



Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) and Indian Bird Conservation Network (IBCN) in collaboration with Universities Press cordially invite you to the release of the book

Birds in our Lives
by
Ashish Kothari

on Friday, 9th March 2007 at 6.00 pm

The book will be released by renowned ornithologist Padmashri Zafar Futehally

Venue: Crossword Bookstore, ACR Towers, Opp. Gateway Hotel, Residency Road,
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Programme

6:00 pm Welcome address

6.10 pm *Birds in our Lives*, slide show by Ashish Kothari

6:30 pm Address by the Chief Guest Padmashri Zafar Futehally

6:45 pm Discussion

7:00 pm Vote of thanks

Tea

Birds in Our Lives

Birds have always shared a special place in our lives. They are a constant reminder that we share the earth with myriad other species, each of which has its own right to live just as we humans do. Whether we live in the most congested of Indian cities, or the densest of its forests, or along its coasts and high up on its mountains, birds are companions. No wonder that they occupy a special place in mythology, folklore, ancient texts, art, culture, song and dance, and in our economic life.

This book provides glimpses of the incredible diversity of India's birds, the ecosystems and regions where different kinds of birds are found, and the various cultural and economic ways in which they touch our lives. It touches upon the phenomenon of migration, and gives a brief account of the history of the science of birdwatching – ornithology – through the ages. It then deals in detail with the serious threats that bird habitats and populations face, and the species that are particularly threatened. Finally, it provides a broad sweep of various attempts at bird conservation, and ends with key pointers for what still needs to be done if we want to save this precious natural heritage.