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# Schoolchildren go bird watching at Sendh Lake

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**Raipur:** Naya Raipur Development Authority conducted a bird watching programme for the school students of Raipur and Naya Raipur as well. More than 150 students participated in the programme which was organised at the Sendh Lake at Naya Raipur.

While sharing the experiences, the children said they were thrilled to know new exciting things about birds like facts that the green bee bird has a thin black line resembling kajal just under the eyes.

They listed the number of birds that they got to see which included the Indian roller Nilkantha, Starling (Maina), Green Bee Eater, lettering, black drongo or Kotwal, cormorant or water crows and king-

fisher. Chhattisgarh Wildlife Society President MK Bharos said, "There are about species of birds in India, out of which, 1250 are primary and the remaining are sub-species."

He added, "There are 500 types of birds found scattered all over the state of Chhattisgarh, out of which, 70 to 80 migrate from overseas during the cold season. Many of these species come here at Sendh lake."

He also said that though birds can sometimes be a nuisance to those who have farms, the benefits that we enjoy due to their ecological contribution far outweighs that. He also appreciated the event and hoped that similar such programmes would be conducted in future for children, adults and elderly alike.