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# India Bird Races

## Gujarat 2024

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- ❖ **Event date:** January 7 (Sunday), 2024
- ❖ **Last date of registration:** December 29, 2023
- ❖ **Last date of team selection:** December 31, 2023

### ❖ **Glimpses from the India Bird Races - Gujarat 2023**

Last year, 52 teams from all over the Gujarat contributed their efforts in conserving birds with and without remuneration. The event was generously sponsored and supported by HSBC, the Yuhina Canopy, India Bird Races, BCSG, and eminent birders. Together, 343 species were identified during the day-long Bird Race event

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covering birding locations in 30 districts of Gujarat. Some fortunate teams found Red-throated pipit and Greater white-fronted goose which were unique sightings. Teams, opted for remuneration, were provided Rs 2000/- per team to meet their travel expenses. Multiple eBird checklists by each team were submitted during the full day event.

### ❖ **About India Bird Races - Gujarat**

India Bird Races, sponsored by HSBC and co-sponsored by Sebamed, have become the largest and most popular bird watching activity across the country. In Gujarat, Bird Conservation Society, Gujarat (BCSG), established in 2000, coordinates this event with their state wide network of expert birders.

- Each team (BUT up to a maximum of 38 teams) receives a suitable honorarium towards incidental expenses. Paid incentive is Rs 2000/- per team, provided that they include at least one area from the provided list of locations. Incentive priority will be given to the university students and local team of that area.
- Each team can indicate 3 areas of their preference. Allotment of the area are done by BCSG if there are more teams having the same area's preference.
- All the teams are required to submit their **eBird checklists** from their own account.
- Teams, who do not opt for incentives, can also participate and submit data voluntarily. They are free to choose any location within Gujarat. For incentives, refer areas in the section, **List of Birding Sites as Preference**.
- It is mandatory that you have to select the birding area from the given list in the Google form. You can suggest other nearby hotspot areas.
- During the survey **diversity of bird species** is more important. Population estimation/count is not a priority.
- The event includes a social meet followed by dinner on January 7 (Sunday), 2024. Meet and dinner happen in or nearby Ahmedabad. The exact venue gets informed near to the event date.

### ❖ **Guidelines to participate in India Bird Races – Gujarat 2024**

Each participant must follow the below guidelines to participate in India Bird Races - Gujarat 2024.

- Each participant is required to submit the Google form before the last date of registration. Google form link is provided at the end of this document.
- Each team should consist 3-5 persons (not more than 5 persons). They are free to create their own team but must ensure at least one of them is a proficient birder, familiar with the region's birdlife, and must have an eBird account.
- There is no registration fee for any of the India Bird Races.
- Each team should remain as a single unit for the entire race, walk, trek, dive or drive or even fly as much as you may to a site or a cluster of sites.
- This Bird Race is a **full day event**.

- Each team must submit their checklists on eBird. Then share them with team members and tag **BCSGBIRDCOUNT** and email checklist to [birdcsg@gmail.com](mailto:birdcsg@gmail.com)
- Only after submitting the total checklists of the birds, the payment procedure will occur.

### ❖ List of Birding Sites as Preference

1. Ahmedabad district – 1 team
2. Nalsarovar, Vadla and surroundings - 1 team
3. Matar taluka wetlands including Pariej and Goblapura
4. Jamnagar city surroundings and Khijadiya
5. Narara, Poshitra coast
6. Porbandar, Mokarsagar, Kuchhadi
7. Bardasagar and Medha Creek
8. Bhavnagar, New Port Saltpans, Kumbharwada, Velavadar and other areas
9. Timbi, Vadhwana and other possible areas
10. Bharuch coast and adjoining areas
11. Vansda NP and adjoining
12. Purna sanctuary and adjoining including don/gadad area
13. Kaj, Velan and other adjoining areas of Kodinar
14. Mahuva, Malan, Samadhiyala, etc., Bandharas
15. Mazum and Vatrak dams and adjoining forest
16. Polo forest, Harnav Dam and surroundings
17. Dharoi Dam and surroundings
18. Sidhada sanosara Garamdi wetlands in Patan district
19. Nakhatrana taluka including Chhari Dhandh
20. Sagai and Shoolpaneshwar sanctuary
21. Hingolgadh and surroundings
22. Girnar and surroundings of Junagadh
23. Valsad forests and wetland, maximum possible areas
24. Kanewal, pandad, tarakpur and surroundings.
25. Khadir, Dholovira, etc.
26. Nanda bet , and areas on western fringe of LRK
27. Nada bet , upto 0 point and surroundings
28. Tulsishyam, Jasadhar, and Jasadhar to Khambha route
29. Kevdi,(mandvi), Ukai region
30. Kevdi (Chhotaudepur), Ratanmahal region
31. Kaladungar , Tuga and surroundings
32. LRK, Vachchhraj Bet, Pung Bet, Kodadadha region
33. Coastal area of Navsari, Nanikakrad, Dandi, etc.
34. Padamdungari and surroundings
35. Dahod district, Kadana, Hadaf Kabutari
36. Khokhala, Taranagar Subapura area
37. Bhenskatari, to Waghai
38. Kumkotar, Navsari district

❖ Registration form <https://forms.gle/dwYYPYFGotbFePdS8>