

CALENDAR
2024



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BIRDS OF
IIT Madras Campus

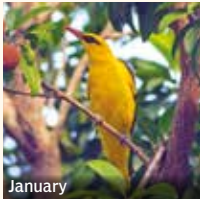
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BIRDS OF IIT MADRAS CAMPUS

The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras campus spans 630 acres adjacent to Guindy National Park, showcasing rich biodiversity in its diverse flora and fauna. Hosting over 120 recorded bird species on campus, the surroundings encompass various habitats like thick forested patches and scrubs, open fields, and lakes, fostering a wide variety of birds. From late September to early March, migratory birds, covering distances of over 5000 km, choose IITM campus as their wintering ground.

This calendar edition provides glimpses of these magnificent creatures through the lenses of IITM fraternity and Prakriti, the wildlife club of IIT Madras. Migratory species are featured prominently from September to February, and resident birds take center stage from March to August. Come, experience the firsthand charm of each of these birds exclusively captured at IIT Madras campus, in this beautiful keepsake.



SCAN TO KNOW MORE



January

Indian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus kundoo*) Male
 Male and female differ slightly in appearance. Orioles feed on fruits, nectar, and insects. Partially migratory. Can be seen in campus during October to February.



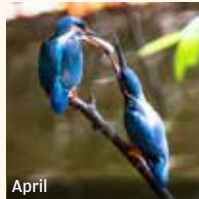
February

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo (*Clamator coromandus*)
 Strongly migratory in nature, it breeds in Northeast India, East and Southeast Asia and migrates to the Indian peninsula during winter. Seen in campus from September to February.



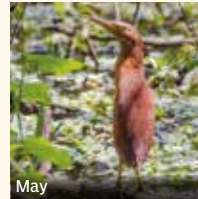
March

Orange-headed Thrush (*Geokichla citrina*)
 Brightly colored ground dwelling thrush. Orange head, breast, and belly. Feeds on insects, larvae, spiders etc., in the leaf litter. Migratory, in campus during October to February.



April

Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)
 Beautiful little blue-and-orange bird with a long, pointed bill. Found along rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds with small fish. Can be found near the lake, most of the year.



May

Cinnamon Bittern or Chestnut Bittern (*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*)
 Small sized bittern of open grassy wetlands. Male: uniformly cinnamon above and buff below. Can be seen in the swamp area in the campus.



June

Purple-rumped Sunbird (*Leptocoma zeylonica*) Male
 This tiny sunbird feeds mainly on nectar from flowers. Male and female differ in colour. Female: olive above and yellowish below. Resident bird, can be found through out the year in the campus.



July

Rose-ringed Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*)
 Bright green coloured with long tail and bright red bill. Male has narrow black-and-pink neck ring. Feeds in trees on fruits, flowers etc. and is seen in parks, gardens etc.



August

Grey Headed Swamphen or Purple Moorhen (*Porphyrio porphyrio*)
 Purplish-blue plumage. long red legs, and a bald red patch on the forehead. Thriving in vegetation covered swamps, feeds on vegetable matter, insects, mollusks, frogs. Resident bird.



September

Booted Eagle (*Hieraetus pennatus*)
 Migratory raptor, with brown or light grey plumage, feathered legs (boots), square tail. Migrates to southern Asia in winter from Palearctic regions. Feeds on rodents, birds, lizards etc.



October

Western Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla flava*)
 Slender and long-tailed, bright yellow below with paler throat and grayish-olive back. Common in Arctic tundra, it migrates to southeast Asian wintering grounds, found in grassy and waterside habitats.



November

Indian Paradise Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone paradisi*) Male, White morph
 A beautiful-looking flycatcher, especially, the adult male sports a long ribbonlike tail and comes in two color variations: rufous (cinnamon) and white. Migratory, found in campus from Sept-Feb.



December

Forest Wagtail (*Dendronanthus indicus*)
 Breeds in East Asia (largely China) migrates to Southeast Asia during winter. Prefers shaded wooded paths with leaf litter. Migratory-seen in campus during October to February.

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Indian Golden Oriole
(*Oriolus kundoo*) Male

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जनवरी JANUARY 2024

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December 2023

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February 2024

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Chestnut-winged Cuckoo
(*Clamator coromandus*)

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फरवरी FEBRUARY

2024

रवि SUN	सोम MON	मंगल TUE	बुध WED	गुरु THU	शुक्र FRI	शनि SAT
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March 2024

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Orange-headed Thrush
(*Geokichla citrina*)

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मार्च MARCH

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February 2024

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April 2024

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Common Kingfisher
(*Alcedo atthis*)

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अप्रैल **APRIL**

2024

रवि SUN	सोम MON	मंगल TUE	बुध WED	गुरु THU	शुक्र FRI	शनि SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Ugadi	10	11 Idu'l Fitr (Ramzan)	12	13
14 Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Birthday	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Mahavir Jayanthi	22	23	24	25	26	27
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March 2024

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May 2024

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**Cinnamon Bittern
or Chestnut Bittern**
(*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*)

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मई MAY

2024

रवि SUN	सोम MON	मंगल TUE	बुध WED	गुरु THU	शुक्र FRI	शनि SAT
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April 2024

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June 2024

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Purple-rumped Sunbird
(*Leptocoma zeylonica*) Male

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जून JUNE

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May 2024

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July 2024

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Rose-ringed Parakeet
(*Psittacula krameri*)

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जुलाई JULY

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रवि SUN	सोम MON	मंगल TUE	बुध WED	गुरु THU	शुक्र FRI	शनि SAT
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June 2024

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August 2024

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**Grey Headed Swamphen
or Purple Moorhen
(*Porphyrio porphyrio*)**

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अगस्त AUGUST

2024

रवि SUN	सोम MON	मंगल TUE	बुध WED	गुरु THU	शुक्र FRI	शनि SAT
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July 2024

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September 2024

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Booted Eagle
(*Hieraaetus pennatus*)

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सितम्बर SEPTEMBER 2024

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August 2024

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October 2024

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Western Yellow Wagtail

(Motacilla flava)

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अक्टूबर OCTOBER

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रवि SUN	सोम MON	मंगल TUE	बुध WED	गुरु THU	शुक्र FRI	शनि SAT
		1	2 Gandhi Jayanti	3	4	5
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September 2024

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November 2024

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Indian Paradise Flycatcher
(Terpsiphone paradisi) Male, White morph

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नवम्बर NOVEMBER

2024

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October 2024

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December 2024

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Forest Wagtail
(*Dendronanthus indicus*)

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दिसंबर DECEMBER

2024

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November 2024

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January 2025

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