CAMPUS BIRD COUNT, 2024







YUVA TOURISM CLUB

The Yuva Tourism Club of Dimoria College will organize the first event of the year 2024, under the banner of the club, in collaboration with IQAC, Dimoria College. The "Campus Bird Count" is a part of the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), held annually worldwide, and this year is scheduled for 16th -19th February. Campus Bird Count, under Bird Count India, is a best practice, to be followed by educational institutes to document the local birds and create a citizen science through interactive discussion on bird habitats and their significance in the ecological balance. This year, for the first time, Dimoria College is participating in this global and national GBBC event, on 17th February 2024, whose repository is maintained by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology via Ebird, the world's largest birding community. The documentation of the bird count will be a part of the repository of the Central Library of Dimoria College. Yuva Tourism Club is looking forward to:

- I. Understanding of citizen science, among the students
- II. Importance of campus bird counting, conservation of habitats
- III. Learning to use the Ebird App, and becoming a regional collaborator in bird distribution, abundance, habitat use, and trends through checklist data
- IV. Documentation of local birds of Dimoria, with a further interest in archiving their local names and folklore
- V. Officially registering Dimoria College as a participant in Bird Count India, Campus Bird Count, 2024
- VI. Planning a series of talks on ecological consciousness (post-event goal)

Rules to be followed during the Bird Count Event as per GBBC guidelines:

- I. 15 mins walk or 15 mins stationary observation (per checklist)
- II. Completed checklists in Ebird; no duplicate checklists
- III. Do not disturb the birds; birding etiquette is to be followed strictly.

-Event Coordinated by Dr Jharna Choudhury (Coordinator, Yuva Tourism Club) Member of Assam Bird Monitoring Network Assistant Professor Department of English Dimoria College, Khetri, Assam

Great Backyard Bird Count

16 – 19 February, 2024

Rose-ringed Parakeet (Psittacula krameri) © Ravi Jesudas / Macaulay Library

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