

Wildlife great and small of India's Coromandel

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Wildlife is crucial to our own existence, yet worldwide thousands of species are becoming threatened. Annually, species after species is being driven to extinction, a situation which cannot go on. How to slow down or halt this situation? The answer is to make people aware of the value and wonders of the wild world around them, so they become personally interested in it. This book, Wildlife great and small of India's Coromandel, help to achieve this.

There are plenty of specialist books on India's wildlife but nowhere up to now has there been a book for laymen covering a wider cross-section of life-forms, that is the whole vast panorama of creatures that

surround us. Unlike a scientific book with hard terminology, this book is not so technical but easy-to-read that can be read by any common man, and also make the natural world really interesting and enjoyable to the average general public.

The book covers virtually the full range of wild life-forms that people may come across in the Coromandel

coastal region, from mammals and birds to amphibians, reptiles, fish, flying insects, spiders, ants and termites, scorpions, slugs, cockroaches, earthworms etc., nearly all of them also common to the rest of the country. This will be an asset with high educational value that should be made available in libraries, schools, universities that will be great resource materials for both students and teachers.

Tim Wrey, the author of the book is a graduate of Cambridge University, has travelled widely in Africa and Asia, and a resident in India for over 40 years; lifelong keen observer of nature, and especially of Indian wildlife since taking up residence in Auroville.

