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On the cusp of the 19th and 20th centuries — the heyday of the British Raj — EH Aitken, the well-known Anglo-Indian writer of natural history, made an alluring statement in his book *The Naturalist on the Prowl*.

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Interestingly, the Kama Sutra, composed by Vatsayana c. Bates, Douglas Dewar, and well known contemporary bird-watchers such as Salim Ali, M. It was the darlingest little egg in all the world.

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From India to America, from China to Rwanda, writers marvel at birds — the building of a long-tailed tit's nest, the soaring eagle, the extraordinary feats of migration and the pleasures to be found in our own gardens. When on the wing, it looks very much like a small hawk but, when it alights, it at once assumes a slouching, cuckoo-like attitude, with the wings dropped forward, so as to touch the perch and the tail slightly raised and expanded, thus presenting an aspect very different from the compact and alert look of a hawk.

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Meanwhile, writers like Aitkens symbolised an attitude that was somewhat typical of the British naturalist. Though the selected writings are mostly those originally written in English, a few translations from Indian languages have also been included.

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Not surprisingly therefore, quite a few books on birds focus on gardens, something that is reflected in their titles.

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From the Vedas and Puranas to the popular epics and literary classics, parrots have been celebrated as messengers, storytellers and teachers. The home garden It is noteworthy that detailed works on Indian birds by British authors are almost all dated after the revolt of 1857. Many readers will enjoy some familiar passages or discover writers new to them

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If you have any comments or suggestions or you want to reach out to us and be part of our journey across time and geography, do write to us at Contactus livehistoryindia. While the writings from ancient India usually amalgamated mythology and folklore along with biodiversity information, those from the Mughal period, though rich in their descriptions, usually stemmed from an interest in game hunting shikar or exhibiting birds and animals in royal menageries. Parrots were first introduced to the West by armies of the Macedonian Empire builder Alexander after their expedition to India in 327 CE.

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