

GDC Rampachodavaram students participate in 4-day bird watching trip

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Six students of Government Degree College, Rampachodavaram, have participated in a bird watching programme jointly organised by **The Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB), Maredumilli and e-Bird Survey Birders organization from 15th to 17th March 2024** led by senior bird watcher) of e-Bird Survey Birders organization and trainee Range officers Veeranjanyulu and Rajasekhar from Maredumilli and Rampachodavaram Forest Academy respectively and IFB staff from Maredumilli, Papikondalu, Gudisa and Pamuleru. The purpose of the trip was to know the conservation of the birds and to learn various aspects regarding the birds and to identify rare species.

Bird watchers and students have spotted different birds such as Rufous Treepie which is native to India, Doves, Asian Cuckoo (Male), Shikra (Brain Fever bird), Bulbul, tickells Blue Flycatcher, Purple Sunbird, Monalthe National Bird of Nepal, Tailor bird, Yellow-Eyed Babbler, White-headed Babbler, Cuckoo (Male), Booted Wabler, which can be seen only in winter season, Hornbill, Common Iora and Drongos.

Students came to know regarding the plants which attract birds, difference between House Crow and Jungle Crow, reasons of vanishing sparrows and vultures, climatic conditions suitable for watching the birds and different techniques for capturing the photographs of birds. The session ended with vote of thanks by IFB Director.



Cuckoo Male



Rufous treepie



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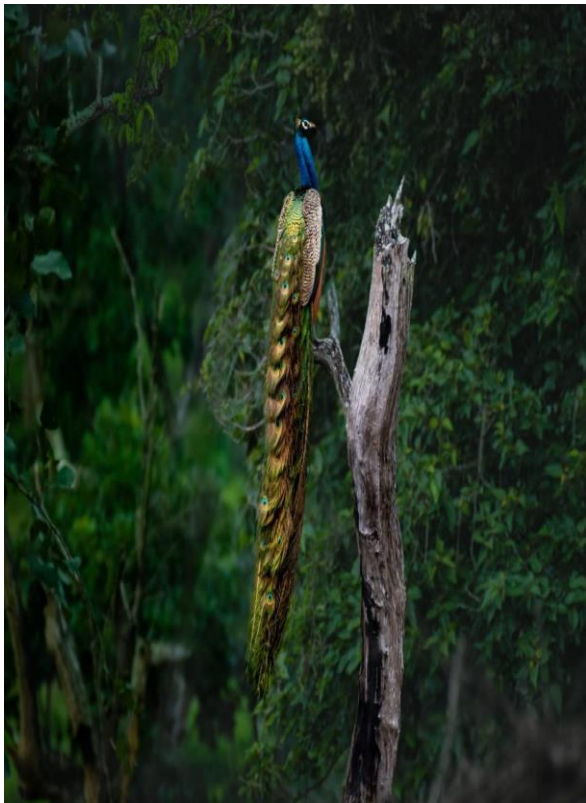
Students along with Principal and the Mentor



Students with other bird viewers



Senior bird viewer interacting with students





On the spot viewing birds in the forest





Before going into the deep forest the team

