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From the Editor's Desk

The pandemic rages on and locks us in. I would like to repeat what has almost become a cliché, it has made a lot of new birders and home birding is the mantra. Yet many of the members have ventured out and recorded so many new species and many new species have ventured into our home gardens... perhaps inquiring why we were not out looking for them!

The migration of birds started perhaps a little early as many of them were recorded a few weeks before their usual time of arrival. Hopefully, we may see a greater number of migrants this winter...

The Chapperchiri conservation initiative is a very concrete step of the club and all members must contribute to the effort and let us work hard to make it a success. Another great initiative is the Neighbourhood Park Survey where the club would be conducting surveys in different seasons so as to create a repertoire of frequently seen birds.

All we really need is the pandemic to go away and our main endeavour should be to follow the protocol. Stay safe, pray for the healing of Mother Earth and record the birds you see around you!

In the end, I would like to thank all of you for your contributions towards the newsletter which has completed five years.

May you always hear the birdsong!

Mitinderpal Singh Sekhon

Secretary's Report

Wishing my Birding family a very Happy New Year.

The last quarter of the year has us still struggling with the pandemic but birders have been participating enthusiastically in all club activities.

Chakkimorh being a birding hotspot for club members, there is one trip there every quarter. This quarter not being an exception, it was the venue for the fieldtrip in October. The area hosts a large number of altitudinal migrants arriving in this month so birders get to see Warblers, Tits, Laughingthrushes Woodpeckers etc. Fieldtrips for November and December were conducted at Badi Sher and Dagshai respectively. Rajgarh, on the way to Churdhar caused a great flutter among the twitchers when a Chestnut Thrush was reported from there. Every twitcher worth his salt was seen heading up there and suddenly a whole new lot of altitudinal migrants came to the fore - Goldcrest, Red-headed Bullfinch, Bush Warblers, Golden Bush Robin, Coal Tits, Minlas.

Club meetings are still on Zoom but well-attended.

The monthly count of Chhaparchiri is done on the first Sunday of the month in order to collect data for the conservation of the small wetland.

The annual Salim Ali Waterfowl Census at Sukhna WLS was conducted in November to commemorate the birth anniversary of the father of Indian Birding.

In spite of the restrictive times the birding community is out in full force with binoculars and cameras making the most of what nature has to offer.

Happy Birding. Stay safe and healthy.

Rima Dhillon

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Accepted 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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