Capsule Course in Field Ornithology and Bird Migration

**Level**: Basic  
**Venue**: BNHS–Bird Migration Study Centre, Point Calimere, Tamil Nadu

We are happy to announce dates for one of our most sought-after training courses – Field Ornithology and Bird Migration – at Point Calimere. The new format of this course has been designed to cater to all who would like to learn more about birds through ringing and banding. This training course includes both on-field and classroom sessions dealing with a variety of topics like bird identification, monitoring, ringing/banding, bird migration study techniques and flyways, with talks from experts in the field of Indian ornithology.

The BNHS–Bird Migration Study Centre at Point Calimere has been instrumental in supporting and developing bird migration studies in India and in Central Asian Flyway since early 1960s. The Centre was established in 2008 and has been imparting training to people from different walks of life. Located at a unique location, with the mudflats of the Great Vedaranyam Swamp on one side and a tropical dry evergreen forest on the other side, the Centre has facilities to ring both land and shorebirds. Over 290 species of birds have been reported from this area.

The Course includes field trips to the Great Vedaranyam Swamp, Udayamarthandapuram, and Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary.
What this course wants to achieve:
Through this course BNHS intends to create a network of birders and bird ringers who can contribute
effectively to enhance our understanding on migratory birds.

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<td>Number of people</td>
<td>20 individuals</td>
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<td>Period</td>
<td>4th to 7th February, 2023</td>
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<td>Last date for receiving applications</td>
<td>15th January, 2023. Applicants will be enrolled on a first-come first-served basis. Please send your interest by email to: Dr. Ramesh Kumar (<a href="mailto:r.selvaraj@bnhs.org">r.selvaraj@bnhs.org</a>).</td>
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<td>Venue</td>
<td>Kodikarai (Point Calimere), Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District, Tamil Nadu</td>
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<td>Accommodation and Food</td>
<td>Shared tent accommodation (2 persons per tents) with cots, fan, extension cord and blankets will be provided. Fresh Traditional Tamil Nadu food and Local travel arrangements within Point Calimere are included in the course fee.</td>
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<td>Age group</td>
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<td>Target Audience</td>
<td>BNHS members, college students, researchers, birdwatchers, photographers, Forest department staff, Business groups &amp; Corporate employees</td>
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<td>Fees (per person)</td>
<td>Rs. 12,000/- (for existing BNHS Members) includes tent accommodation and food</td>
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**How to make the payment**

The course fee can be transferred by either of these three ways:

I. Through NEFT:

   - BANK ACCOUNT NAME: BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
   - BANK NAME: STATE BANK OF INDIA
   - BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10473844805
   - BRANCH NAME: GATEWAY of INDIA, COLABA BRANCH
   - MICR CODE: 400002073
   - BRANCH CODE: 8780
   - IFS CODE: SBIN0008780
   - BANK ADDRESS: RAMNIMI 8, MANDLIK ROAD, COLABA, MUMBAI 400001
   - BANK TELEPHONE NUMBER: 022-22873994/22835602

II. By clicking on this active link: [https://bnhs.org/cec-membership-form](https://bnhs.org/cec-membership-form)

III. By scanning the QR code

**LIST OF TALKS**

- **Bird Families and Identification – Waterbirds** – Groups of Birds, Taxonomy (Scientific Names and Their Significance), Similar Looking Species
- **Bird Families and Identification – Landbirds** – Groups of Birds, Taxonomy (Scientific Names and Their Significance), Similar Looking Species
- **How To Count?** – Survey Methods, Census Techniques, Technologies Used in Counting/Analysis.
- **Nesting Habitats** of Indian breeding birds, heronries
- **Migration And Flyways** – Phenomenon of Migration, History of Migration Studies, Flyways And The Importance of CAF And EAAF & Threats to migratory birds and challenges that they have to tackle during the long journeys across different landscapes.
- **Bird Migration Study Techniques** – Basics of bird ringing and data collection. Need to introduce different colour banding studies. Use of devices. Advantages and limitations of using each technique.
- **Significance of Bird Ringing Data** (morphometrics, ageing, sexing, moult, plumage, weight changes).
- **Global significance of Bird Marking Studies** in bird conservation & their habitat conservation.
- **Wetland Conservation and Habitat Restoration** – by involving multiple stakeholders & enhancing local livelihood.
- **Case Studies** – Indian Skimmer conservation, highlights of bird ringing in Mumbai coasts

Group Discussion, feedback, evaluation of the workshop & report submission.