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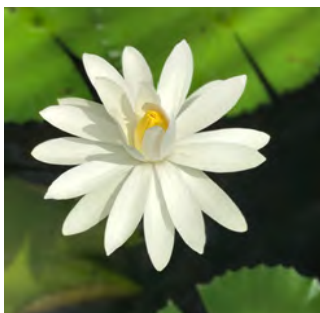
Bronze Grass Skinks commonly hang out in leaf-litter, warming up their solar-powered bodies, catching a meal of choicest insects, and scurrying up holes or crevices—or even dramatically dropping their tails—at the sight of a predator. Come breeding season, the adult males show off their bronzed slender bodies, the vivid bands on their sides, and a stunning orange-red throat patch in the bargain. Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 23 Apr 2019.



The Pied Crested Cuckoo is a slender, long-tailed bird adorned in handsome black-and-white robes, a distinctive crest, and a white-on-black wing patch that makes it unmistakable even in flight. In many parts of India, the cuckoo is considered a harbinger of the monsoon showers, which it waits for to quench its thirst. Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 15 Apr 2019.



Argiope spiders are silk spinners of the undergrowth acclaimed for embellishing their circular webs with their statement pieces—white silken banners in stunning zigzag patterns called stabilimentum, the function of which continues to baffle the scientific world. Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 08 Apr 2018.



With large white or pink flowers that open wide at night, and hairy stems and underside of leaves that give it its name, the Hairy Water Lily *Nymphaea pubescens* floats perennially in shallow tropical freshwater wetlands. Shot at Kozhikode by S. Molur, ZOO; posted on 15 Nov 2018.

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