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### About the Club

Bangalore is renowned as the Garden City of India. Till about 1970 the bird life in this beautiful city does not appear to have been studied seriously. Records of birds of Bangalore and surroundings do not seem to be available. The present check list is based on notes maintained from 1970 onwards.

An announcement made through the news media brought together several interested persons, who formed the Bird-watchers Field Club of Bangalore which started functioning informally from February 1972. The name of the Club was chosen with a view to its functioning as the local chapter of the Birdwatchers Field Club of India at some future date.

One of the first tasks the members of the Club set for themselves was to bring out a check list of the birds of Bangalore and surroundings, as has been done by groups of birdwatchers in Bombay, Delhi, Dehra Dun, Roorkee, etc.

During the past five years, the Club organized a series of field outings to places of interest in and around Bangalore. The present check list is a result of observations made during these outings. The objective of the check list is to provide a ready reference to beginners in birdwatching in Bangalore, visiting birdwatchers, ornithologists, tourists, foresters and all others interested in wild life.

### Study Area

The check list contains the birds identified by sight or by hearing in and around Bangalore city. Some of the areas which were frequented in field outings were Lalbagh, Cubbon park, Guttahalli Palace gardens, Indian Institute of

Science campus and Ulsoor lake in Bangalore city; the Indian Plywood Industries Research Institute campus; Hebbal lake and G.K.V.K. campus of the University of Agricultural Sciences (along Bellary Road); Jalahalli East; H.A.L. Airport; Hesaraghatta farms; Doddagubbi-Vidyanagar; Kumbalgud (along Mysore Road); Bannerghatta National Park; Hosur farms and Nandi hills.

Bangalore is situated at about 1200 M above the Mean Sea Level, with an annual mean temperature of 23°C and an average rainfall of 150-200 cm. There are several large and medium sized parks in the city containing a great variety of flowering and foliage plants and trees. Many roads are lined with large trees. However, open spaces and gardens are vanishing fast due to rapid industrialization and the consequent population pressure.

The surroundings of Bangalore city consist mainly of dry scrub lands. The landscape is undulating with occasional plantations of eucalyptus and casuarina. There are no perennial flowing water resources, excepting the main sewage channels. However, a large number of irrigation tanks and lakes are scattered in and around Bangalore. There are a few marshes around some of the lakes.

#### Observers

Several persons from various walks of life have taken part in the field outings and helped in compiling the check list. Some of the active participants were Dr. Joseph George and Dr. V.J. Victor of the Indian Plywood Industries Research Institute; Mr. E. Hanumantha Rao, Wild Life Photographer; Mr. Abraham Varghese and Mr. A.K. Chakravarthy of the University

of Agricultural Sciences; Mr. V.Sudhakar, Mr. S.Krishnan and Mr. K.Krishnan, Research Students of the Indian Institute of Science; and Mr. Y.Upendra of the Automobile Association of Southern India.

#### About the Check List

In the check list that follows, the number in Column (1) is the serial number, and the number in Column (2) is that of the bird in the "Handbook of the Birds of India and Pakistan" (Vol. 1-10, Salim Ali and S.D.Ripley, Oxford University Press, Bombay, 1968-74). Common names and scientific names are given in Column (3). In Column (4), the status of the bird as recorded in the Handbook is given. R denotes Resident and W denotes Winter Visitor.

In the preparation of this check list, Salim Ali's paper "The Birds of Mysore" Parts I to V published in the Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society in 1942-43 has proved a useful reference work. The present list however contains several birds not recorded in Salim Ali's paper.

This list is by no means complete. There are birds in and around Bangalore which are to be added to this list. It is hoped that with the cooperation of all birdwatchers, this list could be periodically revised and kept up-to-date. Too little information is at present available on the nesting habits of Bangalore birds. When more information is gathered, it could be added to the check list in future revisions.

Birds of Bangalore

Field Check List

Sl.No.	Handbook No.	Common Name	Status Resident (R) or Winter Visitor (W)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	5	Little Grebe <u>Podiceps ruficollis</u>	R <sup>1</sup>
2.	26	Large Cormorant <u>Phalacrocorax carbo</u>	R
3.	28	Little Cormorant <u>Phalacrocorax niger</u>	R
4.	29	Darter <u>Anhinga rufa</u>	R
5.	36	Grey Heron <u>Ardea cinerea</u>	R
6.	42	Pond Heron <u>Ardeola grayii</u>	R
7.	44	Cattle Egret <u>Bubulcus ibis</u>	R
8.	46	Large Egret <u>Egretta alba</u>	R
9.	47	Smaller Egret <u>Egretta intermedia</u>	R
10.	49	Little Egret <u>Egretta garzetta</u>	R
11.	52	Night Heron <u>Nycticorax nycticorax</u>	R
12.	55	Little Bittern <u>Ixobrychus minutus</u>	R
13.	56	Chestnut Bittern <u>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</u>	R
14.	60	Painted Stork <u>Ibis leucocephalus</u>	R
15.	61	Openbilled Stork <u>Anastomus oscitans</u>	R
16.	69	White Ibis <u>Threskiornis melanocephala</u>	R

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
17.	72	Spoonbill <u>Platalea leucorodia</u>	R
18.	88	Lesser Whistling Teal <u>Dendrocygna javanica</u>	R
19.	94	Common Teal <u>Anas crecca</u>	W
20.	97	Spotbill Duck <u>Anas poecilorhyncha</u>	W
21.	101	Gadwall <u>Anas strepera</u>	W
22.	104	Garganey <u>Anas querquedula</u>	W
23.	108	Common Pochard <u>Aythya nyroca</u>	R
24.	114	Cotton Teal <u>Nettapus coromandelianus</u>	R
25.	124	Blackwinged Kite <u>Elanus caeruleus</u>	R
26.	133	Pariah Kite <u>Milvus migrans</u>	R
27.	135	Brahminy Kite <u>Haliastur indus</u>	R
28.	138	Shikra <u>Accipiter badius</u>	R
29.	147	Sparrow-Hawk <u>Accipiter nisus</u>	W
30.	153	Longlegged Buzzard <u>Buteo rufinus</u>	W
31.	157	White-eyed Buzzard-Eagle <u>Butastur teesa</u>	R
32.	178	Black Vulture <u>Torgos calvus</u>	R
33.	185	Whitebacked Vulture <u>Gyps bengalensis</u>	R

*Bar-headed Goose 27 Mar 1977 See 30 Nov 1978*

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
34.	186	Egyptian Vulture <u>Neophron percnopterus</u>	R
35.	190	Pale Harrier <u>Circus macrourus</u>	W
36.	191	Montagu's Harrier <u>Circus pygargus</u>	W
37.	192	Pied Harrier <u>Circus melanoleucos</u>	W
38.	193	Marsh Harrier <u>Circus aeruginosus</u>	W
39.	195	Short-toed Eagle <u>Circaetus gallicus</u>	R
40.	203	Osprey <u>Pandion haliaetus</u>	W
41.	219	Redheaded Merlin <u>Falco chicquera</u>	R
42.	222	Kestrel <u>Falco tinnunculus</u>	R
43.	246	Grey Partridge <u>Francolinus pondicerianus</u>	R
44.	250	Grey Quail <u>Coturnix coturnix</u>	W
45.	255	Jungle Bush Quail <u>Perdica asiatica</u>	R
46.	275	Red Spurfowl <u>Galloperdix spadicea</u>	R
47.	311	Indian Peafowl <u>Pavo cristatus</u>	R
48.	318	Common Bustard-Quail <u>Turnix suscitator</u>	R
49.	326	Demoiselle Crane <u>Anthropoides virgo</u>	W
50.	344	Whitebreasted Waterhen <u>Amaurornis phoenicurus</u>	R
51.	347	Indian Moorhen <u>Gallinula chloropus</u>	R

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
52.	349	Purple Moorhen <u>Porphyrio porphyrio</u>	R
53.	350	Coot <u>Fulica atra</u>	R
54.	358	Pheasant-tailed Jacana <u>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</u>	R
55.	359	Bronzwinged Jacana <u>Metopidius indicus</u>	R
56.	366	Redwattled Lapwing <u>Vanellus indicus</u>	R
57.	370	Yellow-wattled Lapwing <u>Vanellus malabaricus</u>	R
58.	379	Little Ringed Plover <u>Charadrius dubius</u>	R
59.	381	Kentish Plover <u>Charadrius alexandrinus</u>	W
60.	387	Curlew <u>Numenius arquata</u>	W
61.	393	Redshank <u>Tringa totanus</u>	W
62.	397	Green Sandpiper <u>Tringa ochropus</u>	W
63.	398	Spotted Sandpiper <u>Tringa glareola</u>	W
64.	401	Common Sandpiper <u>Tringa hypoleucos</u>	W
65.	406	Pintail Snipe <u>Capella stenura</u>	W
66.	408	Great Snipe <u>Capella media</u>	W
67.	409	Fantail Snipe <u>Capella gallinago</u>	W
68.	410	Jack Snipe <u>Capella minima</u>	W
69.	416	Little Stint <u>Calidris minutus</u>	W

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
70.	417	Temminck's Stint <u>Calidrus temminckii</u>	W
71.	426	Ruff and Reeve <u>Philomachus pugnax</u>	W
72.	429	Painted Snipe <u>Rostratula benghalensis</u>	P
73.	430	Blackwinged Stilt <u>Himantopus himantopus</u>	R
74.	436	Stone Curlew <u>Burhinus oedicnemus</u>	R
75.	440	Indian Courser <u>Cursorius coromandelicus</u>	R
76.	454	Brown headed Gull <u>Larus brunnicephalus</u>	W
77.	458	Indian Whiskered Tern <u>Chlidonias hybrida</u>	W
78.	470	Black bellied Tern <u>Sterna acuticauda</u>	W
79.	504	Green Pigeon <u>Treron phoenicoptera</u>	R
80.	517	Blue Rock Pigeon <u>Columba livia</u>	R
81.	534	Indian Ring Dove <u>Streptopelia decaocto</u>	R
82.	535	Red Turtle Dove <u>Streptopelia tranquebarica</u>	R
83.	537	Spotted Dove <u>Streptopelia chinensis</u>	R
84.	541	Little Brown Dove <u>Streptopelia senegalensis</u>	R
85.	550	Roseringed Parakeet <u>Psittacula krameri</u>	P
86.	558	Blossomheaded Parakeet <u>Psittacula cyanocephala</u>	R
87.	571	Pied Crested Cuckoo <u>Clamator jacobinus</u>	R

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
88.	573	Common Hawk-Cuckoo <u>Cuculus varius</u>	R
89.	584	Plaintive Cuckoo <u>Cacomantis merulinus</u>	P
90.	590	Koel <u>Eudynamys scolopacea</u>	R
91.	595	Small Greenbilled Malkoha <u>Rhopodytes viridirostris</u>	R
92.	600	Coucal <u>Centropus sinensis</u>	R
93.	606	Barn Owl <u>Tyto alba</u>	R
94.	627	Great Horned Owl <u>Bubo bubo</u>	R
95.	631	Brown Fish Owl <u>Bubo zeylonensis</u>	R
96.	652	Spotted Owlet <u>Athene brama</u>	R
97.	657	Mottled Wood Owl <i>2R MAR 1977</i> <u>Strix ocellata</u>	R
98.	680	Indian Nightjar <u>Caprimulgus asiaticus</u>	R
99.	694	Alpine Swift <u>Apus melba</u>	R
100.	703	House Swift <u>Apus affinis</u>	R
101.	707	Palm Swift <u>Cypsiurus parvus</u>	R
102.	719	Pied Kingfisher <u>Ceryle rudis</u>	R
103.	723	Small Blue Kingfisher <u>Alcedo atthis</u>	R
104.	736	Whitebreasted Kingfisher <u>Halcyon smyrnensis</u>	R
105.	748	Bluetailed Bee-eater <u>Merops philippinus</u>	R

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106.	750	Green Bee-eater <u>Merops orientalis</u>	R
107.	756	Roller <u>Coracias benghalensis</u>	R
108.	765	Hoopoe <u>Upupa epops</u>	R
109.	767	Grey Hornbill <u>Tockus birostris</u>	R
110.	780	Large Green Barbet <u>Megalaima zeylanica</u>	R
111.	785	Small Green Barbet <u>Megalaima viridis</u>	R
112.	792	Coppersmith <u>Megalaima haemacephala</u>	R
113.	820	Goldenbacked Woodpecker <u>Dinopium benghalense</u>	R
114.	847	Yellowfronted Pied Woodpecker <u>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</u>	R
115.	858	Blackbacked Woodpecker <u>Chrysocolaptes festivus</u>	R
116.	867	Pitta <u>Pitta brachyura</u>	R
117.	872	Singing Bush Lark <u>Mirafra javanica</u>	R
118.	875	Redwinged Bush Lark <u>Mirafra erythroptera</u>	R
119.	878	Ashycrowned Finch-Lark <u>Eremopterix grisea</u>	R
120.	882	Rufous tailed Finch-Lark <u>Ammodramus phoenicurus</u>	R
121.	914	Dusky Crag Martin <u>Hirundo concolor</u>	R
122.	916	Common Swallow <u>Hirundo rustica</u>	W
123.	921	Wiretailed Swallow <u>Hirundo smithii</u>	R

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124.	933	Grey Shrike <u>Lanius excubitor</u>	R
125.	940	Baybacked Shrike <u>Lanius vittatus</u>	R
126.	946	Rufousbacked Shrike <u>Lanius schach</u>	R
127.	949	Brown Shrike <u>Lanius cristatus</u>	W
128.	953	Golden Oriole <u>Oriolus oriolus</u>	R
129.	958	Blackheaded oriole <u>Oriolus xanthornus</u>	R
130.	962	Black Drongo <u>Dicrurus adsimilis</u>	R
131.	965	Grey Drongo <u>Dicrurus leucophaeus</u>	R
132.	967	Whitebellied Drongo <u>Dicrurus caerulescens</u>	R
133.	973	Haircrested Drongo <u>Dicrurus hottentottus</u>	R
134.	987	Greyheaded Myna <u>Sturnus malabaricus</u>	R
135.	994	Blackheaded Myna <u>Sturnus pagodarum</u>	R
136.	996	Rosy Pastor <u>Sturnus roseus</u>	W
137.	997	Starling <u>Sturnus vulgaris</u>	W
138.	1006	Common Myna <u>Acridotheres tristis</u>	R
139.	1010	Jungle Myna <u>Acridotheres fuscus</u>	R
140.	1034	Tree Pie <u>Dendrocitta vagabunda</u>	R
141.	1049	House Crow <u>Corvus splendens</u>	R

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142.	1054	Jungle Crow <u>Corvus macrorhynchos</u>	R
143.	1070	Indian Wood Shrike <u>Tephrodoris pondicerianus</u>	R
144.	1072	Large Cuckoo-Shrike <u>Coracina novaehollandiae</u>	R
145.	1078	Blackheaded Cuckoo-Shrike <u>Coracina melanoptera</u>	R
146.	1093	Small Minivet <u>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</u>	R
147.	1100	Iora <u>Aegithina tiphia</u>	R
148.	1107	Jerdon's Chloropsis <u>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</u>	R
149.	1120	Redwhiskered Bulbul <u>Pycnonotus jocosus</u>	R
150.	1128	Redvenked Bulbul <u>Pycnonotus cafer</u>	R
151.	1135	Yellowthroated Bulbul <u>Pycnonotus xantholaemus</u>	R
152.	1138	Whitebrowed Bulbul <u>Pycnonotus luteolus</u>	R
153.	1154	Spotted Babbler <u>Pellorneum ruficeps</u>	R
154.	1175	Scimitar Babbler <u>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</u>	R
155.	1221	Whitethroated Babbler <u>Dumetia hyperythra</u>	R
156.	1231	Yellow-eyed Babbler <u>Chrysomma sinensis</u>	R
157.	1254	Common Babbler <u>Turdoides caudatus</u>	R
158.	1258	Large Grey Babbler <u>Turdoides malcolmi</u>	R
159.	1262	Jungle Babbler <u>Turdoides striatus</u>	R

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
160.	1267	Whiteheaded Babbler <u>Turdoides affinis</u>	R
161.	1407	Brown Flycatcher <u>Muscicapa latirostris</u>	W
162.	1411	Redbreasted Flycatcher <u>Muscicapa parva</u>	W
163.	1442	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher <u>Muscicapa tickelliae</u>	R
164.	1446	Nilgiri Verditer Flycatcher <u>Muscicapa albicaudata</u>	R
165.	1449	Greyheaded Flycatcher <u>Culicicapa ceylonensis</u>	R
166.	1452	Whitebrowed Fantail Flycatcher <u>Rhipidura aureola</u>	R
167.	1458	Whitespotted Fantail Flycatcher <u>Rhipidura albogularis</u>	R
168.	1461	Paradise Flycatcher <u>Terpsiphone paradisi</u>	R
169.	1465	Blacknaped Monarch Flycatcher <u>Monarcha azurea</u>	R
170.	1498	Streaked Fantail Warbler <u>Cisticola juncidis</u>	R
171.	1513	Indian Wren-Warbler <u>Prinia subflava</u>	R
172.	1517	Ashy Wren-Warbler <u>Prinia socialis</u>	R
173.	1523	Jungle Wren-Warbler <u>Prinia sylvatica</u>	R
174.	1535	Tailor Bird <u>Orthotomus sutorius</u>	R
175.	1550	Indian Great Reed Warbler <u>Acrocephalus stentoreus</u>	R
176.	1556	Blyth's Reed Warbler <u>Acrocephalus dumetorum</u>	W
177.	1557	Paddyfield Warbler <u>Acrocephalus agricola</u>	W

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
178.	1562	Booted Tree Warbler <u>Hippolous caligata</u>	W
179.	1565	Orphean Warbler <u>Sylvia hortensis</u>	W
180.	1579	Tickell's Leaf Warbler <u>Phylloscopus affinis</u>	W
181.	1602	Greenish Leaf Warbler <u>Phylloscopus trochiloides</u>	W
182.	1644	Bluethroat <u>Erithacus svecicus</u>	W
183.	1661	Magpie Robin <u>Copsychus saularis</u>	R
184.	1672	Black Redstart <u>Phoenicurus ochruros</u>	W
185.	1697	Collared Bush Chat <u>Saxicola torquata</u>	W
186.	1701	Pied Bush Chat <u>Saxicola caprata</u>	R
187.	1720	Indian Robbin <u>Saxicoloides fulicata</u>	R
188.	1726	Blue Rock Thrush <u>Monticola solitarius</u>	W
189.	1734	Whitethroated Ground Thrush <u>Zoothera citrina</u>	R
190.	1755	Southern Blackbird <u>Turdus merula</u>	R
191.	1794	Grey Tit <u>Parus major</u>	R
192.	1852	Indian Tree Pipit <u>Anthus hodgsoni</u>	W
193.	1859	Indian Pipit <u>Anthus novaeseelandiae</u>	R
194.	1874	Forest Wagtail <u>Motacilla indica</u>	W
195.	1875	Yellow Wagtail <u>Motacilla flava</u>	W
196.	1884	Grey Wagtail <u>Motacilla caspica</u>	W

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
197.	1885	White Wagtail <u>Motacilla alba</u>	W
198.	1891	Large Pied Wagtail <u>Motacilla maderaspatensis</u>	R
199.	1892	Thickbilled Flowerpecker <u>Dicaeum agile</u>	R
200.	1899	Tickell's Flowerpecker <u>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</u>	R
201.	1907	Purplerumped Sunbird <u>Nectarinia zeylonica</u>	R
202.	1911	Maroonbreasted Sunbird <u>Nectarinia lotenia</u>	R
203.	1917	Purple Sunbird <u>Nectarinia asiatica</u>	R
204.	1933	White-eye <u>Zosterops palpebrosa</u>	R
205.	1938	House Sparrow <u>Passer domesticus</u>	R
206.	1949	Yellowthroated Sparrow <u>Petronia xanthocollis</u>	R
207.	1957	Baya Weaver Bird <u>Ploceus philippinus</u>	R
208.	1962	Streaked Weaver Bird <u>Ploceus manyar</u>	R
209.	1964	Red Munia <u>Estrilda amandava</u>	R
210.	1966	Whitethroated Munia <u>Lonchura malabarica</u>	R
211.	1967	Whitebacked Munia <u>Lonchura striata</u>	R
212.	1974	Spotted Munia <u>Lonchura punctulata</u>	R
213.	1978	Blackheaded Munia <u>Lonchura malacca</u>	R
214.	2044	Redheaded Bunting <u>Emberiza bruniceps</u>	W

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