



बर्ड वॉक के माध्यम से पक्षियों के महत्व पर जागरूकता की रिपोर्ट A Report of Awareness on Importance of Birds through Bird Walk

Birds are important members of many ecosystems. They play a vital role in controlling pests, acting as pollinators, and maintaining island ecology. In addition, birds are important to humans in many ways, such as serving as a source of food and providing fertilizer in agricultural fields. They are integral parts of food chains and food webs.

So, in order to spread the importance of birds, an awareness program was organized by ICFRE-CEC on 16th February 2023 at Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary, Visakhapatnam through bird walk. The event started at 6:00 in the morning and the ICFRE-CEC team along with participants started to walk towards the dense forest patches. The first birds which greeted the team were munias followed by birds like Rufous Treepie, Ashy Wood Swallow, House Crow and Large billed Crow. Moving into the dense reserve forest Purple rumped sun birds chirping and feeding on nectar from *Bauhinia purpurea* flowers was a scenic beauty observed by the team and participants. Passing along the Kambala cheruvu bridge area Indian Pond herons, Red wattled Lap Wing, Common Kingfisher were observed.

Red vented Bulbul, Swift (in flight), Green Bee Eater were also observed at the T – Junction. On the way back to the entrance the team got to notice Black Drongo, Dove and Cattle Egret. The team covered a total of 3.5 Km covering different habitats of the Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary. ICFRE-CEC team shared the concepts of LIFE and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to the Local people and students who participated actively in the program. In fact, the participants shared their precious views about the program and important role of nature and its elements in daily human life.

