

## Documentation of birdlife in 'green' campuses of Ahmedabad by CEE

The Centre for Environment Education (CEE) and Sundarvan got campuses in the city to take part in the 'Campus Bird Count (CBC)' event. The Campus Bird Count Event is conducted by Bird Count India; a consortium of conservation organizations. Many campuses being the only green spaces in a city they exhibit a high diversity of bird species. It is a great way of getting the general public, including students interested in bird watching. The Campus Bird Count is a part of the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), a worldwide bird counting exercise which takes place for four days every February. It is in order to obtain a 'snapshot' of bird distributions across the globe. The data is collated through 'eBird', a global bird listing tool.



The Campus Bird Count event started in 2015 which saw 84 campuses from 17 states take part. CEE was the only campus to participate from Gujarat. In 2016, a total of 18 campuses from Gujarat have participated. CEE and Sundarvan rallied this year to get more and more campuses registered for the event resulting in 9 campuses (including the CEE and Sundarvan campus) from Ahmedabad to register. They guided these campuses for conducting bird counts and uploading data. Also the staff of these organizations conducted bird counting sessions at ISRO and Vikramnagar Colony.

Many migratory species like Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, Rosy Starling, and Greenish Warbler etc. were observed because of the winter season. The following are the campuses that were helped by CEE for the final bird count.

Campus	Species
Sheth C.N. Vidyavihar	31
Bhavan's College	17
M.G. Science Institute	20
Space Application Centre, ISRO	27
Vikramnagar Housing Colony	25
St. Kabir School	14
Shreyas School	28
Sundarvan	27
CEE	42