

Bird are a vital component of any ecosystem and play a crucial role in pollination, seed dispersal & pest control. Interesting behaviour, attractive colours, melodious calls/songs (acoustics), ecological services etc. has attracted many to pursue Ornithology (science of birding) as career path.

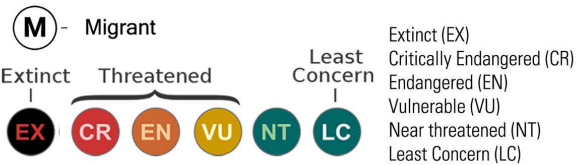
Birds inhabit every continent, and are among the most diverse vertebrate groups on Earth. Out of 1256 species recorded in India, more than 430 bird species are reported from Belgaum (Belagavi district) region by a team of dedicated birders. This high diversity is due to the mosaic of natural habitats that includeTropical evergreen, deciduous forests, grasslands, thorny scrub, rock outcrops and arid landscape spread across wet and dry climatic zones.

This brochure includes information (English name, Marathi name, Kannada name)on **157 species** of commonly found birds in the Belagavi region .

Common names of birds as per - Praveen et al. 2016

### Legend

IUCN Status - International union for conservation of nature assigns each species to a red list category based on the threat assessment at global level.



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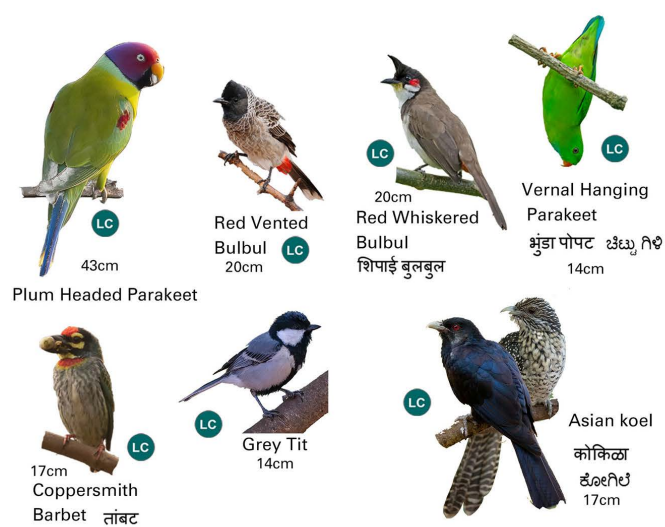
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### Birding essentials

- Cap & Dull clothing
- Binoculars
- Audio Recorders
- Food and Water
- Pencil, Notebook
- Insect Repellents

### Locations for birding around Belgaum

- Vaccine Depot
- Bhingad Wildlife Sanctuary
- Yellur region
- Hidkal Backwaters
- Jamboti
- Ghataprabha Bird Sanctuary

