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### Dear Birders,

Pench Tiger Reserve is organizing its Citizen-science based Bird Survey!!! (January 2023)

Pench Tiger Reserve is excited to announce the Bird Survey using Citizen Science initiative to study the avifauna of Pench Tiger Reserve.

This is a very unique experience of working with bird experts, citizens, and nature enthusiasts on scientific bird count in the forest.

#### **Note:**

- 1) It is not a photography expedition, bird tour, camping or leisure tour but a systematic bird count. We expect you will give your sincere efforts towards the count without any personal motto.
- 2) It is a survey with minimum stay and food facilities. We suggest you to not apply if you have medical history, or special required food or water.
- 3) Each trail for survey will be minimum 5-8km, so people with walking issue are suggested to not apply.
- 4) Participants have to fill Indemnity bond stating participants will be responsible for any loss or mishap during the survey. Organizers will not be liable for any claim or compensation.
- 5) As the stay will be basic, we request you to bring your field kit (Compulsory)
  - a. Field clothes- Sun-caps, firm footwear for heavy treks, Camouflage clothes etc.
  - b. Binocular/Camera (Organizers will not be responsible for any loss or damage)
  - c. Torch, lunch-box, Water bottle, Pen, Notebook, Sleeping bag and field bag
- 6) Teams are requested to not move out of premises in night in any conditions and without field staff.
- 7) Participants are obliged to take part in camp activities especially in kitchen activities.
- 8) Field surveys will start every day at 6:30 AM & 3:00 PM, so make sure you are ready by 6:15AM & 2:45PM.
- 9) Announcements for next day plans will be made each evening after dinner.
- 10) Pench Tiger Reserve Team reserves the right to send the volunteer back before the stipulated time period & take legal actions in case of ill-conduct of behavior or in case of violation of any provision of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (knowingly or unknowingly)
- 11) It is expected that participants provide a copy of their photos and data in required format to the Team heads on daily basis of the survey. Such audio, photos, and videos will be used in publications and contributors will be acknowledged.

**12)** The survey area deals with high conservation important species and sensitive human-wildlife interactions. The information, observation and data generated during the course of the survey will be confidential in nature. Any attempts to post such information (Except bird survey related information) on media without prior written consent of Field Director, Pench Tiger Reserve, MH will be treated as violation of confidentiality, for which legal actions will be taken.

Reserve your dates as follows and fill the forms. Please read all the instructions before filling the form. Failing to follow the rules may disqualify/prevent you from attending the Bird Count event.

**Link to Google forms:** <https://forms.gle/awgWokM1LFGGqCORA>

**Last date:** 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022

**Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur**

13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Highlights of the event:**

- 1) Chance to explore and stay within the PTR with field staff.
- 2) Part of one of largest systematic study on birds.
- 3) Participants will get to learn how the ornithologists count birds using the scientific methods.
- 4) Certificate of Participation on completion of the survey.

**Selection Process**

- 1) Participants will be selected on the basis of the information filled by them in this registration form and we expect the details provided by participants are true.
- 2) Only selected participants will be intimated by email. Those who did not receive email till the said date can be in waiting list.

**PS:**

- 1) Due to any unavoidable circumstances the survey may get Postponed / Canceled for which you will be informed by mail prior, in that case Team Pench Tiger Reserve or Tinsa will not be responsible for any consequences.
- 2) Very basic food and accommodation facilities will be available inside the chowkis, in some chowkis it may be possible no electricity will be there. So please carry minimum expectations during the survey.
- 3) Compulsory to have both the doses of COVID 19 vaccination.

For more details contact us at [www.penchtigerreserve.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.penchtigerreserve.maharashtra.gov.in)

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