

BIRD RACE IN JAIPUR FINDS BULK OF FEATHERED FRIENDS IN WATER

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An Indian Spot-billed Duck

A unique bird race organised near the water bodies and at wetlands, grasslands, forest, hills and scrub habitats around Jaipur recently has found preponderance of water-centric bird species in the vicinity of the Rajasthan Capital. The comprehensive bird species spotting was the first activity of its kind undertaken in Jaipur.

The bird race coincided with the 25th Indian Birding Fair, as part of which five teams were provided with open jeeps to visit different habitats for three hours in the morning. The birding fair's organiser, Tourism & Wildlife Society of India (TWSI), was entrusted to execute the activity.

TWSI secretary Harsh Vardhan said here on Friday that about 20 members of the teams spent 15 hours and totalled 151 bird species within 250 sq. km area around Jaipur. The team members went to places like Nevtā dam, Chandlai lake and Jhalana leopard reserve.

The maximum species and their numbers detected during the activity were water-centric. They included the birds such as shoveler, bar-headed goose, spotbill duck, little grebe, coot, Indian cormorant, black-winged stilt and great white pelican.

The observations were quantified and the top birdwatchers were selected after the bird race.

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