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The Painted Stork wades about in flocks, its long legs stirring the shallows, its curved bill partially open in the water, ready to snap up any prey that comes its way As it stands motionless in water during the heat of the day it flaunts its vivid wing pattern and the 'painted' pink patch on its rear. Shot at Achankulam Lake in Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 25 Jan 2019.

The chivalrous Crimson Rose is indeed a sight to behold as it hovers over its beloved flowers with its brightly banded forewings and elegantly forked, crimson-spotted hindwings, bringing glory to Hector, the Greek hero it was scientifically named after. Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 22 Jan 2019.





The Crested Tree Lizard is commonly seen basking in the sun, making a great show of the stunning crest on its head. Quite the freak, this Oriental cousin of the dinosaurs is seasoned at juggling its body colours and cocking each of its eyes in different directions, especially when confronted. Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 10 Jan 2019.

The attractive black fur running along the nape of its neck makes the Indian Hare unmistakable in the wild and gives it its other name, the Black-naped Hare. This solitary herbivore makes its home in depressions in the grass and, like all hares, has long ears and large, well-furred hind feet that make it a powerful runner. Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 8 Jan 2019.



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