**Kaggaladu- Kaggaladu** is a small village in the historic [Sira Taluk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sira_Taluk" \o "Sira Taluk) of [Tumkur district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tumkur_district" \o "Tumkur district) in the south of [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka). Since 1999, the villagers have been a welcome host for [painted storks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Painted_stork) and [grey herons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grey_heron), which annually breed on the trees inside the village and raise their young ones. Kaggaladu is located about 9 km to the north-west of [Sira](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sira,_India" \o "Sira, India), a town on the Sira-Chengavara Main Road and the [heronry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heronry) was first made known to the outside world in 1999 by members of the [Tumkur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tumkur" \o "Tumkur)-based [NGO](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NGO) Wildlife Aware Nature Club. The birds usually stay in **Kaggaladu Bird Sanctuary** for about six months, starting from the month of February. The birds start arriving in groups for the nestling season. By the end of August, the migratory birds depart. Kaggaladu is said to be the second largest painted storks sanctuary in [South India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_India), after [Kokkare bellur](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kokkare_bellur&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Kokkare bellur (page does not exist)) sanctuary in [Mandya district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandya_district" \o "Mandya district), [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka). It has been observed that, many birds of the foreign origin also migrate to Kaggaladu during the nestling season. In this bird sanctuary, one can find the birds in flocks of hundreds, but the big gathering of birds is not of the same feather. The [tamarind](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamarind) trees have been maintained exclusively for birds shelter and nestling. It has been reported that, the villagers of Kaggaladu are very much attached to these migrating birds.