

Bird Watching Group Manual

Bird Watching Group - Office Bearers				
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Introduction:

“Everyone who enjoys birds and birding must always respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others. In any conflict of interest between birds and birders, the welfare of the birds and their environment comes first”

Birds are wild creatures that have to constantly struggle for survival in a world being polluted and cramped by humans. The least bird lovers can do is not to make things worse for them by their actions. So, whether your interest in birds is photography, sound-recording or birding, remember that the interests of the subject must always come first.

Aims & Objectives

- IIIT, Sri City aim and objectives are to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.
- Creating interest in public about birds and their importance in our life.
- Protecting birds and their habitats.
- Observing and documenting data about birds

DOs and DON'Ts of Birding in the Field

- DO put your cell phone away.
- DON'T forget you're in their habitat.
- DON'T be afraid to eat a snack.
- DO speak up if you're not getting an eye on the birds.
- DO learn “bird directions.”
- DO point things out even if you don't know what they are.
- DON'T worry about calling out the wrong bird.
- DON'T be scared to ask questions.
- DO have fun!

Constitution

- The institute's Code of conduct policy is applicable to this Bird watching group.
- Support the protection of important bird habitats.
- Avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger, exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, sound recording, or filming.
- Avoid chasing, repeatedly flushing, excessive use of squeakers and "pishing".
- Avoid the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds, and never use such methods in heavily birded areas, or for attracting any species that is threatened, endangered, or of special concern, or is rare in your local area.
- Repeatedly playing a recording of bird song or calls to encourage a bird to respond can divert a territorial bird from other important duties, such as feeding its young. Never use playback to attract a species during its breeding season.
- Do not ever use recordings to attract birds in protected areas.
- Keep well away from nests and nesting colonies, roosts, display areas, and important feeding sites to avoid disturbance and exposure to predators.
- Do not photograph nesting birds as this encourages poor ethics and draws attention of predators to nests.
- Use artificial light sparingly for filming or photography, especially for close-ups.
- Stay on roads, trails, and paths where they exist; otherwise keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.
- The policies may be modified by the club or group committee as required following a defined process.

Please follow this code of conduct and distribute and teach it to others.

Any violations of the code of ethics should be reported to nature club head