

Report on The Great Backyard Bird Count

Along with all bird enthusiasts, bird experts, researchers, and birders of the world, students from Kaziranga Study Centre (KSC), J.D.S.G. College, Bokakhat too participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count, powered by E-Bird and Bird Count India, in response to the Global Great Backyard Bird Count (GGBC) initiative. The GGBC is organized every year in the month of February. The bird count was organized at Panbari, Kaziranga on 19th February, 2023 and as many as 20 selected students participated in the event. One of India's top birders, bird specialist, guide, and mentor Mr. Rofikul Islam guided the entire bird count event as resource person. The inspiring aspect for the students is that Mr. Islam is an alumnus of J.D.S.G. College. He was accompanied by another birder Mr. Hemanta Gogoi. During the event, students were acquainted with the significance of birds, specially in the conservation of biodiversity. During the 3 hours walk with nature, students were able to know not only about birds, but also various trees, grasslands, animals, butterflies, insects, etc. The students counted as many as 30 bird's species of the area namely Scarlet Minivet, Short Tailed Minivet, Greater Racket Tailed Drongo, Oriental Magpie Robin, Golden Fronted Leafbird, Rufous Treepie, Red Whiskered Bulbul, Red Vented Bulbul, Yellow Footed Green Pigeon, Common Tailor bird, etc. The team was accompanied by Mr. Sasanka Dhaval Saikia, Coordinator, Kaziranga Study Centre.



The Great Backyard Bird Count at Panbari, Kaziranga



Glimpse of the bird count. Resource person Rofikul Islam leading the students



Students watching and counting birds



Getting ready while following instructions by Resource Person



Introduction and preliminary instructions for bird watching and counting

