

New migratory birds sighted at Loktak Lake



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IMPHAL, Jan 20 (NENA): A few new species of migratory birds were [found](#) flocking at Loktak Lake during this year's bird count, but the exact number of birds is yet to be known officially as of now.

A total of 250 volunteers were used during Saturday's bird count conducted at 50 different spots of the lake, jointly conducted by the Wild Life Wing, [Manipur](#) Forest Department and Indian Bird [Conservation](#) Network with the help of various organisations.

Officials said a few new feathered visitors were sighted this year. Bird count at the [Manipur](#)'s iconic lake is done during this time of winter every year.

A number of migratory birds and a variety of waterfowl arrive at Loktak Lake, a Ramsar site, from mainland Russia, Siberia and the Himalayan range in the months of November, December and January every year.

However, environmentalists and forest officials are alarmed by the sharp reduction in the number of these birds due to human disturbances in the last few years.

Volunteers from the Toubul Youth [Development](#) Association, Bishnupur, Nachou Educational and Youth [Development](#) Association, Bishnupur and Khuman Youth Welfare Association took part in the bird count.

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