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Amrita project chosen for national-level scientist contest

Staff Reporter

Coimbatore: Students of Amrita Vidyalayam Mat. Hr. Sec. School will represent Tamil Nadu in the National Level Young Scientist Contest '09 with their project, 'The impact of Artificial Light and Sound on Birds of Ettimadai'.

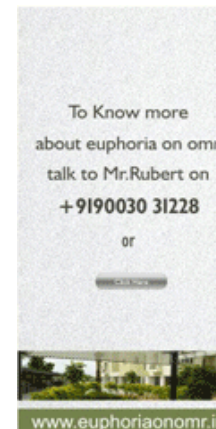
A.J. Satish, M.G. Manovidya, S. Gokul Vasana, B. Rajeshwari and J. Hariram, led by Nature Education Officer P. Pramod of Salim Ali Centre

for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) carried out the study in three locations after studying the demographic profile, availability and behavioural patterns of the birds on National Highway 47 and their exposure to artificial light and sound. They carried out the study comparing birds in Ettimadai residential area, which is moderately affected by light and sound with those on the foothills of Ayyasamy Hill, which is totally away from artificial lights and sound. The hill is part of Western Ghats and four km away from the NH.

The study suggests that urbanisation endangers birds. The Amrita students have got this honour after defeating students of 162 schools.

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