

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE BIOLOGY

3.6.1. Extra-Curricular Activity

a. Synchronized Vulture Census Programme, Southern India” at Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu

The students of Wildlife Biology participated in Synchronized Vulture Census Programme, south India held at Mudumalai Tiger Reserve for three consecutive days from 29th to 31st December 2023, which is organized by Tamil Nadu Forest Department. The orientation on census programme was given by the Deputy Director, Buffer Zone of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve at the training Centre, Theppakadu Elephant Camp, Mudumalai. In continuation of this orientation our students proceed to Sigur plateau which is part of the Mudumalai and being the prime habitats for vulture population in southern India. The habitat also supports the large mammals like elephants and tigers which is a single largest population in the Western Ghats. The area supporting for vulture population primarily due to its prey base and suitable trees for nest building. Although there are four different species of vulture using this area, we sighted a white-rumped vulture comprising four individuals in adjacent to the nest location of Anaikatty area on 30th December. On the next day, a herd of elephants comprising three individuals and chital were seen at Bankipatti area near Sirur by our students.

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b. World Wetland Day Celebration

The Wildlife Biology students along with other departments participated the world wetland day in collaboration with Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Anaikatty, Coimbatore on 2nd February 2024 at Kumaraswamy lake in Coimbatore. The importance of wetlands, wetland birds and their role in maintaining the ecosystem were briefed by Dr. M.Mahindiran Senior Scientist, SACON and Mrs. A. Julffia Begam, Information Officer, SACON ENVIS. During the event students actively engaged in wetland bird watching around the lake. The students identified and enumerated both aquatic and terrestrial birds. After the completion of field work the students shared their experience.

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