birdwatchers' Society for their ongoing support in making such sessions meaningful and fun.

It's truly inspiring to see how young learners are developing a love for birds and nature. Their growing interest in conservation gives us hope for a better, greener future!





"School of Birds" at Mahasole Primary School, Salboni

On 18th February 2025, the School of Birds workshop took flight at Mahasole Primary School, Salboni, Paschim Medinipur, with Rakesh Singha Dev as the bird educator. The program gave young students a chance to explore the fascinating world of birds in a fun and hands-on way.

From using binoculars and cameras to spotting birds, to learning about nests, habitats, and bird calls—students were fully immersed in nature. A special photo exhibition showcased the vibrant birdlife of the Salboni and Aarbari Reserve Forest areas, sparking awe and wonder among the kids.

Exciting activities like drawing competitions and quizzes kept the energy high, and winners were thrilled to receive prizes! Students from classes 4 and 5 were also gifted a beautifully illustrated booklet featuring 174 bird species found in West Bengal—a keepsake to fuel their growing interest in birds.

The event was honored by the presence of Mr. Sandeep Singha, a respected social worker and sports promoter from Salboni, who inspired everyone with his words. We also thank Mr. Souvik Jana, Sub-Inspector of Schools (Sadar North Circle), and the dedicated school teachers for their wholehearted support.

The school came alive with the chirping of curious little bird-watchers, making it a day to remember!

- Media Coverage:
- Biplabi Sabyasachi
- News18 Bengali
- Ei Samayv

"School of Birds" at Ramkrishna Mission Vidyapith, Purulia

Exploring Nature at One of Purulia's Finest Schools

On 23rd February 2025, we had the privilege of conducting the School of Birds program at Ramkrishna Mission Vidyapith, Purulia—an institution known for its excellence in education and discipline.

Bird educators Sagar Adhurya and Diptesh Goswami led the session, guiding students through an exciting exploration of bird life. From learning about different species and their habitats to understanding the vital role birds play in our ecosystem, the students participated with great enthusiasm and curiosity.

A big thank you to the Birdwatchers' Society for their valuable support, which helped make the session both interactive and educational.

It was truly a joy to see young minds connecting with nature and taking interest in conservation!





Spreading Awareness, Inspiring

Our Indian Gray Wolf Conservation Project Team successfully conducted awareness programs on 13th March 2025 at Rangamati Jr. High School and Adibasi Para, Jamgora, in Paschim Bardhaman.

These sessions aimed to educate and engage local communities about the importance of conserving the Indian Gray Wolf and protecting its habitat.





Making a Real Difference in Madhaiganj!

Conservation took center stage today as President Arnish, Secretary Arkajyoti, and Honourable Member Debdulal Da led by example at Madhaiganj forest. Their hands-on approach to forest cleanup demonstrates that true conservation goes beyond wildlife protection – its about actively reducing our environmental impact and maintaining natures pristine beauty.

This grassroots initiative shows how local leadership can inspire positive environmental change. By getting their hands dirty (quite literally!), our leaders remind us that every individual action counts in preserving our natural heritage.

Keep Madhaiganj green! 8 th feb2025





Winter Waterbird Survey at Harisinghpur, Ghatal, Paschim Medinipur under Kharagpur Forest Division, WBFD

Date: 15.01.2025

Survey Team: Two members from WINGS (Dr. Arkajyoti Mukherjee, Mr. Diptesh Goswami) and four members from WBFD.

Survey Method: Total Count (The **total count method** for waterbird surveys involves systematically counting all individual birds of each species present in a defined area, such as a wetland or waterbody, during a specific time. We used binoculars, cameras, and field guides to identify and record species accurately. The survey was conducted in the early morning when bird activity was highest and visibility was optimal.)

Waterbird Checklist: A total of twelve species belonged to seven families recorded during the survey. Only one winter migrant (Garganey) was recorded during the study.

Sl. No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Abundance
ANATIDAE			
1	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	65
2	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	1
RALLIDAE			
3	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1
4	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	16
5	Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	39
JACANIDAE			
6	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	82
CICONIIDAE			
7	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	105
ARDEIDAE			
8	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	9
9	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	3
PHALACROCORACIDAE			
10	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	1
11	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	6
ALCEDINIDAE			
12	White-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	2

Major Threats: Water hyacinth blooms and kite flying pose significant threats to waterbirds. Dense water hyacinth infestations degrade aquatic habitats by reducing open water surfaces, depleting oxygen levels, and obstructing access to feeding grounds, leading to habitat unsuitability for many waterbird species. Kite flying, particularly with strings coated in abrasive materials like glass (manjha), endangers birds by causing injuries or fatalities when they collide with or become entangled in the strings. These activities disrupt waterbird populations by impacting their foraging, nesting, and roosting behaviors, underscoring the need for habitat management and community awareness to mitigate these threats.

WINTER WATERBIRD SURVEY, 2025 (JHARGRAM FOREST DIVISION, WBFD)

Study sites: Jhilli Pakhiralay, Hatibari Range (**Site 1**), Khandarani Dam, Belpahari Range (**Site 2**), Ketki Jharna, Bhulabheda Range (**Site 3**) and Rajbandh Wetlands, Jhargram range (**Site 4**).

Date of Survey: 13.01.2025-15.01.2015

Survey Team: Durgapur WINGS (Dr. Arkajyoti Mukherjee, Shipra Ganguly)

Table1. Checklist of the waterbirds (R: Resident, WM: Winter Migrant)

Sl. No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Migration Status	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4
ANATIDAE							
1	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	R	5520	324	-	6
2	Fulvous Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	R	2	-	-	-
3	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	WM	105	21	-	-
4	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	WM	42	-	-	-
5	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	WM	12	-	-	-
6	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	WM	3	-	-	-
7	Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	R	1	-	-	-
8	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	R	8	13	2	6
PODICIPEDIDAE							
9	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	R	35	12	4	11
10	Great-crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	WM	-	2	-	-
RALLIDAE							
11	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	R	2	-	-	-
12	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	R	15	7	-	2
13	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	R	3	2	4	1
14	Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	R	4	1	-	-
JACANIDAE							
15	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopedius indicus</i>	R	12	2	1	2
16	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	R	10	3	-	-
ARDEIDAE							
17	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	R	4	2	2	5
18	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	R	1	1	-	-
19	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	R	1	2	-	-
20	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	R	50	12	2	9
21	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	R	12	1	2	1
22	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	R	2	-	-	-
PHALACROCORACIDAE							
23	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	R	8	3	3	3
24	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	WM	-	2	-	-
ALCEDINIDAE							
25	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	R	1	-	-	1
26	White-breasted Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	R	2	3	2	2
27	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	R	1	2	-	-
CICONIIDAE							
28	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	R	12	7	-	-
SCOLOPACIDAE							
29	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	WM	-	2	-	-
30	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	R	11	-	-	-
CHARADRIIDAE							
31	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>	WM	-	2	-	389
HIRUNDINIDAE							
32	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	WM	2	3	-	-

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