















Celebrating Bird Week

5-12 November 2024

The Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP) Programme Centre (PC), Resource Partner (RP) on Avian Ecology at the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS-EIACP https://bnhsenvis.nic.in) in association with Maharashtra Pakshimitra Sanghatana and Bird Count India is celebrating the birth anniversaries of Dr. Sálim Ali (12 Nov) and Shri Maruti Chitampalli (5 Nov) by conducting a **Sálim Ali Bird Count** across India and observing Pakshi Saptah (Bird Week) in Maharashtra.

Both events will be celebrated for 8 days 5–12 November.

How to Participate in Bird Count?

- Watch and count birds from anywhere you are in India for 8 days, from 5–12 November 2024
- Upload your sightings to the <u>eBird mobile app</u>
- Upload at least two lists each day from 5 -12 Nov. Each list should be of at least 15 minutes or more
- Each list should be a <u>complete list with counts</u> of all birds that you could identify by sight and/ or sound to the best of your ability.

General Instructions for Bird Count:

Preferred Date: If possible, choose any day between 5th and 12th November to participate. Visit the nearest Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) or any waterbody, and conduct a careful bird count for at least fifteen minute to one hour to ensure meaningful data collection.

Best Time: Counts are most productive in the early morning when bird activity is highest. Birds tend to become quieter and less active later in the day.

Multiple Counts: You can upload multiple bird counts, either from the same location or from different sites.

eBird Upload: If you're uploading your sightings to eBird, the eBird mobile app is one of the easiest tools to use.

Important:

Please submit all your lists before the 30th of November. For those new to eBird, <u>read the brief</u> <u>description</u>, and go through our <u>detailed beginner's guide</u>; create an account and start using eBird right away to get used to the platform.

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