

Report on Bird-watching Activity as Participation in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2026

On 16th February, 2026, the Eco-club of Kumarganj College organised its first bird-watching activity as a community science initiative to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2026, a global event held annually from 13th to 16th February. The activity aimed to engage students in citizen science, educate them about local avian biodiversity, and contribute valuable ornithological data to the scientific community. The programme ran from 1:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m., and was conducted across multiple locations including the Kumarganj College campus, Kumarganj Forest, and the Atrai Riverbed behind Kumarganj Forest. Being the first instance of such an activity, the session commenced at 1:00 p.m. with a comprehensive orientation on the fundamentals of bird-watching and an explanation of GBBC's significance and methodology. Participants were trained on using the Ebird website, an online platform for submitting bird observation data, particularly benefiting those with smartphones. After the initial orientation phase, the actual bird-watching activity began around 1:40 p.m. The collective efforts of the participants resulted in the recording and identification of 19 distinct bird species, with all compiled data subsequently submitted to the Ebird website (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S301257656>) by Subham Chowdhury, Convenor of the Eco-club, ensuring the information contributes to the global bird monitoring network and advancing ornithological research initiatives.



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Parameter	Details
Event Name	Bird-watching Activity in Participation of Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 2026
Organising Unit	Eco-club, Kumarganj College
Date	16th February, 2026
Duration	2 hours 10 minutes (1:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.)
Areas Covered	Kumarganj College campus, Kumarganj Forest, and Atrai Riverbed behind Kumarganj Forest and Kumarganj College
Total Participants	7 (5 students and 2 Assistant Professors)
Student Participants	5 students from 3rd Semester (2 male, 3 female)
Faculty Participants	Subham Chowdhury (Department of English and Convenor of the Eco-club) and Prasanta Kumar Ghosh (Department of Geography)
Bird Species Identified	19 distinct species
Data Submission	Submitted to Ebird website by Subham Chowdhury
Key Activities	Orientation on bird-watching fundamentals, explanation of GBBC, training on Ebird website data submission
Significance	First bird-watching activity organised by Eco-club; contribution to citizen science and global ornithological research



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16 Feb 2026 1:43pm

Kumarganj College Campus

Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal, IN



Subham Chowdhury + 6 others

Traveling • 90 mins • 0.99 km

Complete

19 Species

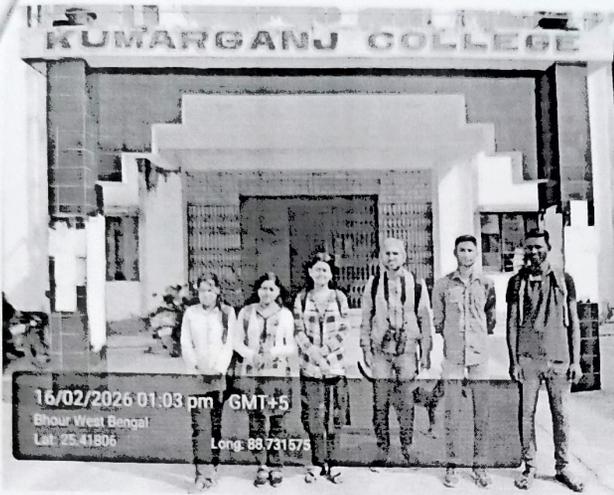
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1	River Lapwing
1	Common Sandpiper
3	Little Cormorant
3	Little Egret
1	Shikra
3	Asian Green Bee-eater
1	White-throated Kingfisher
2	Pied Kingfisher
3	Blue-throated Barbet
2	Black-hooded Oriole
1	Common Iora
4	Black Drongo
3	Plain Prinia
6	Gray-throated Martin
5	Red-vented Bulbul
10	Jungle Babbler
4	Chestnut-tailed Starling
4	Common Myna
5	Purple Sunbird



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