



Announcement on

“BASIC COURSE IN FIELD ORNITHOLOGY AND BIRD MIGRATION STUDIES”



Capsule Course on Field Ornithology - Batch XI 2025 ©Rose Francis

**VENUE: BIRD MIGRATION STUDY CENTRE,
POINT CALIMERE,
TAMIL NADU**



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AIM / GOAL OF THE WORKSHOP

To create a network of birders to contribute to the Central Asian Flyway. The training would help us create a network of voluntary forces to contribute to bird monitoring and bird ringing.

This workshop focuses mainly on imparting training in the field related to bird population monitoring through bird count and movement through bird marking, in addition to classroom sessions on various aspects of bird migration study techniques.

COURSE DETAILS

Key Contacts:

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Link for Enquiry Form: Click [here](#)

Registration closes 7 days before start date of each batch

Venue:

Bird Migration Study Centre, Kodiakarai (Point Calimere), Vedaranyam Taluk, Nagapattinam District, Tamil Nadu -614807. Click [here](#) for Google Map Location

Registration Fee (per person):

Rs. 6500/- (for non-members)

Rs. 5000/- (for existing BNHS Members)

Note: Fee includes tent accommodation on a sharing basis. - Two persons per tent. Facilities: cots, fan, charging points and blankets

Other expenses: Rs. 4500/-

(includes food, field visits, entry fee, etc.)

Eligibility

No age Limit, anyone with an interest can participate.

Payment

The payment details will be shared once the enquiry form is filled and confirmed the registration.

SCHEDULED BATCHES,

2 0 2 5	Batch I	November 28-30
	Batch II	December 19 – 21
2 0 2 6	Batch III	January 9 - 11
	Batch IV	January 23- 25



Feathered Itinerary /Bird Watcher's Timetable	
Day 1	‘Chirps & Tweets’- Bird walk at Campus
	‘Winged Agenda’- Introductory session
	‘Wings of Change’- Landbird Ringing
	‘Shorebird Blueprint’-Classroom session
	‘Mudflat Birding’
	Migartory Bird Marking :Rings and Flags
Day 2	Twitching at the beach
	Classrom session: ‘Unveiling the Secrets of Migration’- Waterbird Ringing
	‘A Flight Plan for Birders’- Briefing on Field techniques
	‘Birding Expedition to Mudflats of Siruthalaikaadu’ – via the incredible Great Vedaranyam Swamp
Day 3	Bird Ringing
	‘Grassland Safari’ -Blackbuck sighting!
	Landbird Ringing
	Classroom session
	Closing ceremony - ‘Embark on a Feathered Journey’

Landbird Ringing

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Mudflat Birding

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Grassland Safari

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Tropical dry evergreen forests

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Beach Birding

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BNHS BIRD MIGRATION STUDIES

- BNHS initiated bird ringing study in 1927 and, since 1959, has carried out systematic, large-scale ringing studies. From 1959 to 2016, more than 7,00,000 birds have been ringed.
- More than 3,000 recoveries have been obtained from 29 countries spanning five continents, namely Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica.
- Since 2016, BNHS has been carrying out bird ringing in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Ladakh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra. Over 35,000 birds have been ringed in these states from 2016 to 2022.
- Bird migration studies carried out by BNHS were pivotal in delineating the boundaries of East Asian-Australasian, Central Asian, and African-Eurasian flyways.
- BNHS has published the "Bird Migration Atlas," complete with illustrations and maps. It aims to analyze and interpret the data collected from 1927 to 2017 and discuss the movement of over 100 bird species from recoveries and re-sightings.



POINT CALIMERE AND ITS GLOBAL IMPORTANCE

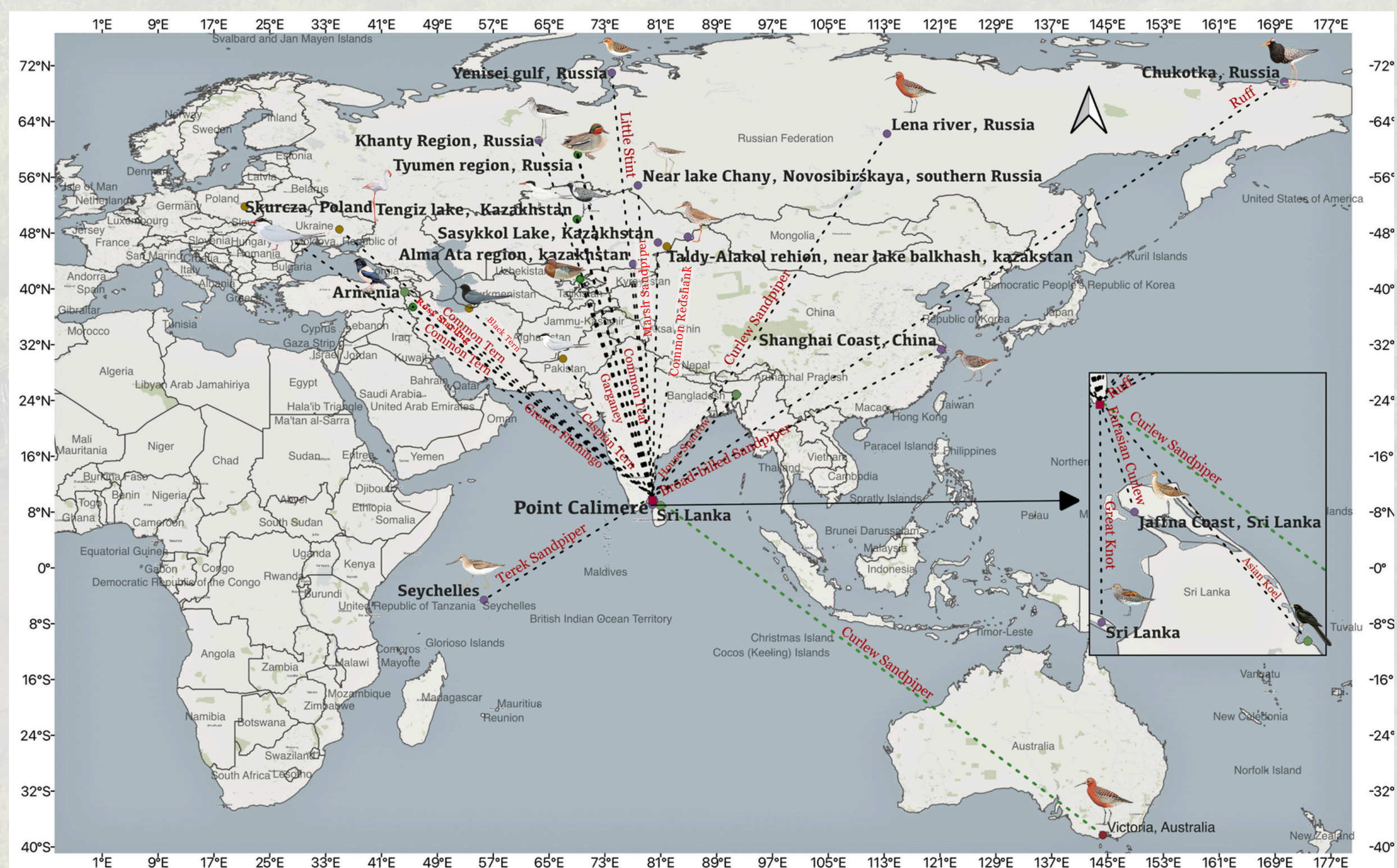
The Great Vedaranyam Swamps (GVS), which include Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary (PTC), are situated along the south-east coast of India. It is one of the known sites that supports massive numbers of waterbirds, particularly globally fragile shorebirds. Over 290 species of birds have been reported from this area.

A large stretch of shallow mudflat in GVS and the tropical dry evergreen forest of the Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary can not be seen anywhere along the east coast of India.

A notable record of over seven lakh birds of 68 waterbird species counted on a single day during the pre-census in January 2022, which formed 84% of the total (one million) population enumerated from all the coastal wetlands along the east coast of Tamil Nadu. It signifies the global significance of Point Calimere for the migratory birds migrating from various parts of the world.

The birds marked in Point Calimere have been recovered from 15 countries (eg. Russia, Kazakhstan, China, Iran, the Seychelles, and Hungary).

RINGING RECOVERIES INVOLVING POINT CALIMERE



LIST OF TALKS

- 1. Introduction to Bird Haven - Point Calimere & its cultural significance
- 2. Bird Families and Identification – Waterbirds and Landbirds– Groups of Birds, Taxonomy (Names and Their Significance), Similar Looking Species
- 3. Migration And Flyways – Phenomenon of Migration, History of Migration Studies, Flyways and the Importance of CAF and EAAF and Threats to migratory birds and challenges that they have to tackle during the long journeys across different landscapes.
- 4. How To Count? – Survey Methods, Census Techniques, Technologies Used in 2. Counting/Analysis.
- 5. Bird Migration Study Techniques – Basics of bird ringing and data collection. Need to introduce different colour banding studies. Use of devices. Advantages and limitations of using each technique. Global significance of Bird Marking Studies in bird conservation & their habitat conservation.
- 6. Case Studies – Indian Skimmer conservation, highlights of bird ringing in Mumbai coasts or Vulture Breeding Program

RESOURCE PERSONS

Dr. P. Sathiyaselvam, Mr. Sivakumar S, Mr. Paul Antony B, Ms. Rose Francis

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Things to carry :

Dark-coloured clothes, comfortable light field shoes and slippers, light jacket, raincoat/ umbrella; sun protection (sunshades, sunscreen etc); binoculars, camera, field guides (Book or Apps), field journals to take notes, Sketch Book etc; Water Bottle, Mosquito repellent, Torch.

How to reach :



Nearest Airport - Trichy (TRZ) = 168 km or Chennai (MAA) = 360 km



Nearest Railway Station - Nagapattinam Junction (NGT) = 56 km



Bus Station - Vedaranyam (11 km) – Frequent buses from Trichy during the daytime
Daily bus services are available from Chennai.



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