

Dawn Chorus Day (15th March 2026)

Experience the Magic of Morning Bird Songs

Join us to experience the magic of morning bird songs!

Be part of the **Dawn Chorus** on **Sunday, 15 March 2026**.

You can participate from **anywhere** in the country by recording bird vocalizations, processing them, and uploading them to your eBird checklists.

You can choose to record songs from, your rooftop and backyard, open landscapes and agricultural fields, wooded areas, anywhere

We suggest that you identify the location in advance and do a practice run beforehand.

How to Record and Process Bird Vocalizations

Record sounds using either:

- An external recording device
- Your in-built phone microphone

On your phone, apps such as **Merlin** and **Smart Recorder** allow you to record audio in **.WAV format**.

Processing your recordings:

- Download your recordings in **.WAV format** from your phone to your PC
- Trim and normalize them using free software like **Oceanaudio** or **Audacity**
- Upload them to the relevant species on the relevant eBird checklist

You can also share interesting recordings directly through email to:

birdwatcherssocietywb@gmail.com

(Include your name, location and time of the recording)

How to Make eBird Checklists for Dawn Chorus Day

- Start your first checklist just before dawn (at first light) when birds begin to sing
- You can make one or more checklists until up to two hours after dawn
- Make checklists that are exactly **15 minutes long** so that timing of the vocalization is precise

- All lists should be **complete checklists** with counts of all birds that you could identify by sound and/or sight to the best of your ability
- Share your checklists with the eBird ID “**dcindia**”

How Will Uploading These Sound Recordings Help?

Your sound recordings will be used to train **Merlin Sound ID**.

India has around **239 species** currently available for Sound ID, and this number will grow as we record and upload more recordings.

One day, Merlin will be able to tell us all the species that are singing in our vicinity!

Check out all recordings uploaded to eBird (via the **Macaulay Library**).

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About Dawn Chorus Day

Dawn Chorus Day is a celebration of birdsong!

The collective sounds of birds in the morning are referred to as the “**dawn chorus.**” The dawn chorus of birds is not restricted to any particular season, as it can occur throughout the year. However, it is most notable during the breeding season in spring and early summer.

In India and around the world, spring often marks the onset of the breeding season. Melodious songs fill the air as birds sing to establish their breeding territories, attract mates and communicate with other birds.

For Further Queries

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