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YOUNG BIRDERS' MONTH

NOVEMBER 2025

Debut Edition Report

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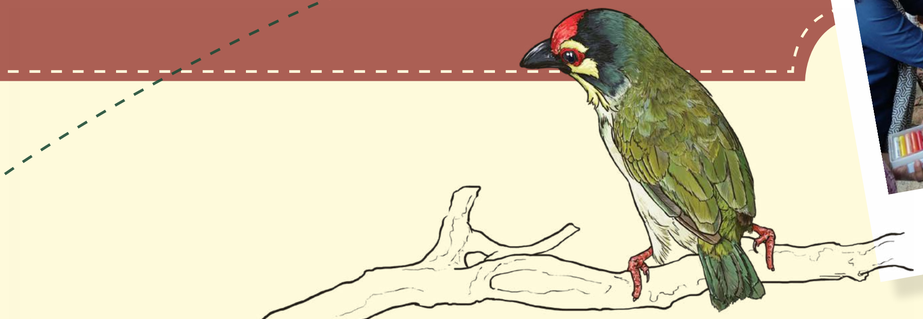

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1. YBM at a Glance

Structured, age-appropriate nature education is essential for nurturing curiosity, ecological understanding, and long-term stewardship among young learners. Birds serve as an especially effective entry point into environmental learning because they are visible, diverse, and active in a wide range of habitats, making them accessible even in urban and backyard settings. Observing bird behaviour, recognising species, and understanding migration patterns help children grasp broader ecological concepts like biodiversity, adaptation, and interdependence in a hands-on way that is both engaging and memorable.

"Watching birds is one of the best ways to draw a child into the natural world. Not only are birds found in our midst, but they are also bright, have different calls, exhibit interesting behaviours and have deep cultural associations with human beings. If you look at people in the conservation or wildlife sector today, most of them started with birdwatching."
-Farida Tampal, State Director of WWF-India

Young Birders' Month (YBM) was conceived by Early Bird in July 2025 as a dedicated nationwide celebration to inspire young people across India to connect with birds and the natural world around them. Planned and executed in partnership with WWF India, this initiative in November 2025 was timed to coincide with the arrival of winter migrant birds, the birth anniversary of renowned ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali, and Children's Day.

Designed as a collaborative campaign rather than a single event, YBM brought together a diverse network of conservation organisations, birding clubs, schools, nature educators, parents, and young participants in over 200 events across more than 80 locations, reaching 3000+ participants from as young as four years old to college age. These age appropriate activities ranged from bird walks and nature journaling to quizzes, art competitions, and interactive online sessions, all structured to deliver joyful and immersive experiences with birdlife that go beyond textbook learning.

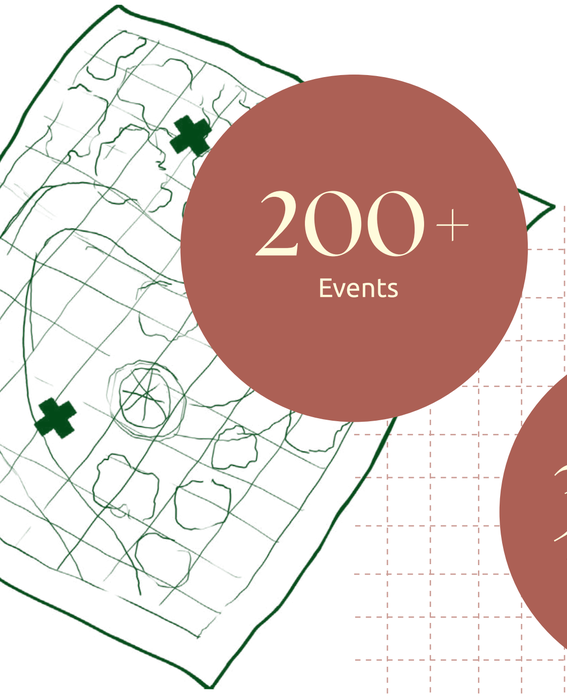
"Organisations and individuals conducting bird and nature education initiatives with children in their local areas are often unaware of the work being done in other parts of the country. We wanted to bring them together under a common umbrella to celebrate the joy and wonder of birds. Besides being a nationwide event for children, Young Birders' Month was also planned as a collaborative event for educators, to build a community that can derive inspiration and strength from each other's work."
- Garima Bhatia,
Programme Manager at Early Bird

The month-long celebration served to unite nature educators from across the country, providing a platform to amplify innovative approaches and showcase their work, while fostering a deep sense of connection and community among those working to bring the next generation closer to nature.

Read more about the journey of organising the first edition of Young Birders' Month on the ***Early Bird Blog.***

2. Participation and Reach

YBM witnessed extensive participation and a wide geographic spread, reflecting the growing interest in birding and nature education among young people across India. Through a diverse range of events hosted by organisations, educators, and individual birders, the programme successfully engaged thousands of participants across age groups and regions, reaching urban centres, small towns, rural landscapes, and online audiences alike.



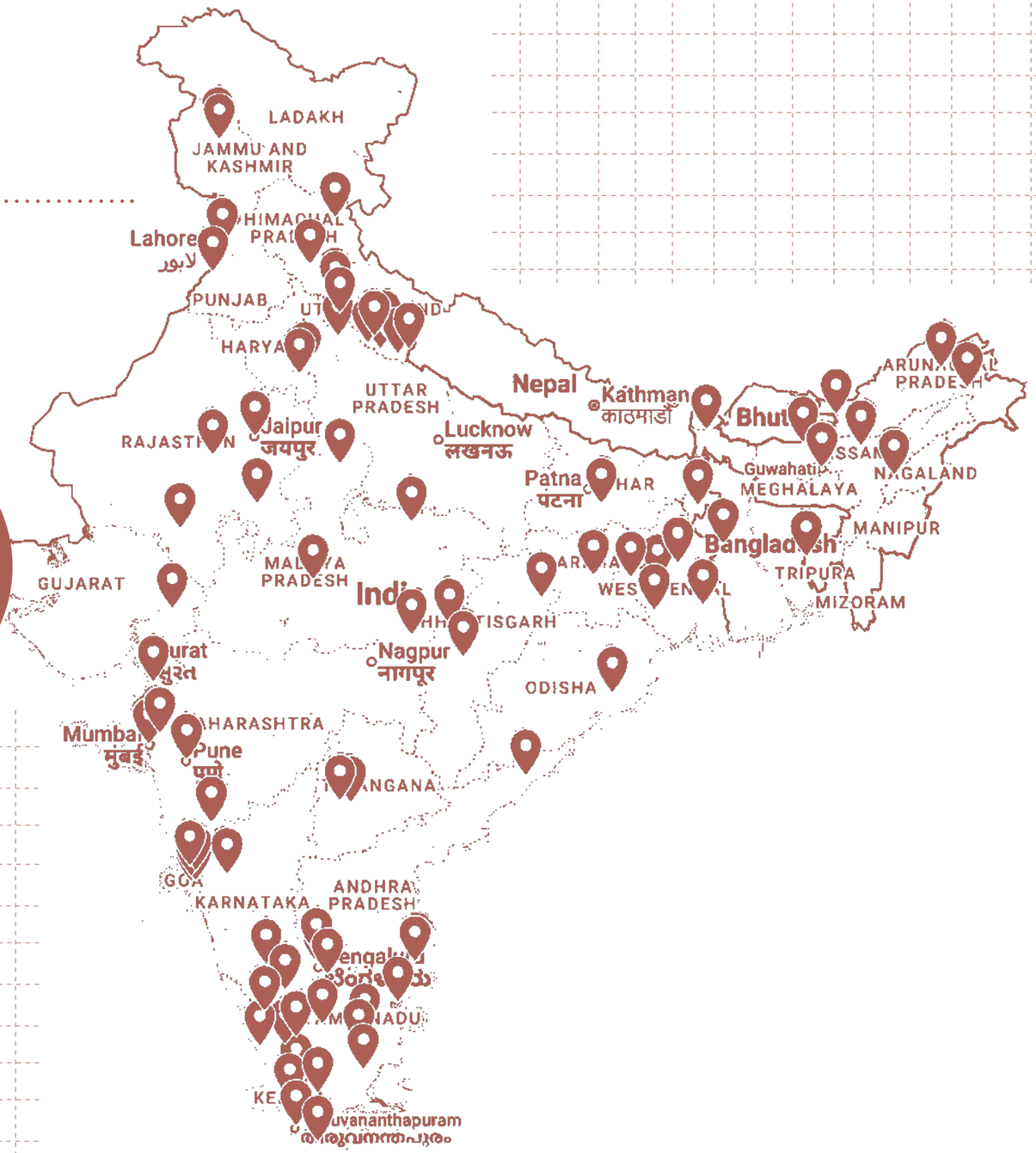
200+
Events

70+
Host Organisations

150+
Individual Event Hosts

3000+
Young Participants

85+
Cities, Towns and Villages



2.1 Participating Organisations

Youth Conservation Action Network
Madras Naturalists' Society
nature conservation foundation
Aranya Environment Research Organisation
ARRC Avian and Reptile Rehabilitation Centre
Pink City Bird Club
Puttenahalli Neighbourhood Lake Improvement Trust, JP Nagar, Bangalore, India
Bhopal Birds
ATREE
BNHS India Conserving Nature Since 1883
wipro earthian
Wings of Florican
Sunnyside
Pathanamthitta Birders
Birdwatchers' Society
Canopy Collective
Green School
The Corbett Foundation
HYiCoS
WRCS
Titli Trust
Sprouts
SOF
ATAAVI
Aaranyak
Palluyir
delhibird
early bird
tifr HBCSE
The Nature Volunteers (An Informal Pressure Group of Environmentally Restless People)
Nature Classrooms Connecting Learning to the Natural World
Federation of RWAs, Communities and Establishments of Greater Whitefield
Force GW
green hub video documentation centre
Green Panther Connecting kids with nature
Nandankanan Conserve | Educate | Inspire
Kanniyakumari Nature Foundation
HK's Learning Point and Eco-Services
The Youth Cosmo Conservation & Sustainability Movement for Earth
VEAB
Natural History Society of Palakkad
Thicket Tales Conversing the Conservation
Paigam
The Naturalist School
GBCN Goa Bird Conservation Network For Goa's Birds!
MBC Mumbai Birdwatchers Club
Aaee
Wild Walk Nature & Wildlife Travel
Keystone A Group for Eco-Development Initiatives
ROAR
Kerala Birders Club
HTNHA
tifr Hyderabad | Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
Nature Research Center Dharwad
Orna Nature Club
roundglass sustain
the mumbai botanical udyan and zoo
Nature Science Initiative
WWF
the Rewilders

3. Event Highlights

YBM brought together educators, birders, and conservation organisations from diverse geographies and communities and enabled local educators to design and lead region-specific activities.

These activities catered to different learning styles and the sessions explored key themes such as bird habitats, behaviour, adaptations, sounds, and encouraged participants to look more closely at the natural world around them. For many participants, YBM served as a first structured opportunity to engage with birds and nature beyond textbooks or screens.

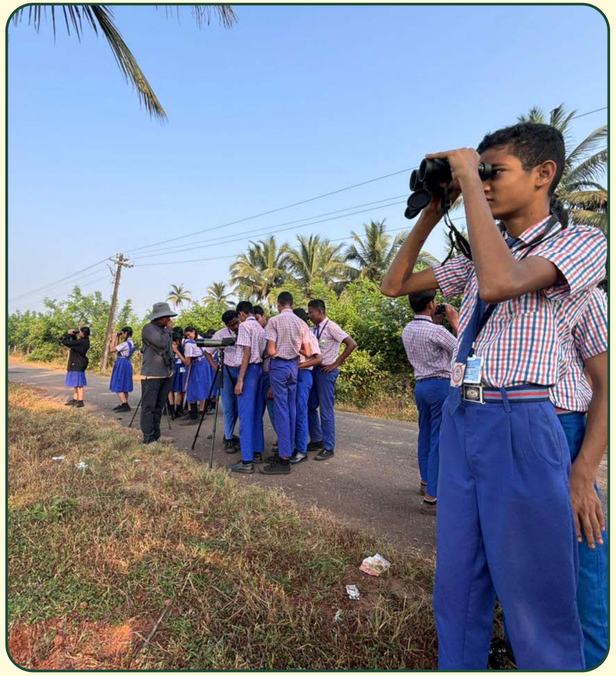
These events emphasised the importance of connecting with biodiversity in one's own backyard, helping young nature enthusiasts develop a deep sense of belonging to the nature around them.

"Before this event, I never paid much attention to the birds around our school. But today, with the binoculars and the bird sheet, I learned to look closer. We found a Red-vented Bulbul! It was amazing to see how quickly it flew away. Now, I feel like I'm a detective who knows how to spot our local birds. It makes our school campus feel like a special jungle!"
-Young participant from Jamnagar, Gujarat

"I will try to watch birds every morning now."
-Young participant from Panna, Madhya Pradesh

Perambalur, Tamil Nadu
Salem Ornithological Foundation

Alipurduar, West Bengal
Birdwatchers' Society



Valpoi, Goa
Arannya Environment Research Organisation

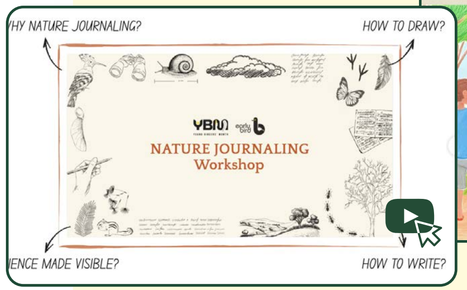
Bengaluru, Karnataka
Green Panther

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.1 Sessions for Nature Educators

In preparation for Young Birders' Month, Early Bird and WWF hosted a series of training workshops designed to build momentum for the activities in November.

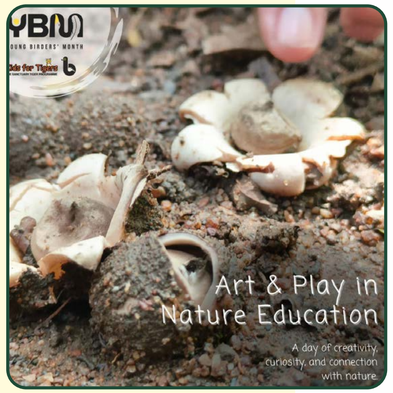
Online sessions focused on nature-based games, nature journaling, practical tips for conducting both indoor and outdoor lessons and ensuring child safety.



Nature journaling workshop by Early Bird for educators in Bengaluru to equip them with nuances of using art to connect children with nature.

"This was not just about connecting but also reflecting. I really loved drawing and coloring while moving around the space."

In-person workshop by Early Bird in Bengaluru for teachers involved in the Kids for Tigers programme.

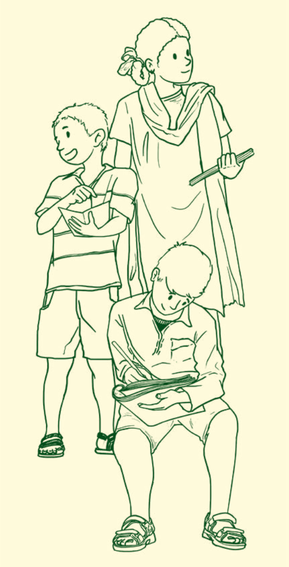


EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.2 Nature Journaling Events

What's a better way to engage with art and birds at the same time? Yes, nature journaling.

Across YBM, multiple educators and organisations conducted outdoor sessions to engage kids through nature journaling. These not only were fun, but also helped the participants improve their observation skills. Different sessions while using nature journaling, had a slightly different approaches – some purely from an art perspective, while others combined with bird walks.



HIMALAYAN TRUST FOR NATURAL HISTORY ART

Kalimpong, *West Bengal*

"This workshop helped me deeply connect with nature as well as with myself which otherwise I do not get time for. I also liked the way the facilitators involved participants of all age groups."

Event Report

EARLY BIRD

Bengaluru, *Karnataka*

BIRDWATCHERS' SOCIETY AND DISAPPEARING DIALOGUES

Kolkata, *West Bengal*

SUMMER SCRIBBLES AND MUMBAI BIRDWATCHERS' CLUB

Mumbai, *Maharashtra*

NATURE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Mysuru, *Karnataka*

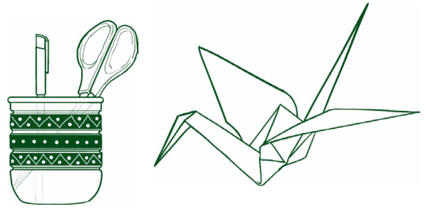
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.3 Bird Festivals

In addition to standalone events, YBM also featured day, and weekend-long bird-themed festivals that brought multiple experiences together in one vibrant space. These immersive festivals sparked curiosity and helped young birders connect with nature in joyful ways. We hope to see many more such festivals springing up across different parts of the country in future editions of YBM.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

This event was filled with discovery and creativity as participants learned to observe, understand, and appreciate our feathered friends. They explored bird behaviour, calls, and habitats, learned how to identify local species, and even expressed their love for birds through Madhubani-style art. The day also featured fun film screenings and interactive sessions that helped young birders connect with nature in new ways.



Chennai

Subhiksha S, WWF

8 November 2025

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Birds of a Feather

"I personally want to thank the facilitators for the excellent session. I could not attend personally but I heard a lot from my son throughout the drive back home. He was overwhelmed with so many facts that he wanted to share it all with me. He loved the flow of the session and the activities. All the facilitators were very friendly and helpful and he wants to attend more such sessions."

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.3 Bird Festivals

FEATHER FEST

Feather Fest was a two-day bird themed celebration of stories, art, music, and discovery - perfect for curious minds of all ages. Participants took a peek into the world of birds through storytelling sessions, art workshops, inspiring talks, film screenings and many more engaging events that sparked imagination and curiosity.

"Very well organised with lots of things at one place. The event was wonderful already & it should certainly happen every year to get more kids hooked on birds and birding."

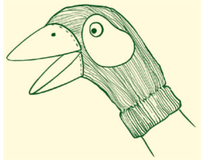
"I am thankful for all of you at Early Bird for organising this event for all the age groups. I can't wait for edition 2!"

Bengaluru

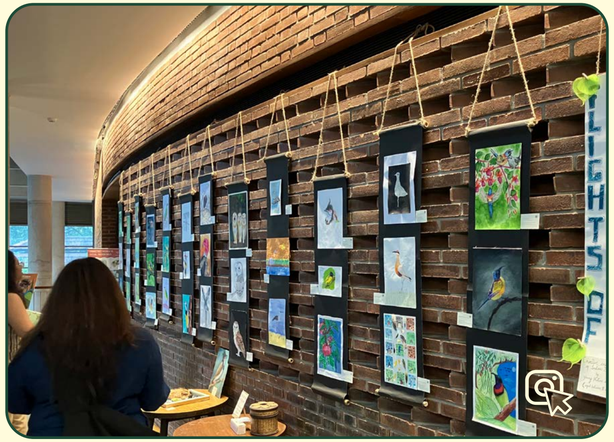
Early Bird in collaboration with Bengaluru International Center

22-23 November 2025

Feather Fest



Skit on Bird Rescue by ARRC



Bird Art Exhibition

"Loved the way kids were introduced to the world of birds."

Bird-themed games

Chirp Challenge- A bird imitation competition

"The diversity of events was great, there was something for all age groups."

Nature Journaling by Sangeetha Kadur and Shlipashree

Storytelling by Niyatee Sharma

Bird Song Exhibit by Indian Music Experience Museum

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.4 Bird Walks

Bird walks held during Young Birders' Month took place across the country, welcoming participants ranging from young children as early as four years old to college students. Conducted across varied habitats - from urban parks and wetlands to forests and coastal landscapes, the walks introduced young birders to the rich diversity of India's avifauna. Ideal for first-time birdwatchers, these experiences offered many participants their very first opportunity to observe birds in the wild and discover the joy of birdwatching.

To enhance the learning experience for young participants, Early Bird offered 10 complimentary pocket guides to each Bird walk upon request. Through this initiative, a total of 955 pocket guides were distributed during YBM.

Jaipur, Rajasthan
Pink City Bird Club

Dodamarg, Goa
Nature Conservation Foundation and VEAB

Ponnani, Kerala
Kerala Birders' Club

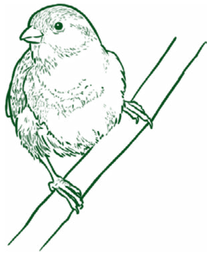
Alipurduar,
West Bengal
Bird Watchers' Society

Rajapalayam,
Tamil Nadu
ROAR's NEST

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

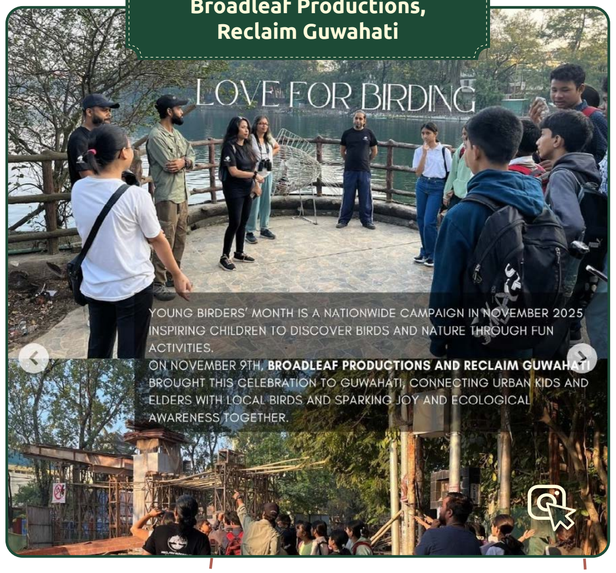
3.4 Bird Walks

Nyukmadung Village, *Arunachal Pradesh*
Its All Folk Social Foundation



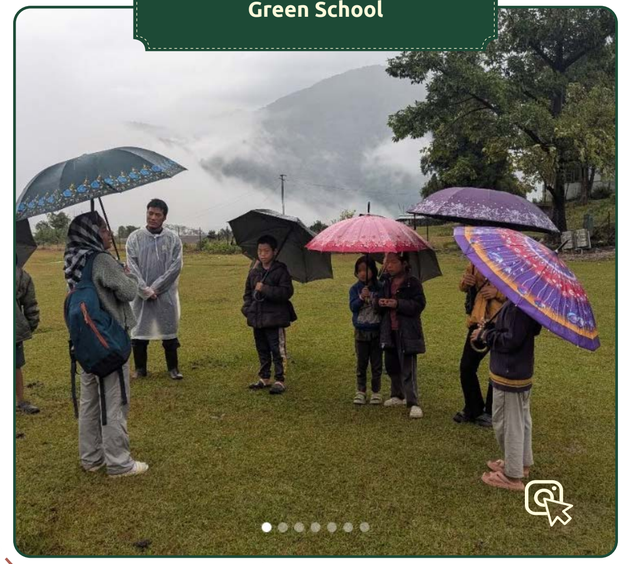
Dibang Valley, *Arunachal Pradesh*
AMYAA Wipro Earthian

Guwahati, *Assam*
Broadleaf Productions, Reclaim Guwahati



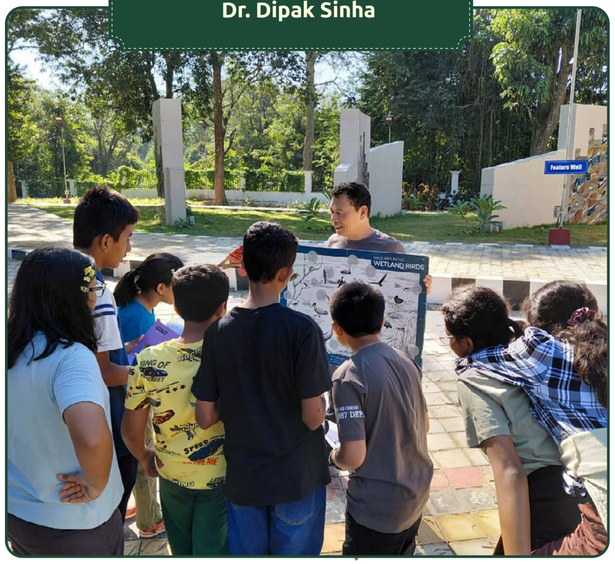
"We thoroughly enjoyed the session. And more importantly it actually has given us a sense of motivation to continue this journey on a regular basis."
-Arghadeep Barua, Event Host

Gobuk Village, *Arunachal Pradesh*
Green School



Baksa, *Assam*
Wings Of Florican

Agartala, *Tripura*
Dr. Dipak Sinha



"We played a fun Bird Bingo game along the way, spotting birds while they were pooping, sitting on wires, resting on the ground, flying, their calls, and even spotted nests."
-Joyshree Gogoi, Event Host

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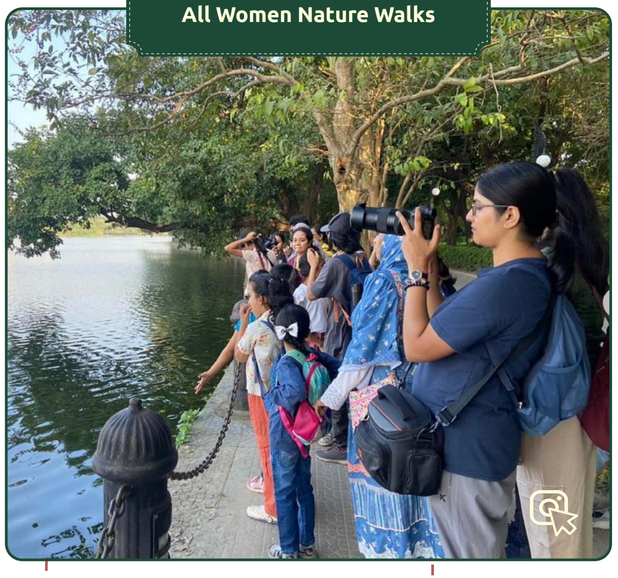
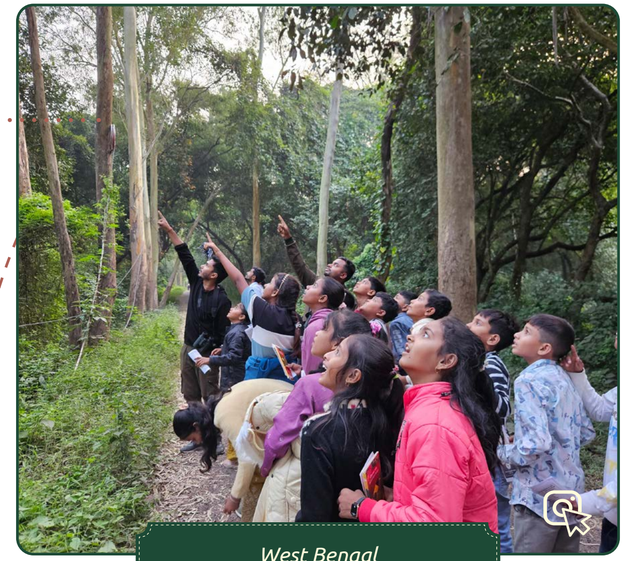
3.4 Bird Walks

Kolkata, *West Bengal*
All Women Nature Walks



West Bengal
Birdwatchers' Society



Bhubaneswar, *Odisha*
Nandakanan Zoological Park

"One of the most delightful moments was when they began imitating bird calls in their tiny voices, trying to guess how different birds might communicate in the wild - a scene that melted everyone's hearts!"
- Chai Eng Law, Event Host

"The scope had to be set really low today, but the bar was set high for facilitators trying to engage some of the really tiny participants."
- Titash Chakrabarti, Event Host

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.4 Bird Walks

Gurugram, *Haryana*
The Rewilders

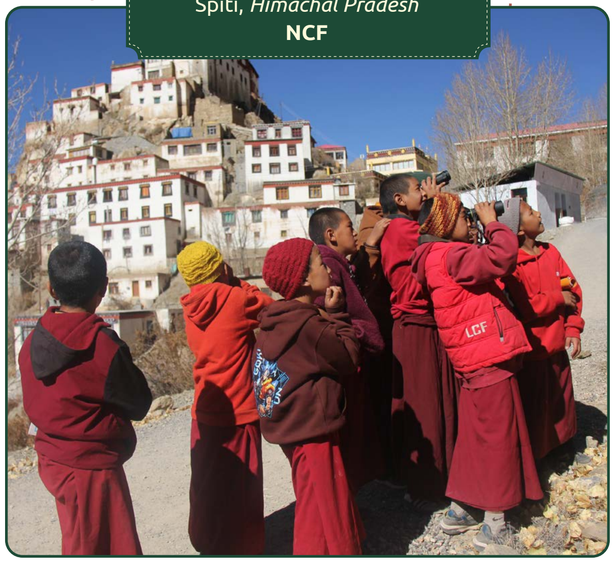
Ramnagar, *Uttarakhand*
Magpie Corbett

Amritsar, *Punjab*
Punjab Bird Club

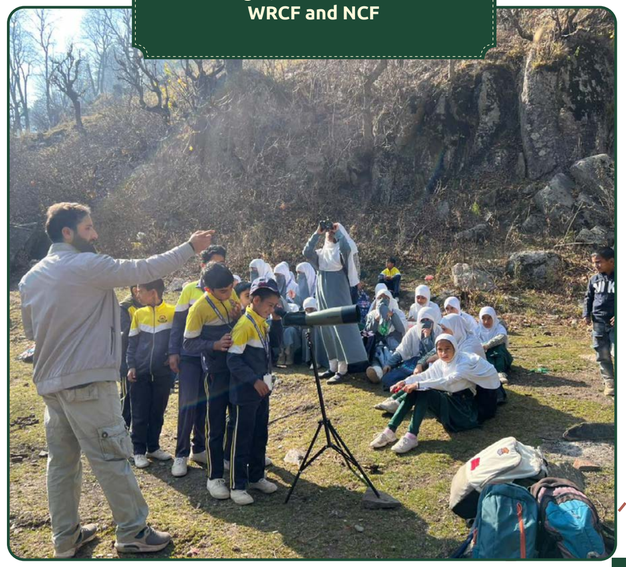
"The children really enjoyed it a lot. They told me that those who didn't come are unlucky"
- Amit Sharma, Event Host

Bijnor, *Uttar Pradesh*
MAEE

Kee Monastery,
Spiti, *Himachal Pradesh*
NCF



Srinagar, *Jammu & Kashmir*
WRCF and NCF



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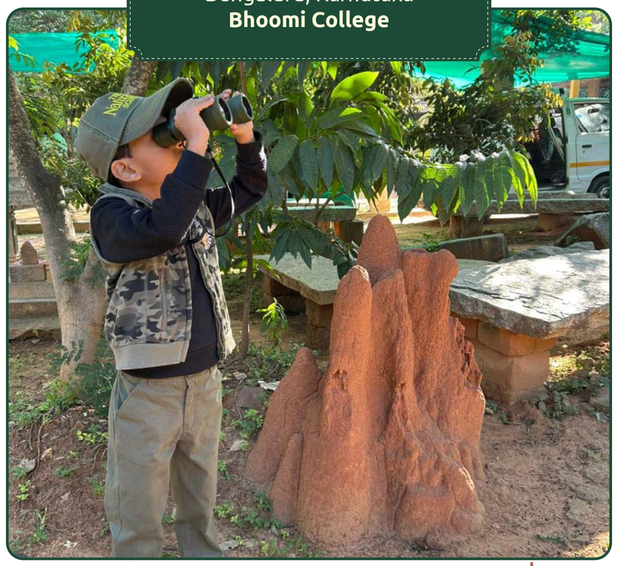
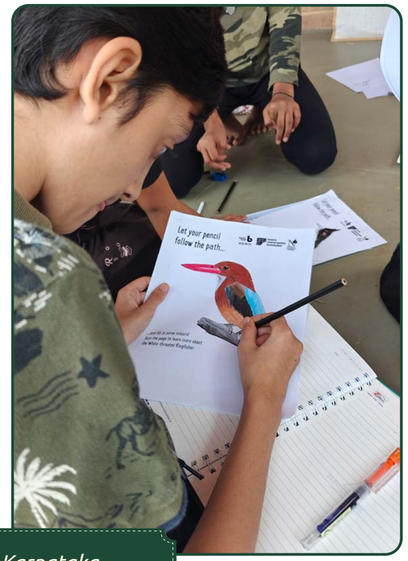
Bengaluru, *Karnataka*
Bhoomi College





Bengaluru, *Karnataka*
Nature Classrooms

Bengaluru, *Karnataka*
Wild Winged Adventures Kids

Bengaluru, *Karnataka*
Wildlife Conservation Group

"We decided to kind of not give out names of the birds so that the children can observe more .That worked well, with children naming the white browed wagtail as head bobbing wagtail. They said the bird was bobbing the head more than it was wagging the tail!"
- Jaya Rakesh, Event Host

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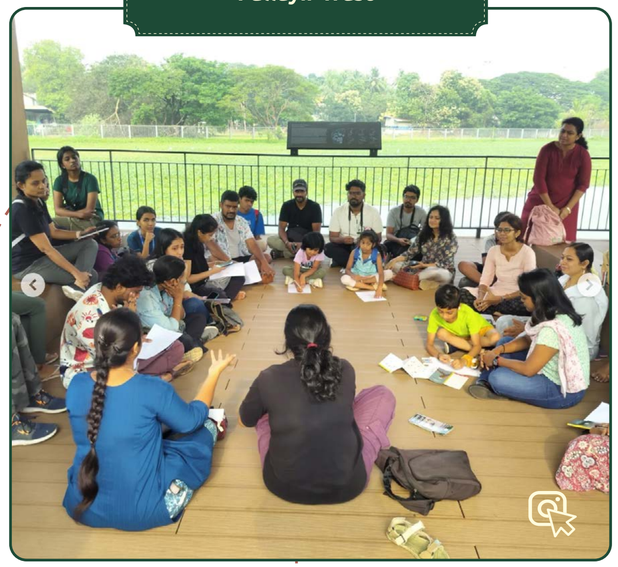
3.4 Bird Walks

Chennai, *Tamil Nadu*
Madras Naturalist Society & WWF

Chennai, *Tamil Nadu*
Palluyir Trust



Coimbatore, *Tamil Nadu*
Selvaganesh K

Chennai, *Tamil Nadu*
Birders Tribe & WWF

"On the return journey came a barrage of questions - why do cormorants spread their wings while resting, won't they suffocate while going down the water, can we not make houses without cutting trees, can't they be uprooted and planted elsewhere than cutting them. It was heartening to know that these little children are aware of the things happening around them and the impacts of environmental damage."
-Lathika Anoth, Event Host

Palakkad, *Kerala*
Natural History Society of Palakkad

Speaking about birds at the school assembly

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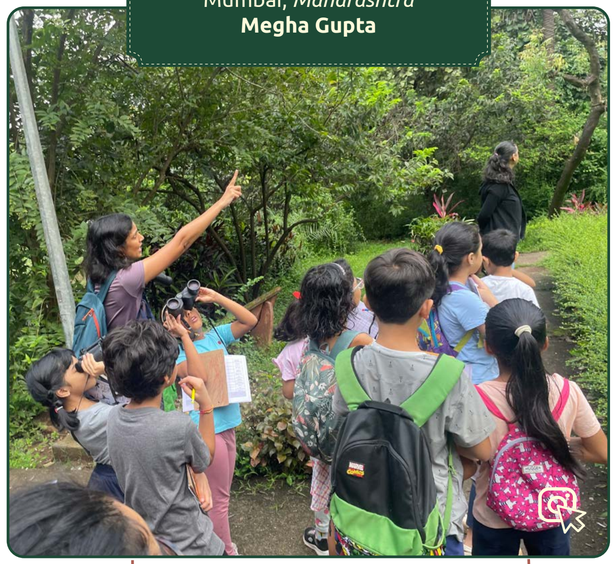
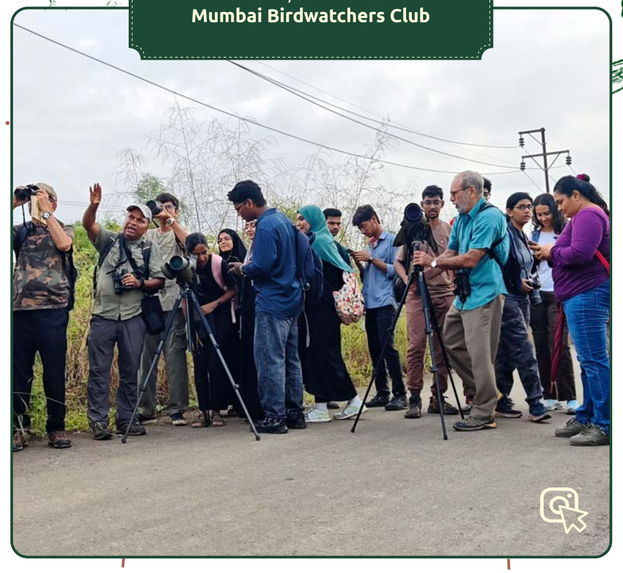
3.4 Bird Walks

Mumbai, *Maharashtra*
Megha Gupta



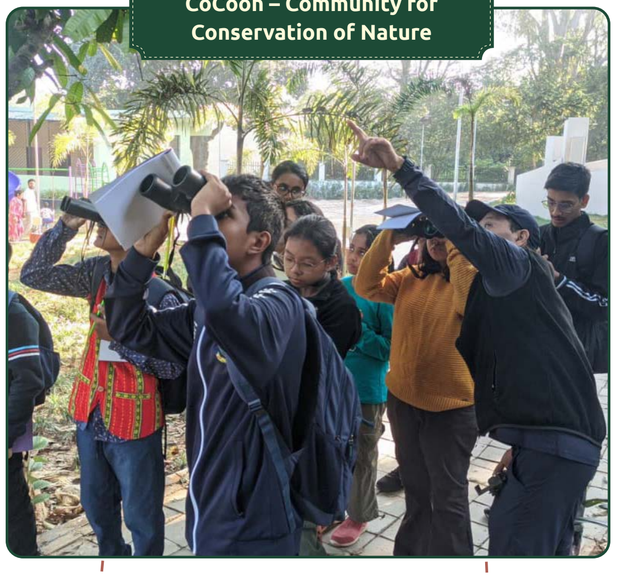
"The children and parents enjoyed the walk as well as learning about birds' habitats, feathers, and behaviours. Some parents appreciated the fact that a crow was given as much importance as a hornbill"
-Megha Gupta, Event Host

Mumbai, *Maharashtra*
Mumbai Birdwatchers Club



"Attending my first ever bird watching session was such a surreal experience! Coming from a data science background, it felt amazing to step away from screens and truly connect with nature. I got to learn so much in such a short time. I definitely want to join more of these sessions in the future."
-Nida Qureshi, Participant

Halol, *Gujarat*
CoCoon – Community for Conservation of Nature



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

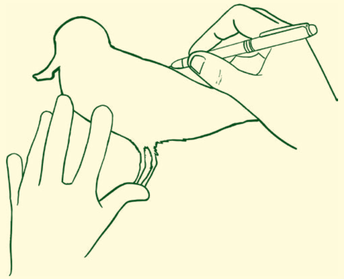
3.5 Competitions

While Young Birders' Month featured several events designed especially for children being introduced to birds for the very first time, it also included a range of competitions for more avid young birders. These were children who were already deeply interested in birds and nature, and who brought with them a strong foundation of knowledge and curiosity.

Competitions held both in person and online provided them with opportunities to test their skills, express their creativity, and engage with like-minded peers. The enthusiastic participation across these events was heartening and encouraging. It was inspiring to see the growing number of children who already share a genuine love for nature and birds.

ART COMPETITION

The Flights of Imagination art contest invited children and young people aged 11–16 to create original, hand-made artworks celebrating the beauty and diversity of Indian birds. Participants were invited to select one or two birds from a curated list of 16 Indian species and interpret them through their own creative vision. Over 180 stunning entries were submitted for this competition, making the judging process exceptionally challenging. Each submission reflected the remarkable talent, imagination, and dedication of the young artists, truly bringing these birds to life through art.
Winners received prizes from WWF India and Early Bird.



"On behalf of my daughter, Magizh, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude. She is absolutely elated to know that her artwork has been selected and will be featured in the Early Bird calendar. This recognition means a great deal to her and will certainly encourage her birding and artistic journey further. We truly appreciate your efforts in organising this contest and providing young birders such a valuable platform."
Thendral - Mother of Magizh C T

Nationwide

Early Bird

October-November 2025

180

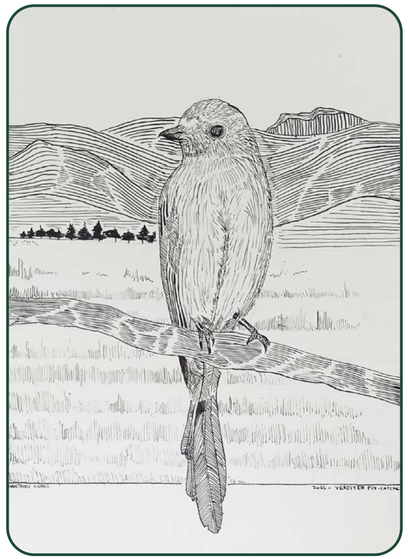
Winning Entries

"Desh is fortunate to have had an opportunity to participate in this event. This recognition is sure to keep him motivated for the years to come. Early Bird has played a vital role in nurturing Desh's love for nature and birds ever since he was five. It is an honour to be recognised by the very same organisation like this. Thank you for being Desh's Santa and sending tons of presents in the guise of his prize. Truly appreciate the thoughtful curation of the pack."
Pavithra V S - Mother of Desh Chemuturi

Kaleidoscopic King by Desh Chemuturi

Nature's paradise by Shivank Kushwaha

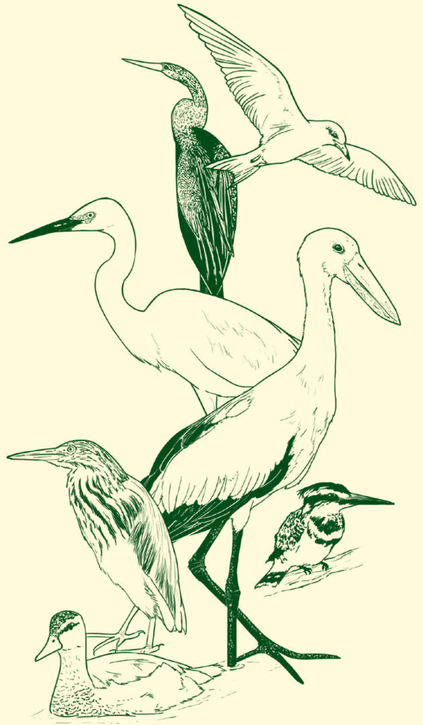
Jewel of Konkan by Tarang R Tirumalae



Verditer flycatcher by Shantanu Suresh Kumar

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS - COMPETITIONS

3.5.1 Interschool Quiz – Wingmasters



Wingmasters, Early Bird's inter-school bird quiz, was an exciting, high-energy event designed to test students' knowledge, curiosity, and passion for birds. The quiz brought together 33 sharp young teams of three students each, for a thrilling morning of bird facts, fun, and friendly competition. The competition was intense yet joyful, with quizmaster Bijoy Venugopal expertly steering an action-packed series of rounds. Participants competed for attractive prizes sponsored by Avium, WWF India, and Early Bird.

Bengaluru

Early Bird

15 November 2025

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More about Wingmasters

"Thanks to the entire team for organising this event.. Kids got a very good exposure into the world of birds"

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS - COMPETITIONS

3.5.2 Online Quizzes

WILD ABOUT INDIA QUIZ

Roundglass Sustain, Indian Pitta Kids and Juggernaut Books brought together a quiz on India's wildernesses and their wild inhabitants, inspired by The Wild About India book series by Indian Pitta Kids and Juggernaut. From majestic tigers and rhinoceroses to giant flying squirrels, elephants, and Malabar gliding frogs, the books celebrated the richness of wildlife found across the country. Just like the books, the quiz aimed to foster an appreciation for India's wilds. The quiz provided a wonderful opportunity to learn more about India's wildernesses and their wild inhabitants. Winners received attractive prizes sponsored by Pentax and Early Bird.

Bengaluru

Roundglass, Sustain

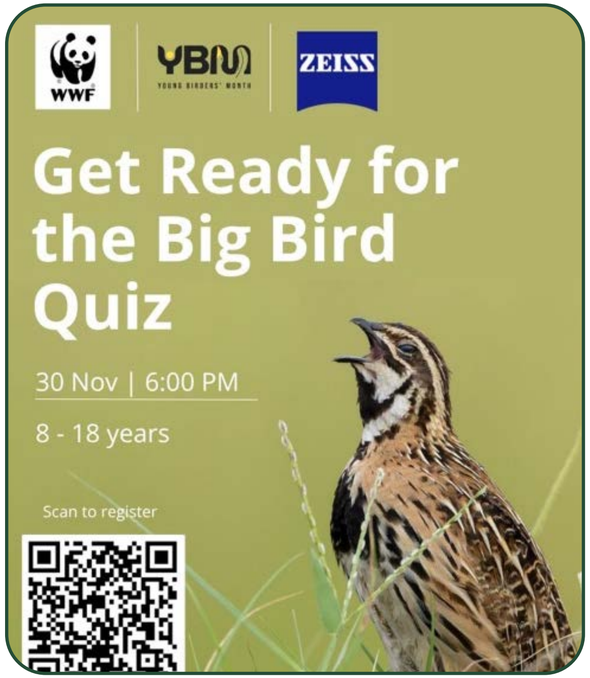
16 November 2025

100+

THE BIG BIRD QUIZ

The Big Bird Quiz invited young nature enthusiasts to test their bird knowledge and have fun learning. Open to participants aged 8 to 18, the quiz encouraged curiosity about birds and the natural world. Winners were awarded prizes by Zeiss and WWF.

"Thank you for this opportunity Advay enjoyed the quiz as many other bird enthusiasts. The journey of the Young Birders' Month initiative is really fascinating and informative. Looking forward to many existing events. Kudos to entire team" -Chaithra, Participant's parent



Online

WWF India

23 December 2025

100+

SALIM ALI NATURE QUIZ

The Priyam Memorial Trust invited students to a free Online nature quiz: the 9th Annual Salim Ali Bird Quiz. This quiz aimed to spread awareness about the importance of nature and its conservation. It was open to students of Classes 5–12. The quiz was free of cost and was conducted in Hindi.

Online + Offline in schools

Priyam Memorial Trust

12 November 2025

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.6 School Events

Organisations and educators who work closely with schools played a key role in expanding the reach of Young Birders' Month by mobilising their existing education networks. By integrating YBM activities into school programme and reaching out to partner schools, teachers, and students, these organisations and individual educators facilitated the organisation of bird walks, classroom sessions, and creative activities within school settings.

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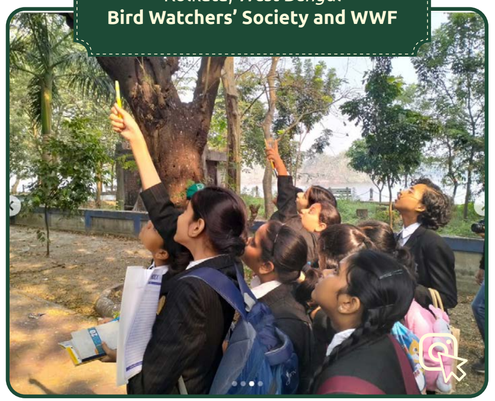
Magadh Nature Conservation Society

Shantiniketan, *West Bengal*
Bird Watchers Society

Kolkata, *West Bengal*
Bird Watchers' Society and WWF



Guwahati, *Assam*
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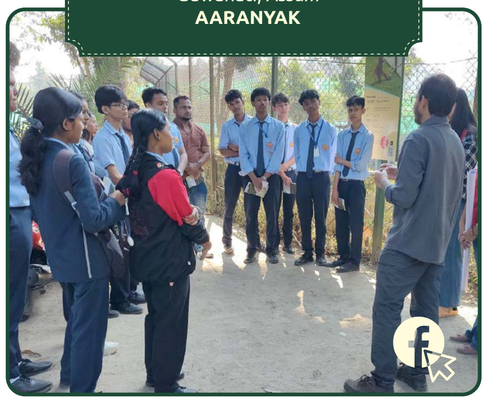
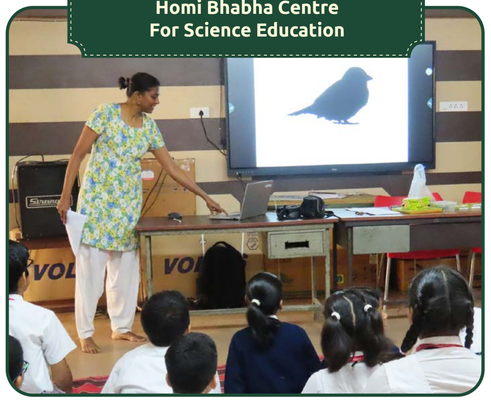


Ramnagar, *Uttarakhand*
Nature Science Initiative

Mumbai, *Maharashtra*
Homi Bhabha Centre For Science Education



Kashipur, *Uttarakhand*
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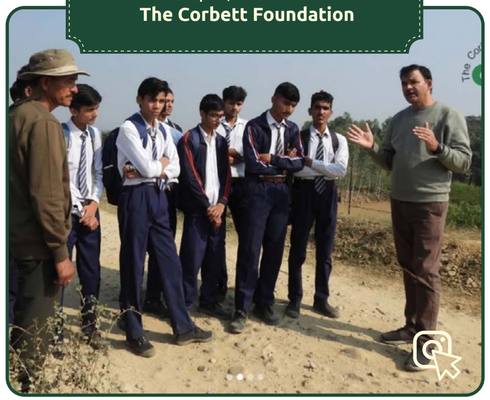

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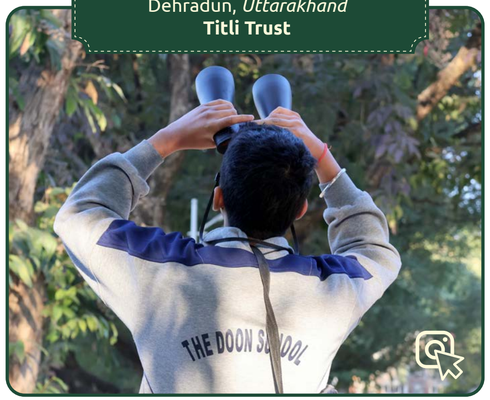
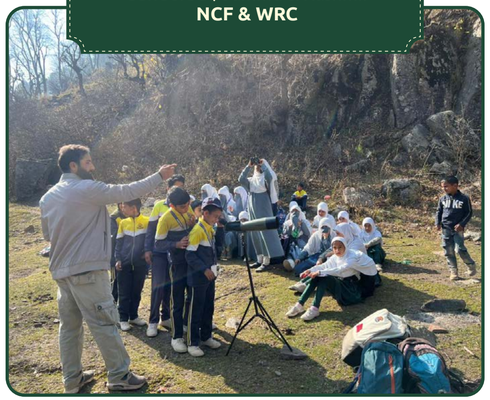


Ganderbal, *Jammu & Kashmir*
NCF & WRC



Ajmer, *Rajasthan*
(Teach for Nature Fellow, Bhoomi College)

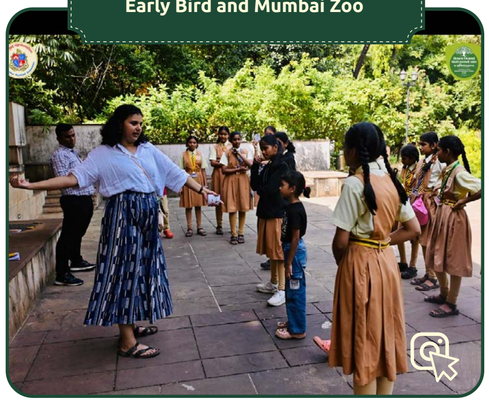
★ *"The session used flash cards, bird call audio clips, and other interactive methods to introduce students to local bird species. Their lively responses, curiosity, and enthusiasm reflected a strong interest in birds and nature-based learning." -Monalisha Sarkar, Event host*

● *"The interesting part was to know the behaviour of different migratory birds and to know how long distance they travel and reach here. This was all unknown to us." -Participant*

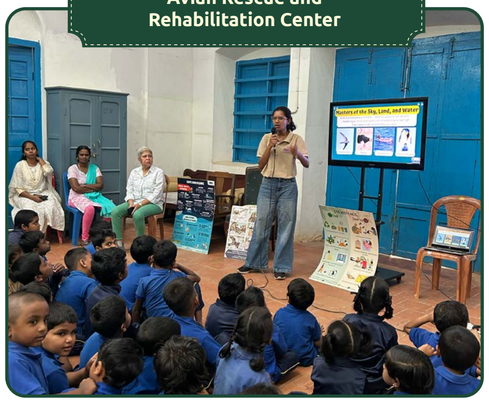
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.6 School Events

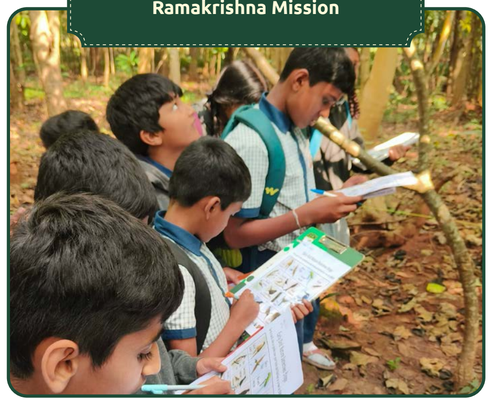
Mumbai, *Maharashtra*
Early Bird and Mumbai Zoo



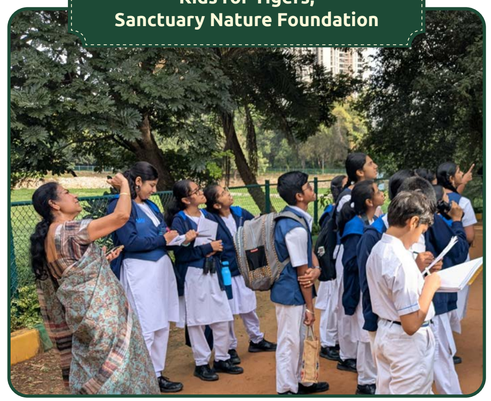
Bengaluru, *Karnataka*
Avian Rescue and Rehabilitation Center



Bengaluru, *Karnataka*
Ramakrishna Mission



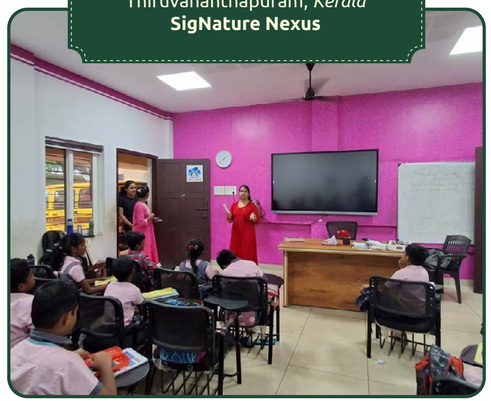
Bengaluru, *Karnataka*
Kids for Tigers, Sanctuary Nature Foundation



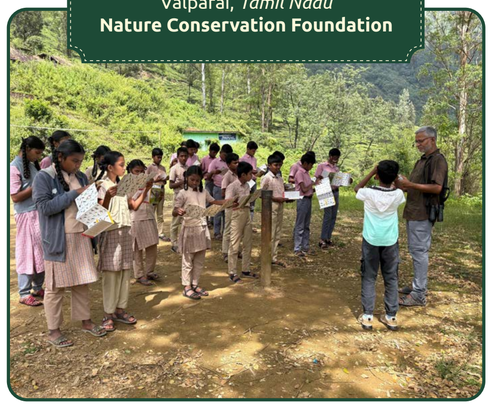
Bengaluru, *Karnataka*
ATREE

Goa
Arannya Environment Research Organisation and Wipro Earthian

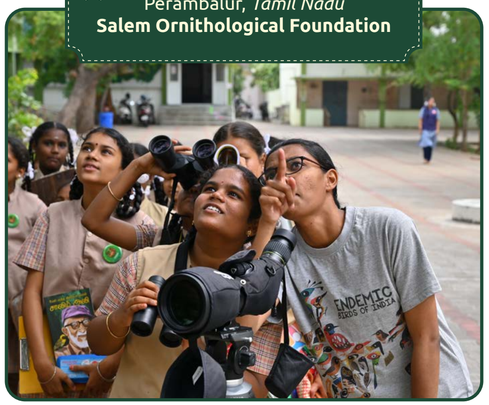
Thiruvananthapuram, *Kerala*
SigNature Nexus



Valparai, *Tamil Nadu*
Nature Conservation Foundation



Perambalur, *Tamil Nadu*
Salem Ornithological Foundation



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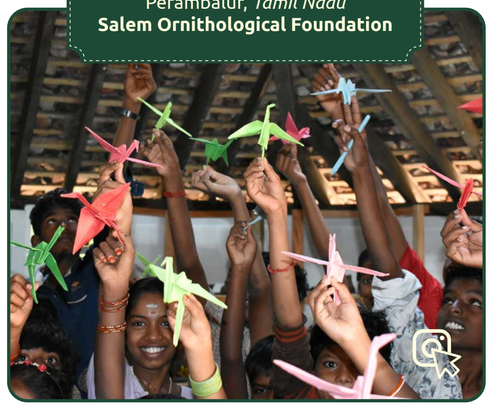
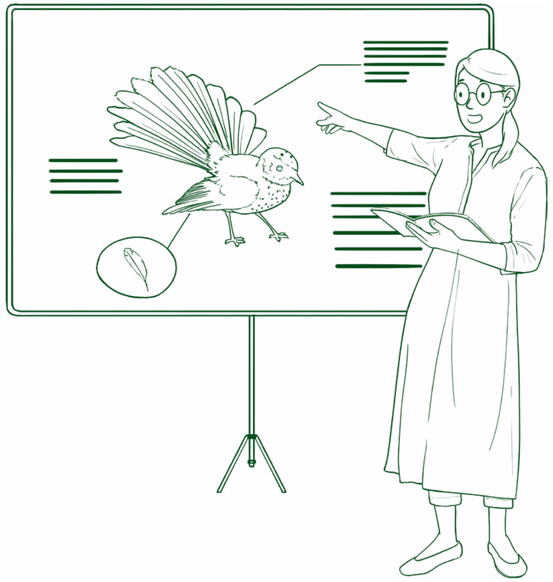


● "Students were so amazed to see so much diversity in their own school's backyard that they decided to take birdwatching seriously and document these birds as part of their academic projects." -Jalmesh Karapurkar, Event Host

★ "We conducted a campus birdwatching walk and we spotted several common birds, and the most exciting moment was seeing the Spotted Owlet up close. The children were incredibly thrilled and there was no stopping their wows and beaming smiles." - Angeline Mano M, Event Host

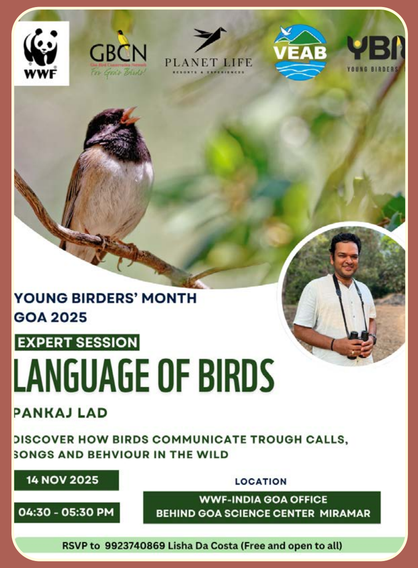
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3.7 Webinars



Most events during YBM were designed as introductory sessions, gently familiarising children with birds and sparking curiosity about the natural world. Alongside these beginner-friendly events, the programme also featured several in-depth webinars led by experienced bird experts.

These sessions were aimed at children who were already interested in birds, offering opportunities to explore topics such as bird behaviour, identification, ecology, and conservation in greater detail, and helping nurture their growing enthusiasm and knowledge.



4. Outreach and Engagement

200+
Collaborated Posts on Instagram

700+
Followers on Instagram

500+
Followers on WhatsApp Channel

Social media engagement - The Instagram account (@youngbirdersmonth) and WhatsApp Channel played a key role in amplifying the initiative's reach and fostering community engagement throughout the campaign.
By regularly posting updates, highlights from events nationwide, and reminders about key deadlines and activities, the account kept participants informed and excited in the lead-up to YBM and during the month itself. Photos and videos showcasing bird walks, creative activities, and young participants in action encouraged peer sharing and interaction, helping to build momentum and a sense of shared experience among young birders and supporters alike.

The initiative also received wide media attention, with coverage in several local and national dailies.

Press Coverage

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Nationwide celebration inspiring young nature explorers of India

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Young Birders' Month to be held across the country in November

The initiative, which is being steered by a core organising committee with members from Early Bird and WWF-India, seeks to introduce children to the bright and fascinating world of birds

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OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

Great Blue Herons

Early Bird is an initiative by the Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), a not-for-profit organisation that encourages children to explore nature through an understanding of birds. In collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India), it launched Young Birders' Month, a programme that offered young participants insights into the fascinating

Kol joins pan-India event to celebrate Young Birders' Month

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: In a first, cities across India, including Kolkata, will dedicate Nov to young birders. The Young Birders' Month (YBM) — a first-of-its-kind month-long campaign created to spark curiosity and ecological awareness among young minds — is being held jointly by Early Bird and WWF-India, and is supported by a network of educators, lo-

We believe birds are the gateway to the entire natural world with all its wonders
Titash Chakrabarti | BWS

Birds programme.
In Nyukmadung village in Arunachal, the two-day event 'Bird For A Day' will invite kids to games and a guided bird-walk. At Kee Monastery

Mathrubhumi മാതൃഭൂമി

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TRIPURA TIMES

MORNING WITH BIRDS

Nov 16, 2025 Agartala, TRIPURATIMES Desk 815

Morning with bird walk conducted amidst enthusiasm

The enthusiasm for birdwatching reached new heights in Agartala on Sunday as children, young adults, and their parents gathered at MBB College Lake for a "Morning with Birds" walk to celebrate Young Birders' Month (YBM).

विद्यार्थियों को पक्षियों की पहचान करना सिखाया

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5. Reflections and the Way Forward

KEY LEARNINGS FROM YBM 2025

The inaugural edition of Young Birders' Month (YBM) in 2025 was met with a positive response from educators, organisations, parents, and young participants across the country. As a first-of-its-kind, month-long celebration of birds for young people, YBM successfully demonstrated both the need for and the enthusiasm around structured, joyful engagement with nature. The strong participation from schools, birding groups, and families, coupled with positive media coverage, reinforced the value of this initiative that fosters environmental responsibility and nurtures future custodians of nature.

The initiative would not have been possible or as successful, without the enthusiasm and commitment of educators, birders, and organisations who stepped forward to lead events in their local communities. Their motivation was driven purely by a shared passion for birds, nature education, and the desire to inspire the next generation to engage meaningfully with the natural world. This volunteer-led effort also highlighted the potential of nurturing a connected network of nature educators. In the years ahead, such a community can play a vital role in sharing learnings, sustaining motivation, mentoring new educators, and amplifying the reach and impact of nature education in the country.

VISION FOR YBM 2026

The success of this ambitious first edition has laid a strong foundation, with many partners and participants expressing keen interest in returning and expanding their involvement in YBM 2026. Building on the momentum of 2025, YBM 2026 will aim to deepen engagement, broaden reach and serve as a launchpad for sustained year-round engagement.

Key priorities will include:

1. Support for nature educators working in under-represented and remote regions
2. Nationwide representation with targeted efforts to include regions not reached in 2025
3. Strengthening the nature educator network for sustained learning and engagement
4. Mentoring of young birders through establishment of local birding clubs/chapters

6. Credits & Acknowledgements

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all partners, educators, volunteers, and supporters whose time, expertise, and enthusiasm made Young Birders' Month possible.

This report captures just a glimpse of the 200+ events that unfolded during Young Birders' Month 2025. Given the scale and diversity of activities across the country, it was not possible to include every event, though each one played a meaningful role in making YBM special. For more stories, photographs, and on-ground moments from across the country, visit us on Instagram at **@youngbirdersmonth**

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YBM 2025 was a great first edition from the BWS-School of Birds perspective. The response from parents, children as well as schools were overwhelmingly positive. We got considerable media coverage as well. The idea for a month-long celebration was ambitious, but it's now been proven that nothing is impossible if there are like minded enthusiasts on board. The building blocks have been put in place this year and I am positive that, together, we can build on this for years to come so we are already looking forward to YBM 2026.
-Titash Chakrabarti, Birdwatchers' Society, West Bengal

I would especially like to thank the NCF Early Bird team for your thoughtful efforts for organising the Young Birders' Month (YBM). Initiatives like these are invaluable in nurturing curiosity and enthusiasm for birding among children and I look forward to supporting and participating in such events regularly.
-Adesh Shivkar, Mumbai Birdwatchers' Club, Maharashtra

YBM 2025 is a wonderful initiative to involve young minds in nature, giving them a sense of responsibility towards the environment. Such initiatives will ultimately nurture a group of youth who are committed to protecting nature and who grow into more responsible citizens of the future.
-Kartik Verma, Wildlife Division Kota, Rajasthan