

birdwatch @rv.org

Date: March 4, 2012.

Time: 6.15 – 8.30 am

Route: DH – Astachal – Lost Pond – Derek’s Cottage – Estate – Stinky Pond

Students: Rahul, Vineeth, Karthik, Aakash, Nirman, Adhiraj, Niyati, Sameera, Pari.

Teachers: Santharam, Kausthub, Jyothi.

Visitors: Karen.

We had a mission – many of the students wanted to see the Pitta. Pitta was not the only colourful bird that we saw. We saw the Painted Spurrow, the Iora, the Small Minivet, the Loten’s Sunbird, the Brown Flycatcher etc. Santharam later saw the Shama for a full 5 minutes. So the Sunday began with a lot of colour for the birdwatchers...

List of birds that were seen and heard:

House Crow	Blyth's Reed Warbler	Loten’s Sunbird
Jungle Crow	Tickell's Flowerpecker	Small Minivet
Koel (male and female)	Tree Pie	Pond Heron
Common Myna	Hoopoe (an adult and a young bird)	Rose ringed Parakeet
Indian Robin	Tailor Bird	Paradise Flycatcher (adult and juvenile male)
Whiteheaded Babbler	Spotted Dove	Blue rock Pigeon
Redvented Bulbul	Laughing Dove	Redwhiskered Bulbul
Ashy Drongo	Coucal	Brown Flycatcher
Coppersmith	Indian Pitta	Shama
Purple Sunbird	Grey Partridge	
Painted Spurrow (male and female)	Grey Wagtail	
Whitebrowed Bulbul	Common Iora	

The Small Minivet Bird of the day:

An attractive little bird, smaller than the size of a sparrow but with a longer tail, the minivet is a bird of the light wooded areas. It can be spotted in the school campus, foraging in the canopy for caterpillars. The male is brighter and attractive. They are usually seen in small flocks of 4-5 birds.

