

State of INDIA'S BIRDS

Over 15,000 birdwatchers contribute to a report on the state of India's birds



WHAT IS THIS REPORT?

- ✧ An assessment of the long-term trend, current trend, distribution range size, and the overall conservation status of 867 Indian bird species
- ✧ Based largely on >10 million observations contributed by >15,000 birdwatchers to the eBird platform

SOME GOOD NEWS

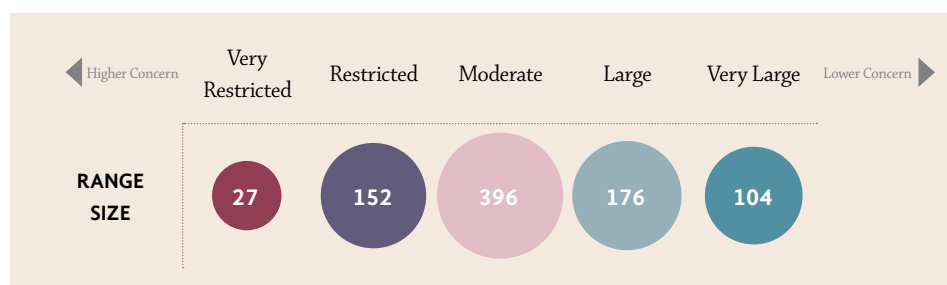
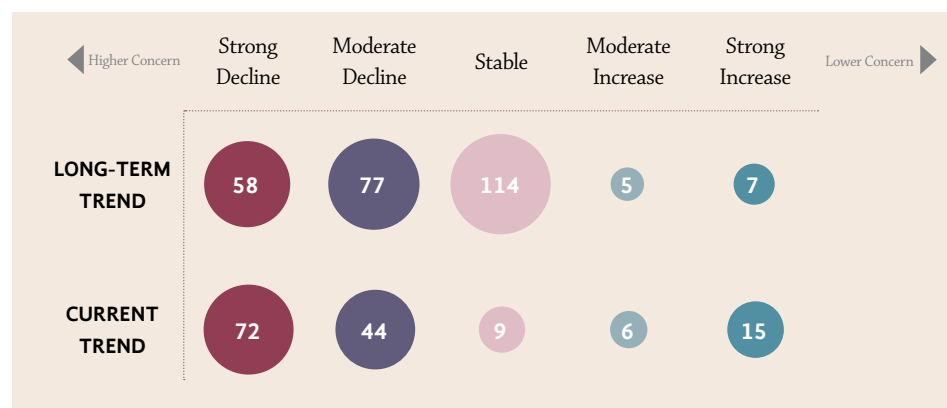
- 126 species have stable or increasing trends over the last 25+ years
- Species close to our hearts, like House Sparrow and Indian Peafowl, are doing well
- Some globally Near Threatened species, including Black-headed Ibis and Oriental Darter, have stable or increasing populations and therefore are classified as of Low Conservation Concern for India

CAUSES FOR CONCERN

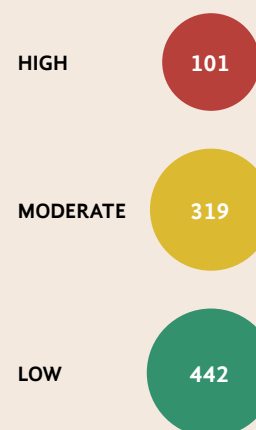
- ✖ Raptors, migratory shorebirds, and endemics to the Western Ghats have declined considerably
- ✖ Common species like Small Minivet, Common Greenshank and Oriental Skylark have declined
- ✖ Birds that eat invertebrates have declined as a group

STATUS ASSESSMENTS

Number of species in different categories. Abundance trends and distribution range size are used to place species in different categories of conservation concern.



CONSERVATION CONCERN



Recommendations

Policymakers and Managers

- ✂ Update global and national priorities using conservation assessments from this report
- ✂ Fund conservation efforts on High Concern species and habitats where species have declined
- ✂ Support monitoring efforts by citizen scientists and researchers

Researchers

- ✔ Promote collaborations between researchers and the public at large
- ✔ Initiate efforts to better understand neglected species
- ✔ Investigate reasons for decline

The Public at Large

- ✔ Document birds seen and upload to a public platform
- ✔ Help to fill information gaps in areas with less birdwatching
- ✔ Spread the message of birdwatching, and initiate regional monitoring efforts

