

# STATE OF INDIA'S BIRDS 2023



*Birds and biodiversity in general are declining across the world. To address this, India has set ambitious goals of reversing this loss and restoring ecosystems, and working towards greater sustainability. As part of this, periodic assessments are needed of how biodiversity is faring in the country. The State of India's Birds 2020 report was the first attempt to assess the conservation status of the majority of India's bird species. It identified 101 species of High Conservation Concern, which require focussed efforts.*

Three years later, this second edition of the report provides an update based on a much larger information base, enabling more species to be assessed. New sections emphasise the importance of systematic monitoring of birds, and review what is known about threats to birds in India.

To make the State of India's Birds 2023 report, 13 organisations have come together, including government institutions, universities, and NGOs. The main information base for the report is citizen science data generated and curated by a large number of birdwatchers from all walks of life. The report is thus rooted in public and collective participation, and in collaboration—vital if we are to conserve our precious birds and biodiversity.



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942

Indian birds assessed for conservation priority

14

species, including Indian Roller, recommended for IUCN Red List reassessment

178

classified as High Conservation Priority

217

species stable or increasing in the last eight years

Case studies from sites across India illustrate the vital role of systematic bird monitoring

Raptors, migratory shorebirds, and ducks have declined the most

Eight major threats to birds in India are synthesised

Policy and action must align to highlight species of high conservation priority, address problems of neglected habitats, and promote research and monitoring

Birds that live in key habitats like **open ecosystems, rivers, and coasts** have declined

Indian Peafowl continues to thrive

Asian Koel has increased in the past three decades

30,000+

birdwatchers contributed 30 million observations analysed for trends and distribution

