



Karthik Thrikkadeeri

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I am an ecologist interested in community ecology, migration and biogeography, with a focus on birds. My current work involves using large-scale citizen science data on bird occurrence to answer ecological questions. Beyond profession, birding occupies a prominent role in my life and is much more than a hobby.

Personal Information

DATE OF BIRTH	24 March 1999
SEX	Male (he/him)
NATIONALITY	Indian
MARITAL STATUS	Unmarried
DRIVING LICENCE	LMV & MCWG (India)
LANGUAGES	English, Malayalam (native), Hindi
INTERESTS	Ecological research (community ecology, migration, biogeography) Data visualisation, poetry, birdwatching (eBird profile)

Education

University of South Bohemia

Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic

MSC IN ECOLOGY

2019–21

- Thesis: “Habitat selection in post-breeding temperate forest birds”
- Supervisor: Katerina Sam

CHRIST (Deemed to be University)

Bangalore, Karnataka, India

BSC IN BIOTECHNOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, ZOOLOGY

2016–19

Skills

FIELDWORK	Experience with bird research, butterfly and odonate surveys, vegetation sampling
SOFTWARE	R, R Markdown, MS Office, Git/GitHub, ImageJ, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Lightroom

Experience

I have been birding for more than six years now, and the obsession has only been getting stronger. I have been fortunate enough to experience the birds, habitats and landscapes of three continents in the Old World, and this I believe has been an invaluable asset. I am currently an eBird Hotspot Editor for the states of Tripura and Meghalaya (my eBird profile). I enjoy birding by ear and like to record and study bird vocalisations while birding.

During my time as a master’s student in Czechia, I was part of the small but growing community of eBirders in the country, and thereby helped “survey” the region by seeding hotspots and feeding checklist data into eBird. I also lived in my university campus and therefore was able to build a comprehensive checklist of campus birds (campus hotspot). I was a prolific birder in my bachelor’s university campus as well (hotspot).

I have participated in several bird surveys in India, in places like Silent Valley (KL), Panna (MP), Attappady (KL), Periyar (KL), Betul (MP), etc. I have helped conduct bird monitoring workshops in northeast India, and I recently also helped organise a bird survey in Wayanad (North) Forest Division (KL; survey report).