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# Event Watch: Avian Survey at 'Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary', Narendrapur, Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

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Students of Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata were involved in a one day Avian Survey and Nature Walk at the CKBS, Narendrapur, Kolkata as a part of the Citizen Science Collaborative Project. They were able to spot and photograph 22 species of Birds in a 6 Hours Survey that was conducted. Learning the basics of Photography, recording of Data constituted the main chunk of the programme. With hands on opportunities of using Canon Cameras and Lenses, almost all of them handling DSLRs for the first time, the students were able to capture some nice shots too. The students were also introduced to the use of ICT - Information & Communication Technology during the programme, where they have used Mobile Applications and E-Field Guides for the Identification of the various species that they found at CKBS.



The students observed the disturbances that were caused by the newly constructed Highway - Bypass right next to the Bird Sanctuary which is the main cause of decline in the number of Birds that used to come to CKBS, particularly the migrants. Habitat Loss was also observed, as many surrounding water bodies are in the process of getting filled up for Real Estate development.



The students are working on their reports now which would will soon be shared on our website - www.wildrootsindia.in



**Student Testimonials:** 

Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary (Narendrapur, Kolkata).

13.10.2016.

This was my first field work. Firstly i would like to thank my college Shri Shikshayatan and Wild Roots for providing me with this wonderful opportunity. It was a great experience to come in contact with nature and cruise through the various species of birds present here. I came to learn so much of the methods and techniques of a field work. And lastly a big thanks to my fellow team members who were along with me throughout the work Sohini Mutt, Stuti Das and Anshita Vijayvargiya

T. Anumita Dayal,

Shri Shikshayatan College.

Avian survey at Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary, Kolkata, India.

Dated - 13th October, 2016.

This survey was our very first field trip as a part of the "Wild Roots" organisation. And I'm more than glad to say that it went off very well. From taking pictures of some really amazing bird species to knowing about the ecosystem present there, it was an overall wonderful experience. I would like to thank Biswajit Sir for guiding us throughout the trails and telling us about his experiences, which in a huge way have inspired us to work for Our Nature as much as possible. Last but not the least thank you guys, Anumita DayalStuti Das Sohini Mutt. You people were really amazing to work with, & we make a good team 9:) Also, I would like to thank my college Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata and my teachers for giving me this opportunity.

#### Anshita Vijayvargiya, Shri Shikshayatan College.

My first survey at Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary, Narendrapur, Kolkata, India on 13th Nov'16 was indeed a great experience I had till date. This was my first field work so there were many things to learn and observe. We have learnt to take some good shots, recording data and even practiced to make less noice in jungles so that we don't miss the beautiful view of innumerable birds that comes to this place. We have

spotted 24 birds in 6 hours. We have noticed the level of habitat loss due to presence of highway on the right side of the field. Lastly I would like to thank two important people without which this wouldn't be possible.

My teacher Dr.Jayati Das and Sir Biswajit De for guiding us throughout. I had the best people to work with. Enjoyed it to every bit.

### Thank You! Sohini Mutt, Shri Shikshayatan College.

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