



Government of Assam
Department of Environment & Forests
Office of the Forest Range Officer, Central Range, Biswanath Chariali

Letter No. CRB /awareness/2019/116

Dated: 11-02-2020

To,

The Principal,
Biswanath College,
Biswanath Chariali, Assam

Sub: Letter to collaborate in organizing 'Great Backyard Bird Count' cum one day student workshop at your college.

Respected Sir,

With due regards, we thank you for your constant support to our department in organizing collaborative programs and student interaction programs. This time also we are happy to inform you that global conservation agencies will conduct an annual 'Great Backyard Bird Count' from 14th -17th Feb, 2020. And to mark and contribute to this bird count program from our Biswanath district we would like to organize a one day short **workshop program followed by counting of birds on 13th February, 2020** at your college with the interested students. In this program we will be going to invite resource persons from various organizations viz., Turtle Survival Alliance-India, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Bombay Natural History Society and Gauhati University to outreach the knowledge base of students and faculties as well. The full proceedings of the program has been attached below as Annexure —I.


We have designed and formulated this upcoming program not only to be conduct for this year. But, will take forward it to be organized in similar way in coming years. We think that this kind of interactive programs will be going to benefit our local students to be well versed with the global level wildlife conservation activities as well as to help them in forming a wide network of local wildlife enthusiasts for the conservation and protection of our local wildlife. This program will also help the students and participants to interact with our resource persons to get an idea about opportunities and scope for future association as professional conservationist, intern or volunteers with them.


So, we kindly request you to accept out letter to collaborate in organizing this workshop and bird count program and passed the same information among students for their active participation and learning through this program.

We will be thankful to you for your kind concern in this regard.

Thanking You.

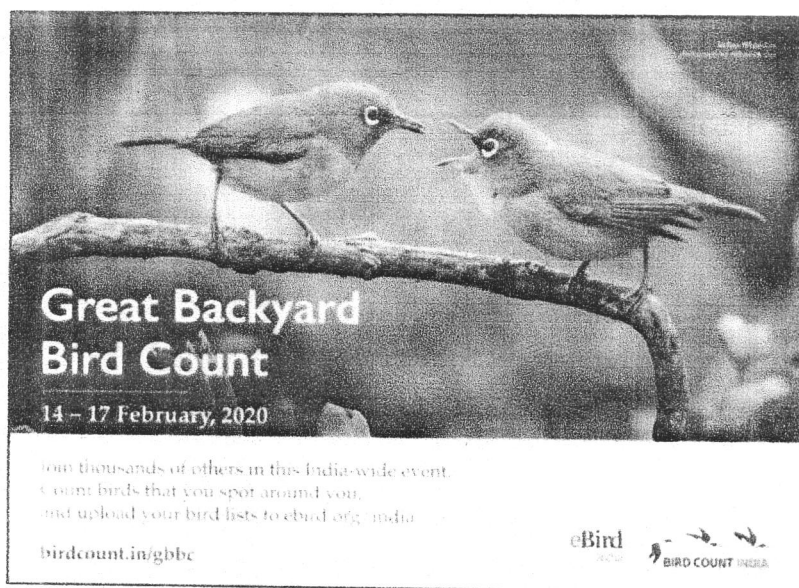
Yours sincerely


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Central Range, Biswanath Ghat Assam.


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**Schedule for the “eBird workshop” and Bird count program at Biswanath College,
Assam on 13th February, 2020**



Date: 13-February, 2020

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Technical session: Ripunjy Knowledge Hub, Biswanath College

Field session: Biswanath College campus

Organizers and Resource Persons:

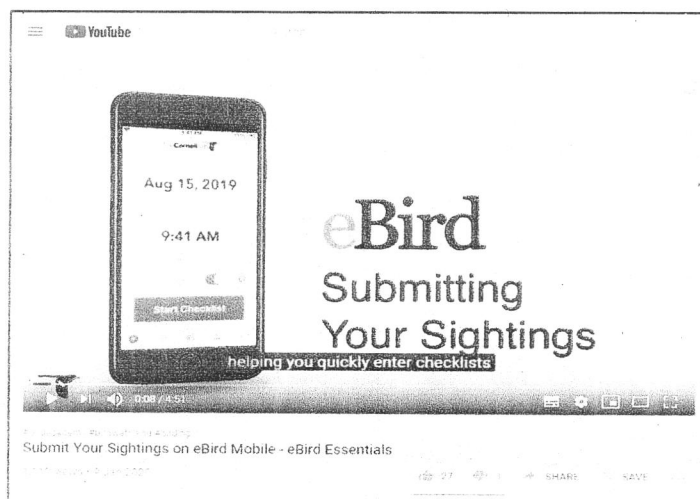
- Mr. Pranjal Baruah, AFS, Range Forest Officer, Biswanath Wildlife Division Biswanath Charilai, Assam -BWD
- Dr. Parimal Chandra Ray, Project Coordinator, Turtle Survival Alliance-India, Biswanath Ghat, Assam- TSA-India
- Mr. Harif Parengal, Research Scholar, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Tamil Nadu- SACON
- Mr. Biswajit Chakdar, Scientist, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai- BNHS
- Mr. Ranjit Kakakti, Research Scholar, Gauhati University, Assam- GU
- Support team: TSA- Dasiy Das; BWD- Santosh Shah, Raju Gogoi

Brief details of workshop proceedings:

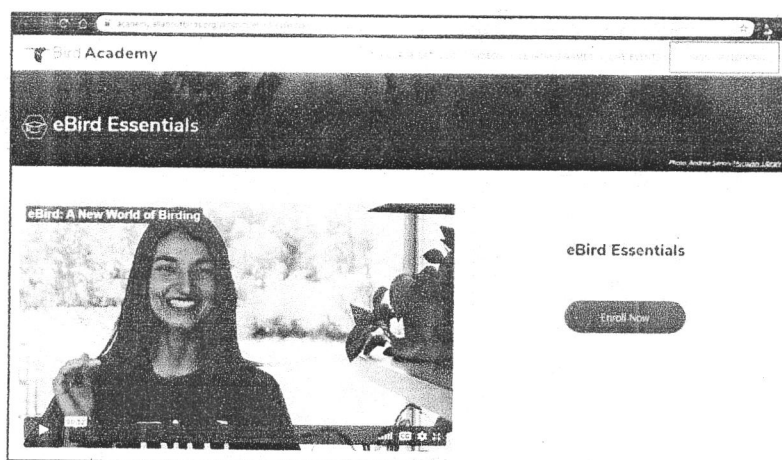
Time	Proceeding	Resource person	Time allotted
3:00 pm	Introductory session/talk	BWD and TSA	15 minutes
3:15 pm	Talk by college Principal or Faculty	College	10 minutes
3:25 pm	Let's talk Birds- PPT	SACON	15 minutes
3:40 pm	eBird-PPT/Video/etc.	BNHS/GU	25 minutes
4:05 pm	Demonstration of ebird App and other App- Hands on training	All	45 minutes
	Bird count Field session	All	
	Compilation of Bird count data	All	
4:50 pm	End note- Student future scope	TSA	5 minutes
4:55 pm	Closing note	College/BWD	10 minutes

Resources to be used in Workshop

1. eBird Andriod App use



2. Overview on use of online e-resources



3. Overview of Merlin Bird ID Android App

