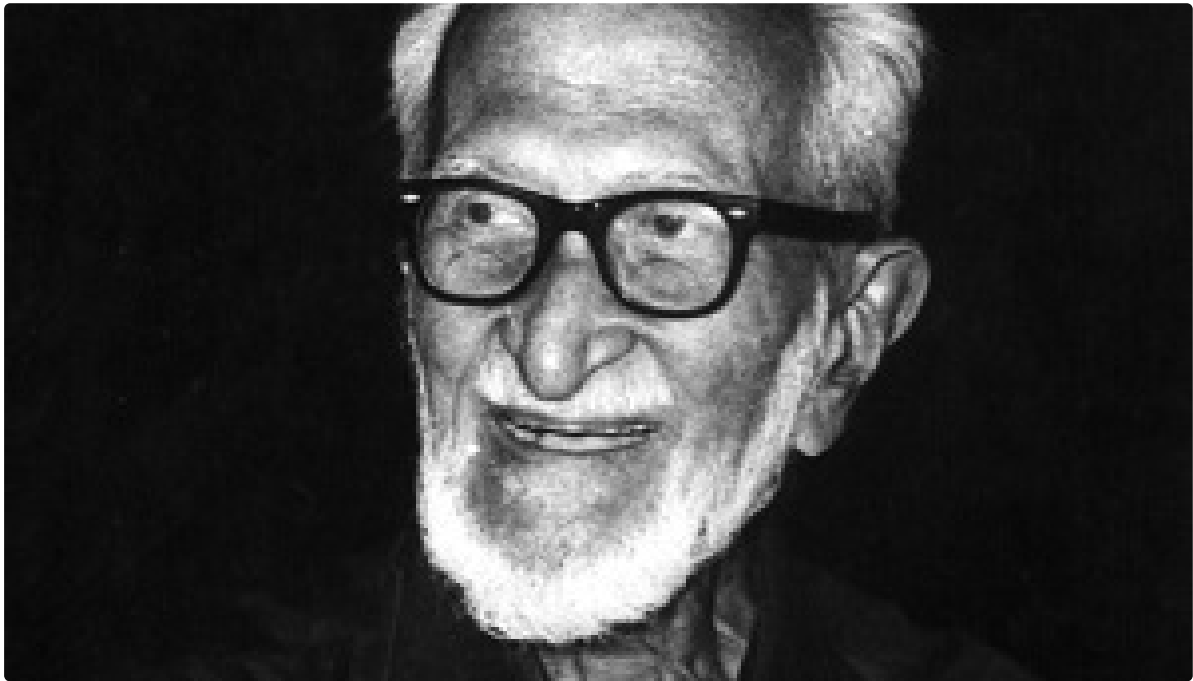


Sálim Ali bird count



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To commemorate the [birth anniversary](#) on November 12 of the '[Bird Man of India](#)', late Dr Sálim Ali (1896-1987), Bombay Natural [History](#) Society announces the revival of the Sálim Ali [Bird](#) Count across [India](#). The date for this year's [Bird](#) Count has been finalized for 15th November 2015 and will continue every year on the Sunday following November 12. It is a one day event with no barriers for participation, the only criteria being one's interest in birds.

[Bird](#) watchers are invited to participate in this event by observing birds wherever they like and wherever it is possible for at least 15 minutes, and preferably for [over](#) an hour. Complete lists of all species spotted (ideally with counts of individuals) can then be submitted on the eBirds website (www.ebird.org/india) from where BNHS will download, analyze and circulate the findings. [One](#) can visit multiple locations during the day, but it is imperative to maintain and upload separate [bird](#) list (and count) for each location.

The event presents a good opportunity for birders to visit the Important [Bird](#) Areas (IBAs), [as](#) well [as](#) protected areas or [community](#) conserved wilderness areas around them. The Sálím Ali [Bird](#) Count can become a means for monitoring the status of birds and their habitats if one visits the same location every year. [Bird](#) conservation and natural history groups could also use this occasion to organize other events to popularize [bird](#) watching among the general public.

BNHS invites anyone and everyone interested in birds to participate in this unique [Bird](#) Count, which aims to actively involve the [community](#) in conservation. Media reports and photographs on the same can be sent directly to BNHS. The [bird](#) lists, however, should be uploaded on the eBird website itself. If you are new to eBirds, please check <http://ebird.org/content/india/getting-started/>

A compiled report of the [Bird](#) Count will be released by BNHS [soon](#) after the event. The Sálím Ali [Bird](#) Count is organized by BNHS in partnership with [Bird](#) Count [India](#), a collective of many organizations and groups across the country working towards documenting and monitoring birds.

What: Nationwide bird count

When: 15th November 2015

How:

1. Go for bird watching for at least 15 min (preferably longer);
2. Make a separate list (with counts of birds) for each location covered;
3. Upload your list(s) to eBird [India](#).

Who: Anyone with an interest in birds! This is a great opportunity to introduce your family and friends to the wonderful world of birds.

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