
















Biodiversity of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini campus, Uttan, District Thane





Birds



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| White-throated Kingfisher – पांढऱ्या छातीचा खंड्या - <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i> | A commonly found kingfisher in India, often also seen away from waterbodies |  |
| Asian Koel – कोकीळ - <i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i> | The most commonly seen cuckoo with the characteristic melodious call of the male |  |
| Purple Sunbird – जांभळा शिंजीर - <i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i> | A shiny purple (male) tiny bird often seen flitting around flowers for nectar |  |

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| <p>Purple-rumped Sunbird – जांभळ्या कंबरेचा शिंजीर - <i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i></p> | <p>Another tiny nectar eater with shiny purple above and lemon yellow below (male)</p> |  |
| <p>Tickell's Blue Flycatcher – टिकलचा निळा माशीभक्षक - <i>Cyornis tickelliae</i></p> | <p>A dainty shiny blue bird with orange below with a metallic sweet call</p> |  |
| <p>Coppersmith Barbet – तांबट - <i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i></p> | <p>A cute little green bird that nests in holes in trees and utters the recurring 'Puk Puk Puk' call</p> |  |
| <p>Greater Coucal – भारद्वाज - <i>Centropus sinensis</i></p> | <p>A large bird with a mysterious sounding call and golden hue on wings while flying</p> |  |


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| <p>White-browed Fantail – नाचरा - <i>Rhipidura aureola</i></p> | <p>A very restless bird continuously hopping among branches with a fan-shaped tail</p> |  |
| <p>Ashy Drongo – राखाडी कोतवाल - <i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i></p> | <p>A slender shiny bird known for its acrobatic feats while catching insects mid-air</p> |  |
| <p>Oriental Magpie Robin – दयाळ - <i>Copsychus saularis</i></p> | <p>Known for its very melodious breeding call in spring and the stark contrast colouring of black and white</p> |  |
| <p>Indian Cormorant – पाणकावळा - <i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i></p> | <p>Known for sitting on a tree or stump on the water's edge drying its wings</p> |  |




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| <p>Red-whiskered Bulbul – नारद बुलबुल - <i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i></p> | <p>A beautiful bird with a sweet metallic whistle that is heard by many; but identified by few</p> |  |
| <p>Red-vented Bulbul – लालबुड्या बुलबुल - <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i></p> | <p>A less glamorous looking cousin of the above bird; but far more common in urban areas</p> |  |
| <p>Alexandrine Parakeet – थोरला पोपट - <i>Psittacula eupatria</i></p> | <p>A large variety of parrot with a prominent red and black ring around the neck</p> |  |
| <p>House Sparrow – चिमणी - <i>Passer domesticus</i></p> | <p>One of our commonest birds known to all since childhood whose chirping has been a constant companion</p> |  |




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| <p>House Crow – कावळा - <i>Corvus splendens</i></p> | <p>Another of our commonest birds seen widely in human habitations and scavenging the surroundings</p> |  |
| <p>Little Egret - धाकटा बगळा - <i>Egretta garzetta</i></p> | <p>A clean white bird common in most wetlands, which looks whiter against the backdrop of dark rain clouds</p> |  |
| <p>Rose-ringed Parakeet – धाकटा पोपट - <i>Psittacula krameri</i></p> | <p>A slightly smaller parrot that is very common in most urban and rural areas</p> |  |
| <p>Common Myna – साळुंकी - <i>Acridotheres tristis</i></p> | <p>A very noisy bird, especially when in roosting flocks, and sounds as if it's teasing us</p> |  |




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| <p>Black Kite – घार - <i>Milvus migrans</i></p> | <p>A common raptor, which is primarily engaged in scavenging the countryside</p> |  |
| <p>Iora – सुभग - <i>Aegithina tiphia</i></p> | <p>A small perky yellow bird known for various types of melodious calls</p> |  |




Large and medium plants




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| <p>Banyan – वड - <i>Ficus benghalensis</i></p> | <p>The well-known sprawling national tree of India, which is revered for its ecosystem services, with its supporting roots that often form independent trunks</p> |  |




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| <p>Sacred Fig – पिपळ – <i>Ficus religiosa</i></p> | <p>Another popular tree, which is also considered sacred, and known for its heart-shaped leaves whose rustling is music to ears</p> |  |
| <p>Cluster Fig – उंबर - <i>Ficus racemosa</i></p> | <p>One more tree from the same genus, which is revered as the indicator of ground water presence</p> |  |
| <p>Mango – आंबा – <i>Mangifera indica</i></p> | <p>India's national fruit is well-known to all and the sprawling evergreen tree provides shelter to man and animals alike</p> |  |




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| <p>Toddy Palm – ताड - <i>Borassus flabellifer</i></p> | <p>This stately palm known for its white juicy fruit is a delicacy for many</p> |  |
| <p>Bayur Tree – मुचकुंद - <i>Pterospermum acerifolium</i></p> | <p>A native deciduous tree with its peculiar large leaves that have an indented edge</p> |  |
| <p>Pride of India – तामण - <i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i></p> | <p>A medium sized native tree with beautiful purple flowers and is the state flower of Maharashtra</p> |  |




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| <p>African Tulip - पिचकारी - <i>Spathodea campanulate</i></p> | <p>A tall tree with attractive orange flowers in the shape of a glass, with the colour exactly resembling that of Papaya fruit</p> |  |
| <p>Copperpod – सोनमोहर - <i>Peltophorum ptero carpum</i></p> | <p>A large tree with bright yellow flowers in spring that resemble popped corn with extra turmeric on it</p> |  |
| <p>Golden Shower – बहावा – <i>Cassia fistula</i></p> | <p>A medium sized native tree with beautiful yellow flowers in early summer that hang down in tresses</p> |  |




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| <p>Teak – सागवान – <i>Tectona grandis</i></p> | <p>A native deciduous tree famous for its good quality wood with whitish flowers adorning the branches in late summer</p> |  |
| <p>Raintree – पर्जन्यवृक्ष - <i>Samanea saman</i></p> | <p>A sprawling shady tree that covers roads from one footpath to the other, with delicate pink flowers in spring</p> |  |
| <p>Orchid Tree – कांचन - <i>Bauhinia purpurea</i></p> | <p>A native tree with beautiful dark pink flowers and large leaves with two distinct halves</p> |  |




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| <p>Blackboard tree – सप्तपर्णी - <i>Alstonia scholaris</i></p> | <p>A tall evergreen native tree that has strongly scented greenish white flowers in season</p> |  |
| <p>Flamboyant Tree – गुलमोहर - <i>Delonix regia</i></p> | <p>A tree very common in urban areas with extremely bright scarlet flowers in summer</p> |  |
| <p>Weeping Fig – नंदक - <i>Ficus benamina</i></p> | <p>A tree often planted on road dividers where its growth is stunted; but can become large if allowed to</p> |  |

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| <p>Bamboo – बांबू - <i>Bambusa vulgaris</i></p> | <p>Tall grass with woody stem with various species common in the tropics</p> |  |
| <p>Sita Ashok – सीता अशोक – <i>Saraca asoca</i></p> | <p>A medium sized native tree below which Devi Sita is said to have been kept during captivity, with beautiful reddish orange flowers growing in bouquets</p> |  |
| <p>Burflower Tree – कदंब - <i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i></p> | <p>A large native tree with branches spreading wide and round flowers resembling Motichur Laadoo</p> |  |

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| <p>Fishtail Palm - सूरमाड - <i>Caryota urens</i></p> | <p>A large native palm with fruit and flowers growing in long tresses</p> |  |
| <p>Indian Almond - देशी बदाम - <i>Terminalia catappa</i></p> | <p>A large deciduous tree with large leaves and branches that spread far</p> |  |
| <p>Jackfruit - फणस - <i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i></p> | <p>A large native evergreen tree with big fruit with thick rough exterior</p> |  |

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| <p>Pink Stick – उंदीरमार- <i>Gliricidia</i> <i>sepium</i></p> | <p>A fast-growing medium sized tree with beautiful delicate pink flowers in spring</p> |  |
| <p>Siamese Cassia – काशिद - <i>Senna siamea</i></p> | <p>A medium sized tree with beautiful yellow flowers in summer</p> |  |
| <p>Indian Beech – करंज - <i>Pongamia</i> <i>pinnata</i></p> | <p>A large native tree growing near water channels and seeds with medicinal value</p> |  |

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| <p>Java Plum – जांभूळ - <i>Syzygium cumini</i></p> | <p>A large tall evergreen native tree with sweet and astringent purple black fruit</p> |  |
| <p>Ribbon Fan Palm - <i>Livistona decora</i></p> | <p>A tall graceful palm with ribbon shaped ends to the leaves</p> |  |
| <p>Laurel Fig – कामरूप - <i>Ficus microcarpa</i></p> | <p>A large tree from the Ficus genus with hanging roots resembling a Banyan; but far slender</p> |  |

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| <p>Scarlet Chordia - <i>Cordia sebestena</i></p> | <p>A medium sized tree with bright scarlet trumpet shaped flowers</p> |  |
| <p>Rose of Venezuela - <i>Brownea coccinea</i></p> | <p>A small evergreen tree with shiny leaves and bright orange red flowers</p> |  |
| <p>Coconut – नारळ - <i>Cocos nucifera</i></p> | <p>A well-known palm aptly called Kalpavruksh in Samskrit due to its tremendous uses and properties</p> |  |




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| <p>Temple Tree – चाफा - <i>Plumeria obtusa</i></p> | <p>There are several species of this common medium sized tree that is common in temple premises and has fragrant flowers</p> |  |
| <p>Night Blooming Jasmine – रातराणी - <i>Cestrum nocturnum</i></p> | <p>A well-known heavenly fragrant native shrub that blooms at night with whitish small flowers</p> |  |
| <p>Peacock Flower – संकासूर - <i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i></p> | <p>A large shrub with vivid orange-red flowers that grow in clusters</p> |  |

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