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From the Editor's Desk

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म्याँउ म्याँउ रे मोर, पीउ पिउ चातक के गण!
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घुमड़ घुमड़ घिर मेघ गगन में करते गर्जन ।

~ सुमित्रानंदन पंत

This month we have reached another landmark where we have completed four years of unbroken issues of our newsletter “Whispering Wings” with the help of members of the club. I implore the members continue writing and sending pictures for this newsletter so as its publication is ensured.

The last quarter has been fruitful with many birdwalks, e-bird workshop, baya weaver count and many sightings of birds which were not recorded earlier from the ISCR. More eyes in the field, longer fieldwork and greater diligence have resulted in some wonderful additions to the list. This wonderful work must continue...

May you always hear the bird song...

Mitinderpal Singh Sekhon

Secretary's Report

In July a session was conducted by coordinators of ebird. The meeting was held to bring members up to date with new programmes and how to use the app effectively. A field trip was conducted at Nagar Van, as a part of this session. It was held to familiarise the members with using ebird in the field.

Members participated in the Baya Weaver Count for CBMP(Common Bird Monitoring Programme). The area covered in the periphery of Chandigarh was Mirzapur Dam, Chhappar Chhiri and Mote Majra. The count was not very high as it was a bit early for the Baya nesting. It was observed that the Baya Weavers started nesting here in the latter half of August and into September.

The regular field trips were conducted with enthusiastic participation by members.

August field trip held at Jawaharpur, Derabassi with the hope of seeing some warbler and Bush Warbler passage migrants along with breeders like Bristled Grassbird. Some exciting sightings were Grasshopper Warbler, Common Whitethroat and Clamorous Reed Warbler.

Field-trip in September was conducted at Chhappar Chhiri which has a habitat similar to Jawaharpur's marshy grassland. The highlight was a Peregrine Falcon and large flocks of Blue-tailed Bee-eaters.

Till next time - Happy Birding!



Crimson Sunbird
By Rima Dhillon

CBC Workshop on eBird

eBird is an app through which birders can make and share their bird lists with the world. It is something we in CBC are now increasingly using to log our data. To have a better understanding of eBird, we invited Miss Mittal Gala and her associate from eBird India to guide us and make us more knowledgeable of the app.



The workshop first began in Nagar Van, to see the app work in the field. We logged all the birds seen there. At around 0700 hrs, we started at Nagar Van. It was drizzling around twenty members of the club participated. We walked around and counted the number of each species seen. We also saw the Oriental Pied Hornbill. We ended the field part of the workshop at 0930 hrs.



The second phase of our workshop was a presentation. We all congregated at Hotel Sunshine in Sector-70, Mohali. All the members had contributed towards the workshop. We were all treated to breakfast and tea on arrival. The presenters



explained what the app is and how the data that we put in the app helps the researchers in their various studies.

The workshop ended at around 1500 hrs with a delicious lunch. We bade our goodbyes to our learned guests. They were treated to a night out by Dr Simmi Waraich and early morning birding by Rima Dhillon.



Brown-headed Barbet
By Mitinderpal Singh Sekhon



Baya Weaver
By Amandeep Singh Channa



Tricoloured Munia
By Amandeep Singh Channa



Common Tailorbird
By Mitinderpal Singh Sekhon



Black-rumped Flameback
By Mitinderpal Singh Sekhon

Press Coverage

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- प्रजाति की घटती और बढ़ती संख्या के बारे में मिलती है पूर्ण जानकारी



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केन्द्र, 14 जुलाई, बटुआ) : यहाँ हिंदू जन ज्यम मेमोरी में 15वीं 74 सालका की लोक एग मेमोर लखल लख, बिबरन पेशिपु रंगम और लीकल से ज्यम बने प्रोडि ने पेश लिख। एग लखल 34 1-मर हिंदू के आ विपुल रंगम और पुण्ड्र रंगीने उडिपण लोने के ई बने के ज्यम मे आकाश की ओर चलल नि जेरी के एगो ट्रेड ज्यम भलो एडिप पेशिप के लिख मने है।

विषय यथायुक्त होकर ही प्रकृति का प्रयोग करना चाहिए। प्रकृति का प्रयोग करने के लिए हमें प्रकृति का ज्ञान होना चाहिए। प्रकृति का ज्ञान हमें प्रकृति के नियमों का पता चलाने में मदद करता है। प्रकृति के नियमों का पता चलने के बाद ही हम प्रकृति का प्रयोग कर सकते हैं। प्रकृति का प्रयोग करने के लिए हमें प्रकृति के नियमों का पता चलना चाहिए। प्रकृति के नियमों का पता चलने के बाद ही हम प्रकृति का प्रयोग कर सकते हैं। प्रकृति का प्रयोग करने के लिए हमें प्रकृति के नियमों का पता चलना चाहिए। प्रकृति के नियमों का पता चलने के बाद ही हम प्रकृति का प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।

की जा सकती है लेकिन अपने मूल सत्य के लिए बहुत बहादुरी है। हमारे परिवारवादी और राजनेत के दृष्टिकोण को निर्दिष्ट कर यह है की जाहंगीरी किस रास्ते है कि क्या सत्य या सत्य नहीं की संलग्न निर्धारण सत्य है। हमारे बाल्य को हमें प्यारे प्यारे परिवारवादी का प्यारे प्यारे सत्य और सत्य का अपने प्यारे प्यारे की प्रतीति के जो में एक सत्य सत्य की प्रतीति में सत्य, सत्य सत्य

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14th July, 2019

Beak deformities in city birds raise concerns

SAURABH PRASHIN
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 21

GROWING NUMBER of cases of beak deformities in birds in Chandigarh has alarmed the city's environmentalists. Bird enthusiasts and ornithologists are coming across an increasing number of beak deformities cases in recent times, even as specific causes for such deformities remain unknown.

Factors resulting in such deformities can include nutritional deficiencies, environmental contaminants, bacterial or viral (gonorrhea) infections, or fungal or parasitic infections. Trauma can also cause birth defects to become deformed. The trend has been upward for the last many years. Birth deformities can range



A Parakeet with deformed beak spotted at Sector-47 in Chandigarh. *Figures*

from slightly misshapen beaks to severely elongated beaks," said Mitulinder Sekhon, president of Chandigarh Bird Club.

Gandigarh has a total of 137 documented bird species including residential and migratory birds, and deterioration have been reported especially in the residential species, including parakeets, dove, common myna, seagulls and whist-

sailed swallows among others.

At 50, a 47-year-old resident of Lethbridge, Tish Sharma, found a passerine with an overgrown beak at a public park recently. He said, "It was not the first time when I came across such a bird, whose beak was completely damaged and overgrown. The particular passerine was struggling hard to eat its natural diet, which is fruits and red-chilli."

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Practical Scientist with Herbarium Natural History Society (INHS), De Villoa Park, said, "Maximum insurance also lies to deformities in birds. It is scientifically proven that birds suffering with beak deformities cannot survive for a long time. There are certain urban, captive birds also suffer from deformities due to wrong diet. Every bird has its natural diet. There are bird species, which prefer grains and the same species prefer insects for their chicks. These are birds, which cannot be fed meat and there are birds, which can feed animal and other diets. If a bird is fed a human can't own the chicks. However, seeds of *zizania*, *marr* and maize are the best for birds."

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Incepted in 2008, the Chandigarh Bird Club dedicated itself to its goal of protecting the environment.

The Club owes its existence to those few dedicated and expert members, who started this Club in the Chandigarh Boat Club, namely Navjit Singh, Narbir Kahlon, Vikramjit Singh, Mrs Rima Dhillon, Mrs Sarbjeet Kaur, and Mrs Geeta Goswami.

The fundamental objectives of Chandigarh Bird Club continue to be to:

1. Bring people, especially the younger generation closer to nature, through birding and help them to enjoy the outdoors while making out a fun activity.
2. To make individuals and government more sensitive towards the environment to create a dynamic database for analysis to focus on conservation efforts.
3. To create a forum for birders to share information and discuss issues related to this activity.

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